

## November meeting set for Lodge 776 members

**BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.** — SNPJ Lodge 776 will meet for a regular meeting Sunday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. at the SNPJ Recreation Center in the Borough of SNPJ. Members are urged to attend.

**VONNIE DOMBROSKY**  
Lodge 776 President

## V-Boj Lodge 53 sets Nov. 15 annual meeting

**CLEVELAND** — V-Boj Lodge 53 will hold its regular monthly meeting followed by the annual meeting Tuesday, Nov. 15, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road. All members are encouraged to attend. Information about our Christmas party will appear in a future *PROSVETA* issue.

**PATRICIA BUDZILEK**  
Lodge 53 Recording Secretary

## Lodge 106 will host the 2012 Fall Classic Bowl

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — The Fraternal Department is pleased to announce that the National Athletic Board approved a bid from Lodge 106 in Imperial to host the 2012 SNPJ Fall Classic Bowling Tournament the weekend of Oct. 13-14, 2012. Bowling will take place at Paradise Lanes, Neville Island, Pa., with all social activities planned at Lodge 106. Watch *PROSVETA* for details in the upcoming months.

**KEVIN RICHARDS**  
Fraternal Director

## Lodge 126 opening the crypt at the SNPJ Farm

**KIRTLAND, Ohio** — Join Lodge 126 Saturday, Nov. 5, at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland for the "Kegs In The Crypt" costume party, an evening of Halloween fun for ages 21 and over featuring good food, good music and good costumes. This event was previously known as the Harvest Masquerade Ball. Come dressed up to win; \$300 in cash prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Rock the night away with Sumrada, performing from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Gates to the crypt open at 6 p.m. This is a presale-only event (group ticket pricing is available), and all details and ticket information are available online at [www.snj126.com](http://www.snj126.com) or by phoning Lodge 126 Secretary/Treasurer Ed Sumrada at (440) 951-5410. We hope to see you Nov. 5!

**TRACY SUMRADA**  
Lodge 126 Recording Secretary

## THE DEADLINE

The next two *PROSVETA* issue dates are Nov. 16 and Nov. 30. All material must be received by Monday, Nov. 7, for the Nov. 16 issue, and by Monday, Nov. 21, for the Nov. 30 issue. If you are running short on time and concerned about making the deadline, try faxing your submission to (724) 695-1555, e-mailing [prosveta@snpj.com](mailto:prosveta@snpj.com), or submitting via the publications area of our web site, [www.snj.org](http://www.snj.org).

# Lodge 723 dance Makes a Difference

by PHYLLIS WOOD  
Lodge 723

**FONTANA, Calif.** — April 30 proved to be a day full of very generous hearts and wallets at the Fontana Slovene Hall. Sunkist Lodge 723 sponsored a Join Hands Day polka dance fundraiser with profits benefiting the local Ronald McDonald House.

A check for \$400 from Lodge 723 – representing the proceeds from admissions, 50/50 drawing and the kitchen – was presented to Danielle Walters, event coordinator of the Ronald McDonald House of Loma Linda, Calif., by Lodge member Phyllis Wood. Danielle was excited to receive the donation from Lodge 723

and shared that it would be put to good use for the family members.

The crowd at the Join Hands Day polka dance was entertained by various accordion and button box players, along with several sidemen, as April 30 was also the Fontana Slovene Hall's regular monthly jam session. The jam sessions are coordinated by Frank Rote and Eric Wood, and allow a venue for anyone to play their instrument. We thank Frank and Eric for coordinating this jam session in collaboration with Lodge 723, and we thank the entertainers for their time. The people certainly enjoyed their music.

The food, provided by An Affair with Food, was delicious. A special thank you goes to Eric

Wood, owner of the catering company, for his generous donation to the Ronald McDonald House of all the profits from the kitchen from the Join Hands Day event.

The Ronald McDonald House of Loma Linda provides a temporary home for children who are primarily patients at Loma Linda University Medical Center Children's Hospital where complex care is provided. The families served generally come to Loma Linda University Medical Center for organ transplants or very serious illnesses that require long term, yet acute, care. For parents, caregivers and

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Sis. **PHYLLIS WOOD** (723) [left] presented a check to the local Ronald McDonald house. The funds were raised at the Lodge 723 Make a Difference Day polka dance held April 30 at the Fontana Slovene Hall.

PERIODICAL MATERIAL

# Lodge 53 bus trip a moving experience

by PAULINE BARBISH  
Lodge 53 President

**CLEVELAND** — It's about time I expand on the June trip sponsored by V-Boj Lodge 53. On Tuesday, June 14, a total of 53 members and friends woke up bright and early to visit the Que Creek Mine Rescue Site and Shanksville, Pa., the site of the Flight 93 crash.

Our first stop was the Que Creek Mine Rescue Site on Haupt Road in Somerset County, Pa., where we were greeted by Dome Farm owners Bill and Lori Arnold. They have an organic farm on the land where the rescue shaft was bored into the earth.

An explanation of the days' events was given, along with information regarding the GPS technology and underground mine schematics that were instrumental in leading to the rescue of the nine miners who were trapped 240 feet below ground for 77 hours. All nine miners came out alive!

Lori Arnold suggested for us to walk the grounds and inspect the shaft that was bored so that the miners could be rescued. The rescue cap-

sule was also on display. One can only imagine what it must have felt like, being squeezed into that small cage to be brought up to the daylight and into the arms of loved ones.

On we went to Seven Springs Mountain Resort for a luncheon that we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Our next stop was at the site of a Civilian Conservation Corp. (CCC) camp. There we were greeted by Adolph and Edward Semich, the brothers of Lodge 53 Secretary Martha Meglich. Incidentally, the brothers are also SNPJ members and belong to Lodge 254.

When Adolph and Edward were young adults, they joined the CCC and were instrumental in making the plans for our visit to the camp, which is now a national park. For those who are not aware, the CCC was a federal program set up under FDR's administration. The purpose was to give employment to those who couldn't find work during the Depression years. These young men were sent all over the country. Both Adolph and Edward joined to help their families survive.

This federal program made men out of boys, teaching them responsibility. Their pay was \$30 a month, \$5 of which they kept and the balance was sent home so their parents could pay for food and living expenses. This was very interesting as many of our passengers remembered the CCC, and one or two were also members.

The next stop was the crash site of Flight 93. There we were met by a park ranger who accompanied us to the observation area where we were able to see the actual crash site. The ranger was thorough in explaining what happened that day. The plane impacted at 500 mph and drove 40 feet into the ground. It incinerated immediately because of the high octane jet fuel.

The decision those 40 passengers and three crew members made was their own, knowing that they wouldn't have a chance to live out the lease of life and accepting that it would be cut short.

The morning of Sept. 11, 2001, is one of the United States' darkest hours in the new mil-

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## The Luck of the Draw

Home Office staff members **LINDA VALEK** [left] and **KATHY BROWN** selected the winning entry in the third quarter SNPJ Recommender Program drawing. This quarter's lucky recommender was Sophie Costello, a member of Lodge 643 in Girard, Ohio, who will receive the quarterly \$100 Recommender Award and will be entered in the 2011 year-end drawing for a chance to win an additional \$500. Have you recommended a new SNPJ member lately?

# Join Fontana Lodge 723 for Novemberfest fun

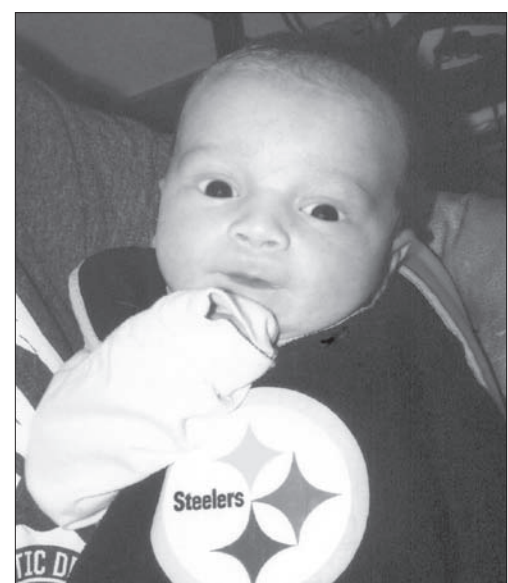
by JEAN TURNBULL  
Lodge 723 Vice President

**FONTANA, Calif.** — Lodge 723 will host the always-popular Fontana Slovene Button Accordion Club during Novemberfest at the Slovene Hall in Fontana Nov. 12 from 2 to 6 p.m. Slovenian food and pastries will be available. Come enjoy the music, dance a little or a lot and have a great time.

The Slovene Hall continues its monthly jam sessions which are open to all musicians, dancers and supporters. Check the "Up & Coming" column for dates and times.

The annual Christmas open house will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, starting at 6 p.m. at the Slovene Hall. Admission will be a new, unwrapped toy and \$5 per person. All admission proceeds will be donated to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. Polka music will be provided for entertainment and dancing, and a variety of appetizers will be included as part of the admission. Join us for an evening of friendship and a celebration of the coming holidays.

The next Lodge 723 meeting will be held Saturday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m., prior to the Novemberfest dance.



• **Jackson L. Roman**  
Born June 19, 2010  
Universal, Pa., Lodge 715

Lodge 715 welcomes Jackson Lee Roman as its newest addition. Jackson is the son of Joseph (715) and Thresa Roman, and great-grandson of Nick Roman (715). We welcome Jackson to the Slovene National Benefit Society and extend our best wishes to his entire family.

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## Sister Cities celebrate a decade of unity

by JOSEF LAPOSA  
Lodge 107

**INDIANAPOLIS** — An Indianapolis-Piran friendship tree was planted Sept. 27 at Irvington Community School in Indianapolis. As the linden tree is native to Slovenia, the cucumber magnolia tree is native to the State of Indiana. The tree was planted by municipal officials from Piran on an official Sister City visit to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Indianapolis-Piran Sister Cities.

The Municipality of Piran delegation includes Vice Mayor Gašpar Gašpar Miši, the mayor's Chief of Staff Dimitrij Samsal and Head of Protocol Monika Romanello-Rebol. The Indianapolis-Piran Sister City Committee representatives are Stephanie Leslie and Josef Laposa (107).

The delegation participated in the Indianapolis Sister Cities program, and visited various museums and a traditional Slovenian

neighborhood in Haughville, Ind. They were also guests at Lucas Oil Stadium for the Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Indianapolis Colts game!

Discussions are in progress for

a proposed academic exchange between University of Primorska, and Indiana University and Purdue University for the fall 2012 semester.



A tree-planting ceremony was held in Indianapolis to mark the 10th anniversary of the Indianapolis-Piran Sister Cities relationship.

## Lodge 53 tour highlights recent U.S. history

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lenium. Many people referred to this 10th year at the continuation of 9/11. I prefer to say it is a commemorative year. That being said, we citizens of the United States of America must and should never forget the horrific events of 9/11.

The last stop was at the memorial chapel in Shanksville where we were greeted by Bishop Alphonse Mascherino, DD. After a short time at the chapel, we boarded the bus and headed home.

The day proved to be a memorable one. It was a trip that we were

pleased and proud to have taken. At this time, Lodge 53 wants to express their thanks to all who participated and showed their gratitude for a very interesting and informative trip. It is a trip every American should take.

In closing, I'd like to tout the following: If you don't have an opportunity to visit any of the terrorist crash sites, may I suggest to all Cleveland locals a memorial in Western Lake County. To many of you, it may be obscure, but it exudes volumes of silent reflection.

The location of this outdoor memorial is East Lake, Ohio, near the

intersection of St. Rt. 91 and Lake Shore Blvd. (St. Rt. 263). You'll see a boulevard named 500 Flags that is lined with 500 American flags. The memorial is behind Eastlake City Hall and Fire Department.

The memorial consists of two pillars depicting the Twin Towers of New York City with a piece of contorted steel beam and a lantern light that was located at one of the entrances. There is also a piece of marble from the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and soil and grass from the Shanksville crash site. I highly recommend it.

Thank you, and God bless America.



V-Boj Lodge 53 members and friends took part in a bus trip to the Que Creek Mine and Shanksville, Pa., 9/11 crash site in June.

## Up-and-Coming...

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

- NOV. 6 ..... Calif. Federation Vinska Trgatev (Slovene Grape Festival) at the Fontana Slovene Hall, Fontana, Calif.; 2-6 p.m. Music by the Mlakar Brothers Orchestra. For additional information contact Jean Koci at (949) 495-0097.
- NOV. 12 ..... Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 presents Renewed Memories II in the Lodge 106 clubroom; 8 p.m.-midnight. Kitchen will be open. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail Kevin Richards at kevinrichards22@gmail.com.
- NOV. 12 ..... Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 polka dance at the Fontana Slovene Hall; 2-6 p.m. Music by the Fontana Slovene Button Accordion Club. For additional information contact Eric Wood at (909) 823-1923.
- NOV. 19 ..... Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 jam session in the Lodge 106 clubroom; 7-11 p.m. Kitchen will be open. For additional information contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail Kevin Richards at kevinrichards22@gmail.com.
- NOV. 27 ..... Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87 polka dance in the Crystal Ballroom; 2-7 p.m. Music by Mike Dee and The Polka Quads. For more information contact Shirley Bailley at (724) 864-1606.
- NOV. 27 ..... Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 presents Klancnik & Friends with special guest George Suhon and Silver Sky in the Lodge 106 Hall; 2-8 p.m. Admission is \$8 and the kitchen will be open. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail Kevin Richards at kevinrichards22@gmail.com.
- DEC. 3 ..... Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 Christmas open house at the Fontana Slovene Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. For details contact Eric Wood at (909) 823-1923.
- DEC. 3 ..... Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 hosts Larry Placek in the Lodge 106 clubroom; 7:30-11:30 p.m. Kitchen will be open. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail Kevin Richards at kevinrichards22@gmail.com.
- DEC. 4 ..... Orange County, Calif., Lodge 786 Christmas party at Laguna Woods Clubhouse 6; 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. For details contact Jean Koci at (949) 495-0097.
- DEC. 10 ..... Samsula, Fla., Lodge 603 Christmas parade beginning at the Lodge 603 Hall; 3 p.m. For details contact Nancy Bass at (386) 428-5988.
- DEC. 10 ..... Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 jam session at the Fontana Slovene Hall; 2-6 p.m. For additional information contact Eric Wood at (909) 823-1923.
- DEC. 12 ..... La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 holiday luncheon at the 4 Star Restaurant, Peru, Ill.; 11:30 a.m. For details contact Eleanor Kuhar at (815) 883-8983.
- DEC. 17 ..... Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 jam session in the Lodge 106 clubroom; 7-11 p.m. Kitchen will be open. For more information contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail Kevin Richards at kevinrichards22@gmail.com.
- DEC. 18 ..... Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 youth Christmas party in the Lodge 106 Hall; 2-4 p.m. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or Kevin Richards at kevinrichards22@gmail.com.
- DEC. 31 ..... Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 New Year's Eve party featuring Clem Rolin and the Pittsburgh All-Stars Band in the Lodge 106 clubroom; 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Lodge. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail Kevin Richards at kevinrichards22@gmail.com.
- JAN. 7 ..... Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 presents Renewed Memories II in the Lodge 106 clubroom; 8 p.m.-midnight. Kitchen will be open. For additional information contact the Lodge by calling (724) 695-1411 or e-mail Kevin Richards at kevinrichards22@gmail.com.
- JUNE 17-22 ..... Youth Roundup at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail krichards@snpj.com for registration forms.
- JUNE 22-24 ..... SNPJ Young Adult Conference at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For registration information contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail krichards@snpj.com.
- JULY 13-15 ..... Slovenefest XXXI and the 56th Miss SNPJ Pageant at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For additional information phone the Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.

## Lodge 723 hosts April dance to make a difference

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siblings who live outside of the area, the house provides a haven while the child is in the hospital, and a home for the family and child after discharge when outpatient care requires many hours in a day.

A big thank you to Lodge 723 members Julianne Wood and Courtney Looney for their efforts in leading the fund-raising event. They both advertised the event to their friends and on Facebook, and coordinated the guest speaker from The Ronald McDonald House and the 50/50 drawing. And last but not least, thank you to the people who came out and generously opened their wallets for this very worthwhile cause.

## Residents of Slovenia must register to vote in Dec. election

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Early parliamentary elections will be held Dec. 4 at the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Washington, D.C., and consulates general of the Republic of Slovenia in Cleveland and New York City.

Slovenian citizens with registered residence (*stalno prebivališče*) in the United States can vote in person at the above listed representations, or by mail. Voting material will be sent automatically by mail. The Slovenian embassy encourages Slovenian citizens who recently moved to update their addresses with Slovenian authorities.

Slovenian citizens with registered residence in Slovenia and visiting or temporarily residing (*začasno prebivališče*) in the United States can vote in person at the listed representations or by mail.

In either case, voters need to register with the National Electoral Commission by Nov. 3. In order to register, a completed and signed registration form, which can be found at [www.dvk.gov.si](http://www.dvk.gov.si), must be sent directly to the National Electoral Commission. All registration forms must be received by Nov. 3 and can be sent by fax to (011) (386) 43 31 269 or by e-mail to [rvk@gov.si](mailto:rvk@gov.si). Due to the signature requirement, only scanned documents may be e-mailed.

Visit the embassy's web site, [www.washington.embassy.si](http://www.washington.embassy.si) (Consular Affairs, Elections/Referendums), for detailed information on elections and the nomination/support of candidates to the National Assembly. Detailed information is also available on the National Electoral Commission's web site, [www.dvk.gov.si](http://www.dvk.gov.si).

## 2012

### Have something for Up-and-Coming?

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

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

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When we take a simple trip to the pool or lake, we lug along a bag full of protection that we know will be needed, such as sunscreen, hats, goggles, swimmies and life vests. But we also take the extra precaution of being sure a lifeguard is on duty, even though we hope his services are never needed. We send our children into the football game with all the necessary equipment such as helmets, pads and mouthpieces. But the ambulance that sits on the sidelines adds an extra, if not uncomfortable, measure of security that we don't want to look in the eye. So it is with life insurance; it gives us protection against the unmentionable.

When you do bring yourself to look life insurance in the eye, you will also see that another good reason to purchase it for your children is that it will never be more affordable. As long as you continue to pay the premiums, the low rate is locked in for the rest of the child's life. For example, you can purchase your 12-year-old daughter a Whole Life policy with a face amount of \$25,000 for a level premium of only \$138.75 per year. Better yet, you can purchase a 20-Pay Life plan with a face amount of \$25,000 for only \$205 per year, and she will be done paying the premiums by the time she is 32 years old.

If you purchase your child a term policy, you can more than likely lock in the advantage of the low preferred rates that are available for those in excellent health. As a result, a 30-Year Term policy with a face amount of \$100,000 would cost your healthy 18-year-old son just \$125 per year. Even if he develops health problems down the road, as long as he continues making premium payments that preferred rate is locked in for the 30-year period.

We spend a lifetime protecting our children one way or another. Let an SNPJ insurance policy add that extra precaution that gives an additional measure of security for a lifetime. Contact your local agent, Lodge secretary or the SNPJ Home Office at 1-800-843-7675 to find out more about protecting your children with affordable coverage.

• **Thought for the Week** — Precaution is better than cure.

Edward Coke



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## President Türk dissolves Parliament, calls election

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — One minute after midnight on Oct. 21, President Danilo Türk signed a decree dissolving the Slovenian parliament and calling for an early general election on Dec. 4.

President Türk decided to dissolve parliament after the government of Prime Minister Borut Pahor was ousted in a failed confidence vote on Sept. 20 and no proposals for a new prime minister-designate were received from parliament. The president waited the entire 30-day period during which proposals for a new prime minister-designate could be filed prior to signing the decree on dissolution.

This is the first time that Slovenia will hold an early election, and President Türk decided to sign the decree immediately after midnight in order to allow the process of candidate registration to begin as soon as possible. Registrations for this election, the sixth general election since Slovenia gained independence in 1991, will run from Oct. 21 through Nov. 9.

Candidates can be registered by political parties with the signature of three members of parliament or 50 voters from each electoral unit. Registration of non-party candidates must be filed with the backing of at least 1,000 voter signatures from each election unit in which the candidate will run. The official election campaign will begin a month before the election, on Nov. 4.

Despite the dissolution decree, members of parliament will see their term end when the new National Assembly is constituted within 20 days of election day.

## Slovenia, U.S. sign Fulbright memorandum

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — In early October, Slovenia and the United States signed a memorandum on the Fulbright educational exchange program which offers scholarships for studies in the United States. Under the terms of the program, four students and five lecturers from Slovenia will travel to the United States during the 2011-2012 school year.

The new agreement, signed by outgoing Education Minister Igor Lukšič and U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia Joseph Mussomeli, is aimed at upgrading the program in Slovenia. From now on, students and professors will be able to apply for scholarships with the Slovenian Labor, Family and Social Affairs Ministry through the Public Human Resources Development and Scholarship Fund, according to a press release from the Higher Education, Science and Technology Ministry, which was in charge of the project.

The Fulbright program was established in 1946 and currently operates in over 155 countries worldwide. The program awards approximately 8,000 new grants annually. A total of 260 Slovenians have been granted scholarships since 1994.

## Slovenia's Dob prison opens a new wing

**DOB (STA)** — The Slovenian Prison Administration opened a new wing of the Dob prison Oct. 12, thus solving the problem of an overcrowded facility. "The investment at Dob, estimated at \$16.5 million, makes the prison comparable to the most modern prisons in Europe," said outgoing Justice Minister Aleš Zalar, who attended the opening.

The new wing at Dob, the largest Slovenian prison, provides an additional 174 beds and is part of a comprehensive renovation plan. The new, modern prison complex, consisting of six modules of 23 single and two triple rooms, offers prisoners modern recreational facilities in addition to the maximum privacy possible and almost no direct supervision.

Minister Zalar said that the new wing of Dob prison was one of the most modern prison facilities in Europe and could serve as a model for prisons in Slovenia and abroad.

Dušan Valentinčič, the director of the Slovenian Prison Administration, said that the extension, comprised of two identical buildings, was not yet entirely furnished, but even so, prisoners were to be transferred there by the end of the year. Valentinčič also said that the new facility would allow the Slovenian Prison Administration to start solving the cramped situation in Ljubljana as well, and added that no additional staff would be required to man the facility.



## Slovenia stages mock quake for rescue teams

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — Eight search and rescue teams participated in an Oct. 19 international drill in Slovenia based on the scenario of a devastating earthquake hitting central Slovenia. The four-day drill, dubbed "Ipa SI - Quake 2011" hosted 200 rescuers from eight countries who specialize in urban targets.

On its web site, the Slovenian Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief said that teams from Albania, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey and Slovenia worked at seven locations throughout central Slovenia between Oct. 19-22. During the drill, which was financed by the EU, the teams searched for approximately 90 dummies and provided aid and assistance to 100 people. In the scenario, the quake ruins 10,000 buildings and severely damages another 25,000, while 50,000 people lose their homes.

Apart from the search and rescue teams, the drill was designed for trainers, observers and assessors from the Croatian Protection and Rescue Directorate, the German Federal Agency for Technical Relief, and the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency.

## Ljubljana vying for 2014 European Green Capital

**BRUSSELS, Belgium (STA)** — Ljubljana will be among 19 cities from 14 European countries competing for the title of 2014 European Green Capital, the European Commission announced in mid-October. The other cities competing for the title include Antwerp (Belgium), Brasov (Romania), Bristol (England), Brussels (Belgium), Bursa (Turkey), Copenhagen (Denmark), Frankfurt (Germany), Ghent (Netherlands), Newcastle (England), Paris (France), Rotterdam (Netherlands), Stoke-on-Trent (England), Tampere (Finland), Thessaloniki (Greece), Turin (Italy), Trabzon (Turkey), Vienna (Austria), and Saragossa (Spain).

The European Green Capital Award was conceived as an initiative to promote and reward efforts for improving the environment, economy and quality of life. In order to become the European Green Capital, a city must meet high environmental standards and be committed to ongoing and ambitious goals for further environmental improvement and sustainable development, as well as serve as a role model to inspire other cities and promote best practices to all other European cities.

All the bids are examined by an expert evaluation panel which chooses three or four cities that advance into the final round of judging. The 2014 European Green Capital will be announced in June 2012 in Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain, the titleholder for 2012.

The first city to win the title was Stockholm in 2010, and this year's Green Capital is Hamburg. The 2013 European Green Capital was awarded to Nantes, a city in western France.

## Velenje mine partners in Asian-Pacific venture

**VELENJE (STA)** — In mid-October, Slovenian coal mine operator Premogovnik Velenje signed an agreement on a joint venture for coal mining in the Asia-Pacific region with three international companies. Premogovnik Velenje director Milan Medved said that Slovenian expertise in coal mining had now become an export product.

The establishment of the Singapore-based company Fairwood PV, which will provide various services in the field of underground mining on the markets of India, Southeast Asia and in the Pacific, is a milestone for Premogovnik Velenje, Medved told the press.

The agreement with the Fairwood Group, Cigler & Partners and Chescor Capital was signed in the Slovenian Coal Mining Museum in Velenje, 525 feet underground, where coal mining in Slovenia started more than 135 years ago.

Medved said that Premogovnik Velenje would export its know-how in the form of a special coal extraction technique, which according to him is one of the most up-to-date mining methods in the world. Fairwood Group director general Ranbir Saran Das added that

the joint venture and the chance to apply this technology in the region, which was investing intensively in the field of energy, was a very important step.

Chescor Capital Director Alan Moore pointed to the major coal reserves and the increasing demand for energy in the Asia-Pacific region. Moore said it was very important that the environmentally-friendly Velenje technique comply with environmental standards in the region. Engineers and experts from Premogovnik Velenje are already analyzing a number of potential mining sites.

## Young volunteers teach seniors computer skills

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — A number of young volunteers promoted the use of computers and the Internet among senior citizens during a series of free workshops offered across Slovenia between Oct. 17-21 as part of a project dubbed "Simbioz@E-literate Slovenia."

Simbioz@ is the largest volunteer project this year, the Ypsilon Institute, which organized the initiative, announced at a press conference in Ljubljana. At more than 250 free workshops, seniors will have the opportunity to become acquainted with the function of computers, the Internet and web sites, and learn how this technology can make their lives easier. "They will learn how to use e-mail and be encouraged to learn more about computers," Ypsilon Institute representative Borut Jeglič said. Jeglič noted that over 500 information centers had also been set up across the country to promote e-literacy among senior citizens.

According to Jeglič, the project is important because it encourages intergenerational cooperation and volunteering among the young. The project was tested at pilot workshops, where 40 volunteers welcomed more than 100 visitors.

The press conference was attended by outgoing Labor, Family and Social Affairs Minister Ivan Svetlik, who said that the future development of Slovenian society would depend on intergenerational cooperation. Svetlik added that technological advances, though enabling progress, were creating a social gap which seniors in particular have difficulties overcoming.

## Nanos cheese receives Protected Origin Label

**BRUSSELS, Belgium (STA)** — Nanos cheese has become the sixth Slovenian food product to receive protected geographical status in the European Union. The cheese, which has been produced on the Nanos plateau in western Slovenia since the 16th century, received the Protected Designation of Origin Label in early October.

The milk used for Nanos cheese is very high in beta carotene, therefore the cheese has an intense yellow color. Due to a specific microflora in the air of the wine region where the ripening facilities are located, the cheese also has a characteristic biting flavor. The quality of the feed in the production area of Nanos cheese is especially fine due to Mediterranean and continental climate influences, along with the typical Kras soil.

Today, Nanos cheese is made with cow's milk, but prior to World War II it was made exclusively from sheep's milk. After the war, the number of sheep on the plateau dropped significantly. According to some sources, Nanos cheese made of sheep's milk was last available in 1954 in the city of Trieste, Italy. The production of Nanos cheese was resumed in 1986 by the Mlekarna Vipava Dairy.

The decree introducing the Protected Designation of Origin Label was published by the European Commission on Oct. 5. For a cheese to receive the Protected Designation of Origin Label, all phases of cheese production must take place in a specific geographic area as the quality and characteristics of the product result from the specific influences of a certain area.

Apart from Nanos cheese, five other Slovenian food products have already received one of the three EU-protected geographical status labels. The list includes extra-virgin olive oil from the Slovenian Istra region; *prleska tunka*, cured meat stored in minced lard, from the region of Prelekija; *belokranjska pogača*, a type of bread typical of Bela krajina; *idrijski žlikrofi* (dumplings) from Idria; and *prekmurska gibanica*, a sweet layered pastry from Prekmurje.

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## Golden Air povezal Maribor z Dunajem in Londonom

**HEADLINE: Golden Air connected Maribor with Vienna and London**

**TOPIC: After more than three years, Maribor's Edward Rusjan Airport has again received a regular airline connection: aircraft from a new company, Golden Air, flew to Vienna, and from there to London, and returned in the evening. Even though only one passenger boarded the plane for the initial flight, the company has high expectations from this route. They are aiming to attract tourists from Great Britain because next year Maribor will be the European Cultural Capital city.**

The next six months will be very decisive for the company because the airline connection must prove profitable. For now, Golden Air will fly to London, with a stop in Vienna, three times a week for a ticket price of \$210.

Mariborsko letališče Edwarda Rusjana je pred dnevi po več kot treh letih znova dobilo redno letalsko povezavo; letalo nove družbe Golden Air je po napovedih poletelo proti Dunaju in od tam v London

ter zvečer po enaki poti nazaj. Čeprav se je na prvi polet vkrcal en sam potnik, si v družbi od povezave veliko obetajo. Merijo predvsem na turiste iz Velike Britanije in od drugod, saj bo Maribor prihodnje leto evropska prestolnica kulture, leto potem pa bo gostilo univerziado. "Ne bi pa ostali le pri letalski povezavi, ampak vidimo veliko priložnost v celotni turistični storitvi," je povedal angleški poslovnež Clifford Dachuna, ki je za projekt zagotovil kapital. Prihodnjih šest mesecev bo za družbo odločilnih, saj mora letalska povezava dokazati dobičkonosnost. Golden Air bo v London s postankom na Dunaju sprva letel trikrat na teden, nato pa tudi večkrat, za 150 evrov; potniki bodo lahko izstopili na Dunaju, a za enako ceno (povratne) vozovnice. Če se bo proga obnesla, načrtujejo širitev povezav Maribora z Birminghamom, Barcelono in Bergamom in celo Indijo. Ker imajo sedež na mariborskem letališču, se zanimajo tudi za nakup podjetja Aerodrom Maribor, ki je operater mariborskega letališča.

**DELO**

## Boris Pahor nominiran za nagrado Sakharov 2011

**HEADLINE: Boris Pahor nominated for the 2011 Sakharov Award**

**TOPIC: The Slovenian delegation of the European Peoples Party in the European Parliament recently introduced the candidacy of Boris Pahor, a Slovenian writer and human rights activist, for the 2011 Sakharov Award.**

The European Parliament has been awarding the Sakharov Awards for freedom of thought for more than 20 years to exceptional individuals who oppose intolerance, fanaticism and oppression. This

year, five applications have been filed, four individuals and one group. Pahor was the only candidate to successfully receive support for his nomination with signatures of individual delegates. He received support from representatives of 19 countries which are EU members.

During the introduction they stressed Pahor's influence on minority rights and their languages, and his fight against a totalitarian regime. With his efforts he has proven himself as a human being with high moral standards and personal integrity.

Slovenska delegacija pri

Evropski ljudski stranki v Evropskem parlamentu je pred dnevi predstavila kandidaturu slovenskega pisatelja ter borca za svobodo misli in človekove pravice Borisa Pahorja za nagrado Sakharov 2011.

Nagrado za svobodo misli Sakharov Evropski parlament že več kot dvajset let podeljuje izjemnim osebam, ki se borijo proti nestrpnosti, fanatizmu in zatiranju. Letos je bilo vloženih pet kandidatur, štiri posamične in ena skupinska. Pahor je bil edini kandidat, ki je uspel dobiti podporo za nominacijo s podpisi posameznih poslancev. Podprli so ga poslanci iz 19 držav članic EU, med njimi

je bilo kar 9 vodij nacionalnih delegacij.

Na predstavitvi so poudarili Pahorjevo zavzemanje za pravice manjšin in manjšinskih jezikov ter borbo proti totalitarnim režimom. S svojimi dejanji se je izkazal za človeka visokih moralnih standardov in osebnostne integritete. Konferenca predsednikov Evropskega parlamenta bo iz ožjega izbora kandidatov izbrala zmagovalca.

Slovesna podelitev nagrade pa bo potekala na plenarnem zasedanju Evropskega parlamenta 14. decembra v Strasbourg.

**IDRIJSKE NOVICE**

## Japonci na obisku v Idriji

**HEADLINE: The Japanese visited Idrija**

**TOPIC: At the invitation of Idrija Mayor Bojan Sever, an official delegation from the Japanese city of Minamata visited Idrija and Ljubljana. The visit was arranged to exchange experiences and best practices since both cities have had harsh experiences with mercury.**

At the beginning of the year, Mayor Sever and Dr. Urška Repinc visited Minamata. Before the arrival of their Japanese guests, the Idrija municipality suggested that Idrija and Minamata reestablish relations and unite in brotherhood, which received a positive response. The Japanese guests visited the mercury mine, the Kolektor Company, the lace school, Jurij Vega High School, the City Museum and the music school, where the students performed a short concert for their visitors. The

guests also visited Ljubljana, where they toured the Jožef Štefan Institute and were received by Ljubljana Mayor Zoran Jankovič in city hall.

The Japanese ambassador arranged a dinner at which Mayor Sever and Stojan Petrič, the president of Kolektor Group, were able to sample creations from a Japanese kitchen.

Na povabilo župana Bojana Severja se je v Idriji in Ljubljani mudila uradna delegacija japonskega mesta Minamata. Obisk je bil namenjen izmenjavi izkušenj in dobrih praks, saj imata obe mesti trpke izkušnje z živim srebrom. To je bil prvi uradni obisk po obisku idrijskega župana Bojana Severja in dr. Urške Repinc v japonski Minamati v začetku letošnjega leta.

Občina Idrija je pred obiskom idrijskih predstavnikov na Japonskem podala občini Minamata pobudo za vzpostavitev prijateljskih vezi z namenom pobratenja, ki

je naletela na dober odziv. Goste je sprejel župan Bojan Sever, ogledali so si Rudnik živega srebra Idrija, Krajinski park Zgornja Idrija ter so se seznanili z razvojnimi in okoljskimi načrti v občini. Japonske goste je na Kolektoru sprejel glavni izvršni direktor skupine Kolektor Radovan Bolko, obiskali so Čipkarsko šolo, Gimnazijo Jurija Vege, Klub idrijskih študentov, Mestni muzej in Glasbeno šolo, kjer so jim učenci pripravili manjši koncert. Za piko na i so Japonci obiskali še okoljsko saniran vrtec na Arkovi ulici in Javni akvarij. Pred vrnitvijo na Japonsko so gostje odpotovali še v Ljubljano na Inštitut Jožef Štefan, kjer so se srečali z dr. Mileno Horvat, v Mestni hiši pa jih je sprejel tudi župan Zoran Jankovič. Japonski veleposlanik je pripravil slavnostno večerjo, na kateri sta čare japonske kuhinje spoznala tudi župan Bojan Sever in prvi mož skupine Kolektor Stojan Petrič.

**IDRIJSKE NOVICE**

## V Živalski vrt prihajajo surikate

**HEADLINE: Meerkats are coming to the zoo**

**TOPIC: The Ljubljana Zoo will soon receive its first meerkats which, in the wild, live mainly in the savannah and deserts of Angola, Namibia and southern Botswana.**

Meerkats weigh close to two pounds, they are 11 inches long and they can live up to 10 years. Even though they are very good diggers, they prefer to live in tunnels made by other animals. Meerkats are most active during the day, and in the wild they live in groups of up to 30 animals. Because of their small size they often become the prey of snakes and larger animals, such as lions.

A new glass fence has been built at the zoo which will make a good view of the

meerkats possible. Because they can burrow far underground, a net has been placed under the glass and covered with sand to prevent their escape.

V Živalski vrt Ljubljana prihajajo surikate, ki jih sicer poznamo tudi pod imenom zemeljsko ščene. Surikate prihajajo iz ravda zveri, v divjini pa živijo predvsem v savanah, in polpuščavah Angole, Namilije, v puščavi Kalahari in južni Bocvani.

Surikate so težke do 950 gramov, v dolžino merijo do 29 centimetrov, živijo pa lahko do 10 let. Čeprav odlično kopljejo, najraje živijo v že izkopanih rovih drugih živali. Surikate so večinoma dejavne podnevi, v divjini živijo v kardu, ki ga sestavlja do 30 živali, v živalskih vrtovih pa so te skupine seveda manjše.

Poglavitna prehrana su-

rikatov so žuželke, pajkovi, polži, gladovci, ptiči, jajca, kuščarji, prehranjujejo pa se tudi s strupenimi kačami in škorpionci. Preživijo lahko brez pitja tekoče vode, zadostno količino vode namreč dobijo iz korenin, gomoljev in sadja. Zaradi svoje majhnosti pa so seveda tudi sami pogosto plen ujeti in kač, včasih tudi večjih plenilcev, kot so levi.

Zaradi specifičnih značilnosti surikatov je ureditev ograde v živalskih vrtovih zahtevno opravilo. Ker znajo tako kopati luknje kot plezati, mora biti ograja gladka in dovolj visoka, da je ne preplezajo.

V Živalskem vrtu v Ljubljani bo večina ograje iz stekla, ki bo omogočal dober ogled in ker dobro kopljejo, so meter globoko v tla položili mrežasto žico, in jo prekrili s peskom.

Uredili so jim tudi brlog, v katerega vodi podzemni vhod in je opremljen s stekleno steno, da bodo vanj lahko odprli pogled obiskovalcem tudi v zimskem času.

**PRIMORSKE NOVICE**

**NIZKE CENE - Detektiv v trgovini že tretjič zaloti isto žensko tatvino. "Zakaj stalno kradete v naši poslovalnici?" - "Zato, ker imate pri vas najnižje cene."**

## Ameriški lutkarji so gostovali v Sloveniji

**HEADLINE: American puppeteers on a tour of Slovenia**

**TOPIC: The cultural center in Slovenj Gradec recently hosted a well known puppet group from South Carolina, the Columbia Marionette Theater. Established in 1988 by well known puppeteer Allie Scollon and her son, John, the Columbia Marionette Theater is one of the best family theaters, and it is the only one in the United States dealing strictly with marionettes.**

In Slovenj Gradec they performed "The Tales of Edgar Allan Poe." The group performed in four Slovenian cities, they participated in workshops, and they attended performances of Slovenian puppeteers. The tour was organized by the

**U.S. Embassy.**

Pred kratkim je v Kulturnem domu Slovenj Gradec nastopila priznana lutkovna skupina Columbia Marionette Theater iz ameriške zvezne države Južne Karoline. Gre za eno najboljših družinskih gledališč, ki sta ga leta 1988 ustanovila slavna lutkarica Allie Scollon in njen sin John, in edino v državi, ki se posveča izključno marionetam. V Slovenj Gradcu so odigrali predstavo Zgodbe Edgarja Allana Poeja, o četa literarnega žanra detektivskega romana. Zaživela so tri najbolj znane Poejeve zgodbe: Maska rdeče smrti, Krokodil in Izdajalsko srce. Nastopili so v štirih slovenskih mestih, udeležili so se delavnice ter si ogledali predstave slovenskih lutkarjev. Gostovanje je organiziralo ameriško veleposlaništvo.

**DELO**

## Z grozdnimi jagodami nad strupe v telesu

**HEADLINE: With grapes against poison in the body**

**TOPIC: Grapes are among the oldest types of fruit that man has been growing. Because of their pleasant taste and aroma, grapes and grape juice are an important food in the fall. Grapes go very well with cheeses and nuts, they can be added to salads or used as a filling for desserts.**

No one is certain exactly when humans started cultivating vine plants, but there is no doubt that besides grains, grapes are one of the oldest cultivated plants. Close to 4,000 varieties of grapes – white

or red, with seeds or seedless – are grown in moderate, warm and subtropical areas.

Grapes are nutritious and contain very important minerals such as phosphorus, calcium, sulfate and iron, along with vitamins C, B and E.

Grozdje je med najstarejšimi vrstami sadja, kar jih človek goji. Zaradi prijetnega okusa in arome sta grozdje in sok iz njega jeseni pomembna lahka hrana. Grozdne jagode najraje uživamo sveže, lepo se podajo k sirom in oreščkom ter tudi k pašetam. Dodajamo jih lahko v solate in kot nadev za sladice.

Ostaja pri domnevah, kdaj je človek začel gojiti vinsko trto, nedvomno pa drži, da je ob žitaricah ena najstarejših kulturnih rastlin. V zmerno toplem in subtropskem svetu dandanašnji uspeva približno štiri tisoč žlahtnih sort: lahko so bele ali rdeče, s pečkami ali brez. Zadnje so posebno sladke in imajo manj tanina, s sušenjem dobimo rozine.

Grozdje je hranljivo in vsebuje dragocene sestavine, denimo od 20 do 30 odstotkov je v zrelih jagodah grozdnega in sadnega sladkorja, pomembni minerali so fosfor, kalij, sulfati, železo, omeniti velja vitamin C in skupek vitaminov B, (razen

B12), vitamin E, ki ščiti celične opne pred prostimi radikali ter upočasnjuje staranje. V knjigi Zdravilne rastline Pavle Rožnik in Janez Kromar opisujeta, kako dober učinek ima grozdje zlasti na kri, ožilje in srce. "Kri se čisti in obnavlja, zmanjšuje se njena kislost in tudi količina holesterola v krvi. Odpravlja motnje krvnega obtoka, varuje krvne žile in povečuje njihovo elastičnost... Enako dober učinek ima na druge važne organe. Pomaga pri oteklih jetrih in vranici, koristi tudi tistim, ki imajo težave s slabim izločanjem žolca. Grozdje daje še odlične rezultate pri kroničnem vnetju ledvic, pesku in kamnih, vendar

ga je pri teh boleznih priporočljivo uživati brez olupkov.

Grozdje pospešuje prebavo, je zelo učinkovit čistilec telesa in odvajaju strupe iz organizma. V zmernih količinah, denimo od 100 do 150 gramov na dan, ga lahko uživajo vsi, ki nimajo posebnih prehranskih omejitev, na primer zaradi alergij ali želodčnega obolenja. V večjih količinah, vsak dan 500g, močno odvajajo vodo in razstruplja organizem, ker je v jagodnih lupinah veliko balastnih snovi. Tako imenovana grozdnica kura je priporočljiva tudi za vse, ki želijo shujšati.

**DELO**

## V čarobnem svetu školjk in polžev

**HEADLINE: In a magic world of shells and snails**

**TOPIC: From now on, Piran is richer because of an exhibition area for mollusks from around the world which has been arranged by Jan Simič. There are close to 1,800 different limy shells, snails, elephant tines, cephalopod and fossils from around globe. The collection includes shells and snails from every ocean, as well as from rivers and lakes – and even cave mollusks. This exhibit, which is located at 15 Tartini Square, also includes some shells and snails which are not exhibited anywhere else. Simič has been collecting shells and snails for 15**

years, and has gathered more than 4,000 different kinds of shells, but despite this large quantity, his collection represents only two or three percent of all snails and mollusks on earth. This is probably the most complete collection of shells in this part of Europe.

Snails have been found 16,000 feet above sea level in the Himalayas, and even at a depth of 16,000 feet on the ocean floor.

Piran je bogatejši za konhularji, razstavišče mehkušcev s celega sveta, ki ga je uredil Jan Simič. Simič sodeluje s Prirodoslovnim muzejem Slovenije v Ljubljani, Morsko biološko postajo in Akvarijem Piran. Ker je

akvarija in gre za podobno vsebino ali dejavnost, se z upravo akvarija dogovarjajo o skupnem nastopu in trženju.

Na razstavi je nekaj manj kot 1800 najrazličnejših apnenčastih lupinic školjk, polžev, slonovih zobcev, glavonožcev, nautilusov in fosilov z vsega sveta. Ne gre samo za polže in školjke iz vseh svetovnih oceanov, ampak tudi iz rek, jezer in celo jamskih mehkušcev. Na stalni razstavi, ki so jo pred kratkim odprli na Tartinijevem trgu 15, je nekaj deset takih, ki jih ni mogoče videti nikjer drugje. Simič že več kot 15 let zbira školjke in polže in ima več kot 4000 vrst lupinic, vendar je to kljub taki količini samo dva ali tri odstotke vseh vrst polžev

in školjk, ki živijo na svetu. Verjetno gre za najpopolnejšo zbirko školjkic v tem delu Evrope, v kateri seveda ni školjk, ki so zaščitene. Školjke imajo sicer dve lupinici, polži pa eno. Sposobni so delati oblike, barve in trdnost, ki jim jo lahko zavidajo vsi arhitekti. Na svetu so že pol milijarde let.

Polže so našli že 5000 metrov visoko v Himalaji, a tudi v 5000 metrov globokem morju. Za ureditev konhularija je poskrbel zasebni zavod Maditeranum. V prostore in opremo je investiral več kot 60.000 evrov. Urnik delovanja bo prilagojen urniku akvarija. Seveda bodo razstavo dopolnjevali in v njej prirejali različne dogodke.

**DELO**

The Ethnic Kitchen

### PUMPKIN FUDGE

- 3 cups sugar
- ½ cup pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- ½ cup butter
- ¾ cup evaporated milk (small can)

Mix ingredients together in a saucepan. Stir constantly over medium heat until the mixture boils. Continue to stir until boiling mixture reaches a soft ball stage or 234° on a candy thermometer. Remove from heat and add:

- 1 (12 ounce) package white chocolate chips
- 1 (7 ounce) jar marshmallow creme
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix until smooth and quickly pour into greased 9x13-inch pan. Cool and cut into squares.

**SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center Cookbook For The Ages**

## Badger Jabber

by BOB SMOLE  
Lodge 584

**MILWAUKEE** — Earlier this fall, Amalie and I took a week off to spend in beautiful Northern Wisconsin to observe nature's fabulous color changes. We rented a cottage on Shawano Lake, which is a very large 6,000-acre lake. Unfortunately, the weather was against us that entire week. I'm beginning to believe that a dark cloud is following me around. We managed to have a good time anyway.

While traveling, we visited with Bro. Don and Sis. Georgene Wene (584) who moved from big city life in the Milwaukee area to Crivitz, Wis. We spent a few days visiting with them and going out to dinner. We always enjoy their visits, but the rain was just as wet there as anywhere else.

Last week I had the opportunity to take another short trip to Northern Wisconsin with good friend, Bro. Frank Bevsek (764), to enjoy his cabin and do a little fishing... and that's ex-

actly what we did, "little" fishing. The weather did not cooperate; it rained, and the wind was blowing at 40 to 45 miles an hour, taking your breath away as you stood on the banks of the lake. It was far too windy to try to cast your line into the lake, so there was no fishing done. But it was nice to get away and relax for a few days.

As a result of my last trip, I was not in attendance for the recent Badger Lodge 584 meeting held Thursday, Oct. 20. I have learned that other members who regularly attend must have had other things to do as well since attendance was down. I also heard through the grapevine that Sis. Caroline Zilles was hospitalized to have some surgery completed, and I hope she will be recuperating at home when this article is printed. We wish Sis. Caroline a rapid recovery.

It was reported that USPEH is planning a masquerade ball on Feb. 18, 2012. The Ed House Band will provide the dance music at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall, 84th and Cold Spring Road. Keep that date open and watch for further details as they become available.

Prior to Lodge President Tim Donovan closing the meeting, Sisters Judy Price and Toni Needham were the lucky ones to win the monthly attendance awards, but not before the birthday song was sung for Bro. John Poklar.

Saturday, Nov. 12, is time for the SNPJ Family Twosome Bowling Tournament. Entry deadline is Nov. 8. The format for this tournament pairs two SNPJ members, one adult and one youth, as a team. These teams can be mother-daughter (or son), father-daughter (or son), grandfather-grandchild, grandmother-grandchild, or any combination of adult/youth member you can come up with.

Bowling will start at noon at Riviera Lanes, 86th and W. Greenfield Ave. Bowlers should arrive about 15 minutes early to register. The cost will be \$25 for the team entry fee (that is, for the two-person team). This cost covers bowling, shoe rental and a lunch served after bowling. Are you interested in participating? Then contact Sis. Mary Donovan at (414) 817-0192 for information.

Set aside the date of Saturday, Jan.

21, 2012, for the annual SNPJ Tony Verbick Memorial Bowling Tournament at the Riviera Bowling Lanes as well. Watch for updates soon.

I know that there are many deer hunters in Wisconsin since about 600,000 of them take to the Wisconsin woodlands stalking the "trophy rack" they all dream of each year. Yes, I will be in Northern Wisconsin, but I haven't set foot in the wilderness for the past several years. I guess I still make the trip to satisfy the traditional excitement that goes along with the anticipation of this special hunting season each year.

Well, that time of the year has again arrived. Wisconsin deer gun season will start Nov. 19 and run through Nov. 27. I won't be one of the lucky hunters who bags their game, as I haven't seen a deer run through the casino thus far. I do wish the very best of luck to all the truly avid hunters who really get out there and make an honest effort, as I once used to. And please, hunt safely.

Everyone is getting ready for the "big turkey day." I know I am. We look forward each year to this day of

Thanksgiving as families get together to give thanks for all of our blessings. Of course, there is the tradition of thousands of turkeys being served across the United States. The smell of roasting turkey stuffed with dressing, sweet potatoes, gravy and pumpkin pie filling the air and tantalizing appetites will be the attraction this day. I look forward to it, and wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and *bon appétit*.

The next SNPJ Badger Lodge 584 meeting, scheduled the third Thursday of November, will be held Thursday, Nov. 17. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. when Lodge President Tim Donovan calls the meeting to order. St. Peter's Church Hall (lower level), 7921 W. Lincoln Ave. in West Allis, is the location.

You'll have the opportunity to visit over a cup of coffee and all the donated goodies brought by members and served by the Kitchen Committee, headed by Sis. Kari Mlaker. The coffee is expertly brewed by Bro. Bob Alpner and is usually ready just before the meeting starts. Come out and visit with us!

### ANNOUNCE IT

## Member receives coveted scholarship

**GLENSHAW, Pa.** — This past summer, SNPJ Lodge 782 member Erin Maria Hutchinson received the coveted U.S. Department of Education Scholarship for graduate studies at Harvard University's Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia program. The scholarship, in addition to Harvard grants and stipends, covers all costs.



Sis. **ERIN HUTCHINSON** (782) received a scholarship from the U.S. Department of Education for her studies in Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia at Harvard University.

Erin graduated with highest honors in 2009 from Arizona State University with degrees in history and global studies. Fluent in Russian and French, and as a Fulbright scholar, she was an English teaching assistant in Moldova from 2009 to 2010. In 2010, she moved to Prishtina, Kosovo, to work as a resident project officer at Future Voters of Kosovo, a democracy education project. She began her Master's Degree studies in September and has rapidly adjusted to Harvard and the Boston area.

Erin is the daughter of Lodge 782 members Mike and Marcie Hutchinson of Mesa, Ariz., and the granddaughter of Lodge 603 members Bob and Lucille Jergel of Palm Coast, Fla.

## Stay active this November at Sygan Lodge 6

by FRANK T. WRIGHT  
Lodge 6

**SYGAN, Pa.** — It's hard to believe it's November already; the time really flies when you're having fun with your friends at Sygan Lodge 6. The good times continue into November, so make sure you mark your social calendars with all the up-and-coming events we have scheduled.

Don't forget, you can stop in and have a cold one every day starting at 3 p.m. Happy hour is Monday through Friday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Lodge 6 will be matching the \$10 SNPJ Recommender Program award for each person you recommend until the end of December. That's \$20 to you for each family member and or friend you recommend who is interested in becoming a Lodge 6 insured member. See Jim Curl or Frank Wright for your Recommender Coupons today.

We'll host bar bingo on Wednesdays, Nov. 2, 16 and 30, in our downstairs bar starting at 7 p.m. You may purchase as many bingo sheets as you like at the beginning of each game. The cost of each sheet (four cards per sheet) is \$1. We play nine regular games, two specials and one coverall.

Our downstairs bar will host Outlaw Karaoke on Fridays, Nov. 4 and 19, from 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. Grab the gang, come on out and join in, or just enjoy the entertainment.

Sunday, Nov. 6, is a nine-pin no-tap singles bowling tournament with only one shift beginning at 1 p.m. The first 48 bowl-

ers to register and pay will bowl; all others will be placed on a waiting list. See Bob or Margie to sign-up. No walk-ins will be accepted! The entry fee is \$21 per person, and winners will be paid the same day.

The annual Turkey Raffle and Dance is scheduled Friday, Nov. 11, from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. and features the Karl Lukitsch Band. Tickets are on sale now for \$1 each when purchased in advance and \$5 each when purchased at the door the night of the dance. Your ticket includes a chance to win one of 50 turkeys. This event is co-sponsored by Lodge 6 and the Sygan Sportsmen's Club.

The Mansfield 5 Band will be playing in the Sunshine Room Friday, Nov. 12, from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Admission at the door is \$10 per person. For more information, check out the Mansfield 5 web site, [www.mansfield5.com](http://www.mansfield5.com).

The next tailgate party is planned Sunday, Nov. 13, starting at 11 a.m. in the parking lot. Bring a cooler of your favorite beverages and enjoy some hamburgers and hot dogs until it's time to put the coolers away for the start of the game. Please remember that you need to sign-up and pay before the tailgate party so we know how many half-time meals to prepare. The first tailgate party you attend costs \$15 per person; the price drops to \$7 per person per game after that.

Youth Circle 36 bowling for the SNPJ Family Twosome Bowling Tournament will be held Sundays, Nov. 13 and 20. Bowling will start at noon. Every Youth

Circle 36 member is able to bowl with each of his or her parents and each grandparent, provided they are insured SNPJ members. Moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas, if you're not a insured member, don't worry — just see Jim Curl or Frank Wright about joining today.

Bunco is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 13. The cost to play is \$10 per person and bunco begins at 1 p.m. A 50/50 drawing and Chinese auction will also be available. What a great way to help raise money for the American Cancer Society and enjoy a great lunch.

No More Johnny will return to the downstairs bar Wednesday, Nov. 23, from 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. to start off a long holiday weekend. Get that turkey ready, then join us for a non-stop dance night with rock, pop and country from the 1970's through today's current hits. Visit [www.nomorejohnny.com](http://www.nomorejohnny.com) to check out their song list.

If you're looking for an opening to bowl at Sygan Lodge 6, give Bowling Manager John Beno a call at (724) 693-2711 to see which leagues have openings.

For more information regarding any of the above events, log onto [www.sn timer.net](http://www.sn timer.net) and click on the "Special Events" tab or "Sunday Dance" tab for dance information, or click on the "Clubroom Events" tab to see what's going on downstairs with Margie. You can also find us on Facebook at [sn timer@sn timer.net](mailto:sn timer@sn timer.net), or contact us by phoning Jim Curl at (412) 257-4007 or e-mailing [jim@sn timer.net](mailto:jim@sn timer.net).

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by EDWARD GABROSEK  
Lodge 626

**CLEVELAND** — The 2011 Slovenian Polka Tour of Greater Cleveland has been judged a huge success by its two sponsors, the Federation of Slovenian National Homes and the Tony Petkovsek Radio Show.

More than 3,000 people attended the 10 polka events held at the eight Slovenian

homes, starting with the kickoff in January at the St. Clair Slovenian National Home and concluding at the Collinwood Slovenian Home in October, according to Steve Zalar, Federation president.

"Six of the 12 events drew nearly 500 people," Zalar says, "but equally important, I believe the tour generated a new sense of energy and support

for our homes. I cannot praise enough the folks at our eight Slovenian homes who worked so hard to make the polka tour a success."

The highlight of the tour was the celebration of the 50-year partnership between the Federation and the Tony Petkovsek Radio Show, and the 50-year anniversary of the Federation's annual Awards Banquet.

Zalar lauded the following publications for their strong support of the 10-month-long polka tour: *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *Willoughby News-Herald*, *Slovenian American Times*, *PROSVETA*, *Cleveland Magazine*, *Sun Newspapers*, *Barberton Herald* and *Scene Magazine*; as well as the Petkovsek, A.J. Hite, Matt Schafer and Joe Fedorchak radio shows.

## PROSVETA Crossword

Fairy Tales (#2211) by StatePoint Media

### ACROSS

- Lowest male singing voice
- Extinct flightless bird
- \*What did the boy cry?
- Type of dental practice, for short
- Be unwell
- A wheeled wagon or trolley
- r in d = rt
- "\_\_\_ at ease"
- Made a mistake
- \*The Pied Piper's stomping ground
- Slacked off
- Mightier than the sword?
- Via
- Jump key
- Boxing practice
- "Stay \_\_\_" mom or dad
- Chromaticities
- The Beehive State
- Affirmatives
- Europe/Asia mountain divide
- Things on a to-do list
- Takes a seat
- An address to a woman
- Go from solid to liquid
- "Que Sera \_\_\_"
- Trumped
- Worth a million dollars?
- Scottish hero Rob
- Break or destroy
- \_\_\_ mode

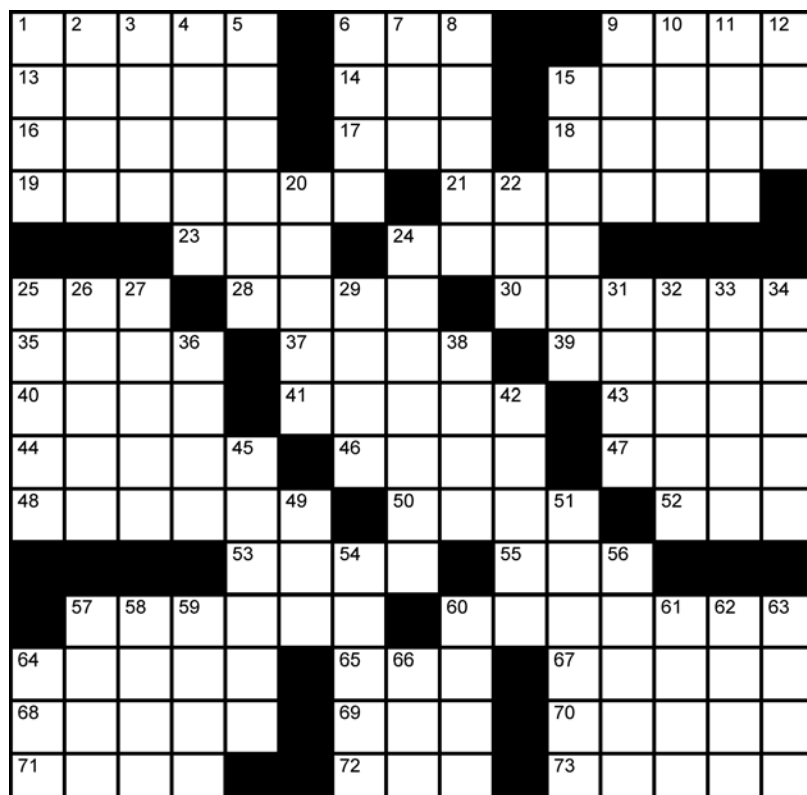
### DOWN

- Blisters, as in burns with a hot liquid
- \*He faced 40 Thieves
- Islamic beauty of Paradise
- Used with "off," as in cut off
- Twilight
- \*Hans Christian Andersen's "The \_\_\_ Hill"
- First woman?
- From this time
- Living room seat
- Duty
- Trips or travels
- Pretentious or silly talk
- River in Armenia
- Flower holder
- \*It often represents the meek
- Loads
- Street in Anytown, USA
- "There Will be Blood" was based on this Upton Sinclair book
- Islam's Supreme Being
- St. John's \_\_\_, plant
- \*Shrek, e.g.
- \*What Pinocchio did
- U.S. central banking system
- \*Beast's true love
- Entry into a computer, e.g.
- Lingerie staple

### 24. An item given as payment for a new one

- \*Tom \_\_\_
- Saints' lights
- Mardi Gras souvenir
- A-bomb particle
- Nazi villain
- Twig of a willow tree
- The first 'M' in MGM
- English homework?
- Fence piece
- Ship's cargo space
- Take a base in baseball
- \*Famous wizard
- Defective firework
- Ablaze
- Small body of land
- More capable
- A musician's time to shine
- "Off the \_\_\_," little preparation
- "Summertime" in Porgy and Bess, e.g.
- Mt. Everest is this to Earth
- First-rate
- "\_\_\_ in the U.S.S.R."
- Hollywood actor Leon \_\_\_ (1902-1993)
- The Chiffons hit "\_\_\_ So Fine"
- Spermatozoa counterparts

The solution to puzzle #2211 will run in the Nov. 16 issue.



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# Anniversary a great day for the Loyalites Lodge

by GINA M. VOLPE  
Lodge 158

**EUCLID, Ohio** — October has come and gone. I hope everyone had a frightening Halloween.

Birthday wishes to Courtney Grady, Gina Volpe and Pam Plunkett, who resides in Brandon, Fla. Best wishes to all of our ailing members; our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Our senior members are again out having the time of their lives. Fay and Fred Martin, along with Ruth Prelock and Frank Mahne, visited the beautiful and quaint “Niagara on The Lake.” They spent four days in September and enjoyed the shows and great meals, and they even rode the rapids. Ruth Prelock left for a 12-day trip to Peru, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands on Oct. 16. I hope she had a wonderful time. How could you not?

Gina and Greg Volpe are

heading to New Braunfels, Texas, in early November. Besides visiting family, we will be enjoying the activities at the “Wurst Fest.” I’m sure this will be very similar to Slovenefest, but only German. Hey, we don’t discriminate when it comes to good food and good pivo.

Congratulations to the Zele Funeral Home balina team for winning the tournament played at the I&A Hall in Wickliffe. The team consisted of Val Korosec, Jean Zdanowicz, Vi Rupena, Steffie Stimac and Fran Gaudio. Great job, ladies.

We understand that Olga Dzura moved to Parker Place in Mentor, Ohio, and is loving it.

A reminder for our Dec. 3 Mystery Bus Trip. This event usually fills up fast, so contact Pat Nevar at (216) 789-9746 for reservations. You don’t want to miss this trip; we always have a great time.

Last, but definitely not least, thanks to everyone who

attended the Oct. 8 Loyalites 100th anniversary dinner. At the same time, we would like to apologize to all who attended for the unfortunate poor dinner service.

I’m sure that everyone knows sometimes things happen that you have no control over. This was the case at this event. However, the music was great, the hors d’oeuvres were awesome, the hall looked amazing, the spirits were flowing and the fraternalism was outstanding. Point being, let’s look at all the good things and forgive the bad.

A special thanks to SNPJ National President Joe Evanish for pointing out that we changed our Lodge number from 158 to 758. We would have never known (ha, ha). Besides Joe, we also had the honor of welcoming SNPJ National Treasurer Bob Lawrence, Euclid Mayor Bill Cevenic, Judge Ron Sustar, Miss SNPJ

2012 Danielle Brand, SNPJ Supervisory Committee member Lou Novak, and SNPJ Region 4 Vice President Dorothy Gorjup.

A big thanks to Jan Lawrence for singing the National Anthem, and to Dave Schriener and Christine Hibbs for following with the Slovenian anthem. They all did a wonderful job.

As a little side note, everyone in attendance received a commemorative glass coffee mug. If you would like to purchase one of these mugs for \$2 each, please contact me at (440) 205-1618.

Loyalites members, please try to get more involved in your Lodge. We host many events and would like to host even more, but we need volunteers. We hold our meetings every second Thursday of the month at Recher Hall in the upper annex. Show up one night – you might be surprised. We actually do have some fun.

## ANNOUNCE IT

# Outlived member celebrates a century

**YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio** — Lorene Dorothy Verdinek, a member of Youngstown Lodge 153, celebrated her 100th birthday Aug. 7 with family and friends at a party at the Marian Living Center, an assisted living facility on the campus of The Assumption Village in North Lima, Ohio, where she resides.

Sis. Verdinek was born August 7, 1911, in Weaver, W.Va., the first of four children born to Simone Scutti and Maria Antonia Ficocelli Scutti. Siblings Angelo, Joseph and Samuel have predeceased Sis. Verdinek.

Lorene married the late William Verdinek in August 1938. They had two daughters, Janice (Don) Smaltz and Wilma (Hank) Vukovich, and one son, William Jr. Lorene is the proud grandmother of five and great-grandmother of 17. She was a homemaker and an avid crocheter, earning a blue ribbon at the Canfield Fair. She loved baking cookies for the holidays and was known for her pizzelles. She and her husband enjoyed several winters in Las Vegas.

Sis. Verdinek and her husband loved dancing, especially polkas. Through the years, Sis. Verdinek attended many SNPJ activities and picnics. She has been a member of Lodge 153 for over 73 years and outlived the term of her insurance policy in August 2009. Lorene attributes her longevity to hard work and the love of her family.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 153 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we wish Sis. Verdinek continued health and happiness.



Sis. **LORENE VERDINEK**, a member of Youngstown, Ohio, Lodge 153, celebrated her 100th birthday Aug. 7, 2011.

# Zarja fall performance marking 95 musical years

by DOUG ELSERSICH (566)  
Zarja Singing Society

**EUCLID, Ohio** — Hey! Just in case you haven’t heard, on Nov. 13 the Zarja Slovenian Singing Society will celebrate its 95th anniversary during its annual fall concert at the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave. in Euclid. The doors will open at 2 p.m., the concert will begin at 3, and music for dancing will follow.

Among the pieces Zarja will perform will be selections from Radovan Gobec’s

operetta “Planinska roza,” Anton Foerster’s “Planinska;” a medley of songs by Stephen Foster; and music by Brajko, Avenik and Slak.

As part of the celebration, members of Fantje na vasi, Glasbena Matica, Korotan and Mismo mi have accepted an invitation to participate by singing a few selections and joining in a couple of songs with Zarja.

We truly appreciate the past patronage our audiences have given not only to Zarja, but also to other organizations in our ef-

orts to perpetuate Slovenian culture and music in the Cleveland area. We hope that we all can count on your continued support.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. They can be purchased from your favorite Zarja member or at the Polka Hall of Fame on East 222 St. They can also be purchased by calling Barbara at (440) 257-2540, Vicky at (216) 531-5542 or the Polka Hall of Fame at (216) 261-3263.

We hope to see you Nov. 13 at 3 p.m. at the Slovenian Society Home.

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## Official Proceedings

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Sept. 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by President Evanish with Sis. Pintar and Bro. Lawrence in attendance.

Discussed the agenda for the upcoming National Board meeting. Reviewed the Executive Committee proposals that will be presented at this meeting.

Reported that National President Evanish attended the Aug. 20 picnic hosted by SNPJ Lodge 33, Ambridge, Pa.

Reported that the Executive Committee was in attendance for the SNPJ Fraternal Weekend in August and National SNPJ Days weekend in September at the Recreation Center.

Discussed the convention site proposals. Reported that we selected The Plaza Resort in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Discussed the former Lodge 778 situation with the property and the information that was sent out to all National Board members. We will review the status of this at the upcoming National Board meeting.

Reviewed the 2011 Business Marketing Plan.

Reported that Region 1 Vice President Bro. Frank Bregar will speak at the 50-, 60-, 70-, and 80-year member banquet for the Conemaugh Valley Federation of SNPJ Lodges. The Executive Committee will all be out of town to attend the American Fraternal Alliance Annual Convention.

### Cash Withdrawals:

**Aug. 31** - There were three Pure Endowments, two Outlived Policies and 13 Adult Cash Withdrawals, none of which were conversions. Cash value, \$24,532.92; insurance, \$58,982.

**Sept. 6** - There was one Matured Endowment, which was a conversion. Cash value, \$536.00; insurance, \$500.

**Sept. 7** - There were two Adult Cash Withdrawals, neither of which were conversions. Cash value, \$17,679.22; insurance, \$100,512.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

**JOSEPH C. EVANISH**  
National President

**KAREN A. PINTAR**  
National Secretary

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# SNPJ FRATERNAL HONOREES

Members celebrating 50, 60, 70 and 80 years with the Slovene National Benefit Society

by JOSEPH C. EVANISH  
SNPJ National President

**W**e of the SNPJ belong to an organization that has a very extraordinary and diverse membership. Our members range in age from newborn to 100-plus years. They come from many different parts of the United States, have a wide variety of ideas and have many different backgrounds. But they all have something in common – their loyalty and love of SNPJ.

It is through our older members, the backbone of our Society, that our younger members have learned and will continue to learn the meaning of fraternalism. They have guided our Society through the good times and the trying times with one common goal... unity and harmony within the SNPJ.

Every year, more and more of these respected SNPJ elders reach the 50-, 60-, 70- and astronomical 80-year milestone of membership in the Slovene National Benefit Society. It is our privilege to honor some of this elite group of elders.

In acknowledging our elder members, we show our respect for these honorees by offering our thanks and appreciation for the loyalty they have shown the Soci-

ety for so many years. In a small way we can etch their names into the archives of the SNPJ even more through PROSVETA.

Upon reaching the 50-year milestone, the Executive Committee forwards a certificate of recognition. Sixty-year members receive a diamond-studded gold pin; 70-year members receive an embroidered fleece blanket and 80-year members receive an SNPJ custom blanket.

We ask our elite elders, once they have received their awards from the Society, to submit a short report on their past and present life style which includes Lodge affiliation, hobbies and other information which might be of interest to PROSVETA readers.

We welcome letters from all of our fraternal honorees. Sometimes, over the years, a member transfers to another Lodge out of state. This short report enables us to pass along addresses so that longtime acquaintances can keep in touch or renew old friendships which have gone astray.

Our congratulations to all who have reached these honored milestones. It is said that our future is in the young, but without our elite elders the traditions and heritage of the SNPJ would not be able to grow and our young would not learn the true meaning of unity, harmony and fraternalism.

• St. Michael, Pa., Lodge 190 member Sis. **MARY SHAPPEK** was honored by the Slovene National Benefit Society for her 80 years of membership. She writes:

"I was secretary of Lodge 190 for 29 years. I gave it up after my husband's death when I went to live with my daughter near Pittsburgh. I have fond memories of attending Federation meetings, conventions and SNPJ functions. I enjoy reading PROSVETA, and we attended Slovenefest this year; it was wonderful.

"I have three children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. I still enjoy cooking, corresponding with family and friends, going to church, eating out with friends, and visiting. I enjoy people of all ages. I feel extremely blessed."

**Sis. MARY SHAPPEK (190)**  
218 Rivercrest Dr.  
Coraopolis, PA 15108

• The Society recognized Sis. **FRANCES HILLMAN** of Bon Air, Pa., Lodge 254 for her 70th membership anniversary. She writes:

"It meant so much to me to receive my blanket. I am a 70-year member and proud to belong to the SNPJ."

**Sis. FRANCES HILLMAN (254)**  
310 Sioux St.  
Johnstown, PA 15904

• In honor of her 60th membership anniversary, Sis. **MARY JANE BOHINC** was recognized by Irwin (Pleasant Valley), Pa., Lodge 41 and the SNPJ. Sis. Bohinc writes:

"I want to thank you for the diamond-studded 60-year membership pin. It is very beautiful and I will cherish this gift."

**Sis. MARY JANE BOHINC (41)**  
920 Macbeth Dr., Apt. 11  
Monroeville, PA 15146

• Bro. **JAMES BUTCHER**, a member of Irwin (Pleasant Valley), Pa., Lodge 41, was recognized by the Society for his 50 years of SNPJ membership. He writes:

"I had many great times at SNPJ affairs. I enjoyed bowling, golfing, dancing and singing with the Claridge Quartette. We visited and sang at almost every SNPJ Lodge in Western Pa. Many good memories..."

**Bro. JAMES BUTCHER (41)**  
10556 Melrose Dr.  
N. Huntingdon, PA 15642

• Butte, Mont., Lodge 207 member Bro. **FRANK E. JENIKER** was honored by the Slovene National Benefit Society for his 70 years of membership. He writes:

"Thank you, SNPJ, for recognizing my 70-year membership, of which I am very proud. Before that, in the 1930s, I was a youth member, reading the enlightening articles by Mary Jugg and others in *Mladinski List*.

**Bro. FRANK E. JENIKER**  
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**Bro. FRANK E. JENIKER**  
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

"I was born in Butte to Slovenian parents. My father emigrated from Šentjernej, the southern wine-growing region of Slovenia, in 1900. My mother came after World War I from Rateče, an Alpine pass at the juncture of the Italian, Austrian and then-Yugoslavian borders.

"Both my father and mother served as secretary of Lodge 207 for nearly 40 years. They were active in perpetuating a Slovenian presence in the midst of a diverse ethnic population. My brother Charles, a longtime member and officer, and I were happy to memorialize them by sponsoring a block at the SNPJ Heritage Center inscribed with their names.

"During the Great Depression, SNPJ was one of few supports for the working Slavic class, differing from others which were tied to a specific dogma. Life in the hardrock mining camps was harsh, unhealthy and often dangerous. Insurance was often unavailable; that's where SNPJ stepped in.

"My career was that of a professional engineer — mining, geology, metallurgy. I worked in the hardrock underground mines, mills and smelters in production, consulting, and research and development. This industry extracted and produced a host of metals and minerals, hence, I lived variously in Arizona, California, Jamaica and Montana.

"Other memorable times in my life were the four trips I took with my wife, Judy, to Slovenia and Austria to visit relatives. Judy passed away in 2008 and although she was of Finnish descent, she enjoyed the visits as much as I did. Thanks to the SNPJ, PROSVETA and my parents, I have retained some of the language and enhanced my appreciation of Slovenian culture and ancestry.

"I'm retired in northwest Montana, south of Glacier Park where the mountain scenery is very similar to that of Slovenia. I busy myself with hobbies such as amateur radio, electronics, music, computers and mathematics, but I try to keep abreast of politics and economics issues as well.

"Presently there are few Slovenians in this corner of the world. Still, I look back with fond memories of Lodge picnics, and hearing my folks and other Lodge members recall their experiences in the *stari kraj* (old country) and starting a new life in the coal mining camps. Those were difficult days, when SNPJ was one of their sole supports."

**Bro. FRANK E. JENIKER (207)**  
P.O. Box 337  
Lakeside, MT 59922

• The Society recognized Sis. **MARY WALKER** of Johnstown, Pa., Lodge 749 for her 50th membership anniversary. She writes:

"My parents enrolled me in SNPJ as a newborn, and I now find myself reaching the 50-year milestone. I am proud of my Slo-

**Sis. MARY WALKER**  
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**Sis. MARY WALKER**  
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

vene heritage, and I never miss a chance to remind others of our happy polka music!

"Thank you for the 50-year gift I received as well as your efforts to keep fraternalism alive."

**Sis. MARY WALKER (749)**  
312 State St.  
Johnstown, PA 15905

• In honor of his 50th membership anniversary, Bro. **RUDY PERDAN** was recognized by Cleveland Lodge 604 and the SNPJ. Bro. Perdan writes:

"My involvement with SNPJ started early. At 5 years old I was the youngest entrant in the SNPJ Eastern Tournament in 1948.

"I attended Collinwood High School with many other Slovenes, then graduated from Ohio University. After a few stops, my career path lead me to Duramax Inc., where I spent 26 years and retired as assistant treasurer.

"Through the years, my wife Charlotte and I have traveled most of the country with our two children, Pamela and Beth. While doing so we remained active with various Slovene organizations. The variety of organizations comes naturally.

"My grandfather, Rudolf Perdan, was the national president of the American Fraternal Union (AFU). My grandmother, Frances Rupert, started the Cadets for Branch 32 of the Slovene Women's Union (SWU). My mother, Mary Perdan Dolsak, was Slovenian Woman of the Year in Cleveland. She is also in the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame in the Service category. She served as Youth Circle 3 director for many years. My father, Adolph, coached the Youth Circle 3 Atomic Leaders bowlers, and the team won numerous trophies in the Youth Telegraphic Tournaments.

"I've served in various official positions in Utopians Lodge 604 and on the SNPJ Debutante Ball Committee. I remember traveling to many Youth Circle functions, craft exhibits, conventions and even the first 10 Miss SNPJ Pageants. I met my wife, Charlotte (Ogoreuc) Perdan, through Youth Circle 3.

"Passing fraternalism on, my oldest granddaughter, Alexandria, was in the 2006 Miss SNPJ Pageant, and has attended TEL Workshops and Young Adult Conferences. Her sister, Mary, is currently active with Youth Circle 2. Emi and Molly, my grandchildren in New York, help with the Lodge picnic when they are in town."

**Bro. RUDY PERDAN (604)**  
950 Outrigger Cove  
Painesville, OH 44077

• Bro. **JAMES BARTO**, a member of La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2, was recognized by the Society for his 60 years of SNPJ membership. Bro. Barto writes:

"I was born in Spring Valley, Ill.,

**Bro. JAMES BARTO**  
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Bro. RUDY PERDAN (604)



Bro. DONALD HOERNIG (126)



Bro. JAMES BARTO (2)



Sis. EDITH HERVATIN (355)

**Bro. JAMES BARTO**  
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

April 5, 1925. In 1947, after serving three years in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Nashville in World War II, I married Marjorie Novak from Depue, Ill. I joined my wife and her family as an SNPJ member of Lodge 2 in 1951.

"Together, Marge and I enjoyed 62 happy years of marriage and had five children, all of whom are SNPJ members. There are now six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren in the family. Marge passed away in November of 2009.

"I am retired, having turned our family business, Barto Funeral Homes in Spring Valley and Depue, over to my son and grandson. I currently enjoy spending time with family and friends, gardening, attending local sporting events, and participating in volunteer activities at my church, St. Anthony's Parish in Spring Valley."

**Bro. JAMES BARTO (2)**  
124 W. Cleveland St.  
Spring Valley, IL 61362

• Cleveland Lodge 126 member Bro. **DONALD HOERNIG** was honored by the Slovene National Benefit Society for his 60 years of membership. Bro. Hoernig writes:

"I am retired and live in Philadelphia with my wife of 33 years, Nancy. I have three sons and seven grandchildren. My mother, Albina DeWolf, is also a member of Lodge 126, and we're looking forward to celebrating her 101st birthday Nov. 27.

"For the last 15 years before retirement, I was an independent management consultant, working with such companies as UPS, Dow Jones, Motorola, Budget Car Rentals, Northrop Grumman and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

"In retirement we travel extensively. We own timeshares in Atlantic City, N.J., and Aruba. We have recently visited the Bahamas, Puerto Rico and Cabo San Lucas, and enjoyed a Mediterranean cruise."

**Bro. DONALD HOERNIG (126)**  
2034 Arch St., #Q  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

• The Society recognized Sis. **EDITH HERVATIN** of Fairport Harbor, Ohio, Lodge 355 for her 60th membership anniversary.

Sis. Edith Pfeffer Hervatin was born in Kocevje in the former Yugoslavia May 12, 1923. After surviving years of unrest during and after World War II, Sis. Hervatin and her 2-year-old daughter, Trudy, came to the United States in 1950. She lived with her aunt and uncle, Karl and Olga Rogel, in Girard, Ohio.

Edith then met Andy Hervatin whom she married June 2, 1951.

**Sis. EDITH HERVATIN**  
CONTINUES NEXT COLUMN



Sis. ANN HARRIS (225)

**Sis. EDITH HERVATIN**  
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

Being a carpenter by trade, Andy built their family home in Painesville, Ohio, where Sis. Hervatin still lives today. They had two daughters, Dorothy and Mary Ann. Edith stayed home to raise them until they were in high school. She later worked at the neighborhood Convenient Food Mart store as a cashier for many years where she was loved by coworkers and customers alike.

Sis. Hervatin enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing and playing balina at the Slovenian Club. She now has six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her husband passed away Dec. 17, 1995.

Edith loves to crochet. She keeps busy crocheting slippers and wonderful afghans for her family and friends. She enjoys spending time with her family and spending time by the pool. She also actively participates in the monthly SNPJ meetings at the Slovenian Club in Fairport where she has held the position of auditor.

**Sis. EDITH HERVATIN (355)**  
540 N. Saint Clair St.  
Painesville, OH 44077

• In honor of her 70th membership anniversary, Sis. **ANN HARRIS** was recognized by Girard, Kan., Lodge 225 and the SNPJ. She writes:

"Thank you very much for the gift of a blanket.

"I am a retired farm widow with three children, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren."

**Sis. ANN HARRIS (225)**  
2025 S. Ave.  
Madrid, IA 50156

celebrating  
your SNPJ  
anniversary?

If you would like to share your 50-, 60-, 70-, or 80-year biography with PROSVETA, be sure to address your material to National President Joseph C. Evanish at 247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126

# Warren Lodge 321 making plans for their annual Christmas celebration

by Cerkvena Miš  
Lodge 321

**WARREN, Ohio** — Even though fall had arrived, my gang was still partying and picnicking. In August, we went all-American with hamburgers and hot dogs. Fred and John Church manned the grill. They even remembered to put cheese on my burger... yum!

On a disappointing note, my girlfriend Louise Vett was not in attendance. Unfortunately for her, she may be replaced by a new girlfriend and the Lodge's newest member, Evalyn Church. Miss Evalyn needs to work a little harder on sneaking things to

me though. She would probably do better if her mother, Kelley, didn't have such a sharp eye!

My girls Hermina Joy Church, Hermina Gail Church and Ann Tomazin always take care of me. They make such good, cheesy things just for me. Charles Tomazin, Charles Paukovich and Dan Gelet make me share with them though. I have a theory about such things: if you are bigger than me, I will share with you.

Joy and Gail told everyone about all the good cheese they ate in Slovenia and Croatia, and the new friends they made. I think Gail was trying to replace me with Carl Nagone! I want

to meet this guy, and if he doesn't like cheese, he is out of here! But if Joy and Gail like him, I bet he does. So I like him too.

Did you know that SNPJ National President Joseph Evanish planned that Slovenia trip just for Gail's birthday? I wonder what he will do for mine? Bro. Evanish, if you read this, here's a suggestion: I like cheese. *Hvala!*

"Trick or treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat!" You always get something good to eat with this group, and that was no different in October. Hermina Gail made a reuben casserole and it was cheesy! Just the way I like it.

Gail Frederick Church made sausage and sauerkraut sandwiches for everybody. Just because it was raining and cold, he thought he didn't have to grill. What is wrong with him? Oh well, he also played bartender for my guys.

Dan Gelet and John Church split a Yuengling Lager. I wondered if they would get drunk and do something crazy? I think that's why Charles Paukovich didn't drink with them. You know, it's the quiet ones you have to watch.

Speaking of the quiet ones, Ann and Charles Tomazin didn't say much but they did a nice job fixing

me a plate. They are sneaky but very good to me, and I thank them both very much!

My girl Hermina Joy definitely knows how to take care of me! She had cheese pizza just for me, and apple cake. Yes, I know apple cake is kind of healthy. But she cures that with her wonderful frosting.

Some of my girlfriends weren't there and I wasn't happy about it. But hopefully they will attend the Christmas party. Joy said everyone should watch *PROSVETA* for details as Fred put John in charge of making arrangements. Hopefully I will be able to keep everybody posted.

**2011 SNPJ Family Twosome Bowling Tournament**  
Bowl anytime during the month of November

Submit all entries to SNPJ Fraternal Director,  
247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126  
ENTRY DEADLINE is Dec. 12, 2011

**TEAM 1: Indicate Division and Entry Class within division**  
Age Division determined by age as of Aug. 1, 2011

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

**REPORT OF SCORES BOWLED — TEAM 1**

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

**TEAM 2: Indicate Division and Entry Class within division**  
Age Division determined by age as of Aug. 1, 2011

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

**REPORT OF SCORES BOWLED — TEAM 2**

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

**TEAM 3: Indicate Division and Entry Class within division**  
Age Division determined by age as of Aug. 1, 2011

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

**REPORT OF SCORES BOWLED — TEAM 3**

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

## SNPJ Crossword WORLD SERIES (#2111) solution

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## 2011 SNPJ Fall Classic Bowling Tournament Results

Tournament rolled Oct. 3-4 at The Orleans Bowling Center & Casino, Las Vegas, Nev.

**Mixed Team Event**

Team	Lodge	Score	Prize
Jacks or Better	A01/559	2,575	\$132
The "O" Team	6	2,554	\$120
3 Badgers and a Mountaineer	106/584	2,549	\$88
Orange Coasters #2	723/786	2,516	\$80

**Mixed Doubles Event**

Team	Lodge	Score	Prize
Kari Mlaker/Jeff Mlaker	584	1,387	\$120
Christen Steimla/Roger Clifford	559/A01	1,344	\$90
Michelle Schweiger/Jeff Mlaker	584	1,320	\$80
Wesley Robideau/Dolores Robideau	786	1,312	\$70
Tom Carroll/Tammy Carroll	6	1,311	\$60

# Glasbena Matica fun doesn't end after the concert

by JOE VALENCIC  
Lodge 5

**CLEVELAND** — Mark Saturday, Nov. 19, on your calendar as a grand night for singing and dancing and dining. The Glasbena Matica Slovenian Singing Society invites you to the concert "Sing! Sing! Sing!" and dinner at the Slovenian National Home, 6409 St. Clair Ave. in Cleveland. You'll enjoy favorite Slovenian melodies and familiar songs from Broadway, the movies and the hit parade.

The sopranos, altos, tenors and basses of Glasbena Matica will blend their voices to delight you with their repertoire. You'll listen to classic Slovenian art songs and traditional folk arrangements. This concert will include a special dedication to the late Lojze Slak, Slove-

nia's beloved bandleader and songwriter.

Thrill to a rousing choral rendition of Louis Prima's swing sensation "Sing! Sing! Sing!" and other selections from Irving Berlin and the stage. The singers will present numbers from both America's and Slovenia's best-loved musicals, "The Sound of Music" and "Melodija Srca" (A Melody of the Heart). It's Glasbena Matica's tribute to what they do best: sing!

Start your evening with a home-style dinner prepared by Joe Tavcar. Happy hour opens at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 and Glasbena Matica at 7. After the curtain closes, stay for dancing with the Joey Tomsick Orchestra at 8 p.m. It will be a great way to start off the year-end holiday season.

Angela Perrine directs the chorus with accompaniment by Michael Cercek and Glasbena Matica members. Admission for the concert, dinner and dance is \$25 per person. Tickets are available

from chorus members and at the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum, 605 East 222nd St., in Euclid, Ohio. For more information, contact Lori Sierputowski at (440) 449-5643.



The Glasbena Matica Singing Society will perform Nov. 19 at the Slovenian National Home in Euclid, Ohio.

## DEATHS REPORTED For the month of August 2011

LODGE	NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CITY/STATE
A01	Anne Almer	08-22-11	Bethlehem, Pa.
A02	Albert M. Kaelin	08-16-11	Leesburg, Fla.
A02	Thomas F. Coran	08-07-11	Pittsburgh, Pa.
A02	Bertha Heyl	08-31-11	Gibsona, Pa.
A02	Robert W. Schell	12-11-06	Kenneth City, Fla.
34	Julia Cantwell	05-17-08	Alden, N.Y.
34	Linda L. Gregg	08-21-11	Indianapolis, Ind.
53	John Fende	03-21-11	Novelty, Ohio
87	Sally Arch	08-29-11	Greensburg, Pa.
87	Dorothy J. Ponebshk	09-13-11	West Newton, Pa.
106	John F. Logar	08-16-11	Washington, Pa.
106	Cecilia Macek	05-26-11	Melbourne Bch., Fla.
106	John Lah Jr.	09-06-11	Parma, Ohio
107	Anton Bellue	03-05-10	Granite City, Ill.
107	Caroline Vertovsek	09-08-11	New Douglas, Ill.
107	Mary A. Thorley	07-12-11	O'Fallon, Ill.
138	Marilou Clarke Shotwell	08-05-11	McLean, Va.
142	Elizabeth A. Strauss	08-29-11	Wickliffe, Ohio
158	William E. Frank	05-30-11	Euclid, Ohio
174	Pauline Kochevar	08-08-11	Aurora, Colo.
174	Antonia Civic	09-03-11	Allentown, Pa.
207	Louise Kankelborg	05-14-11	Butte, Mont.
225	Albert Kozjek	08-26-11	Frontenac, Kan.
225	Hedwig M. Billaci	08-11-11	Bonner Springs, Kan.
225	Walter L. Marlier	08-28-11	Frontenac, Kan.
254	William J. Von Alt	08-19-11	Greensboro, Ga.
475	Helen M. Knouse	09-01-11	Granville, W.Va.
559	Martha Lousher	08-20-11	Minooka, Ill.
559	Catherine Partak	09-02-11	Joliet, Ill.
562	Julia A. Sikole	08-05-11	St. Clairsville, Ohio
576	Bernard F. Bobitich	06-27-11	Somis, Calif.
576	Tony J. Pryately	08-23-11	Conneaut, Ohio
584	Edward A. Starich	01-11-10	Markesan, Wis.
584	Theresa Mershnik	08-13-11	West Allis, Wis.
584	Margaret Gregorin	08-11-11	Lindenhurst, Ill.
603	Jennie Spirko	05-15-11	Jacksonville, Fla.
665	Frank John Celin	03-25-06	Wexford, Pa.
689	Anna Skerl	09-03-11	Fremont, Calif.
713	Agnes Kravanja	08-26-11	Pittsburgh, Pa.
721	Helen I. Oberg	05-17-10	Rochester, Pa.
721	Angeline J. Schneider	07-07-11	Cheektowaga, N.Y.
723	Rosa Magnuson	06-09-11	Big Bear Lake, Calif.
723	Robert Omahen	08-16-11	El Cajon, Calif.
729	Margaret C. Arnold	08-26-11	Cumberland, Md.
745	Robert A. Snider	08-16-11	Round Mountain, Nev.
749	Janet G. Janisko	06-12-11	Johnstown, Pa.
749	Rose M. Vitkowsky	08-11-07	Middlesex, N.J.
776	Sarah Rittler	08-24-11	Cardington, Ohio
776	John Racz	08-30-11	Sharpville, Pa.
781	M. Patricia Smith	05-13-10	Arlington, Texas

**KAREN A. PINTAR**  
National Secretary

## SNPJ fraternal sympathies

**BRO. JOHN M. RANCINGAY**  
• LODGE 2 •



Bro. JOHN M. RANCINGAY (2)

**LA SALLE, Ill.** — With sadness, the Rancingay family and members of Lodge 2 announce the Oct. 7, 2011, passing of Bro. John M. Rancingay Sr., 98, of Oglesby, Ill., in St. Margaret's Hospital, Spring Valley, Ill.

Bro. Rancingay was born Feb. 20, 1913, in La Salle to John and Angela (Simenc) Rancingay. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, serving in France. He was employed as an operator at Marquette Cement for 30 years, retiring in 1975.

Bro. Rancingay had many interests, including gardening and woodworking. He was also an avid outdoorsman because of his love of nature and trees. He was a state registered beekeeper for many years. He enjoyed his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren all his life.

John married the former Sophie Klansek May 10, 1941, in La Salle. He was a member of SNPJ Lodge 2, Holy Family Church, Cement Workers Local 12 and AARP.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara (Robert) Lyons of Dimmick, Ill., and Janice (Richard) Ernat of Tonica, Ill.; one son, John (Joyce) Rancingay Jr. of Oglesby; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mary Schmoeger of Oglesby.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Sept. 8, 2003; and one sister, Angela Walgenbach.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 11 in Holy Family Church, Oglesby. The Rev. Michael Andrejek, pastor, officiated. Burial followed in St. Vincent's Cemetery, La Salle, with full military rites by La Salle-Oglesby Veterans Memorial Group.

On behalf of the members

of Lodge 2 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our sympathies to Bro. Rancingay's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**SIS. ROSE J. BARBER**  
• LODGE 41 •

**IRWIN, Pa.** — The Barber family and members of Lodge 41 sadly announce the Oct. 17, 2011, passing of Sis. Rose Jean (Beniger) Barber, 95, of Export, Pa.

Rose was born Jan. 15, 1916. Her 93 years with the Society began at age 2 when she was enrolled as an SNPJ member.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Victor Barber; a son, Richard Barber; two sisters, Violet Pivick and Lillian Paulisick; and a brother, Ralph Beniger.

Sis. Barber is survived by a loving son, Dan (Donna) Barber of Export; a sister, Jennie Kovacs; a brother, Bill (Barbara) Beniger; a nephew, Louis Kovacs; a special grandson, Andy (Kara) Barber; and several other grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 41 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, sincere condolences are extended to Sis. Barber's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF DEAR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

**John Zornik**  
d. 1971

**Agnes Zornik**  
d. 1994

THOUGH YOU ARE NO LONGER WITH US MEMORIES LINGER ON  
IN OUR THOUGHTS AND IN OUR HEARTS  
YOU ARE WITH US UNTIL WE REUNITE

Sadly missed by daughter Marion (Zornik) and Ermando Volpe; son Rudy and Marlene; grandchildren Erik, Todd, Lisa, Tony and John; great-grandchildren Justin, Daniel, Jacob, Paul Jr., Anthony Ermando and Joseph; and relatives in Slovenia and the United States.

DETROIT, MICH.

## In Loving Memory of

**GEORGE and JULIA FRANK**

As time goes on without you  
And days turn into years  
They hold a million memories  
And a thousand silent tears

Sadly missed by family and friends, especially daughter Georgene, grandsons Scot and Travis, and sister Rose