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### Lodge 158 Loyalites plan October meeting

**EUCLID, Ohio** — As a reminder, the next Loyalites Lodge 158 meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 8, at Recher Hall beginning at 7 p.m. We hope to see you there!

**JOHN J. WOJTLA**  
Lodge 158

### East Ohio/W. Pa. Fed has Sept. meeting plans

**BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.** — The next meeting of the Eastern Ohio/Western Pa. Federation will be held Sunday, Sept. 27, beginning at 2 p.m. at the SNPJ Recreation Center. All Federation delegates are encouraged to attend.

**JOAN PLUNKETT (358)**  
Federation Recording Secretary

### Register for e-mail notice of insurance premiums

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — SNPJ is now offering members the opportunity to receive their life insurance premium notices via e-mail. To register for this service, simply phone the SNPJ Home Office at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [rwright@snpj.com](mailto:rwright@snpj.com) and request to have your bills e-mailed to you. We will be happy to send you a one-year supply of envelopes for your use when returning payments to the Home Office. The number of envelopes sent will be determined by the frequency of premium payments you make.

### Have you recommended a new member lately?

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

## THE DEADLINE

The next two *PROSVETA* issue dates are Oct. 7 and Oct. 21. All material must be received by Monday, Sept. 28, for the Oct. 7 issue, and by Monday, Oct. 12, for the Oct. 21 issue. If you are running short on time and concerned about making the deadline, try faxing your submission to (724) 695-1555 or e-mailing [prosveta@snpj.com](mailto:prosveta@snpj.com).

# SNPJ celebrates an anniversary, and members reap the benefits

by **JOSEPH C. EVANISH**  
SNPJ National President

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — In celebration of our Society's 105th anniversary, we have introduced a special opportunity to receive a \$105 savings! This excellent, one-time offer is available to SNPJ members ages 0-80. Most members in this age range will receive an invitation by mail.

The Home Office began mailing anniversary offers a month or so ago and will continue to

do so for the next few months until complete. Members receiving this offer should respond immediately; the offer will expire 60 days after you receive it.

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We have designed a 10-Pay Life policy for members ages 0-50 and a 15-Pay Life policy for members ages 51-80, both with a \$200 annual premium which builds cash value and is completely paid-up in 10 and 15 years, respectively. These are permanent plans of insurance that offer lifetime protection.

The great news is that the \$105 anniversary

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# New Consul General appointed to Cleveland

submitted by the Office of the  
Slovenian Consul General in Cleveland

**CLEVELAND** — On Aug. 22, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia relieved Consul General Dr. Zvone Žigon of his official duties in Cleveland. Dr. Žigon completed his four-year diplomatic term in the city that claims the largest population of Slovenians outside of Slovenia. The Consulate General of the Republic of Slovenia in Cleveland remains the sole diplomatic office in the State of Ohio.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia has appointed Mr. Jure Žmauc as the succeeding Consul General of the Republic of Slovenia in Cleveland, with consular jurisdiction over Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. This is Consul General Žmauc's second post as a Consul General; he previously held the position in



**JURE ŽMAUC,**  
Slovenian Consul General in Cleveland

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PERIODICAL MATERIAL

# SNPJ Regional Activities stretch to Regions 2 and 5

by **KEVIN RICHARDS**  
SNPJ Fraternal Director

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — It was a beautiful Friday afternoon as SNPJ members from Western Pennsylvania began to gather in the parking lot of CONSUL Energy Park in Washington, Pa., as part of the second annual SNPJ Region 2 fraternal event sponsored by the SNPJ Fraternal Department. I would like to thank Region 2 Vice President Jim Curl (6) for serving as host for the SNPJ Night at the Washington Wild Things baseball game on Aug. 21.

SNPJ sponsored a pre-game tailgate party for all members in attendance. Congratulations to John McElraury and Wayne Resetar, both of whom won family pack ticket vouchers to upcoming Washington Wild Things games, courtesy of SNPJ.

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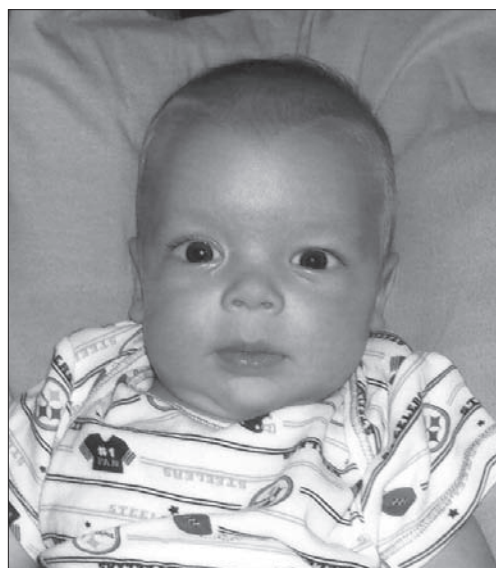


SNPJ Region 2 Vice President **JIM CURL** [left] and Fraternal Director **KEVIN RICHARDS** manned the grill during the Region 2 Washington Wild Things tailgate party in August.



• **Mason P. Jacoby**  
Born Jan. 4, 2007  
Bon Air, Pa., Lodge 254

The members of Lodge 254 welcome Mason Parker Jacoby as their newest addition to the Lodge. Mason is the son of Richard (254) and Tammy Jacoby, brother of Brayden Jacoby (254), and grandson of John and Donell Jacoby (254). We welcome Mason to the Slovene National Benefit Society and extend our best wishes to his entire family.



• **Mason A. Naugle**  
Born March 25, 2009  
Bon Air, Pa., Lodge 254

The members of Lodge 254 welcome their newest addition, Mason Anthony Naugle. Mason is the son of Drew and Melissa Naugle (254); grandson of Dan and Nancy Owens, Donna Naugle (254), and the late Anthony Naugle (254); and great-grandson of the late Frank and Mary Torok (254). We welcome Mason to SNPJ and extend best wishes to his entire family.



• **Molly Ann Weir**  
Born May 26, 2009  
Avon, Ohio, Lodge 781

The members of Lodge 781 welcome Molly Ann Weir as their newest addition to the Lodge. Molly Ann is the daughter of Daniel and Karoline Weir (781), and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Zitnik (781), and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weir Jr. We welcome Molly Ann to the Slovene National Benefit Society and extend our best wishes to her entire family.



• **Jackson T. Zitnik**  
Born April 7, 2009  
Avon, Ohio, Lodge 781

The members of Lodge 781 welcome their newest addition, Jackson Thomas Zitnik of Linthicum Heights, Md. Jackson is the son of Cpt. Kevin A. (781) and Taylor G. Zitnik, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Zitnik (781), and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Garvey. We welcome Jackson to the Slovene National Benefit Society and our extend best wishes to his entire family.

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Photo submitted by Bro. Joe Valencic (5).

## A Warm SNPJ Welcome in Cleveland

Within days of his arrival, Cleveland's new Consul General of Slovenia, Jure Žmauc [second from left], enjoyed his first Slovenian-style fish fry at the Slovenian Workmen's Home. Consul Žmauc met members of the city's SNPJ community, including [from left] Joe Valencic (5), Charles Ipavec (576), Bob Dolgan, Cecilia Dolgan (576), Barbara Strumbly (576) and Charlie Ipavec (576). During the evening the Consul General learned about a variety of upcoming events on the SNPJ social calendar.

## Annual banquet on tap for Comets Lodge 715

by ANN EVANISH  
Lodge 715

**UNIVERSAL, Pa.** — The annual Comets Lodge 715 luncheon banquet will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, from noon until 4 p.m. at Palmieri's Restaurant, 951 Old Frankstown Road in Plum Boro. I'm pleased to announce that Miss SNPJ 2010 Kara Maruszak (53) will be our special guest. She will entertain us with her

button box music.

The cost is \$15 per person. To make a reservation, mail a check made payable to "SNPJ Comets Lodge 715" to Ann Evanish, 522 N. Highland Ave., Oakdale, PA 15071. Tickets will not be mailed; your canceled check is your receipt. The deadline to RSVP is Oct. 19. If you have any questions, call me at (724) 693-8739. Please plan to attend.

## Flint Lodge 459 readies for a busy autumn

by LALENE PELLENS  
Lodge 459 President

**FLINT, Mich.** — Once again, on behalf of the members of the Executive Board of the Flint Croatian-Slovene Home, I would like to extend an invitation to those members who might have missed my previous article regarding the celebration of our 50th anniversary at our present location, 529 South Dort Highway, on Sunday, Sept. 27. I have been told that the Home originated in 1917 at a location on St. John St. in Flint. If anyone has any more information on this, please share it with me.

The anniversary celebration will include a dinner at 1 p.m. featuring

chicken, lamb and roast pork with potatoes, coleslaw, Balkan bread and desserts. We hope this dinner will bring back good memories of the dinners we have served in previous years.

Everyone will have an opportunity to visit with old friends and maybe make new friends, as well as view some old movies taken by Joe Bolfe that have been transferred from his original films to DVDs. Some of the activities that Joe captured include picnics held at Murphy Park and the weddings of some of our members, as well as other activities. There is also a cassette made by Ernie Szabo that his wife, Mary,

sent to me in 1999. Pam Chima has been busy putting together albums of pictures and other memorable items for everyone to peruse. We're looking forward to seeing everyone Sunday, Sept. 27.

The following Saturday, Oct. 3, the Home will host a tailgate party for the annual University of Michigan vs. Michigan State football game. Everyone is welcome to join us and, if you like, you may bring a dish to pass.

A general membership meeting is scheduled Sunday, Oct. 11, beginning at 1 p.m. The next Lodge 459 meeting will also be held Sunday, Oct. 11, beginning at 2 p.m.

## Third time's the charm for the Fairport Lodge 355 picnic

by LEE JACKOPIN  
Lodge 355 Secretary

**FAIRPORT HARBOR, Ohio** — *Doberdan!* Fairport Lodge 355 hosted their third picnic dance at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, Aug. 23. Although our Lodge is a latecomer to the picnic scene, we are delighted to help the Farm celebrate their 70th anniversary. The weather was pleasant after a short drizzle of rain in the morning was followed by a warm, sunshiny afternoon.

The behind-the-scenes activities began Thursday when the roast beef was cooked, sliced and placed in roasters with gravy. Beginning at 6 a.m. on Sunday morning, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Farm, which also includes several men, started preparing the food. They started with *krofe* and sweet bread, and then moved on to potatoes, sauerkraut, salad, smoked sausage and wieners. Table cloths

were applied, the bar cooler was stocked, and the outside picnic tables and benches were cleaned.

The Ladies Auxiliary served the roast beef and sausage dinners as well as the sandwiches, sides, krofe and other desserts, and coffee. After the rush, several Lodge 355 members and friends assisted. A lot of people helped make the Lodge 355 picnic a success. Thanks to all of you.

Bob Kravos and the Boys in the Band played wonderful Slovenian polkas, waltzes and other music from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Bob Kravos (158) is the great-nephew of Frank Yankovic, and the crowd enjoyed their performance of Yankovic favorites. The other talented musicians were John Gerl, Frank Okicki and Jack Tankovich. There was a good feeling among the crowd as everyone really enjoyed the mix of dance music. Miss SNPJ 2009 Kara Maruszak (53) was



The kitchen and bar crew for the Lodge 355 picnic at the SNPJ Farm included [from left] CHARLES KOHLI, RUDY SCHUMER, CHARLES KAPEL, POPPY MODIC, DOROTHY GORJUP, VIDA ZAK and JEAN FABIAN.

introduced and played her button box along with the band. The band ended the evening with spirited American songs about the military and our country.

During the intermission, Lodge 355 Secretary Lee Jackopin thanked everyone, including the Friends of the Farm, for coming out to the Farm and supporting the picnic. He also thanked the volunteer workers and everyone

who helped make the picnic a success. Again, to everyone, *hvala lepa!*

The bottom line is that our picnic dance was a success. The Laško beer from Slovenia was our best seller, and we hope everyone enjoyed the wonderful Slovenian food and music. There was a great sense of spirit and camaraderie among the volunteer workers. See you next year. *Na svidenje!*

## With sincere appreciation

**BARBERTON, Ohio** — I really want to thank everyone for helping me in my time of need. I would especially like to thank Phyllis, Ken and Jay. I'm happy to know I was surrounded by good friends when things went wrong. I cannot begin to explain how much you all mean to me. Your acts of kindness saved my life, and for that I am truly grateful. Thank you so much from myself and my family. I don't know what I would have done had you all not been with me.

**PETE DUTKA (626)**  
District 4 Athletic Director

## A new Consul General takes over in Cleveland

**CONSUL GENERAL**  
FROM PAGE 1

Klagenfurt, Austria.

Consul General Žmauc has a degree in construction from the Maribor School of Construction and Architecture, and a law degree from the University of Ljubljana School of Law. His legal career has included positions in the Maribor Prosecutor's Office and the Federal Court of Austria.

In 1994, Mr. Žmauc served as director of the Center for International Cooperation at the University of Maribor. From 1994 to 1995 and again in 1997, Mr. Žmauc was assistant instructor in Civil Law and International Business Law at the University of Maribor's School of Law.

In 1997 he worked as counselor in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia's Office for Slovenes Abroad. In 1998 he began his diplomatic career as a Consul at the Consulate General of the Republic of Slovenia in Klagenfurt. In 2001, Mr. Žmauc became Consul General there and completed his four-year term in 2005, serving a total of seven years in Klagenfurt.

Prior to his current post, Mr. Žmauc spent four years as secretary at the Republic of Slovenia's Office for Slovenes Abroad, serving as the director of the sector for Cooperation with Slovenes Abroad. In addition to his native Slovenian, Consul General Žmauc speaks English, German, Croatian and Serbian. His wife, Janja, and their two children join him in Cleveland. Otherwise, the Žmauc family resides permanently in Maribor, Slovenia.

# Up-and-Coming...

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

- SEPT. 27 ..... SNPJ Farm Board Grape Festival at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Entertainment features the Joey Tomsick Orchestra, 3:30-7:30 p.m. For additional information contact Joseph Blatnik at (440) 943-1191.
- SEPT. 27 ..... Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87 dance at the Crystal Ballroom, 2-7 p.m. Entertainment will feature the Mikey Dee and Frank Stanger orchestras.
- OCT. 4 ..... Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87 dance at the Crystal Ballroom, 1-6 p.m. Pauline Anderson presents the Don Wajtla Orchestra featuring Christine Hibbs, and the Ray Skovinski Band. For more information phone (412) 417-4677.
- OCT. 4 ..... Conemaugh Valley Federation dinner dance honoring 50-, 60-, 70- and 80-year members at Ace's Lounge, Chestnut St. in Johnstown, Pa., beginning at 2 p.m. Entertainment will feature The Polka Quads. For additional information contact Ed Kuzma at (814) 288-1876.
- OCT. 18 ..... Octoberfest dance at the Fontana Slovene Hall, Fontana, Calif.; 2-6 p.m. Music by the Frank Rote Orchestra. For additional information phone Eric Wood at (909) 823-1953
- OCT. 25 ..... SNPJ Farm Board Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information phone Joseph Blatnik at (440) 943-1191.
- OCT. 25 ..... Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87 dance at the Crystal Ballroom, 2-7 p.m. Entertainment features the Mikey Dee and Dick Tady orchestras.
- NOV. 9 ..... La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 visit to local nursing homes. For additional information phone Eleanor Kuhar at (815) 883-8983.
- DEC. 11 ..... Detroit Lodge 677 Christmas party and book signing at the Slovene American Club at 7:30 p.m. For more details phone Ken Anderson at (248) 649-6228.
- DEC. 14 ..... La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 holiday luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at 4 Star Restaurant, Peru, Ill. For details phone Eleanor Kuhar at (815) 883-8983.

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## Acres of diamonds

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Fifteen years later, having searched all over the country for riches, his travels brought him near his old home. Now broke and longing for the good old days of farming, he decided to pay a visit to the current resident of his old home and tell him his story.

To his surprise, he found quite a business venture on the property. It turned out that the buyer of his house was tilling the land and found an unusual rock. The rock happened to be one of the largest raw diamonds ever found. The DeBeers Mining Co. quickly came and leased the land for a ton of money. The farmer's old home ended up becoming one of the largest diamond mines in the world. The farmer spent a good portion of his life looking for riches, yet all the while he was literally sitting on top of acres of diamonds.

This story isn't just about riches. You could substitute anything in place of diamonds – family, friends, health, work, skills. It's not about looking for things in the distance, but recognizing what you have right where you are and embracing it today.

Even life insurance could be used in this story. For more information on how SNPJ can help you, contact your Lodge secretary, local sales representative or the SNPJ Home Office at 1-800-843-7675.

- **Thought for the Week** — Opportunity often comes disguised in the form of misfortune or temporary defeat.

Napoleon Hill



## The SNPJ Farm 2009 Dance Schedule

SNPJ Farm, 10946 Heath Road, Kirtland, Ohio  
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For information phone (440) 256-3423 or (440) 943-1191

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| Sept. 27 | <b>Slovenian Grape Festival</b><br>Joey Tomsick Orchestra          | 2:45 to 7:30 |
| Oct. 4   | <b>Cleveland Federation Polka Mass</b><br>Wayne Tomsic Band        | 1 p.m.       |
| Oct. 25  | <b>Pancake &amp; Sausage Breakfast</b><br>\$5 Adults, \$3 Children | 9 to 1       |
| Nov. 7   | <b>Original Masquerade Ball</b>                                    | TBA          |

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

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## Health Ministry presents Mental Health Program

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — In early September, the Slovenian Health Ministry presented its draft of the first national mental health program, covering the next five-year period. The priorities of the program include easier access to mental health services and better interdepartmental cooperation within the field, according to Janez Remskar, head of the Health Care Directorate.

Remskar explained that mental health care is a complex issue that incorporates health and social spheres. "Its range, however, is so wide that we can define the ultimate goal of mental health protection as the improvement of the quality of life."

Mojca Zvezdana Dernovšek, Slovenia's national World Health Organization (WHO) Coordinator for Mental Health, told the press that the task force working on the program wrote the document in such a way that it would provide solutions for three main problems in the field of mental health.

"The first major problem represents great differences among regions in accessibility to mental health facilities," Dernovšek said. "There are also huge differences in the number of programs available to people with mental health problems in different parts of the country," she continued. The third major problem, according to Dernovšek, is a lack of cooperation among mental health institutions.

The program will be open for public debate until Oct. 15. The finalized version is expected to be discussed in parliament in January 2010.

## Türk urges Slovenia to file for CERN membership

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — President Danilo Türk has called on the government to file for Slovenia's full-fledged membership in the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) as soon as possible. "CERN is one of the main global centers of scientific development, and Slovenia would gain from the membership in many fields," Türk said. "Development of science, innovation and technological progress in the time of global economic crisis are among the basic ways for solving the crisis," the president said via press statement.

President Türk is convinced that investment in know-how developed in CERN pays off multiple times, both through direct orders for the needs of scientific research and through the transfer of new technologies in CERN member-states, which also brings new jobs. According to the president's office, Türk visited CERN headquarters during a recent visit to Geneva, Switzerland, where he was acquainted with the work of the institution, which associates thousands of scientists and operates with an annual budget exceeding \$1.5 billion.

"CERN has contributed a lot of research and inventions to the world which have boosted economic development and made everyday life a lot easier. These include the Internet," the statement reads.

During President Türk's visit, CERN officials also pointed to the important contribution of Slovenian scientists to advance developments in the areas of physics, computer science and other related sciences.

Just this year, Slovenia expressed its intentions of becoming a full-fledged CERN member, but has failed to conclude the formal application process. This prompted President Türk to request that the government file for membership as soon as possible; otherwise, it may happen that Slovenia's accession process is prolonged for a longer period of time. This possibility was also hinted to the president during his visit to CERN.

According to the statement, CERN management explained that the organization will soon expand to four new countries, and that Slovenia could be among them, provided it applies for membership in time.

CERN is the world's largest particle physics laboratory, it has 20 European member-states and is currently the workplace of several Nobel prize laureates.

## NUK departments find a new home in Ljubljana

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — The new premises of the National and University Library (NUK), located near the Ljubljana BTC shopping district, were opened by Slovenian Cultural Minister Majda Sirca in late August. "The new



archive facilities and digital center are an important contribution to the country's main library," Minister Sirca said.

"Archives, both digital and physical, are an important treasury of history, but they have not been properly updated in recent years," Sirca pointed out. "Major archives across the country will be renovated, while digitalization is a priority," she added.

The new computer center and communication hub are "extremely important contributions" to the national library, the minister noted. The size and the importance of digital data are increasing, and NUK has to provide suitable conditions for safe, long-term data storage. The digital center, which has a stand-alone generator, is well protected against electromagnetic impacts, lightning, fire and theft.

The center is also important for the Digital Library of Slovenia, the national library's most important current project.

NUK Acting Director Lenart Setinc pointed to the "disastrous conditions" under which the NUK operated a decade ago. The library had its books scattered in different locations and often inappropriately stored. "The project of finding a new premises was urgent, if we wanted to provide appropriate storage of library materials," Setinc said. "The project took one year to complete, and now the library, which spreads across 86,100 square feet, received an additional 64,600 square feet of storage space," Setinc announced.

The facilities also include a room for data acquisition and processing, a renovation workshop with a laboratory, offices, a lecture room and two air-conditioned repositories with the total capacity of 1.5 million books. Setinc said the total length of book shelves was 28 miles.

There are, however, two downsides that Setinc noted. The first is that the library material and employees are in two separate locations, which brings some logistical difficulties. The second is that even with the newly obtained facilities, NUK capacities will suffice for only a few years. "Unfortunately, in 2012 a new temporary or permanent solution will need to be found," he said.

## Slovenia's cancer survival rate continues to climb

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — The survival rate of Slovenian cancer patients climbed 12 percent in the 1991-2005 period, according to the results of a study conducted by the Ljubljana Oncology Institute, the country's leading cancer treatment hospital. However, Slovenia still lags behind the average EU cancer survival rate by three percent.

The study, published in the book "Survival of Cancer Patients in Slovenia in 1991-2005," also reveals that a patient's chances for survival are two-and-a-half-times greater if the patient is treated in a specialized hospital rather than a general hospital.

From 2001 to 2005, the most common types of cancer (breast, prostate, lung and colon) comprised 61 percent of all cancer cases in Slovenia. In a decade, the survival rate for these types of cancer increased 10 percent. "Survival rates increased most significantly for patients suffering with prostate, colon and breast cancer, but [the survival rate] nevertheless remains below the EU average," according to Ljubljana Oncology Institute representative Maja Primic Zakelj.

Slovenia is, however, above the EU average when it comes to treating some rare types of cancer, such as testicular cancer — where the success of treatment is almost 100 percent — and thyroid cancer.

The study ironically concludes that some of types of cancer that have the lowest survival rates (lung and throat cancer, for example) could be prevented by a more healthy life style.

During the 1991-2005 period, the five-year survival rate of cancer patients climbed from 40 to 52 percent. Since the population is aging, the number of older patients is increasing, and their five-year survival rate is lower than that of younger patients. A 1995-2002 EURO CARE study into cancer patients shows that the survival rate of Slovenian children and adolescents, which comprise less than one percent of all cancer patients, matches the EU average. Their five-year survival rate is relatively higher than that of adults.

Ljubljana Oncology Institute Medical Director Janez Zgajnar commented on the study by saying that establishing more hospitals that specialize in cancer treatment is key to more successful

treatment. He also called for increased supervision over cancer treatment programs in general hospitals.

## Slovenians lacking in environmental awareness

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — According to the results of a survey on energy efficiency and environmental awareness involving more than 1,000 households in Slovenia, more than a third of Slovenians are environmental skeptics, while only 14 percent of those polled are environmentally aware.

The survey results were presented in Ljubljana in late August by representatives of the Informa Echo communications agency in cooperation with the Slovenian Environment Ministry. The purpose of the survey was to establish and monitor the extent of efficient use of energy among Slovenians and the introduction of renewable energy sources. Another goal was to establish whether Slovenia would manage to achieve the goals of its energy policy and meet EU energy objectives.

Informa Echo representative Rajko Dolinšek told the press that efficient use of energy was becoming an increasingly important area which has to do with social and economic interests, as well as the interests of individuals. The survey tried to establish the condition of apartments and houses, as well as household ventilation, heating and air-conditioning systems. The survey also checked the extent of electricity use on household appliances and public awareness on efficient energy use.

Roughly a third of the respondents said that 10 percent of the lightbulbs in their homes were energy-saving bulbs; 17 percent said that more than 60 percent of the lightbulbs were energy-saving. Almost 40 percent of the respondents reported using renewable energy sources for heating, followed by fossil fuels (36 percent) and electricity (12 percent). According to Dolinšek, a second survey is expected in early 2010.

## Jakac's impressions of the U.S. on exhibit

**NOVO MESTO (STA)** — Some 50 prints and paintings by Božidar Jakac, one of Slovenia's most prolific artists, were exhibited at his childhood home in Novo Mesto Sept. 4 to mark the 110th anniversary of his birth. The show highlighted his trip to the United States in 1929-1931.

Jakac (1899-1989) often referred to America as the "iron world," hence the title of the exhibition, "Memories of the Iron World." Zdenko Picelj, the head of the Dolenjsko Museum, explained that the exhibited works were selected from the collection of 828 works of art that Jakac donated to his native town in 1984. The show was accompanied by a catalog featuring all 45 displayed works.

According to the catalog, the works Jakac authored during his first trip to the United States express his interest in natural sights, the Slovenian heritage and immigrants (which included his relatives), and native Americans. Jakac was impressed by the beauties of national parks, in particular the Grand Canyon, which he painted at various times of the day.

Apart from being a prolific artist, Jakac was one of the founders of the Ljubljana Academy of Fine Arts in 1945, served as its first principal, and was the first to lecture on graphic arts and drawing. He was also one of the pioneers of Slovenian film.

## Slovenia welcomes its first online TV channel

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — Pro Plus, the company that owns both leading commercial television stations in Slovenia, POP TV and Kanal A, launched Slovenia's first online television channel on Sept. 3. Max TV will broadcast a selection of content running on both commercial stations.

The program's site, [maxtv.si](http://maxtv.si), which is intended to cater to a broad audience, will be user-friendly and accessible at all times, the company announced.

The eight-hour program will include popular series running on POP TV and Kanal A, as well as news shows. It will be repeated three times a day to provide an around-the-clock broadcast.

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## Slovenska Stran

Ureja Vida Kosir

### Pol milijona velenjskih rumenih cvetov

**HEADLINE:** Half a million of Velenje's yellow blossoms

**TOPIC:** In the last week of August, hundreds of thousands of yellow blossoms bloomed in Velenje, among which the sunflowers dominated. The municipal administration ordered the planting of flowers along the city streets and in the Gorica area in honor of the 50th anniversary of Velenje, the celebration of which, dedicated to the birth of the youngest Slovenian city, was held in September.

In the spring of this anniversary year they started decorating the city with yellow and green flowers, the colors of the city's coat of arms. The flowers were blooming in the colors of yellow saffrons, narcissus, yellow tulips, hyacinths and other bulb flowers. In Velenje they

planted more than half a million yellow flowers this year.

V zadnjem tednu avgusta je v Velenju zacvetelo več sto tisoč rumenih cvetov, med katerimi so prevladovale sončnice. Občinska uprava jih je največ dala posaditi ob mestnih prometnih vpadnicah in na travniku v naselju Gorica. Cvetlice so posadili v počastitev 50. obletnice Velenja, ki jo bodo praznovali septembra, ko bo tudi večina prireditelj, posvečenih rojstvu najmlajšega slovenskega mesta. V jubilejnim letu so začeli mesto krasiti s cveticami v rumeni in zeleni barvi, barvah mestnega grba, že spomladi. Grečice in zelenice so cvetele v barvah rumenih žafranov, narcis, rumenih tulipanov, hijacint in drugih čebulnic. V tem letu so tako v Velenju skupaj posadili že več kot pol milijona rumenih cvetov.

DELO

**HEADLINE:** Faster and more comfortable from the cave

**TOPIC:** Visitors to the Škocjanske Cave can now exit via a new cage-type elevator, similar to that which ascends to Ljubljana Castle, which was made by the SEC Company in Neverk.

Only 20 people at one time were able to ride in the old cable car; the new system can carry 40 passengers. It also moves a lot faster than the old cable car. In reality, this means that the new elevator will be able to transport 120 people from the cave in 20 minutes; with the old system they needed 40 minutes to transport as many people.

The next project at the Škocjanske Caves, estimated at \$1 million, will be the renovation of the tourist infrastructure in the Mohorčičeva and Marinčičeva caves, along with Mala dolina (Small Valley). These tourist paths were opened between 1932 and 1933, and were used

until 1965 when they were heavily damaged by a huge flood. Since then, this part of the cave has not been included in tours because the paths have been too dangerous for visitors.

Obiskovalce vozi iz Škocjanskih jam od preteklega tedna novo dvigalo oziroma kabina. Za zdaj z začasnim dovoljenjem, kmalu pa bodo najbrž dobili še dokončno dovoljenje in certifikat o ustreznosti dvigala. Kabino, podobno tisti, ki se vzpenja na Ljubljanski grad, so izdelali v podjetju SEC iz Neverk, nove dostope do izhoda iz jam pa sežanski komunalni delavci.

Kakor je povedal Albin Debevec, so v Škocjanskih jamah za prenovo izhoda iz jam in nove kabine oziroma vlečnice odšteli približno 200.000 evrov.

Kabina bo omogočila večji pretok potnikov, saj so jih v stari kabini lahko peljali le 20, po novem pa bo potnikov lahko celo 40. Po novem je prevoz s kabino hitrejši, saj se po tračnicah premika s hitrostjo

2,5 metra na sekundo (prej 1,8 metra na sekundo) in porabi manj energije. V praksi to pomeni, da bo novo dvigalo v 20 minutah iz jam lahko odpeljalo 120 ljudi, doslej pa so za to potrebovali 40 minut.

Ureditev novega dvigala oziroma kabine je le prvi del velikega projekta, s katerim bodo v Škocjanskih jamah do leta 2013 s sofinanciranjem Evropske unije v turistično infrastrukturo vložili tri milijone evrov. Naslednja naloga, ki se je bodo lotili v Škocjanskih jamah, se bo začela prihodnji teden, trajala pa bo vsaj leto dni. Gre za zahteven 1.3 milijone vreden projekt obnove turistične infrastrukture v Mahorčičevi in Marinčičevi jami ter Mali dolini. Omenjeno turistično pot so uredili med letoma 1932 in 1933 in je bila v uporabi vse do leta 1965, ko jo je precej poškodovala velika poplava. Od takrat ta del jame ni vključen v turistično ponudbo, saj je bila pot za obisk prenevarna.

DELO

### V Šentjerneju dobili nov kulturni hram

**HEADLINE:** Šentjernej received a new cultural building

**TOPIC:** In Šentjernej they combined the municipal holiday celebration, Jernejevo 2009, with the municipal council festive meeting at which they awarded Šentjernej priest Anton Trpin with a document proclaiming him an honorable citizen. Many different activities were held during the 10-day celebration, and after a long delay they opened the new Primož Trubar Cultural Center.

The cultural center is the most modern building in the area. The two, inter-connected buildings contain a smaller hall with 100 seats, and a large hall with 317 permanent seats (with the possibility of adding an additional 50 seats) where musical, theatrical and

other performances will be staged. The municipal wind orchestra, numerous clubs and the Šentjernej library will also make their home in the new center. The new hall cost almost \$6.4 million to construct. It will also be very expensive to operate the hall. The municipality is anticipating that they will need \$560,000 per year to pay all the expenses.

V Šentjerneju so združili praznovanje občinskega praznika jernejevo 2009 s slavnostno sejo občinskega sveta, na kateri so izročili listino častnega občana dolgoletnemu šentjernejskemu župniku Antonu Trpinu. V desetih dneh praznovanja so se zvrstile številne prireditve, z več mesečno zamudo pa so na odlično obiskani otvoritveni slovesnosti odprli nov Kulturni center Primoža Trubarja.

Kulturni center je najsoodnejši v širši

okolici. V dveh med seboj funkcionalno povezanih stavbah sta ena manjša dvorana s sto sedeži in večja dvorana s 317 stalnimi sedeži ter možnostjo postavitve dodatnih 50 sedežev za glasbene, gledališke in druge prireditve. V novem kulturnem hramu so končno dobili primerne prostore tudi občinski pihalni orkester, številna društva in šentjernejska knjižnica, do katere lahko zdaj pridejo tudi starejši in gibalno ovirani. Dom je stal skoraj šest milijonov evrov; petino je prispevalo ministrstvo za kulturo, preostanek občina, ki se je morala v ta namen zadolžiti. Drago bo tudi upravljanje in vzdrževanje. Na občini predvidevajo, da bodo za to porabili 400.000 evrov na leto, po izkušnjah pa takšne ustanove s tržnimi dejavnostmi lahko zagotovijo le približno petino potrebnega denarja.

DELO

### Italijan ujel največjo soško postrv

**HEADLINE:** An Italian caught the biggest Soška trout

**TOPIC:** The Tolmin Fishing Association recently acknowledged the biggest Soška trout ever caught in the Soča River. The trout was caught July 19 by Italian sport fisherman Maurizio Maule, a reporter from Milan. The Soška giant was almost four feet long and weighed 49 pounds. This is the second largest trout of its kind – a few years ago in the lake along Most na Soči, a dead trout was discovered which was even bigger. Taxidermist Toni Strgar from Bled had a lot of work to do with this Soška beauty. Since he didn't have a freezer big enough for such a large fish, Strgar had to start his work immediately.

The Soška trout is the largest Euro-

pean trout.

Ribiška družina (RD) Tolmin je pred dnevi ob Soči tudi uradno predstavila največjo soško postrv doslej, ki jo je na suho potegnil športni ribič. Italijan Maurizio Maule, sicer novinar iz Milana, z življensko sopotnico iz Tolmina, je namreč 19. julija iz vode potegnil soško pošast, veliko 120 centimetrov in težko 22,5 kilograma. To je druga največja postrv te vrste, saj so pred leti v jezeru ob Mostu na Soči našli mrtvo ribo, ki je bila še centimeter daljša in je tehtala 2,5 kilograma več. Rekorderka je v Soči pod tolminskim pokopališčem preživela dobrih deset let, del njenega tkiva pa še čaka na rezultate genske analize. Riba je bila za tako veliko postrv relativno mlada. "Najverjetneje bi še rasla. To je druga največja soška

postrv, ki smo jo našli. Verjamem, da je še nekaj podobnih v tukajšnjih vodah," je dejal vodja ribogojstva v družini Dušan Jesenšek. S soško lepoticco je imel obilico dela tudi preparator Toni Strgar z Bleda. Ker za tako veliko ribo nima dovolj velike zmrzovalne skrinje, je moral delo takoj začeti, posebej je moral naročiti večje umetne oči. Predsednik RD Tolmin Lucijan Rejec je poudaril, da ni nikjer zabeleženo, da bi z muharjenjem ujeli soško postrv, težjo od 16 kilogramov. Soška postrv, drugje poznana kot marmorirana postrv, je največja evropska stacionarna postrv. Zaradi križanja s potočno postrvjo ji je pred kratkim grozilo izumrtje. S programom repopulacije tolminske družine spet pridobiva dominantni položaj.

DELO

### Menjava navadnih žarnic z varčnimi sijalkami

**HEADLINE:** Exchanging regular light bulbs with economical ones

**TOPIC:** Beginning Sept. 1, all stores in the EU and across Slovenia were no longer permitted to sell regular incandescent light bulbs of 100 watts or greater. This is the first step toward more energy-efficient illumination which could save up to 80 megawatt-hours of electricity, across 23 million households, by 2020. By 2012, incandescent light bulbs will no longer be available for purchase.

Households will replace the regular light bulbs, which have been in use for 130 years, with more efficient bulbs, such as halogen or LED bulbs. These light bulbs

are more expensive, but with appropriate use they last much longer and use up to 80 percent less energy than regular light bulbs.

However, the more efficient light bulbs are more dangerous to dispose of because they contain mercury, and they are more sensitive to frequent on-and-off switching. Used or broken bulbs don't belong in regular household waste or the recycling bin; they have to be returned to the store where they were purchased. If a bulb is accidentally broken, it is very important to open the windows, leave the room and ventilate the area for at least 15 minutes. The remnants should not be swept-up or vacuumed, but rather picked

up with rubber gloves and damp cloths.

Od 1. septembra v nobeni prodajalni v Evropski uniji, torej tudi v Sloveniji, ni dovoljeno prodajati navadnih žarnic z žarilno nitko z močjo 100 ali več vatov. To je prvi korak k energetsko učinkovitejši razsvetljavi, s katero naj bi do leta 2020 prihranili približno 80 teravatnih ur elektrike oziroma porabo 23 milijonov gospodinjskih. Do leta 2012 namreč ne bo več v prodaji večine tradicionalnih žarnic z žarilno nitko.

Gospodinjstva naj bi navadne žarnice, ki se uporabljajo že 130 let, zamenjali z učinkovitejšimi, kot so varčne, halogenske ali žarnice LED. Te so dražje, vendar ob ustreznih uporabi trajajo dlje in porabijo

do 80 odstotkov (halogenske od 25 do 50) manj energije kakor navadne. Pri izpušnih toplogrednih plinov naj bi v EU na leto privarčevali za 32 milijonov ton CO<sub>2</sub>.

Varčne žarnice so tudi nevaren odpadek, saj vsebujejo živo srebro ter so občutljive za pogosto prižiganje in ugašanje. Izrabljena ali razbita varčna sijalka ne sodi v gospodinjske odpadke, niti v zabojnik za ločeno zbiranje, odnesti jo je treba trgovcu, ki jo je prodal. Če razbijemo sijalko, je pomembno odpreti okna, zapustiti prostor in ga prezračevati vsaj 15 minut. Ostankov ne smemo pometati ali jih posesati, zbrati jih je treba z gumijastimi rokavicami in vlažno krpo.

DELO

### Trije otoki za več turizma

**HEADLINE:** Three islands for more tourism

**TOPIC:** In a period of no longer than two years, Slovenian and foreign investors are seriously striving to obtain permits to add three man-made islands in front of Izola where they are hoping to construct a large tourist resort; a resort that would be the first of its kind on the Adriatic. If this project is realized, Izola would completely change its image and would become – instead of some tourist-industrial amphibian – the largest Slovenian coastal tourist center. These three new islands would also give Slovenia almost seven miles of new shore.

For ecological and technical reasons, these islands wouldn't be built far from Izola. They would build the islands and the resort in the area of Viližan Bay, where the sea bottom is totally devastated due

to waste water and the workings of the Izola shipyard. The three island would cover close to 220 acres and seven miles of coastal area. The islands would be built in six- to 18-foot seas from materials that they would obtain from the excavation of the railway tunnel and Markovec road tunnel. They would create at least four acres of oasis in the area, and open a five-star hotel and hundreds of villas and apartments. The resort, which would accommodate a few thousand tourists, would also include a thermal spa. The island resort would have an entertainment-congressional center, numerous swimming pools, restaurants, stores and a church.

Slovenski in tuji vlagatelji si zdaj resno prizadevajo, da bi najpozneje v dveh letih dobili dovoljenja za tri otočke pred Izolo in začetek gradnje velikega turističnega naselja,

kakršnega še ni na Jadranu. Če bi ga uresničili, bi Izola popolnoma spremenila podobo in se namesto nekakšne turistično-industrijske dvoživke spremenila v največje slovensko obmorsko turistično središče, ki bi zaradi treh novih otočkov Slovenijo obogatilo s skoraj 12 kilometri nove morske obale. Načrti niso neuresničljivi, ker je naložba zmerna (investitorji govorijo o 217 milijonih evrov), ker bi zanjo prešli dodatno evropsko pomoč in ker bi temeljito preuredili degradirano območje v izolskem zalivu Viližan.

Načrt o gradnji umetnega otoka, ki bi deloval kot velik valobran nekje na vzhodnem delu morja pred Izolo, je že nekaj let sestavni del občinskega prostorskega dolgoročnega družbenega plana, a tudi sestavni del državnih strateških načrtov. Zato zamisel ni popolnoma iz trte izvita.

Otoka ne nameravajo graditi predaleč od Izole, ker bi to bilo težko

izvedljivo iz ekoloških in tehničnih razlogov. Na območju zaliva Viližan, kjer je morsko dno zaradi dolgoletnih izpustov komunalnih in industrijskih odpadkov ter delovanja izolske ladjedelnice popolnoma degradirano, bi na obali in otokih uredili veliko turistično naselje.

Trije otočki bi imeli približno devet hektarov površine in 11,8 kilometra obale. Otočke bi zgradili v dva do devet metrov plitvem morju, in to iz materiala, ki bi ga dobili pri izkopu železniškega predora drugega tira in cestnega predora Markovec. Gradnja otokov bi bila cenejša prav zato, ker bi lahko uporabili kakovosten material z obeh gradbišč.

Na celotnem območju bi uredili za vsaj dva hektara zelenic, hotel s petimi zvezdicami, več sto turističnih vil, stanovanj in apartmajev. Gradnja hiš bi bila enonadstropna in bi posnela izolsko oziroma mediteransko

arhitekturo. Zgradili bi 205 privezov, od tega 15 privezov za mega jahte. Turistično naselje, v katerem bi bilo pristovišča za nekaj tisoč turistov, bi imelo termalno zdravilišče, ki bi izkoriščalo tukaj potrjene podzemne vrelce tople vode, na otokih bi imeli prireditveno-kongresno središče, podobno portoroškemu Avditoriju, več bazenov, restavracij, veliko trgovin, cerkev in predvsem apartmajev, pred katerimi bi bili privezi za manjša plovila.

Načrtovalci pravijo, da bi poseg izboljšal stanje na zdaj uničenem morskem dnu. Naložba bi omogočila več kot 500 novih zaposlitev. Projekt ne bo uresničen le, če bi proti delovali v Sloveniji sicer pogosti in običajni zavistnejši, so povedali poslovneži, ki že vsaj leto dni pripravljajo načrte. O novih kilometrih slovenske morske obale pa bi morali odločiti to jesen.

DELO

# Trailer Court Civic Assoc. crowns 2009 balina champs

by AMY MAVRICH (138)  
Trailer Court Civic Association

**BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.** — On Aug. 22, the SNPJ Trailer Court Civic Association held their annual balina tournament. Congratulations to Peggy Cushman (138), Roger Evanish (715), Gino Digglar and Mary Knaus (715), the 2009 champions!

President Jackie Ulle (158), Vice President Ed Trisnar, Treasurer Babe Baselj (6) and Secretary Amy Mavrich (138) would like to thank Jack Zaman (142) for organizing the wonderful dinner. Tom Adams did a fantastic job cooking the wings and Peggy Cushman was a huge helping make the delicious sausage. There were many people who helped husk corn too. There sure was a lot! Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

A special thank you goes out to

Jenna and her family for bringing a pinata to share with the children for her 3rd birthday! That was so very nice. The children also enjoyed playing on the playground and decorating cupcakes. Everyone, young and old, had a great time on the hayride. Thanks, Jeff! This truly was one of the best parties.

Sadly, the next party is the closing party Saturday, Sept. 26, at 4 p.m. in the barn. Bob Russ (158) is in charge of organizing this party with a theme of "Bobtoberfest." Pierogies and bratwurst will be served, and we ask that everyone please bring a covered dish to share. We're also planning a special event for this party, a Ms. Trailer Court Contest! All women 21 and older are eligible to enter.

Join in the fun of our last party of the season. It's sure to be a blast! Until next time, see ya' at the Gostilna!



The 2009 SNPJ Trailer Court Civic Association champion balina team: [from left] GINO DIGGLER, MARY KNAUS (715), PEGGY CUSHMAN (138) and ROGER EVANISH (715).

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## 50-Year Members September 2009

| Lodge | Member                | Lodge | Member             |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 1     | Arthur J. Rinkus      | 174   | Kenneth Bankovich  |
| 6     | Jacqueline Kopach     | 207   | Frank J. Lovshin   |
| 8     | James A. Knez         | 268   | Mariel E. Grubar   |
| 33    | Lorraine E. McCarthy  | 292   | Ruthanne Bogar     |
| 33    | Boris F. Pekol        | 581   | Edward Britz       |
| 41    | Shirley Cheplick      | 584   | Judith Ann Sipos   |
| 53    | Jean Pisano           | 584   | Marlene V. Rohan   |
| 106   | Patricia A. Halbekath | 614   | Vivian M. Sullivan |
| 106   | Eleanor G. Patton     | 614   | William J. Gorse   |
| 126   | Robert K. Knezevic    | 614   | Alice Faren        |
| 138   | J. Eileen Kestner     | 729   | Frances A. Baron   |
| 138   | Mary Vehar            | 800   | Veronica Byrne     |
| 138   | Karen F. Kreisel      | 800   | G. Wayne Roller    |

## 60-Year Members September 2009

| Lodge | Member                | Lodge | Member            |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 8     | John R. Lenassi       | 584   | Irene M. Ridosko  |
| 21    | Anton L. Malensek     | 629   | Catherine Bornyas |
| 87    | Eustine Oberly        | 634   | Ann Schulz        |
| 106   | Ann P. Wiethorn       | 715   | Ruth Grant        |
| 153   | Elizabeth B. Verdinek | 764   | Sylvia Chrmelich  |
| 218   | Frank Kurelich        | 764   | Fred Ban          |
| 292   | Marlene A. Strho      | 800   | Bert N. Marroni   |
| 559   | Ella Mae Kovacic      |       |                   |

## 70-Year Members September 2009

| Lodge | Member               | Lodge | Member            |
|-------|----------------------|-------|-------------------|
| FD4   | Dolores H. Poelcher  | 113   | John Vouk         |
| 5     | Dorothy Kekic        | 142   | Albina Jakse      |
| 6     | Victoria P. Travis   | 254   | Jacob Kovsca      |
| 6     | Frances A. Ceglarski | 268   | Rose K. Borland   |
| 11    | Frank Adams          | 289   | Olive Roseman     |
| 21    | Irene MacDonald      | 304   | John Leskoshek    |
| 41    | Stanley Homce        | 581   | Elizabeth Wehler  |
| 53    | Albert E. Starman    | 584   | Miriam M. Lensing |
| 53    | Ann Tomsick          | 715   | Frances Remezo    |
| 87    | Susie Guerrieri      | 723   | Elsie H. O'Malley |
| 89    | Ernest Janeshek      |       |                   |

## 80-Year Members September 2009

| Lodge | Member           |
|-------|------------------|
| 126   | Leopold Simoncic |
| 584   | Amalia Obluck    |

## Badger Jabber

by BOB SMOLE  
Lodge 584

**MILWAUKEE** — The fall colors are starting to show their brilliance in northern Wisconsin. I had a chance to witness this Labor Day weekend as Molly and I took a trip to Crivitz, Wis., to visit our good friends Don and Georgene Wene (584). They have an annual barbeque on Labor Day at their "Wene's Slovenian Ponderosa." We were able to accept their invitation this year, so we jumped at the opportunity. As I mentioned, the fall colors were a surprise... or maybe I just didn't want to accept the fact that autumn was coming and the trees were starting to change. It's very beautiful, but as far as I'm concerned, too soon.

Our visit with Don and Georgene was quality time with special friends. Many of their relatives, neighbors and friends stopped by to enjoy the huge spread of delicious food. Chicken and pork loin from a spit, various salads, baked beans and much more was served. If you left hungry, there was something wrong with you!

The Wenes relocated to Crivitz after spending many years in the big city. It was apparent that they made a successful transition. Thanks for a beautiful weekend

and the hospitality, Don and Georgene. "I feel like dancing, dancing the night away!" Well, you can do just that Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Serb Hall, 51st and Oklahoma Ave. in Milwaukee. The Wisconsin Polka Boosters will host their third annual Slovenian Polka Celebration from 1 to 8 p.m. with three great bands performing. Three-time Grammy nominee Del Sinchack (643) of Youngstown, Ohio, along with Scott Bixby of Rhinelander, Wis., and Polka Potion from Sheboygan, Wis., will be on hand to get you to the floor so you can "dance the night away."

Admission is \$10 per person. With a valid membership card, a \$1 discount is offered for members of the Wisconsin Polka Boosters, Polka Parade Pals, Wisconsin Polka Hall of Fame and Milwaukee Accordion Club. All proceeds will fund the WTKM Radio Show and Polka Booster efforts. There is plenty of free parking, and food, drinks and drawings will be available all day long. Need more information? Contact Milwaukee Polka Ambassador Dick Blaha at (414) 257-1340.

The Slovenian Arts Council of the Zelazo Center for Performing Arts, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, will host the Fantje Na Vasi men's choral group Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Milwaukee campus beginning at 7 p.m. For more information contact Sis. MaryCay Freiberg at (414) 778-1464, Chris Carroll at (414) 482-0378

or Mici Bregant at (414) 543-6695.

It's not too early to mark your calendar for the annual USPEH Chorus Christmas Concert scheduled Sunday, Nov. 29, beginning at 2 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist, 8500 W. Coldspring Road in Greenfield, Wis. Contact Music Director Mici Bregant at (414) 543-6695 for more information and ticket availability.

Badger Lodge 584 members will host their youth Christmas party at St. Peter's Church Hall Saturday, Dec. 5, beginning at 2 p.m. Sis. Mary Donovan is handling this activity and is willing to include children from other local SNPJ Lodges. Area Lodge officers should contact Sis. Mary Donovan at (414) 817-0192 to work out the details. The former Milwaukee Federation of SNPJ Lodges hosted this Christmas party for many years.

SNPJ District 6 Athletic Director Mary Donovan has set the date for the annual Verbick Fraternal Memorial Bowling at Rivera Lanes, 8600 W. Greenfield Ave. in West Allis, Wis. Start getting your teams together for Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010. It's not too early! Keep an eye out for additional information and entry forms in the near future.

The next Badger Lodge meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 15, St. Peter's Church Hall, 78th and Lincoln Ave., beginning at 7:30 p.m. I hope you can join us. We would love to see you there!

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## SNPJ Regional Activities head to Regions 2 and 5

### SNPJ REGIONAL ACTIVITY FROM PAGE 1

The next regional fraternal activity took me to the Detroit area. I would like to thank SNPJ Region 5 Vice President Tracey Anderson (677) for hosting SNPJ Night with the Detroit Tigers on Sept. 12. District 5 Athletic Director Ken Anderson (677) handled ticket sales for this activity. I thank all of our members in the Detroit area who came to enjoy the baseball game and shared in an evening of fraternalism with me. It was a great time!

These events are part of an on-going SNPJ Fraternal Department project to organize regional fraternal activities with the assistance of our Regional Vice Presidents. Look for a regional event in your area in the future!

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Home Office by phoning 1-800-843-7675 or e-mailing [k richards@sn timer.com](mailto:k richards@sn timer.com).

# PROSVETA Crossword Football (#1909) by StatePoint Media

### ACROSS

- The A in this modern AFL
- "Nice" in Italian
- A festival, often used as suffix
- Asian goat antelope
- Be in debt
- Wood resistant to rot
- Founding Father Thomas
- A \_\_\_ bit
- Nucleus of a political movement
- \_\_\_ teams
- Football face off
- Did it precede a chicken?
- Soviet Union
- Where some feelings come from
- Sword handle
- Same as mucous membrane
- Part of eye that contains iris
- Concerning those not members of clergy
- With great enthusiasm
- Anything half-moon shaped
- Ceremonial elegance
- His restroom
- Code red, e.g.
- Irish name of Ireland
- 100 centavos in Mexico
- Preseason #1 in college football
- Mouse catcher
- Often precedes senator's name
- "\_\_\_ does it"

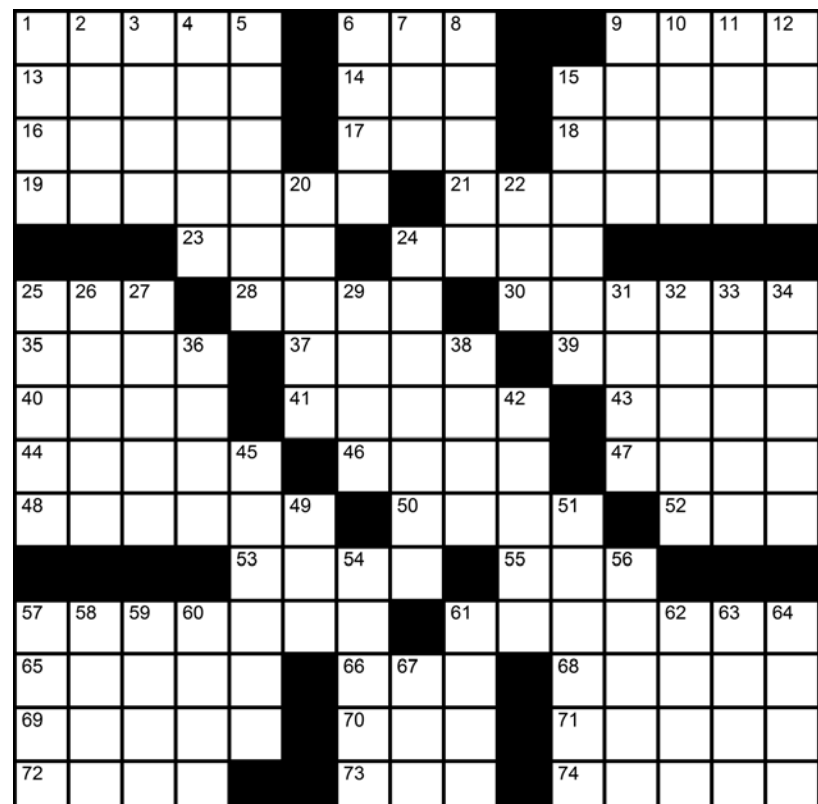
- Take in mouth a little at a time
- British for "defense"
- Act of being a tenant
- Writer Asimov
- Likewise
- Nonsensical humming syllables
- Given to servile imitation
- Tam-\_\_\_, instrument
- Bar by estoppel
- Ancient Greeks' harp
- Globe or eyeball, e.g.
- Saxophonist's mouthpieces

### DOWN

- Pharaohs' cobras
- Done to benefits?
- Great Lake
- The present occasion
- "Anchors \_\_\_!"
- B in football's BCS
- Female sheep
- They look like overgrown scallions
- Criticism
- Edible root of taro plant
- Feudal lord's servant
- Not conforming to dietary laws
- Used to describe interest
- Favorable quality of a football player
- School of thought, suffix

- Gas or electricity, e.g.
- Stalin's prison
- Throat lobe
- Dogma
- Add alcohol to punch, e.g.
- Training \_\_\_
- S-shaped moldings
- Often described as common
- Burning crime
- Prefix for air
- Michigan coach, 1995-2008
- Badger, not as in animal
- Type of coat
- Cul de \_\_\_
- 4th down specialist
- Vigorous fight
- Break down or analyze
- Turn this if you don't like what's on the radio
- ESPN award
- Punt returner can call for this type of catch
- Alleviate
- Tut's home
- "Tiny" Archibald
- Stumblebum
- Yelps
- Rowboat propeller

The solution to puzzle #1909 will run in the Oct. 7 issue.



### PRESENTED BY





Photos submitted by Sis. Carmela Smidl (8).

### Lodge 8 Out and About in July

As a Lodge 8 outing, members took a trip to Slovenefest XXVIII at the SNPJ Recreation Center July 12. Instead of making the drive themselves, [left photo, from left] Michael, Michelle and Maxx Palenik, Love and Carmie Smidl, and Sharon and Ed Kovack took advantage of the bus trip sponsored by Tina Rigler (449). Tina does a great job of entertaining us on the bus, and each year is better than the year before. Our members had a great time listening to music, eating good food and socializing. The children had a great time swimming, riding the train, playing balina and watching fireworks. The Lodge 8 summer picnic was held in Coal City, Ill., July 18. Lodge members both young and old [right photo] enjoyed swimming, fishing, playing games and eating delicious food cooked by the men. The weather was perfect with the sun shining and no humidity. Even the bugs left us alone!



## News from Here & There

by GRACE DOERK  
Lodge 559

**CHICAGO** — Can you believe that we're about to greet the autumn season, and Mr. Weatherman is giving us the summer weather we never had? I guess you just have to accept the weather as it comes.

Otto and I were wondering why we hadn't seen Dolores and Elmer Spelich (2) for some time. Making a phone call, we discovered that Elmer had surgery and is recuperating at home. He was the last person you'd have thought to be in the hospital; he always looked a picture of health. We wish you a speedy recovery, Elmer, so you can resume your active life. Best wishes as well to Dolores who also had some surgery.

Labor Day weekend is the last of the summer holidays, and again for us it was time with the family. Our granddaughter, Annie Wysopal, played in a park district soccer tournament which was very exciting — her team took second place, losing to a team from Kansas City, Mo. We also spent some time having the landscaping reworked. We hope your long holiday weekend was as nice as ours.

On a sad note we did get word of three people passing away, one at the age of 52 to cancer.

My very best wishes to Nancy

Detting, daughter of the late Frances Gregory (449), and her family who will moving to Sarasota, Fla.

Slovene Pensioners' Club members held their first meeting of the fall season Sept. 9. We were happy to see Secretary Jean Cherway back in attendance after hip surgery. Besides the usual business, we celebrated Rita O'Malley's birthday, and Otto and Grace Doerk's wedding anniversary.

Our Christmas party is planned Dec. 9, for which the food will be catered. Donations of prizes and baked goods will be appreciated. Many pensioners club members will be attending the 100th anniversary of Croatian Lodge 202 Oct. 18 at Nico's Restaurant. Our next meeting is scheduled Oct. 14. We welcome new members.

I had an opportunity to meet with the mayor of Plainfield, Ill., State Representative Tom Cross and other officials during a meeting on the condition of Illinois, which is at its worst. The state representatives answered many pertinent questions on the government. Of greatest priority were the outrageous real estate taxes we pay here. Our state representative is trying to help seniors by raising the adjusted gross income and freezing our taxes. Wouldn't that be wonderful? Federal issues were also brought up, but weren't part of the agenda.

Taking part in this meeting was wonderful. I keep telling Otto that if I could live my life over, I would be involved in many different things. Well, let bygones be bygones. I'm

happy doing all the things I do now.

SWU Branch 20 will hold their annual *vinška trgatev* Sept. 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. at St. Joe Hall in Joliet, Ill. Bruce Korosa will entertain. After 10 long years, the Slovene Catholic Center in Lemont will again host a *vinška trgatev* dance Saturday, Oct. 10, beginning at 7 p.m. Music will be provided by Ansambel Veseljaki.

Congratulations to Jason Brueck, son of Jack and Vicki Brueck and grandson of Molly Rak (559), who was married on Aug. 22. Otto and I attended a golden anniversary celebration this past weekend, at which Lefty and Carol Michalek were in attendance. Lefty was a member of Perfect Circle 26 when we were teenagers. It was so much fun talking about those memorable days. I also had a dance with Lefty. Yes, those SNPJ Circle days were the good 'ol days. Lefty, don't forget that we're hoping to see you at the next Pioneer Lodge meeting.

Don't forget to make plans to join the Feb. 21-28, 2010, cruise on the Norwegian Cruise Lines, sailing from New Orleans with ports of call at Costa Maya, St. Thomas, De Costilla, Belize and Cozumel. We've visited most of these ports several times, but we do enjoy the daily polka sessions on the cruise.

I'm so happy to hear about all the Cleveland news and activities, and I can't believe that there are so many events going on there — you Cleveland people are lucky. We have plenty of Slovenian activities here in this area, but nothing compared to

your area.

We were happy to hear that Jure Žmauc is the new Slovenian Consul General in Cleveland. He succeeded Dr. Zvone Žigon, whose term in Cleveland lasted four years. The Consul General's office is located in Cleveland since it is the largest Slovenian community in the United States.

Mr. Žmauc's main goal is to help Slovenian Americans maintain their Slovenian culture, language and identity. He also plans to pay attention to third-, fourth- and fifth-generation Slovenian Americans because there is a special love of the Slovenian heritage among them as well. He too wants to build bridges between Slovenia and the United States. His goal is to invite Slovenian Americans in scientific professions to bring their knowledge and talent to Slovenia to instruct their young scientists.

Pioneer Lodge 559 members held their regular monthly meeting Sept. 11. We had a nice attendance, and were happy to see Myra Beniger, Molly Rak and her daughter Carol in attendance after some time. After the reading of minutes and the financial and audit reports, we were read a letter from SNPJ National Secretary Karen Pintar. SNPJ is conducting a special 105th anniversary offer to members ages 0-80 whereby you will receive \$105 off the first year's premium on a new policy. Sounds great!

It was announced that as of Aug. 26, we have 583 adult members, 47 youth members and 744 active policies.

Lodge members extend sympathy to the families of Harry Silc and Joseph W. Spence. It was announced that we have a new member, Scott E. VanPelt. Our 50-year members for August were Barbara Kropp and James Klancnik, our 60-year members were Myra Beniger and Sophie Caprata, and Leopold Volk was recognized as a 70-year member. Ella Mae Kovacic is a 60-year member for September, and since she and Myra Beniger were in attendance at the September meeting, they were presented their awards.

Otto Doerk reported on the Chicago Federation meeting, noting that Ed Dabrowski gave an excellent report on the SNPJ Federation Conference. Delegates from various Federations were in attendance. All four Federation-affiliated Lodges gave reports, and the delegates discussed the Recreation Center.

Pioneer Lodge members will attend a performance at Drury Lane on Nov. 19. Members will meet in the Drury Lane lobby at 11 a.m.

President Jean Cherway distributed the new SNPJ Heritage Center cookbook to those who ordered them. It was reported that Clara Cretnik and Mary Vrhovnik were on the sick list. We celebrated Helen Zacharsky's birthday, and Otto and Grace Doerk's 54th wedding anniversary.

Before adjournment, President Jean Cherway presented the dates of future activities for various organizations in the area.

We're still enjoying the beautiful weather; I only wish that it would continue to be so nice.

## Halloween fun heading to the SNPJ Rec Center

by JUDY GERMANI (715)  
SNPJ Recreation Center

### BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. —

A "boo-tiful" Halloween party is planned for children ages 1-12 at the SNPJ Recreation Center Saturday, Oct. 3. Start putting together your costume for a fun-filled afternoon beginning at noon.

A free lunch will be provided for the children; adults can purchase lunch for \$3. A pumpkin will be given to each child to decorate for a chance at prizes. After lunch a costume parade will take place and

prizes will be awarded for best costumes. This is always a good time for videos and pictures. These parties at the Rec Center are memories that last forever, so bring cameras, grandparents and parents!

After the parade we will give each registered child a bag of treats. Weather permitting, there will be a hayride through the trailer court for trick or treating. We thank our trailer court residents in advance for participating to make this a happy day for the kids. Please register your chil-

dren now so that they receive a bag of treats at this thrilling and chilling party. To register,

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## SNPJ Crossword BACK TO SCHOOL (#1809) solution

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# Senior Roundup a welcome return to the SNPJ Rec Center

by JUDY GERMANI (715)  
SNPJ Recreation Center

**BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.**—“Hello, pensioners, and welcome to the SNPJ Recreation Center for your special week!” This was the greeting heard when the pensioners registered for their cabins during the fun-filled week of Aug. 23-29.

The SNPJ Recreation Center takes pride in getting the cabins and activities ready for Senior Week. As always, our office was open each day to take care of their needs and to help make it a memorable week. The office staff was always there to help, along with maintenance manager Jeff Wisneski and his staff to do repairs as needed. If any problems came up, we took care of it; this was their week!

During registration you could see how happy our friends were to see each other, and the hugs just never ended. The new members were made to feel at home and got to know names by looking at the name tags. Soon everyone was being called by first names. It sure didn't take long for each senior to get an itinerary and plan for the week. I think this is the happiest week because most of our seniors are here to be with friends and they always get involved in the activities planned for them.

A great deal of time goes into plan-

ning the activities. Operations Manager Sue Krispinsky is to be acknowledged. Sue is with the seniors from morning until night and takes good care of them. She calls the meals by table and even helps serve the delicious soups offered at each lunch. Our caterers, David and Mariann Jones, made sure the soup was hot and tasty. Some of the soup offered were wedding, chili, stuffed pepper, tomato, ham and bean, and chicken noodle. Yum!

While at Senior Week, the balina tournament is always fun to watch and participate in. Our buddy Tony Bole (138) does a grand job handling this event. Thanks, Tony! On Sunday the Heritage Center was open to visit and a dance was offered to anyone wishing to attend. Dinner hour that evening was full of jokes and hellos.

After breakfast on Monday, the teams were picked for balina before relaxing in the dining room for lunch. A happy hour was offered in the Gostilna before dinner along with music by those who brought along their button box. Our seniors really know how to party and sing!

In the Gostilna on Tuesday night, a special guest arrived. Elvis did a good job keeping the action going with singing and music. This was one super-duper night for our lively seniors.

Thank you very much, Elvis!

On Wednesday, SNPJ Marketing Director Greg Felton gave some informative advice on SNPJ insurance, along with a few jokes to keep the smiles going. Your visit is always a pleasure, Greg, and we're lucky to have your advice. Thanks for coming!

Arts and crafts were handled by Sue, and the ladies enjoyed this very much. It's always fun to just sit and talk while making a treat to take home. Our seniors always arrive early for this time together. Bob Turcola performed at the upper pavilion that evening. Bob and his orchestra are there whenever you need a helping hand, and he is always happy to see the seniors. Thanks, Bobby. I'm sure the open-air pavilion gave everyone some special memories.

The Thursday Chinese auction was organized in the lower lobby. Frances Tekavec (87) and Rose Kiselich (87) get everyone together and sell the tickets. Each senior brings an item to auction off. The crowd is usually large for the drawings. There sure are some treasures to be had. Thank you to all who donated.

And what about bingo in the Gostilna later in the evening? Our gang got together and Sue handled the crowd of bingo lovers. What would they do without their Sue? She is like the energizer

bunny, always going for the seniors. Yeah, Sue!

On Friday our cooks at the new pavilion were a sight to behold. Ivan and Theresa Franjko and friends cooked the meal. The food was delicious and the night was a time to remember as everyone talked about it the next day. Thank you to Ivan and Theresa for their hard work. Let's do it again next year.

Music was available in the Gostilna Friday with a performance from the Mahoning Valley Button Box Club. This group had everyone singing and kept the night going.

Although the week was over after breakfast on Sunday, the seniors were still talking about the nights of sitting around the fire by the cabins. The Johnstown group took some great pictures, looking so comfortable in their blankets and jackets by the cabins. Evelyn and Ken Dimpfl (749) and their friends really know how to have a good time! Someone always comes up with a good idea for fun. Thank you for the lovely card from The Johnstown gang. I would also like to thank my lovely seniors for the red roses delivered by Josie Bole (138) and Pam Dornbusch (158) after my hospital stay. You are certainly good friends and a hug goes out to each of you.

See you all next year!

## Senior Corner

by CARL ZVANUT  
Lodge 800

**DEVON, Pa.** — Nostalgia took center stage because of the pictures from the past in the Labor Day *PROSVETA* issue, plus a phone conversation about them with my sister, Eileen, an active Lodge 107 member. Eileen and I had rubbed elbows with many of the people in the *PROSVETA* pictures of the crowd Frankie Yankovic drew to the Lodge 107 dance. It was great to see those who were always willing to help create memories, and the others, like me, who enjoyed what was created.

I knew many in the picture from an earlier time, the 1930s, in the hall on Seventh St. in St. Louis, where my father would take me to meetings. Common to the hall and at home was the Slovenian cuisine, though many of the names were fading and the recipes nearly gone from memory. But I seem not able

to forget the pressed sheet metal basement ceiling that would still be there after a lively polka above threatened its existence. And there was the bar that I thought special because it had survived prohibition. The place is boarded up now, my sister said, but no matter. The memories created there are what made it special, and they, like those in the *PROSVETA* pictures, can't be boarded up.

A different perspective on Big Pharma paying half the cost of meds in the hole of Part D can be found in the Aug. 20 *Philadelphia Inquirer* article “The \$80 billion health care question” by Miriam Hill. “Big Pharma” is PhRMA, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. The \$80 billion is the figure PhRMA agreed on with the administration to help pay for reform. That figure comes from multiplying the health reform cost of \$1 trillion by PhRMA's share of the country's health care tab today (“eight percent to 11 percent, depending on who is counting”). Using eight percent gives you \$80 billion.

Since only \$30-\$35 billion of the \$80 billion is

set aside over 10 years to pay for half of the cost of meds for seniors in the hole, what is the rest for? That isn't answered, but there are discussions, both pro and con, of what the drug industry would get. The article goes back and forth on how much that was worth to them. Much depends on whether or not it stays in the bill.

There's a different look at assisted living in the Sept. 3 *Philadelphia Inquirer* article “‘Assisted Living, The Musical’: Die laughing” by Matt Sedensky of the *Associated Press*. The article discusses being entertained for an hour with songs and jokes about old age topics including those “often off limits on stage and screen,” like death, elder driving, elderly romance, sickness and melanoma. Ordinarily not considered a source of amusement, it's done in a way acceptable to senior groups, drawing crowds in Florida retirement places with popularity measured by long waiting lists. The background of the entertainers (professional) and history of similar entertainment (not much) is discussed.

## Lodge 778 members embark on a European vacation

by EILEEN HARFMANN  
Lodge 778 Secretary

**SPRING HILL, Fla.**—Lodge 778 resumed its monthly meeting schedule Sept. 6. We finalized plans for our Thanksgiving dinner dance to be held Sunday, Nov. 22. Our entertainment will be Steve Juricic and the Tropical Squeeze. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

My husband Walt and I left Tampa, Fla., July 15 at 11 a.m. for our European trip. After connecting flights in Newark and Amsterdam, we finally arrived in Munich, Germany. By then it was July 16 and we had been traveling for 18 hours. Still, we were wide awake and ready to get started!

After a small set back with our rental car (the company ran out of cars!), we were navigating the autobahn on our way to Austria. There was a lot of traffic on the road, especially a lot of campers because it was holiday time for the Europeans. Upon arrival, we quickly settled into our hotel in Vöcklabruck, Austria. Soon we were meeting and greeting the newfound family members that had been in contact with for some time via e-mail. After a quick tour of the town and more introductions, we wine and dined with the Harfmann clan until late into the evening.

The next morning we were off to Austria's lake district, the Salzkammergut, and the charming village of Hallstatt nestled between the edge of the lake and the side of the mountain. The town dates back centuries before Christ and is one of Europe's oldest civilizations. We purchased tickets to tour the salt mine, then boarded the cable car for a ride up the mountain. When the car came to a stop, we were fairly high up the mountain. What a view! But we still had quite a bit of hiking to do to get to the entrance of the mine.

This salt mine is the oldest in the world and it's still in operation with 48 employees. The tour touched on the importance of salt to civilization and gave a brief explanation of how the

salt is actually mined. After the educational lectures, the fun began. First we slid down two wooden banisters to reach other levels inside the mine, and then we rode the small miner's train to the exit.

Later that evening we treated our relatives, Rolf and Margarete, to dinner at their favorite local restaurant. They chose a lovely place in the country, a working farm. Everything served was fresh and raised or grown on the farm. Even the schnapps was home-made! Our authentic Austrian meal was delicious.

The following day we ventured out on our own. We found a fairly new subdivision of pretty pastel colored homes equipped with traditional wooden balconies and flower-filled window boxes. We visited more extended family members in Bückeberg, Germany, on the breathtaking Lake Attersee. The view from their backyard was postcard perfect. Afterward we visited the nearby Michlbauer button box studio. The owner gave us a quick tour and explained that he not only sells accordions, but also gives music lessons to over 400 students of all ages.

On Monday we toured Salzburg, Austria. We saw the birthplace and residence of Mozart, the Salzburg Cathedral, the beautiful Mirabell Gardens, St. Peter's Cemetery, the Von Trapp Mansion, and Getreidegasse, Salzburg's old shopping street with the characteristic wrought-iron signs. We visited the well-groomed gardens of the nearby Hellbrunn Castle. The park is a lovely place where families come to picnic. The gazebo from “The Sound of Music” is located on the grounds. (Remember “I am 16 going on 17...”? That's the one!) In Oberndorf we toured the memorial chapel that commemorates the place where the Christmas carol “Silent Night” was first sung in 1818. Due to damage from flooding, the original church, St. Nicholas, was torn down.

On Tuesday we entered the Czech Republic. We toured the

medieval town of Český Krumlov. We saw the old castle, the beautiful fountain and gardens, and the cobblestone streets of the old town. Our pension was in České Budějovice, home of the original Budweiser. We enjoyed a few Czech Buds with our dinner that evening! We spent the next two days in Prague. The city is large and there were a lot of tourists. The language differences here were a problem for us. We didn't find translations in English or German, so it was a little harder to find our way around town. We saw St. Vitus Cathedral, the Golden Lane, the Royal Palace, Prague Castle and the astronomical clock. We crossed the statue-lined Charles Bridge and enjoyed a roasted duck dinner. Although we were warned about problems with pick-pocketers, we didn't have any problems. We took public transportation but were careful with our possessions. To their credit, the police have information vans set up throughout the city, and they are very friendly and willing to help. The Czech Republic is not yet on the euro, so prices are a little lower here than in other parts of Europe. And I must mention, I have never seen so many beautiful women!

On Friday we were off to Vienna, Austria. This remains one of Walt's favorite places to visit. The city is very clean, well-preserved and tourist-friendly. We took the metro to Schönbrunn Palace. This former summer residence of the Hapsburgs has 1,441 rooms, 40 of which are open to the public. Everything inside is covered in gold leaf and crystal, truly fit for royalty!

The Palace Gardens are colorful and beautifully manicured. After taking a hike up to the far end of the grounds, we reached the gloriolite, an Austrian military monument that offers a breathtaking view of the palace and the surrounding city.

We spent the next morning at Vienna's Naschmarkt, located just a few steps from the metro stop. One side of the mar-



WALT and EILEEN HARFMANN (778) [center] recently took a trip to Europe where they took in the sites and met with family.



Among the Harfmanns' stops in Austria was the village of Hallstatt, nestled between a lake and the side of a mountain.



The Harfmanns enjoyed a picturesque view while visiting relatives near the Attersee lake.

ket contained household goods, musical instruments, antiques and clothing. The other half consisted of the general market area. The booths and cafés sold everything — flowers, spices, cheeses, breads, pastries, fish, coffees, teas, meats and sausages. It was really something to see!

Later we walked by the Spanish Riding School (unfortunately the Lipizzaner stallions were not in town) and toured the magnificent Vienna

Opera House. We visited St. Stephen's Cathedral with its zigzagged mosaic roof, and St. Peter's. A wedding ceremony was about to take place so we were only allowed to peak inside. It was truly beautiful! Soon we saw the bride arrive via horse-drawn carriage. In the evening, we dined at a Hungarian restaurant and were serenaded by a strolling violinist.

The next day we were off to Slovenia. To be continued...

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**\$518.50**

# Utah Lodges gather for annual Slovenian Day picnic in the park

by CHARLENE DUPIN  
Lodge 113

**CARBON COUNTY, Utah** — Slovenian Day in Carbon County was held Aug. 9 at Price City Park thanks to the team effort of the officers and members of SNPJ Lodges 113, 757 and 689. Friends, family and guests from all over the state had an enjoyable time. Also joining us were members from Arizona and California. We

even had a few SNPJ members from Pennsylvania join us after reading about the event in *PROSVETA*.

The food was very tasty and the Slovenian dishes went over well; we sold out of everything! The music from Oly and Frank's band pleased everyone. Some members even danced and sang with the band. Dave Babcock (689) also sang and entertained the group.

Joanne and Gene Lessar (757) served as co-chairmen; all three Lodges thank them for their hard work that made the day a big success. They have accepted the position of co-chairmen for the event next year. We appreciate them and all they do. Many thanks to all of the members who worked, made food and sold drawing tickets.

Our next event will be a strudel-making party.



Slovenian pastries were in demand during the Utah Slovenian Day Picnic.

## SNPJ fraternal sympathies

### Sis. ANN T. GRILZ • LODGE 225 •

**GIRARD, Kan.** — The Grilz family and members of Lodge 225 sadly announce the Aug. 7, 2009, passing of Sis. Ann T. Grilz, 87, of Frontenac, Kan., following a sudden illness.

Sis. Grilz was born March 25, 1922, in Frontenac, the daughter of Louis E. and Catherine (Galliti) Baima. She lived in Frontenac her entire life and attended Frontenac schools, graduating in 1941 from Frontenac High School.

Ann married Benjamin "Ben" Franklyn Grilz April 5, 1947, in Girard. He preceded her in death Dec. 11, 2008. She was a homemaker and a member of the Frontenac American Legion Auxiliary Post #43. Ann loved her new home at Oakview Estates, and considered the staff and residents her family.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Grilz of Frontenac; a son, Michael (Mary Lou) Grilz of Plano, Texas; and two grandchildren, Ryan and Ashley Grilz of Plano. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a son, Jeffrey Grilz.

Funeral services were celebrated Aug. 12 at Friskel Funeral Home in Frontenac with Rev. Dennis Paschke officiating. Burial followed in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

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

### Sis. ROSE M. GERMOVSEK • LODGE 138 •

**STRABANE, Pa.** — The Germovsek family and members of Lodge 138 sadly report the Aug. 29, 2009, passing of Sis. Rose Marie Germovsek, 80.

Sis. Germovsek was born Nov. 19, 1928, in Cadiz, Ohio, a daughter of George and Mary Prohart Wrkich. She was a homemaker, and had worked at Federal Paper Company and Alexander Co-operative.

In addition to SNPJ Lodge 138, Rose was a member of Saint Patrick Church, KSKJ Saint Jerome Lodge and the Slovenian Women's Union. She enjoyed making Slovenian food for her family and listening to polkas with her late husband.

Surviving are one daughter, Mary Jo (Paul) Hartman of Bethel Park, Pa.; one son, Joseph (Melissa) Germovsek of Greensburg, Pa.; three sisters, Margaret Wroten of Smithfield, Ohio, Christina Kasprzak of Weirton, W. Va., and Mary Smith of Martins Ferry, Ohio; four grandchildren, Patrick and Keeley Germovsek, and Kristina and Elizabeth Hartman; and

many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph V. "Luddy" Germovsek; and four brothers, George, Joseph, Louis and Frank Wrkich.

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

### BRO. CHARLES R. ALES • LODGE 225 •

**GIRARD, Kan.** — With sadness, the Ales family and members of Lodge 225 announce the Aug. 22, 2009, passing of Bro. Charles R. Ales, 75, in Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center, Pittsburg, Kan.

Bro. Ales was born Nov. 8, 1933, in Franklin, Kan., the 10th of 13 children born to Frank and Mary Sudolchan Ales. He was raised in Franklin, attended Franklin Grade School and graduated from Alma High School, later attending Kansas State Teachers College (now Pittsburg State University) where he received a master's degree in mathematics.

Chuck was a retired teacher who taught in Chetopa, Erie and Curtis Middle School, Southeast High School and North High School, all in Wichita, Kan. He retired in 1991 with 37 years of teaching, and had assisted many students with help in tuition.

Bro. Ales was an avid Mustang collector who owned the Mustang Church of America and Museum in Frogtown, Kan., where he was also the mayor. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army. He was a member and past commander of Lon Helm Post #182 American Legion in Arma, the Kansas Teachers Association, PSU Alumni, and the Mustang Church of America and Museum.

Survivors include one son, Robert Brunch of Franklin; six sisters, Betty DeVoss of Frontenac, Eleanor Modderman of Kalamazoo, Mich., Anna Irvin of Albuquerque, N.M., Mildred Ales of Ottawa, Kan., Frances O'Banion of Pomona, Kan., and Verna Hasselman of Kansas City, Mo.; one brother, Jim Ales of Clearwater, Kan.; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary Belmonte; and four brothers, Tom, Bill, Frank and Eddie Ales.

According to his wishes, Bro. Ales was cremated. A Celebration of Life service was held Aug. 25 at the Mustang Church of America and Museum with David Dockens giving the eulogy. Burial will follow at a later date.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 225 and the SNPJ, we extend our sympathies to Bro. Ales' family, relatives and friends on their loss.

## National Golf Results

### Men's Individual — Members

| Name               | Lodge | Score | Prize |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| *Daren Fetcko      | 138   | 68    | \$100 |
| **John Pierog      | 776   | 66    | \$100 |
| **Charlie Emelko   | 776   | 66    | \$100 |
| **Joe Evanish      | 106   | 66    | \$100 |
| Michael Copich     | 643   | 67    | \$55  |
| John Baselj        | 6     | 67    | \$55  |
| Tom Sedora         | 138   | 67    | \$55  |
| Vince Braddock Jr. | 138   | 67    | \$55  |
| Don Prejsnar       | 770   | 68    | \$20  |
| Greg Curl          | 6     | 69    | \$18  |
| Gary Shultz        | 138   | 69    | \$18  |
| Robert Copich      | 643   | 70    | \$17  |
| Jim Cadez          | 138   | 70    | \$17  |
| Ermando Volpe      | 564   | 70    | \$17  |
| Clark Searfoss     | 776   | 71    | \$16  |
| Lou Kumer Jr.      | 715   | 72    | \$15  |
| John Krajcirik     | 776   | 72    | \$15  |
| Dave Sankovich     | 770   | 72    | \$15  |
| Bruce DiLullo      | 776   | 72    | \$15  |
| Jeff Cadez         | 138   | 72    | \$15  |
| John Copich        | 643   | 72    | \$15  |
| Tom Vehar          | 138   | 72    | \$15  |

### Men's Team Event

| Name               | Lodge | Score | Prize |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| *Ed Caggiano       | 770   | 322   | \$148 |
| Bruce Dilullo      | 770   |       |       |
| Dave Sankovich     | 770   |       |       |
| Don Prejsnar       | 770   |       |       |
| **John Baselj      | 6     | 286   | \$148 |
| Gary Shultz        | 138   |       |       |
| Denny Brand Jr.    | 6     |       |       |
| Bob Russ           | 158   |       |       |
| Vince Braddock Jr. | 138   | 287   | \$124 |
| Tom Vehar          | 138   |       |       |
| Daren Fetcko       | 138   |       |       |
| Bob Fetcko         | 138   |       |       |
| Charlie Emelko     | 776   | 289   | \$84  |
| Steve Dobrich      | 776   |       |       |
| Mike Klamer        | 776   |       |       |
| Clark Searfoss     | 776   |       |       |
| Roger Evanish      | 715   | 290   | \$60  |
| Lou Kumer Jr.      | 715   | (tie) |       |
| Joe Evanish        | 106   |       |       |
| Frank Wright       | 6     |       |       |
| John Pierog        | 776   | 290   | \$60  |
| John Krajcirik     | 776   | (tie) |       |
| Kevin Richards     | 106   |       |       |
| Shawn Parks        | 106   |       |       |
| Michael Copich     | 643   | 294   | \$48  |
| Greg Curl          | 6     |       |       |
| Ken Pintar         | 6     |       |       |
| Denny Brand Sr.    | 6     |       |       |

### Women's Individual

| Name              | Lodge | Score | Prize |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| *Sandy Copich     | 643   | 90    | \$42  |
| **Janice Rockwell | 138   | 75    | \$42  |

### Men's Individual — Guests

| Name            | Score | Prize |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| *Joe Davey      | 77    | \$25  |
| **Al Brooks Sr. | 67    | \$25  |
| Al Brooks Jr.   | 72    | \$13  |

\*Indicates Actual Champion  
\*\*Indicates Net Champion

## National Balina Results

### Men's Division

| Name                     | Lodge           | Prize |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Trailer Court Men        | 770/138/158/782 | \$120 |
| No Deposit, No Return    | 138             | \$100 |
| "D" Crew                 | 677             | \$76  |
| Young Trailer Court Guys | 6/158           | \$40  |

### Women's Division

| Name          | Lodge | Prize |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| Doo or Die    | 6/158 | \$120 |
| Balina Belles | 6/158 | \$100 |
| MMVP          | 138   | \$76  |
| Ball Busters  | 138   | \$40  |

## National Horseshoes Results

| (Place)/Team                  | Lodge | Prize |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| (1) Jim Miller/John Semple    | 138   | \$90  |
| (2) Billy Kursel/Joe Tonya    | 776   | \$60  |
| (3) Jeff Herforth/Joe Free    | 138   | \$40  |
| (4) John Wagner/Monty Stimmel | 138   | \$26  |

## National Beanbag Toss Results

| (Place)/Team                     | Lodge   | Prize |
|----------------------------------|---------|-------|
| (1) Ron Tkach/Daren Fetcko       | 138     | \$300 |
| (2) Tim Claudio/Bob Wagner       | 138     | \$200 |
| (3) Joe Cvetas/Rayne Randolph    | 782/770 | \$100 |
| (4) Frank Wright/Jamie Evanish   | 6/715   | \$80  |
| (5) Marlene Lamovec/Russ Lamovec | 158     | \$80  |
| (4) Sam Killinger/Mike Boyan     | 138     | \$64  |
| (6) Kim Rodick/Terry Skovonski   | 158     | \$64  |

## In Memory

### BRO. JOHN HRIBAR • LODGE 174 •

**CLEVELAND** — When my wife, Milena, and I received no reply to the mail we sent to John Hribar and his wife, Dorothy, we suspected serious illness or worse because it was so unlike them. Our fears were confirmed Aug. 12 by a letter from David Botic in which he wrote:

"I am sorry to inform you of the death of my uncle, John Hribar Jr. He passed away July 28 after a serious illness. He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery Aug. 25. He always spoke highly of you and considered you one of his best friends. He always shared your [Milena's] packages of klobase and potica with my wife and me."

David also thoughtfully enclosed a copy of John's obituary from the July 28 issue of the *Johnstown Tribune Democrat*, which was printed as follows:

**HRIBAR**—*John Jr.*, 87, Laurel View Village, died July 28, 2009, at Memorial Medical Center. Born July 28, 1922, in Krayn, Pa., the son of John Sr. and Jennie (Zakraysek) Hribar. Preceded in death by parents and sisters, Jean Botic and Mollie Hribar. Survived by wife, the former Dorothy Skillen, whom he married Oct. 12, 1955; and several nieces and nephews.

He was a member of SNPJ Lodge 174, American Fraternal Union (ABZ Lodge 136), an Krayn Sportsmen's Association, and was an active associate of the Slovenian Research Center of America, Inc.

He was a World War II veteran, having served with the F-28 Fifth Marine Division that participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima, in which Mr. Hribar was seriously injured. As a result, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. He also was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Fifth Marine Division Association, honorary member of U.S. Marine Raider Association, a sustaining member of the Marine Corps Historical Foundation, and

a perpetual member of the Marines Memorial Club and VFW Post 5107. Mr. Hribar's motto was "uncommon valor was a common virtue." He was a retired shipfitter from the Bethlehem Fairfield Shipyard in Baltimore, Md.

Friends received from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Henderson Funeral Home, East Hills, where funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday with Pastor Wes Yoder officiating. Interment with full military honors will take place in Arlington Memorial Cemetery.

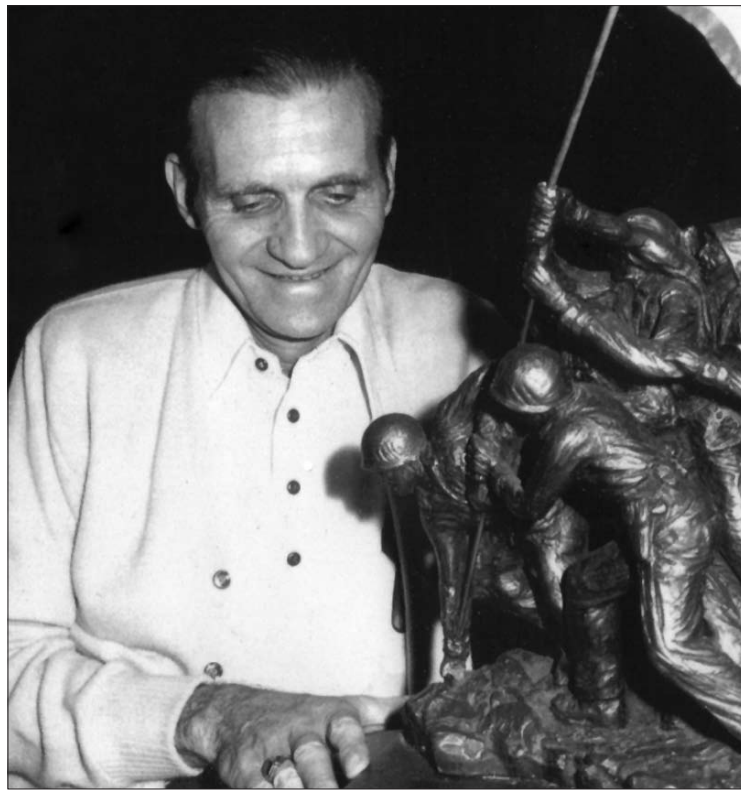
As shown by the above summary, John Hribar was a great American patriot. In 1981, the Slovenian Research Center of America published John's "Odyssey of a Slovenian-American Marine" ("Slovenian Heritage," pgs. 439-445). In it he states, "In 1944, I wanted to serve America in the national emergency and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve." After training in North Carolina, he was shipped to Hawaii where the 28th Regiment of the Fifth Marine — the Spearhead — Division was getting organized for the Invasion of Iwo Jima.

He continues: "Thus, I, Janez, John or Hank Hribar, a Slovenian miner from Krayn, Pa., and an American Marine, was to become a fighter for freedom in one of the most famous battles in history... I participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima from Feb. 19-March 2, 1945. I fought in the conquest of the slopes — and Feb. 23 was the best day in my life as I saw the American flag raised on top of Mt. Suribachi... Yet, the fighting continued on Iwo Jima's northern end. In all, 5,931 Marines were killed and 17,272 were wounded. I was seriously wounded March 2."

Although partly disabled for the rest of his life with a metal bar inserted in his leg, John continued to be involved in numerous American patriotic causes, as partly suggested in his obituary. He was a great American patriot.

John was also a proud Slovenian patriot. He and his Irish-American wife, Dorothy, often visited Slovenia, always remembering that John's father, Janez, and his mother, Jennie, originated from Cerknica.

He was a member of several Slovenian organizations, including



Bro. JOHN HRIBAR (174), in 1984, with a replica of the Iwo Jima monument.

SNPJ, ABZ and Slovenian Club Vihar in his native town of Krayn. He helped American aviators who had been shot down during World War II reconnect with the Slovenians who saved them. He also eagerly joined the Slovenian Research Center of America and became one of our most active and prolific volunteer research associates. He gathered materials, addresses and leads on Slovenians whose stories he believed should be preserved for posterity in our archives and publicized to promote awareness of our proud Slovenian heritage among Slovenians, as well as objective knowledge and well-deserved prestige of Slovenians in America and around the world.

As America celebrated the bicentennial of her Declaration of Independence, John sent a copy of our short summary of Slovenian-American accomplishments to the *Bicentennial Times*, a special organ of the U.S. Bicentennial Commission, which was being sent gratis for distribution to every American community. The hero of Iwo Jima succeeded! Our article on Slovenian contributions was published and the editors correctly indicated it had been submitted by John Hribar, the hero of Iwo Jima!

John achieved another important success for his hometown by literally putting Krayn on the American map, where it had not been shown prior to his long and intensive campaign. Thus, thanks to him, Krayn, Pa., has joined a number of other places in America named after Slovenia or Slovenians, including Krain and Pierz (Pirc) in Minnesota; Baraga Village, Baraga County and Traunik in Michigan; and Idria in California, among others.

In the numerous letters and cards which we received from him, he loved to sign himself as "Krajnski Janez," one of the most recognizable Slovenian names. Now, he too is gone. Our heartfelt sympathy to Dorothy and other relatives.

Thank you, Janez, John or Hank Hribar, for all you have done for America and for your Slovenian compatriots. Rest in peace in the vicinity of President John Kennedy's grave and eternal flame, together with thousands of American and a number of Slovenian-American compatriots at the famous resting place of great heroes, Arlington National Cemetery.

**Editor's Note:** This article was submitted by Ed (142) and Milena Gobetz.