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### Westmoreland Co. Fed planning to meet Jan. 30

**HERMINIE, Pa.** — The Westmoreland County Federation of SNPJ Lodges will hold its first quarterly meeting of 2011 on Sunday, Jan. 30, at 1 p.m. at the Herminie Slovenian Home in Herminie. Lodges, please be sure to send your representatives. Thank you.

**MARYANN BEBAR (41)**  
Federation President

### Lodge 778 meets Feb. 2 to discuss future plans

**SPRING HILL, Fla.** — Suncoast Lodge 778 in Spring Hill is calling all Lodge 778 insured members to attend a meeting Wednesday, Feb. 2, beginning at 11 a.m. Many important items about the future of our Lodge will be discussed and voted on. SNPJ National President Joseph C. Evanish will also attend this meeting to answer any questions.

**DARIA PERSE**  
Lodge 778

### Reservations requested for Lodge 371 meeting

**CLE ELUM, Wash.** — Lodge 371 will hold its first meeting of 2011 Feb. 13. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. at the home of Katy Kladnik, 2nd St., Cle Elum. Due to the recent merger of Lodge 11 into Lodge 371, President Ken Kladnik suggests attendees RSVP to ensure adequate seating and refreshments. For more information, phone (509) 962-2417 or write to the address above.

**KEN KLADNIK**  
Lodge 371 President

### Have you recommended a new member lately?

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

## THE DEADLINE

The next two *PROSVETA* issue dates are Feb. 9 and Feb. 23. All material must be received by Monday, Jan. 31, for the Feb. 9 issue, and by Monday, Feb. 14, for the Feb. 23 issue. If you are running short on time and concerned about making the deadline, try faxing your submission to (724) 695-1555 or e-mailing [prosveta@snpj.com](mailto:prosveta@snpj.com).

# Shooting for the Stars

## Three Lodges take top honors in the 2010 SNPJ Star Lodge Bonus Program

by KEVIN RICHARDS  
SNPJ Fraternal Director

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — The Fraternal Department is pleased to announce the results from the 2010 SNPJ Star Lodge Rewards Program. A total of three Lodges earned the SNPJ Super Star designation in 2010.

Congratulations to Lodge 6 in Sygan, Pa., Lodge 138 in Strabane, Pa., and Lodge 715 in Universal, Pa., for being named SNPJ Super Star Lodges, earning \$500 for their Lodge treasuries and plenty of bragging rights. Way to go, members and officers of these three Lodges!

The Star Lodge Reward Program is continuing in 2011. Lodges can qualify to be designated as a Gold Star Lodge, a Silver Star Lodge or a Bronze Star Lodge. See page 2 for the program details, along with a listing of the 2010 SNPJ Star Lodge designations.

All Lodge secretaries will receive a special mailing this month from the National President's office containing their New Member Goal for 2011, as well as a Lodge Activity Planner. Your

Lodge Activity Planner, indicating the four activities the Lodge plans to sponsor in 2011, must be completed and returned to the Fraternal Department by May 2.

All articles and photos of Lodge activities must be turned into the Fraternal Department no later than Dec. 31 to qualify for any rewards. Be sure to send the articles and pictures directly to the Fraternal Department, or copy an e-mail to Fraternal Director Kevin Richards so that you receive credit. The SNPJ Star Lodge Program rewards are made in addition to the regular Lodge and secretary awards, and will be paid out upon completion of the program.

Do you think your Lodge is up to the challenge of being designated a Super Star Lodge?

# Spring Fling opens the 2011 SNPJ Heritage Center season

by CAROL SADAR MARUSZAK (53)  
SNPJ Heritage Center Committee

**BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.** — Mark Sunday, April 17, on your calendar for the Spring Fling being sponsored by the SNPJ Heritage Center in the Borough of SNPJ. Last year's success of Heritage Day encouraged the committee to plan and introduce a dinner dance afternoon in the Alpine Room featuring the Pittsburgh Area Jitterbug Club (PAJC) and the Polka Pirates from Cleveland.

The cost of the event is \$15. A chicken and sausage dinner prepared by SNPJ Recreation Center Director Tim Jergel is included and will be served at 1 p.m. The afternoon will also include a dance demo by the Pittsburgh Area Jitterbug Club and dancing to the big band sound

of the Polka Pirates.

Don't take off those dancing shoes just yet! The PAJC will be giving free dance instructions for those interested in various styles, including line, polka, waltz and swing. With the current popularity of all types of ballroom dancing, the Heritage Center wanted to host a multi-generational event to reintroduce and encourage the fun of dancing.

Reserved seating will be available if ordering dinners for at least eight people. Dinner dance tickets must be reserved in advance. Only want to dance? Admission for the dance only is \$8 and can be paid at the door after 2 p.m.

The day's schedule of events is as follows:

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PERIODICAL MATERIAL

## Oh, Lucky Day

SNPJ Slovenian Editor **VIDA KOSIR** and Sales Director **BUD PALADINO** selected the winning ticket in the fourth quarter 2010 SNPJ Recommender Program drawing. The winning ticket belonged to Bro. Douglas Cvelbar, a member of Lodge 5 in Cleveland. Douglas received a \$100 recommender prize and was entered in the \$500 year-end drawing. Have you recommended a new member lately? The SNPJ Recommender Coupon is available in this *PROSVETA* issue, online at [www.snpj.org](http://www.snpj.org) or by phoning the Home Office at 1-800-843-7675.



# V-Boj Lodge 53 has a busy 2011 in the works

by PATRICIA BUDZILEK  
Lodge 53 Recording Secretary

**CLEVELAND** — V-Boj Lodge 53 proudly announces the officers elected at our annual meeting. Our president once again is Pauline Barbish, our new vice president is Ed Petrick, our hard-working secretary of many years is Martha Meglich, our recording secretary is Patricia Budzilek, and our auditors are Ann Wagner and Ann Herpak. We've also re-elected Ed Petrick as our representative to the SNPJ Farm Board, and Pauline Barbish as our representative to the Cleveland Federation and CAL. Both of these representatives have been very faithful in attending meetings and helping these groups. Congratulations to all!

Lodge 53 has always been known for its generosity, and this year is no different. We have once again made sizable donations to the SNPJ Scholarship Fund, Waterloo

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Throughout the Young Americans Lodge 564 Vinska Trgatev, youth member **ANTHONY VOLPE** kept a watchful eye on the arbor, eventually nabbing would-be thief Gail, a longtime SAC member, as she attempted to steal the grapes.

# Harvest season a reason to celebrate

## Young Americans Lodge revels in the Slovenian harvest tradition

by MARION VOLPE  
Lodge 564 Secretary

**DETROIT** — On Nov. 20, 2010, Young Americans Lodge 564 hosted their annual *Vinska Trgatev* featuring the Good Times Orchestra. This orchestra is truly joyous when they play. Herb Schroeder, usually the jokester, lost his voice, so Eddie Adamic took over and was equally as funny. They played many great songs and, as usual, Eddie sang a few beautiful Slovenian

songs for us.

This year we rented the SAC club. Lodge 564 President Rudy Zornik made all the arrangements with club manager Joze Martincic. He also set up tables and got things ready for the party. Our dinner was catered by the SAC's own Milka Martincic. She prepared excellent chicken as usual and everything was yummy. She even made *kremsnita* for dessert.

Frances Adamic was selling tickets at the door and wearing her pretty smile. Our attendance was lower this year; the SAC dance held the week before our *Vinska Trgatev* was a sell-out.

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• **Owen J. Dickinson**  
Born May 10, 2009  
Cleveland Lodge 576

The members of Spartans Lodge 576 welcome their newest member, Owen Joseph Dickinson. Owen is the son of Adam Dickinson and Susan Novak (576), and the grandson of Lodge 576 President Joe Novak and Recording Secretary Nancy Novak. We welcome Owen to the SNPJ and extend our best wishes to his entire family.

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The members of Slavija Lodge 1 gathered in December for their annual meeting and election of 2011 officers.

## Slavija Lodge 1 ready to tackle another new year

by EDWARD HRIBAR  
Lodge 1 President

**CHICAGO** — The members of Slavija Lodge 1 determined their 2011 meeting dates at their 2010 annual meeting. The 2011 meetings will be held the first Thursday of February, April, June, August and October, and the December meeting date will be determined at the October meeting. Our meeting site remains the Czech Plaza Restaurant, 7016 W. Cermak Road in Berwyn, Ill.

The 2010 annual meeting was well attended and the weather cooperated after a five-inch snowfall the previous day. It was a pleasant day filled with important decision-making, including the election of 2011 officers. Elected to carry-on the promotion and leadership of Lodge 1 were President Edward R. Hribar, Vice President Conrad Novak, Secretary/Treasurer Janina Hribar, Recording Secretary Marion

Kieras, Sergeant-at-Arms MaryAnn Murray, and auditors Marion Kieras (chairman), Emma Cleveland and Florence Rogel.

During the meeting, Slavija Lodge members approved donations to the SNPJ Scholarship Fund, the Slovene Home for the Aged in Cleveland, the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association and the Cancer Society. Following the meeting we enjoyed a Christmas party with members and friends.

Get well wishes are extended to Sisters Helen Simon and Bertha Vitek. At this time, we sadly report the Dec. 7 passing of Bro. Frank Gradisek. Bro. Gradisek was a lifelong SNPJ member. We extend our sympathy to his family and many friends.

Slavija Lodge 1 would like to take this opportunity to bid everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2011. *Srečno novo leto!*

## 2010 another banner year for Strabane Lodge 138

by BOB LAWRENCE Sr.  
Lodge 138 Secretary

**STRABANE, Pa.** — Lodge 138 members met Jan. 3 at the Lodge home for their first meeting of 2011. Officers installed for 2011 included President Rick Hervol, Vice President Albert Paul, Secretary Bob Lawrence Sr., Treasurer Bev Pabian, Recording Secretary Courtney Pabian, Circle Director Karen Brumbaugh, and auditors Carissa Boyer, Donald Progar and David Hervol.

The Lodge, in conjunction with the American Slovene Society (House Committee), voted to contribute \$500 to the Washington County Food Bank in lieu of holding a food drive. The meeting schedule was set for the first Monday of each month, starting at 7 p.m.

Circle Director Karen Brumbaugh reported that Circle 19 had a very successful Christmas party. The children seemed to really enjoy the magician.

Lodge Secretary Bob Lawrence Sr. proudly announced that Lodge 138 has once again attained the distinction of

achieving the status of SNPJ Super Star Lodge. That makes it two years in a row. If you will forgive me, I like to refer to that achievement as a "Super-Duper Humdinger Level..." ahem. Thanks to everyone who contributed to that success, including those who participated in the Recommender Program, and especially the PPGA agents. This is what fraternalism is all about — members working together to accomplish a common goal.

The schedule of the year's events was discussed and can be found on the Lodge 138 web site and in the Up-and-Coming column in *PROSVETA*.

All in all, Lodge 138 had a very successful and extremely active year. How could I sign off without mentioning our internationally famous Duck Race? Every year I receive an e-mail from Slovenia asking about the event. O.K.; so they're related to Rose Marie, but they are from Europe and they are interested. You're all invited to attend this event. I'm sure you will be glad you did.

## Congratulations to the 2010 SNPJ Star Lodge Bonus Program participants!

### 2010 SNPJ Star Lodge Designations

#### Super Star Lodges (\$500 award)

Lodge 6, Sygan, Pa.  
Lodge 138, Strabane, Pa.  
Lodge 715, Universal, Pa.

#### Gold Star Lodges (\$300 award)

Lodge 449, Cicero, Ill.  
Lodge 603, Samsula, Fla.  
Lodge 604, Cleveland  
Lodge 776, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.  
Lodge 786, Orange County, Calif.

#### Silver Star Lodges (\$150 award)

Lodge 1, Chicago	Lodge 355, Fairport Harbor, Ohio
Lodge 2, La Salle, Ill.	Lodge 497, Meadville, Pa.
Lodge 8, Cicero, Ill.	Lodge 559, Chicago
Lodge 53, Cleveland	Lodge 564, Detroit
Lodge 89, Midway, Pa.	Lodge 576, Cleveland
Lodge 106, Imperial, Pa.	Lodge 626, Barberton, Ohio
Lodge 113, Price, Utah	Lodge 643, Girard, Ohio
Lodge 158, Euclid, Ohio	Lodge 689, Helper, Utah
Lodge 165, Wickhaven, Pa.	Lodge 719, Clairton, Pa.
Lodge 190, St. Michael's, Pa.	Lodge 745, Grass Valley, Calif.
Lodge 218, Denver	Lodge 778, Spring Hill, Fla.
Lodge 223, Greensburg, Pa.	Lodge 781, Avon, Ohio
Lodge 265, Southview, Pa.	Lodge 782, Glenshaw, Pa.
Lodge 321, Warren, Ohio	Lodge A18, Baden, Pa.

#### Bronze Star Lodge (\$100 award)

Lodge 721, Aliquippa, Pa.

## The 2011 SNPJ Star Lodge Bonus Program

### Gold Star Lodge: \$300 Lodge Bonus

Qualify as a **Gold Star Lodge** by:

• Meeting your New Member Goal for 2011

AND

• Meeting your Lodge Activity Goal by:

1. Turning in the Lodge Activity Planner by May 2, listing four activities that your Lodge plans to sponsor throughout 2011.
2. Sponsoring all four activities, submitting a photo and article of each to the Fraternal Department for publication in *PROSVETA*.



### Silver Star Lodge: \$150 Lodge Bonus

Qualify as a **Silver Star Lodge** by:

• Meeting your New Member Goal for 2011

OR

• Meeting your Lodge Activity Goal by:

1. Turning in the Lodge Activity Planner by May 2, listing four activities that your Lodge plans to sponsor throughout 2011.
2. Sponsoring all four activities, submitting a photo and article of each to the Fraternal Department for publication in *PROSVETA*.



### Bronze Star Lodge: \$100 Lodge Bonus

Qualify as a **Bronze Star Lodge** by:

• Adding at least two new members to your Lodge in 2011

AND

1. Turning in the Lodge Activity Planner by May 2, listing four activities that your Lodge plans to sponsor throughout 2011.
2. Sponsoring at least two activities, submitting a photo and article of each to the Fraternal Department for publication in *PROSVETA*.



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

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

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

Site \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Up-and-Coming...

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

- FEB. 5..... Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 winter outdoor balina match at Lodge 138.
- FEB. 18-20..... SNPJ Winter Classic Bowling Tournament co-hosted by Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 and Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6. Entertainment will feature Outlaw Karaoke Feb. 18 at Sygan Lodge 6 from 9 p.m.-1 a.m., and the Johnny Koenig Orchestra Feb. 19 at Strabane Lodge 138 from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
- FEB. 25-27.... Florida Slovene Days hosted by Lodge 603, Samsula, Fla.
- FEB. 26..... Spring Hill, Fla., Lodge 778 dance at the Lodge 778 Hall; food service 4-7 p.m., dancing 6-10 p.m. to the Frank Moravcik Orchestra. For details contact Mary Ann Hiltz at (727) 376-8486.
- FEB. 26..... Cleveland Athletic League (CAL) Sweetheart Doubles bowling beginning at 2 p.m. at Freeway Wickliffe Lanes, Wickliffe, Ohio. For more information or to register, phone Tournament Chairwoman Kathleen Trebets at (440) 749-4211 with names and averages.
- MARCH 4-6.. Florida SNPJ Day hosted by Lodge 778, Spring Hill, Fla. Performances by the Polka Quads March 5 from 6-10 p.m. and March 6 from 2-6 p.m. For details contact Daria Perse at (727) 753-9631.
- MARCH 5..... San Francisco Lodge 304 Pust dinner dance at the Slovenian Hall, 2101 Mariposa St., San Francisco. No-host cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and dancing to the Dan Fitterer Trio at 8 p.m. For details contact Diane Kresevich at (650) 588-3863.
- APRIL 30-MAY 1..... SNPJ National Bowling Tournament hosted by Detroit Lodges 564 and 677. For tournament information contact SNPJ Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com).
- MAY 21 ..... Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 hosts the Don Wojtila Band at Lodge 138 outdoor pavilion from 6-10 p.m.
- MAY 28 ..... CAL Don Gorjup Golf Open at Rolling Green Golf Course, Huntsburg, Ohio. For information phone Rick Gorjup at (440) 354-5001 or (440) 773-3233.
- JUNE 12..... Tony Mlinar Memorial Golf Outing, Milwaukee. For additional information contact Tony Mlinar at (414) 257-3385.
- JUNE 12..... SNPJ Western Pa. Golf Tournament at Rolling Green Golf Course, Eighty Four, Pa.
- JUNE 19-24 ..... Youth Roundup at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com) for registration forms.
- JUNE 24-26 ..... SNPJ Young Adult Conference at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For registration information contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com).
- JULY 2 ..... Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 hosts Klančnik and Friends at Lodge 138 outdoor pavilion from 6-10 p.m.
- JULY 8-10 ..... Slovenefest XXX and the 55th Miss SNPJ Pageant at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For information phone the SNPJ Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.

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## Follow-through

Very few New Year's resolutions become reality. It's not for lack of ideas, desire or need to improve our lives. We all have good intentions when we proclaim our goals for all to hear. But research shows that by the third week of the new year, most resolutions are broken, and many will be totally forgotten by mid-year.

The problem is follow-through. Take, for example, the resolution to start saving for retirement. You know it's a necessity, so you call your local representative, Lodge secretary or the Home Office and get information on SNPJ Century Series annuities. You decide that with the guaranteed interest rate of 3.0 percent, it's a much better investment vehicle than a CD or savings account at a bank. You're proud of yourself when you sit down and complete the simple application for the Century 8, which is currently earning the very competitive interest rate of 3.75 percent. You write out the check, find a stamp and pat yourself on the back when you place the envelope in the mail.

Your New Year's resolution is becoming a reality... or is it? You've done a great job getting the information and starting the account, but now the hard part starts – the follow-through. That annuity account won't be worth much at retirement if all it has to work with is your initial deposit of \$300. The traditional advice used to be that to retire, you'd need a replacement income of 65 percent of your current earnings. In today's world, however, advisors are telling you to aim for 80 percent. Social Security isn't going to do for you what it did for your parents, and with fewer companies offering pension plans or 401(k)s you'll be relying more heavily on your personal savings to retire.

Since your personal savings will be the main source of your retirement income, follow-through is crucial. An easy method to accomplish this is to have SNPJ set up a monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account to put into your annuity. Once adjusted, this monthly payment will be a painless way to accumulate that much-needed retirement fund. Deciding to save is great and opening an annuity is smart, but it's the ongoing deposits that produce the needed results. Remember, to have successful New Year's resolutions you need to back up good intentions with follow-through!

• **Thought for the Week** — Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do.

Johann von Goethe



## Lodge 686 sticking to 2010 meeting schedule in 2011

by CHARLES KASSECKERT  
Lodge 686 Secretary/Treasurer

**WEST ALLIS, Wis.** — Happy New Year greetings to all members of Lodge 686. I hope that you all had a fun-filled and safe holiday season.

During our November meeting, the following members were elected as officers for 2011: President William A. Demshar, Vice President Charles Demshar, Recording Secretary Craig Kasseckert, Secretary/Treasurer Charles A. Kasseckert, and auditors Jan Missiaen, Rosemary Demshar and Josephine Kasseckert.

Thank you to these officers for accepting their roles for the new year.

Once again in 2011, our Lodge meetings will take place on the third Friday of alternating months beginning at 7 p.m. The meetings will be held in the meeting room at Bevsek-Verbick Funeral Home. Our next meeting is scheduled Friday, Feb. 18, beginning at 7 p.m. All members of Lodge 686 are encouraged to attend.

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

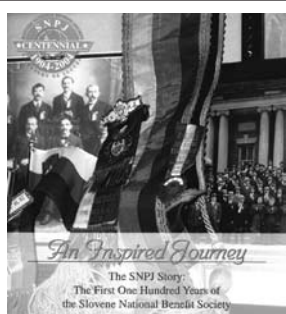
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## Slovenia a NATO contact point for Montenegro

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — On Jan. 1, the Slovenian Embassy in Podgorica took over the role of NATO contact point embassy in Montenegro for 2011 and 2012 from Hungary. According to the Slovenian Foreign Ministry, this appointment provides a welcome opportunity to further strengthen Slovenian-Montenegrin cooperation.

Slovenia intends to focus on public diplomacy, and on implementation of defense and military reforms in light of Montenegro's NATO membership action plan. The Slovenian Embassy will try to assist Montenegro with its action plan, and thus enable NATO member countries to decide whether or not to extend an invitation to Montenegro to join the alliance.

As the Foreign Ministry explained, a contact point is "a vital link between the alliance and the receiving country." The contact point must provide information on NATO's and the receiving country's activities regarding accession to the alliance, and provide support to any visiting NATO officials. This is the third time Slovenia has assumed the role of a NATO contact point. Slovenia's embassy in Austria served as a contact point from 2004 to 2006, and its embassy in Macedonia served from 2007 to 2008.

## Slovenia tightens the reins on undeclared work

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — In late December, the Slovenian government adopted a bill on the prevention of illegal work and undeclared employment which introduces stricter limitations and penalties. While announcing additional measures for tackling the "gray" economy, the government also adopted new regulations on the employment of foreign workers and a strategy on economic migration.

Slovenian Labor, Family and Social Affairs Minister Ivan Svetlik explained that employers utilizing undeclared labor will immediately have to sign permanent employment contracts with the workers involved. In all such cases, employers will be forced to cover all employee contributions stemming from the employment relationship for the previous three months. Inspectors will have the power to confiscate any equipment used for undeclared work.

The bill also includes stricter limitations on allowable forms of undeclared work, such as neighborly assistance, which will, for instance, no longer be available to professionals. Svetlik admitted that regulating this area will be difficult since it raises privacy questions.

Personal supplementary work — such as collecting herbs or producing and selling traditional crafts — will be capped at an annual income of 6,000 Euros (\$7,800) and allowed only to individuals. Short-term work conducted by family members in small companies will be limited to 40 hours per month, per employer.

Employment oversight will be improved with the inclusion of Slovenia's Customs Administration, while regulatory bodies will have the power to immediately issue bans in their areas of oversight.

The government has also revised the provisions regulating employment of foreigners. While employers will be required to provide better working conditions for foreigners, it will be easier for workers to obtain a working permit for a period of three years.

In addition, the government adopted a strategy on economic migrations for the coming decade. Svetlik said that the document was drafted in response to the deteriorating demographic situation. The strategy pursues the goals of securing and encouraging immigration to Slovenia while also making use of work experience obtained by Slovenian workers abroad and thus preventing a brain drain.

## First register-based census planned in 2011

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — The Slovenian Statistics Office will conduct the country's first-ever register-based population census in 2011, the office announced in late December, describing the move as a major achievement since a register-based population census does not involve live interviews, requires less time for data processing, can be conducted more often and costs less.

Slovenia will join only a few European countries — namely, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands and Iceland — that have



already carried out register-based censuses. Austria, Sweden and Norway will also conduct a similar census for the first time in 2011.

The Statistics Office promised initial data on the number and age/gender structure of the population by the end of April 2011, with data on households and families (collected only in a census) planned to be published by Sept. 30, 2011, at the latest.

With this new census, which is expected to cost at least \$15.7 million less than an ordinary interview-based census, Slovenia is changing its reference day for data collection from March 31 to Jan. 1. In doing so, Slovenia joins the few countries with a Jan. 1 reference date. The choice is based on practical reasons: administrative data is linked to the calendar year, which facilitates comparisons with annual demographic surveys.

The first modern population census on the territory of Slovenia was conducted in 1857 in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, followed by another five censuses until the collapse of the empire in 1918. Between the two World Wars, only two censuses were conducted in Slovenia, followed by six in the former Yugoslavia (1945-1991). The last time Slovenia conducted a census was in 2002.

Slovenia is obligated to conduct a census of population, households and housing under the medium-term and annual programs of statistical surveys, and the European Union regulation on censuses.

## Meteorologist warns of rise in natural disasters

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — Following a year of calamitous weather, Slovenian meteorologist Miran Trontelj failed to bring smiles to the faces of those attending a late December presentation hosted by *Ujma* (Natural Disaster) magazine when he stated that, due to climate changes, Slovenia can expect more and more rough weather in the future.

Trontelj believes that many of the natural disasters are of our own doing: we are not prepared and don't know how to act when disasters strike. "Slovenia has been relatively lucky since not many disasters have hit the country in the past 20 years," the meteorologist said, adding that no one knows what to expect in the future.

Slovenian Defense Minister Ljubica Jelušič, who also attended the presentation, said that *Ujma* magazine can be regarded as a means for experts to evaluate past disasters and prepare for possible future disasters. She stressed that the public should be better informed and that more young volunteers should be attracted to various relief groups. Minister Jelušič added that cooperation between the national system for protection against natural and other disasters and the Slovenian Armed Forces should be preserved in the face of possible natural disasters.

Thanking more than 100 experts who helped write the annual publication of the Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief, which is part of the ministry, Trontelj said that the 300-page magazine is unique not only in Europe, but world-wide.

## Countless doctors lost to construction delays

**MARIBOR (STA)** — The Maribor Medical Faculty, one of two medical faculties in Slovenia, is ringing the alarm bell due to delays in the construction of a new university facility which is preventing the school from increasing enrollment. "An entire generation of new doctors has been lost because of the long procedure for the selection of a contractor," dean Ivan Krajnc said.

Construction on the new Medical Faculty building should have started in mid-2008 and been completed by the end of this year, but a series of appeals to the selection of the builder have been lodged, thus deadlocking the process. "This has caused huge, irreparable damage," Krajnc said. Currently, the Maribor Medical Faculty can only enroll 86 students per year; a new building would allow it to increase enrollment to 130-140 students.

The Medical Faculty, which was founded in 2004, currently rents offices and classrooms at the University of

Maribor headquarters in the center of the city. The new building will be located near the University Medical Center (UKC Maribor).

Slovenia faces a shortage of doctors and has recently passed a law making it easier to hire foreign doctors. But Krajnc said foreign doctors, in particular those from the countries of the former Yugoslavia, have not been educated according to the high standards in Slovenia. "The standards of both medical faculties in Slovenia are so high that the doctors whom Slovenia will now import from the former Yugoslav republics will by no means meet [those standards]," he said. He felt the problem was technology. "They don't have the technological aids that we have."

The Medical Chamber estimates that Slovenia needs 500 new doctors immediately, but as many as 2,300 would be required in the long run to secure the future development of the medical profession.

## Rehabilitation Center gets hi-tech assistance

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — The Soča Rehabilitation Institute in Ljubljana received some hi-tech assistance to help people rendered unable to walk get back on their feet, as a \$460,000 robotic gait-training device was introduced. The device offers locomotion therapy for patients — children and adults alike — following stroke, spinal cord injury, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis and other neurological diseases and injuries.

Patients are strapped into the exoskeleton-like device suspended above a treadmill, which helps them with intensive, repetitive movements that gradually restore functionality to legs.

The institute says the device is important since it helps patients re-learn correct walking movements, reducing the possibility of incorrect movements that may result in injury or deformation. It also reduces physical strain on the legs during workouts.

Between 200 and 250 patients will be treated with the device each year. Patients typically require 10 sessions lasting up to one hour each.

The Soča Rehabilitation Institute is the pre-eminent rehabilitation institution in Slovenia and the main center for prosthetics and orthotics.

## Abandoned factories playing host to the arts

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — Ljubljana is planning to build a contemporary arts center in the industrial complex of the now-abandoned Rog bicycle plant. Along with four other European cities, Ljubljana is taking part in a research project, appropriately titled "Second Chance," designed to revive abandoned industrial sites through culture and creativity.

In addition to the Rog bicycle plant in Ljubljana, the Second Chance project also includes the abandoned AEG plant in Nuremberg, Germany; Halle 14 of the cotton spinning mill in Leipzig, Germany; the Arsenale industrial complex in Venice, Italy; and a tram depot in Krakow, Poland. The project, estimated at nearly \$3 million was formally launched at the beginning of 2010 as part of the Central Europe Program and is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund.

According to Ljubljana Culture Commissioner Uroš Grilc, Ljubljana was invited to take part in Second Chance by the project's lead partner, Nuremberg. The Ljubljana city municipality is involved, along with the Ljubljana Museum and Galleries. "The five cities work together to develop innovative strategies and concepts to transform their former industrial sites into key cultural centers, which means a revitalization of the degraded Rog factory compound into a new cultural center fully complies with the project's goals," Grilc said.

To date, the five cities have developed a web site, published a brochure and drawn-up examples of best practices. At the local level, an analysis is being conducted to show the advantages, downsides, opportunities and risks involved with the Rog project. The team in Ljubljana is also working on a development vision for a center of contemporary arts which will serve as a basis for further research. The center will be home to visual arts, design and architecture, which Grilc says are in dire need of proper infrastructure in Ljubljana.

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## Artesol, revija o sredozemski Sloveniji

**HEADLINE:** *Artesol*, a magazine about Mediterranean Slovenia

**TOPIC:** *Artesol* is the first magazine to introduce the picturesque Mediterranean Slovenian area. A team of three – designer Vojko Tominc, photographer Jaka Jeraša and reporter/editor Sašo Dravinec – introduced this publication at the Sečovlje salt pans multimedia center. “The idea for this publication originated at the Genius loci Lera multimedia workshop. We wanted to introduce these places, their people, the unique nature, culture, the creativity of the inhabitants and their products,” said Sašo Dravinec. In the magazine they introduced poet Tone Pavček, enologist Iztok Klenar, olive grower Vanja Dujc and restaurant owner Tomi Kavčič. They also introduced a few Istria, Karst and Primorsko villages, the salt pans, Karst cheese makers, Koper’s cargo port, artist Mira Ličen Krmpotič, Andraž Šalamun and others.

Artesol je prva revija, ki poskuša slikovito predstaviti

slovenske sredozemske posebnosti. Trije avtorji, oblikovalec Vojko Tominc, fotograf Jaka Jeraša in urednik Sašo Dravinec, so publikacijo predstavili v Multimedijskem centru Sečovljskih solin. “Zamiselnost publikaciji je nastala na multimedijski delavnici Genius loci Lera. Hoteli smo predstaviti te kraje, njihove ljudi, neponovljivost in enkratnost narave, kulture, ustvarjalnost prebivalstva in njihove proizvode,” je povedal Sašo Dravinec. V reviji so predstavljeni pesnik Tone Pavček, enolog Iztok Klenar, oljkar Vanja Dujc, gostinec Tomi Kavčič, ribogojka Irena Fonda. Predstavljene so še istrske, kraške, briške, brkinske in druge primorske vasi in posebnosti, soline, kraški sirarji, koprsko tovorno pristanišče, slikarja Mira Ličen Krmpotič in Andraž Šalamun, turistične zanimivosti in drugo. Revija odlikuje številne fotografije ter bogata likovna in grafična oprema. Natisnili so jo v 2300 izvodih. Artesol bi bila lahko odlična publikacija za promocijo sredozemske Slovenije. Seveda bi jo morali prevesti v nekaj tujih jezikov.

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**HEADLINE:** The courthouse renovated and larger

**TOPIC:** Justice Minister Aleš Zalar and president of the Piran District Court Niko Falkner recently cut the ribbon on the renovated and enlarged Piran District Court. The courthouse was built in 1891 and is now a cultural monument. The renovation started when the public library finally moved out of the ground floor in 2008.

Because of the unsuitable space, for a while it was suggested that the court move from Piran. After two months of renovations they acquired four new hearing rooms on the ground floor and a new register room. On the first floor they renovated three judicial chambers and replaced much of the furniture. The new rooms are decorated with the artwork of modern Slovenian artists which was loaned to the court by the Obala Gallery in Piran.

Pravosodni minister Aleš Zalar in Niko Falkner, predsednik Okrajnega sodišča Piran, sta pred dnevi prerezala trak v prenovljenih povečanih prostorih Okrajnega sodišča Piran. Sodna palača je iz leta 1891 in je kulturni spomenik. Na prenavo so se začeli pripravljati, ko se je po dolгих letih iz pritičja leta 2008 izselila mestna knjižnica. Prostore je odkupilo ministrstvo za pravosodje, tako ima sodišče namesto tisoč kvadratnih metrov površin zdaj še dodatnih 800.

“Vaše sodišče je fenomen, saj je navkljub majhnosti imelo kar dva zunanja oddelka; sodnika za prekrške v Izoli in v Portorožu. Na posebnem mestu ste tudi zato, ker ste zadnji branik suverenosti te države. Jurisdikcija tega sodišča namreč sega na območja, ki so še predmet meddržavnega spora. Posebno je tudi zaradi dvojezičnega poslovanja in jurisdikcije nad morjem. Zato je tudi na simbolni ravni toliko pomembno, kako

deluje in kakšne odločitve sprejema,” je povedal Aleš Zalar.

Zaradi neprimernih prostorov je nekaj časa celo kazalo, da se bo sodišče izselilo iz Pirana. Po dvomesečni prenovi, ki jo je opravilo podjetje Stavbenik gradbeništvo Koper, so v pritličju pridobili štiri nove razpravne dvorane (prej so imeli dve), uredili so nove prostore zemljiške knjige, v vhodni veži so izdelali nov vetrolov in varnostni pult in zgradili nove sanitarije. V nadstropju so prenovili tri sodniške kabinete, zamenjali ogrevalni kotel in precej pohištva. V palačo sta se po prenovi preselila tudi oba sodnika za prekrške, kar bo povečalo učinkovitost in zmanjšalo stroške. Prostore krasijo umetniška dela sodobnih slovenskih slikarskih mojstrov, ki so jih sodišču posodile Obalne galerije Piran. Težavo sodišča s pomanjkanjem parkirnih mest pa so odpravili z garažno hišo pred mestom.

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## Vitrina za Tartinijevo violino

**HEADLINE:** A glass cabinet for Tartini’s violin

**TOPIC:** Tartini’s violin, which is now kept in the violinist’s memorial room in his birth house along the central Piran Square, will most likely receive a new glass cabinet this month. The Sergej Mašera Pomorski Museum, which deals with Tartini’s history, ordered a glass cabinet to house the instrument from Cremona, Italy, the location of the once-famous Amati violin workshop. They would also like to find out how to obtain the certificate of authenticity from the workshop where this famous violin was made.

The Maoma Agency arranged a New Year’s concert, which they titled “Meeting with Tartini’s Violin.” With the profits from this concert

they decided to purchase a more suitable case for the violin of such a well-known musician as Tartini was. They also came to an agreement with two violinists who will play the instrument at least twice a week, which is necessary if they hope to preserve its life and tonal quality.

Tartinijeva violina, ki jo hranijo v violinistovi spominski sobi in rojstni hiši ob osrednjem piranskem trgu bo predvidoma že januarja dobila novo vitrino. Na pobudo piranske turistične agencije Maoma so v piranski občini začeli akcijo, Pomorski muzej Sergeja Mašere, ki upravlja Tartinijevo zapuščino, pa je v Cremoni, kjer je bila slovit Amatijeva glaslarska delavnica, naročil vitrino za spravilo instrumenta. “Takšne vitrine imajo v muzeju stradivark v

Cremoni. Ko bomo šli ponjo, se bomo v Cremoni dogovorili tudi za način, kako dobiti certifikat za delavnico, kjer je bila violina izdelana,” je povedala Martina Gamboz, direktorica Pomorskega muzeja Sergej Mašera.

Agencija Maoma je priredila letošnji koncert, ki so ga poimenovali Srešanje s Tartinijevo violino. “Turistični delavci smo ugotovili, da je velik nesmisel, če violina takega mojstra ždi v neprimerni omarici. To je neprimerno za piranski turizem, za Tartinijevo zapuščino in za violino samo. Zato smo sprožili plaz sprememb. S koncertom smo zaslužili za nakup primernejše vitrine,” je povedala Polona Senčar iz Maome. Predvidoma z dvema violinistoma so se dogovorili, da bosta vsaj dvakrat na teden

igrala na instrument, kar je nujno, če ga hočejo ohraniti pri življenju in dobrem zvoku. “Poleg tega si prizadevamo, da bi igranju na violino vsaj enkrat ali dvakrat na teden lahko prisostvovala manjše turistične skupinice. Povsod po svetu bi iz takega instrumenta delali velike zgodbe, pri nas pa turisti za take dragulje niti ne vedo,” je še dodala Polona Senčar, ki je pred dvema letoma založila Tartinijevo zgoščenko, ki se zdaj prodaja kot eden od turističnih spominkov z blagovno znamko Tartini. Projekt oživljanja Tartinijeve violine podpira tudi piranski župan Peter Bossman, saj je občina Piran zanj v prihodnjem letu namenila približno 14.000 evrov. Poleg vitrine bo treba poskrbeti tudi za ustrezno klimatizacijo Tartinijeve sobe.

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## Suho sadje - zdravilni učinki

**HEADLINE:** Dried fruit – the healing effects

**TOPIC:** A basket of dried domestic apples, at least half a basket a day, is a universal remedy for hunger, indigestion and moodiness. It is a highly recommended snack that increases energy levels, a food that contains a lot of fiber, and it is an important source of minerals.

Dried fruit can be stored for a long time. In the winter when temperatures are low, it isn’t necessary to devote much attention to dried fruit, but the rest of the year dried fruit ages much more quickly. Properly dried fruit should retain a nice color and shape, as well as a significant aroma all year long. The most appropriate fruits to dry are cherries, figs, strawberries, apricots, pears, peaches, grapes, plums, apples and bananas.

Pehar domačih jabolčnih krljev, najbolje kar pol na dan, je univerzalno zdravilo proti hudi lakoti, slabi prebavi in čemeremu počutju. Je zelo priporočljiv prigrizek, ki zviša raven energije, in hrana, ki ima veliko vlaknin ter je pomemben vir mineralov.

Suho sadje je uporabno precej časa. Pozimi, ko so temperature nizke, njegovemu hranjenju ni treba posvečati posebne pozornosti, preostale mesece pa je v nevarnosti, saj se zaradi kemičnih in biokemičnih procesov hitreje stara.

Za zalogo lahko vsakdo poskrbi kar doma. Krlje sušimo na naravni toploti ali pa si privoščimo posebne sušilnike, ki jih je pestra ponudba že po zmernih cenah. Seveda pa lahko najrazličnejše vrste suhega sadja kupimo tudi na tržnicah ali pakirano v vseh trgovinah z živilskimi izdelki. Sveže sadje ima kot živilo z 80

do 90 odstotkov vode veliko energijsko vrednost. S sušenjem se mu prostornina in teža zmanjšata za štiri-do petkrat, koncentracija hranilnih snovi pa se poveča. Delež sladkorja celo za 70 odstotkov. Manj je le vitaminov, približno za polovico. Suho sadje mora vse leto ohraniti lepo barvo in obliko ter značilen vonj. Za sušenje so najprimernejši češnje, smokve, višnje, jagode, marelice, hruške, breskve, grozdje, slive, jabolka, banane.

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**ŽIVALI** - “Tako,” reče mama, “torej ljubiš Gregorja?” - “Da, mama. Zmeraj je tako prijazen in nežen do mene. Pravi mi ‘moja miška in moj zajček.’” - “Poznam to,” pravi mama hladokrvno, “sčasoma postajajo živali vedno večje, od gosi do krave in kamele!”

### Hrana za lepoto

Se jezite zaradi pustih las in krhkih nohtov? Jejite oreške - že 150 gramov orehov pokrije dnevno porabo po biotinu (vitamin H), ki daje lasem lesk in krepi nohte. Rozine in suho sadje so dober vir naravnega sladkorja in energije. Če ste v stresu, se to najhitreje opazi na koži - potrebujete magnezij, ki deluje pozitivno na živčevje in mišice, poveča pa tudi telesno zmogljivost. Za razstrupljenje so priporočljive mandarine - vsebujejo posebno aromatično snov, ki odpira delovanje jeter in črevesja pri procesu razstrupljanja. Mandarine pa so koristne tudi za hujšanje - pospešujejo nastanek hormonov (tudi adrenalina in noradrenalina), ki razgrajujejo maščobe.

### Sadje in zelenjava

Zdi se neverjetno, pa vendar uživanje sadja in zelenjave zmanjša možnosti za raka skoraj na polovico! Že korenček ali pol skodelice špinače na dan lahko zmanjša nevarnost pljučnega raka za 50% celo pri ljudeh, ki so dolgo časa hudo kadili. Najboljše sadje in zelenjava: agrumi, avokado, brokoli, čebula, grozdje, jagodičevje, korenje, paradižnik, špinača in zelje.

## Royal Caribbean bo turiste v Koper vozil tudi leta 2012

**HEADLINE:** Royal Caribbean will also bring tourists to Koper in 2012

**TOPIC:** Koper is not only expecting numerous tourists from luxury cruise liners this year, but in 2012 as well. Koper officials said that the world’s second largest owner of passenger ships, Royal Caribbean, confirmed the arrival of their giant cruise liners to Koper in 2012. “Perhaps there will be fewer ships, but they will be much larger, at least 1,000 feet long,” said Jana Tolj, the mayor’s advi-

sor for special projects.

The ship *Voyager of the Sea* can carry 3,200 to 3,800 passengers, and it has 1,250 crew members. This ship will dock in Koper 22 times this year, bringing at least 88,000 tourists and \$1.3 million of income.

The Primorje Ajdovščina Company recently started the preparation work on the Koper passenger terminal, and they have to until May 22 – when *Voyager of the Sea* will first arrive – to fortify 1,300 feet of coast line and dredge

the sea bottom to a depth of 32 feet. Then Koper will be able to accept the largest passenger ships in the world – with the exception of two ships from the Genesis class, the *Oasis of the Seas* and the *Allure of the Seas*.

Številne turiste z razkošnih potniških ladij v Kopru ne pričakujejo samo letos, temveč tudi prihodnje leto. Na Mestni občini (MO) Koper so povedali, da je drugi največji ladjar za potniške ladje na svetu Royal Caribbean potrdil prihod svojih velikank v Koper

tudi leta 2012. “Morda bo ladjj malo manj, a bodo te večje, dolge najmanj 315 metrov. Natančnejše podatke prihodov bo Royal Caribbean sporočil na sejmju v Miamiju, marca letos. Tedaj bomo izvedeli tudi, kako bo z drugimi ladjarji. Pričakujemo da bo leto 2012 po obisku precej podobno letošnjemu letu,” je povedala Jana Tolja, županova svetovalka za posebne projekte.

Ladja *Voyager of the Seas* lahko pripelje med 3200 in 3800 potnikov in ima 1250 članov posadke. Ker bo ladjja

letos v Koper priplula 22-krat, bo samo z njo prišlo najmanj 88.000 turistov, koprskemu pristanišču pa bo prinesla milijon evrov prihodkov.

Pred dnevi je Primorje Ajdovščina začelo pripravljati dela na koprskem potniškem terminalu, kjer morajo do 22. maja, ko prvič pristane *Voyager*, utrditi 420 metrov obale in poglobiti morsko dno do globine deset metrov. Koper bo po tem lahko sprejel vse največje potniške ladje na svetu, razen dveh iz razreda Genesis - Oasis of the Seas in

Allure of the Seas.

Primorje Ajdovščina bo poleg poglobitve morskega dna in utrditve obale postavilo tudi nove bite, nove odbojnice in na koncu preplastilo površino na potniškem terminalu.

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**TEHNICA** - Gospa zjutraj vstane in stopi na osebno tehcnico. Gleda kazalec, kje se bo ustavil, potem pa se jezna obrne k možu: “Ali imamo še kakšno tehcnico? Rada bi zvedela še drugo mnenje!”

## Cimet za razpoloženje in zdravje

**HEADLINE:** Cinnamon for good spirits and health

**TOPIC:** A spice with a pleasant smell is not only an expedient for creating a friendly winter atmosphere, but with regular and moderate consumption it is also good for your health.

Cinnamon is the dried inner bark of the cinnamon tree, an evergreen originating in Sri Lanka that grows between 30 to 50 feet tall. Two varieties are important to make a good spice – Sri Lankan and Chinese cinnamon. The difference between the two: Sri Lankan cinnamon is pleasant, mild and aromatic, and Chinese cinnamon has a slightly burning taste and a stronger aroma.

It is proven that cinnamon, be-

cause of its qualities, helps prevent sadness, and a pinch of cinnamon in hot tea or milk helps to fight a cold or the flu. In general, regular consumption of tea, honey and cinnamon will extend your life, keep your skin young and smooth, and prevent aging.

Začimba s prijetnim vonjem, ki v zimskem času pričara prav prijetno razpoloženje - verjetno je to ena najpogostejših asociacij ob misli na cimet. Vendar pa cimet ni le pripomoček za ustvarjanje prijetnega zimskega ozračja, temveč je ob redni in zmerni uporabi tudi koristen za zdravje.

Cimet je posušena notranja skorja cimetovega drevesa. Drevo je zeleno, zraste od 10 do 15 metrov visoko in je doma na Šrilanki. Za začimbo sta pomembni dve vrsti: Cin-

namomum verum ali Czeylanicum, to je cejlonski cimet, in Cinnamomum cassia, kitajski cimet. Vrsti se med seboj razlikujeta po okusu: cejlonski ima prijeten, blag, aromatičen vonj, kitajski pa ima manj fin in rahlo pekoč okus ter močnejši vonj.

Kitajski cimet vsebuje tudi kumarin, ki pa je za zdravje škodljiv. Vsebnost kumarina se znatno razlikuje od vrste: medtem ko ga cejlonski cimet vsebuje le 0,02 na kilogram, ga ima kitajski kar 2 g na kilogram. Težava je v tem, da pri mletem cimetu ne vemo, kaj smo kupili. Po navadi sta namreč vrsti pomešani, ker cejlonska ne diši tako močno in aroma tudi prej mine, ji dodajajo kitajsko, ki je tudi cenejša. Uživanje kumarina škoduje jetrom, pri preizkusih na podganah pa so ugotovili,

da v veliki količini povzročata raka. Vendar če s hrano zaužijemo 0,1 mg kumarina na kilogram telesne teže na dan, smo lahko popolnoma brez skrbi. Saj vemo, vsaka stvar je zdravična do neke mere.

Dokazano je, da cimet zaradi vseh svojih lastnosti pomaga preganjati otopnost in, ob uravnoteženi prehrani ter gibanju, pri izgubljanju odvečnih kilogramov oziroma maščob. Pomaga tudi pri vnetju sečil in blaži drisko. Sčepc cimetu v toplem čaju ali mleku lahko pomaga pri gripu in prehladu. Pri redni uporabi so opazili tudi druge učinke, kot so izboljšanje prebave zaradi vodotopnih vlaknin, znižanje vrednost trigliceridov in holesterola v krvi, izboljšano presnovo glukoze ter znižan krvni tlak.

Cimet je zelo koristen tudi v kom-

binaciji z medom, skupaj učinkujeta blagodejno pri artritisu, oslabilnem imunskem sistemu, kronični utrujenosti, slabem zadahu, boleznih srca (redno uživanje zmanjšuje zadihanost in krepi srčni utrip). Na splošno pa redno uživanje čaja z medom in cimetom podaljšuje življenje ter ohranja kožo svežo in preprečuje staranje. Ob tem velja opozoriti, da med, če ga vmešamo v vroč čaj, izgubi koristne učinke, zato priporočamo, da ga vmešate v napitek, ko je že malo ohlajen.

Pri uporabi cimetu morajo biti pazljivi ljudje, ki imajo težave z želodcem, kot so gastritis in razjede v prebavnem traktu, saj eterično olje, ki ga vsebuje cimet, draži in lahko poslabša stanje ter počutje.

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Lodge 781 members were treated to Whistlers Ice Cream following their Aug. 14 meeting.

## Lodge 781 wraps up 2010

by DOROTHY GRMEK  
Lodge 781 Secretary/Treasurer

**AVON, Ohio** — In the last half of 2010, the members of Lodge 781 met Aug. 14 to audit the books for the first six months. Our regular meeting followed, then members were treated to ice cream at Whistlers Ice Cream Shop in Avon.

We met at Dubrovnik Gardens in Eastlake, Ohio, Dec. 4 for our Christmas luncheon and annual meeting. After enjoying lunch and

the meeting, gifts were distributed to our members.

All Lodge 781 officers from 2010 agreed to serve again in 2011. They are President Dale Stelmach, Vice President Louis L. Lipanye, Secretary/Treasurer/Recording Secretary Dorothy Grmek, and auditors Louis J. Lipanye, Beatrice Lipanye and Alfred Zitnik.

Donations were made to the SNPJ Scholarship Fund and to the Slovene Home for the Aged.

## A variety of fun planned at Sygan Lodge 6

by FRANK WRIGHT  
Lodge 6

**SYGAN, Pa.** — Hello, Brothers and Sisters of Lodge 6.

The entry deadline for the SNPJ Winter Classic Bowling Tournament, co-hosted by Sygan Lodge 6 and Strabane Lodge 138, is quickly approaching. Make sure your entry form is received by John Baselj by Friday, Jan. 28. If you need an entry form, visit [www.sn timer.org/Publications/entry\\_forms.html](http://www.sn timer.org/Publications/entry_forms.html) or see Margie at the club. The entertainment for Friday, Feb. 18, will be Outlaw Karaoke at Lodge 6 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and the Johnny Koenig Orchestra will be at Strabane Lodge 138 Saturday, Feb. 19, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Sygan Men's 200 Club will be held Saturday, Oct. 1. If you would like to keep your ticket or if you are interested in purchasing a new ticket, you can message Lodge 6 on Facebook by searching [sn timer@sn timer.com](mailto:sn timer@sn timer.com) or by sending an e-mail to the same address. You may also mail your deposit, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, to The Men's 200 Club, SNPJ Lodge 6, 540 3rd Ave., Bridgeville, PA 15017-1318. In order to guarantee your ticket, all deposits should have been

received by Jan. 1, and final payments must be received by Sept. 1.

There are several upcoming events taking place at Lodge 6 to mark on your calendar. On Sunday, Jan. 30, Youth Circle 36 will be bowling at noon. At 1 p.m., the doors to the Sunshine Room will open for the Polka Quads and Mikey Dee Band. Dancing will take place from 2 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door and the kitchen will be open.

Bar bingo will be held Feb. 2 and 16 in the downstairs bar. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and bingo will begin at 7. The cost is \$1 per card, per game. There will be nine regular games, two specials and one coverall. Please note that there is no reserved seating and Margie does not open until 6:30 p.m.

On Feb. 5, 12 and 18, Lodge 6 will welcome Outlaw Karaoke in the downstairs bar. Karaoke will be held from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on Feb. 5 and 12, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Feb. 18.

The Eddie Vallus Band, along with Frank Palombi and the Good Time Band, will play in the Sunshine Room Sunday, Feb. 13. The doors will open at 1 p.m. with dancing from 2 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door and the kitchen will be open.

A nine-pin, no-tap singles bowling tournament will be held Sunday, Feb. 27, with shifts at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please see Bob or Margie Wasky for more information or to sign-up; no walk-ins, please. Entry is \$21 per person, per shift, and must be paid at sign-up.

The next Lodge 6 and club meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sunshine Room.

Join SNPJ Region 2 Vice President Jim Curl for a day of fun and bowling at the Sygan Lodge 6 lanes Sunday, May 15. There will be shifts at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The entry fee is \$21 per bowler and includes a tailgate party in the parking lot. For an entry form or more information, contact Jim Curl at (412) 221-9862. Please register early as requested shift times will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information regarding any of these Lodge 6 events, log onto our web site, [www.sygan.net](http://www.sygan.net). Click the "Special Events" or "Sunday Dance" tab for dance information, or click the "Clubroom Events" tab for what's going on downstairs with Margie. You can also find us on Facebook by searching [sn timer@sn timer.com](mailto:sn timer@sn timer.com), or contacting Jim Curl at (412) 257-4007 or [jim@sygan.net](mailto:jim@sygan.net).

## 50-Year Members

January 2011

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
A02	Judith Roth	218	Gerald A. Baudino
FD4	Marie J. Zieger	274	Cecilia V. Magagnotti
2	Steven J. Heinzel	559	Carl R. Kocmoud
2	Norman E. Videgar	584	Gay D. Schweiger
6	Alfred K. O'Korn	629	Joseph DeBone
31	Nancy A. Chomos	629	Shirley A. DeBone
41	John W. Kohosek	677	Dorothy J. Anderson
106	Judith F. Derosky	677	Cheryl A. Holmberg
126	Jerry A. Lukanc	686	Geraldine M. Wagner
174	Gary L. Mekic	686	Rose P. Lajeunesse
207	Joan M. Jones	689	Jona M. Gonzales

## 60-Year Members

January 2011

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
6	Walter A. Bele	643	John Gantar
6	Gutrie Taboni	689	Tom A. Taskar
53	Frances Wilson	749	Faye Lear
89	Robert C. Punola	764	John R. Fritzel
138	Ann Skittle	778	Justine D. Mayer

## 70-Year Members

January 2011

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
2	Adele K. Donchenko	257	Ludy Fabris
21	Anna Volk	355	Ernest Derk
41	George Paich	559	Catherine Senffner
87	Agnes Vozel	564	Anne O'Branovic
87	Frank J. Klum	577	Josephine M. Yenko
88	Cecilia Macek	581	Agnes S. Maver
107	Rudolph Kuttin	584	Helen D. Nordby
138	Johanna E. Pavecic	584	William R. Jereb
207	Robert Duganzia	723	Anton Berce
223	Jean C. Kristan	729	Evelyn R. Revala
254	Ludwig L. Vautar		

## 80-Year Members

January 2011

Lodge	Member
6	Agnes A. Vehar
566	Josephine Gruden

## Loyalites mystery bus trip a sweet time

by GINA VOLPE  
Lodge 158

**EUCLID, Ohio** — Happy New Year to all. December has come and gone — it all went so quickly!

The Loyalties had a very busy December. Our Christmas party was held Dec. 5. Santa was very jolly, and every child was very happy with their gifts. Everyone had a good time. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make this party a success.

Next, we had the pleasure of going on a mystery bus trip. The first stop was Harry London Chocolates. If you're a chocolate lover, this is the place to be. Many of the attendees stocked up for the holidays.

We ended up in Cambridge, Ohio, at Dickens Victorian Village. What a wonderful surprise. Wheeling Ave. is full of wonderful shops, handmade statues of the Victorian era, their people and their dress. The highlight of this trip was the courthouse and all its Christmas lights. The light show was phenomenal and was coordinated with different

Christmas songs. Lodge 158 President Pat Nevar put this trip together all on her own. No one knew her plans, not even her husband. Now that's keeping a secret! Great job, Pat. Thanks for the wonderful experience!

Many birthdays were celebrated in December, including Holly, Ron and Zachary Frank, and Holly, Megan, Elizabeth, Susan and Rick Gorjup, who celebrated his 60th this year. Happy belated birthday to all.

Good luck to Haley and Zachary Frank for the Science Olympiad team.

Our recent travelers were Faye and Fred Martin, who spent a week in Riviera Maya, Mexico. Eileen Markusic spent Christmas in Houston with her son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Karen Godec. Chris Heintz recently visited her daughter Pati and husband Bill Hayden in Deland, Fla. She spent seven weeks there, covering all of the holidays. They also spent a week in Orlando celebrating the 80th birthday of Helen (Johnson) Ashmus.

Kirk and Kelly (Grady) Abraham and the girls are visiting Orlando this month.

Happy birthday to January celebrants Elsie Frank, John O'Donnell, Charles Madden, Judith DeFrank, and Alex, Cooper and Cheryl Filby.

I know it doesn't seem right to think about spring already, but the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, will be open before we know it. President Fred Martin is still looking for additional help. It's a lot of work to keep the Farm running, and there

just aren't enough volunteers. Please consider lending a hand.

We extend best wishes to all of our ailing member with special intentions for Lisa Ashcroft and Eileen Markusic.

This year is the 100th anniversary of Loyalties Lodge 158. To celebrate this special time, we will be hosting a dinner dance Oct. 8. This dance will be held at Rechers upper hall. Please keep this date open and look for more details in future *PROSVETA* issues.



The officers of Loyalties Lodge 158 joined in the holiday fun during their Dec. 5 annual meeting and Christmas party.



The first stop on the Lodge 158 mystery bus trip took the Loyalties to the Harry London Chocolates factory where the members stocked up on holiday sweets.

## PROSVETA Crossword

Music Makers (#0211) by StatePoint Media

### ACROSS

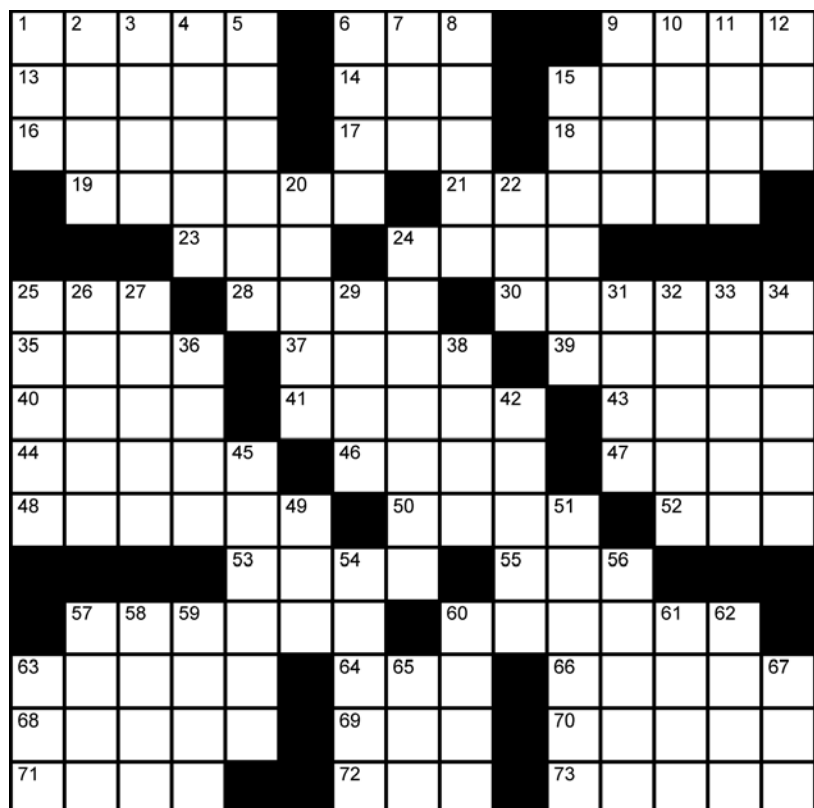
- Make fit for something else
- Chitchat
- m in F = ma
- Robin Hood's Tuck, e.g.
- 2nd largest bird
- \*Yo-Yo's instrument
- The A in AV
- Sea in Spain
- Kitchen tear-jerker
- \*"Dueling \_\_\_\_\_"
- What lawyers often do
- Pine juice
- It's been called "a good walk spoiled"
- Piping material
- Wine country
- Card carrier
- Birdbrain
- Type of poker
- \_\_\_\_ 66
- \_\_\_\_-de-camp
- Chased up a tree
- Chills and fever
- Frown with anger or disapproval
- \*Type of vest used by marching band drummer
- Skidded
- Non-physical aspect of a sport
- St. \_\_\_\_\_, patron saint of Norway
- Female suffix

### DOWN

- School for cadets
- Beat thoroughly
- \*Verdi's famous opus
- No gains without these
- USC player
- Diamonds and rubies, e.g.
- American Medical Association
- Donkey in Mexico
- Carte du jour
- Alight, past tense
- \_\_\_\_ gin fiz
- Daughter's brother
- Valuable storage?
- Abstractionism using optical illusion

- Freddy's scary street
- Shade providers
- Colorless watery fluid of blood
- \*Human instrument
- DNA strand of bases
- Actor's role
- Extinct flightless birds of New Zealand
- \*"Reveille" instrument
- Ladies' pocketbooks
- \*Woodwind mouthpieces
- Salamander
- Ardor
- Sink hole
- As opposed to desktop
- Unit of length of yarn
- \*Stradivari's instrument
- Buddhist in state of nirvana
- \*"What A Feeling" singer Cara
- Celt
- Sky bear
- Desktop picture
- Matured, as in wine or cheese
- No ifs or buts either
- Make with needles
- Traveler's helper
- Metal-bearing rock
- "Oui" in English

The solution to puzzle #0211 will run in the Feb. 9 issue.



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# Badger Jabber

by BOB SMOLE  
Lodge 584

**MILWAUKEE** — 2011. How do we say that? “Two thousand eleven,” or “twenty-eleven?” I guess it really doesn’t matter; we’ll have to get used to it whichever way we say it. I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and celebrated well.

It’s unfortunate that we have to start the new year reporting the passing of a very influential and well-known individual in our local Slovenian community. The Frangesh name in Milwaukee is one that has received much-deserved admiration and esteem. Many relatives and friends gathered to bid *adio* to Mary Frangesh at a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated Dec. 30, 2010, at St. Rita’s Church in West Allis, Wis.

Mary was known for her cooking abilities, and was one person who knew most everything in regards to Slovenian cooking. Years back, she was one of the originators of the local Slovenian cooking school. She also appeared on local television, demonstrating potica, strudel, štruklje, flancati and many other Slovenian dishes. You will also find her name and several of her recipes published in the Slovenian-American cookbook “More Pots and Pans.”

Mary Frangesh passed away Dec. 26 at the age of 98. In those 98 years, Mary was devoted and always willing to help at any event that supported or promoted Slovenian traditions. She was the wife of the late John F.

Frangesh; dear mother to the late John A. (Sue) Frangesh, Mary Jane (Robert) Koscielak and Joan A. Mullin; and is also survived by six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mary was a member of the CFU, Sloga Lodge #1994, UWM Slovenian Arts Council, Ladies of Knights of Columbus #3095 and the USPEH Chorus.

I had the privilege and honor of sharing an entire day with Mary a couple of years ago. I mentioned to her that I would like to make some blood sausage. She told me that she was also thinking about making some and that if I was interested, we could work together. I jumped at the chance, packing my car with all of my sausage-making equipment and heading to her home. It took the whole day to get the “job did,” but we did it. I must say it was the best blood sausage I ever had a hand in making.

I certainly am a better person for having had the opportunity to get to know and be able to work with Mary. She was a very special lady, and I know she will be deeply missed by her family, her friends, and the many organizations to which she belonged.

The annual Tony Verbick Memorial Fraternal Bowling Tournament is history for another year. Saturday, Jan. 15, was the date we all gathered at Riviera Lanes, 86th and Greenfield, to participate in this gala event.

The festivities started at noon with Judy Price, Tony Verbick’s daughter, throwing the first ball down the alley. It was all fun from then on. You had to be a member in good standing of either SNPJ, Sloga, KSKJ or CFU to participate. Fourteen of the 16 allies were filled with individuals having a

great time. Many thanks to Sis. Mary Donovan, (584) for spearheading this annual event, “not to forget,” in Mary’s words, the support and help of Debbie Taylor from CFU, and Chris Carol and Colleen Simonis, both from Sloga. Many door prizes were awarded, and Sis. Sue Mouthey (584) was the winner of the 50/50 drawing, taking \$160 home with her. Sis. Donovan will soon have photos and a complete break-down of how the proceeds were distributed.

Come and celebrate France Prešeren Day with words and music. This free event is being sponsored by the UWM Slovenian Arts Program Saturday, Feb. 5, at the West Allis Library, 7421 W. National Ave., starting at 2 p.m. For additional information, contact Mici Bregant at (414) 543-6695. Come and enjoy!

The members of SWU Branch #43 will be cooking their hearts out for you Saturday, Feb. 26. This wonderful ethnic dinner is being prepared for the *Pústna veselica* (masquerade) celebration. You cannot beat this Slovenian menu anywhere: Slovenian sausage, blood sausage, sauerkraut, fried potatoes, *žganci*, dessert and coffee, along with plenty of *vino* and *pivo* available at the cash bar.

The doors will open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6. Music for your listening and dancing pleasure will be performed by the talented Tony Gorenc (764) Ensemble. All this will take place at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall, 84th and W. Cold Spring in Greenfield, Wis. You can get your tickets at the door at a cost of \$20 each, or you can make sure that you get one by contacting Sis. Jan Gehm

at (414) 321-1413.

I am told that if you wish to come in costume, you are encouraged to do so. With all this fun and with this menu, I’m sure it will be a complete sell-out, so get your tickets as soon as possible.

It’s time for more bowling fun. Yes, it’s the annual Fun-O-Leers Nine-pin Tap Bowling Social. I know that everyone is waiting for this event to surface each year. As in past years, the newest member of the Fun-O-Leer Club is required to run a bowling social to introduce himself as a Fun-O-Leer member and to show his worthiness to the Fun-O-Leer Club.

The new member is Bro. Matt Bolka (584), who was initiated into the Fun-O-Leer Club in November. Bro. Bolka tells me that he has arranged to make good on his commitment by setting the date for the bowling social on Saturday, April 16, at Riviera Lanes, 86th and Greenfield, starting at 11:30 a.m. More details are available on the Fun-O-Leers web site, [www.funoleers.org](http://www.funoleers.org). Follow the link to “events” to view the flyer and registration form.

Set this date aside so that you won’t be left out of this bowling extravaganza. The cost is \$15 per bowler and includes bowling, lunch, beer and soda (cheap!). This bowling social fills very quickly, so make sure you go online to print out your entry form, then send it in today! You can also contact Fun-O-Leer Craig Frohna at (262) 821-5295 to make sure lanes are still available.

I mentioned in my last article that I would post the final outcome of the Christmas fund-raiser we do each

year for the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Showhouse. Our efforts managed to raise, through your generosity, \$5,836 this year – bringing the nine-year total for WBCS to \$45,526. I would like to thank all of you, once again, who have responded with checks to the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Showhouse, as well as to those who came out and braved the weather.

The Jan. 12 *PROSVETA* issue featured photos of two Lodge 584 members who celebrated their 70th SNPJ anniversaries, along with articles about themselves. Sis. Margaret Trapp (584) of Milwaukee came to Milwaukee after being born in Bunsen, Ind., to Slovenian-born parents John and Mary Spek. Margaret met her husband, George “Bud,” married and had two children, Gregory and Georgene.

Sis. Julie Guerin (584) of Libertyville, Ill., also celebrated her 70th SNPJ anniversary. Sis. Guerin and her husband, Quintin, celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary last March. Sis. Guerin loves to sing and was a member of the Slovenian Hall singing group in Waukegan, Ill. Congratulations to both of these special members.

The next Badger Lodge 584 regular monthly meeting will be held on the third Thursday in February, that being Thursday, Feb. 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter’s Church Hall, 7929 W. Lincoln Ave. Let’s see if we can fill the hall this month... how about it? Come out and join us. It will do you good to get out of the house. We will have plenty of hot coffee and, of course, there will all kinds of goodies to go along with that.

# Lodge 786 anticipating a fun-filled year

by JEAN KOCI  
Lodge 786 Secretary/Treasurer

**ORANGE COUNTY, Calif.** — On Jan. 9, Lodge 786 members and friends from all over Southern California met in Laguna Niguel, Calif., for a productive meeting and wonderful social gathering at the home of Ken and Teresa Koci. We are happy that so many are drawn to our Lodge for its friendliness and fun activities, and that our members and friends take part in our meetings and special events. We enjoyed a nice winter treat of two delicious soups, plus side dishes, breads and a table full of desserts. Thank you, Ken and Teresa, for hosting us on your very busy day!

During this meeting our officers were re-elected in a vote of confidence, with the only changes in our delegates to the

Federation of California Lodges.

We talked about upcoming events around California, including the anniversary celebration of Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 on Jan. 22.; the Pust event in San Francisco, which several families are interested in attending; and, most of all, our Lodge’s Wine Tasting Party. This picnic has been our main attraction each year. We have reserved Sunday, June 5, as the date of the event, which will be held at the same winery as last year, Wiens Family Cellars in Temecula, Calif. We really enjoyed the ambiance of this beautiful spot and hope that we will again have a nice turnout. There are many more details that need to be taken care of for this event, so watch for more information as time goes by.

We are also planning our very popular

Barbecue and Swim Party for July. The date will most likely be either July 23 or 24. Reservations must be made through the Rancho Niguel Recreation Center, with our resident member making the arrangements.

According to Region 8 Vice President Fred Mlakar’s conversations with SNPJ Fraternal Director Kevin Richards, there has been talk of hosting another regional fraternal event in Southern California. Several ideas came up for discussion. We hope that something entertaining and fun will come to fruition.

The next Lodge 786 meeting will be held March 13 at the home of Norbert and Ana Bernhardt in Santa Ana, Calif. Thanks to Norbert and Ana for offering to host this meeting. Their home is always warm and hospitable.

# Spartans in step as they celebrate the holidays

by NANCY NOVAK  
Lodge 576 Recording Secretary

**CLEVELAND** — Spartans Lodge 576 welcomed the New Year with a holiday celebration at Sterles Slovenian Country House Jan. 9. We had a great turnout with over 30 people in attendance. Thanks to Joe Novak, Patty Candella and Duffy O’Neill for providing musical entertainment before dinner. The meal was delicious, and it was great to visit with such a nice group of people.

Afterward, quite a few of

us headed to the Waterloo Hall for a polka dance featuring Joe Novak & Friends. The dance floor was full all afternoon. While I’m not sure of the music lineup for every week, I do know that Joe Novak will be playing there again Feb. 20, so put on your dancing shoes and get to Waterloo! We wish the hall much success in their effort to bring back Sunday afternoon polka dances. Tickets are only \$10 and include a sandwich and soft drink. What a deal!

The next Lodge 576 meet-



**MARION SLEJKO, PAT NOVAK, VIDA ZAK, JUNE SLAPNIK and LOU NOVAK** enjoying themselves at the Spartans Lodge 576 holiday dinner.

ing will be held Monday, Feb. 21, at Waterloo Hall beginning at 6 p.m. Please note that the meeting is the third Monday of the month instead of the second

Monday of the month because of our officers’ schedules. We will be electing officers at this meeting, so please try to attend.

## Official Proceedings

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Nov. 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by President Evanish with Sis. Pintar and Bro. Lawrence in attendance.

Approved the minutes from the Oct. 21, 2010, Executive Committee meeting.

Sis. Pintar reported that we have received approval from the PA Insurance Department for the amended Constitution and Bylaws. She is now filing them in all other states in which we are licensed.

Reviewed the proposed Final Expense premium rates based on a higher mortality received from Society actuary. These rates were based on discussions held with the Executive Committee and actuary after review of assumptions and profit margins.

Reviewed new PPGA commission rates and schedules. Discussed advancing commissions.

The Executive Committee adopted the following resolution: “Effective January 1, 2011, the deposits to the Classic Annuity with a 4% guaranteed interest rate will be limited to \$12,000 per year.”

Discussed and reviewed the annuity surrender charges.

Reported that we finalized the website development contract with NetEffects Services, Inc.

President Evanish reported on the Recreation Center Committee meeting held at the end of October. Discussion regarding security cameras at the Recreation Center, the dam and the heating in the dining room.

Approved payment of \$288 for a table at the AMLA 100th anniversary banquet.

Reported that Brothers Evanish and Lawrence attended the AMLA 100th anniversary banquet.

Approved payment, presented by Bro. Kevin Richards, totaling \$1,008, to the winners of the 2010 National Beanbag Tournament held at the Recreation Center during National SNPJ Days.

Approved a donation to the FSGP Children’s Hospital drive in the amount of \$150.

### Cash Withdrawals:

**Oct. 27** - There were eight Adult Cash Withdrawals, none of which were conversions. Cash value, \$8,102.06; insurance, \$36,639.

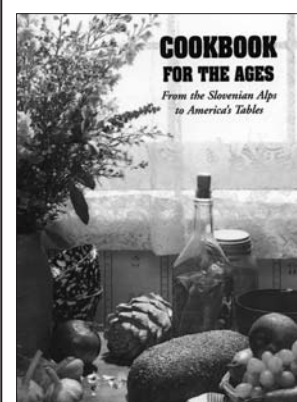
**Nov. 3** - There were 10 Adult Cash Withdrawals, none of which were conversions. Cash value, \$8,538.68; insurance, \$45,237.

**Nov. 10** - There was one Outlived Policy and four Adult Cash Withdrawals, none of which were conversions. Cash value, \$7,386.32; insurance, \$30,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

**JOSEPH C. EVANISH**  
National President

**KAREN A. PINTAR**  
National Secretary



## Cookbook for the Ages

The cookbook sponsored by the SNPJ Heritage Center is now on sale! For additional information, contact Carol Maruszak at (440) 944-4229.

**\$20 each**

plus \$3 s/h for first 2 copies  
For 3 or more books,  
add \$1 shipping for each copy.

Return this order form to:  
**SNPJ Heritage Center • 270 Martin Road • Enon Valley, PA 16120**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Number of copies \_\_\_\_\_  
Make check or money order payable to SNPJ Heritage Center.

# SNPJ RECOMMENDER PROGRAM



I would like to introduce

\_\_\_\_\_ for SNPJ membership

Please contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or guardian if under age 18)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Preferred Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
(Optional)

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Lodge Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Each individual must be informed that an agent will contact him/her and the referral must have some interest in SNPJ in order for the recommender to be considered valid.

Complete this coupon and return to  
**Slovene National Benefit Society**  
Att’n: Marketing Department  
247 West Allegheny Road • Imperial, PA 15126

The SNPJ Recommender Program provides an opportunity for adult members to encourage family, friends, children and acquaintances to join the Slovene National Benefit Society and take advantage of SNPJ’s competitive products and numerous fraternal benefits. Not only will you be helping a friend and strengthening our Society, you’ll also be receiving benefits yourself.

## Recommender Benefits

- Receive \$10 for each valid referral submitted.
- Every valid referral earns the recommender one chance in the Quarterly Drawing for an opportunity to win \$100.
- Every valid referral also earns the recommender one chance in the Year-end Drawing for an opportunity to win \$500 cash.

**By submitting one valid referral, you have the opportunity to earn a total of \$610 in cash prizes!**

# SNPJ FRATERNAL HONORARIES

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.

• In honor of her 70th membership anniversary, Sis. **MARY SORRENTINO** was recognized by Denver Lodge 218 and the Slovene National Benefit Society. Sis. Sorrentino writes:

"I was married for 50 years before losing my husband in December 1991. I have three grown daughters; one lives with me, my youngest and her husband live nearby and my oldest is about 30 miles south of Albuquerque.

"I've had 28 surgeries, but I'm still driving my own car. I'm not able to clean and cook like I used to, but I can still do a little. I'm able to walk on my own and go out to eat.

"I'd like to thank the Society for the big surprise I received for my 70th anniversary."

**Sis. MARY SORRENTINO (218)**  
6101 Woodford Pl. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

• Bro. **LOUIS (EDWARD) SILC** of Samsula, Fla., Lodge 603 was honored by SNPJ for his 70 years of membership.

Ed received his commemorative SNPJ blanket in December 2010. From his son's home in Pittsboro, N.C., Bro. Silc salutes all SNPJ members.

**Bro. LOUIS (EDWARD) SILC (603)**  
314 Fearington Post  
Pittsboro, NC 27312

• The Society recognized Bro. **FRANK ORAZEM**, a member of SNPJ Lodge 800, for attaining 80 years of membership. Frank's nephew Sharkey writes:

"My uncle celebrated his 96th birthday Nov. 19, 2010. A few days later he received an unexpected package from the SNPJ. When he opened it, he found a very nice letter from National President Joseph Evanish and an afghan blanket. He was very pleased and put it to immediate use in his favorite spot.

"Frank lives with my family and I out in the country where he has kept quite fit by working outside. Anytime we do yard work, Frank is right behind us, usually with a rake or shovel in his hand. He loves to rake leaves, shovel snow and haul brush down the hillside for the burn pile.

"We thank you for the recognition."

**Bro. FRANK ORAZEM (800)**  
P.O. Box 523  
Frenchtown, MT 59834

• Chicago Lodge 559 member Bro. **LEO CRETNIK** was honored by the Slovene National Benefit Society for his 80 years of membership. Bro. Cretnik writes:

"First I want to thank the Lodge for my 80-year membership afghan. It's very nice.

"I was born in Minden Mines, Mo., in 1914. We moved to Breezy Hill, Kan., where I met a lot of Slovenians and SNPJ members; then to Camp #18 in Jenny Lind, Ark., where there was many Slo-

venian coal miners; and then to Fort Smith, Ark.

"My father served as Lodge secretary in Jenny Lind. That's when he enrolled my siblings and I in SNPJ. I sure didn't realize it had been that long! My father was a coal miner by trade. He worked in mines for 44 years, including mines in Germany, but never received a pension from the UMWA.

"I was the oldest of nine children so I had to help support the family. I attended school until the eighth grade. All of my siblings were able to finish the 12th grade, and I was glad they did.

"I worked in the mines from 1931 through 1936. I couldn't find a future in the mines, so I quit and looked for a job in Chicago. I met a lot of SNPJ members there and they all tried to help me out. I even met some members who had once lived in Breezy Hill, namely the Zordanis. Joe Zordani ran a warehouse in Chicago. I stayed with the Testin family for about three months. They were great to me. Joe Zordani finally called and offered me a few days of work. I took the job and worked for him for five straight years. In 1942 I was called to Fort Smith to work in the post office where I remained for 30 years, retiring in 1972. I also spent three years in the U.S. Army.

"My wife Roberta and I were married in 1949. We had one daughter, Lucy. Roberta and I enjoyed nice vacations together, took three cruises, visited Las Vegas a number of times and traveled to Chicago with relatives, where I met a lot of SNPJ members. Old age eventually caught up to us and we stopped traveling. We moved into a retirement center in 2000 and Roberta passed away in 2002.

"Thank you again for the afghan. I have met a lot of good Slovenian people in my time and many SNPJ members in Chicago."

**Bro. LEO CRETNIK (559)**  
5501 Duncan Road, Apt. 109  
Fort Smith, AR 72903

• In honor of her 80th membership anniversary, Sis. **SOPHIA BRINK** was recognized by Cicero, Ill., Lodge 449 and the Slovene National Benefit Society. Sis. Brink writes:

"Thank you very much for the pretty blanket. I can't believe I've been a member of SNPJ for 80 years!

"SNPJ has been a big part of my life. I remember so many picnics in Palos Park, Ill., with all that wonderful food. My mother and father would meet their friends and talk away in their native language. Throughout my life I've enjoyed all those old Slovenian friends. I continued to attend SNPJ Lodge 449 meetings until it became too hard to get out.

"I enjoyed so many good trips, including visits to Ljubljana and other parts of Europe. I've had a long retirement which gave me a lot of time to bum around with my friends. Sadly, most of my friends

are now gone. Saddest of all has been the loss of my beloved daughter Nancy in 2006. I miss her every day and will for the rest of my life.

"I'd like to send my best regards to all my friends at Lodge 449."

**Sis. SOPHIA BRINK (449)**  
7310 Western Ave.  
Darien, IL 60561

• Sis. **MARY SWIFT** of St. Louis, Mo., Lodge 107 was honored by SNPJ for her 50 years of membership. Sis. Swift writes:

"I want to thank the SNPJ for the check, gold pin, the very nice wallet and certificate I received for being a 50-year member.

"My sister Lorraine and I grew up attending Lodge activities with our parents, Frank and Cecilia Yartz. Our parents were very active Lodge members throughout their adult lives. My sister and I participated in all Youth Circle activities.

"I am a third generation SNPJ member; my maternal grandparents were Martin and Cecilia Banich of Springfield, Ill. For relaxation I like to read, sew, quilt and do counted cross stitch embroidery.

"I've been married to my husband Joe for 44 years. We have a son, Tom, who is married and has two daughters. Our daughter Kathy is married and has two sons. It's always fun to get together with our family."

**Sis. MARY SWIFT (107)**  
520 Fairways Cir.  
St. Louis, MO 63141

• The Society recognized Sis. **EVANGELINE POLLOCK**, a member of Greensburg, Pa., Lodge 223, for attaining 70 years of membership. Sis. Pollock writes:

"I want to thank the SNPJ for the nice warm blanket that I received for being a 70-year member.

"I was born Jan. 8, 1920, in Greensburg, where I was also raised. I have lived in Port Charlotte, Fla., for the last 13 years. I love it!

"My father, Matt Marovich, was president of Lodge 223 for 35 years and I was the youth director for 15 years. All of my family members are members of SNPJ. I have plenty of good memories of all the picnics and dances we enjoyed. I don't enjoy the same activities where I live now as they are too far to attend. I did, however, visit Spring Hill, Fla., and attend SNPJ activities when my cousins lived there.

"Each summer I visit my daughter Jan and her family in Seattle and Oregon. I also spend time in Acme, Pa., to visit my son George and his family. I get to see a lot of relatives and friends while there.

"My husband and my father passed away in 1981. I've also lost a brother. My sister Kay survives and is living in Greensburg. I spend a lot of time with her when I'm up north. We enjoy playing cards as



Bro. LOUIS (EDWARD) SILC (603)



Sis. SOPHIA BRINK (449)



Bro. FRANK ORAZEM (800)



Sis. MARY SWIFT (107)



Bro. LEO CRETNIK (559)



Sis. EVANGELINE POLLOCK (223)

**Sis. EVANGELINE POLLOCK**  
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

a past time.

"I love to read PROSVETA. Congratulations to all the honorees! I read about 70-year member Anne Luzar who now lives in Lehigh Acres, Fla. Anne and my cousins in Spring Hill were friends. Hello to all my friends and relatives in SNPJland!"

**Sis. EVANGELINE POLLOCK (223)**  
2295 Aaron St., Apt. 501  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

• Cleveland Lodge 257 member Bro. **VICTOR HOICHEVAR** was honored by the Slovene National Benefit Society for his 60 years of membership. As a surprise, his wife Joan writes:

"My husband, Victor Hochevar, is a 60-year SNPJ member of Lodge 257 in Cleveland. We have been married for 47 years, and have four grown children, five grandchildren and an additional three step-grandchildren.

"Vic was born in Cleveland in 1932. He comes from a big family of 11 children. When he was a young boy, he worked on a farm in the city picking crops; this is probably where the 'farmer' in him comes from! He served in the Korean War and while over seas, he had some R&R time in Japan.

"Vic and I met at a local bar where we would polka the night away. He was a great polka dancer before the wear-and-tear of being a carpet installer, a job he held for nearly 40 years, took its toll on his body.

"Vic enjoys gardening, starting the crops as seeds indoors during the winter. He lovingly and patiently cares for them until planting time. He hopes to be a 'city-slicker-farmer' until he is 100!

"Vic likes to tinker with things that are beyond repair, taking them apart just to see how they work. His four children have always said 'Dad can fix anything!' This theory has now passed onto his grandchildren. If a toy is broken, they say, 'Let's take it to Pa, he'll fix it.' And guess what? He usually does!

"Vic is proud to wear his 60-

Bro. VICTOR HOICHEVAR (257)

**Bro. VICTOR HOICHEVAR**  
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

year SNPJ membership gold pin, and loves reading PROSVETA cover to cover. His highlight is the crossword puzzle; he loves a good challenge. He looks forward to the dinner meetings at the West Park Slovenian Home in Cleveland, and always raves about the folks he sees there.

"If you are describing a good-hearted, fun-loving and loyal husband, father and grandfather, then you are describing Vic Hochevar! Congratulations on your 60-year membership!"

**Bro. VICTOR HOICHEVAR (257)**  
6288 Yorktown Dr.  
Parma, OH 44134

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

# Spring Hill Lodge 778 welcomes a crowd to January festivities

by EILEEN HARFMANN  
Lodge 778

**SPRING HILL, Fla.**—Lodge 778 held its first dance of 2011 on Jan. 21. With so many other activities going on during the holidays, we were pleasantly surprised with the nice crowd! Once again, Bob Turcola and his orchestra did a wonderful job entertaining us. The dance floor was a busy place!

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this

event a success; your efforts do not go unnoticed. Special thanks to our ticket chairpersons Ralph and Mary Ann Hiltz. They made a lot of promotional phone calls, helped me set up the tables and chairs, and stayed afterward to clean and lock up. Nezka Novak bought supplies and tended bar all day even though her husband was coming home from a rehab center that night! Eighty-six-year-old Grace

Bouma washed and dried every dirty dish, pot and pan used in our kitchen. What a great bunch of hard-working members!

By the time this article is published, our Jan. 22 dance will be but a memory. Bob Kravos and the Boys in the Band provided our entertainment, and Canada's Polka King Walter Ostanek made a special guest appearance.

On Feb. 26, we will welcome the Frank Moravcik

Band. Food will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. with dancing from 6 to 10 p.m. The contact person for this event is Mary Ann Hiltz. She can be reached at (727) 376-8486.

Preparations are underway for Lodge 778 Florida Slovene Days. The Polka Quads will perform March 5 from 6 to 10 p.m. and March 6 from 2 to 6 p.m. For details contact Daria Perse at (727) 729-0561.

We are glad to hear that Jim

Novak is back at home and getting stronger every day. Our best wishes are sent to Tony Markel who is recuperating after surgery. Helen and Tony were very active in our Lodge for many, many years. They could always be counted on to help whenever or wherever needed. They recently moved to a retirement center near Ocala, Fla.

The flu bug had members Ben and Carol Drongosky

feeling out of sorts for several weeks. We're glad to hear they are feeling much better now.

We were saddened to hear of the Jan. 11 passing of longtime entertainer and good friend Chuck Bonasera. He and Linda performed at many of our Lodge functions. Chuck was our son Kurt's piano accordion teacher for several years. He was a very patient, talented and wise man. He will be missed by many.



The big band sounds of the Polka Pirates will be featured at the SNPJ Recreation Center during the SNPJ Heritage Center Spring Fling in April.

## Spring Fling the Heritage Center season opener

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the doors will open at 12:30 p.m., a buffet dinner will be served in the Alpine Room beginning at 1 p.m., a PAJC dance demo will start at 1:30 p.m., and dancing to the Polka Pirates will run from 2 to 5 p.m.

An added feature will be the polka jam session that will take

place during the band's intermission. Musicians are invited to bring their instruments.

For \$15 per person, the dinner dance ticket covers the entire event and will be sent to you in advance. Reservations must be received by April 1. Send a check made payable to the "SNPJ Heritage Center" to Carol Sadar Maruszak, 2151

Larchmont Dr., Wickliffe, OH 44092. Please include your phone number.

Due to numerous requests, Kathy Hlad and Carol Sadar Maruszak will be hosting a polka bus from Cleveland. Please contact Carol at (440) 944-4229 for more information regarding the bus or to reserve dinner dance tickets.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Slovenia trip a venture into an unfamiliar territory

I've been told, for as long as I can remember, of my deep family roots in Slovenia. My grandfather has always been the theoretical dictionary of Slovenia's history, and he seems to know every person who has even the slightest trace back to the European country. So when he had the chance to choose his 50th wedding anniversary destination, I had a good idea where we were headed.

The plans are now set: a trip to Slovenia in the summer of 2011. As the days until the trip continue to trickle away, I'm starting to think of the conceptions I will be carrying overseas. I also wonder how this place—that I have so often been told of but have never seen—will differ from the place I call home, the United States (specifically Kansas).

At this moment I really wish I could recall all the button box players names and mountain statistics that my grandpa had spit out over my 21 years of life. While jotting through all the discussions in my mind, I formulated a few expectations I have going into this trip. Feel free to correct me if I am totally off base, or if you have any input, comments or well wishes for my oversea adventure! You can write me directly at [futbolfan2@cox.net](mailto:futbolfan2@cox.net).

First and foremost, music is a key element that brings the people of Slovenia together. There is nothing my grandpa loves more than polkaing from dusk until dawn with anyone that will wear out the floor with him. The first time I realized how important it was to the culture was when I watched him dance with my great-grandmother in the kitchen. She came over from Slovenia at a young age and was the inspiration behind my grandfather's interest in the country.

PROSVETA welcomes letters to the editor from all SNPJ members. All submissions to Letters to the Editor must include a name, address, Lodge and telephone number for verification, and all are subject to editing. The views expressed in Letters to the Editor are those of the contributor and not necessarily those of the Slovene National Benefit Society or PROSVETA.

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Though I do enjoy the American night club scene occasionally, I am in search of the art and beauty of music that seems to be lacking here. I believe that Slovenia embodies the passion that is expressed within music, and I hope to polka at least once while I'm over there, hopefully with a handsome young man... sorry, grandpa!

Secondly, the food will be drastically different. From what I know, they have hearty-based cuisine with a lot of soups and different kinds of meat pies. This will be an interesting adaptation from the McDonald's drive-through and Wendy's that are around the corner. I'm not sure if they have fast food at all over there! Since U.S. portion sizes are amazingly large compared to the rest of the countries in the world, my carry-on may be full of Zingers and gummy worms!

One thing I have tasted and know is popular in Slovenia is

potica. I could definitely live on that. Also, while attending Slovene camp this summer, I purchased some chocolate at the gift shop in the museum (a great historical museum, I may add). I may have to make room in my suitcase to bring a few bars of that home. Other than that, I will have to keep an open mind and stomach as I venture into the unknown.

Lastly, I am greatly excited for the change of scenery! Coming from Kansas I am used to, well... flat. We have prairies that span miles and miles, and our terrain has been proven to be flatter than a pancake. My view of Slovenia is that it is a hilly country with mountains sprinkled on the land. I've been told that mountain climbing is a common hobby, so there must be quite a few large mountains. We will have plenty of time to explore the natural wonders that Slovenia has to offer, and hopefully climb the infamous mountains it contains.

As I travel from the land of "Toto and Dorothy" to the land of "Tito and Preseren," I will leave behind the luxuries of an industrialized country to confirm or deny my expectations. I'm taking a big leap across the pond with hopes of exploring the past and bringing it together with the present.

As I board the plane in late June, I will make sure to have notebook in hand as I cross into Slovenia to record all of my happenings. I have always believed that the journey is the destination, and I hope to share my story with all those that have been to Slovenia, all those that will go and all those that will never get there. If you are interested in getting my full account of the trip, e-mail me at the address listed and I will be sure to send you the account of my adventures!

**AMANDA JUST**  
Lodge 6, Sygan, Pa.

## Don't miss your opportunity to tour Slovenia with SNPJ in 2011

by JOSEPH C. EVANISH  
SNPJ National President

**S**NPJ is returning to Slovenia in 2011. On behalf of the SNPJ, I extend a special invitation for you to join us on our Slovenia 2011 tour which is scheduled July 19 through 30. I encourage you to register soon—there has been a great deal of anticipation and excitement surrounding this upcoming tour, and available space is filling fast.

SNPJ visits to Slovenia have always been very special and exciting. As the largest Slovenian fraternal organization in America, SNPJ

has been received in Slovenia at the highest levels. The 2011 tour will take us to Bled and the Karst region. The tour will also visit several additional locations, including Lake Bled, Vintgar Gorge, Ljubljana and Lipica, as well as Opatija, Croatia.

Visit the SNPJ web site, [www.snpj.org](http://www.snpj.org), for a complete day-by-day tour itinerary. For a brochure and additional registration information, contact Kollander World Travel at 1-800-800-5981. They will be happy to take care of your arrangements and answer any questions you may have. Plan to join us!

## Annual meeting, officer elections launch Lodge 749 into a new year

by EVELYN DIMPFL  
Lodge 749 Secretary

**JOHNSTOWN, Pa.**—As we are now well into the new year, I add my wishes to all in the SNPJ for the best of everything in 2011.

As the new year began, Lodge 749 held its annual meeting at Rizzo's Restaurant where we enjoyed a fine meal before conducting Lodge business. Home Office correspondence was read. Among the information received were forms requesting the anticipated meeting dates for 2011 as well as a report of local Lodge activity; how the Lodge makes charitable donations, and how members volunteer their time and talents to organizations. The forms were completed and sent to the Home Office along with the election of officers information.

The Lodge voted to take an ad in the 75th National SNPJ Bowling Tournament booklet. The tournament is being hosted by Lodges 564 and 677 in Michigan. We wish both Lodges great success.

Re-elected officers for 2011 are President Joseph Vasilko, Vice President Anthony Ukmar Jr., Treasurer Judith Edsall, Secretary/Recording Secretary Evelyn Dimpfl, and auditors Anthony Ukmar Jr. and Julie Wagner. It should be noted that Joe Vasilko and I have served as president and recording secretary, respectively, since 1963. Wow... over 47 years in office! Treasurer Judith Edsall has done a great job taking over after the death of Kenneth Dimpfl. Commendations go out to all officers and members who attend the monthly meetings. We try to do a good job for our SNPJ members.

It was so nice to hear from friends whom I have met through the SNPJ, either at conventions or during SNPJ trips to Slovenia. I appreciate the cards and notes from Grant and Lorraine Babcock (689) of Helper, Utah; Ed and Liz Tomsic (218) of Denver; and Chuck and Barbara (686) Taylor of Whitewater, Wis.

## A happy holiday for Lodge 53

by PAULINE BARBISH  
Lodge 53 President

**CLEVELAND**—The V-Boj Lodge 53 holiday party was celebrated Dec. 4 with youth and adult members in attendance. Fun, laughter and good food prevailed throughout the afternoon. Big Al the Clown was quite a hit, making balloon creations for the kids and the adults as well.

When Santa arrived with his bundle of gifts, the kids excitedly ran up to claim their package and other goodies. Needless to say, everyone enjoyed the afternoon and the variety of food available at the potluck lunch. This concept seemed to work out very well. Thanks to everyone who participated. For those who could not attend, we hope to see

you next Christmas.

How would you like to take a day trip with us? Lodge 53 will be visiting Western Pennsylvania to see the Flight 93 memorial site in Shanksville and the Quecreek Mine rescue site. We have contracted the bus for Tuesday, June 14. Lunch will be included. The price for the tour is \$69, and the trip is open to all Lodge 53 members and friends. Call now! Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

There will be a waiting list in the event of cancellations. Contact Pauline Barbish at (440) 944-9139 for reservations or for further information.

Here's wishing everyone a belated happy and healthy New Year.



Lodge 53 adult and youth members alike enjoyed a visit from Santa at their holiday party.



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## Utopians Lodge decked the halls for the holiday season

by GERRI TREBETS  
Lodge 604 Recording Secretary

**CLEVELAND** — On Dec. 6, 2010, Lodge 604 Utopians held their annual Christmas party at the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Ave. Once again, a good group was on hand to enjoy the festivities, although, due to other commitments, a few of the regulars were unable to attend.

After talking and catching up with fellow Utopians — collecting their calendars and handouts, and partaking of punch and other beverages — a buffet of delicious entrées catered by Regovich Catering was served. We have engaged his services for a few years now and everyone seems to enjoy it. It allows our members to relax and not have to worry about bringing a dish of their own. Mouth-watering desserts were supplied by Rudy and Charlotte Perdan. Rudy, you need to start your own bakery as they were both delicious and pleasing to the eye.

Time for Santa! With excitement growing, the children anxiously awaited Santa to receive a special gift and also to give him their wish lists for

Christmas. Soon we heard sleigh bells ringing, and through the door came Santa, along with Mrs. Claus, with a knapsack on his back.

After Santa left, President Kathleen Trebets addressed the group. She thanked everyone for coming and spoke of upcoming events. Our 2011 picnic is set for Aug. 29. I hope you will put that date on your calendar as a “must-attend” event. We had a few new recruits at our last picnic and I think they enjoyed themselves. We are always in need of an extra pair of hands.

We were also thinking of having a Utopian Easter get-together at Debonne Vineyards in Madison May 1. Come out and relax, have some wine and hors d'oeuvres, and enjoy the beautiful grounds. My son, Ed Trebets (604), is the winemaker-chemist and he would be willing to give everyone a tour of the newly remodeled wine cellar. We had a sign-up sheet at the Christmas party and several members expressed a desire to attend. If there are any other members who are interested, please give me a call at (440) 951-9611. More information will be available at



Utopians Lodge 604 members held their annual Christmas party in December at the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Ave.

a later date.

In keeping with that thought, I would like to announce the launching of my son and daughter-in-law's own label of wine, Muddy Paw. They have been wanting to do this for some time and it finally has come to fruition. With the approval and go-ahead from Tony Debevc at Debonne, Ed and Gina formed their own corporation, Trebets Estate Wines. Ed produced one white wine, Semillon, and a Cabernet Sauvignon (red wine). A portion of the proceeds will go to the Geauga Humane Society, a very worthwhile cause. You can log on to [www.muddypawwines.com](http://www.muddypawwines.com) for further information. They were interviewed by Robin Swoboda of WJW and Holly Strano of WKYC, and articles ap-

peared in *Cleveland Crain's* and the January issue of *Cleveland Magazine*. I am truly proud of them and wish them continued success.

I would like to thank Kathleen Trebets for all her assistance in helping to make the Christmas party a success, from shopping to wrapping to ordering the food to setting up and cleaning up. Special thanks to members Bill and Pam Dirk, along with daughter Mary, for bringing supplies for the punch, the liquid refreshments and cleaning up. Thanks also to Rudy and Charlotte Perdan for bringing the desserts and assisting with the clean-up chores.

I wish everyone a most happy, healthy 2011, and I hope to see you at the Farm and future events.

## Kick your cabin fever with winter balina at Lodge 138

by JEN HERVOL  
Lodge 138

**STRABANE, Pa.** — Do you have cabin fever? Then get out for the Strabane Lodge 138 second annual Winter Balina Tournament, scheduled Saturday, Feb. 5, starting at 6 p.m. Sign-up now at the bar.

To a few critics' surprise, our first Winter Balina Tournament was a big success. The snow was no deterrent, even with 25 inches on the ground! The balina court was cleared of snow, and the teams had such a great time that we decided to host the tournament again this year.

Join us and enjoy some brisk, fresh air at the Winter Balina Tournament.

## News from Here & There

by GRACE DOERK  
Lodge 559

**CHICAGO** — When I hear that some of the southern states are having cooler-than-normal temperatures, then I don't feel so bad. Here in Illinois, we've been having temperatures that are too cold for me.

Just as a reminder to everyone who attends the Illinois Polka Fest, it will still be held Feb. 4-6, but there will be a change in location. The Polka Fest will take place at the Hyatt Regency, 1800 E. Golf Road in Schaumburg, Ill.

Otto and I have been trying to catch up on visiting friends that we missed during the holidays, so January has been pretty well taken care of. We have five family birthdays in January, but that's O.K.; at least we won't get the January blues

I received information that another book is out on Southeast Kansas, “Coal Mining Towns.” Coal mining was a way of life, and those roots are traced in this new book. The book

was originally a scrapbook made by Ira Clemens, owner of Clemens Coal Company. The scrapbook is thought to have been used as a recruitment tool to encourage people to move to Southeast Kansas to work in the mines. Between 1890 and 1920, Clemens visited towns throughout the area, took photos of the mining communities and wrote a little summary about what each town had to offer.

The book, put together by Betty Ales-DeVoss and Nanette Azambar Krumsick, is dedicated to the miners, their families and descendants. The book is available for \$20 and is being sold at Pallucca's, 207 E. McKay in Frontenac, Kan.; Chicken Annie's in Girard, Kan.; and at various banks in Pittsburg, Girard, Arma, Columbus and other locations in Kansas. You can also write to Betty DeVoss at 4094 Mt. Carmel Road, Frontenac, KS 66763; or e-mail [nkrumsick@cox.net](mailto:nkrumsick@cox.net).

Those seeking information on the first book on Southeast Kansas can e-mail [klwebb@cox.net](mailto:klwebb@cox.net) or phone (620) 249-7935.

Best wishes to Lillian Camasta (559) who will have knee surgery. I hope it takes care of your problems with that knee. Best wishes as well to Elmer Spelich (2) who has been

in and out of the hospital. I hope you are well on your way to a complete recovery, Elmer.

We were sorry to hear that Corinne Leskovar (1) fell and sustained some injuries. A speedy recovery, Corinne. A speedy recovery as well to Jennifer (Kovack) Peterson (8) who is recuperating from surgery.

We are sorry to report the passing of June Zasadil, wife of Richard Zasadil. Richard was a member of the original SNPJ Perfect Circle 26, and both he and his wife attended many of our Circle reunions. We saw Bob and Judy (Zasadil) Nelson from Michigan at June's wake. It was nice to see Judy, who was also a member of our Perfect Circle. Judy is the granddaughter of the late Louis Cainkar, a former attorney for the SNPJ. I missed seeing Robann (Sanemann) Musil who is also related to the Cainkar family. It's a small world, and you never know when you will see someone related to your past. It's quite heartwarming.

The Slovene Catholic Center in Lemont, Ill., held their first dinner of the year Jan. 9. It was nice to see everyone, and we're all looking forward to the Feb. 13 Koline dinner.

Slovene Pensioners' Club members held their regular monthly

meeting Jan. 12. Besides the regular reports, we discussed the new Health Care Bill and its effect on seniors. The officers for 2010 were re-elected for 2011, with the exception that Marianne Murray will serve as an auditor in place of Ella Mae Kovacic. We celebrated the birthdays of Jennie Kovacic and Georgianna Krtous.

Ed and Sharon Kovack sent best wishes from sunny Florida, and informed members they would be returning to Illinois in May.

Pensioners' Club members will discuss the club's itinerary for the rest of the year during the February meeting. If you enjoy being with fellow seniors, you should join our club. The next meeting will be held Feb. 9. We look forward to welcoming some new members.

Pioneer Lodge 559 members held their regular monthly meeting Jan. 14. The minutes were read and the financial report was presented. Secretary Vitous read a letter from National Secretary Karen Pintar whereby she extended best wishes for the new year to everyone. Secretary Pintar informed our Lodge that all extended insurance policies will become active policies.

It was reported that Julie Zbacnik

passed away at age 87. We also received a letter from Fraternal Director Kevin Richards asking our Lodge to elect young adult delegates for the upcoming Young Adult Conference, scheduled June 24-26.

Carl Kocmoud from Westmont, Ill., was recognized as a 50-year member, and Catherine Senffner from Florida as a 70-year member. The auditors should plan to arrive early to the Feb. 11 meeting to conduct an audit of the secretary's books.

Otto Doerk gave a report for the Chicago Federation, informing members that the next Federation meeting is planned Jan. 28 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Slovene Catholic Center in Lemont.

During the Feb. 11 Pioneer Lodge meeting, we will make arrangements for our four activities for the year. We were happy to have two guests, Sandy Vidmar and Carolee Michalek, attend the January meeting. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Carolee who will have knee replacement surgery in two weeks. John Cretnik won the \$10 meeting award.

Well, January is coming to a close, and we really haven't had a severe winter. We're lucky to have avoided all the snow and rain.

## DEATHS REPORTED

For the weeks of Dec. 16-31, 2010

LODGE	NAME	DEATH	DATE OF CITY/STATE
A01	Thomas E. Grill Sr.	12-03-10	Monroeville, Pa.
1	Frank Gradisek Jr.	12-07-10	Lemont, Ill.
8	Jennie Powers	10-13-10	Palatine, Ill.
31	Jacob J. Zaggar	11-26-10	Hermitage, Pa.
33	Katherine Kerzan	11-13-10	Midlothian, Va.
34	Lavena. Wiegand	01-28-09	Indianapolis, Ind.
89	Leonard E. Metrovich	11-24-10	McDonald, Pa.
89	Eleanor Wachter	12-16-10	Honolulu, Hawaii
106	Raymond J. Kreske	12-13-10	Oakdale, Pa.
138	Jean L. Yarkosky	11-15-10	Canonsburg, Pa.
138	Russel Bangham	11-05-10	Monroeville, Pa.
138	Bertha A. Krulce	11-18-10	Strabane, Pa.
142	Anthony J. Erjavac	11-06-10	Las Vegas, Nev.
153	Mary J. Fanto	12-11-10	Youngstown, Ohio
190	Sara Siverinac	11-23-10	Johnstown, Pa.
207	John B. Celar	09-30-10	Helena, Mont.
207	Anne M. Mihelich	12-03-10	Dundee, Ore.
218	Helen M. Plutt	11-23-10	Pueblo, Colo.
225	Mary Ann Zagar	02-04-08	Girard, Kan.
254	June Marhefka	09-05-10	Johnstown, Pa.
254	John J. Drager	12-10-10	Johnstown, Pa.
265	Sophie Bistarkey	11-23-10	Washington, Pa.
274	Andrew L. Sweltz	11-18-10	Sidman, Pa.
292	Margaret DeFilippis	12-09-10	Avella, Pa.
371	Frank Susnik	10-14-10	Albany, Ore.
459	Martha K. Erzen	11-28-10	Saginaw, Mich.
564	Barbara Kosokovich	11-11-10	St. Clair Shores, Mich.
576	Mary Armstrong	12-04-10	Mentor, Ohio
603	Yolanda Dacar	06-05-10	New Smyrna Beach, Fla.
604	Louise J. Kasulones	12-06-10	Wickliffe, Ohio
614	Dennis R. Japel	08-05-09	Wickliffe, Ohio
665	Stella C. Bugrin	12-05-10	Pittsburgh, Pa.
713	Rudolph J. Nuzzo	10-28-10	Port Saint Lucie, Fla.
729	Kathryn Plesko	06-19-10	Monessen, Pa.
776	Richard J. Dombrosky	12-18-10	Enon Valley, Pa.
778	Eleanore J. Fricker	10-27-10	Port Richey, Fla.
787	Marion G. Allgaier	12-03-10	Fort Pierce, Fla.
800	Anna M. Flaharty	10-10-06	Mansfield, Ohio
800	Helen S. Zugel	11-19-10	West Boutiful, Utah

KAREN A. PINTAR  
National Secretary

## Young Americans celebrate the harvest season

HARVEST CELEBRATION  
FROM PAGE 1

Two youth members, Anthony and Joey Volpe, were in attendance. Serving as police officers, they were very serious about their job and caught everyone who attempted to take grapes. Gail, a longtime member of the SAC, was taking grapes quite often before police chief Anthony Volpe finally put the cuffs on her. Strict business, this grape stealing!

We didn't have the usual arbor over the dance floor; however, the entire dance floor resembled an arbor as Ermando Volpe and Americo Badia put grape leaves on the walls around the dance floor. The grapes were put to the side on a movable table. It worked out great!

The bagging of the grapes was once again done in the Volpe kitchen by Ermando and Marion Volpe. Later, the button box players joined the orchestra and played some special favorites. As they warmed up, a group of us, many from Melvindale, Mich., joined in to sing “V Dolini Tihi,” which always brings a tear to my eye.

Each year we honor the 50-,

60-, 70- and 80-year members of Young Americans Lodge 564. Once again this year, Gerald Dugar and Justine Dugar could not attend due to illness. Seventy-year member Kay Boggess was the only honoree in attendance. She received a beautiful blanket for her loyal years of membership. During her short speech, Kay said she was so happy to have joined the SNPJ as she made many beautiful friendships in her 70 years. She's quite a gal and doesn't look a day over 70!

Other members received their awards in the mail, including Mary Filo, Roger Stone, Frank Dolence, James Ronney, Nancy Herin, Ruth Droblich, Barbara Kosokovich, Richard Kurent, Joseph Smoltz, Bernard Rose and Janet Carlini.

On a sad note, two Lodge 564 members celebrating anniversaries this year passed away in the fall of 2010. Barbara Kosokovich and Frank Wolcanssek were both longtime members. Frank did beautiful paintings and caricatures. He did a caricature of me in my Slovenian costume that I will treasure forever. We had some of his paintings in our SNPJ

hall; they now hang in my grandchildren's bedrooms.

It was great seeing all of our old friends again, as well as all of the new friends we made at the SAC. Everyone enjoyed the music, food and friendship. Many thanks to the entire Good Times Orchestra for their beautiful music. It was a job well done!

Attention all SNPJ bowlers! Mark your calendars for April 30 and May 1 as Lodge

677 and Lodge 564 are co-sponsoring the SNPJ National Bowling Tournament, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2011. The tournament will be held at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights, Mich. Come one, come all! Enjoy old friendships and make some new ones. More will be posted in future PROSVETA issues.

Here's wishing everyone in SNPJ and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2011!



Young Americans 70-year member KAY BOGGESS [center] was presented her award at the Vinska Trgatev by Lodge President RUDY ZORNIK and Lodge Secretary MARION VOLPE.

## Slovenian Workmen's Home slates annual meeting

submitted by PAT NEVAR (158)  
Slovenian Workmen's Home

**CLEVELAND** — The annual meeting of certificate holders of the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland, will be held Saturday, Jan. 29, beginning at 1 p.m. in the lower hall.

The Board of Trustees and individual shareholders and representatives from organizations that own shares to attend this important meeting. It is strongly urged

that organizations send delegates who are not individual shareholders to ensure that everyone can exercise their right to vote.

As usual, the agenda will include reports from the current board, suggestions for the future development and progress of the Slovenian Workmen's Home, election of trustees for 2011 (all current trustees are SNPJ members from Lodges 158, 53, 142, 604, 614 and 576), and any other business pertinent to this meeting. You will learn

about improvements made during the past year and pending projects.

To cut costs, individual letters are not being mailed to shareholders this year. If any additional information is needed, please call (216) 481-5378 or send an e-mail to [swh-waterloo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swh-waterloo@sbcglobal.net).

We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting. We need you and your support to continue functioning today, tomorrow and well into the future.

SNPJ fraternal sympathies

**BRO. ALBERT M. JANKO**  
• LODGE 2 •

**LA SALLE, Ill.** — The members of Lodge 2 sadly announce the Dec. 14, 2010, passing of Bro. Albert M. Janko, 88, formerly of La Salle, in Willows Health Care, Rockford, Ill.

Bro. Janko was born June 15, 1922, in La Salle to Anton and Olga (Cercalic) Janko. He married Lois Berryman June 25, 1949, in St. Roch's.

Albert graduated from La Salle-Peru Township High School in 1941. He served as a machinist's mate in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Albert worked as a steamfitter and pipefitter for Local 81 in Ottawa, Ill., and later for Local 597 in Chicago. He served as the recording secretary for Local 81 for many years.

Bro. Janko was a member of St. Hyacinth Church and

a former member of Resurrection Church in La Salle. He was also a member of the VFW, Catholic War Veterans, Holy Name Society and SNPJ Lodge 2.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda (Barry) Goodwin of Belvidere, Ill., and Debra Luna of Chattanooga, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Brian and Amy Goodwin, and Chelsea and Carly Luna; and two brothers, John (Lorraine) Janko and Dean Janko, both of La Salle. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife on May 31, 2009, and one sister in infancy.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 20 in St. Hyacinth Church, La Salle, officiated by the Rev. Robert Rayson. Burial followed in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, La Salle, with military honors by the La Salle-Oglesby Vet-

erans Memorial Group.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 2 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our condolences to Bro. Janko's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**BRO. RICHARD DOMBROSKY**  
• LODGE 776 PRESIDENT •

**BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.** — With sadness, the members of Lodge 776 announce the Dec. 18, 2010, passing of Bro. Richard J. "Dick" Dombrosky Sr., president of Lodge 776, in Hospice House, Poland, Ohio, at the age of 79.

Bro. Dombrosky was born Aug. 29, 1931, in Mt. Pleasant, Pa., a son of the late Walter and Pauline (Takac) Dombrosky. He graduated from Ramsey High School in 1950.

Bro. Dombrosky was a Korean War veteran, serving as a U.S. Air Force staff sergeant. He was a former manager for Alltel, and a member of St. Rose of Lima Church in Darlington, Pa.; the American Legion in Mt. Pleasant; the Moose Lodge in East Palestine, Ohio; LMBA Club in New Galilee, Pa.; and the East Palestine Country Club.

Dick served as SNPJ Lodge 776 president for 34 years. He was elected as a delegate to the National Convention from 1998 to 2010, and served as a member of Compensation Committee during the 2006 National Convention.

An avid golfer, Bro. Dombrosky was a member of the Lodge 776 National Golf Tournament champions team for many years. He was a member of the National Bowling Tournament committee as well, working with his wife, Vonnice, at the bowling alleys for all Lodge tournaments. For many years Bro. Dombrosky also worked bingo nights at the SNPJ Recreation Center.

Bro. Dombrosky is survived by his wife of 50 years, Veronica "Vonnice" (Rakaczky) Dombrosky; two sons, Richard (Lisa) Dombrosky of New Castle, Pa., and Edward (fiancée Ann) Dombrosky of Gernert, Ohio; one daughter, Elizabeth (Gregory) Eisenhauer of Winchester, Va.; three grandchildren, Grace Eisenhauer, Joseph Eisenhauer and Alexa Dombrosky; one brother, Thomas (Leolonic)

Dombrosky of Kecksburg, Pa.; one sister, Marcella Kurpiel of Mt. Pleasant; and a special nephew and godson, Robert Kurpiel.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Walter and James Dombrosky, and two sisters, Josephine Good and Jane Hudock.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 23 in St. Rose of Lima Church, Darlington, with the Rev. Kim Shrek officiating.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 776 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our sympathies to Bro. Dombrosky's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**SIS. SOPHIA LUIN**  
• LODGE 31 •

**SHARON, Pa.** — The members of Lodge 31 sadly report the Dec. 19, 2010, passing of Sis. Sophia Luin, 90, of Akron, Ohio, formerly of Farrell, Pa.

Sis. Luin was born Feb. 10, 1920, in Sharon, a daughter of Frank and Antoinette (Miklavcic) Luin. She was raised in Farrell where she attended school. Sis. Luin was employed in the dietary department at the former Sharon General Hospital; the former New Villa Restaurant, Farrell; the former Brass Rail Restaurant, Sharon; the former Sharon Steel Corp. Farrell plant; and the former Sharon Transformer Division of Westinghouse Electric Corp.

Sophie moved to Akron in 1973 and was food manager for the Sisters of Divine Charity for 12 years before retiring in 1985.

She was a member of St. Anthony's Church in Sharon and a past member of the former Catholic Daughters of the Americas Immaculate Heart of Mary Court 1740 in Farrell. She also belonged to the Leonora Hall Auxiliary in Akron, American Fraternal Union Lodge 174, and was a former member of SNPJ Lodges 262 and 755.

Surviving are a sister, Sister Antoinette Luin, F.D.C. (Daughters of Divine Charity) of Akron; and a niece, Mary Frances Lombardi of Masury, Ohio.

Besides her parents, Sis. Luin was preceded in death by

a brother, Anthony Luin, and a sister, Theresa Skertic.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 21 in St. Anthony's Church with the Rev. Daniel J. Kresinski as celebrant. Interment followed in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery, Hermitage, Pa.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 31 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, deepest condolences are extended to Sis. Luin's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**SIS. LUCILLE B. SMITH**  
• LODGE 138 •

**STRABANE, Pa.** — With sadness, the members of Lodge 138 announce the Dec. 24, 2010, passing of Sis. Lucille B. "Lucy" Smith, 97, of Strabane in Washington Hospital, Washington, Pa.

Sis. Smith was born April 8, 1913, in Slovenia (the former Austro-Hungary), a daughter of Joseph and Mary (DeBlak) Bostjancic. She lived most of her life in Strabane, where she was employed for 21 years at Alexander Co-op. She was a member of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church and its Christian Mothers and Guild.

Lucy enjoyed listening to polka music, playing bingo, spending time with her family and, especially, sending greeting cards to everyone she knew and to many she didn't know. She was a member of SNPJ Lodge 138 and Slovenian Women's Union Branch 71, where she served as secretary for 24 years.

On Feb. 26, 1932, she married William C. Smith; he preceded her in death on Aug. 30, 1970.

Surviving are a daughter, Dolores Hollenbach of Streetsboro, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Bertha Smith of Canonsburg, Pa.; a sister-in-law, Agnes Bostjancic of Strabane; six grandchildren, Jeff (Debbie) Hollenbach, Chris Hollenbach, Kelly (Terry) Garove, Bill (Susan) Smith, Julie Grego and George Smith; six great-grandchildren, Terry and Amanda Garove, Brett Hollenbach, and Samantha, William and Heather Smith; a special nephew, Ray Plants; and several nieces and nephews. She was the last of her immediate family.

Deceased, in addition to her

husband, are a son, William J. Smith, who died May 3, 1984; and two brothers, Joseph and Stanley Bostjancic.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 28 in St. Patrick Church, Canonsburg. Interment followed in St. Patrick Cemetery, Canonsburg.

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

**BRO. FRANK SENICA**  
• LODGE 2 •

**LA SALLE, Ill.** — The members of Lodge 2 sadly report the Dec. 26, 2010, passing of Bro. Frank M. "Titch" Senica, 87, of Oglesby, Ill., in St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, Ill.

Bro. Senica was born Dec. 4, 1923, in Oglesby to Joseph and Mary (Butara) Senica. He married Dolores Brennan June 5, 1948, in St. Patrick Church, La Salle.

Frank served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He was a self-employed butcher, the owner-operator of Senica Trucking, and worked in the powerhouse at Marquette Cement. Frank was a member of Holy Family Church, Marine Corps League, VFW, American Legion, Oglesby Elks lodge, AARP, Oglesby Knights of Columbus and SNPJ Lodge 2.

Bro. Senica is survived by one daughter, Karen (Dr. Michael) Szott of Oglesby; a daughter-in-law, Ana (John) Senica Stanton of La Salle; three grandchildren, Michael Szott, Susana Senica and John Anthony Samaniego; and one great-grandson, Dylan Robert Samaniego. He was preceded in death by his wife on Sept. 30, 1976; one son, Robert; three sisters; and three brothers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 30 in Holy Family Church, Oglesby, with Monsignor James Swaner as officiant. Burial followed in St. Vincent Cemetery, La Salle, with full military rites accorded by the La Salle-Oglesby Veterans Memorial Group.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 2 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our condolences to Bro. Senica's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**SNPJ Crossword**  
2010 IN REVIEW (#0111) solution

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**2011 SNPJ Winter Classic Bowling Tournament**  
February 18-20, 2011

co-sponsored by SNPJ Lodge 6 and SNPJ Lodge 138 and SNPJ Athletic Districts 1 and 2

MEN		WOMEN	
<b>Doubles &amp; Singles Events</b> at Sygan Lodge 6 540 Third Ave. Bridgeville, PA 15017 Phone: (412) 221-9862	<b>Doubles &amp; Singles Events</b> at Strabane Lodge 138 269 Latimer Ave. Strabane, PA 15363 Club: (724) 745-9860 Lanes: (724) 745-9775	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Feb. 19, 9 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Feb. 19, 1 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Feb. 19, 5 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Feb. 19, 2 p.m.

MEN		WOMEN	
<b>Team Event</b> at Strabane Lodge 138 269 Latimer Ave. Strabane, PA 15363 Club: (724) 745-9860 Lanes: (724) 745-9775	<b>Team Event</b> at Sygan Lodge 6 540 Third Ave. Bridgeville, PA 15017 Phone: (412) 221-9862	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, Feb. 20, 9 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, Feb. 20, Noon <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, Feb. 20, 3 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, Feb. 20, 9:30 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, Feb. 20, 12:30 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, Feb. 20, 3:30 p.m.

Doubles & Singles Entry fee \$26 per person Friday/Saturday Only	Lodge No.	Highest Average 2009-10	All-Events \$5 per person YES/NO
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Submit bowlers' names by position in lineup	Lodge No.	Highest Average 2009-10
<b>Four Person Team Event</b> Entry fee \$52 per team Sunday Only		
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Team name \_\_\_\_\_  
Team captain's name, phone number & e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

The entry fee in each event is \$13 per bowler, \$3.75 of which shall be used for prizes, \$8.00 for bowling and \$1.25 for tournament expenses. An extra \$5 is charged to all who desire to compete for handicap all-events prizes. The Slovene National Benefit Society adds \$6 per member to each prize fund except All-Events.

Return form, along with fees of \$13 per person, per event, to:  
John Baselj  
742 Mill St., Bridgeville, PA 15017  
Phone: (412) 221-1689  
Make checks payable to **SNPJ Lodge 6**  
ENTRY DEADLINE IS JANUARY 28, 2011

The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126. Rules are also available online at www.snpj.org.

**V-Boj Lodge 53 schedules a full slate of activity in 2011**

**LODGE 53 ACTIVITIES**  
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Slovenian Home, Slovene Home for the Aged, Heritage Center at the SNPJ Recreation Center, and to Tony Petkovsek and Dale Bucar. We feel it is extremely important to support our Slovenian heritage. Activities planned for the year include our picnic, scheduled July 31 with Fred Ziwich; our Pancake Breakfasts; a Christmas party; and a visit to the Slovene Home for the Aged.

In the planning stages are a 9-11 bus tour in Pennsylvania, participation in the Honor Flight Program and possibly an Easter egg hunt at the SNPJ Farm. More information about these activities will be announced in future PROSVETA issues.

Why not take part in some or all of these activities? Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road starting at 1 p.m. We're hoping to see you there!

**PROSVETA 2011 Publication Dates**

Publication dates are highlighted in black boxes; deadline dates are circled. The deadline for submissions is noon on the Monday a week prior to the issue date, unless otherwise noted below or on the front page.

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