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Meeting rescheduled for Youngstown Lodge 153

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — As a reminder, Lodge 153 has rescheduled its Aug. 17 meeting to Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Retirement Facility's recreation building, 301 W. Western Reserve Road, Poland, Ohio. The time and location remain the same, only the date has changed. For directions or more information, contact Diane Chermely Tanner at (330) 629-8882.

MOLLY KOHLER
 Lodge 153

Head to the ballpark with Lodge 776 Aug. 20

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — Lodge 776 members will enjoy a family night at the ballpark Friday, Aug. 20, as the Mahoning Valley Scrappers host the visiting Batavia Muckdogs (the St. Louis Cardinals Class A affiliate) at Eastwood Field, the ballpark located behind Eastgate Mall. Game time is 7:05 p.m.

The ticket price is \$7 per person, adult or youth. Members are asked to come out and join us for a fun-filled night. If you would like additional information, contact Ed Snyder at (330) 427-6398 or Dick Dombrosky at (724) 336-6500.

VONNIE DOMBROSKY
 Lodge 776 Recording Secretary

Late August meeting on the schedule for Lodge 31

SHARON, Pa. — The next Lodge 31 meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 26, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Slovenian Hall, 1037 Baldwin Ave. in Sharon. Please park in the lot and walk up the handicap ramp. The meeting room is near where the stage was located. Lodge activities, the convention and future meeting sites will be discussed. For information phone Barb Bogolin at (724) 347-1197 before 10 p.m.

BARB BOGOLIN
 Lodge 31 Secretary

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.

NANCY KOUTOULAKIS (721)
 Region 3 Vice President

THE DEADLINE

The next two *PROSVETA* issue dates are Aug. 25 and Sept. 8. All material must be received by Friday, Aug. 13, for the Aug. 25 issue, and by Monday, Aug. 30, for the Sept. 8 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.

An anniversary to remember

Lodge 138 celebrates a century at the center of Strabane activity

by JEN HERVOL
 Lodge 138

STRABANE, Pa. — Lodge 138 in Strabane celebrated its 100th anniversary this year with a week-end-long celebration, including the annual Duck Race, July 16-18. Founded in 1910, Lodge 138 has spent the last 100 years bringing a community together, keeping the

Slovenian culture alive and teaching fraternalism to generations. The Lodge's anniversary celebration proved that even at 100 years old, it's still young and kicking!

The weekend started off Friday, July 16, with a performance by George Suhon and the Silver Sky Duo. They played hit songs from many generations, along with popular polkas. As the band played, members had a blast and danced into the night.

As part of the anniversary cel

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MIKEY LAWRENCE eagerly awaited the annual Duck Race, a highlight of the Strabane Lodge 138 anniversary weekend celebration.

Miss SNPJ 2010 bids farewell after a busy stretch of summer

by KARA MARUSZAK (53)
 Miss SNPJ 2010

CLEVELAND — Summer brings the picnics and festivals that everyone waited for all winter. It's hard to believe it's August already and that summer is winding down.

During the past few months I attended several SNPJ events in Ohio and Pennsylvania, including Youth Roundup which was held June 20-25 at the SNPJ Recreation Center. On June 23 my mother, grandmother and I left Cleveland at 6:30 a.m. to arrive at the Recreation Center for breakfast. Since I'm not a morning person, I slept most of the way! The food was very good and I enjoyed sharing my breakfast with the campers.

After breakfast the campers were broken down into three groups according to age, and

the first group arrived at the Heritage Center at 9 a.m. The theme for this year's camp was holidays, so I read the story "A Legend of Saint Nicholas" by Bernice Krasovec. The story explained Christmas traditions in Slovenia. Then the campers made some very creative Christmas ornaments from Santa papers.

Tours of the Heritage Center were given and many good questions were asked by the campers, all of whom were very well behaved and attentive. It was nice to see such an interested group of young people. We stayed for lunch and mail call was read. The fun part was that campers who received mail had to sing a song. There were many talented singers in the group! Thank you to SNPJ Fraternal Director Kevin Richards

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PERIODICAL MATERIAL

Don't miss the Rec Center Reverse Raffle in September

by SUSAN HARDING (277)
 SNPJ Recreation Center

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — There are only a few weeks left to get in on the SNPJ Recreation Center Couples Reverse Raffle. Don't wait much longer; tickets for this event may be gone!

The Couples Reverse Raffle is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 4, during National SNPJ Days weekend. The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and a chocolate fountain. Our wedding caterers, Mariann and Dave Jones, will prepare a delicious dinner that will be served beginning at 6 p.m. The drawings will take place from 7 to 8 p.m., with music following from 8 to 11 p.m.

The cost is \$100 per ticket. Each ticket admits one couple... which can be two women or two men as well.

You don't want to miss this "fun-tastic" night, so phone the SNPJ Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732 to purchase your ticket. This could be one lucky night for you!



The Luck of the Draw...

SNPJ Sales Director **BUD PALADINO** selected the winning ticket in the second quarter 2010 SNPJ Recommender Program drawing. The winning ticket belonged to Sis. Kathleen Sheppa, a member of Golden Eagles Lodge 643 in Girard, Ohio. Kathleen will receive a \$100 recommender prize and will be entered in the \$500 year-end drawing. Have you recommended a new member lately? The SNPJ Recommender Coupon is available in this *PROSVETA* issue, online at www.snpj.org, or by phoning the Home Office at 1-800-843-7675.

Annual barbeque stokes the Orange Coast Lodge summer

by JEAN KOCI
 Lodge 786 Secretary/Treasurer

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. — More than 50 members and guests joined together July 18 for a wonderful, mostly cool day in Laguna Niguel.

We are grateful to Paula and Jim Manning for hosting our group at their Rancho Niguel Homeowners Recreation Center. We enjoyed utilizing the clubhouse facility for our meeting and serving area, and having the adjoining patio for extra seating. The pools are fabulous with three different sizes and depths for every age and use.

As for the meeting, we voted to purchase an ad for the Labor Day *PROSVETA* issue. We also agreed to take part in Lodge 786

youth member Sara Lundgren's suggestion to support Toby's House in San Clemente for our Make a Difference Day project on Oct. 23.

Sara will be collecting baby and toddler pajamas, small blankets, gift certificates and other needs for young children and babies. Another idea might be some needs for young mothers. Sara will also be hosting a garage sale at her home in Laguna Hills. Contact Sara or her mother, Janet Lundgren, at (949) 831-0316 for more information. The date of the garage sale has not been determined, but any help with that project would also be appreciated.

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Johnny, Patty and Valerie Govednik enjoyed the Slovenian accordion melodies performed by **CHUCK BLASICK** (723), **ARNIE KOCI** (786) and **DON MILEK** (786) at the Lodge 786 barbeque and swim party.



• **Lucas V. Jerneycic**
 Born Sept. 16, 2009
 Orange County, Calif., Lodge 786

Orange Coast Lodge 786 members welcome their newest addition, Lucas Vincent Jerneycic. Lucas is the son of Daniel (786) and Laura Jerneycic, and the grandson of Frank (786) and Maureen Jerneycic. We welcome Lucas to the Slovene National Benefit Society and extend best wishes to his entire family.

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Lodge/Organization _____

Type of Event _____

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Date _____

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Join Lodge 142 for their centennial celebration

by LILLIAN PUGEL
Lodge 142

CLEVELAND— As a reminder, all Lodge 142 members are invited to come out to the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, Sunday, Aug. 29, to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Lodge.

Join us for a delicious roast pork, roast beef or sausage dinner with all the trimmings, and enjoy some strudel for

dessert, all for \$8 (gate fee not included). We will also be serving sandwiches, krofe and liquid refreshments all afternoon.

Remember to wear your dancing shoes as music will be provided by the Jeff Pecon Orchestra.

We hope you'll come out to the SNPJ Farm for an enjoyable Sunday afternoon with friends and old acquaintances as we celebrate our 100th anniversary.



EDDIE RODICK and his orchestra will perform Aug. 21 at the Lodge 138 Hall in Strabane.

Loyalites work toward fall with Aug. meeting

by JOHN J. WOJTLA
Lodge 158

EUCLID, Ohio — Congratulations to Loyalite members Samantha Volpe and Ashley Russ who were named co-Miss Activity 2011 during the 2010 Miss SNPJ Pageant. Both of these young ladies are very deserving of this title. We hope the two of you keep up your involvement within the Loyalites Lodge and SNPJ.

Chris Heintz spent three weeks visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Pati and Bill Hayden, in Deland, Fla. Stephen and Karen Godec recently returned home from their vacation in southern Texas.

Samantha Volpe graduated from

Mentor High School June 5. She plans to attend Lakeland Community College. Also on June 5, Billy Frank graduated from North High School. He will attend Bowling Green State University in the fall. Congratulations to all of our 2010 Loyalite graduates!

Happy belated June birthday greetings to J.D. Gorjup and Bradley Vojtkofsky. Belated July birthday wishes are extended to Amy Noggy, Pati Hayden, and Stephen, Kristen and John Wojtila.

Lodge members celebrating wedding anniversaries this summer include Charles O'Donnell and his wife, Bill and Colleen Frank, Dan and

Janice Wojtila, and Rick and Bonnie Gorjup, who celebrated with a trip to Las Vegas. We wish you all many more happy years together!

Get well wishes are sent to Don Tordalino, husband of Janet (Godec) Tordalino. Sympathies are extended to the family of Carol Mikolic.

Congratulations to Lou Mackanos who won big at a casino in Southern Florida. Lou thought he was playing a nickel machine, but it turned out to be a \$5 machine. He won big money with one pull.

The next Loyalites Lodge meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 12, beginning at 7 p.m. at Recher Hall. We hope to see you there!

Miss SNPJ 2010 bids farewell to her reign

MISS SNPJ FAREWELL
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for inviting the Heritage Center to participate in Youth Roundup.

On June 27 I attended the Western Pennsylvania Federation of SNPJ Lodges picnic featuring the Bob Turcola Orchestra at the Recreation Center pavilion. Thank you to Bob and his band for inviting Kathy Hlad and me to play a few button box numbers with his band. The delicious *čevapčiči* featured at the picnic was homemade by Bob Turcola. So many talents held by one guy!

Ansambel Osminka from Ilirska Bistrica, Slovenia, performed at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, July 4. Thank you to the Cleveland Federation of SNPJ Lodges for inviting me to this fun event.

Slovenefest XXIX was held July 9-11 at the Recreation Center with an amazing crowd all three days. My reign as Miss SNPJ 2010 ended Sunday in the Alpine Room with the crowning of Miss SNPJ 2011 Selina Progar from Lodge 138 in Strabane, Pa. Congratulations, Selina, and to all the participants: Erika Beccard of Lodge 89 in Midway, Pa.; Lacie Klasnick of Lodge 629 in East Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ashley Russ and Samantha Volpe of Lodge 158 in Euclid, Ohio; and Kaelyn Wood of Lodge 723 in Fontana, Calif.

I enjoyed participating in the scavenger hunt held Saturday at Slovenefest. My partners were Benjamin and Emily Patosky (106). Some of the items we searched for were a cattail, a lipa tree leaf, a quarter from the state of Texas and a 2001 penny. Lucky for us, we were able to locate all the items first and won the scavenger hunt. The year will pass quickly, and Slovenefest XXX will be here before you know it!

Lodge 53 held their annual picnic at the SNPJ Farm July 18. Despite the hot weather, the dance floor was crowded with an enthusiastic crowd enjoying the music of Jeff Pecon. I was introduced by Lodge Secretary Martha Meglich and thanked the Lodge for supporting me this past year as Miss SNPJ. Thanks, Jeff, for having me play a few button box melodies with your band.

This article winds down my reign as Miss SNPJ 2010. The past year has introduced me to hundreds of people across the United States and has given me opportunities that I will cherish my entire life. Thank you to the SNPJ Executive Committee, the SNPJ Home Office staff for all their support, to the bands, Lodges, hosts/hostesses for inviting me to your functions and making me feel welcome, and especially to my family. Even though my reign has ended, our friendships haven't. I look forward to seeing you at an SNPJ function in the near future and at Slovenefest XXX!



The campers at Youth Roundup enjoyed their time touring the SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center.



Miss SNPJ 2010 **KARA MARUSZAK** (far right) spent time during Slovenefest weekend with the 2010 Miss SNPJ Pageant contestants.



Kara with [seated, from left] **PAT AMAGONI**, Mrs. **AMAGONI**, [standing] **CAROL MARUSZAK**, SNPJ National President **JOSEPH C. EVANISH**, and AMLA President **AL AMAGONI** at the Cleveland Federation picnic held at the SNPJ Farm in July.

Lodge 138 welcomes Rodick back to the stage

by JASON CADEZ
Lodge 138

STRABANE, Pa. — Attention, fellow polka lovers! SNPJ Lodge 138 in Strabane will be hosting the second annual Eddie Rodick Orchestra show Aug. 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. at our outdoor pavilion. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the show will be held indoors.

Last year's show was a blast, and this year's is on pace to be even better. I hope to see you all at the show!

The Heritage Center wants to see your skills in Aug.

by CAROL SADAR MARUSZAK (53)
SNPJ Heritage Center Committee

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — The SNPJ Heritage Center is planning its first art show, and the response has been very good. An opening reception will be held at the Recreation Center Aug. 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. All are welcome to attend this free event. Light refreshments will be served. After visiting the reception, stay for the polka dance.

Want to take button box lessons? The Heritage Center is hosting Kathy Hlad (158), accomplished button box player and instructor. Kathy will be scheduling button box lessons at the Recreation Center the fourth Saturday of the month. Contact Kathy directly at (216) 299-1934 for more information. Hosting lessons at the SNPJ Recreation Center is a great way to encourage both young and old alike to learn how to play or brush up on their skills.

The Heritage Center is open every Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. now through October. Stop in for a tour or browse the gift shop. Cookbooks are still available for purchase. We hope to see you soon!

Up-and-Coming...

A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

- 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 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. 22 Chicago District Federation dinner and music at the Slovenian Catholic Center, Lemont, Ill.; noon-3 p.m. For details contact Vince Rigler at (630) 257-5051.
- 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 details 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 service beginning at 2 p.m., music by Dan Peters 3:30-7:30 p.m. For additional information contact 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 from 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. Entertainment will feature Frank Stanger, Silver Sky and the Herminie Button Box Club. For additional information contact Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- SEPT. 26 Slovenian Grape Festival and parade at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; dinner service beginning at 2 p.m. with music by Joey Tomsick from 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 additional information 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 additional 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.

Slovene National Benefit Society National Board Minutes

Meeting held July 16, 2010, at the SNPJ Home Office, Imperial, Pa.

Morning Session

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by President Joseph C. EVANISH with 18 National Board members and one Young Adult Representative present. Excused absent was Bro. Frederick MLAKAR due to illness.

President EVANISH welcomes Young Adult Representative Sis. Nicole Bucar (142) to the board meeting.

President EVANISH appoints Sisters Tracey ANDERSON and Dorothy GORJUP as vice chairpersons for the meeting. He welcomes the board to the semiannual meeting and reminds them to be tactful and considerate when speaking.

A moment of silence is held for those members deceased since the last meeting

Motion for time of sessions from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. by Bro. Joe CVETAS, second by Bro. Ken ANDERSON. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the Order of Business by Bro. Roger CLIFFORD, second by Sis. GORJUP. Motion approved.

President EVANISH recognizes the guests in attendance as Bro. Eric Wood (723) and Sis. Luella Zibert (225).

Sis. Karen PINTAR announces the plans for lunch and also states that National Board members will need to approve minutes of this meeting prior to departing today.

Motion to ratify the National Board minutes from the March 26, 2010, meeting that were previously approved by mail by Bro. Ed KUZMA, second by Bro. CLIFFORD. Motion approved.

Motion to receive all reports by Bro. ANDERSON, second by Sis. GORJUP. Motion approved.

National President's Report

July 2010

Fraternal greetings, Brothers and Sisters. Welcome to our semiannual National Board meeting as we report and discuss the operation of our Society. We look forward to a positive and informative meeting with a successful exchange of ideas for the benefit of the SNPJ.

Marketing

For the first six-month period of 2010, the Society issued 366 policies with a face amount of \$5,684,289. The amount of life insurance in force is \$240,548,878. There were 220 new members enrolled during this period.

The Star Lodge Bonus Program continues to be an important incentive, encouraging Lodges to promote new member enrollment. Each Lodge received their new member goal at the beginning of the year. The Marketing Department continues to provide regular and frequent updates to keep the Lodges well informed of their progress.

The Recommender Program is designed to provide an incentive for members to recommend someone for SNPJ membership. A \$10 reward is given to SNPJ adult members for every person they recommend to SNPJ for membership. During the first six months, 103 recommenders were submitted with approximately 69 of those becoming members. In June, the Recommender cards were sent to all SNPJ households with the Slovenefest brochure.

The first two quarters of our quarterly campaigns are complete. The incentive campaigns are for the unrestricted producers and also include monthly incentives. Bro. Ed Snyder (776) was a quarterly campaign winner for the period. This also includes a consistency bonus for those qualifying for subsequent quarters. Producers continue to receive production updates twice per month. We also appreciate the efforts of all of our part-time fraternal producers who enrolled members during this period. The fraternal producers take part in the monthly sales drawing.

We appreciate the production from all of our producers and would like to especially recognize our top 10 for the first six months of 2010:

Top 10 Exclusive and PPGA Producers Jan. 1 to June 30, 2010

by Annualized Premium		by New Members	
Lodge	Name	Lodge	Name
776	Edward Snyder	715	Roger Evanish
776	John Perry*	6	James Curl
138	Robert Lawrence	34	Martin Klayman*
715	Roger Evanish	138	Robert Lawrence
34	Martin Klayman*	2	Robert Novak*
2	Robert Novak*	776	John Perry*
6	James Curl	715	Jamie Evanish
715	Jamie Evanish	153	Stephen Pavlich*
138	Kevin Mastrangelo*	497	Karl Anderson*
713	Robert Richard*	475	John Padden*

* Indicates PPGA

Recruiting strategies continue to show results, with 11 PPGAs, one Fraternal Producer and one Exclusive Producer added during this period.

After approximately 15 years with the SNPJ, Greg Felton resigned his position as Marketing Director. We appreciate his years of service to the Society and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Marketing Assistant Sis. Denise Herron has done a very good job carrying on the duties of the Marketing Department since Greg's departure in March. We also appreciate the assistance of Home Office staff members for helping in this area.

A new Sales Director has been hired. The position title has been changed from Marketing Director to Sales Director to better reflect the responsibilities and duties. Francis "Bud" Paladino is the new SNPJ Sales Director. He brings a wealth of experience to the position. He has more than 30 years in insurance sales management, and he has worked in both the field and home office. For 10 years he served as a vice president and officer with a commercial life insurance company. He also has some experience in the fraternal industry. He is a graduate of Penn State University and has completed several industry educational programs. We welcome Bud to our SNPJ team.

A marketing consulting firm has been engaged to do a "Brand Marketing Excellence Audit" during this period. However, the project has not yet been completed. We also continue to develop an Internet marketing strategy for SNPJ.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee continues to focus on two important ar-

reas. The first is our Society's new member recruitment challenge, and the second is addressing ways to modernize our Lodge system.

The committee includes the National Board Regional Vice Presidents and is chaired by the National President. During this period, the committee met via conference call on Feb. 1 and March 8, 2010. In addition, the committee met after the National Board meeting on March 26. The primary focus of the committee discussions during this period has been on the development of an Internet marketing strategy. Utilization of the web for our Lodges and members, and the development of a Lodge web page platform is also being explored.

Management had prepared and sent requests for proposals to firms for a new content management system platform for our web site and a redesign of our web site. The committee has reviewed the proposals received. It is felt that a new platform is necessary to take better advantage of Internet marketing opportunities, and to enhance our capabilities to better serve our members and Lodges in today's environment.

The committee will continue to keep abreast of this project as well as the Brand Marketing Excellence Audit that is being performed. Additional ideas are being considered and discussed as we continue to pursue these important challenges.

Federation Conference

The third annual Federation Conference was held May 15, 2010. The conference took place at the SNPJ Recreation Center on a Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The National Board Federation Conference Committee consists of Regional Vice Presidents Sisters Dorothy Gorjup and Tina Rigler, and Brothers Ed Kuzma and Jim Curl, with the National President as chairman.

There were seven Federations represented with a total of 13 representatives. Also in attendance were Regional Vice President Nancy Koutoulakis; executive officers National Secretary Karen Pintar and National Treasurer Bob Lawrence; and Supervisory Committee Chairwoman Phyllis Wood as a Federation representative. Committee members and Regional Vice Presidents Dorothy Gorjup and Jim Curl were also present. After a welcome, introductions and a review of last year's conference by the president, each Federation was given an opportunity to give a review of their significant activities and successes, as well as their challenges.

President Evanish gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the SNPJ business marketing plan. Fraternal Director Kevin Richards gave a presentation on promoting fraternal programs.

Marketing Consultant Stephen Wayhart gave a very interesting and in-depth presentation titled "Technomarketing Trends of 2010 and Beyond." He discussed some of the latest technologies surrounding the newest tech-centric marketing tools.

The Federation representatives will report back to their respective Federations. A summary of the conference will also be forwarded to the Federations.

Fraternal Department

Fraternal Director Kevin Richards oversees the Fraternal Department, which covers fraternal programs, youth services, athletic programs and the programs held at the SNPJ Recreation Center. During the first six months of 2010, many programs took place for our members.

The activity portion of the Star Lodge Bonus Program is administered by Bro. Richards. There were 34 Lodges submitting activity planners, and many of them have been holding Lodge events and attracting new members to meet the requirements of the program. The program has designations of Bronze Star, Silver Star, Gold Star and Super Star being awarded to Lodges based on the amount of activity and new member growth each Lodge maintains.

Florida SNPJ Days were held Feb. 19-21, sponsored by Lodge 603 in Samsula, Fla. Florida Slovene Days were held March 5-7, sponsored by Lodge 778 in Spring Hill. I was happy to attend this event representing the Society. It was a successful weekend with a lot of good volunteer help.

The first Regional Fraternal Activity of 2010 was held in Region 8, hosted by Region 8 Vice President Bro. Fred Mlakar. It was a wine tasting picnic at a vineyard in Northern California held Saturday, May 15, 2010.

There are four more Regional Fraternal Activities being planned through the remainder of the year: SNPJ Night at the Washington Wild Things hosted by Region 2 Vice President Jim Curl, Slovene Heritage Night at the Lake County Captains hosted by Region 4 Vice President Dorothy Gorjup, SNPJ Night at the Detroit Tigers hosted by Region 5 Vice President Tracey Anderson, and an SNPJ afternoon at "The Phantom of the Opera" hosted by Region 3 Vice President Nancy Koutoulakis.

On March 25-27, Fraternal Director Kevin Richards attended the NFCA Fraternal and Communications Seminar in Charlotte, N.C. These meetings provide an opportunity to network with other fraternal directors and communications managers, and to share ideas about member activities.

At the beginning of the year the Fraternal Department conducted two separate direct mailings for the Miss SNPJ Pageant brochure, mailed to all 17- to 25-year-old female members.

The Young Adult Conference was held June 25-27 at the SNPJ Recreation Center with 55 delegates in attendance. This year was a work weekend, and the delegates painted the tennis and basketball courts, as well as maintained our adopted section of Route 108. Sis. Nicole Bucar (142) did a good job running the weekend as chairperson.

There are currently nine SNPJ Youth Circles sponsored by Lodges or Federations. The following includes the Youth Circles and their activities for this period:

- Circle 2** – Sponsor: Cleveland Federation of Lodges. Director: Sis. Kathleen Trebets. Circle 2 held its Super Button Box Bash on April 5. Circle 2 members attended Youth Roundup.
- Circle 7** – Sponsor: Lodge 643, Girard, Ohio. Director: Sis. Brittany Zemko.
- Circle 19** – Sponsor: Lodge 138, Strabane, Pa. Director: Sis. Karen Brumbaugh. This group continues to be active with their bowling league and other activities. Circle 19 members attended Youth Roundup.
- Circle 29** – Sponsor: Detroit Federation. Director: Sis. Shelly Volpe. This Circle continues to bowl. Circle 29 members attended Youth Roundup.
- Circle 36** – Sponsor: Lodge 6, Sygan, Pa. Director: Sis. Ruth Wright. Circle 36 continues to provide bowling for their members.

Circle 36 members attended Youth Roundup.

6. **Circle 57** – Sponsor: Lodge 603, Samsula, Fla. Director: Sis. Debbie Benedict.

7. **Circle 104** – Sponsor: Lodge 786, Laguna Niguel, Calif. Director: Sis. Teresa Koci. Circle 104 members have participated in activities of some of the Lodges in the Laguna Niguel area.

8. **Circle 106** – Sponsor: Lodge 106, Imperial, Pa. Director: Sis. Tracy Steele. Circle 106 held a couple of activities in 2010, including an Easter egg hunt.

Youth Roundup was held June 20-25. Appreciation goes to Sis. Shannon Fetcko (138) for serving as director for Youth Roundup. All the staff should be commended for a job well done. We had 55 7- to 12-year-old members in attendance at this camp.

The athletic tournaments and programs held during this period are as follows:

The 2010 Western Pa. Bowling Tournament was sponsored by Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6 Feb. 26-28. There were 314 men and 185 women competing in the team, doubles and singles events, resulting in a Society remuneration of \$2,994.

Lodge 778 hosted the 2010 Florida Annual Golf Tournament March 5-6 with 48 members participating, resulting in a Society remuneration of \$288.

The 2010 National Bowling Tournament was held May 1-2, sponsored by Lodge 34 in Indianapolis. There were 136 men and 81 women participating in the singles, doubles and team competition, resulting in a Society remuneration of \$1,519.

The 2010 SNPJ CAL Don Gorjup Golf Open was played May 29 with 83 members participating, resulting in a Society remuneration of \$498.

The 2010 SNPJ Western Pa./Lodge 138 Golf Tournament was played June 13 with Brothers Tom Sedora and Ryan Brumbaugh serving as co-secretaries. There were 62 men and 14 women participating in this tournament, resulting in a Society remuneration of \$456.

The National Athletic Board held its semiannual meeting Saturday, May 1, 2010, during the SNPJ National Bowling Tournament weekend. Fraternal Director Kevin Richards chairs the meetings.

We thank all of the volunteers who help make our fraternal programs successful. With their help and promotion, the participants of these events have the opportunity to experience the benefits of SNPJ membership. The SNPJ Recreation Center management and staff also deserve credit for their part in making the programs that take place there successful.

Publications

Editor Jay Sedmak manages our SNPJ publications, *PROSVETA* and *The Voice of Youth*. Associate Editor Sis. Kim Gonzalez works with him on both publications. Our Slovenian Language Editor, Sis. Vida Kosir, takes care of the Slovenian language page and helps with translations and cultural programming. We certainly appreciate the contributions of our SNPJ scribes who continuously promote and report on SNPJ activities and events.

Bro. Sedmak continues to maintain and update our four web sites. Bro. Sedmak prepared the request for proposals for a new content management system platform for our web site and a redesign of our web site. He and IT Manager Terry Champ are part of the team reviewing this project.

Editor Sedmak oversees and designs the quarterly "LIFElines" newsletter for Lodge secretaries and presidents. He once again designed this year's pageant brochure as well as other materials, including the Slovenefest sponsorship piece and banners.

Slovenia

Consul General Dr. Jure Žmauc hosted counselor hours this past January in Pittsburgh at the SNPJ Lodge 106 facility. He and his family attended some fraternal events during this period. This included the very successful Heritage Day celebration at our SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center. The Heritage Center Committee did a great job with this event, which took place in April.

In May we received a visit at the Home Office from the Republic of Slovenia State Secretary for the Office of Slovenes Abroad, Dr. Boris Jesih, and Counsellor Natalija Toplak. They also visited the SNPJ Recreation Center, Heritage Center and other areas, including Cleveland.

Plans are underway for an SNPJ trip to Slovenia in 2011. We are working with Kollander World Travel and their parent company, Kompas, to arrange the package tour.

Fraternal Industry

The executive officers continue to be active with the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh (FSGP). We regularly attend the monthly luncheon meetings, and National Secretary Sis. Karen Pintar serves as secretary of the FSGP. A number of our management team attended the FSGP/Bruce & DePersis seminar in May.

The Society continues to be involved at the state and national levels as well with respect to the fraternal industry and its associations and congresses. This gives us the opportunity to network and keep abreast of the updates and changes in the industry.

In April I attended the NFCA (National Fraternal Congress of America) Presidents' Section mid-year meeting. Presentations included the areas of compliance, solvency, rebranding, mergers, investment valuation and the economy. An update on the tax-exempt challenge was given. The fraternal cooperative projects were discussed with progress reports presented.

The NFCA provides continuous updates on a number of issues primarily through e-mail communication. During this period there was an increasing number of educational or informational webinars offered. We do take advantage of these opportunities. The NFCA is considering a name change and will vote on this at the next annual meeting in September.

Pennsylvania has introduced more stringent solvency standards for fraternal with the NFCA providing input on the subject to the Pennsylvania Insurance Department. We have responded to the department with a business plan to improve the risk-based capital ratio.

We also continue to remain active with the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress (PFC). This past April, I represented SNPJ at the annual fraternal legislative luncheon hosted by the PFC at the state capital in Harrisburg.

Conclusion

The Home Office management and staff work hard for the Society and show their dedication through the attention and service provided to our

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Lodges and membership. They have continually adjusted to changes and have adopted more efficient ways to get the job done.

Executive Assistant Martha Kalina is a great asset to me, the Executive Committee and the Society. She provides very efficient administrative support and is also responsible for member awards, donations and the scholarship program, as well as other duties for the National Secretary and National Treasurer.

I greatly appreciate the dedication, invaluable knowledge and experience of executive officers National Secretary Karen Pintar and National Treasurer Robert Lawrence. Sis. Pintar does an excellent job managing the insurance administration operation of the Home Office as well as her many other duties. Bro. Lawrence expertly manages the Society's banking, accounting and investment functions.

I continue to enjoy working with the National Board and the board committees. I am very happy to see Finance Committee Chairman and longtime National Board member Bro. Joseph Cvetas in better health and becoming very active with the committee. His dedication, and the support and team spirit of all of our board members, is greatly appreciated and provides for a strong and stable Society. May we all continue to work with dedication for the benefit of the SNPJ.

Fraternally,

JOSEPH C. EVANISH, FLMI
National President

National President's Report

President EVANISH highlights areas of his report, including membership, the resignation of the Marketing Director, and the hiring of Sales Director Bro. Bud Paladino, and reports on the background experience of Bro. Paladino. President EVANISH commends Home Office staff members for their work in the absence of a sales director; reports that the marketing audit report has just been received and will be sent to the Membership Committee and then to the board.

President EVANISH updates the board on the natural gas project at the Recreation Center; provides the board with the Neighbor Land Owner Group that is part of this project; reports that discussions of the group consisted of legal and safety issues, the companies involved, the price being offered per acre, the importance of focusing on the language in the lease addendum, that the Society's legal counsel is involved in this process and that the DEP has many regulations regarding this type of drilling; also looking into safety records of the companies involved and emergency response of the companies in the event of an accident.

Discussion on the report by Sis. Phyllis WOOD, with drilling questions, and Sis. ANDERSON, as to where the money from drilling would go. President EVANISH explains that the Recreation Center is an investment property of the Society, and so the Society would be receiving the monies as investment income. Additional questions by Sis. ANDERSON, and Brothers Johnnie ZIBERT, Lou NOVAK, Joe CVETAS and Edward KUZMA.

Motion to accept the report by Bro. ANDERSON, second by Bro. CLIFFORD. Motion approved.

National Secretary's Report

for the period ended June 30, 2010

Fraternal greetings, Brothers and Sisters, and welcome to the semi-annual meeting of the SNPJ National Board.

The following relates to the activities and business conducted through the office of the National Secretary for the period Jan. 1 through June 30, 2010.

Office Personnel

As of June 30, 2010, we employ 15 full-time employees, including the Executive Committee, and four part-time employees. In May 2010, SNPJ bookkeeper Sis. Betty Ward retired after 13 years with the Society. We thank Betty for her many years of service and her contributions to the organization. We wish you all the best, Betty, for your retirement years.

Insurance Administration

We currently have four full-time employees and two part-time employees in the Insurance Administration Department, including Office Manager Sis. Ruth Wright.

We continue to meet bi-weekly, along with the Information Technology Department, to review and discuss problem areas, prioritize ongoing projects and provide updates on changing regulations. These meetings are helpful to the staff and management as a forum for open communication and discussions that are relevant to the various positions represented.

Sis. Ruth Wright and I attended a seminar in May sponsored by our Society legal firm on employment law, and we found the seminar to be enlightening on the various changes and new updates to these laws.

Information Technology

We continue to staff this department with the IT Manager and one assistant. They are responsible for the daily functions and processes of all computer hardware and software within the Home Office and the SNPJ Recreation Center.

They work closely with Insurance Administration to ensure the efficiency and accuracy of the information that we supply to our members and secretaries. Bro. Terry Champ has most recently been working on a project to install security cameras at the SNPJ Recreation Center.

Lodges and Lodge Secretaries

Mergers

As of June 30, 2010, we have 107 Lodges. There are two mergers pending as of June 30, 2010, and I am currently waiting for a meeting to be held by one of the Lodges to determine who the merger partner will be.

Lodge 800 has less than 250 members, and I still intend to transfer the remaining members into other Lodges within their respective regions.

Lodge and Secretary Awards

The awards for completing and sending in the Election of Officers Report, Lodge Meeting Verification and Certification Report, Audit Report and Report of Local Activity by the required deadlines were paid in April 2010. This award allows the Lodge to receive \$1 per adult and youth member of the Lodge, while the Lodge secretary receives 50 cents per adult and youth member of the Lodge. There were 88 Lodges that submitted their reports by the required deadlines and were entitled to an award.

Lodge Award.....\$33,420
Secretary Award\$16,710
Total Awards\$50,130

Membership

Membership Count

The active adult membership of our Society as of June 30, 2010, is 32,240, while the youth membership was 3,992, for a total of 36,232.

June 30, 2009.....	32,814	Adult
	4,165	Youth
	36,979	Total
Dec. 31, 2009.....	32,495	Adult
	4,103	Youth
	36,598	Total
June 30, 2010.....	32,240	Adult
	3,992	Youth
	36,232	Total

This is a decrease of 366 for the first six months of 2010. There are currently 1,055 inactive adult members and 21 inactive youth members. These are the individuals who stopped paying premiums on their policies and exercised the non-forfeiture option of Extended Term Insurance. They all hold term policies that will expire on varying future dates and are considered inactive members in accordance with the bylaws.

Membership Statistics

Members as of Dec. 31, 2009 36,598

Increase by:

New members 2010..... 220
Reinstated Members..... 23
Total Increase 243

Decrease by:

Deaths 352
Cash Surrenders..... 119
Matured Endowments..... 16
Expiry 10
Cancelled..... 72
Lapse 3
Extended Term..... 24
Suspended pending death..... 6
Suspended pending maturity 7
Total Decrease..... 609

Total Membership as of June 30, 2010..... 36,232

Insurance In Force

Life Insurance

As of June 30, 2010, we have 41,745 policies in force representing \$240,548,878 of insurance in force. As of Dec. 31, 2009, we had 42,232 policies in force representing \$239,352,772 of insurance in force.

Policies in force June 30, 2009 42,468
Policies in force Dec. 31, 2009..... 42,232
Policies in force June 30, 2010 41,745

Policies Dec. 31, 2009..... 42,232
Increase:

New Policies Issued..... 215
Reinstatements..... 19
Total Increase 234

Decrease:

Deaths 436
Cash Surrenders..... 131
Cancel after issue 73
Expired..... 32
Matured..... 45
Lapse 4
Total Decrease..... 721
Policies June 30, 2010 41,745

Annuities

As of June 30, 2010, we have 3,806 annuity policies with a fund balance of \$114,261,607. During the first six months of the year we issued 150 annuity policies while 47 were lost due to surrender and 37 were lost due to death.

Accident & Health

As of June 30, 2010, we have 7,982 accident and health policies representing a decline of 416 policies for the first six months of the year. There were 135 cancelled, 125 that expired, 0 that lapsed and 166 were lost due to death.

Claims/Withdrawals

Mortuary Claims

During the year the Society lost 436 policies due to death, representing \$895,421 of insurance in force.

Cash Withdrawals

During the year the Society lost 131 policies due to surrenders, representing \$941,102 of insurance in force.

Endowments

During the year the Society lost 45 policies due to maturity or outlived, representing \$47,498 of insurance in force.

Convention 2010

Delegates

We have 146 registered delegates and 19 National Board members as of June 30, 2010, for a total of 165 voting delegates for the 29th Quadrennial Convention. All room arrangements have been made at Quail Hollow Resort in Painesville, Ohio, for the upcoming convention.

All delegate packets for registration, meal registration and committee information, including proposed bylaw and resolution changes, have been sent to all delegates.

Of course, a great deal of my time during this past six months has been spent organizing delegate mailings, providing correspondence to all delegates, making room and meal reservations, and providing information to delegates who phone or e-mail. In addition, I have worked with our travel agent to provide flights for our delegates and coordinated the transportation that will be necessary to move delegates from the airport to the resort and then to the Monday evening event at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio.

Fraternal Activities

Slovene National Benefit Society

I was once again able to attend Florida SNPJ Days sponsored by Lodge 603 in Samsula, Fla., with my husband and National Board members Bro. Vince Baselj (Bev), Supervisory Committee; Bro. Jim Curl (Betty), Region 2 Vice President; and Brother Ed Kuzma, Region 1 Vice President. In addition, Miss SNPJ 2010 Sis. Kara Maruszak

was in attendance, along with her mother and grandmother. As usual, the hospitality and fraternalism was overwhelming and certainly abounds in this Lodge. Thank you to the officers and members for making us feel so welcome. They had really great crowds throughout this three-day event.

Upon our return from Florida I participated in the Western Pa. Bowling Tournament sponsored by SNPJ Lodge 6. The weekend was a success and Lodge 6 did a great job hosting the event.

In April I attended the meeting of the Slovene Federation of SNPJ Lodges of Western Pa. as well as Heritage Day sponsored by the SNPJ Heritage Center Committee. The first Heritage Day was a big success and it was a great opportunity to see some really wonderful exhibits. Congratulations to the Heritage Center Committee for a successful and interesting event.

In May I attended the Federation Conference held at the SNPJ Recreation Center. There were some good presentations and a nice exchange of ideas among the attendees.

In June I attended the Lodge 158 picnic at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, at which Sis. Dorothy Gorjup was honored for 25 years of service as a Lodge secretary. The Lodge's 50-, 60- and 70-year members were also recognized.

Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh

I continue to serve as secretary of the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh. We recently sponsored a seminar to provide information to our Pittsburgh fraternal regarding a banking option that has the potential to save on fees and costs normally associated with commercial banking.

We are in the process of once again sponsoring the annual Kidz Bowling 4 Kidz event that provides funding for the Free Care Fund of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

National Fraternal Congress of America

In April I attended the mid-year meeting of the NFCA Secretaries Section. We had some interesting speakers on the Federal tax exemption for fraternal organizations, fraternal legal update, fraternal solvency update, IRS compliance standards and an employment law update.

Each year we have a roundtable discussion with a variety of subjects of interest and help to fraternal leaders, such as health care for employees, pensions, board minutes, etc. This year the discussions were once again informative and productive.

Conclusion

This is our last semiannual meeting of this National Board, and so I want to thank each of you for your assistance, contributions and hard work as board members. For those of us who wish to return to our board positions, I look forward to working with all of you again.

A special thank you to Executive Assistant Martha Kalina, particularly for all of her assistance with the planning and organizing of the Quadrennial Convention. In addition, I appreciate her organizing, collating and mailing all of our four-year convention reports and six-month board reports against very difficult deadlines. She did an excellent job and is commended and profusely thanked for her efforts.

Thank you to all of the staff and management at the SNPJ Home Office for all of their hard work and assistance. They are very dedicated employees and a pleasure to work with. I especially thank you for the extra effort that you put forth during convention years when we have so many extra phone calls, deadlines and mailings. Your efforts are certainly appreciated by our Executive Committee and our National Board.

Thanks to fellow Executive Committee members National President Evanish and National Treasurer Lawrence for their assistance and support, and for all of the efforts that you both put into making our convention a success.

Welcome, SNPJ National Board members. I look forward to working with you at this meeting in productive discussions and the implementation of ideas and actions that best serve our membership.

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN A. PINTAR, FLMI, CCP, AIAA
National Secretary

Attachment "A"

Business In Force

Lodge	No. of Certificates	Ins. In Force	Lodge	No. of Certificates	Ins. In Force
6	2,283	\$22,098,456	749	597	\$3,104,511
138	2,492	\$19,314,330	518	404	\$2,833,037
106	1,125	\$12,789,274	A02	1,093	\$2,798,493
715	1,157	\$12,069,911	153	448	\$2,739,999
158	1,625	\$11,991,061	584	794	\$2,610,665
89	622	\$6,368,075	A01	904	\$2,589,722
776	614	\$6,001,548	33	387	\$2,563,154
576	760	\$5,413,214	665	287	\$2,515,528
87	1,073	\$4,638,839	53	512	\$2,420,906
643	642	\$4,433,215	142	610	\$2,321,050
274	559	\$3,901,887	729	587	\$2,299,069
782	297	\$3,670,920	8	617	\$2,273,550
723	789	\$3,669,242	781	180	\$2,188,831
225	792	\$3,537,403	257	409	\$2,162,128
786	233	\$3,488,937	41	437	\$2,141,634
721	536	\$3,463,677	218	491	\$2,112,993
559	738	\$3,444,795	564	565	\$2,075,526
254	867	\$3,241,285	Total	26,526	\$175,286,865

National Secretary's Report

Sis. PINTAR gives some highlights on her report, including the transfer of the remaining Lodge 800 members and some mergers that are being processed. Sis. PINTAR reports that convention plans, including rooms, meals, transportation, etc., have all been finalized, and that in addition to normal job duties she has spent the majority of the last six months involved in the planning and initiation of the convention and working with all delegates.

Motion by Bro. ANDERSON, second by Sis. GORJUP, to approve the report. Motion approved.

National Treasurer's Report

July 2010

Fraternal greetings, Brothers and Sisters. I am submitting my report for the period Jan. 1 through June 30, 2010. Due to the timing of the National Board meeting, the quarterly statement for the six-month period ending June 30, 2010, has not been completed. Upon completion, National Board members will receive their copy of the quarterly statement, and the six-month financial report will be published in PROSVETA.

During the first half of 2010 our Society continues to exhibit growth in assets. As of March 31, 2010, assets increased \$2,713,124 from Dec. 31, 2009, to \$167,733,390. Surplus increased \$17,780 to

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\$5,305,150 as of March 31, 2010, from Dec. 31, 2009. Net income from operations before refunds to members for the first three months of 2010 was \$103,801.

Following is a report of the investment transactions for the period from Jan. 1 through June 30, 2010.

Fraternally,

ROBERT J. LAWRENCE
National Treasurer

The following investments were purchased from Jan. 1 through June 30, 2010:

BONDS AND OTHER INVESTMENTS:

Name & Description	Coupon Rate	Par Value	Cost	Purchase Date	Due Date
Alabama Incen. Fing Auth	6.042	\$410,000	\$414,908	4/22/2010	9/1/2029
Barclays Bank PLC	5.125	400,000	396,732	1/5/2010	1/8/2020
Credit Suisse	5.400	800,000	797,784	1/27/2010	1/14/2020
Enel Finance Intl SA	5.125	500,000	507,750	1/25/2010	10/7/2019
FG A91176	5.000	998,834	1,043,469	3/17/2010	2/1/2040
FHR 2727 PM	4.500	1,000,000	990,469	4/21/2010	1/15/2034
FHR 3623 CY	4.000	700,000	653,789	4/6/2010	1/15/2025
GNR 2009-19 C	4.800	300,000	302,906	6/1/2010	5/16/2049
GNR 2007-13 D	5.170	100,000	103,969	5/17/2010	4/16/2044
GNR 2007-12 C	5.278	300,000	314,016	6/1/2010	4/16/2041
GNR 2008-59 D	5.784	700,000	761,250	5/27/2010	6/16/2037
GNR 2004-23 E	5.133	700,000	728,000	1/28/2010	11/16/2032
GNR 2010-49 C	4.500	500,000	479,297	4/26/2010	6/16/2051
Guilford County NC	4.791	500,000	509,905	3/17/2010	8/1/2023
Hawaii St	5.230	400,000	420,936	6/3/2010	2/1/2025
Iberdrola Finance Ireland	5.000	600,000	594,846	3/1/2010	9/11/2019
Indianapolis Ind Loc Pub Impt	5.966	200,000	200,000	2/25/2010	1/15/2030
Kauai County Hawaii	4.906	600,000	603,798	4/21/2010	8/1/2023
Kennett PA Cons School Dist.	5.430	500,000	500,000	4/1/2010	2/15/2024
Mass. State Water Authority	5.192	500,000	500,000	6/30/2010	8/1/2040
Medtronic Inc	4.450	665,000	667,688	3/17/2010	3/15/2020
San Antonio Texas	5.688	500,000	500,000	6/16/2010	8/1/2028
United Technologies Corp	4.500	270,000	268,653	2/23/2010	4/15/2020
Wachovia Corp	5.750	600,000	640,782	3/23/2010	2/1/2018
Mortgages Granted		0	0		2010
Total new purchases 1-1-10 through 6-30-10		\$12,743,834	\$12,900,946		

The following investments were disposed of from Jan. 1 through June 30, 2010:

BONDS AND OTHER INVESTMENTS:

Name & Description	Coupon Rate	Consideration	Par Value	Book Value	Date Paid
Merrill Lynch & Co	5.300	\$778,913	\$750,000	\$748,015	4/21/2010
ITT Corp	6.500	15,000	15,000	15,000	6/14/2010
International Tel & Tel Corp	7.500	20,000	20,000	20,000	6/14/2010
Westvaco Corp	7.650	60,000	60,000	60,000	3/15/2010
Pgh. Urban Redevelopment	8.050	306,000	300,000	299,790	5/1/2010
BACM 2005-6 A4	5.179	733,250	700,000	701,336	3/19/2010
Health Care Properties	6.300	508,680	500,000	509,468	3/23/2010
D.R. Horton	6.500	707,000	700,000	703,889	4/21/2010
BSCMS 2005-PW10 A4	5.450	410,313	400,000	402,543	1/15/2010
Credit Suisse New York	5.300	1,131,823	1,100,000	1,125,461	1/27/2010
Everest Reins Hldgs Co	8.750	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	3/15/2010
IBP Inc	7.125	30,597	30,000	30,000	6/30/2010
CVS Drug	8.353	3,391	3,391	3,391	6/10/2010
GG1C Funding Corp	5.129	109,869	109,869	109,869	1/15/2010
CWL 2006-S5 A3	5.762	0	101,042	68,488	5/25/2010
Gov't Agency Principal Paydowns		233,646	233,646	233,646	2010
Mortgage/Asset Backed Principal Paydowns		1,056,159	1,056,159	1,056,159	2010
Mortgage Payments	Various	11,384	11,384	11,384	2010
Total disposed of 1-1-10 through 6-30-10		\$7,116,024	\$7,090,491	\$7,098,439	

National Treasurer's Report

Bro. Robert LAWRENCE reports that he could not provide much information on the financial side as the information is not complete by this meeting; this includes information on securities as information is received from NAIC in August for unrealized gains and losses on the portfolio. The information will be available by Aug. 15 and will be available to the board at the convention.

Bro. LAWRENCE reviews some financial information that he does have available – probable gain from operations with some estimates, surplus will most likely remain the same. He also states that the year looks good from an operational aspect.

Motion to approve the National Treasurer's report by Bro. CVETAS, second by Bro. KUZMA. Motion approved.

Question on the report by Sis. Phyllis WOOD.

Finance Committee Report

Jan. 1 through June 30, 2010

Fraternal greetings and welcome to the semiannual National Board meeting, Brothers and Sisters of the Slovene National Benefit Society.

The Finance Committee continues to follow the Rules of Procedure approved by this board to promote an efficient investment and monitoring of our Society's funds. Our portfolio by investment category as of June 30, 2010, is as follows:

	Market	Statement	Percent of Total	Yield
U.S. Agency	\$628,200	\$590,081	0.35%	5.86%
MBS Passthrough	3,037,970	2,860,047	1.69%	4.42%
CMO	38,880,547	38,991,983	23.08%	5.43%
Commercial MBS	12,628,799	12,853,883	7.61%	5.57%
Agency MBS	16,651,585	15,580,870	9.22%	4.88%
Asset Backed Securities	2,576,027	3,106,479	1.84%	6.45%
Corporate Bonds	81,418,358	75,821,941	44.89%	6.36%
Private Placement	4,427,276	4,081,373	2.42%	5.75%
Taxable Municipal	9,821,916	9,427,768	5.58%	5.47%
Total Bonds	\$170,070,678	\$163,314,425	96.69%	5.81%
Preferred Stock	156,192	210,000	0.12%	7.07%
Common Stock	235,265	235,265	0.14%	1.50%
Other Assets	163,860	163,131	0.10%	5.79%
Mortgages	158,615	158,615	0.09%	4.91%
Real Estate	2,947,884	2,947,884	1.75%	2.80%
Cash & Cert. Loans	1,879,742	1,879,742	1.11%	1.70%
Total Invested Assets	\$175,612,236	\$168,909,062	100.00%	5.68%

Portfolio Risk Analysis:

Date	Avg. Life	Duration	Avg. Rating	Book Yield
Dec. 04	10.0	6.72	A	6.46
Dec. 05	9.3	6.30	A+	6.14
Dec. 06	8.7	5.98	A+	6.14
Dec. 07	8.5	5.89	A+	6.07
Dec. 08	7.4	5.24	A+	6.12
Dec. 09	7.9	5.63	A+	5.90
June 10	7.5	5.42	A+	5.81

The fixed income portfolio ended the first half of 2010 with a market value and book value of \$170.7 million and \$164.4 million respectively. Over the six-month period, the portfolio's market value increased by \$13.7 million while book value increased by \$4.8 million. The portfolio's unrealized gain/loss position improved from a negative \$2.6 million at Dec. 31, 2009, to a positive \$6.3 million. During the first half of 2010, we invested \$12.9 million in new securities which was partially funded with \$4.3 million in sales. The purchases had an average life of 11 years with a corresponding duration of 8.2 and average credit quality of AA. The average yield on the purchases

was 4.84 percent. We added to agency-backed CMBS and CMOs, taxable municipals, and corporate bonds. The \$4.6 million in sales resulted in net realized gains of \$79,000. We sold lower-rated corporate credits to reduce overall credit risk, and continued selling recent vintage CMBS to take advantage of higher prices and reduce commercial real estate exposure.

As of June 30, 2010, the portfolio's largest concentration continued to be in corporate bonds at 48 percent of the total portfolio with an average credit rating of A-. The corporate exposure was down from 50 percent at Dec. 31, 2009. Residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) represented the second highest exposure at 26.3 percent of the portfolio with a market value of \$44.95 million and an average credit rating of A+. Approximately 65 percent of the RMBS exposure is invested in agency MBS/CMOs where credit risk is negligible. The remaining 35 percent of the RMBS position (or 9.3 percent of the total portfolio) is invested in Prime, Alt-A and Subprime collateral, with Prime representing the largest component (78 percent of the non-agency RMBS) and Subprime representing about one percent of the non-agency RMBS. Although prices on many non-agency RMBS have recovered from their lows, securities in this sector continue to trade at wide yield premiums relative to Treasuries due to continued uncertainty regarding loan delinquencies and the overall economy. While the pace of increase in delinquencies has moderated from the 2009 period, we continue to anticipate some amount of principal loss on select RMBS securities due to elevated loan delinquencies. Commercial MBS, which represent the third largest sector at 16 percent, have seen continued improvement in credit spreads and market valuations. About 54 percent of the CMBS exposure is invested in agency-backed collateral, with the remaining CMBS exposure invested in 2005 or earlier vintage deals.

Overall risk measures on the fixed-income portfolio remained relatively unchanged over the six-month period. Average credit quality remained at A+, while duration, which measures interest rate sensitivity, decreased marginally from 5.63 to 5.42. The portfolio continues to have minimal call risk, resulting in a high degree of cash flow certainty. The portfolio's book yield fell nine basis points to 5.81 percent due to lower reinvestment yields, although the increase in invested assets helped to offset the fall in yield.

The portfolio will continue to have an overweight position to corporate bonds, and given the uncertain economic conditions we continue to favor higher-quality defensive credits. From a maturity and duration standpoint, we continue to maintain an intermediate duration target with a laddered maturity profile while taking advantage of the steep yield curve when possible. We feel a laddered maturity profile is a good hedge against the risk of higher rates in the coming years, as well as providing liquidity for operational purposes. With Treasury rates low and credit spreads tight, the challenge is finding attractive yields without taking excessive risk. We are currently limiting all new investments to securities rated single-A or higher. Taxable municipal bonds and GNMA backed CMBS are two sectors that we are currently focused on. We are cautious on the municipal sector by investing only in high-quality (double-A or higher) issuers that are either state general obligations or essential service revenue bonds. Our investment strategy will remain focused on searching for the best risk-adjusted opportunities and only adding risk that is commensurate with SNPJ's risk tolerance.

Attached is a record of transactions for the period of Jan. 1 to June 30, 2010.

SNPJ FINANCE COMMITTEE

JOSEPH P. CVETAS, Chairman
JOSEPH C. EVANISH, Committee member
KEN ANDERSON, Committee member
ROGER CLIFFORD, Committee member
ROBERT J. LAWRENCE, Committee member

The following is a record of transactions for the first half of 2010:

PURCHASES:

Cost	Name & Description	Yield	Coupon Rate	Due Date
\$414,908	Alabama Incentives Fing Auth	5.936	6.042	9/1/2029
396,732	Barclays Bank PLC	5.231	5.125	1/8/2020
797,784	Credit Suisse	5.436	5.400	1/14/2020
507,750	Enel Finance Intl SA	4.921	5.125	10/7/2019
1,043,469	FGA91176	3.784	5.000	2/1/2040
990,469	FHR 2727 PM	4.631	4.500	1/15/2034
653,789	FHR 3623 CY	4.795	4.000	1/15/2025
302,906	GNR 2009-19 C	4.715	4.800	5/16/2049
103,969	GNR 2007-13 D	4.697	5.170	4/16/2044
314,016	GNR 2007-12 C	4.731	5.278	4/16/2041
761,250	GNR 2008-59 D	4.573	5.784	6/16/2037
728,000	GNR 2004-23 E	4.585	5.133	11/16/2032
479,297	GNR 2010-49 C	4.950	4.500	6/16/2051
509,905	Guilford County NC	4.590	4.791	8/1/2023
420,936	Hawaii St	4.730	5.230	2/1/2025
594,846	Iberdrola Finance Ireland	5.115	5.000	9/11/2019
200,000	Indianapolis Ind Loc Pub Impt	5.965	5.966	1/15/2030
603,798	Kauai County Hawaii	4.840	4.906	8/1/2023
500,000	Kennett PA Cons School District	5.429	5.430	2/15/2024
500,000	Massachusetts State Water Authority	5.192	5.192	8/1/2040
667,688	Medtronic Inc	4.400	4.450	3/15/2020
500,000	San Antonio Texas	5.688	5.688	8/1/2028
268,653	United Technologies Corp	4.561	4.500	4/15/2020
640,782	Wachovia Corp	4.703	5.750	2/1/2018
12,900,946	Total Securities Purchased			
0	New Mortgages Granted			
\$12,900,946	Total Purchases			

REDEMPTIONS:

Consid.	Name & Description	Profit/(Loss)	Coupon Rate	Date Paid
\$778,913	Merrill Lynch & Co	\$30,897	5.300%	04/21/2010
15,000	ITT Corp	0	6.500	06/14/2010
20,000	International Tel & Tel Corp	0	7.500	06/14/2010
60,000	Westvaco Corp	0	7.650	03/15/2010
306,000	Pittsburgh Urban Redevelopment	6,210	8.050	05/01/2010
733,250	BACM 2005-6 A4	31,914	5.179	03/19/2010
508,680	Health Care Properties	(788)	6.300	03/23/2010
707,000	D.R. Horton	3,111	6.500	04/21/2010
410,313	BSCMS 2005-PW10 A4	7,769	5.450	01/15/2010
1,131,823	Credit Suisse New York	6,362	5.300	01/27/2010
1,000,000	Everest Reins Hldgs Co	0	8.750	03/15/2010
30,597	IBP Inc	597	7.125	06/30/2010
3,391	CVS Drug	0	8.353	06/10/2010
109,869	GG1C Funding Corp	0	5.129	01/15/2010
0	CWL 2006-S5 A3	(68,488)	5.762	05/25/2010
233,646	Gov't Agency Principal Paydowns			2010
1,056,159	Mortgage/Asset Backed Principal Paydowns			2010
7,104,640	Total Securities Redeemed			
11,384	Principal Payments on Mortgages			
\$7,116,024	Total Redemptions	\$17,585		

Finance Committee Report

Bro. CVETAS, chairman of the Finance Committee, presents the report of the committee. Bro. CVETAS introduces Brothers ANDERSON, CLIFFORD, EVANISH and LAWRENCE. Bro. CVETAS thanks them for their assistance and support over this last four-year period. Bro. ANDERSON remarks that Bro. CVETAS, even through his illness, only missed one Finance Committee meeting.

Bro. LAWRENCE reads page two of the report.

Bro. CVETAS reports that a representative from AAM, Marco Bravo, will be in attendance at the convention to review the portfolio over the last four years.

Finance Committee hands out the Statement of Investment Policy. This is a revision which includes the majority of the language from the original, but actually tightens up the amount of allocation to any one issuer based on rating and by sector. Bro. LAWRENCE reads the Statement of Investment Policy.

Bro. LAWRENCE explains the changes to the National Board and says that the Finance Committee worked with the Asset Manager who is in agreement with the new restrictions put on the purchasing of investments.

Bro. CVETAS motions for the board to make this change in investment policy, second by Sis. ANDERSON.

Question and discussion by Sis. WOOD and Bro. LAWRENCE. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the report by Bro. Jim CURL, second by Sis. WOOD. Motion approved.

Supervisory Committee Report

July 16, 2010

The Supervisory Committee met July 13-15, 2010, for their semiannual meeting. All members of the Supervisory Committee were present. This report covers the time period of January through June 2010.

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Youth Roundup was reported as very successful with no problems, and participants reported having a great time. The Young Adult Conference work meeting went well with participants picking up road trash or painting the tennis courts. It was suggested to Bro. Richards that he plan more activities to keep the young adults active during the weekend.

The Regional Fraternal Activities sponsored by the Regional Vice Presidents (e.g. baseball games, whale watching, wine tasting, etc.) were discussed as it is noted that all regions have not had this activity. Bro. Richards will pursue working with the Regional Vice Presidents who have not had this activity occur in their region.

Information Technology Update

Bro. Terry Champ shared with the Supervisory Committee that he has been fully focused on learning JAVA and creating a test environment with the development of reports and letters. A discussion of full implementation of the program gave the committee a perspective of what it takes to implement this program fully.

Complaints/Grievances

During this period, there were no complaints or grievances received by the Supervisory Committee.

The Supervisory Committee would like to thank the Executive Committee, management staff and the SNPJ Home Office staff for their assistance in obtaining requested documents for our review and providing overall support. Their efficiency allowed us to complete our work and written report in a timely manner.

Fraternally,

SNPJ Supervisory Committee
PHYLLIS WOOD, Chairwoman
VINCENT BASELJ
JOSEPH GRKMAN
LOUIS NOVAK
STAN REPOS

Supervisory Committee Report

Sis. WOOD presents the Supervisory Committee report. She states that her committee met beginning on Tuesday with Brothers Joe Grkman, Lou Novak, Vincent "Babe" Baselj and Stan Repos, and began their meetings at the SNPJ Recreation Center.

Sis. WOOD thanks her committee for their work over the past four years.

Motion by Bro. CVETAS, second by Bro. CLIFFORD, to accept the report. Motion approved.

Scholarship Committee Report

July 2010

The following report covers the period of Jan. 1 through June 30, 2010. Payment for the first installment of the 2009-2010 academic year included 65 awards. This group encompassed 52 academic, seven regular, and six Joseph C. Umeck Jr. Activity Scholarships.

Listed below are the names of the students who received awards during the first six months of 2010:

Name	Lodge	Name	Lodge
Megan Sinan	6	Laura Guyer	277
Matthew Sinclair (2)	6	Matthew Yuko	289
Andrew Biggerstaff	8	Andrew Loudon	358
Chase O'Palka	33	Tyler Bizzak	391
Kristina Watson	34	Bradley Frederick	391
Jacqueline Denning	41	Danielle Lanham	475
Rose Denning	41	Logan Knoppers	518
Brandon Blake	87	Kaitlyn Chiapetta	559
Madison Andreini	89	Nicole Adamic	564
Alysse Kelly	89	Paul Schroeder	564
Lauren Kelly	89	Justin Volpe	564
George C. Miller Jr.	89	Katherine Haic	576
Eugene Raggi	89	Jacob Young	576
Kathryn Hendricks	106	Connor Grant	584
Ellisen Schnatterly	106	Courtney Grant	584
Jason Banish	138	Brittney Zemko	643
Kristen Cushman	138	Meg Schnuell	677
Anna Hofrichter	138	Eric Demshar	686
John Hofrichter	138	Mack Morris	689
Michelle McIntyre	138	Kevin Kapraly	715
Aaron Pounds	138	Joseph Kumer	715
Kristen Rheam	138	Victoria Loevner	715
Stephen Rossero	138	David O'Connor	715
Matthew Skrajner	142	Maureen O'Connor	715
Colleen Frank	158	Victoria Kamicker	721
Michelle Rush	158	Melissa Marinch	723
Kristy Zivkovich	158	Kaelyn Wood	723
Megan Reynolds	225	Amy Pezzuolo	770
Matthew Schwartz	225	Hannah Petcovic	776
Kylie Boyer	254	Natalie Bernhardt	786
Jonathan Yuhas	274	Eva Derzic	786
Michael Yuhas	274	Erik Lundgren	786
Cheryl Guyer	277		

Scholarship Fund Financial Report:

Year	Donations	Awards
1960-1969	\$28,448.35	\$50,686.81
1970-1979	\$46,999.74	\$96,111.00
1980-1989	\$319,587.04	\$605,650.00
1990-1999	\$276,177.97	\$579,500.00
2000-2009	\$212,946.53	\$455,150.00
2010-Present	\$5,911.77	\$25,600.00
Total 2010 Donations	\$5,911.77	
Total 2010 Awards		\$25,600.00

We continue to receive donations from our members as honors and memorials to their loved ones. During the first-six-month period of 2010, we received two significant contributions. Those contributions were \$600 from the National Slovak Society of the USA and \$500 from SNPJ Lodge 274, Dunlo, Pa.

For all contributions and the generous donations mentioned, we are most appreciative. We extend our sincere thanks to all who contributed to this most worthy cause which benefits so many of our young adults.

Respectfully submitted,

SNPJ SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
JOSEPH C. EVANISH, Chairman
KAREN A. PINTAR
ROBERT J. LAWRENCE

Scholarship Committee Report

President EVANISH presents the Scholarship Committee report.

Motion to accept the report by Bro. CLIFFORD, second by Sis. RIGLER. Discussion on the report by Sis. WOOD, Brothers CVETAS and EVANISH, Sis. PINTAR and YA Bucar. Motion approved.

Region 1 Vice President's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Executive Committee and National Board. This is my report for January through June 2010.

I have been re-elected president of Tire Hill, Pa., Lodge 289 and the Conemaugh Valley Federation of SNPJ Lodges.

I attended Florida SNPJ Days in Samsula, Fla., sponsored by SNPJ Lodge 603, along with National Secretary Karen Pintar and other board members. I also attended Slovene Days in Spring Hill, Fla., sponsored by SNPJ Lodge 778, along with President Joseph Evanish and other board members. Both of these affairs were well planned and had a great turnout of members and guests from across the United States.

I again served on the Membership Committee this year. We continue to meet through conference calls.

We should have a productive meeting, as there are many items that need to be discussed before the National Convention in August.

Fraternally,

EDWARD J. KUZMA
Region 1 Vice President

Region 1 Vice President's Report: Bro. Ed KUZMA

Motion to approve the report by Bro. CLIFFORD, second by Bro. ZIBERT. Motion approved.

Region 2 Vice President's Report

Jan. 1 through June 30, 2010

Fraternal greetings, Brothers and Sisters of the SNPJ National Board. Throughout the first six months of the year, in addition to my service as Region 2 Vice President, I continue to serve as a member of the SNPJ Membership Committee, Federation Committee, Recreation Center Committee, and as Lodge secretary of SNPJ Lodge 6 in Sygan, Pa.

There were a number of events that were cancelled in our area this past winter as we had record snowfalls and lots of cold weather. Those circumstances made our trip to Florida this year even better, although the temperatures in Florida were also rather chilly. My wife and I attended Florida SNPJ Days sponsored by Lodge 603 in Samsula, Fla., and, as always, the event was a huge success and the hospitality of Lodge 603 as outstanding as ever. A good attendance was made by our SNPJ National Board for this event, including National Secretary Karen Pintar and her husband Ken, Supervisory Committee member Vince "Babe" Baselj and his wife, Region 1 Vice President Ed Kuzma, and Miss SNPJ 2010 Kara Maruszak and her mother and grandmother. In addition, there were several members from Region 2 who made the trip to Florida.

The last week of February brought the Western Pa. Bowling Tournament to Sygan, Pa., SNPJ Lodge 6, for which Lodge 6 provided plenty of food and music throughout the weekend for our bowlers. This tournament was a success with almost all bowlers who participated being from Region 2.

I attended the semiannual meeting of the National Board in March and the dinner held at the SNPJ Lodge 106 club. My wife and I also attended the Fraternalist of the Year banquet sponsored by the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh. The months of March and April also brought the election of delegates and alternates to the 29th Quadrennial Convention. Region 2 will have 14 delegates at the upcoming convention.

Lodge 138 in Strabane, Pa., once again sponsored the Lou Progar Memorial Bowling Tournament to raise scholarship funds. This event has been a huge success for the past six years. Also in April, there were several Easter parties held for the youth members by various Lodges throughout the region. SNPJ Lodge 6 hosted their annual Couples Nite Out event which is a huge success each year.

In May, many members from Region 2 boarded the bus sponsored by SNPJ Lodge 138 for the SNPJ National Bowling Tournament held in Indianapolis. There were 49 bowlers from Region 2 participating in the National Bowling Tournament.

The two Youth Circles within Region 2 remain very active - Circle 19, sponsored by SNPJ Lodge 138 and led by Sis. Karen Brumbaugh, and Circle 36, sponsored by SNPJ Lodge 6 and led by Sis. Ruth Wright. I thank these ladies for keeping our youth members active and involved. In addition, I know that Lodges 89 and 265 in Region 2 host holiday parties and activities for their youth members as well. Even without an established Youth Circle, it is still important to involve our youth, and I thank these Lodges for providing the activities.

There are a number of youth members as well in Region 2 who attended Youth Roundup at the SNPJ Recreation Center the week of June 20-25, and several of our former Youth Roundup campers are now counselors for this week. In addition, there are a number of Young Adult delegates from Lodges 6, 89, 138 and 259 who attended the work weekend Young Adult Conference this year.

In addition, during these last six months I attended the Federation Conference in May that was held at the SNPJ Recreation Center, at which ideas were exchanged between the various Federations represented. In looking to the future, a speaker gave a very information presentation on Internet marketing possibilities. I also attended the Slovene Federation of SNPJ Lodges of Western Pennsylvania meeting that was held in June at the Recreation Center in conjunction with Heritage Day sponsored by the Heritage Center.

Recruiting new members is always a priority, and working with the Membership Committee has encouraged emphasis toward using the Internet to attract younger members. Due to the timing of this semi-annual board meeting, our six-month statistics are not yet available and so I cannot share some of that information with you. Those numbers will be available in my next six-month report.

This concludes my report for the first six months of 2010. I look forward to a productive and successful National Board meeting.

Fraternally,

JAMES L. CURL
Region 2 Vice President

Region 2 Vice President's Report: Bro. Jim CURL

Motion to approve the report by Sis. GORJUP, second by Bro. ANDERSON. Motion approved.

Region 3 Vice President's Report

Fraternal greetings, Brothers and Sisters of the National Board. The following report covers the period of Jan. 1 through June 30, 2010.

After the snowy beginning of the year we experienced in the Pittsburgh

area, I am sure most people were relieved when the first signs of spring began to appear. Our March board meeting found the roads free of snow, enabling the members to arrive safely. The Membership Committee convened at the conclusion of our board meeting, and I also participated in the related conference calls.

In April I was present at the 100th anniversary banquet of Lodge 106 in Imperial and extended fraternal greetings to those in attendance. Lodge 106 is to be congratulated for their continued success over the years. A pleasant afternoon was experienced at the Heritage Day celebration as the SNPJ Heritage Center at the Recreation Center began its 2010 season. The ethnic cuisine and exhibitors were especially enjoyable.

I attended the third annual SNPJ Federation Conference held in May at the Recreation Center. Much valuable information was exchanged among the delegates and presenters.

The insurance producers in Region 3 are making strides to obtain new members and meet their Lodge membership goals. The top fraternal producer continues to be Stan Repos of Lodge 106, and the exclusive producers list shows Roger Evanish and Jamie Evanish of Lodge 715 in Universal, and Edward Snyder of Lodge 776 at the Borough of SNPJ with top honors.

As a result of the efforts of our insurance producers, the business-in-force totals continue to increase for many Lodges in the region. Lodge 106 is near \$13 million, Lodge 715 has over \$11 million and Lodge 776 has almost \$5 million. In addition, Lodge 782 of Glenshaw and Lodge 721 of Aliquippa have exceeded \$3 million, and Lodge A02 of Pittsburgh, Lodge 33 of Ambridge and Lodge A01 of Sewickley have obtained \$2 million.

The new member totals for the region show Lodge 497 of Meadville has exceeded its goal for the year and is on the way to achieving a Star Lodge Bonus award. Special recognition is extended to Universal Lodge 715 which has obtained a new member in each month of the year to date and is on track to accomplish the Super Star Lodge status. Three other Lodges are at or near the 50 percent plateau. All Region 3 Lodges are encouraged to make an effort to increase their membership totals for 2010.

In 1988 I was elected to the position of secretary of Lodge 721 in Aliquippa, and I am presently serving my 23rd year in that capacity. During those years, many changes have taken place in the secretarial duties, and I have attempted to keep abreast of all of them and to maintain a good relationship with the Lodge membership. I was re-elected as an auditor for the Western Pennsylvania Federation, and have participated in the meetings and the annual picnic.

As the SNPJ 29th Quadrennial Convention approaches, may we have a successful and productive board meeting to project the SNPJ to new heights for future generations with harmony and fraternalism.

Fraternally,

NANCY K. KOUTOULAKIS
Region 3 Vice President

Region 3 Vice President's Report: Sis. Nancy KOUTOULAKIS

Motion to approve the report by Bro. CLIFFORD, second by Sis. RIGLER. Motion approved.

Region 4 Vice President's Report

January-June 2010

Fraternal greetings, Brothers and Sisters of the National Board. It's the start of another year in Region 4. For the most part, the same officers remained at the helm of their Lodges as they set their dates and special events for the year. As a thank you to the representatives, appreciation dinners were hosted by the SNPJ Farm Board, Cleveland Federation and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Farm in January. It's a nice way to begin our year.

In February, CAL hosted the Sweetheart Doubles Bowling Tournament for the youth and adults. This tournament makes a nice family-oriented afternoon of fraternalism and was enjoyed by 70 or so bowlers.

In March, the Federation of Slovenian Homes hosted a banquet to honor the individuals who have given of their time and talents to their Slovenian Homes and community. SNPJ members honored this year included Fred Nevar (158), Laurie Sierputowski (576) and Donna Baucher (355).

In April, the Cleveland Federation hosted a Balina Beach Party inviting AMLA and KSKJ members to join in the tournament. It was a very enjoyable day shared by many. There's talk this may become a yearly event.

The Cleveland Button Box Bash was held in April with a great crowd in attendance. A concert by Youth Circle 2 members also entertained the crowd. Circle 2 Director Kathleen Trebets and Assistant Director Kathy Hlad did a fine job these past two years. The Federation is now in the process of finding a new Circle director as Kathleen has tendered her resignation.

May is the opening of SNPJ Farm with a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast sponsored by the Farm Board. This is always enjoyed by our members who are "treated" to this event by their Lodges. The Farm Board also hosts the first picnic of the year by having a chicken barbeque. This picnic is usually held the last Sunday in May.

The CAL Don Gorjup Open, played May 29, was a great success with 106 golfers in attendance on one of the nicest, sunniest days in May. Hot dogs and refreshments were served at the turn, followed by a T-bone steak dinner after the round. There were 11 flights this year with many happy winners.

Picnics held at SNPJ Farm in June were hosted by Lodge 355 (Fairport), Lodge 126 (Cleveland), Lodge 576 (Spartans) and Lodge 158 (Loyalites). The last Sunday in June, the Cleveland Beaverdale Reunion picnic coincides with the Lodge that is sponsoring that day. This tradition has been held for many years as there are Clevelanders who are originally from Pennsylvania and the surrounding Beaverdale area. This year, 84 "reunion-ites" attended.

In June, I was invited to and attended "Slovenian Statehood Day." This event was hosted by Consul General of the Republic of Slovenia Mr. Jure Zmauc and his wife, Janja, and sponsored by Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, and councilmen Michael Polensek and Joe Cimperman. Proclamations were given by the City of Cleveland, and we were entertained by the beautiful singing of Slovenian tenor Tim Ribic along with Fantje na vasi.

Being a member of the Membership Committee, I am available for all meetings via conference calls. I attended the SNPJ Federation Conference at the Recreation Center on May 15, 2010, with representatives from all SNPJ Federations. The meeting was held to exchange ideas and operations of Federations and Lodges to work together for a stronger fraternal organization.

I'm still involved in every aspect of SNPJ and attend most functions. May we all work together for a stronger and larger SNPJ fraternal.

Fraternally,

DOROTHY GORJUP
Region 4 Vice President

NATIONAL BOARD MINUTES
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Motion to approve the report by Sis. Nancy KOUTOULAKIS, second by Bro. CLIFFORD. Question by Sis. RIGLER. Motion approved.

Region 5 Vice President's Report

Fraternal greetings. This report covers the period from Jan. 1 through June 30, 2010.

Regularly scheduled activities in the Detroit area continue to provide area SNPJ members with opportunities to be together. The SNPJ Mixed Bowling League finished its 76th season in April, and soon after the golf league started its 39th season. In April, a busload of people traveled to the Super Button Box Bash in Cleveland, where the button box club performed once again. Many members have attended monthly dinners and senior meetings. Lodge potlucks and picnics kicked-off the summer months.

Those in attendance at the Young American Lodge 564 "An Evening in Slovenia" dinner dance enjoyed several special treats. In addition to the wonderful Slovenian-style dinner and music, a group gathered to sing several Slovenian songs. But the highlight of the evening was when 2-year old Joey Volpe was joined by his big brother Anthony and mother Cathy to sing "Everywhere You Go" with the band. The boys knew all of the words to the song by heart. It was also a pleasure to see Nicole Adamic, one of our scholarship recipients, running the 50/50 drawing.

Kudos to Indianapolis Lodge 34 for hosting the National Bowling Tournament in May. Although the number of entries was a bit sparse, those of us in attendance, including the busload from Pennsylvania, had a wonderful time. The Lodge provided karaoke at the Slovene National Home on Friday night and had Slovenian klobase and potica for purchase at the bowling alley. On Saturday evening we were entertained with sets of polkas and waltzes, and alternating sets of '50s and '60s music. This was the first tournament in Indianapolis since 1991; the Lodge deserves congratulations on a job well done!

As Region 5 Vice President, I attended the National Board meeting in March and several Membership Committee meetings. During this period, the Membership Committee was focused on developing plans to utilize the Internet to promote the SNPJ, and as a means for communicating Lodge activities and information. We are also anticipating the results of a marketing audit.

Fraternally,

TRACEY L. ANDERSON
Region 5 Vice President

Region 5 Vice President's Report: Sis. Tracey ANDERSON

Motion to approve the report by Bro. ANDERSON, second by Bro. CLIFFORD. Motion approved.

Region 6 Vice President's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Executive Committee and National Board. Fraternal greetings! This is my report for the period of Jan. 1 through June 30, 2010.

During the annual meeting of the Chicago District Federation held on Jan. 22, 2010, I was re-elected as recording secretary. In addition, at the Cicero Neighbors Lodge 449 annual meeting I was re-elected secretary/treasurer.

As Regional Vice President, I am a member of the Membership Committee and Federation Committee, and have participated in teleconference meetings. During these meetings, the Regional Vice Presidents discussed new ideas and made suggestions to further promote membership, and increase activity as well as awareness of the SNPJ.

The annual Verbick Memorial Fraternal Bowling Tournament was held Jan. 16, 2010, in the Milwaukee area, with participants from SNPJ, KSKJ, CFU and Sloga. District 6 Athletic Director Mary Donovan helps to coordinate and run this event.

On March 26, 2010, I attended the National Board meeting at the SNPJ Home Office in Imperial, Pa. During this meeting, discussions and recommendations were made regarding the bylaws and resolutions for the upcoming convention to be held in August.

The Federation Conference was held May 15, 2010, at the Recreation Center. Attending as delegates from the Chicago District Federation were President Edward Dabrowski and Vice President Vince Rigler. All Federations had the opportunity to send two delegates from their Federation to share ideas, which included fund-raising, events sponsored, etc., and what each Federation could add to get more participation in the SNPJ and to also aid in the increase in membership.

The 76th Annual Memorial Day Services sponsored by the Chicago District Federation were held May 31, 2010, in the SNPJ section of Woodlawn Cemetery in North Riverside, Ill. Federation Secretary/Treasurer Marianne Murray (1), with the help of Grace Doerk (559), prepared and distributed program booklets to all present that listed all the deceased members of SNPJ buried in the SNPJ section. Many SNPJ members gathered to pay homage to our departed members. Federation President Ed Dabrowski (449) welcomed everyone, and Vince Rigler (449) played a few selections on his button box. The program was interrupted by severe thunderstorms.

During the months of April, May and June, as Regional Vice President I was working on organizing a bus from the Chicago area to Slovenefest. The Chicago District Federation, along with some of the Lodges, had offered SNPJ members a reimbursement to help defray the cost of the trip.

The Tony Mlinar Memorial Wisconsin SNPJ Golf Outing was played June 19, 2010, in New Berlin, Wis. There are many SNPJ members who participate in this annual event.

Mary Donovan is the District 6 Athletic Director on the SNPJ National Athletic Board. She has been on the Athletic Board for many years, and has worked hard to keep local sporting and youth activities in the Milwaukee area. Thank you, Mary, for all of your efforts.

As a Slovenian School board member and member of the Slovenian Cultural Center in Lemont, I also attended various functions held at the Center, which included the Mother's Day dinner and program featuring all the children who attend Slovenian School during the year. The children did an outstanding job singing, dancing and reciting poems. There are many SNPJ members in the area who attend the monthly dinners held and the special events that feature Slovenian artists.

This concludes my report for the past six months. I am looking forward to the upcoming convention in August and hope that we can make decisions in the best interest of the Society and that of its members.

Fraternally,

JUSTINA M. RIGLER
Region 6 Vice President

Region 6 Vice President's Report: Sis. Tina RIGLER

Motion to approve the report by Sis. GORJUP, second by Bro. ANDERSON. Motion approved.

Region 7 Vice President's Report

Fraternal greetings, Brothers and Sisters of the National Board.

I have again been re-elected as president of 50 Camp Lodge 225 in Arma, Kan. I also continue as a participant of the Membership Committee which is comprised of all the Regional Vice Presidents and chaired by National President Joe Evanish. Recently we have been exploring utilizing the Internet to promote our SNPJ.

Activities of the first six months were generally slow as most Lodges are preparing for their summer outdoor events.

Lodge 225 held their yearly picnic Sunday, June 13, at the Arma American Legion facility. I opened with a welcome to all members and guests, and followed by honoring our retiring secretary, Ann Hutchcraft. We presented Ann with an engraved plaque, flowers and much praise for her more than 30 years of service to Lodge 225 and the SNPJ.

Ed Tomic, president of Lodge 218 in Denver, reports that they also held a picnic and ice cream socials.

This concludes my report for this period. May we have a beneficial and productive meeting.

Fraternally,

JOHNNIE E. ZIBERT
Region 7 Vice President

Region 7 Vice President's Report: Bro. Johnnie ZIBERT

Motion to approve the report by Bro. KUZMA, second by Sis. KOUTOULAKIS. Motion approved.

Region 8 Vice President's Report

January-June 2010

This report highlights SNPJ Region 8 activities for the first half of 2010.

The first major Region 8 event of 2010 was held in February when Lodge 304 continued its longstanding tradition of celebrating Pust with authentic Slovenian cuisine and entertainment. I motored north with Lodge 786 President Arnold Koci and Secretary Jean Koci to San Francisco where the Slovenian Hall on the hill overlooking the Bay was again filled, thanks to the leadership of President Nino Dodic and the hard-working Lodge 304 team. Joey Bajuk's expert band with surprise guest Bob Kravos was terrific. It was a memorable evening.

The following day, the California Federation of Lodges met with Federation President Eric Wood and the officers of Lodges 723 and 745 who had also traveled to the Pust.

In May, a Regional Fraternal Activity was held in conjunction with the Grass Valley Lodge 745 second annual wine-tasting party at Dobra Zemlja Winery. Accompanied by my daughter Natalie, I represented the National Board. Unfortunately, Fraternal Director Kevin Richards was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

The winery is nestled among the picturesque rolling hills and gold-rush-era small towns and farms of Amador County. We visited with our Northern California Brothers and Sisters while savoring voignier, zinfandel and accordion music under shade trees on a perfect California day.

On Memorial Day weekend, Lodge 723 held its three-day polka fest in their Fontana Slovene Hall. In keeping with their tradition of honoring two local musicians, accordionist Larry Janes and banjoist Joe L. Mlakar were named Musicians of the Year. Larry also performed throughout the weekend with band leader Sam Pecorillo, who travelled down from Oregon. I took in two days of the fest, playing accordion in the bar room between sets and after the Sunday dance to entertain visitors from Arizona who were not yet in the mood to retire to their hotel rooms.

In June, Orange Coast Lodge 786 repeated its annual wine-tasting picnic success with record-breaking attendance on a sunny June afternoon at the Weins Family Cellars in Temecula. Ace accordion soloist Don Milek and the Fontana Slovene Button Box Club again provided music. As Lodge 786 vice president, I serve as sommelier for this event.

I am looking forward to a productive National Board meeting to be held later this month.

Fraternally,

FREDRICK J. MLAKAR
Region 8 Vice President

Region 8 Vice President's Report: Bro. Fred MLAKAR

Motion to approve the report by Bro. ANDERSON, second by Sis. RIGLER. Motion approved.

Recreation Center Committee Report

June 2010

This report covers the first six months of 2010. SNPJ Recreation Center Director Bro. Tim Jergel has entered his second year in this position and continues to lead our experienced team of key staff members and seasonal staff. Management and staff have done a good job running the operation, providing good service and keeping the facility looking great.

Key members of our full-time staff include Operations Manager Sue Krispinsky, Maintenance Manager Jeff Wisneski, and Judy Germani. After more than 20 years of service, Judy Germani decided to retire effective June 1. Her dedication and service over the years is greatly appreciated. She will continue to do some part-time work at the Recreation Center and will help train Susan Harding, who has been hired to fill this position, providing for a smooth transition.

The wedding and banquets continue to do exceptionally well. Jones Catering does a great job with the food and service. Our staff also does an excellent job in this area which promotes such a good reputation for having a wedding at our facility. Sue Krispinsky handles most of the administration and bookings, and is doing an exceptional job.

Director Jergel initiated a polka dance contest program for the season. This has sparked more interest in the Sunday dances and has garnered increasing participation in the contest. The Friday night polka entertainment in the Gostilna for the season continues this year and is once again well received. Management also began hosting bingo in the Gostilna starting in May on Saturday evenings which is attracting good attendance.

Many events take place in June at the SNPJ Recreation Center. This includes the Federation Conference, Youth Roundup, Young Adult Conference, Leo Kandzer/Al Jergel Memorial Weekend and the GBU/ULS fraternal organization weekend. All were successful events.

The food operation is well managed by Director Jergel. He continues to cost-effectively purchase food and kitchen supplies at a savings. On a few occasions, Sunday dinners were prepared and offered with the most success being during the Heritage Day, which was the seasonal opening for the SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center.

Director Jergel managed to negotiate a reduced charge from our trash pickup service. He also worked with Premier Power Solutions which provides the opportunity for power pooling to businesses for the purpose of reducing power rates. As a result, the SNPJ Recreation Center should save approximately 20 percent per year in electric costs.

Aside from the power pooling cost reduction, the Recreation Center has experienced significant savings in electric costs during this period over the same period in 2009. We are pleased that the actions taken in 2009 to reduce costs continue to reap benefits.

The pool was sealed and painted by our maintenance staff during the spring. The entire pool area looks very good thanks to their efforts. It was prepared, staffed and opened for Memorial Day weekend, which is always the target date for opening.

Everyone did a great job getting the Recreation Center ready for the season. A major project completed this spring was the resurfacing of the Trailer Park road. This was approved by the National Board at a cost of \$28,000. A few other areas on the property were also repaired.

The Supervisory Committee engaged an accounting firm to conduct an internal controls evaluation at the SNPJ Recreation Center which was completed and presented to the Supervisory Committee and Recreation Center Committee. This was a very productive evaluation that has helped to strengthen the internal controls with our Recreation Center operation. National Treasurer Bob Lawrence, the Recreation Center management and staff welcomed the opportunity to work with the auditing firm and appreciated the expert advice and recommendations. This is a good governance practice which provides good checks and balances for the Society.

The committee appreciates all of the hard work by the staff and volunteers which makes the Recreation Center an enjoyable place to visit and contributes to it being a great fraternal asset for SNPJ. The facility continues to look great. Our committee will continue to work toward improving its operation.

Financially, the SNPJ Recreation Center has improved its performance over the same period last year. We are pleased that it is going in the right direction.

Respectfully submitted,

SNPJ RECREATION CENTER COMMITTEE
JOSEPH C. EVANISH, Committee Chairman
VINCENT BASELJ
JIM CURL
DAVID CUSHMAN
JERRY R. HLEBAK
CATHY KALENITS
JOHN VOLPE
TONY BOLE, Honorary Member
JOSEPH CVETAS, Honorary Member
JOSEPH JURICICH, Honorary Member

Recreation Center Committee Report

Motion by Bro. KUZMA, second by Bro. ANDERSON, to recess as the National Board and convene as the Recreation Center Committee.

President EVANISH presents the report and states that Sis. Judy Germani retired after 20 years and a new employee has been hired, Sis. Sue Harding. The transition has been going smoothly.

Financials are not available for June 30, 2010, at this point. President EVANISH states that the Recreation Center has been working with a power management group and has locked in a rate for a three-year period. It results in an approximate 20 percent reduction in kilowatt cost.

Reported that Slovenefest went well and profits appear to be up over last year. Sponsorships were higher this year as well than last.

Bro. CVETAS commented and thanked Bro. CURL, who took care of the money for the bands; Bro. BASELJ and Bro. Ken Pintar (6), who took care of the beer truck collections; Sis. Kalenits and Sis. Paulenich, who took care of the gate collections; and Sis. PINTAR for her work over the weekend.

Question by Sis. ANDERSON on upcoming improvements. Comments by Bro. BASELJ on the security cameras that are needed and the problem with the acoustics in the Alpine Room. Additional comments by Brothers CVETAS and CURL, Sis. WOOD, and Bro. NOVAK.

Motion to recess as the Recreation Center Committee and reconvene as the National Board by Bro. KUZMA, second by Bro. ANDERSON. Motion approved.

Motion by Bro. NOVAK, second by Bro. ANDERSON, to approve the report. Motion approved.

President EVANISH states that there are two positions open on the Recreation Center Committee and only two applications for the position have been received. Both of the applicants are incumbents of the committee, Sis. Cathy Kalenits and Bro. Dave Cushman.

Motion by Sis. WOOD, second by Bro. CLIFFORD, that Sis. Kalenits and Bro. Cushman be elected by unanimous consent. Motion approved.

Membership Committee Report

President EVANISH reports that he provided information on this committee in his report this time.

Sis. ANDERSON remarks that she is pleased with the proposal received from Net Effects.

Young Adult Representative

Sis. Bucar presents the report from the Young Adults. She remarks on the work completed over the Young Adult Conference weekend. She felt that the Young Adults would have completed more with more supplies available and more projects lined up.

Sis. Angela Mlakar was elected as the Young Adult Representative to the National Board for the next year.

Sis. Bucar commented on Young Adults wanting to take a trip to Slovenia and will look into the SNPJ-sponsored trip.

Sis. Bucar thanks the National Board for allowing the Young Adults to attend the meeting.

Motion to accept the Young Adult Representative's report by Bro. CVETAS, second by Sis. WOOD. Motion approved.

Unfinished Business

President EVANISH reports that under the Bylaw Committee appointments there is one change – to replace Bro. John Wagner with Sis. Patricia Martin from the same region. Bro. Wagner was unable to serve due to an unforeseen work obligation.

Bro. ANDERSON motions, second by Bro. CLIFFORD, to ratify the

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approval given by the National Board over the phone for the convention committees and approve the change to the Bylaw Committee. Motion approved.

President EVANISH reports that there is one candidate who has applied for a position on the Heritage Center Committee. Due to retirements and the need for additional help, the Heritage Center Committee has requested that the board approve his appointment.

Bro. CVETAS motions, second by Bro. ANDERSON, to unanimously add Bro. Tony Kren (643) to the Heritage Center Committee. Motion approved.

President EVANISH presents the proposal from Net Effects for an updated web site, content management, analytics and a variety of other uses in social media aspects, as well as a number of other marketing advantages. A number of other firms were looked at, but the committee felt that this was the best option.

Questions and discussion by Sisters WOOD and ANDERSON.

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Motion to approve to retain Net Effects and their proposal in the amount of \$29,860 for development cost and the monthly services that will be decided upon by the Executive Committee by Bro. CLIFFORD, second by Sis. GORJUP. Motion approved.

Bro. LAWRENCE presents the Form 990 which is filed with the IRS. The board needs to review the form and then contact Bro. LAWRENCE with any questions they may have. The Form 990 needs to be filed by Aug. 15, and we can file for an extension if necessary.

The board recessed for lunch at 12 p.m.

Afternoon Session

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Motion by Bro. CVETAS, second by Bro. ANDERSON, to go into Executive Session. Motion approved.

The National Board approved to come out of Executive Session on a motion by Bro. CVETAS, second by Bro. CLIFFORD.

The meeting resumes.

President EVANISH commends Bro. Joe CVETAS, who will be retir-

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ing from the National Board, for his support and guidance over the years, and remarks on all of the years of contributions that he has made to the Society and to the board; remarks on Bro. CVETAS' love of the Society and the SNPJ Recreation Center; and thanks him and congratulates him, stating that we celebrate what he has contributed over the years.

President EVANISH proposes a tentative National Board meeting date of March 25, 2011. Motion by Bro. CLIFFORD, second by Sis. GORJUP. Motion approved.

Sis. PINTAR read the minutes from today's meeting.

Motion by Bro. ANDERSON, second by Sis. RIGLER, to approve the minutes with minor corrections. Motion approved.

Bro. EVANISH thanks the board for their work over the past four years and commends them for a job well done.

Motion to adjourn at 2:20 p.m. by Bro. CVETAS, second by Bro. NOVAK. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN A. PINTAR, FLMI, CCP, AIAA
National Secretary



[Above] 70-year member **VIRGINIA (Zajc) JOHNSON** (right, pictured with Lodge 786 Secretary/Treasurer **JEAN KOCI**) was honored during the Lodge 786 July meeting.

[Below] Orange Coast Lodge 786 youth members and friends cool off in the swimming pool at Rancho Niguel.



Summer barbeque a hot time for Orange Coast Lodge 786

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Virginia Zajc Johnson, a 70-year Society member, was honored at this meeting. Virginia served as secretary of the former Los Angeles Lodge 615 for several years, has been active in Southern California since about 1982, and is a charter member of Lodge 786. We are so happy to have Virginia as our member.

We also made a presentation to our Lodge Youth Member of the Year, Miranda Arriola. Miranda has been an active youth member, attending as many events as possible, and is also a regular contributor to *The Voice of Youth*.

After the meeting, several of the guys – Ken Koci, Paul Jensen, Johnny Lundgren and Arnie Koci – did most of the cooking of the brats and hamburgers. There were lots of wonderful salads and fruit bowls for a warm summer day. Thanks to everyone for bringing such yummy treats. Of course, the desserts were abundant as well.

At least half of the attendees took advantage of the pools, including all of the kids and several senior members. Chuck Blasick, Don Milek and Arnie Koci all played their accordions, adding a true Slovenian flavor to the picnic. Frances Ambrozich, Sonja and Stefan Durjava, and Lina Kerwick discovered they all knew some of the same old songs. I think we might have a chorus in the making! I think Fred Mlakar should recruit a few of the newcomers for the upcoming *Vinska Trgatev*, scheduled Nov. 7.

Teresa Koci organized the water balloon toss which has become a tradition at this event. There must have been at least 20 kids and young adults that took part. It's getting to be quite a competition, with the Jancich, Mlakar and Koci families vying for the title each year. This time, father and son Ken and James Koci won the toss. There was no one target during the free-for-all bombardment that followed the contest. I think Todd Jancich caught the last blast, however – right in the midsection!

The afternoon ended all too soon... Slovenians enjoy visiting, eating, singing, listening to music (there were even a few dancers on the patio), swimming and "gaming." Many thanks to all who helped, and a special thanks to our hosts, Jim and Paula, who ended up "swabbing the deck" after the festivities. Everyone had a great time!

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, Oct. 3, at the home of Lina Kerwick, who generously offered to host this gathering at her and husband Tony's place in San Juan Capistrano at the top of a hill overlooking the Pacific Ocean. One requirement is that we stay to watch the sunset. I can do that! Thank you, Lina.

Slovenefest a wrap, Lodge 2 looks toward autumn

by DELORES SPELICH
Lodge 2 Secretary/Treasurer

LA SALLE, III. — It was stormy and hot for the 29th Slovenefest, but as usual there was a huge turnout at the festivities, and we had so much fun meeting up with friends from all over the United States and Canada.

We were welcomed at the gates by Kathy Paulenich and chatted with Ed Robich. Congratulations to Ed's aunt, Fran Nespor (31), the beautiful songbird who celebrated her 98th birthday Aug. 3.

Congratulations to our new Miss SNPJ, Selina Progar from Lodge 138 in Strabane, Pa. Again, the pageant was presented with so much good talent it must have been difficult to select a winner.

On Saturday we beat the heat in the jam-packed air-conditioned Gostilna, where the pretty, ethnic-costumed Društo Ljubiteljev Harmonik Godič entertained with their beautiful Slovenian music, smiling faces and sing-alongs.

Down in the International Pavilion, the new Ansambel Dvojčki consisted of the Klepec fraternal twins and another blond set of twins with soloist Ken Umeck. So we learned that "dvojčki" translates to "twins" – it's a new Slovenian word in our vocabulary – not "guitar player" as Umeck led us to believe! In a touching tribute to Joe and Bea Cvetas' 62nd wedding anniversary, the group sang a pretty Slovenian song as we all surrounded the table and joined in the harmony. The Osminka Ansambel kept us breathless trying to keep the beat... and beat the heat!

The floor was crowded as so many young people danced to the fine Slovenian melodies. A fellow sitting next to us had his leg bandaged, and his granddaughter pushed his wheelchair to the table and helped him up. He danced in place with her through two tunes. We Slovenians hear sweet music and we just can't sit still.

Veseli Fantje, the guys with great stamina, played non-stop for 1½ hours at a time entertaining the huge crowd in the spacious pavilion. We had to laugh at Frank Valencic's son out there dancing barefoot with his buddy, laughing all the while. Our guys used to do the same years ago at Yankovic dances – then we all got married!

The Hiltzes and Harfmans handed out literature for the coming winter season at Lodge 778 in Spring Hill, Fla. We enjoyed visits with Colorado friends the Tomsics and Grudens; with the Videtiches, Slapniks and Yurkoviches from Michigan; button box lady Carol Sherek from Minnesota; Tony and Shirl Kataro, and golfer Fran Gaudio. John Resetich (2) from Peoria, Ill., stopped to chat; we hadn't seen him for a couple of years.

The committees and volunteers do a marvelous job putting Slovenefest together for our enjoyment, and we thank you very much. We look forward to the event every July.

We were saddened to hear of member Max Kozel's passing a few weeks ago. Max was a longtime member who was originally from Oglesby, Ill., and farmed north of La Salle for many years. Our sympathy to his wife and family.

On another sad note, Mary Toovey lost

her sister, which makes the third sibling the family has lost this year. Our sincere sympathy to Mary and the family.

We lost a dear friend and dedicated member June 9. Emil Kotar, the Lodge 2 vice president, always agreed to accept the position of auditor without hesitation. He and his wife Connie consistently attended our gatherings. He was a cook in the Navy, as was our president, Ray Miklavcic. After our business meetings we enjoyed listening to both of them talk about cooking, recipes, etc. Our condolences to Connie and the family.

The Kotars and my family were close neighbors. During the war years, 1942-43, good soaps like "P&G" and "Fels Naptha" were difficult to buy, so our mothers decided to make soap in our basement. The copper boiler was boiling on the small two-burner "monkey stove." Unfortunately, the hot lye mix splashed on mom's shin as she stirred with the large wooden paddle. The doctor treated the bone-deep wound that left a long scar. She often showed us her scarred leg until she passed away at 90. Expensive soap – but it got out the dirt and grime, she said.

Al Slatner was on the sick list, and we wish him well on his recovery at home. Best wishes as well to Grace Doerk (559) who spent several days in the hospital and is now on the mend at home.

Many thanks to the SNPJ Home Office for the award sent to our treasury.

Please mark your calendars for our fall meeting, scheduled Monday, Sept. 13, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Oglesby Dickinson House. Stay cool!



Golden Eagles Lodge 643 members and friends attending Slovenefest included [seated] **PAULETTE KREN, Sophia Kren, TRICIA KREN, BRIAN KREN**, [standing] **LARRY KREN, Troy Litwiler, JOE KREN and DUKE KOMLANC**.

Golden Eagles Lodge 643 enjoys sounds of Slovenefest

by TONY KREN
Lodge 643 Secretary

GIRARD, Ohio — The members of Golden Eagles Lodge 643 were in attendance at Slovenefest XXIX held at the SNPJ Recreation Center July 9-11. Everyone had a great time enjoying the beautiful weather, good Slovenian music and delicious food.

It was great to hear our very

own Kenny Umeck and Tony Klepec Jr. play with Ansambel Dvojčki in the outdoor pavilion. Kenny and Tony also performed Aug. 8 in the Alpine Room at the SNPJ Recreation Center during the annual polka dance hosted by Golden Eagles Lodge 643 and the Tony Klepec Orchestra.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer!



ANSAMBLE DVOJČKI was among the groups entertaining during Slovenefest XXIX weekend.

SNPJ Recreation Center 2010 Dance Schedule



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
Sept. 26	"So You Think You Can Polka?" Championship Finale Eddie Rodick & Del Sinchak orchestras	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.

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SNPJ Marketing Department

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- **Thought for the Week** — All that really belongs to us is time; even he who has nothing else has that.
Baltasar Gracian



U.S. names new ambassador to Slovenia

LJUBLJANA (STA) — President Barack Obama has named Joseph Adamo Mussomeli, a 58-year-old career diplomat, the new ambassador to Slovenia, the U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana announced July 21.

The Slovenian Foreign Ministry said it was looking forward to cooperating with the new ambassador, which would “improve the already extremely good relations between the two countries.”

Mussomeli's previous diplomatic assignments include stints as assistant chief of mission in Kabul, Afghanistan, a job he held before being nominated for the Slovenia post, and ambassador to Cambodia. Since entering the foreign service in 1980 he has also held junior posts in Cairo, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Morocco and Panama. Mussomeli received his bachelor's degree in political science from Trenton State College and a doctorate in law from Rutgers Law School.

The United States has not had an ambassador in Slovenia for well over a year, since former Ambassador Yousif Boutros Ghafari's term ended following the election. The U.S. Embassy has been headed by Charge d'Affaires Bradley Freden during the interim.

Slovenia gave its formal agreement to the nominee during Foreign Minister Samuel Zbogar's visit to the State Department in mid-July. However, Mussomeli, who will be the seventh U.S. ambassador to Slovenia, must still undergo confirmation hearings in the Senate.

Slovenian military ship launched in Russia

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (STA) — A 160-foot multi-purpose military ship, which Russia will hand over to Slovenia as part of its \$129 million clearing debt, was named and launched in St. Petersburg in mid-July. The ceremony was attended by Slovenian Defense Minister Ljubica Jelusič.

Prior to the ceremony, which was held in the Almaz shipyard, Minister Jelusič said that the \$35 million ship would not only boost Slovenia's defensive capabilities, but would also participate in search and rescue operations at sea. “The ship will be used in all these areas because we cannot afford to purchase a ship that would serve only one purpose,” the minister said, adding that the ship would also be used in international activities.

The versatility of the ship was also praised by its future commander, Frigate Lieutenant Andrej Pečar. Pečar told the press that the acquisition was important both for the 430th Slovenian Naval Battalion and the entire Slovenian Armed Forces. The battalion is expected to take over the Svetlyak-class ship at the end of November.

Zvezdan Božič of the Civil Protection and Disaster Relief Administration said his administration expected that the ship would be included in the system of protection and rescue, in particular at sea.

Elen Twrdy, dean of the Portorož-based Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, named the ship “Triglav” and broke a bottle of Slovenian sparkling wine against her bow. The ship is named after Slovenia's highest peak and the three-headed god in Slavic mythology – master of water, earth and air – who has been a symbol of “Slovenianhood” since the seventh century. The ship is 160 feet long, 30 feet wide and can reach a top speed of 27 knots. It will be fitted with a cannon, two machine guns, a missile system, surface-to-air missiles and a missile defense system.

Slovenia and Russia signed an agreement on the settlement of Russia's \$129 million clearing debt in Moscow in November 2007, closing the last remaining open issue with Russia related to Slovenia's succession from the former Yugoslavia.

Slovenia introducing a real estate tax in 2011

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Slovenia is expected to introduce its first proper real estate tax next year as the Finance Ministry published a draft bill to that effect which it says is designed to introduce a comprehensive and fair property tax.

The real estate tax will replace the current tax on the use of building land, the property tax and the fee for the maintenance of forest roads. The receipts will be municipal revenue, just like the tax on



the use of building land has been.

The tax base is being set at 80 percent of the general market value of real estate based on a mass-appraisal of real estate that the Surveying and Mapping Authority is close to completing. Municipalities will be free to set the tax rate and apply different tax rates based on real estate designation (residential, commercial or industrial). The minimum rate has been set at 0.03 percent; however, the current proposal does not yet include an uppermost rate.

The ministry says that the tax rate in the first year will be set so that taxation will not differ substantially compared to the current system. But since the tax is based on general real estate values, some property owners will see their tax bills increase.

The tax will apply to all real estate except public property, cultural monuments, buildings used by diplomatic and international representations, and buildings used for religious rituals. All property owners will be notified of the appraised value of their real estate in September or October this year. The tax will be payable annually.

The Institute for Macroeconomic Analysis and Development (IMAD) estimates that receipts from the current tax on the use of building land average \$195 million a year and account for eight percent of municipal revenues. The current tax is determined based on the size of property, its location, commercial potential and the availability of amenities such as public transportation. IMAD has argued that a modern real estate tax would improve the financial independence of municipalities and ultimately improve the utilization of real estate and, by extension, improve the real estate market.

Ace Slovenian hacker nabbed by police and FBI

WASHINGTON, D.C. (STA) — The FBI announced July 27 that a 23-year-old Slovenian known as “Iserdo” was arrested 10 days ago in Maribor as part of an international cyber crime sting, the AP news agency reports. The suspect, whose name was not revealed, allegedly created a computer virus that reportedly infected some 12 million computers, invading major banks and corporations around the world, FBI Deputy Assistant Director Jeffrey Troy said.

The arrest comes nearly five months after police broke up a massive cyber-scams in Spain, arresting three of the alleged ringleaders who operated the “Mariposa botnet,” stealing credit cards and online banking credentials with the help of a virus allegedly obtained from a group of Slovenian hackers.

Iserdo is suspected of providing other hackers with malware, selling basic software packages for \$500 each and demanding up to \$1,300 for more advanced versions.

Troy said the suspect was released on bail soon after the arrest.

The news that the FBI was investigating a group of Slovenian hackers who are suspected of having created the most dangerous computer virus ever to hack into banking and other online accounts broke in mid-July. The FBI officials expect additional arrests, which are likely to extend beyond Slovenia and Spain and include operators who allegedly purchased the malware from Iserdo. Several U.S. federal agents, and Slovenian and Spanish law enforcement and special task force officers are working the case.

Representatives of the Slovenian police explained that the suspect was arrested by Slovenian police officers because members of foreign police forces cannot make arrests in Slovenian territory.

High school students graduate at a 91% rate

LJUBLJANA (STA) — In mid-July, the Ministry of Education and Sport presented the results of this year's matura, Slovenia's national high school exit exams. The results show that the number of high scores from general high schools dropped in comparison to last year's results, but the numbers increased among vocational school students.

Just over 91 percent of students, 7,500

from Slovenian high schools, passed the exams, while the success rate of the 8,400 students enrolled in vocational schools stood at nearly 89 percent. This year only 18 high school students attained the highest possible score, compared to 33 last year. The situation was reversed among vocational school students: the number increased from 31 to 33.

Education and Sport Minister Igor Lukšič told the press in Ljubljana that the results show that secondary education in Slovenia is well on its way to achieving its mission. Lukšič also touched on the fact that the number of high scores among high school students was down this year. He didn't find that alarming, but does believe that the ministry should reconsider how to handle the top performers.

Pointing to the fact that results at vocational schools topped those of high schools, Lukšič noted that universities should reconsider the number of admissions allocated to general and vocational school graduates. However, he also stressed that he does not wish to interfere with the autonomy of Slovenia's universities.

Iron Age grave site uncovered in Novo Mesto

NOVOMESTO (STA) — A dual grave dating from the fourth century B.C. was discovered at an archaeological site near the city of Novo mesto in the Dolenjsko region in late July. The archaeologists assume a man and a woman were buried together. Since there were no skeletal remains in the grave, the scientists had to make their assumptions on the basis of the objects found in the grave.

“While discoveries of this nature are very rare, two such grave sites have been uncovered near Novo mesto. The graves contained objects such as glass and amber beads, clay pots and weapons,” head of excavations, Borut Križ of the Dolenjski muzej Museum, told the press. “The reason for double burials is still disputed. There could have been ritual reasons – it has been recorded by Herodotus, the ‘father of history,’ for the people living in the Balkans – there could have been emotions, or something completely different,” curator Križ added.

The area where the grave was discovered, the Kapiteljska njiva, is a rich archaeological site where in three decades of excavation, 36 sepulchral mounds, 300 Late Bronze Age urns and 700 Halstatt urns had been uncovered.

The excavations, sponsored by the Novo mesto municipality and the Ministry of Culture, have been carried out throughout by the Dolenjski muzej Museum. President Danilo Türk visited the excavation site of his own accord and without any media attention.

Ancient books exhibited at the National Library

LJUBLJANA (STA) — The National and University Library in Ljubljana will host an exhibit of books from the Franciscan Monastery in Novo mesto titled “Flores in Colores.” The exhibit, which will be on display until Aug. 30, features more than 30 of the most beautiful and important prints from the 16th century.

One of the most magnificent artifacts on display will be the handmade Hieronymus Bock Kretterbuch *pharmacopoeia*, dating from 1572, which was restored in the national Archives, the National and University Library (NUK) announced prior to the show. The book will be also displayed on the web page of the Slovenian Digital Library.

The Franciscan library in Novo mesto keeps an interesting collection that includes several ancient prints from the 16th century. The beginnings of the library stretch back to 1469, the year the monastery was established, and the collection has been expanding ever since.

Today, the library features medical books, dictionaries, theological and philosophical works and illustrated travelogs, all presenting undeniable witness of the spiritual greatness of the local inhabitants of that time, according to the NUK.

The exhibition coincides with Ljubljana's honorary UNESCO World Book Capital title, as well as with the Franciscan Order's 800th anniversary. The exhibit, subtitled “Colorful Documents of the 16th Century Cultural Heritage in the Dolenjsko Region,” was opened by the mayor of Ljubljana.

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Westmoreland County Federation of SNPJ Lodges

Picnic Schedule 2010

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



Aug. 22	Westmoreland Co. Federation Picnic	1 to 7
	Del Sinchak & Joe Grkman	
Aug. 29	Mikey Dee's Polka Picnic	1 to 7
	Mikey Dee & The Polka Quads	
Sept. 12	Westmoreland Co. Federation Picnic	1 to 7
	Jim Rhoades & Larry Placek	
Sept. 19	Annual Grape Festival	12 to 7
	Frank Stanger, Silver Sky & Herminie Button Box Club	
Sept. 26	Vlatka Zgonc Radio Picnic	12 to 7
	Slavic Folk Festival - over 200 entertainers	

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. 15	Utopians Lodge 604 Picnic	3:30 to 7:30
	Bob Kravos Band	
Aug. 16	SNPJ Convention Dinner Dance	6 to 10
	Don Wojtila Band with Christine Hibbs	
Aug. 22	CAL Picnic	3:30 to 7:30
	Don Wojtila Band	
Aug. 25	Cleveland Pensioners Picnic	2:30 to 5:30
	Wayne Tomsic Orchestra	
Aug. 29	Mirni Raj Lodge 142 Picnic	3:30 to 7:30
	Jeff Pecon Orchestra	
Sept. 5	SNPJ Farm Board Picnic	3:30 to 7:30
	Dan Peters	
Sept. 6	End of Summer Dance	3:30 to 7:30
	Wayne Tomsic and Frank Stanger orchs.	

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.



Slovenska Stran

Ureja Vida Kosir

Elektronski sistem za nadzor bolnikov

HEADLINE: Electronic system to supervise the patients

TOPIC: The Topolšica Hospital in Šoštanj is the first in Slovenia to install a new system that monitors restless patients and informs health workers when they unexpectedly leave their hospital beds. The electronic system of notification for patient safety (E-OVP) assures higher-quality health service and safety. At first, the new E-OVP will be installed only in one ward of 15 beds. This monitor alerts the medical staff, who can then respond very quickly to unpredictable problems in the rooms.

Bolnišnica Topolšica v Šoštanju je prva v državi postavila sistem obveščanja zdravstvenega osebja o nemirnosti bolnikov in njihovem nepredvidenem zapuščanju

bolniških postelj. Elektronski sistem obveščanja za varnost pacientov (E-OVP) razbremenjuje bolnišnično osebje, kar zagotavlja višjo kakovost zdravstvenih storitev in varnosti. Najprej bo E-OVP samo na enem oddelku s 15 posteljami. Bolnišnica je bila s projektom uspešna na razpisu visokošolskega ministrstva, ki ga je deloma sofinanciral tudi evropski sklad za regionalni razvoj. Učinkovitejši nadzor nad bolniki, zlasti starejšimi, preprečuje, da bi se ti med zdravljenjem dodatno poškodovali, saj so stroški celjenja poškodb in rehabilitacije visoki. Enovit in senzorski del prek sporočilnega sistema obvešča medicinsko osebje, ki lahko zato hitro, predvsem pa pravočasno ukrepa. E-OVP je zastavljen tako, da ne posega v bolnikovo zasebnost.

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Dnevni center za 12.000 starejših

HEADLINE: Daycare center for 12,000 seniors

TOPIC: A daycare center recently opened on the ground floor of the Koper Bonifika, intended mainly for older citizens in the Koper municipality who are still very active but until now didn't have an opportunity to participate in various activities. Some 12,000 citizens over the age of 50 live in Koper, 6,000 of whom are members of 15 senior associations. Free language courses, computer and cooking classes will be provided for the seniors, and they will also be able to meet other people at dances, during reading hours, while playing cards and chess, and when making crafts. The daycare will also have a medical center which will check blood pressure and sugar levels, and the seniors will be able to get medical advice.

Pred kratkim so v pritličju kopske Bonifike odprli Dnevni center, namenjen predvsem starejšim občanom v Mestni občini (MO) Koper, ki so še

vedno precej aktivni, a do zdaj niso imeli prave možnosti za vključitve v različne dejavnosti. V MO Koper živi 12.000 občanov, starejših od 50 let, 6000 pa je vključenih v 15 društev upokojencev. Mestna občina je za ta center namenila 500 kvadratnih metrov občinskih prostorov v pritličju Bonifike in jih tudi opremila. Poleg tega je, kot je poudaril župan Boris Popovič, za program centra, v katerem bodo številne zabavne in izobraževalne dejavnosti, namenila še 50.000 evrov proračunskih sredstev. Tako starejšim občanom omogoča brezplačno obiskovanje jezikovnih tečajev, tečajev računalništva, kuharskih delavnic, pa tudi druženje in spoznavanje na prostočasnih dejavnostih, kot so ples, bralne urice, kartanje, šah in ročna dela.

V centru bo deloval tudi zdravniški kotiček, namenjen meritvam krvnega pritiska ali sladkorja in zdravstvenemu svetovanju.

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PLAČILO - Neki mož prosi odvetnika, da bi ga branil na sodišču. "Ali imate denar, da bi plačali mojo obrambo?" vpraša odvetnik. - "Imam kravo, konja in dve kozi," odvrne mož. - "No, in zaradi česa vas tožijo?" vpraša odvetnik. - "Zaradi kraje krave, konja in dveh koz!"

The Ethnic Kitchen

POLENTA CAKE

3 cups water
1 cup milk
1 cup corn meal
1 teaspoon salt
3 eggs, separated
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
6 tablespoons sugar
1 cup strawberry jam

Bring 3 cups of water to a boil. Combine 1 cup milk, corn meal and salt; slowly pour into boiling water, stirring constantly. Cook until thickened and bubbly, stirring frequently. Cover and continue to cook over low heat 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir 1 cup of hot mixture into the 3 beaten egg yolks. Add the egg yolk mixture to hot mixture in saucepan and stir vigorously for 1 minute. Spread in a lightly greased 9-inch square pan. Spread strawberry jam on top of polenta mixture. In a bowl, combine egg whites and cream of tartar. Beat at medium speed until soft peaks form. Gradually add the sugar and beat on high speed until stiff peaks form. Spread over strawberry jam. Bake in a 325° oven for 30 minutes or until meringue is browned. Remove from oven and cool for 15 minutes before cutting into squares and serving.

SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center Cookbook For The Ages

Filmski igralci bodo imeli v Divači muzej

HEADLINE: Movie actors will have a museum in Divača

TOPIC: With the opening of the Malovec Hotel, arrangements for the municipal holiday had started in Divača, which is celebrated on July 7 – the day when the first Slovenian movie star, Ita Rina (Ida Kravanja), was born in 1907 in the Škarteljnov home.

For the occasion in Divača they also placed the foundation stone for a new daycare center, distributed the municipal awards, received a new fire truck and arranged a variety of events. The most

important event was the opening of the renovated Škarteljnova home and the screening of the film "Ne joči Peter" (Don't cry, Peter) which was dedicated to actor Lojze Rozman.

The Škarteljnov home will become the Museum of Slovenian Movie Stars. This year they will complete the construction part of the renovation, and next year they will furnish the rooms. In addition to the museum, the home will include a multi-purpose room and a small bar with a summer garden.

Z odprtjem hotela Malovec s 46 ležišči v 20 sobah so se

v Divači vršile prireditve ob občinskem prazniku, ki ga praznujejo 7. julija, na dan, ko se je leta 1907 v Škarteljnovi domačiji rodila prva slovenska filmska igralka Ita Rina (Ida Kravanja).

V Divači so položili temeljni kamen za novi vrtec, podelili občinska priznanja, prevzeli novo gasilsko vozilo in se družili na različnih prireditvah. Najpomembnejši dogodek je bil, ko so odprli prenovljeno Škarteljnovo domačijo in se s projekcijo filma *Ne joči Peter* poklonili igralcu Lojzetu Rozmanu.

Škarteljnova domačija bo postala Muzej slovenskih

filmskih igralcev. Letos so dokončali gradbeni del preno-objekte še opremili. V hramu s skednjem bo večnamenska dvorana, ob njej pa bodo v skoraj porušenem nekdanjem hlevu s senikom uredili muzej slovenskih filmskih igralcev. V nekdanjem svinjskem hlevu bo manjši bar z letnim vrtom. Pritličje Škarteljrove hiše bo postalo osrednji informacijski prostor. Prostor med nekdanjo štalo in hramom bo preurejen v avditorij na prostem ali v letno kino, Borjač in druge zunanje površine pa bodo namenjene družabnim dejavnostim.

DELO

Prvi Shipman iz slovensko-italijanske koprodukcije

HEADLINE: The first Shipman from Slovenian-Italian co-production

TOPIC: In the Italian Tržič (Malfalcone) shipyard, Seaway Technologies S.R.L. recently launched its newest sailboat, the 62-foot-long Shipman 63. This is the company's 35th carbon sailing boat, and it was designed by the Jakopin brothers, Jernej and Japoc, in their J&J Design Studio and produced at Seaway.

This type of sailboat was first made in 2003, and the boats are considered the most technologically demanding and most expensive Slovenian product. A Shipman 63 costs \$2.5 million, and still it is among the least expensive in its class.

This sailboat, in its fiery red color, was made for a Swiss owner. It has unique cabin seating which is designed to remain in a horizontal position so that sailing on rough seas is much more comfortable.

Seaway is a world leader in the design

and development of sailboats, and a leading producer of carbon sailboats. The company employs 300 engineers and sailboat makers from various countries, among whom there are 80 at the Tržič shipyard.

Seaway Technologies S.R.L. je v svoji ladjedelnici v italijanskem Tržiču (Malfalcone) splavil prvo jadrnico - 19 metrov dolgi Shipman 63. To je sicer 35. karbonska jadrnica te blagovne znamke, ki sta jo zasnovala brata Jernej in Japoc Jakopin v studiju J & J Design, in je bila izdelana pri Seawayu. Te jadrnice so začeli delati leta 2003 in veljajo za tehnološko najzahtevnejši in najdražji slovenski proizvod. Shipman 63 stane dva milijona evrov in spada med cenejše v tem razredu.

Novo jadrnico v Ferrarijevi rdeči barvi so izdelali za švicarskega lastnika in jo krstili Hagazus III. Njena posebnost so na novo zasnovane pripone jambora iz ogljikovih vlaken, ki so v prerezu kopljičaste oblike in omogočajo jadrnici večjo hitrost. V kabini je sedežna garnitura oblikovana

tako, da so sedeži ves čas v vodoravnem položaju, zato je plovba po valovitem morju veliko udobnejša.

Seaway je vodilno svetovno podjetje v oblikovanju in razvoju plovil in tudi vodilni izdelovalec karbonskih plovil. Zaposluje 300 inženirjev in izdelovalcev plovil iz različnih držav, od tega jih je okoli 80 v italijanskem Tržiču. V Italijo so preselili dejavnost, ker bodo lahko le v ladjedelnici ob morju izdelovali tudi večja plovila (čakajo naročila za jadrnice dolžin 30, 40 in 50 metrov). Že prihodnji teden bodo v isti ladjedelnici splavili jadrnico Monte Carlo 76 za Benetue. Prototip 23-metrške jadrnice sta zasnovala dizajnerja Carlo Nuvolari in Dan Lenard, razvili pa so ga v Seawayu in ga bo Benetue septembra predstavil v Cannesu.

Seaway je v 50-odstotni lasti bratov Jakopin in 50-odstotni lasti KD Group. Letos načrtujejo 40 milijonov evrov prihodkov, od tega 13,5 milijona v Tržiču, kjer bodo skupaj izdelali pet plovil.

DELO

Decembra še šest tedenskih letov

HEADLINE: In December, still six weekly flights

TOPIC: Besides the regular daily connection between the airport in Ljubljana and London's Stansted Airport, the only low-cost airline that lands at any Slovenian airports, Easyjet from Great Britain, will fly three routes each week between Ljubljana's Jože Pučnik Airport, Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris, and Malpensa in Milan starting in December.

Peter Voets, the Easyjet marketing director for Switzerland, Austria and Eastern Europe, is expecting that the current number of 95,000 passengers will increase to 160,000 next year.

The first Easyjet airplane landed at Brnik Airport in 2004 when Slovenia joined the EU. Janez Krašna, director of the commercial sector at Aerodrom Ljubljana, explained that tourists who travel to Slovenia via this airline stay an average of six days, many of them in expensive hotels where they pay at least \$400 for overnight accommodations.

Easyjet has one of the youngest fleets in the skies; the average age of their 189 planes is 3.4 years. In the last 12 months, Easyjet has carried 47 million passengers to 521 destinations, connecting 121 airports in

29 countries.

Edini nizkocenovni letalski prevoznik, ki pristaja na katerem koli letališču v Sloveniji, britanski Easyjet, bo poleg redne dnevne povezave med ljubljanskim letališčem in londonskim Stanstedom od decembra trikrat na teden letel na dveh novih linijah med letališčem Jožeta Pučnika Ljubljana in letališčema Pariz Charles de Gaulle in Milano Malpensa.

Peter Voets, Easyjetov direktor trženja za Švico, Avstrijo in vzhodno Evropo, pričakuje, da bo število potnikov z letošnjih 95.000 drugo leto poskočilo na 160.000. Za Milano in Pariz so se pri Easyjetu odločili, ker jim to omogočajo njihove zmogljivosti na letališčih, ki sta najhitreje rastoča; Berlin, kamor je Easyjet med letoma 2005 in 2007 iz Ljubljane že letel, za zdaj ni predviden.

Prvo Easyjetovo letalo je na Brniku pristalo leta 2004, ob vstopu Slovenije v EU, izkušnje pa so zavrnille vse takratne bojazni, da bodo med potniki sami reveži. Janez Krašna je pojasnil, da je po tem tudi Adria povečala število potnikov v London, turisti, ki prihajajo v Slovenijo za povprečno šest dni, pa večinoma živijo v dragih hotelih in samo za bivanje odštejejo povprečno 350 evrov, poleg tega pa pustijo v Sloveniji še

po 50 evrov na dan. Easyjet se ponaša z eno najmlajših flot, saj je povprečna starost njihovih 189 letal 3,4 leta.

V zadnjih 12 mesecih je

Easyjet na zdaj 521 destinacijah med 121 letališči v 29 državah prepeljal 47 milijonov potnikov.

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

VELIKA PLANINA - Zadnje julijsko soboto je Rekreacijsko društvo Rigelj organiziralo že tradicionalno 14. veliko tekmojanje harmonikarjev na Veliki planini 2010. Tekmovanje je potekalo na Zelenem robu, kjer je že dopoldne po planini odmeval glas harmonik. Na planino so se pripeljali z nihalko in sedežnico številni tekmovalci in obiskovalci, ki so bili željni slišati glas harmonik. Tekmovanja se je udeležilo 42 harmonikarjev iz cele Slovenije, ki so se pomerili v petih starostnih kategorijah. Vse tekmovalce in obiskovalce je v prelepem idiličnem okolju pozdravil kamniški župan Tone Smolnikar, ki je pohvalil organizacijo tekmojanja, zaželel vsem harmonikarjem obilo sreče ter poudaril, da ga veseli, da je med tekmovalci vedno več mladih. Absolutni prvak v igranju na frajtonarico na Veliki planini je postal Dolenjec 12-letni Mitja Bukovec z Rake.

On the last Saturday in July, the Rigelj Recreation Association organized the 14th annual Velika Planina 2010, a large accordion competition. The competition was held at Zeleni Rob, where the sounds of accordions started in the morning hours. Numerous competitors and visitors came to the mountains via a chairlift to hear the accordion sounds. A total of 42 accordionists from across Slovenia competed in five age categories. All the competitors and visitors were greeted by Kamnik Mayor Tone Smolnikar, who praised the organizers of the competition, wished good luck to all competitors, and stressed that he is very pleased that there are more and more young people among the competitors. Twelve-year-old Mitja Bukovec from Rake in the Dolenjsko region was named the overall champion.

DOLENJSKI LIST

Namesto policistov trgovina

HEADLINE: Instead of policemen a store

TOPIC: A boundary store was recently opened in the old boundary building in Vipolže, Goriška brda. The building was used by police until the fall of the border, and recently the Panal Company leased it from the Brda municipality. Because Vipolže is an important entrance point to the community, the building contains an information center for tourists, and visitors will be able to purchase souvenirs and products from the local farms – canned cherries, dry fruits and honey.

The new tenants remodeled the old border building. Neli Zuljan, director of the Panal Company, said that they are expecting domestic and foreign visitors, mainly Italians. Outside of the building local farmers will sell seasonal fruits. In the future they will extend the shop, where they will also sell newspapers, postcards and much more.

There are five more such buildings

in Goriška brda which were at one time utilized by border control officials.

V nekdanjem mejnem objektu v Vipolžah v Goriških brdih so pred dnevi slovesno odprli mejno prodajalno. Do padca meje ga je uporabljala policija, od briške občine pa ga je zdaj vzelo v najem podjetje Panal. Ker so Vipolže pomembna vstopna točka v občino, je v objektu informacijski center za turiste, obiskovalcem pa so na voljo spominki in pridelki okoliških kmetov; vložene češnje, suho sadje in med. Občina Brda je bila prva v Sloveniji, ki je z ministrstvom za javno uporabo pred dvema letoma podpisala pogodbo o neodplačnem prenosu lastninske pravice za objekte na nekdanjih mejnih prehodih.

Novi najemniki so objekt s 50 kvadratnimi metri uporabne površine obnovili. Kot pravi direktorica Panala Neli Zuljan, pričakujejo obisk domačih in tujih gostov, zaradi bližine meje predvsem italijanskih.

Ko bo dokončana rekonstrukcija ceste od Vipolž do Dobrovega, pričakujejo še

več turistov. Ob objektu bodo okoliški pridelovalci prodajali sezonsko sadje. V prihodnje bodo ponudbo trgovine še razširili, tako da bodo naprodaj tudi časopisi, razglednice, tematske turistične brošure in podobno.

Ko so pred tremi leti objekte na meji s Slovenijo in Italijo zapuščali policisti, so občine ministrstvu za javno uporabo prijavile različne predloge za novo namembnost. Briška občina je bila prva v državi, ki je opravila predajo podpisanih pogodb in si s tem zagotovila neodplačni prenos lastninske pravice za te objekte.

Takšnih je v Goriških brdih pet, poleg Vipolž je občina dobila v last še objekte na mejnih prehodih Podsobotin, Hum, Valerišče in Neblo. Podjetje Panal je najelo tudi objekt v Neblem in v njem uredilo podobno mejno trgovino kot v Vipolžah, drugi objekti pa na najemnika še čakajo. V njih so predvidena stanovanja, poslovni prostori in prostori za potrebe vaških skupnosti.

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best wishes to our

Outlived Members**Lodge 2 member eldest of siblings**

Sis. WILHELMINA BUBON (2)

LA SALLE, Ill. — Sis. Wilhelmina Bubon of Lodge 2 has outlived the life of her SNPJ insurance policy. She writes:

"I was born Dec. 10, 1914, in Florid, Ill. I'm the oldest of six children. Two brothers and two sisters have passed away; my youngest sister still survives.

"I was educated at a Catholic school in Spring Valley, Ill., where I also went to high school. I married in 1945 and lived in the country until 1950 when I moved back to Spring Valley. I now reside with my daughter in Peru, Ill., and have been here since 2006. I have one daughter and one granddaughter. I'm 95 and still feeling fair."

On behalf of the members of Lodge 2 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend best wishes to Sis. Bubon for continued health and happiness.

Lodge 6 member enjoyed traveling

Sis. ANITA YOPEK (6)

SYGAN, Pa. — Sis. Anita F. Yopek of Lodge 6 has outlived her SNPJ insurance policy. She writes:

"I was born in Moon Run, Pa., May 5, 1914, to John and Rose (Cebin) Podlesnik. My parents emigrated from Slovenia in the early 1900s. I had two older brothers, John and Frank, and one younger brother, Albert, all of whom are deceased. I have one younger sister, Rose Rockacy.

"When I was 8 years old we moved to Library (now South Park), Pa., where my father worked in the coal mines. I married Frank Yopek Sept. 28, 1935. We lived in Canonsburg, Pa., for three years then moved back to South Park, where I have remained since 1938.

"We enjoyed going to Lodge dances and picnics in Library. We also did a lot of traveling. I made one trip to Slovenia in 1979 with my cousin, Ida Klanchesser. We visited relatives who still live there. It was a beautiful experience.

"My husband passed away May 17, 1997. We were married for 61 years. Our son Jeffrey is married with two children. I also have a great-grandson. I still live in my own home in South Park and take care of myself.

"Thank you, SNPJ, for this honor."

On behalf of the members of Lodge 6 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend best wishes to Sis. Yopek for continued health and happiness.

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A century of history at Strabane Lodge 138

LODGE 138 CENTENNIAL
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celebration, the Lodge distributed their "100 Years of Memories" souvenir book. The book included information about the history of Lodge 138, Youth Circle 19, the Lodge 138 Miss SNPJs and the Lodge today. In addition, a binder with a large collection of pictures from the Lodge's last 100 years was on display in the grillroom throughout the weekend.

Every year Lodge 138 sells Duck Race T-shirts with designs created by Circle 19 members. This year we also sold 100th anniversary polo shirts in almost every color featuring our Pioneer logo. These lightweight polo shirts are still available. To place an order, please ask at the bar.

The annual Lodge 138 Duck Race was held Saturday, July 17, and as part of our 100th anniversary, it was bigger than ever! The day began with a family picnic serving klobase and sauerkraut, Granish burgers, haluski, and tons of side dishes and desserts brought in by members and guests. Youth Circle 19 Director Karen Brumbaugh kept the kids busy with duck-themed games and activities. This year, we even had a talented clown who created elaborate balloon animals, which the kids proudly showed off all day.

Lodge 138 was honored to have some special guests in



Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lodge 138 were the Lodge's Miss SNPJs: **SHANNON FETCKO** (2006), **COURTNEY PABIAN** (2004), **CARISSA (Pabian) BOYER** (2002), current Miss SNPJ **SELINA PROGAR**, **ALLISON ENGEL** (1996) and **MELISSA (Lawrence) McCORMICK** (1991).

attendance, including SNPJ National President Joseph Evanish, Pennsylvania State Representative Tim Solobay and six of Lodge 138's seven Miss SNPJs. Miss SNPJ 1991 Melissa (Lawrence) McCormick, Miss SNPJ 1996 Allison Engel, Miss SNPJ 2002 Carissa (Pabian) Boyer, Miss SNPJ 2004 Courtney Pabian, Miss SNPJ 2006 Shannon Fetcko and the recently crowned Miss SNPJ 2011 Selina Progar all enjoyed the day's events.

While our ducks were stretching their flippers and

preparing to race, Karl Lukitsch began performing, putting everyone in a festive mood. At about 6:30 p.m., 1,400 yellow rubber ducks clad in sailor hats hit Chartiers Creek in a race to the finish line. Everyone enjoyed watching the ducks float down while cheering them on. After the winners were announced, Karl Lukitsch played into the night while members and guests danced, ate, reminisced, and played pick-up games of balina and bean bag toss.

Lodge 138 closed out the

100th anniversary weekend Sunday, July 18, with a family picnic and performances by Mike and Joe Grkman, and Jack Taddy. While enjoying the good music, members and guests continued the jovial mood with more balina and bean bag toss.

Overall, the 100th anniversary weekend was a great success. The hundreds of members and guests in attendance had a fantastic time recalling memories of the past 100 years and anticipating being part of the next 100 years.

One hundred "thanks" from Strabane Lodge 138

by RICK HERVOL
Lodge 138 President

STRABANE, Pa. — Lodge 138 Strabane would like to thank everyone for pitching in and making our 100th anniversary celebration weekend a success. We had around 50 volunteers who worked hard and contributed to our success. The Duck Race alone takes a lot of work, and this year we had an entire event-filled weekend.

We really appreciate all the time and effort our officers and members spent preparing for the weekend and making sure everything ran smoothly. Some of the work this year included cleaning the creek and around the Lodge, getting the ducks ready, booking the entertainment, preparing and serving the food, tending the bar, creating the Duck Race and 100th anniversary T-shirts, selling 50/50 tickets, gathering information for and creating the 100th anniversary book, and much more.

I'd like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to all of our adult and Circle members who contributed information and pictures for our 100th anniversary book, brought in covered dishes or desserts for the picnics, and volunteered and helped out all weekend.

The 100th anniversary book turned out to be a lot more work than originally planned. Lodge 138 greatly appreciates the effort put into the book by Don Progar and Beverly Pabian, who gathered all the information, ads and pictures; and Jen Hervol, who developed the layout and created the book from all of the gathered information. Don Progar also put together a binder full of pictures from the past 100 years that was on display.

I would like to thank our 100th anniversary committee members, Karen Brumbaugh, Jen Hervol, Rick Hervol, Bob Lawrence, Beverly Pabian, Don Progar, Amy Vogrig and Ken Vogrig; our American Slovene Society Officers, President Mike Lucas, Vice President Tom Sedora, Financial Secretary Ryan Brumbaugh and Treasurer John Wagner; and committee members Chris Cadez, Jason Cadez, Ron Cadez, Sharon Greene, Rick Hervol, Albert Paul, Ashley Paul, Jason Snider, Shawn Sutton, Fred Tazuel and Eric Valencic.

Thanks again to everyone who volunteered, contributed and attended our 100th anniversary celebration. You made the weekend a success and you continue to help Lodge 138 thrive!



Slavija Lodge 1 members and friends paid a visit to Bro. **FRANK GRADISEK** [center] at Franciscan Village in Lemont, Ill.

Slavija Lodge 1 members pay a special visit

by ED HRIBAR
Lodge 1 President

CHICAGO — A group of Slavija Lodge 1 members and friends stopped by Franciscan Communities in Lemont, Ill., to visit with Bro. Frank Gradisek who resides in Franciscan Village Senior Housing. It was a pleasure to visit with Bro. Gradisek, and reminisce about days gone by with the members and friends of Lodge 1.

After the group visitation, members enjoyed lunch at Old Town Restaurant in downtown Lemont. We all enjoyed the outing.

We would like to extend best wishes to Slavija Lodge 1 members Sis. Helen Simon and Sis. Bertha Vlcek. Get well soon!

PROSVETA Crossword

On The Farm (#1610) by StatePoint Media

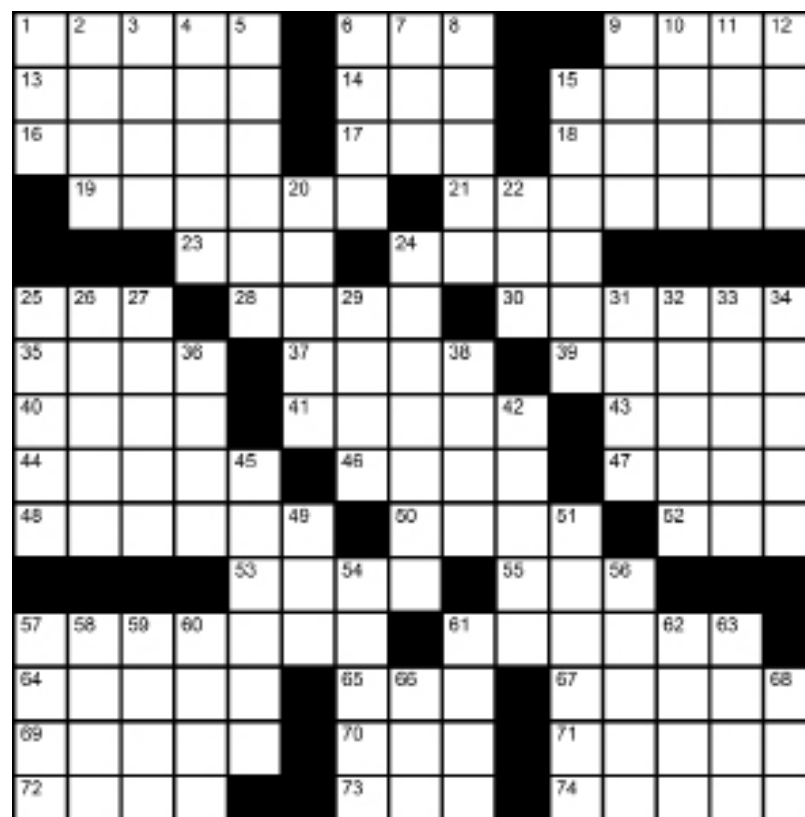
ACROSS

1. Tabletop mountains
6. Goon
9. Regretted
13. To the left of helm
14. Don't put this under your saddle
15. 1930s hop
16. It's on top of the queen
17. Big head
18. Apart
19. Ill-tempered
21. A must for any large farm
23. Characteristic of fox that gets to hen house?
24. Hoodlum
25. American Horticultural Society
28. Pitcher
30. Beast's true love
35. A.k.a. chrysanthemums, a popular flower crop
37. Exclamation expressive of sorrow or apprehension
39. Indian monetary unit
40. What exhaust pipes do
41. Millionaire's boat
43. Four years to Obama
44. Hay or grass compressor
46. Not far
47. It's not enough for some
48. Deficiency of red blood cells
50. Actress Perlman
52. Bear's winter hangout

53. Maneuver to gain advantage
55. Santa ___ winds
57. Highly proteinaceous vegetable crop
61. Like food grown on farm
64. Intestinal obstruction
65. "Old Man's" turf, according to Hemingway
67. Dolphin home
69. Past tense of lean
70. Corn piece
71. "___ One" on a ticket
72. Come before "aahs"
73. Through-the-lens, acr.
74. Expressions of scorn

20. Road less traveled
22. Done with elbow grease
24. Gothic decorative stonework
25. Single-cell protozoan
26. Man, e.g.
27. Upside-down frown
29. Panache
31. Target of grand theft
32. Stand on end
33. 9 a.m. prayer
34. Republic on Arabian Peninsula
36. Flower holder
38. Iranian monarch
42. "___ water"
45. Like one most ready to eat
49. ___ carte
51. G. Orwell's "___ Farm"
54. Earliest stage of sickness
56. Follow rules, as good citizens do
57. Feed storage
58. Margarine
59. Uh-huh
60. They go with brats
61. ___ Grey
62. Feeble or crippled
63. Arabian chieftain
66. What is done to edible crops
68. "___ Now or Never"

1. Dojo pad
2. Narrative poem
3. Fly like eagle
4. Tapestry
5. It has many stalls
6. Conform
7. Precedes Sep.
8. Latte foam
9. Reduced instruction set computer
10. g or cm, e.g.
11. Cocoyam
12. One who dyes
15. Camp defended by circling wagons



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The solution to puzzle #1610 will run in the Aug. 25 issue.

Badger Jabber

by BOB SMOLE
Lodge 584

MILWAUKEE — Scorching heat and a deluge of flooding rains. That's what we've experienced the past several weeks in the Milwaukee area. Many homes and businesses were severely damaged due to the flooding.

A sinkhole that swallowed up an SUV as it was at a stop light on the north side of Milwaukee made the national news. The driver was lucky to escape with only minor injuries. His car, on the other hand, was on the bottom of this 25-foot-deep sinkhole running – yes, running – for two days.

The driver had just filled the gas tank, and when the sinkhole swallowed him up, the driver, who was more concerned for his safety and focused on getting out of his surroundings, left his car running. After the sinkhole was secured, the car was successfully removed. Nobody was seriously injured in that incident.

The last *PROSVETA* issue, dated July 28, 2010, was one of beauty. The winners of the 2010 Miss SNPJ Pageant were pictured on both the front and back pages of the paper. Their achievements, talents and beauty are something our Society can be proud of, and I am sure they will represent the SNPJ in the best way possible.

Miss SNPJ 2010 Kara

Maruszak (53) was pictured placing the tiara on the head of Miss SNPJ 2011 Selina Progar (138), a gorgeous young lady from Strabane Pa. Miss SNPJ 2011 Sis. Progar plays the button box and is a member of the South Hills Junior Tamburitians, so she is very talented as well as pretty. This was evident since Sis. Selina Progar was selected Miss Talent and Miss Fraternalism as well.

There was a tie in choosing Miss Activity 2011, so there will be twice as much representation in this area. Selected were co-Miss Activity 2011 Samantha Volpe (158) and co-Miss Activity 2011 Ashley Russ (158), both very attractive girls. Congratulations to all, and best wishes for your coming reigning year.

The SNPJ will help the Triglav Park organization sponsor Jeff Winard and his musically gifted group Sunday, Aug. 15, at their Drugi picnic. Come on out and enjoy Jeff Winard and his Slovenian-style music; you won't be disappointed. Don't be surprised if you lose total control of your feet and they just start dancing on their own.

Delicious Slovenian sausage dinners and barbecue chicken dinners are always a good way to solve your hunger pains, topped off with some homemade desserts. Don't forget to stop and say hello to me at the SNPJ booth, and pick up some information regarding our affordable fraternal insurance which is available to everyone. I hope to see you there, under the shade of the large oak trees that dominate much

of the beautiful park setting. How about a Slovenian sing-along? The Slovenian Arts Council, under the direction of Delores Ivanchich, will be conducting this event in the Constitution Room at the West Allis Public Library, 75th and West National Ave. The last session for this year will be held Thursday, Aug. 19, beginning at 7 p.m. Phone Delores Ivanchich at (414) 529-2918 if you need additional information. Those who have attended previous sing-alongs this season are reminded to bring the hand-outs that they received.

A night of music from the '50s is in store for you to enjoy. KSKJ St. John the Evangelist #65 will host "Four Guys in Dinner Jackets" Saturday, Sept. 25, at St. John's the Evangelist Church, 8500 W. Coldspring Road, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The doors will open at 6 p.m., and the cost will be \$20 per person. Refreshments will be available. Contact Sis. Jan Gehm (584) at (414) 321-1413 for tickets.

Another date to note on your calendar is Friday, Oct. 22, when the Singing Slovenes from Duluth, Minn., will perform their program 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 were brought to this country and have become part of the

Slovenian heritage. They performed here for the former Milwaukee Federation of SNPJ Lodges and staged a great show that was later televised on the West Allis local access channel. You will certainly enjoy and be entertained by this group. Contact Sis. MaryCay Freiberg at (414) 778-1464 for additional details and tickets.

Don't miss out on the Sunday, Sept. 19, Vinska Trgatev, the last of the Triglav picnics for 2010. Bro. Grant Kozera (584) and the Brewhaus Polka Kings will be on tap to fill the air with their sounds of Slovenian-style music. Speaking of "on tap," there is always plenty of drink (*pivo* and *domać vino*) available throughout the day, as well as delicious barbecue chicken and Slovenian sausage dinners. If you're lucky enough to get there early, you can purchase some delicious homemade Slovenian desserts.

Several of us – including Bro. Don and Sis. Georgene Wene (584), Bro. Frank and Sis. Sue Bevssek (764), Rudy and Pat Pugel, and Amalie and I – attended a very nice fish fry last Friday. If you love polka music and you're looking for a good Friday fish fry and a good time, you can find it all at Hubbard Park Lodge in Shorewood, (located on North Morris Blvd., south of Capitol Dr.). This is a beautiful historical park on the shores of the Milwaukee River.

One of the buildings in the park is the lodge where the fish fries are offered. Jeff Winard runs over the keys of his accordion with his talented fingers each Friday from 5 to 9

p.m., making for an enjoyable evening. His bubble machine captures the attention of the children and gets them to participate on the dance floor, especially when the ever popular "Chicken Dance" is being played. There is a whole lot of "shakin' going on" – including bubble chasing – which creates a lot of fun for the whole family. And to top it off, it is reasonably priced. Stop in some Friday evening and enjoy the music and good food.

"Get your Red Hots here!" No, wait! "Peanuts, popcorn and Cracker Jacks!" Oh no... I mean, "I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!" Badger Lodge 584 members will conduct the regular monthly meeting and annual ice cream social Thursday, Aug. 19 (next week), beginning at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church Hall, 7929 W. Lincoln Ave. After the regular order of business and adjournment, it's on to the ice cream eating

part and our social hour, which will include a "make-your-own sundae" contest. There will be no judging, but you must eat your concoction. That's a good thing!

If you saw the Aug. 1 issue of the *Milwaukee Journal*, the entrée section carried an article regarding the making of sundaes and the various sauces... and they all sounded very good. If you have a special item or sauce you like to put on your sundae, bring it along and we'll give it a try.

This is always a special part of the evening when we can pass on information (gossip), reminisce, relax and converse with one another. Why not attend and spend an evening with fellow Badger Lodge members and enjoy the ice cream social, homemade desserts and coffee that follow the business meeting? You might just have a good idea to bring before the membership, and we would love to hear it!

50-Year Members July 2010

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
2	Barbara R. Feller	257	Kathleen O. Neiding
2	Mary K. Kinsella	564	Joseph R. Smoltz
5	Sandra J. Ursini	564	Bernard J. Rose
6	Elizabeth B. Exline	564	Janet Carlini
87	Roxanne Tepke	584	Dennis F. Belec
87	Ursula Serro Sweeney	614	Joanne Nagy
87	Gerald J. Topinka	715	Judith J. Januck
107	Norman C. Dilg	757	Joanne M. Lessar
138	Edward J. Engel	782	Floris J. Klancer
223	Josephine Nowicki	786	Joseph A. Golob
254	Harry E. Sedlmyer		

60-Year Members July 2010

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
A01	Francis J. Wajda	225	Evelyn J. Terlip
2	Barbara J. Klasing	268	Thanie I. Petrich
3	Stephen G. Subich	629	Marjorie G. Estocsin
41	Frances M. Pytlak	686	John L. Pintar
138	James E. Kern	715	Bruno Fazi
158	Rose M. Oshaben	786	Betty J. Godfrey
207	Ivan E. Stepan		

70-Year Members July 2010

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
3	Mary Tomasevich	268	Violet Galletto
5	William Sterbentz	289	John Urbas
8	Emma Venisnik	584	Frances Kranz
34	Anna L. Banich	604	Mildred Zimmerman
106	Frances E. Zaloznik	626	Sophie Woodall
138	Jacob Vehar	686	Rose Doughty
153	Ann Marie Babich	686	John Novak
165	Amelia Stawovy	764	Anna Beaudry
268	Angeline Nelsen		

80-Year Members July 2010

Lodge	Member
584	Elsie Ott



The members of Warren, Ohio, Lodge 321 enjoyed a summer picnic at the conclusion of a recent Lodge meeting.

Summer moving along at Lodge 321

by Cerkvena Miš
Lodge 321

WARREN, Ohio — Do you know how to get the members of Lodge 321 moving? Food! No, silly, not a food fight; just food. They had one of their grand picnics of the summer, and needless to say they outdid themselves.

Charles Paukovich came to the Church's early to drop off his contribution: sausage. My main girl, Hermina Joy Church, made sauerkraut to go along with the sausage, and a really delicious broccoli, rice and cheese casserole. Not to be outdone, Ann and Charles Tomazin brought two pizzas... yum! Trying to keep us healthy, my other girl, Hermina Gail Church, made a yummy taco salad with lots of cheese. And Gail Frederick Church got us our protein with chicken.

But the grand prize for food went to my girl, Louise Vett. Everybody loves chocolate

and cheese, right? But how about chocolate and cheese together? Oh yes! She made chocolate cupcakes with cheesecake centers!

My girls and Dan Gelet were talking about how many graduations there are this year. Dan has two grandchildren graduating this year, one from college and one from high school. How time flies! Joy and Gail said they have 12 all together this year. That must be why John and Kelley Church were late, but they never said for sure.

By the end everybody's belly was full, like their hearts. Oh, what good food, good friends and good times will do for you!

A meeting was planned for Aug. 8. I heard it was just like this one, short and full of good food. If you're ever in the neighborhood for one of the meetings, stop by; there's always plenty to eat, good times and usually leftovers to take home. *Lahko noc!*

Slovenian Sr's. host Farm date in August

by LILLIAN PUGEL
Lodge 142

CLEVELAND — The annual American Slovenian Senior Citizens picnic will be held Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio.

You still have time to purchase early bird dinner tickets. Tickets purchased by Aug. 20 are \$13, including the gate fee. Tickets purchased the day of the picnic will be \$15. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m.

Music will be provided by the Wayne Tomsic Orchestra. Admission for dancing only will be \$5. To purchase dinner tickets contact Matt Zabukovec at (440) 943-3784. We hope to see you there!

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Three-state tour a historic glimpse for Lodge 778 couple

by EILEEN HARFMANN
Lodge 778 Secretary

SPRING HILL, Fla.—Walt and I recently returned from a three-week vacation to Pennsylvania, Ohio and Washington, D.C.

Our first stop was Slovenefest XXIX in the Borough of SNPJ, Pa. As always, it was wonderful seeing longtime friends and acquaintances. We bumped into Fred and Mary Ann Buechner and the button box gang from St. Louis, Andy and Cecile Miinch, Ralph and Mary Ann Hiltz, Joe Fedorchak, Don and Carol Ostrosky, Delores Spelich, Sonny and Mary Kovacs, Tony and Anne Klepec, and Ben and Carol Drongosky, just to name a few. One of our Texas pals, Wally Boyer, has become a regular at Slovenefest since we introduced him to the fun a few years ago.

We had a chance to congratulate Miss SNPJ 2011 Selina Progar (138) and to compliment Miss SNPJ 2010 Kara Maruszak (53) on a job well done. These talented and beautiful young women are indeed an asset to our Society. I'm sure the future will bring them nothing but success.

The musical entertainment for the weekend was top-notch. We

especially enjoyed the international groups. One of our favorites was Društvo Ljubiteljev Harmonik Godič. Hearing the lively button box pieces and lovely Slovenian tunes was heavenly. Who could ask for more?

Our next stop was the Amish countryside of Ohio where we stayed at an RV park in Winesburg. All of the rolling hills, productive fields, grazing animals and well-tended farmhouses with their abundant vegetable gardens and beautiful flowers left me a little homesick. I'm originally a country gal from Illinois, and as I grow older, the simple country life appeals to me more and more.

I much admire the Amish community for their dedication to hard work, love of God and importance of family. I'm sure many of us could benefit from a walk in their shoes for a month or two. I'm sure going to miss their delicious pies, cookies and breads, as well as their homemade jams and jellies. What a treat!

From Ohio we were off to Washington, D.C. We arrived during one of the hottest summers they've experienced for a while. It wasn't even cool early in the morning! We had to dress lightly,

rest often and stay hydrated, but we had a wonderful visit. The bus service and metro system were clean, efficient and safe to use. Our vehicle didn't move during our entire four-day stay.

We visited the Lincoln Memorial, the Capitol, the American and Natural History museums, the Archives, the National Botanical Gardens, the National Zoo, the American Indian Museum, the World War II and Vietnam memorials, Union Station, Chinatown, the National Building Museum, the Air and Space Museum, the Post Office Museum, and Arlington National Cemetery.

Our trip did not include a visit inside the White House, the Washington Monument or the Pentagon. We were told that since 9/11, security has been understandably tightened. Tickets must be secured ahead of time by contacting one's congressman. I suppose it's also to allow for time to do a more thorough security check.

Washington, D.C., is such a wonderful place to visit! So much history, so much to see and do, and nearly every attraction and museum is free of charge. There is a

lot of walking involved, but there seemed to be a lot more benches and shade trees than I remember from our visit a few years ago. There were even a few misters to help you cool down quickly.

I was very touched by the National Cemetery with its perfect rows of white tombstones. We also visited the grave sites of Jackie O. and JFK with its eternal flame. What a panoramic view of the city below! The graves of Robert and Ted Kennedy are nearby and are marked by small, white crosses. It seems ironic yet fitting that such powerful and influential men and women are memorialized in such a simple manner.

We saw the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and witnessed the sad funeral procession of someone's loved one being laid to rest – we even heard the gun salute offered in his honor. I believe these hallowed grounds are a must-see for every American. We often take our liberties and freedoms for granted, forgetting the sacrifices that others have made to ensure and protect them.

Until next time, here's wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable summer!

Region 4 Fraternal Activity a hit with the baseball crowd

by DOROTHY GORJUP (158)
Region 4 Vice President

EUCLID, Ohio—On July 26, Classic Ballpark in Eastlake, Ohio, home of the Lake County Captains, a Class A Farm Team for the Cleveland Indians, held Slovenian Heritage Night. The event, hosted by Region 4 Vice President Dorothy Gorjup (158) and SNPJ Fraternal Director Kevin Richards was a great success.

Cleveland SNPJ members, totaling 98, came out to cheer on our team and enjoy some pre-game Slovenian music provided by the Joe Novak Band. The first pitch honors were bestowed upon Dorothy. Our attention was directed to the field where Cecelia Dolgan (576) sang the Slovenian National Anthem, followed by our National Anthem sung by local television personality Dick Goddard.

Our group was treated with vouchers for food and beverages. Dorothy manned a SNPJ table throughout the night and right next to her, the Slovenian Workmen's Home sold slices of homemade potica. Unfortunately, the Captains lost to the Peoria Chiefs, 6-5.

I would like to thank all of the area Lodge secretaries who helped promote this activity, and thank the SNPJ members who supported this event. We hope you had a good time!

SNPJ Crossword LEISURE GAMES (#1510) solution



CORRECTION

In the listing of Deaths Reported for the month of March 2010 which ran in the July 14 issue, a recently deceased member was incorrectly identified as Virginia M. Potnick. Corrected, the deceased member is Henry Potnick, a member of Lodge 562 and resident of St. Clairsville, Ohio. PROSVETA apologizes for the error and for any confusion.

DEATHS REPORTED

For the month of May 2010

LODGE	NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CITY/STATE
A02	John G. Zotter	04-21-10	Pittsburgh, Pa.
A02	Viola J. Haller	05-14-10	Pittsburgh, Pa.
2	Victor F. Mozina	05-12-10	Oglesby, Ill.
2	Leigh Vandegraft	10-31-09	Metamora, Ill.
3	John J. Sikirica	05-21-10	Johnstown, Pa.
5	Anne T. Swaney	05-27-09	Wickliffe, Ohio
6	Suellen Petrich	04-25-10	Presto, Pa.
31	Dorothy M. Robison	04-25-10	Hermitage, Pa.
87	Anna Peton	05-20-10	Chestnut Ridge, Pa.
89	Eva Pirih	05-22-10	McMurray, Pa.
113	Helen Etzel	01-01-10	Salt Lake City, Utah
126	Antoinette Zabukovec	04-28-10	Willowick, Ohio
138	Kenneth E. Cunningham Sr.	05-10-10	Bellaire, Ohio
138	Shirley Jean Hill	01-25-97	Lady Lake, Fla.
153	Lillian Kukura	05-21-10	North Lima, Ohio
158	Ruth S. Lapinskas	05-09-10	Cleveland, Ohio
158	Colina Smerdel	05-13-10	Willowick, Ohio
165	Louise E. Bennett	05-24-10	California, Pa.
218	William Cestnik	04-09-10	Thermopolis, Wyo.
257	Anna M. Luck	05-12-10	Strongsville, Ohio
259	Faye A. Feather	05-12-10	Washington, Pa.
289	Twila Jean Croyle	04-20-10	Hollsopple, Pa.
289	Leroy Bair	05-01-10	Johnstown, PA
289	Frank A. Pajkurich	04-26-10	Sicklerville, N.J.
304	Albert Musich	02-09-10	San Francisco, Calif.
518	Arthur A. Hartman	02-17-10	Garden City, Mich.
562	Cecilia Joan Bondzleske	05-18-10	Bridgeport, Ohio
564	Robert Glenn Beam	05-10-10	Warren, Mich.
581	Lucille Pristavec	01-14-08	Waymart, Pa.
584	George T. Shea	02-26-10	Gurnee, Ill.
629	Edith Kukurin	08-02-05	Sewickley, Pa.
643	Wanda J. Ice	05-17-10	Wellsville, Ohio
677	Louise A. Gasper	04-28-10	Northville, Mich.
715	John M. Zerjav Jr.	05-24-10	Murrysville, Pa.
721	Helen I. Oberg	05-17-10	Rochester, Pa.
723	Josephine M. Godec	05-07-10	Carson City, Nev.
738	Annette M. Johnson	03-16-10	Enumclaw, Wash.
787	Patricia M. Sevcik	05-08-10	Fort Pierce, Fla.
800	Thomas A. Strah	12-14-09	Palmer City, Idaho

KAREN A. PINTAR
National Secretary

News from Here & There

by GRACE DOERK
Lodge 559

CHICAGO—I won't comment about the weather, but we've had too many 90-degree days in a row. Sure enough, we'll be complaining even more when we have our near-zero-degree days. The high humidity and heavy rainfalls have been detrimental to many in our area.

Once a year I try to get to a Chicago Cubs ball game, and so I did just that. Our Plainfield Park District offers transportation to one day game and one night game. Since I'd never attended a night game, I chose to do just that. What an exciting game, to see the Cubs win over the Houston Astros by a score of 14-7. I couldn't believe that some people driving their cars down for the game paid as much as \$50 to park – ridiculous!

Otto and I continue our many doctor visits. Sometimes I wonder why, but I guess it's better to be safe than sorry. Too many people leave health issues unattended, and then they're sorry in the long run.

The Chicago Federation held their meeting July 23 with very few delegates in attendance, mostly because of the inclement weather. Of top discussion was the dinner dance that will be held Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Slovene Catholic Center in Lemont, Ill. Tickets are \$7, and this will be

a first for our Federation – to get all Lodge members in the Federation to meet one another. Contact the Riglens for tickets or for up-to-date information on this first-ever Chicago Federation dinner dance.

Vince Rigler gave a report on the recent conference of Federation delegates held at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Hopefully some suggested ideas will be picked up for consideration.

Otto and I attended a recent picnic hosted by a KSKJ lodge at the Slovenian Catholic Center. Compared to last week's picnic, there were just about the same number of people in attendance. People just don't like to venture out in 90-degree temperatures. But we knew attendance would be very good Aug. 8 when the Slovene Catholic Center sponsored its annual picnic.

The final picnic of the season will be the honey picnic, scheduled Aug. 29. Boy, can you believe that summer is coming to a close? Before you know it, the students will be back in school and we'll be preparing for the fall season. How time flies...

I had the opportunity to attend a seminar for a new retirement center going up in our vicinity. I was stunned at the amount of money one must put down, and then a monthly fee is charged. Even though Otto and I have thought of someday moving into such a facility, we will think twice now. Besides selling our house, moving at this time isn't in our best interests.

I had another recent scare and thought I would be hospitalized again, but fortunately things got better. I just can't believe that so many things are happening to me,

and to so many others. Getting old is no fun! Oh, to be young again...

I was so happy to hear from one of my favorite old-timers, John Poklar (584). He is one of the few left. It was nice to relate to the memories of many years gone by. As far as John and I are concerned, those were the days. We had a bus going yearly to the Milwaukee Federation picnic, and also attended many other activities in Milwaukee. Occasionally, Milwaukee members would attend some of our Slovenian concerts. I know that times must change, but it's so nice to relive all those SNPJ memories of the past. Thank you, John, for all the memories.

After celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary with relatives and friends, Bob and Bonnie Polis (559) took a trip to Africa. They really enjoyed this vacation, and upon arriving home they left for music camp with their two children, Amy and Holly Polis. What an exciting summer for the Polises.

Slovene Pensioners' Club members will meet Aug. 11 beginning at noon, and the Pioneer Lodge 559 meeting is planned for Aug. 13, again at noon. It's hard to believe that on Aug. 14 Otto and I will leave for Cleveland to attend the SNPJ National Convention, scheduled Aug. 16-17. It will be nice to see many of our friends that we haven't seen for some time.

Well, the rain and 90-degree temperatures prevail – nothing much can be done about that. We do wish all of our ailing friends a quick recovery, and to all, as we are inclined to believe, "If you have health, you are very wealthy."

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Labor Day fish fry, Friday dinners back on the menu at Samsula Lodge 603

by JEANNETTE HUMPHREY
Lodge 603

SAMSULA, Fla.— SNPJ Lodge 603 is planning its annual Labor Day fish fry Monday, Sept. 6, beginning at noon. Everyone is welcome to bring a covered dish or two to share. Several members will be out catching fish for the fry, and the Lodge officers and other members will be making cheese grits, hushpuppies, baked beans and cole slaw to go along with your dishes. Balina games are on the schedule for afternoon enjoyment.

The Friday night cooks will be serving dinner again starting Friday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m. with all-you-can-eat spaghetti. Dinner will include meatballs, green beans, salad, garlic bread, dessert and coffee for an \$8 donation. Dinner will be open to Lodge 603 members and guests.



Convention Bylaws Committee members included [from left] ED SNYDER (776), PAT MARTIN (259), MARK ROTAR (576), JEANNETTE HUMPHREY (603) and FRANK BREGAR (87).

Ruth Benedict and I hope to see you Aug. 16-18 at the 29th Quadrennial Convention at Quail Hollow Resort in Painesville, Ohio, sponsored by the Cleveland Federation of Lodges. Be sure to look for us and say hello!

Last week I had the honor of working on the Bylaws Committee for the convention, along with Pat Martin (259),

Ed Snyder (776), Mark Rotar (576) and Frank Bregar (87) at the Home Office in Imperial, Pa. We look forward to presenting the bylaws at the convention and being with all of you.

Thank you to our great Society, the executives and Home Office staff for the warm welcome and excellent service while we worked on the bylaws.

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BRO. FELIX SHULAR
• LODGE 225 •

GIRARD, Kan. — The Shular family and members of Lodge 225 sadly announce the May 12, 2010, passing of Bro. Felix Shular, 92, of Arcadia, Kan.

Bro. Shular was born Jan. 9, 1918, in rural Mulberry, Kan., the son of John and Mary Korlec Shular. He was a graduate of Arcadia High School where he became chairman of the Alumni Scholarship Committee and the secretary/treasurer of the Alumni Association for 10 years.

Felix was an avid hunter, fisherman and bowler. For 26 years he was president of a bowling league and was inducted into the Crawford County USBC Hall of Fame in 2009.

Bro. Shular was a graduate of Pittsburg State University where he received both his bachelor's and master's degrees. While at PSU, he was a member of Pi Omega Pi, an honorary national business fraternity. After graduation he taught at Fairview High School and Shawnee Mission North, where he was chairman of the business department.

While teaching in Johnson County, Felix joined Sertoma National Organization. After teaching for 38 years he retired to his childhood home near Arcadia and immediately volunteered to chair a proposed Rural Water District in rural Arcadia. Five years after completion of RWD 8, he instigated a merger with RWD 7 and the result is the present RWD 1. As a retiree, he was also active in and held membership in KARSF and SNPJ Lodge 225.

Bro. Shular was a member of a family committed to education; all four children became teachers with a combined teaching service of 137 years, an achievement recognized by the Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame. According to his wishes, the family has completed plans for a Shular Scholarship with the cooperation of the Pittsburg State Education Department. The plan has been financed by the Shular family, but the PSU committee will select the PSU recipients.

Survivors include two sisters, Mary Logan and her husband, Verne, of Wichita, Kan., and Rose Campbell of Pittsburg, Kan.; as well as a niece, nephews and several cousins in Slovenia. Felix was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John Shular.

According to his wishes Bro. Shular was cremated. Memorial services were celebrated May 17 at Bedene Funeral Home, Arma, Kan., with Rev. Steve Cole officiating. Burial of the cremains took place at Pittsburg Garden of Memories Cemetery.

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

BRO. HARRY E. CERNE
• LODGE 225 •

GIRARD, Kan. — With sadness, the Cerne family and members of Lodge 225 announce the July 17, 2010, passing of Bro. Harry E. Cerne, 94, of Frontenac, Kan.

Bro. Cerne was born Feb. 21, 1916, in Breezy Hill, Kan., to John and Katherine (Pintar) Cerne. He attended schools in Arma, Kan., and on Sept. 5, 1942, he married Marie E. Lenassi in Waynesville, Mo.

Bro. Cerne owned and operated Harry's Cafe in Arma from the late 1940s through the mid-1950s. He worked for McNally as a machinist, and later for Dickey Clay in Pittsburg, Kan., as a machinist until his retirement.

Harry served his country in the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged Sept. 5, 1945, as a sergeant. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Frontenac and SNPJ Lodge 225. He was also very active in the Arma American Legion Post 182 and the Kansas American Legion.

Bro. Cerne was an avid organic gardener. He was also an inventor, even having a patent for one of his inventions. In the winters he assembled French cookie irons for a local business.

Survivors include his wife Marie, daughter Kathleen Cerne of Frontenac, and three grandchildren.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Harold C. Cerne; brothers William, Albert, Charles, Fred and John Cerne; and sisters Rose Ann and Mary Cerne, and Velma Rank.

Funeral services were celebrated July 21 at Friskel Funeral Home with Fr. Robert Spencer officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Carmel Catholic

Cemetery with flag folding ceremonies conducted by Benjamin Fuller American Legion Post 64 of Pittsburg.

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

SIS. MARY S. O'BRYAN
• LODGE 138 •

STRABANE, Pa. — The members of Lodge 138 sadly announce the July 19, 2010, passing of Sis. Mary S. O'Bryan, 90, at her home in Canonsburg, Pa.

Sis. O'Bryan was born Aug. 17, 1919, in Lawrence/Hill Station, Pa., a daughter of Paul and Helen Grec Susa. She lived her entire life in Canonsburg, where she was a member of Strabane Lodge 138 and St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Sis. O'Bryan was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker. She enjoyed being with and loved to cook for her family and friends. She also enjoyed camping with her family and friends, and was always in good spirits.

On Oct. 10, 1950, Mary married Grover E. O'Bryan, who passed away Oct. 28, 1994. Also deceased are her parents; a son, Grover F. O'Bryan; and six sisters, Julie Renners, Pauline Rybacki, Margaret DeSafey, Ann Craig, Bertha Boone and Helen Javornicky.

Surviving are a daughter, Judy Alderson, with whom she made her home; dearest and close friend Robert "Loggy" O'Hare; grandchildren Adam and Elizabeth Sweda; sisters Irene Koncerah, Kathryn Balach, Ethel Stubenbordt and Edna Mast; and several nieces and nephews.

A service was celebrated July 22 with Vicar Rebecca Dittenhafer officiating. Interment followed in Oak Spring Cemetery, Canonsburg.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 138 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our sincerest sympathies to Sis. O'Bryan's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

SIS. KRISTINA URBANIJA
• LODGE 138 •

STRABANE, Pa. — With sadness, the members of Lodge 138 announce the July 27, 2010, passing of Sis. Kristina Urbanija, 104, of Finleyville, Pa.

Sis. Urbanija was born Oct. 12, 1905, in Slovenia, a daughter of Anton and Maria Razorsek. She was a homemaker and worked daily doing chores on the family farm.

Kristina was a member of Church of God in Monongahela, Pa., and SNPJ Lodge 138 in Strabane. She outlived the life of her SNPJ insurance policy in January 2005.

Surviving are two daughters, Veronica Cavalier and Louise (Harold) Small, both of Finleyville; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Deceased is her husband, Frank Urbanija, who passed away in 1992.

Services were celebrated July 30 in Church of God, Monongahela, with Bishop Edward Burdett officiating. Interment followed in Jefferson Memorial Park, Pleasant Hills, Pa.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 138 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend heartfelt sympathies to Sis. Urbanija's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

19th SNPJ National Horseshoes Tournament
Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, starting at 9 a.m.
at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.

Name	Lodge No.
1. (Team 1 captain)	
2.	
1. (Team 2 captain)	
2.	

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

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Att'n.: National Horseshoes Tournament
247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126
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SNPJ National Bean Bag Toss Tournament
Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, starting at 1 p.m.
at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.

Name	Lodge No.
1. (Team 1 captain)	
2.	
1. (Team 2 captain)	
2.	

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

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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.
1.	
2.	
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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.

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ENTRY DEADLINE IS AUG. 20, 2010

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Slovenian school now enrolling for 10th year

CLEVELAND — The St. Vitus Adult Slovenian School is beginning its 10th year of classes Sept. 11. Classes are scheduled two Saturdays a month from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. and will continue through May 21. The location is St. Martin de Porres High School, formerly St. Vitus School, 6111 Lausche Ave. in Cleveland.

Classes will be taught at three levels.

The beginning level class will present new material from Slovenia with emphasis on everyday conversation using an up-to-date textbook. The intermediate level class is for students who have some knowledge of the language. This class is a continuation from the beginning level and will use a newly published textbook. The advanced level class is for those who have a speaking

knowledge of Slovenian and would like to further their knowledge in reading and writing. Lessons will include textbook study along with general information about the customs and culture of Slovenia.

Tuition is \$50 per semester; textbooks are purchased separately from the instructor. For additional information phone (216) 289-7253 or (440) 255-1178.

2010 Western Pa./Lodge 138 Golf Tournament Results
Tournament played June 13, 2010, at Rolling Green Golf Course, Eighty Four, Pa.

Men's Division: Members

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Vince Paris	138	76	\$100
*John Baselj	6	76	\$100
**Larry Butka	138	68	\$100
Frank Mavrich	138	69	\$60
Daren Fetcko	138	70	\$50
Bebe Kaskie	138	70	\$50
Greg Curl	6	71	\$45
Art Stimmel	138	71	\$45
Jeff Kostka	138	72	\$40
Tony Bevec	138	72	\$40
Charlie Shaver	614	73	\$35
Scott Davidson	138	73	\$35
Kevin Yarkosky	138	73	\$35
Ron Tkach	138	74	\$30
Gary Usnick	6	74	\$30

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
Tom Vehar	138	74	\$30
Chris Brown	138	75	\$25
Bob Fetcko	138	75	\$25
Eric Valencic	138	75	\$25
Jim Kaminski	138	75	\$25
John Bevec	138	75	\$25
Randy Butka	138	76	\$15
Len Butka	138	76	\$15
Bill Wardle	138	76	\$15
Bob Mavrich	138	76	\$15

Women's Division: Members

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Ronna Pelino	6	85	\$65
**Kathy Brown	6	67	\$65
Gina Mastrangelo	138	75	\$35

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
Sara Taylor	138	79	\$30
Chris Hervol	138	81	\$25

Men's Division: Guests

Name	Score	Prize
*Tim Lyda	71	\$45
**Steve Hornyak	74	\$30
Frank Yuvan	74	\$30
Matt Simcik	74	\$30
Rob Simcik	74	\$30
Steve Wilson	75	\$20
Brian Kunkle	76	\$15
Brent Fleisner	76	\$15
Mike Attenberger	76	\$15
John Gesselberty	76	\$15

*Indicates Scratch Champion
**Indicates Net Champion

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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4.	

Team name _____
Team captain's name, phone number & e-mail address: _____

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ENTRY DEADLINE is Aug. 27, 2010

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39th Remezo-Kumer Golf Tournament
Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010
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Men Ladies Youth

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2.		
3.		
4.		

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