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Home Office closed as we toast SNPJ's anniversary

IMPERIAL, Pa. — The SNPJ Home Office will be closed Monday, April 25, in observance of the Society's 107th anniversary, which we celebrate each year on April 6. Normal office hours, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., will resume Tuesday, April 26. As a result of the Home Office holiday, the deadline for the May 4 PROSVETA issue has been moved to Friday, April 22.

Lodge 776 has plans for a mid-April meeting

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — SNPJ Lodge 776 members will gather for their regular meeting Sunday, April 10, at the SNPJ Recreation Center. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m.

VONNIE DOMBROSKY
Lodge 776 Recording Secretary

Lodge 778 meets May 4 to fill vacant offices

SPRING HILL, Fla. — A regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Sun-coast Lodge 778 on Wednesday, May 4, beginning at 11 a.m. This meeting will include the nomination, election and installation of officers. Please make every effort to attend.

DARIA PERSE
Lodge 778

Western Pa. Fed slates its first meeting for 2011

STRABANE, Pa. — The Slovene Federation of SNPJ Lodges of Western Pennsylvania will hold its initial meeting of 2011 Sunday, May 1. The meeting will be held at Strabane Lodge 138 and will be called to order at 2 p.m. See your Lodge secretary for details.

BOB LAWRENCE (138)
Federation Secretary

Join Lodge 576 Spartans for an April meeting

CLEVELAND — The next Spartans Lodge 576 meeting will be held Monday, April 11, at Waterloo Hall starting at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see many more of you there since the weather will have warmed up by then. Snow should no longer be an issue and spring will be in the air.

NANCY NOVAK
Lodge 576 Recording Secretary

THE DEADLINE

The next two PROSVETA issue dates are April 20 and May 4. All material must be received by Monday, April 11, for the April 20 issue, and by Friday, April 22, for the May 4 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.

Sygan Seeing Superstars

SNPJ National President **JOSEPH C. EVANISH** and National Secretary **KAREN A. PINTAR** presented the officers of Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6 with their SNPJ Super Star Lodge banner. Pictured are [from left] Bro. Evanish, Sis. Pintar, Lodge 6 Secretary/Treasurer **JIM CURL**, Sergeant-at-Arms **FRANK WRIGHT**, Auditor **PEARL BIONDI**, Youth Circle 36 Director **RUTH WRIGHT** and Lodge 6 President **ANTHONY BIONDI**. Congratulations to Sygan Lodge 6!



Save your seat for Easter dinner at Samsula Lodge 603

by JEANNETTE HUMPHREY
Lodge 603

SAMSULA, Fla. — The Lodge 603 annual Easter dinner will be held Sunday, April 24, at the Lodge 603 Hall. Ruth Benedict and I will be serving as chairpersons for the dinner. We plan to offer baked ham, chicken and dressing with an assortment of salads and vegetables, bread, dessert and coffee for a donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children through age 12.

The Easter egg hunt, under the direction of Youth Circle Director Tonya Stein and Circle 57 members, is scheduled for 3 p.m. Prizes for the winners have been donated by Lodge 603 and the Samsula Woman's Club. The eggs are donated each year by Linda and Frank Luznar of Cackleberry Farms in Samsula.

Reservations sure do help us plan. Please leave a message on the Lodge telephone at (386) 428-3983, or you may call Ruth at (386) 427-1410 or Jeannette at (386) 427-1689.

Our Friday night dinners are completed for this season. Thanks to all who enjoyed our great meals and supported our Lodge, where we played polka music every Friday night for your listening enjoyment.

Mother's Day is May 8 on your calendar; it's also May 8 on the Lodge 603 calendar. The men will be in charge of cooking and serving for the day. All profits will benefit our Lodge scholarship fund.

We look forward to greeting the members of

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PERIODICAL MATERIAL

Jump start your spring at the SNPJ Heritage Center

by CAROL SADAR MARUSZAK (53)
SNPJ Heritage Center Committee

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — The Button Box Dynamic Duo, Kathy Hlad (158) and Ron Likovic, will be taking the bandstand to entertain the crowd at the SNPJ Heritage Center Spring Fling April 17 at the SNPJ Recreation Center in the Borough of SNPJ.

Mark Sunday, April 17, on your calendar for the SNPJ Heritage Center Spring Fling. It will be a dinner dance afternoon in the Alpine Room, featuring the Pittsburgh Area Jitterbug Club and the Polka Pirates from Cleveland. A performance by Kathy and Ron will be an added

bonus to the afternoon. They have been performing together for over 30 years and continue to engage the crowd with their talent.

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.

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: 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.

For only \$15 per person, the dinner dance ticket covers the cost of the entire event and it will be mailed to you in advance. Reservations and payments must be received by Thursday, April 7. Please send a check made payable to

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2010 Top Fraternal Producer
STAN REPOS
Lodge 106, Imperial, Pa.



2010 Top Exclusive Producer
BOB LAWRENCE
Lodge 138, Strabane, Pa.



2010 Top Independent Agent (PPGA)
JOHN PERRY
Lodge 776, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.

SNPJ top producers take honors for 2010

by BUD PALADINO
SNPJ Sales Director

IMPERIAL, Pa. — The Slovene National Benefit Society is pleased to announce its top producers for 2010, Stan Repos, Bob Lawrence and John Perry.

SNPJ has three types of producers: fraternal, exclusive and independent (PPGA). In the fraternal category, Bro. Stan Repos

of Lodge 106 in Imperial was our point leader. Stan is a longtime SNPJ member and has been involved with Lodge 106 in several different capacities over the years. Stan currently serves on the Supervisory Committee of the SNPJ National Board. Bro. Repos has four children and eight grandchildren, and has found that he's been busier than ever since retiring.

For a second year in a row, the top exclusive producer was Bro. Bob Lawrence of Lodge 138

in Strabane, Pa. Bob has been an SNPJ member for many years and has served as Lodge 138 secretary for the past five years. His Lodge has earned the status of Super Star Lodge in both 2009 and 2010. Bob is married to Rose, and they have six children and eight grandchildren.

Our top independent agent (PPGA) was John Perry of Ellwood City, Pa. John started

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• **Sydney W. Prested**
Born April 23, 2010
Detroit Lodge 564

The members of Lodge 564 welcome Sydney Wood Prested as their newest addition. Sydney is the daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth (564) Prested, sister of Cody Prested (564), granddaughter of Gerald and Mary (564) Wood, and great-granddaughter of Frank and Rita Hostnik (564). We welcome Sydney to the SNPJ and extend our best wishes to her entire family.



Happy Birthday, SNPJ!

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Lodge 643, Youth Circle 7 co-hosting an Easter brunch

by KATHLEEN SEIFERT
Lodge 643

GIRARD, Ohio — As a reminder to all Lodge 643 members, our Easter brunch, co-hosted by Youth Circle 7 and Lodge 643, will be held Saturday, April 16, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the party room at Amen Corner Grill and Sports Bar in Girard. The Easter Bunny will be in attendance, ushering in the Easter festivities.

We have a delicious menu planned. The cost for adults is \$7 per person; there will be no charge for Youth Circle 7 members. Please RSVP by April 13 to Andy Kocjan at (330) 219-2491 or Tony Kren at (330) 545-4981.

The second 2011 general membership meeting of Golden Eagles Lodge 643 will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Amen Corner. The weather is supposed to be improving in April, so

here's hoping that we here in Ohio and Pennsylvania can again enjoy seeing green grass and budding plants, as well as experience the scent of spring flowers soon.

We sadly announce the passing of two Lodge 643 members. Katherine Kocjan passed away Feb. 5 at the age of 95, and Lodge 643 Recording Secretary Adam Furin passed away March 11 at the age of 83. Our prayers are with their families.

Pioneer Lodge 559 celebrates in style

by ANITA VITOUS
Lodge 559 Secretary

CHICAGO — On March 16 members of Pioneer Lodge 559 celebrated St. Joseph's Day in style by attending an event at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park, Ill. Eddie Korosa Jr. and The Boys from Illinois entertained us with some of the finest waltz and polka music you could wish for. The dance floor was ready and waiting for all who felt the urge to dance. Grace Doerk, you sure do have some moves!

Of course, no outing would be complete without fine food. The family-style service included barley soup, tossed salad, roast pork, fresh Polish sausage and sauerkraut, roast chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, pierogies, a vegetable, and ice cream. Have I made you hungry yet?

The Eddie Korosa Jr. Band entertained before, during and after dinner. As if that weren't enough, Michael "Amazing Mike" Pleska added to the gaiety with his unique style of entertainment. He played as



Pioneer Lodge 559 members celebrated St. Joseph's Day in style March 16 at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park, Ill.

many as 12 different instruments, including the banjo, pan flute, mandolin, cowbells, xylophone, beer bottles (!) and harmonica, just to name a few. He even played two trumpets at the same time. Amazing!

Our day couldn't have been nicer; sunny and the warmest day of the year so far. What a treat to start off our 2011 social calendar in such a festive manner. Come and join us at our meetings the second Friday of each month beginning at noon at Czech Plaza. Until then, think spring!

Lodge 53 plans a Flag Day tour of history

by MARTHA MEGLICH
Lodge 53 Secretary/Treasurer

CLEVELAND — This year marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attack on the United States. Sept. 11, 2001, is a date that will go down in history. Who can forget the day when 40 brave passengers and crew aboard Flight 93 struggled with the terrorists to prevent an attack on the U.S. Capitol? In so doing, they gave up their lives so that others would live. Who can forget the phrase, "Let's roll!"?

To commemorate this anniversary, V-Boj Lodge 53 is planning a trip to Shanksville, Pa., the site of the Flight 93 crash. The date is Tuesday, June 14. We'll also be visiting the QueCreek Mine Rescue site. Shortly after, and not far from the Flight 93 crash, an accident happened that captured the attention of the nation. It's the site where nine miners were trapped 240 feet below the ground for 77 hours before they were rescued by being brought to the surface in a capsule.

The cost of the trip is \$69 per person and includes lunch at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. There will be two pick-up locations. For those who live on the west side, it will be at Great Day Tours, 375 Treeworth Blvd., N. Royalton, Routes 77 and 82. For those living on the east side, the pick-up will be at Orr Ice Arena, Babbitt Road, Euclid, Ohio.

For more information, contact either Pauline Barbish at (440) 944-9139 or Martha Meglich at (440) 884-5043.

SNPJ top producers take awards for 2010

2010 TOP PRODUCERS
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with SNPJ in 2005 and has been doing business with Lodge 776 in the Borough of SNPJ, Pa. He was previously a leading sales representative for AAA Insurance, and has been one of SNPJ's best producers since join-

ing the Society. Bro. Perry is married to Carol, and they have three children and eight grandchildren.

Also deserving recognition are the agents who obtained the most new members. Exclusive producer Bro. Roger Evanish of Lodge 715 in Universal, Pa., led the Society with

44 new members during 2010. In the fraternal category, Bro. Frank Wright of Lodge 6 in Sygan, Pa., led with 11 new members in 2010.

Please be sure to congratulate these top producers and thank them for their hard work on behalf of SNPJ!

Up-and-Coming...

A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

- APRIL 10 Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87 free polka dance in the Crystal Ballroom; 2-7 p.m. Music by Ray Skovenski and Jim Rhoades. Kitchen will be open. For details contact Shirley Bailley at (724) 864-1606.
- APRIL 17 Heritage Center Spring Fling in the Alpine Room at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Contact Carol Sadar Maruszak at (440) 944-4229 for reservations or additional information.
- APRIL 24 Samsula, Fla., Lodge 603 Easter egg hunt and dinner at the Lodge 603 Hall; 12:30 p.m. For details contact Mary Ann Reichel at (386) 428-9570.
- APRIL 30-MAY 1 SNPJ 75th 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.
- APRIL 30 SNPJ 75th National Bowling Tournament dinner dance at Sunnybrook Lanes, Sterling Heights, Mich.; 8 p.m.-midnight. Music by Herb Schroeder & the Good Times. For information contact Marion Volpe at (536) 939-1593.
- MAY 21 Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 hosts the Don Wojtila Band at the Lodge 138 outdoor pavilion from 6-10 p.m.
- MAY 28 CAL Don Gorjup Golf Open at Rolling Green Golf Course, Huntsburg, Ohio. For details contact Rick Gorjup at (440) 354-5001 or (440) 773-3233.
- MAY 29 Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87 Spring Fling in the Crystal Ballroom; 2-7 p.m. Music by Silver Sky Duo. A buffet will be offered; tickets must be purchased in advance. For details contact Shirley Bailley at (724) 864-1606.
- MAY 30 The SNPJ Farm hosts Val's Memorial Day Picnic, 1:30-7:30 p.m. at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Music by the Del Sinchak Band and Don Wojtila Orchestra.
- JUNE 5 Orange Coast Lodge 786 wine tasting party and picnic at Wiens Family Cellars, Temecula, Calif.; noon-5 p.m. Music by Fontana Button Box Club members and others. For reservations phone Jean Koci at (949) 495-0097 or e-mail ajkoci@cox.net.
- JUNE 5 Westmoreland County (Pa.) Federation polka picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Music by the Frank Stanger and Jim Rhoades bands. For details contact Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- JUNE 12 Tony Mlinar Memorial Golf Outing, Milwaukee. For additional details contact Tony Mlinar at (414) 257-3385.
- JUNE 12 SNPJ Western Pa. Golf Tournament at Rolling Green Golf Course, Eighty Four, Pa.
- JUNE 12 Westmoreland County (Pa.) Federation presents Mikey Dee's Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Music by the Mikey Dee and Del Sinchak bands. For details contact Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- JUNE 14 V-Boj Lodge 53 bus trip to the Flight 93 Memorial and Quecreek Mine Rescue site. For additional information contact Martha Meglich at (440) 884-5043 or Pauline Barbish at (440) 944-9139.
- JUNE 19 Westmoreland County (Pa.) Federation presents Steve Novosel's Father's Day Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Music by the Don Wojtila and Dick Tady bands. For details phone Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- 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 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.
- JUNE 26 Western Pa. Slovene Federation annual picnic at the SNPJ Recreation Center, upper pavilion, 3-7 p.m. Music by Bob Turcola.
- JULY 2 Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 hosts Klančnik and Friends at the Lodge 138 outdoor pavilion from 6-10 p.m.
- JULY 3 Westmoreland County (Pa.) Federation presents Prime Time Polkas Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Music by Klančnik & Friends and Silver Sky Duo. For details contact Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- JULY 4 The SNPJ Farm hosts Val's Summer Dance, 1:30-7:30 p.m. at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Music by the Wayne Tomsic Band and Stan Blout & Friends.
- JULY 8-10 Slovenefest XXX and the 55th Miss SNPJ Pageant at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For additional information phone the Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.
- JULY 16 Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 annual Duck Race and family picnic.
- JULY 17-23 First Family Week at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For additional information phone the SNPJ Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.
- JULY 24-30 Second Family Week at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For additional information phone the Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.

Bring your basket to the Youth Circle 19 Easter egg hunt

by KAREN BRUMBAUGH (138)
Youth Circle 19 Director

STRABANE, Pa. — Calling all Youth Circle 19 members! The annual Easter egg hunt is scheduled Saturday, April 23, beginning at 3 p.m. Along with the hunt, there will be door prizes, lunch, treats and (don't forget!) a visit with the Easter Bunny. Bring a bag or basket and a camera to capture all the fun times!

Please RSVP by e-mailing me at circle19director@yahoo.com or phoning (724) 745-3412 by April 18 so we have enough treats for everyone in attendance.

Join the Jolly Allis Lodge for April meeting

by CHARLES KASSECKERT
Lodge 686 Secretary/Treasurer

WEST ALLIS, Wis. — Spring greetings to all members of Jolly Allis Lodge 686. I'm happy to report that at our February meeting, William Fisher was elected to represent our Lodge at the 2011 Young Adult Conference June 24-26 at the SNPJ Recreation Center.

The next Lodge 686 meeting will be held Friday, April 15, at 7 p.m. We will gather in the meeting room at Bevsek-Verbick Funeral Home. All members of Lodge 686 are encouraged and welcome to attend.

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

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DENISE HERRON
SNPJ Marketing Department



Security blanket

We've all seen the toddler who drags a security blanket around everywhere. Usually, this beat-up shred of material is tucked under an arm or draped over a shoulder so that it can be easily pressed against the cheek whenever an added dose of security is needed. The comfort of this favorite blanket provides priceless security to a toddler. Just ask the parents who will backtrack for miles or frantically tear the house apart looking for that lost blankie. But the magical protection that this blankie bestows is meant for just one little person. This same little angel will gladly share his toys or offer you the mushed cookies right out of his or her hand, but you'll have little luck wrangling that blankie from their grasp.

Security is a personal thing for toddlers, and maybe we should all heed that lesson. We spend most of our lives making sure our families are protected and secure, and often we forget about ourselves. We buy life insurance with our loved ones in mind, making sure the mortgage would still be paid and the children could still go to college if we were gone. Sometimes we think so much about everybody else's needs that we neglect to plan for our own.

Security Whole Life is a final expense life insurance plan that was designed specifically with the needs of individuals ages 40 to 85 in mind. Often at this age we realize that a little more life insurance will be needed to cover our funeral and final expenses, but many fear that it's too late to purchase coverage or that a health issue will exclude them. Security Whole Life offers relaxed underwriting, and the applicant will not be required to obtain a medical exam, a physical or an APS (attending physician's statement). The available face amounts range from \$2,000 to \$25,000, the perfect amount for those people wanting to be sure that their final expenses are covered.

We all deserve a little personal security blanket in life. Security Whole Life fills this need by offering a convenient, affordable life insurance plan that is easy to obtain. Contact your local agent, Lodge secretary or the Home Office at 1-800-843-7675 for details on our newest plan. It could be just what you need!

- **Thought for the Week**—Man's security comes from within himself.

Manly Hall



Slovenia approves over \$210,000 in aid to Japan

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Slovenia will donate more than \$210,000 in aid to Japan following the devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck the country March 11, Prime Minister Borut Pahor announced after a recent government session.

According to Pahor, Slovenia expects a decision from the EU on aid to Japan as well. He said Slovenia was in contact with Japanese authorities and was coordinating measures with the EU in Brussels. Slovenia's donation will be secured via the Slovenian Red Cross.

The government also addressed the subject of Slovenian citizens in Japan. Pahor said that Foreign Minister Samuel Zbogar informed the cabinet that all Slovenian citizens in Japan were safe. There were no plans to withdraw Slovenian diplomatic personnel from Japan; however, they might move from Tokyo to Osaka, the Prime Minister suggested.

Pahor also repeated the expert assessment that the nuclear accident in Japan did not and could not have any direct impact on Slovenia, so protective measures in Slovenia were unnecessary.

Also following the government session, the Foreign Ministry announced that a Slovenian company, XLAB, had offered its help to the Japanese as well. The company, which develops online business communication software, will offer its products to companies in Japan free of charge for a period of two months.

A new scholarship program on the horizon

LJUBLJANA (STA) — The Slovenian government adopted a new bill on scholarships in mid-March that excludes students under age 18 from the national scholarship program, while introducing three new scholarships and raising the bar for acquiring the Scholarship for Talented Students.

Apart from the existing National Scholarship for Students from Needy Families and Scholarship for Talented Students, the bill introduces three new scholarships: for Professions in Need of Workforce, for Slovenians Abroad, and an International Mobility Scholarship. "Under the bill, only secondary school and university students over age 18 who are no longer eligible for child benefits will receive state scholarships," Labour, Family and Social Affairs Minister Ivan Svetlik explained to the press following the government session.

Svetlik expressed the belief that fewer Scholarships for Talented Students will be awarded, as the bill will raise the standards for students attempting to obtain such scholarships.

A total of \$180 million has been earmarked in the national budget for scholarships in 2011, \$209 million for 2012.



Tomaz Lovše, said that "Slovenia is now entering a new period when it will have to build economic growth with an increase in foreign direct investment." According to Lovše, a main disadvantage in this area is that "Slovenia is losing credibility – on one hand it declares itself open to foreign direct investment, but when matters become more serious, we find plenty of obstacles and doubt."

Meteorologists predict changing weather pattern

LJUBLJANA (STA) — In late March, Slovenian meteorologists warned that Slovenia needs to prepare for extreme weather phenomena. The existing trends in climate change will continue; however, what is now extraordinary could become quite ordinary if weather conditions change.

Jože Roskar of the Slovenian Meteorological Society said that last year's average global temperature reached the second highest level in the past 150 years. He said that the existing trends would continue, as green house gases take a long time to disintegrate. Global warming may lead to sudden and irreversible changes in the climate system, according to Roskar.

As a result, the precipitation cycle is showing signs of change. Records show that the amount of autumn precipitation is increasing, while the amount of rain in the summer months is decreasing. Therefore, Slovenia may expect more dry spells.

Customs working with a tobacco detection dog

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Slovenian customs officers received their first tobacco detection dog. The dog, which has been trained to help stem the smuggling of tobacco, cigarettes and other tobacco products, will work throughout Slovenia, but will be stationed at Port Koper.

The two-year-old German short-haired pointer is the first dog trained for this purpose by the Slovenian Police Dog Training Department. The dog's handler is a Koper customs officer, the Slovenian Customs Administration reported. The customs administration currently has nine drug detection dogs and plans to invest in the purchase and training of a second tobacco detecting dog this year.

Belgian lindens mark Slovenia's independence

BRUSSELS, Belgium (STA) — A total of 20 linden trees were planted in Oetingen, Belgium, March 20 as the Slovenian Embassy in Belgium and the Sunbeams organization marked 20 years of Slovenian independence. One of the trees was planted by European Environment Commissioner Janez Potočnik.

Potočnik told the press that the planting marked two events – the 20th anniversary of the independence of Slovenia (one of Slovenia's national symbols is the linden tree), and the International Year of Forests, which is observed in 2011.

Lipizzaner deaths puzzle Lipica stud farm

LIPICA (STA) — In mid-March, the management of the Lipica stud farm confirmed that four of its famous white Lipizzaner horses died the first week of March from colic, a stomach condition, possibly as a result of poisoning.

Representatives of the Lipica stud farm, which deny any responsibility for the deaths, told the press that 12 horses at the stud farm had abdominal pain and showed signs of poisoning. Three of the horses had to be put down, while nine remained in intensive care.

A fourth stallion died in Ljubljana, where he was to perform as part of the spectacle marking the 40th anniversary of the Lipica riding school. As Lipica stud farm director Tomi Rumpf explained, various symptoms were involved in the two incidents. Rumpf said that everything was being done to discover the cause of the deaths. Management is concerned

by the events and rejected accusations that the horses had been exposed to too much stress.

Rumpf also said that such symptoms had appeared for the third time in the past 10 years, and that the horses always fell ill after major events, including after the visit by Queen Elizabeth II to Slovenia in 2008. "Similar incidents also happen at other stud farms around the world, but not over such a short period of time," Rumpf noted, adding that no potential reasons were being excluded and that the police had been included in the investigation.

The head of the Slovenian Veterinary Administration, Vida Cadonic Spelič, was also on hand, saying that the conditions at Lipica had been checked and that no irregularities had been found. "We have also contacted experts abroad. If we are unable to find a reason [for the deaths], we will send samples of the fodder and the horses abroad. We really want to get to the bottom of this," Cadonic Spelič said, explaining there was reason to suspect that somebody wanted to harm Lipica.

Eurobasket will play in Slovenia in Sept. 2013

VALLETTA, Malta (STA) — The European branch of the International Basketball Federation has confirmed the time frame of the 2013 European Basketball Championships, which will be played in Slovenia. The event will stretch from Sept. 4-22, 2013.

The dates were confirmed at a meeting of the IBA Europe executive committee March 20 from the proposal of the Slovenian Basketball Association (KZS). Eurobasket 2013, which was awarded to Slovenia last December, will feature 24 teams divided into four groups of six teams each.

The candidate cities to host the opening rounds, scheduled Sept. 4-9, include Celje, Jesenice, Koper, Maribor, Novo mesto and Ptuj. The Slovenian Basketball Association will select the four hosts in the beginning of April.

The second round of play, featuring two groups of six teams each, will be held Sept. 11-16 in the new Stožice Arena in Ljubljana, which will also host the quarterfinals, semifinals and the final match Sept. 18-22.

Most Slovenians browse the web for latest news

LJUBLJANA (STA) — The majority Slovenian Internet users (77 percent) between the ages of 10 and 75 use the web to access the latest news, followed by reading music and film reviews (68 percent) and researching travel information (60 percent), according to a survey presented in March. Contents related to sports, cosmetics, cars, food, health and pharmaceuticals attract at least 50 percent of Slovenia's Internet users.

Younger users, those between the ages of 10 and 25, are more interested in entertainment, primarily in films and music. Users in the 25-34 age group are most interested in information technology, while those between the ages of 35 and 44 focus on cars and food. Older Internet users primarily seek information on health and pharmaceuticals.

The survey was conducted for the Advertising Chamber of Slovenia and combined a continued measurement of web page visits, an online survey and a telephone survey.

Slovenian texting topped the billion mark in 2010

LJUBLJANA (STA) — The number of text messages sent via cell phones nearly doubled in Slovenia over the last two years and passed the one billion mark for the first time in 2010, the Statistics Office recently reported.

In 2010, Slovenian cell phone users sent 1.277 billion text messages. Multimedia messages (MMS) are also increasing in popularity, having surged by 34 percent in the last quarter of 2010 alone. An increase was also recorded in the number of cell phone subscribers, while the number of prepaid cell users dropped.

The total length of calls made on cell networks increased by over five percent compared to 2009, while the length of calls originating from land lines dropped by more than eight percent.

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CORRECTION

In the March 23 issue, the Women's All-Events prize listing for the SNPJ Winter Classic Bowling Tournament was incorrect. The corrected list appears below. PROSVETA apologizes for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

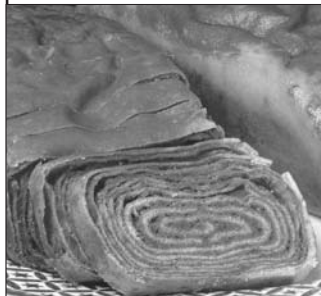
Women's All-Events

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Karen Maier	138	1,614	\$60
**Tammy Davis	138	2,247	\$60
Maria Cummings	6	2,084	\$40
Bethany Brooks	138	2,061	\$33
Beverly Bozicevich	6	2,056	\$28
Tammy Neubauer	6	2,050	\$24
Shannon Shultz	138	2,039	\$20

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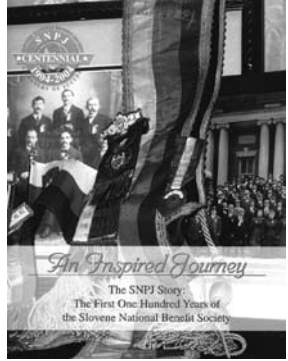
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Slovenska Stran

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Aprila bodo odprli prvi ekohostel v Sloveniji

HEADLINE: In April they will open the first ecological hostel

TOPIC: Toward the end of this month, the Munera Company from Križevci will open Slovenia's first ecological youth hostel in the completely renovated, almost 130-year-old Križevci post office building. This new, budget hostel received its title because the entire building is energy efficient. The hostel has 52 beds and three apartments, and there is a tavern in the old arched basement. Soon, a restaurant will open as well.

Proti koncu tega meseca bo križevski podjetje Munera v povsem obnovljeni, skoraj 130 let stari zgodovinski stavbi stare križevske pošte odprlo prvi slovenski mladinski ekohotel. Naziv eko so novemu nizkocenovnemu hotelu dodali zato, ker je vsa

zgradba energetske varčna. Ima pasivno-aktivno talno gretje in hlajenje, centralni sistem rekuperacije izmenjanega zraka in v njem samo po potrebi dodatno ogreva ali hladi vodo toplotna črpalka. Za ves sistem ogrevanja, hlajenja in prezračevanja tisoč kvadratnih metrov velike stavbe na leto porabijo le za 4000 evrov električne energije. V hotelu je 52 postelj in trije apartmaji v mansardi, v stari obokani kleti pa je že urejena gostilna, kjer bo tudi restavracija. Eden od dveh solastnikov novega hotela Marijan Frlin je povedal, da si bodo prizadevali predvsem širiti sloves Prlekije in Prekmurja, radi pa bi povezali čim več domačih ponudnikov storitev, kakovostnih vin, hrane in drugega. Hotel je že vključen v slovensko mrežo mladinskih hotelov pri Popotniškem združenju Slovenije.

DELO

Šiftarjeva fundacija povezuje Prekmurje in Slovensko Istro

HEADLINE: The Šiftar's foundations are connecting Prekmurje and the Slovenian Istria

TOPIC: The Šiftar Foundation Establishment, which deals with culture, science and research activities, most often connected with Prekmurje, would also like to contribute to a closer partnership among the Slovenian provinces. The foundation, which was established in memory of attorney Vanek Šiftar from Petanjci by Prekmurje municipalities and companies, cooperates well with the Slovenian Academy of Art and Sciences.

The foundation recently opened a scientific research station at which young researchers are working. In the range of "Jambori," the foundation's friendship and cooperation project, the Slovenian Istria will be introduced to Prekmurje this year.

"Our aim is that we Slovenians get to know one another much better and that we contribute to a better partnership among the Slovenian provinces. One of the themes that more and more Slovenians are interested in is environmental protection, and this month we will hold Ecological Days," said Ernest Ebenšpanger, the president of the foundation's administration.

Ustanova Šiftarjeva fundacija, ki se ukvarja s kulturo, znanstveno in raziskovalno dejavnostjo, najpogosteje povezana s Prekmurjem, bi rada prispevala tudi k tesnejšemu sodelovanju slovenskih pokrajin. Fundacija, ki jo je v spomin na pravnik Vaneta Šiftarja iz Petanjcev ustanovilo nekaj prekmurjskih občin in podjetij, zelo dobro sodeluje s Slovensko akademijo znanosti in umetnosti. Ta je na vrtu spominov v prostorih, ki so bili zgrajeni tudi s finančno pomočjo pomurskih

podjetij in ustanov, odprla raziskovalno-znanstveno postajo, v kateri delajo mladi raziskovalci. V okviru projekta fundacije jambori prijateljstva in sodelovanja se bo letos Prekmurcem predstavila slovenska Istria. Po besedah predsednika uprave fundacije Ernesta Ebenšpangerja predstavitev, ki bo prvi petek v maju v vrtcu spominov in tovarštva na Petanjcih, že pripravlja občina Piran. Na lanski prireditvi so se Prekmurcem uspešno predstavili Belokranjci. "Naš cilj je, da se Slovenci bolje spoznamo in da prispevamo k boljšemu sodelovanju med slovenskimi pokrajinami. Ena od tem, ki zanima vedno več Slovencev, je varstvo narave, zato smo že marca v sodelovanju z Zvezo ekoloških gibanj Slovenije začeli ekološke dneve. Prva tema je bila varovana območja ob Muri, sledile bodo še z drugih območji države," je povedal Ebenšpanger.

DELO

Vinorodna dežela

HEADLINE: Wine-producing country

TOPIC: The wines from Goričko gained their international fame in former times. In 1840, Goričko wines were proclaimed in Vienna as the best wine of Central Europe.

For a few years Goričko wine was even supplied to the Vienna court; however, they didn't return the barrels, and for this reason wine producer Malačič from Kančevci decided to sue the Vienna court. Despite his argument that a cow is purchased with its skin and wine with a barrel, Malačič lost his case.

These days, the Lendava and Radgona-Kapelske vineyards, as well as the Ljutomer-Ormož wine district, are the pride of the country along the Mura River, where some of the best wines are produced according to a 150-year tradition, including chardonnay, sauvignon and the Radgona sparkling wine.

A day spent among the grape pickers is one of the most interesting experiences, and usually ends with good food and even better wine from one of the area's countless wine cellars.

Gorička vina so že nekaj

doživljala mednarodni sloves, saj je bilo že leta 1840 goričko vino na Dunaju razglašeno za najboljšo vino srednje Evrope.

Nekaj let so ga celo dobavljali dunajskemu dvoru, vendar le-ta ni vračal sodov, zato se je vinogradnik Malačič iz Kančevcev odločil, da bo dunajski dvor tožil. Čeprav se je slednji branil s trditvijo, da se krava kupuje s kožo in vino s sodi, je tožbo izgubil. Lendavske in Radgonsko-Kapelske gorice, Ljutomersko-Ormoško vinorodni okoliš ter gorički vinogradi so danes ponos dežele ob Muri, še posebno poleti, ko trtni listi lovijo tople sončne

žarke, in še bolj jeseni, ko se ob pesmi klopota vinska trta šibi pod težo od soka nabrekli grozdja, ki vsako leto v obliki mošta pričaka Martinovo in dá dan za tem izvrstna vina med katerimi se največkrat najdejo traminec, chardonnay, sauvignon, sivi pinot, janževce, rizling, da o radgonski penini z več kot 150-letno tradicijo sploh ne govorimo. Dan, preživet med obiralci grozdja, je eno od najzanimivejših doživetij, ki se ponavadi konča s kulinarim razvajanjem duha in telesa od dobrih hrani in še boljši pijači v eni od neštetihs vinskih kleti.

PREKMURSKI VESTNIK

Prvi evropsko-afriški program

HEADLINE: The first European-African program

TOPIC: The University in Nova Gorica has joined six universities from Europe and Africa to form an international studies program, the European Study Program of Migrations and Cultural Relations. This is the first European-African study program.

The agreement of mutual participation was recently signed in Germany at the seat of one of the participating universities by university representatives from the Sudan, Uganda, Germany, the Czech Republic, Norway and Nova Gorica. Last year the study pro-

gram, conducted under the Faculty for Humanities at the University of Nova Gorica, was included in the European Erasmus Mundus program to ensure participation, and the exchange of students and professors.

Professors from four European and three African universities will participate in the program. The first generation of students will begin their studies in the 2011-12 academic year.

The first semester will be organized at a university in Oldenburg, Germany, and for their second semester the students will travel to the university in Stavanger,

Norway. In their second year, the students will select modules related to independent research and their interests – such as human rights, democratic values, social networks and employment markets – and they will travel to the countries that offer these modules.

Univerza v Novi Gorici se je pridružila šestim univerzam iz Evrope in Afrike pri izvajanju mednarodnega študijskega programa druge stopnje evropski študijski program migracij in medkulturnih odnosov. To je prvi evropsko-afriški študijski program. Pogodbo o medsebojnem sodelovanju in izvedbi so na začetku tedna v Nemčiji na sedežu ene izmed

sodelujočih univerz podpisali predstavniki univerz iz Sudana, Ugande, Nemčije, Češke, Norveške in Nove Gorice.

Študijski program, ki ga izvajajo v okviru Fakultete za humanistiko Univerze v Novi Gorici, je bil lani uvrščen v evropski program sodelovanja in izmenjave študentov in profesorjev Erasmus Mundus. Pri izvedbi programa, ki mu je evropska komisija za šest let namenila 3,5 milijona evrov, bodo sodelovali profesorji iz omenjenih štirih evropskih in treh afriških univerz. Prva generacija študentov bo študij začela v študijskem letu 2011/12. Med 2000 študenti iz več kot sto držav sta se na ta študijski program

prijavila tudi dva Slovence, vendar se jima ni uspelo uvrstiti med trideset sprejetih študentov. Prvi semester bo organiziran na nemški univerzi v Oldenburgu, v drugem semestru pa bodo študentje potovali na univerzo v Stavangerju na Norveškem. V drugem letu študija si bodo študenti izbrali module glede na lastne raziskovalne interese in odpotovali v države, ki te module nudijo. Izrazito interdisciplinirani program se osredotoča na obravnavanje tematik in izzivov, s katerimi se soočajo tako države članice EU kot širše globalni svet: človekove pravice, ekonomski vrednote, socialna država in trg dela.

DELO

ČAS - "Učim se, učiš se, uči se, učimo se, učite se, učijo se. Kakšen čas je to?" vpraša učiteljica Petra. "Izgubljen čas, učiteljica."

STRAŠILO - Neki velik kmet se hvali pred drugim: "Zdaj sem postavil na polje tako dobro ptičje strašilo, da se noben ptič ne upa priti v bližino mojih njiv." - "Nič posebnega," odvrne drugi, "jaz imam na polju tako imenitno ptičje strašilo, da ptiči prinašajo nazaj, kar so prejšnje leto ukradli."

Bossman gre v Indianapolis

HEADLINE: Bossman goes to Indianapolis

TOPIC: Peter Bossman, the mayor of Piran, recently received Irene Shelton, the vice president of the Slovenian National Home in Indianapolis.

On behalf of the mayor of Indianapolis, Shelton extended an official invitation for Bossman to attend the 10th anniversary of their brotherhood and the 20th anniversary of Slovenian independence in Indianapo-

lis, where a large group of American-Slovenians (roughly 25,000, mainly the descendants of miners who came to America) live and work. The mayor accepted the invitation with pleasure.

Piranski župan Peter Bossman je pred dnevi sprejel podpredsednico slovenskega narodnega doma v Indianapolisu (zvezna država Indiana, ZDA) Ireno Shelton, ki mu je v imenu župana Indianapolisu predala uradno vabilo ob 10. obletnici

pobratnja in 20. obletnici samostojnosti Slovenije v Indianapolis, kjer živi in dela večja skupina ameriških Slovencev (25.000 je potomcev predvsem rudarjev, ki so prišli v ZDA). Župan je vabilo v ZDA z

veseljem sprejel. Mesti sta se leta 2001 pobratili, pozneje pa sta razvili številne kulturne, izobraževalne in gospodarske povezave, ki jih bodo skušali po desetih letih še poglobiti.

DELO

SOVRAŽNIK - "Sovražniku morate vztrajno gledati naravnost v oči," poučuje častnik mlade vojake. Čez nekaj časa pravi: "Ej, ti, Milinar, kaj pa tako buljiš vame?!"

POLICAJ - "Sestavil sem puzzle v enem tednu," se pohvali policaj. "No, in kaj?" reče drugi. "Sem genij, na škatli piše: od 4 do 5 let."

Prvi letošnji pomor čebel

HEADLINE: This year's first bee kill

TOPIC: In March, apiarist Janko Pislak from Apače near Kidričevo, the owner of the largest bee colony in Slovenia, experienced a surprise that he could never image throughout his long apiary practice. In Brezje near Oplotnica, not far from Slovenska Bistrica, he found that all of the bees in his beehive had died. Not one of the two million bees survived.

According to Pislak, this was an intentional destruction of his beehives, and he believes that a laboratory analysis will determine what caused the death of his bees. Pislak is certain that this was the work of vandals, and only an apary expert could do this since the bees were probably sprayed with a poison. He estimated that he suffered at least \$43,000 in damages, but the total will probably be much higher.

Many beekeepers from the Maribor area came to see the hives, and they all believe that there is at least \$100,000 in damages. They will probably also have to destroy close to three tons of honey.

The Pislaks are the largest beekeepers in Slovenia, as well as in this part of Europe. They have 2,550 bee families in their beehives, and if there are close to 30,000 bees in each family, altogether they have almost 80 million bees.

Največji slovenski čebelar Janko Pislak iz Apače pri Kidričevem je v mesecu marcu doživel presenečenje, o kakršnem v svoji dolgoletni čebelarški praksi ni mogel niti sanjati. V Brezju pri Oplotnici, nedaleč od Slovenske Bistrice, je bil njegov čebelnjak z 69 čebeljimi družinami povsem mrtev. Poginule čebele so ležale povsod pred čebelnjakom, na vstopnih policah v panje in tudi v panjih. Preživela ni nobena od približno dveh milijonov. Na tistem območju ima sicer štiri čebelnjake in tudi v drugem so bile pomorne prav vse čebelje družine. Preostala dva, ki sta nekoliko bolj oddaljena, sta povsem zdrava.

Po odkritju je Janko Pislak poklical policijo, čebelnjaka si je ogledala tudi veterinarska inšpekcija območnega urada v Mariboru. Kot so povedali Pislakovi, so inšpektorji izključili možnost kužne bolezni pri čebelah. To ugotovitev je potrdili tudi Matjaž Emeršič z Vursa v Ljubljani.

Po besedah Janka Pislaka gre za načrtno uničenje čebelnjakov, ki sta v dveh različnih lokacijah, oddaljenih več kilometrov. Pomorenih je 139 čebeljih družin, vzrok uničenja pa bodo lahko ugotovili le z laboratorijsko preiskavo.

Kraj pomora so si naslednji dan še enkrat ogledali policisti skupaj z gospodarjem Jankom Pislakom. Veterinarska inšpekcija bo svoje vzorce analizirala, poleg tega bo sledila, ali je med s tega območja

neoporečen in primeren za uživanje. Janko Pislak pa sumi, da je njegova čebelnjaka nekdo namerno poškrpil s strupom. Nazadnje so ta čebelnjaka pregledali in oskrbeli pred desetimi dnevi, pozneje pa k njima ni nihče hodil.

Janko Pislak je prepričan, da gre za vandalsko delo, ki ga je tako temeljito lahko opravil samo poznavalec čebelarstva. Ocenil je, da ima za dobrih 30.000 evrov škode, a bo ta verjetno še večja, ko bo sešel izpad medu, matičnega mlečka in tudi izguba dveh čebelnjakov.

Pliskavi imajo tod čebelnjake že dvajset let in v vsem tem času niso imeli nobenih težav. Prizorišče so si ogledali tudi številni čebelarji s širšega mariborskega območja in menili, da je škode za kakšnih 80.000 evrov, če bo moral Janko Pislak čebelnjaka urediti povsem na novo. Kot kaže bodo morali uničiti tudi okoli tri tone medu.

Ker sta na tem območju razviti sadjarstvo in poljedelstvo, bosta zaradi pomora kar močno prizadeti tudi te veji kmetijstva. Tako kot lastnik in številni drugi čebelarji pričakujejo, da bo kriminalistom uspelo najti povzročitelja tega zločina nad naravo. Pliskavi so sicer največji čebelarji na Slovenskem in tudi v tem delu Evrope. V svojih čebelnjakih imajo kar 2550 čebeljih družin, in če je vsaki kakšnih 30.000 čebel, jih je skupaj že skoraj 80 milijonov.

DELO

The Ethnic Kitchen

WALNUT POTICA CAKE

1 cup butter
½ cup milk
¼ cup warm water
2 packages dry yeast
3 eggs, separated
2½ cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon salt
¼ cup sugar
2½ cups chopped walnuts
1¼ teaspoons cinnamon
3 tablespoons sugar
½ cup chopped dates
¾ cup milk
½ stick butter (oleo)
1 cup sugar, beaten with egg whites

Heat butter and milk (first two ingredients listed) together until butter is melted. Cool to lukewarm. In a separate bowl, dissolve yeast and ¼ cup warm water, and beat in egg yolks. Fold in cooled milk mixture. Sift in flour, salt, and ¼ cup sugar. Beat until smooth and creamy in color. At this point, refrigerate overnight. The next day, grind walnuts and dates, and mix in cinnamon, 3 tablespoons sugar and milk in a saucepan and cook over low heat. Cook about 10 minutes. When mixture thickens, remove from heat and cool. Beat egg whites until stiff (a glass bowl works best). Add 1 cup sugar. Fold this mixture into the cooled walnut mixture. Remove dough from refrigerator and cut into two parts. Dust a cloth with flour for rolling out dough. Roll out each part of the dough into a circle 18 x 20 inches. Spread filling evenly over circle and roll up, jelly-roll style. Start at one end and roll until you meet the other end. Place the rolls in a greased bundt pan. Let rise in the pan for approximately 45 minutes. Bake at 325° for 1 hour.

SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center Cookbook For The Ages

ANNOUNCE IT

Lodge 721 member named DISL in D.C.

ALIQUIPPA, Pa. — Bro. Allen Raub, a member of Aliquippa Lodge 721, was selected as a Defense Intelligence Senior Leader (DISL) in November 2010. He was formally promoted Jan. 17 at a ceremony in the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.



Lodge 721 member Bro. ALLEN RAUB was formally promoted as a DISL during a Jan. 17 ceremony at the Pentagon.

As a DISL, Allen holds the civilian equivalent to a one-star general. He serves as the senior advisor to the Director of Resource Integration in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence for the Department of the Army at the Pentagon.

Bro. Raub received a bachelor's degree in industrial management in 1968 from Gannon University in Erie, Pa., where he was also a graduate of the ROTC program. He holds a master's degree in urban studies and public administration from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. After serving 28 years as a career officer, the Vietnam veteran retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel. Following his retirement from the Army in 1968, he began working for the Department of Army as a civilian in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence.

During his over 40-year career as an active duty soldier and Army civilian, Bro. Raub has received numerous awards and decorations. Among his military awards are the Legion of Merit (2OLC), Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. His civilian awards include the Commander's Award for Civilian Service, the Superior Civilian Service Award and the Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

Allen was born and raised in Aliquippa, the son of the late Louis and Elizabeth Raub (721) and the brother of Nancy Koutoulakis (721). He and his wife, Charlotte (Pilotti) Raub, presently reside in Virginia. Their son, Phillip, resides with his family in California where he is the Director of Retail Marketing for Nintendo of North America. All members of his family belong to Lodge 721.

Head to Detroit for a memorable 75th National Bowl

by KEN ANDERSON
Lodge 677 President

DETROIT — By the time this article is published, all entries and ads for the 75th SNPJ National Bowling Tournament will be in to our hard-working committee. The committee has put in many hours preparing the booklet and bowling schedule. Not to be forgotten are the special gifts which will be distributed to all bowlers that still must be prepared for distribution during the tournament weekend.

Based on the current *PROSVETA* print schedule, all bowlers may not receive their newspaper in time; however, the tournament schedule and entries will be available online at www.sn timer.org prior to

the tournament.

SNPJ Lodges 564 and 677, co-hosts of the first SNPJ National Bowling Tournament, welcome you to this, the 75th SNPJ National Bowling Tournament being held in Sterling Heights, Mich. We are proud to continue this great tradition, and promise each and every attendee a weekend of great SNPJ fraternalism.

All activities, bowling, dancing and, of course, quality refreshments are planned at Sunnybrook Lanes. Sunnybrook has granted us the use of their hall which overlooks their beautiful 27-hole golf course.

On Friday evening, the hall will open at 7 p.m. for a welcome party that will

start at 8 p.m. We will enjoy an evening of music and karaoke; all button box players are invited to round out the entertainment. There will be no cost for the Friday entertainment.

For our Saturday dance, scheduled from 8 p.m. until midnight, we will enjoy the music of the Herb Schroeder Good Times Band featuring Ed Adamic, a member of Lodge 564. Ed has performed throughout SNPJland, as well as in Slovenia.

The Lodges have planned a great weekend of fraternalism and entertainment, so please join us as we celebrate this memorable SNPJ event. There will be no cost for bowlers; however, a minimal fee of \$5 will be charged for all others.

Milwaukee golfers, get ready for the Tony Mlinar Memorial outing

by TONY MLINAR JR.
Lodge 584

MILWAUKEE — The 2011 Tony Mlinar Sr. Memorial Golf Outing is set for Saturday, June 18, at the New Berlin Hills Golf Course. The course is located at 13175 W. Graham St., New Berlin, WI 53151. The phone number is (262) 780-5200. Early interest makes the look of this year's tournament to be a success.

This year we will continue with the 7:30 a.m. shotgun start, which proved to go over well in years past. We will once again be using a scramble format for all entries. Lunch will be served between the ninth and 10th holes. Golfers will compete for skill awards in the longest drive, closest to the pin and

longest putt competitions, as well as for low score in the men's, women's and mixed foursomes divisions — plus other prizes.

Each golfer will receive two tickets for beverages on the course. To end the day at the course, door prizes and awards will be distributed to the lucky golfers.

The cost for this year's event will be \$55 per golfer. Due to early interest, we suggest that you get your entries in early. All entries and fees are due by June 1. More information will follow in future *PROSVETA* issues. Mark the date on your calendars!

For additional information phone Tony Mlinar Jr. at (414) 645-2050 during the day, or at (414) 257-3385 in the evening and leave a message.

Sygan Lodge 6 bursting with spring events in the coming weeks

by FRANK WRIGHT
Lodge 6

SYGAN, Pa. — Hello, Brothers and Sisters of Lodge 6. There are several upcoming events taking place at Lodge 6 you'll want to mark on your calendar.

Bar bingo will be played Wednesday, April 6, 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. We'll play 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.

Saturday, April 9, is Dylan's Quest for the Cure Benefit Dance. The Mansfield 5 and the Eddie Rodick Band will be performing in the Sunshine Room. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the bands will start at 7. Admission is \$10 per person. Please phone (412) 889-6780 to purchase your ticket. Food will be available for purchase.

A nine-pin no-tap singles bowling tournament is planned Sunday, April 10, with shifts beginning at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Be sure to see Bob or Margie Wasky to register; no walk-ins, please. Entries are \$21 per person, per shift and must be paid at registration.

Also on Sunday, April 10, Prime Time Polka will be hosting a benefit dance with the Eddie Rodick and Johnny Koenig bands. The doors to the Sunshine Room will open at 1 p.m. and the bands will perform from

2 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 and can be paid at the door.

Tuesday, April 12, is the date of the Lodge and club meeting. The Lodge meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sunshine Room.

The Lodge 6 youth Easter party will be held Saturday, April 23. The doors will open at 1 p.m. Please RSVP by April 22 via the Lodge 6 Facebook page, by e-mailing circle36@comcast.net, or by calling or texting Ruth Wright at (412) 370-1726.

Join SNPJ Region 2 Vice President Jim Curl for a day of fun and bowling at the Sygan Lodge 6 lanes Sunday, May 15. Two shifts of bowling are planned, the first at 10 a.m. and the second at 2 p.m. The entry fee is \$21 per bowler and includes a tailgate party in the parking lot during the tournament. For an entry form or additional 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 events, log onto our web site, www.sygan.net. Click the "Special Events" or "Sunday Dance" tabs 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 timerpsj@sn timerpsj.com, or by contacting Jim Curl at (412) 257-4007 or jim@sygan.net.

Lodge 31 plans honors for longtime members

by BARB BOGOLIN
Lodge 31 Secretary/Treasurer

SHARON, Pa. — There are several SNPJ Lodge 31 members celebrating anniversaries this year. They are 50-year members Nancy Chomos, Irene Bicek, Patricia Mollick and Marilyn Leyschock; and 70-year member Anna Sensasak.

In addition to regular business, these members will be honored at the next Lodge 31 meeting, scheduled Thursday, April 7, at 5:15 p.m. at Hickory Grille, 1645 N. Hermitage Road, Hermitage, Pa. Please ask for the reservation under Barb Bogolin. Members will order from the menu, and those being honored will have their meals paid for by the Lodge.

If you have any questions, please call Lodge 31 Secretary/Treasurer Barb Bogolin at (724) 347-1197 before 10 p.m.

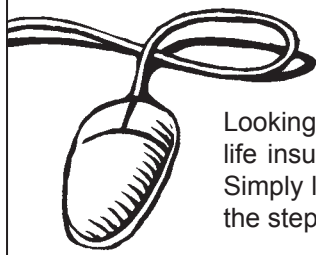
Hop on over to Lodge 106 for Easter fun

by KEVIN RICHARDS
Lodge 106

IMPERIAL, Pa. — The SNPJ Lodge 106 children's Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Lodge 106 Hall.

You can RSVP for your children by signing up in the Lodge 106 clubroom; contacting Youth Circle 106 Director Tracy Steele by phone at (412) 527-6771 or by e-mail at tl329_2000@yahoo.com; or by visiting the youth page on our web site, www.sn timerimperialpa.com. Click the "E-mail Me" button under the picture. Please RSVP by April 16; your RSVP is important as we plan for this annual event.

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- 2nd or 6th President
- Priestly vestment
- Kill, as in a dragon
- Shot at the dentist's office
- *Capricorn, the ___ goat
- A simulated semblance
- Make free from sin or guilt
- Opposite of pro
- Cock-a-leekie soup ingredient, pl.
- *Castor and Pollux
- *April/May zodiac
- *___ of Aquarius
- Diamonds or hearts, e.g.
- ___ of Sam
- Greek goddess of youth and spring
- Sends money in payment
- Tehran is its capital
- Pub arrow
- Distinct segment of a market
- Adhesive substance
- Indifference gesture
- Capital of Ukraine
- Rudolph's home pole?
- Another spelling for "taboo"
- Or ___, threatening
- Expectorated matter
- Tamping tool
- Japanese monetary unit

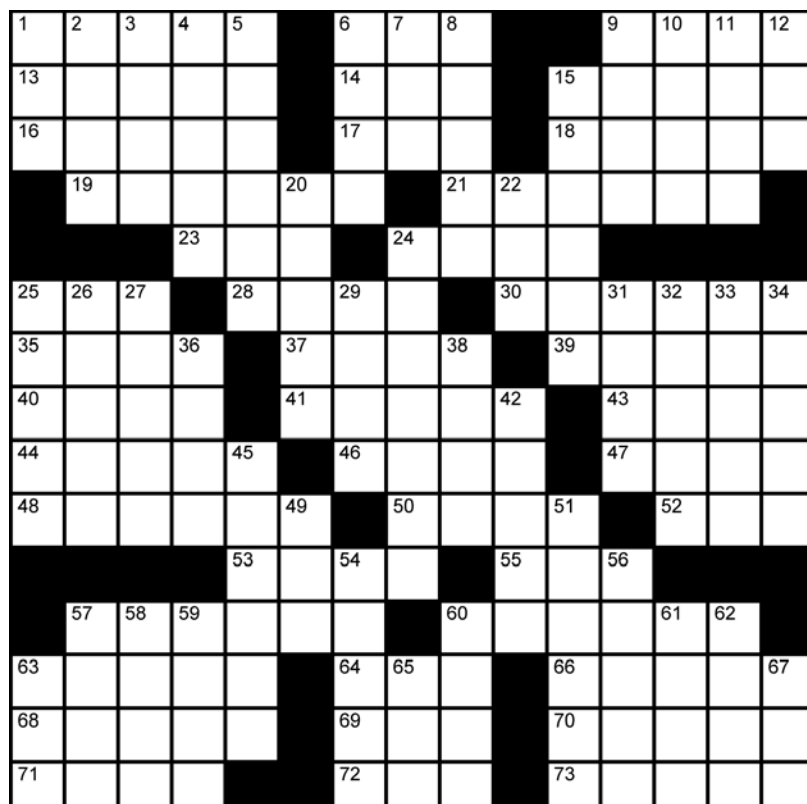
- Moderate or restrain
- Trash container, e.g.
- *Celestial crab
- Artwork of many pieces
- Roman Catholic Church's central administration
- Roth ___
- Pressed beverage
- Chubby
- Neither here ___ there
- Deteriorate
- Contributions to the poor
- 1/6th inch in printing, pl.
- Infamous for witch hunt

DOWN

- One of a range in Europe
- Douglas to his buddies?
- Often sold by the 40
- Molten rock inside earth's crust
- Oh what fun to ride in it!
- American Society for Clinical Investigation
- *Hercules' victim
- African language
- Wooer
- "In ___ of"
- Inquires
- Word that expresses a nod
- Gives cohesiveness to dough
- As opposed to wants

- Broadcasting medium
- Make saw-toothed
- *Capricorn & Sagittarius, e.g.
- The fourth or lowest deck
- Small island in central Pacific
- Unit of money in Thailand
- Michael to his friends?
- In a cold manner
- Not those
- *Number of classical astrological planets
- What's left after deductions
- Lowest brass wind instrument
- Southern soup
- Wheel cover
- Legendary West
- *Born under the sign of fishes
- Trinity or triad
- Nigerian monetary unit
- Look for and gather
- Starch from cuckoopint root
- Archaic word for steals or pilfers
- *Named after Roman god of war
- "White Wedding" singer
- Surrender
- Financial person
- Read-only storage
- Dreaming stage of sleep

The solution to puzzle #0711 will run in the April 20 issue.



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Badger Jabber

By BOB SMOLE
Lodge 584

MILWAUKEE — The regular monthly SNPJ Badger Lodge 584 meeting found all officers present as President Tim Donovan called the session to order. The minutes were read and approved, as were the secretary/treasurer's reports.

Sis. Mary Donovan reported that she received the anticipated winnings for the Super Bowl wager from Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 which were placed in an offering manner before a group of Badger Lodge members and included: one case of Duquesne beer; one case IC Light beer; one Terrible Towel (dry, not soaked with tears); two bags of Pittsburgh Pretzels; one bottle Heinz ketchup; one bottle Heinz mustard; five pounds of Bro. Ray Chappel's (delicious) Slovenian klobase; and a copy of the Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* newspaper (reporting the Steelers loss).

The Green Bay Packers were the victors over the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XLV, 31-25. A picture, as required in the wager, of the Badger Lodge accepting and enjoying the fruits of victory accompanies this column.

This was a friendly fraternal wager that was kind-of carried from years ago when the Green Bay Packers and the Pittsburgh Steelers faced each other. Only back in 1998, the outcome was different and the Steelers claimed victory. We all enjoyed the lunch and the social that followed our meeting, thanks to Lodge 106 and the goodies they sent, so I'd better thank the Green Bay Packers as well for winning the game in order for us to receive these goodies.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, the Badger Lodge did recognize, with song, the birthdays of Sisters Fan Smole, Bernice Poklar and Toni Needham. The attendance award winners were Brothers Sal Sanicola and Rudy Papa. The meeting was adjourned and the victory party began. In recognition of St. Patrick's Day there were many desserts, all of a festive green color, added to the table of delicious selections.

This is one last reminder to join us Saturday, April 16, at Riviera Lanes, 8500 W. Greenfield Ave., and be part of the festivities linked to the Fun-O-Leers annual nine-pin bowling social. Though the lanes are filled, you can still come and enjoy the fun with us.

We would like to see you there starting at 11:30 a.m.

All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce, coffee, milk and juice are available at the annual West Allis West Lions Club pancake breakfast which will be served Sunday, May 1, from 8 a.m. until noon. This is an annual fund-raising event hosted by the West Allis West Lions Club and held at Mary Queen of Heaven Hall, 2350 S. 106th. A \$6 donation will get you through the door with a plate to start enjoying this all-you-can-eat breakfast. In between pancakes you will have the opportunity to participate in various games of chance to win some prizes, as well as enjoy the popular Wisconsin pull-tabs that will be available.

This is one of our events held during the course of the year to raise monies for the various charities that the Lions Club supports. The Lions Club International (LCI) is a national organization that is committed in assisting the sight-impaired. This is also a community oriented group, so much of the funds raised will stay right here in this community to assist local individuals in need. Come out to support the West Allis West Lions Club and enjoy the delicious pancake breakfast. Let the West Allis West Lions serve you, and you can be doing your part to help some local people in need.

With your stomach full of pancakes, you need to keep moving or you will fall asleep. Head on over to the Schwabenhof, 148 W. Silver Spring in Menomonee Fall, Wis., for the 2011 annual Spring Benefit Dance hosted by the Polka Parade Pals and radio station WJYI 1340 AM. This annual fund-raiser gathers donations for use with "on-air" costs. The benefit starts at 12:30 p.m. and will continue until 7 p.m. with continuous music all afternoon from bands including the Jimmy Monsen Band, the Bob Breuer Band, the Kenny Brandt Band, Mike Schneider and his band, and the Ferd Bechel Reunion Band.

This great lineup of good local bands will surely get you out on the dance floor. Food and drink will be available for purchase all day long. There is plenty of free parking as well. Admission is \$11 for non-members, \$10 for members of the Polka Boosters, Wisconsin Polka Hall of Fame and Milwaukee Accordion Club. Polka Parade Pals members will pay a \$9 admission.

Stop by to enjoy the afternoon, and register to become a Polka Parade Pal while you're there. Just phone Dick Blaha at (414) 257-1340 for

more information. All funds raised are used to keep this programming on the air each Saturday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The first week in June is usually when the Milwaukee Balina League starts its 2011 season. Bro. Stan and Sis. Shirley Vidmar (764) have been handling the league for many years, and will be doing so again this year. They are looking for players, so if you are interested in playing balina or if you are returning for another year, give them a call at (414) 541-9143.

As I mentioned, the balina season usually starts the first week of June on a Monday evening. There are two shifts of play, depending on how many players sign up. The first shift starts at 6 p.m. and plays for 50 minutes, followed by the second shift. Last year there were eleven 11 teams in the league, so the season lasted until September. The league is fun for everyone, with an occasional flare of sportsman-like exuberance and enthusiastic expression. Come on out — if not to play, then to watch — to the West Allis Veteran Park on S. 70th and W. National Ave.

Under the shade of the "old oak trees" (minus the yellow ribbon), nestled in a beautiful park, is where the Lodge Picnic Committee has set the scene for the second annual Badger Lodge 584 picnic. Reserve the date of Sunday, July 24, on your 2011 calendars before you forget. The location is the same as last year, Root River Parkway, picnic area #1. We are going to have a "wingding" of a good time.

Have some ideas for this wingding? Share them with me at rsmole@wi.rr.com. Please type "Badger Picnic" or "Wingding" in the subject line. Lodge Picnic Committee members include Brothers Tim Donovan, Bob Smole and Jerry Wucinski, and Sis. Mary Donovan. SNPJ members from other Lodges are invited, at minimal cost, to join us that day as well. We will publish more details as they become available, so watch this column for updates.

Congratulations are in order for the following Milwaukee-area SNPJ members who have reached an SNPJ membership milestone: From Badger Lodge 584, Sis. Edith Kuehl reached her 80th anniversary, Sis. Hilda Terek attained her 70th anniversary and Sis. Carolyn Nagode achieved her 60th anniversary. From Jolly Allis Lodge 686, Sis. Katherine Raykovich celebrates her 50th anniversary with the SNPJ. Congratulations to all!

The next Badger Lodge regular

monthly meeting will be on the third Thursday in April, that being Thursday, April 21, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church Hall, 7929 W. Lincoln Ave. Although April Fool's Day has passed, this is no joke, so we are expecting to see you at this important meeting.

This would be a good opportunity for you to come up with some unique ideas for the summer picnic. Filling the hall would be wonderful and a pleasant surprise. How about it? A large pot of hot coffee is always ready, along with many items to nibble on, with all the various homemade desserts that are brought to enjoy.

For the past 54 years, SNPJ's young women have competed for the title of Miss SNPJ. Along with this honor comes the responsibility of representing SNPJ as the Society's "Ambassador of Good Will" during the year of her reign. Applications are now being accepted for this exciting and special three-day celebration.

I have heard there is a possibility of an entry coming from the Badger Lodge here in Milwaukee. I'm not certain, so I won't mention any names, but this is quite an activity for a young lady to become involved in. It can turn out to be a wonderful experience. I know the Badger Lodge will help with some of the expenses as well. The Miss SNPJ Pageant will take place during Slovenefest XXX the weekend of July 8-10 at the beautiful SNPJ Recreation Center. It is a

wonderful weekend filled with much fun. I encourage any one of our young ladies to take part.

Besides the cost of a gown and incidental money, the pageant costs nothing! Transportation to the event is paid for by SNPJ, as are lodging expenses and meals. Participation in the talent competition, while not required, is strongly encouraged. Talent doesn't necessarily mean proficiency on a musical instrument or singing ability. Award-winning talents have ranged from arts and crafts to poetry. Creativity is encouraged. Everybody has a talent!

Contestants must be single females between the ages of 17 and 25 by Dec. 31 of the year of the pageant, and an SNPJ member for at least three months. The young woman who is crowned Miss SNPJ wins a \$2,000 award; an official crown, banner and trophy; and the opportunity to travel and represent SNPJ at various functions. She will also be featured on the SNPJ calendar. The winner of the Miss Activity title will be awarded \$1,200, Miss Talent will win \$800, and Miss Fraternalism will be awarded \$150. All contestants will receive a \$50 participation award.

If you are interested in entering the Miss SNPJ Pageant, contact SNPJ Fraternal Director Kevin Richards by phoning the SNPJ Home Office at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mailing krichards@sn timer.com.



Keeping with our bet obligation, Badger Lodge 584 submits this photo to verify that we did receive and totally enjoy the triumphant celebration. The items on the table (except for Bro. Ray Chappel's Slovenian klobase that was cooking in the kitchen) were payment for a wager between Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 and Badger Lodge 584 resulting from Super Bowl XLV, when the Green Bay Packers beat the Pittsburgh Steelers, 31-25. Pictured are [bottom row, from left] MARGE and BRIAN ADOMAT, MARY DONOVAN, FAN SMOLE, TONI NEEDHAM, BERNICE POKLAR, ROSE CHEPEK and JOHN POKLAR; second row [from left] JEFF MLAKER, TIM DONOVAN, JERRY WUCINSKI, SAL SANICOLA (holding towel), RUDY PAPA, BOB ALPNER, and CAROLINE and DON ZILLES.

Strabane Lodge 138 winter balina just makes the season's deadline

by BOB LAWRENCE
Lodge 138 Secretary

STRABANE, Pa. — Balina? Did someone say let's play outdoor winter balina? I know! It was the middle of February in Pennsylvania. What about the snow out there? No problem. And the frigid temperatures? Not a problem. The sign-up sheet was filled with signatures of expectant players. It was perfect for outdoor balina. Well, almost...

The weather didn't exactly cooper-

ate with us this year. Snow wasn't the problem, and the temperature wasn't the problem either. It was the rain. You can't play on a soggy surface, so the game was rescheduled.

And guess what? You guessed it! It rained again... rats! Fortunately for us, our balina court is located next to our "Gostilna" so the evening wasn't a total loss. We'll try again another time.

Then it was March 19. The weather was mild and there was no snow, but

we only had one day to go; winter would be over in another day. So someone said "Let's play balina," and we did (me excluded). There was no need for fire barrels this year. No need for snow shovels either. But everyone had as much fun as ever. Better luck on the weather next year.

A new Region 2 event was established this year, the first Winter Classic Bowling Tournament weekend. Lodge 6 in Sygan, Pa., took care of the Friday activities and Strabane

Lodge 138 took care of the Saturday activities. Lodge 138 introduced the John Koenig Band to the area, and they did a great job. I'm sure those who attended the affair and were unsure of what to expect were pleasantly surprised.

Bowling was divided between the Sygan and Strabane lanes. It seemed to work out great. It looks like this event may catch on.

Right behind that event, Lodge 138 hosted our in-house bowling

tournament. In order to qualify for an in-house tournament, you must bowl in a league that uses our lanes. This tournament has been going on for as long as anyone can remember, and it appears that it will continue forever.

That takes care of the past; now for the future. Well... I'll take care of that later. I wish all of you out there in SNPJland good health, and I hope that we'll meet somewhere along the way.

Senior Corner

by CARL ZVANUT
Lodge 107

DEVON, Pa. — The Mike Stobbe article "Cost of drug preventing preterm labor to soar" in the March 10 *The Inquirer* talks about a price increase "from \$10 to \$20 per injection," shooting up to \$1,500 per dose. It was "made cheaply for years in special pharmacies that custom compound treatments not federally approved." The price went up after K-V Pharmaceutical got approval to exclusively sell the drug.

Pluses for exclusivity were a more consistent quality and ease in obtaining it. But the price increase had not been anticipated. There's extensive discussion on various methods of paying for the drug. "K-V Pharmaceutical Chief Executive Gregory J. Divis Jr. said the cost was justified to

avoid the mental and physical disabilities that can come with very premature births. The cost of care for a preemie is estimated at \$51,000 in the first year alone."

Most everything seems to be done these days in the do-it-yourself mode, such as doing all the shopping as well paying for it. A case of mine is ordering books of checks; it has gone from the bank doing most of the work some 30 years ago to me doing most of it today. Originally I'd walk into the bank, check a form and the bank would do the rest. In due time, my checks would show up, double checked for accuracy and nicely contained in sturdy boxes. I still use some of those boxes today.

Then came handling the order through the internet. To do that, I had to fill out a form online, then the checks would come along in due time. But this time the checks weren't boxed; they came in a large flat envelope with sheets of stiff paper for me

to fold separately to make the container and lid for boxing the checks. Later, the lid came hinged to the container.

Technology kept right on improving. Next came the automated voice on the phone asking me to select what I wanted to do. It was followed by instructions on how to do it, step by step, interspersed with "Let's try that again" often enough that it let me know what a terrible job I was doing. Eventually the voice gave me the option of starting over or speaking with a person. That was an easy decision. I talked with a representative until we agreed that this is today's definition of service.

Judging from the few boxes I now get compared to the several boxes I got in days past, checks seem to be going the way of the dodo bird. Although I may still have to figure out how follow directions from a voice, there won't be as much of a need for it.

Samsula Lodge 603 readies their annual Easter feast

LODGE 603 EASTER
FROM PAGE 1

Gold Coast Lodge 787, Boca Raton, Fla., who will transfer into Lodge 603 effective April 20. We sure hope you enjoy our many Lodge activities and that you will visit with us when you can. A special thanks to SNPJ National Secretary Karen Pintar for taking care of the membership transfers.

Pauline Lockwood and Bill Benedict did a splendid job co-chairing the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner dance at

our Lodge hall March 17. Hazel Sorenson, who is visiting from Northern Ireland, won the Irish jig contest and donated her winnings back to our Lodge. She danced the jig with Joe Benedict III and his son, Claybo. The music for the evening was provided by Bailey's Best.

Youth Circle 57 members sold desserts and baked goods, bringing in a generous profit for their treasury. They took a day trip to Wekiwa Falls in Florida March 18. They were accompanied by several

chaperones, including Circle Director Tonya Stein, Lodge 603 President Bill Benedict and his wife, Sheryl. They participated in some hiking, fishing and canoeing, and enjoyed a hot dog roast. Lodge members Marjorie Ferreira, Christie Pell and their children stayed to camp during the weekend.

Ruth Benedict and I cooked a corned beef and cabbage dinner March 18 for the SPARC group of Volusia County, Fla. There were more than 140 in attendance. Sue Reichel and

George Benedict assisted. The Samsula cabbage was donated by Huck Tomazin. Connie Benedict Massey served as chairwoman for the SPARC group, and members and friends of her family assisted with the dinner dance. The Lodge donated its facility for this worthwhile cause.

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News from Here & There

by GRACE DOERK
Lodge 559

CHICAGO — Now that we're back home again, the temperatures seem to be rising. But don't let that fool you. Who knows? There could still be freezing temperatures in the future; anything is possible.

I guess there is no rest for the wicked since Otto and I are on our regular merry-go-round again. First, we had to take care of medical issues, especially the fact that I will have to select a new doctor. That's not easy when you get used to seeing one doctor for years.

We are sorry to report that Frances Duff (559) passed away. Frances was a close friend of Emilie Matiasek (559), who also passed away recently. We are happy to hear that Chester Matiasek (559) has been feeling better. We also wish Corrine Leskovar (1) the very best on her upcoming surgery.

The friend I visited before leaving on vacation passed away while we were away from home. I am so happy that I made the decision to see her before we left for Florida. I will miss you very much, Alice Valek.

We were sorry to hear about the fall John Cretnik (559) suffered and wish him all the best in his recovery. Many adults suffer falls, and sometimes the consequences are very devastating. Did you know that falls are the leading cause of injury deaths, and the most common cause of injuries and hospital admissions for trauma for those over age 65? Falls can lead to long-term hospitalization, and even the loss of independence. According to osteoporosis statistics, although women are more at risk of suffering a traumatic injury during a fall, men over age 65 share the same risk for falling and overall injury as women.

SWU Branch 20 celebrated their St. Joseph Table with a dinner followed by a meeting. Branch 20 will honor Michael Vidmar (559) as their Man of the Year May 17 at St. Joseph's Hall in Joliet, Ill. We discussed the upcoming SWU national convention. I finally made my arrangements to attend the SWU convention in Milwaukee June 16-19. I'm looking forward to seeing many of my SNPJ friends in attendance.

Another day, another meeting; this time for the Women's Club in Joliet. This club is very generous in their support of seniors and veterans organizations. Many people ask me why I am involved in so many organizations, and I tell them that I enjoy them all, and sometimes I think I am making up for lost time. Do I sleep much at night? No; that's the time I spend on my computer. It's all in what you enjoy.

Pioneer Lodge 559 members enjoyed a trip to the Silver Lake Country Club where they saw Eddie Korosa Jr. & The Boys From

Illinois perform their Slovenian-style polka music. Michael Pleska and his unique style of entertainment added to the gaiety of the afternoon. Billed as "Amazing Mike," he entertained us with several novelty acts, which included playing the bells, playing two trumpets at one time, playing music with beer bottles, and playing a guitar with the instrument on his back – really incredible.

We missed attending Debbie Zefran Jerry's St. Patrick's Day lunch since the party was over by the time we returned from vacation. Thank you for the invitation anyway.

Even though Otto and I are involved in many local activities I still think of our vacation when we traveled 786 miles through Florida before boarding the ship for our Caribbean polka cruise. Making a get-away like that is certainly a comfort, especially after the long hard winter we have endured.

I'm sure many readers are shocked over the various issues and problems in our world today. The best emotions we can have right now are a profound sense of respect for these things we cannot control, along with an appreciation for the American spirit of generosity that has helped so many people and countries recover from the adversity they are facing.

Many SNPJ retirees attended the March 19 funeral services for Georgiana Krtous (8). Lodge 559 President Jean Cherway spoke of Georgiana's 30-year career at the SNPJ Home Office. Georgiana attended most of our SNPJ retiree luncheons. She was eulogized by many, and practically everyone mentioned her delicious chocolate cookies. We will all miss Georgiana.

If you really want to get in the Slovenian mood, you have to pay a visit to Daria Perse's (778) web site. I enjoyed all the reproductions of Ansambel Donucka. Keep up the good work, Daria. Her web site contains a variety of interesting material.

Upcoming dates to remember include April 8 for the Pioneer Lodge 559 meeting, April 12 for the SNPJ retirees luncheon at Mothers Day Restaurant, April 13 for the Slovene Retirees' Club meeting (everyone should bring a dish to share), April 10 for the monthly dinner at the Slovene Culture Center in Lemont, and April 17 for the Easter brunch at the Slovene Culture Center.

The Chicago Federation of SNPJ Lodges held their most recent meeting March 25. Talk about efficiency and dedication – SNPJ Regional 6 Vice President Tina Rigler (449), who had attended the SNPJ National Board meeting earlier that day, came straight from the airport to attend the Federation meeting.

President Ed Dabrowski presided over the meeting. Tina Rigler read the minutes, which included minutes of individual Lodges along with the minutes of the prior Federation meeting. Following Sis. Rigler, we heard a report from Financial Secretary Marianne Murray. Representatives of the four Lodges then delivered the reports of their recent meetings.

Preparations are underway for the Federa-

tion's Memorial Day services which will be held May 30 in the SNPJ section of Woodlawn Cemetery. The speakers have been selected, Vince Rigler (449) will play appropriate selections on accordion, and there is a possibility that some of the singers from the Lemont Chorus will perform. There is also a possibility of some youth involvement in the program.

Following the memorial services, those in attendance are invited to enjoy a family-style dinner at the Plaza Restaurant. Reservations can be made through Grace Doerk at (815) 439-3596 and the money must be collected before that date. The price of the meal will be addressed in a future column.

Since last year's Chicago Federation dinner dance was such a success, the Federation will again host a dinner dance Aug. 21 at the Slovenian Catholic Center in Lemont starting at noon. Tickets will be sent to each Lodge and will also be available through Federation Secretary Marianne Murray at (773) 582-2632. The ticket price will be \$9 for food only; liquid refreshments will be purchased separately.

The afternoon entertainment will feature Federation Vice President Vince Rigler. Miss SNPJ 2012 will be invited to attend, and a 50/50 drawing is planned. We also welcome any prize donations. The Federation will invite Wisconsin SNPJ members.

Future plans may be made for a bowling tournament in the fall. As you can see, the Chicago Federation is planning a busy year, and we're hoping to boost the involvement of SNPJ members in our area.

Tina Rigler concluded the meeting with a brief synopsis of the March 25 SNPJ National Board meeting held at the Home Office in Imperial, Pa.

Just recently I attended a seminar which addressed the inevitable aging process. How we age is another story, and that determines the quality of our lives. Studies show that feeling good and having a positive attitude is associated with good health.

Positive emotions can be a powerful antidote to stress, pain and illness. Happier people take a proactive approach to aging by exercising regularly, making time for a good night's sleep, eating healthy foods and regularly seeing their doctor. An optimistic outlook also helps combat stress – a known risk factor for many diseases. Positive people have lower levels of chemicals associated with inflammation related to stress. By adopting a positive attitude, people may even be able to undo some of the physical damage caused by stress.

With that, I leave you with suggestions on how you can improve your outlook on life. Banish those negative thoughts as soon as they begin, exercise regularly (which includes walking), encourage others to turn their lives around, and remember to surround yourself with positive people and distance yourself from negativity.



During their first meeting of the new year, Cicero Neighbors Lodge 449 members enjoyed a few games of card bingo to launch 2011 activities.

Cicero Neighbors ready for a new year of activity

by TINA RIGLER
Lodge 449 Secretary/Treasurer

CICERO, Ill. — Cicero Neighbors Lodge 449 members held their first meeting of 2011 on Feb. 26. The auditors met before the meeting to complete their audit for 2010. During the meeting, Secretary Tina Rigler reported on all Home Office correspondence received since the last meeting held in November.

Secretary Rigler announced that there were nine youth members in attendance at the Chicago District Federation Christmas party held in December. It was approved by the membership to send a donation to the SNPJ Scholarship Fund. Justin Rigler and Meredith Maresh were nominated to attend the Young Adult Conference; both had previously attended the TEL Workshop and are looking forward to this opportunity to represent our Lodge.

It was also reported that Lodge 449 once again attained Gold Star status in the 2010 SNPJ Star Lodge Bonus Program. We're hoping to reach that level again this year.

Edward Dabrowski reported on the annual Chicago District Federation meeting held in January. The Federation hopes to once again host a dinner dance in August and was planning to discuss this activity further at their March 25 meeting.

After the meeting, both adult and youth members enjoyed playing card bingo. Everyone brought a wrapped gift to pick from as a winning prize.

The next scheduled Lodge 449 meeting will be held May 21 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Secretary Rigler, 1116 Berkley Lane, Lemont. Call (630) 257-5051 for directions.

Put some spring in your step at the SNPJ Heritage Center

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"SNPJ Heritage Center" to Carol Sadar Maruszak, 2151 Larchmont Dr., Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure include your phone number. Ticket requests are being received, so get your tickets soon!

The Heritage Center museum and gift shop will be open. Self-guided tours are encouraged. This is a great opportunity for Youth Circles and Lodges to take a field trip to the Heritage Center to become acquainted with the museum and browse the gift shop. This can be an educational experience that promotes fraternalism and SNPJ activity.

Be sure to visit the gift shop. Selected T-shirts will be \$5, and while you're there, stock up on those necessary cooking and baking items. Take 10 percent off your entire purchase. These special incentives are available April 17 only!

Hey, Clevelanders! Cookbooks are available for purchase at Raddell's Sausage Shop, 478 East 152nd, Cleveland. Raddell's is the winner of the Polka Hall of Fame People's Choice Award from 2006 to 2009, and was voted the Best of Sausage Fest in 2006 and 2007. Check out their web site, www.Raddellssausage.com. Thank you to Ed Oshaben and Kathy Loudon for assisting the Heritage Center with this great outlet! It is appreciated.

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



The Spring Hill, Fla., Lodge 778 kitchen crew worked hard to keep their guests happy and well-fed throughout the Florida SNPJ Days weekend.



Zack Cinnotto, Carley Spelich and Stephanie Schoeph participated in a cultural program attended by Lodge 2 member DELORES SPELICH and Dr. Alan Spelich.

New members join the Lodge 2 ranks

by DELORES SPELICH
Lodge 2 Secretary

LA SALLE, Ill. — Lodge 2 extends a great big welcome to our two new members, Molly and Logan Tipton. Molly and Logan have an older sister, Maggie, who is also a member of our Lodge. Our thanks to their great-grandparents and longtime SNPJ boosters, Eugene and Jan Jakse.

Lodge 2 anniversaries being celebrated this month include 50-year members Ken and Betty Knafelc, Jan Bly, Mary Ravnika and Jack Pencia; 60-year members Jean Lipinski and Loretta Winter; and 70-year members Bertha Herron and Anton Russ. Congratulations!

The Lodge 2 birthday celebrants for this month are Brian and Mary Bicknell, Lil Ceresio, Viv Yaklich, Robert Kavistic, Eleanor and Bill Kuhar, Sheron Murray, Diane Fornoff, Gail Jones, and Al Rodriguez.

How timely it was to read the Feb. 9 PROSVETA issue about accomplished American-Slovenian vocalist Anton Schubel and his niece, Pauline Bužan. That same week, we received three newly remastered CDs from the Polka

Hall of Fame: the Hoyer Trio, Anton Schubel, and the duet of Mary Udovich and Josephine Lausch. The recordings dated back to 1926 and the 1930s. We used to listen to the 78s on the wind-up Victrola at my Uncle Zavasnik's when I was growing up.

During our two weeks in the Sarasota, Fla., area we had excellent beach weather. We walked our four-mile hike every day in the wonderful warm sunshine. At the Spring Hill, Fla., Lodge 778 dance we enjoyed seeing so many of our friends. Bob Turcola's *čevapčiči* (tiny sausages) were delicious, as was the goulash. Nežka Novak, Eileen Harfmann, Grace Bouma and their crews in the bar and kitchen always do a tireless, wonderful job keeping us happy.

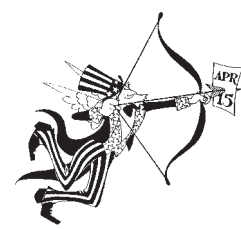
Alex Meixner drove in from a gig in Dallas, and it was great to visit with him again and enjoy dancing to his music. Lodge 778 member Kurt Harfmann sat in on drums. On stage, Alex is an exuberant performer in perpetual motion. He kept the folks dancing and entertained. He sang in nine languages and can play nine instruments. We hope to see many of our

Florida friends in July at Slovenefest.

Our local high school sponsored a Cultural Day, and we were pleasantly surprised to see five Slovene displays complete with ethnic foods to sample. Three of the students — Zack Cinnotto, Carley Spelich and Stephanie (Brate) Schoeph — have the same great-grandparents, Louis and Anna Gorden Spelich. Dr. Alan Spelich is the grandfather to Zack and Carley, and Stephanie is the granddaughter of Elmer's sister, Betty. Elmer and I are the great-uncle and great-aunt of the three students. He is the last of the seven Spelich children, and we live in the Spelich family home. It's hard to believe how fast time rushes by, as we are now two of the few senior Slovenians in a three-block area.

Best wishes are offered to our ailing members and shut-ins. The next Lodge 2 meeting will be held Monday, April 11, at 1 p.m. A potluck lunch will be held in honor of John Ravnika. Also, please mark our Monday, May 9, wine tasting on your calendar. It will be held at 1 p.m. at the Dickinson House.

Uncle Sam wants your money... and it's up to you whether you pay now or pay later.



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Fourth polka stop heads to Workmen's Home

by EDWARD GABROSEK (626)
Slovenian National Homes Federation

BARBERTON, Ohio — The fourth in a series of 10 Slovenian Polka Tour events will be held Saturday, April 9, at the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road in Cleveland, celebrating the homes' 85th anniversary. The event includes dinner and dancing to the music of the Don Wojtila Band.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling (216) 481-5378. The dinner is \$25 per person. Cocktails will be offered at 4 p.m. with dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Dancing will continue until 11 p.m.

"The Federation of Slovenian National Home's annual awards banquet, held March 19 and one of the 10 polka tour events in the 2011 Slovenian Polka Tour of Greater Cleveland, was a huge success," says Federation President Edward F. Gabrosek. "More than 500 people attended the event that included the recognition of nationally-recognized accordionist Joey Miskulin as Man of the Year and Agnes Turk as Woman of the Year. Agnes is a member of Naprej Lodge 5 in Cleveland."

More than 1,000 people have attended the first three polka events.

SNPJ fraternal sympathies

BRO. FRANK GRKMAN
• LODGE 117 •

YUKON, Pa. — The Grkman family and members of Lodge 117 sadly announce the Dec. 31, 2010, passing of Bro. Frank Grkman, 92, of Hunker, Pa., formerly of Wickliffe, Ohio, in Excelsa Health Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg, Pa.

Born Dec. 23, 1918, in Yukon, Bro. Grkman was a son of the late John and Mary Hobat Grkman. He was a 73-year member of SNPJ Lodge 117 and belonged to Seven Dolores Roman Catholic Church in Yukon.

Bro. Grkman was a World War II veteran, having served in the Army. He retired from Caterpillar Corp. in Ohio.



Bro. FRANK GRKMAN (117)

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Sophie Polantz Grkman; a sister, Mary Grkman; and three brothers, John, Tony and Louis Grkman. Surviving are his brother, Joseph (Elsie)

Grkman of Yukon, and several nieces and nephews.

A blessing service for Bro. Grkman was celebrated with Fr. Emil Payer officiating. Interment followed in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, Ohio.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 117 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our sympathies to Bro. Grkman's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

SIS. KATHERINE KO CJAN
• LODGE 643 •

GIRARD, Ohio — With sadness, the Kocjan family and members of Lodge 643 announce the Feb. 5, 2011, passing of Sis. Katherine "Katie" Kocjan, 95, of McKinley Heights, Ohio.

Sis. Kocjan was born Sept. 8, 1915, in Youngstown, Ohio, the eldest child of Michael and Mary Sennyk Brutka. She married Andrew Kocjan Sept. 4, 1937, and they shared 41 years together until his passing on Jan. 15, 1978.

Katherine was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, giving all her love to her family. A homemaker, she enjoyed traveling, bingo and playing cards with her sisters. She was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church and SNPJ Lodge 643, where she was voted Outstanding Adult Member of the Year in 2002. Katherine served as Youth Circle 7 co-director for many years. She was always a faithful Lodge member and rarely missed a meeting or function.

Sis. Kocjan was an excellent cook, and did her best to

promote the Slovenian heritage. Belonging to SNPJ was very important to Katherine, and she enrolled every family member into the Society. Two of her granddaughters were selected Miss SNPJ, Dr. Deirdre (Kocjan) Petrich in 1994 and Kandace Kocjan in 2001. Her great-granddaughter, Brittney Zemko, served as Miss SNPJ 2009.

Survivors include her twins, Kathleen Nail and Andrew (Kathleen) Kocjan; her grandchildren, Dr. Deirdre Petrich and Lesa Rae (James) Wood, whom she was blessed to raise, Jacqueline (Dean) Kimpel, William (Heather) Nail, Kathleen (Kurt) Seifert, Kandace Ann Kocjan and Andrew Kocjan; three great-grandchildren, Brittney Zemko, Kurt Seifert and Anastasia Wood; and her sisters and best friends, Rose Leskovec, Nettie Juvancic, Julia (James) Pryor, Minya (Carl) Demas and Dorothy Basilone.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, John and Raymond Brutka; and three sisters, Ann Miller, Tish Yourchisin and Julie Brutka.

Special thanks are extended to her physicians, Dr. Michael Ciletti, Dr. Terrance Kavanagh and Dr. Rostom, and the nursing staff at Briarfield at The Ridge, for their unending care and concern for our beloved Katie.

A funeral service was celebrated Feb. 8 at St. Rose Church.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 643 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer sincerest sympathies to Sis. Kocjan's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

BRO. ADAM J. FURIN
• LODGE 643 •

GIRARD, Ohio — The Furin family and members of Lodge 643 sadly announce the March 11, 2011, passing of Bro. Adam Joseph Furin, 83, at his residence in Girard.

Bro. Furin was born Dec. 2, 1927, in Campbell, Ohio. He retired in 1984 from Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. as an electrician in the coke plant. He then worked as a security guard for several different steel companies in the area.

Adam was serving as president of the SNPJ Eastern Ohio/Western Pennsylvania Federation and as recording secretary of Lodge 643 at the time of his passing. He was also a member of St. Rose Church and the Croatian Fraternal Union, St. George's Local No. 66.

Bro. Furin enjoyed playing sports and was on several leagues for golf, bowling and balina. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elsie J. Dezman, whom he married June 2, 1951; his sons, Daniel Furin and Michael (Tracie) Furin; and two grandchildren, Richard Adam Furin and Angela Michelle Furin. He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 643 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Bro. Furin's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

SIS. FRANCES DUFF
• LODGE 559 •

CHICAGO — With sadness, the Duff family and members of Lodge 559 announce the March 13, 2011, passing of Sis. Frances (Stoper) Duff, 92, at her home in Downer's Grove, Ill.

Sis. Duff was born Jan. 29, 1919, to Mary and Peter Stoper. She was raised in Chicago and graduated from Carter H. Harrison Technical High School in 1937.

On July 17, 1943, Frances exchanged wedding vows with Thomas Duff at St. Stephen's Church in Chicago. They were blessed with five children, 12



Sis. FRANCES DUFF (559)

grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was employed for 30 years at Marshall Field's, retiring in 1990. Her favorite pursuits were baking, trying new recipes, bingo and outings with friends. She also enjoyed traveling. Among her favorite trips were visits to Hawaii; San Diego; Bozeman, Mont.; and Nashua, N.H.

Sis. Duff was generous with her time and energy, and belonged to a variety of groups and organizations. She was an active member of SNPJ Lodge 559 for 73 years and a member St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church for 16 years.

All who knew Frances would agree that she was a sweet and kind lady. She had a strong work ethic, was pragmatic in her thoughts and acts, and constantly sought the means for self-improvement. She did her best to ensure that everyone she touched was given the chance to become a better person.

Sis. Duff was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Thomas M. Duff Sr. She is survived by her children, Thomas M. (Linda) Duff Jr., Tim (Bonnie) Duff, Susan (Joe) Soltis, Sharon (Bob) Wollenberg and Sandy (Mark) Webber; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were celebrated March 19 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Lisle, Ill. Interment followed in Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, Ill.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 559 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, deepest condolences are offered to Sis. Duff's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

In loving memory of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

MILDRED TRUSNOVIC BERNICK

Jan. 29, 1918 — April 11, 2010



Lifelong member of SNPJ

Member of Wolverines Lodge 677, Detroit

We will always remember you and love you forever.

Judie, Kellianne, Mark, Sue, Leigh, Vaughan, Douglas, Morgan and Alexander

2011 Miss SNPJ Pageant Official Entry Form

Entrants must be between the ages of 17-25 by Dec. 31, 2011, and an SNPJ member in good standing for at least 3 months.

NAME _____
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BIRTH DATE _____
POLICY NUMBER _____ LODGE _____
PARENTS' NAMES _____
GRANDPARENTS' NAMES _____
HOBBIES _____

I will compete in the Miss SNPJ talent competition

YES NO

Type of talent _____

(NOTE: Talent is not necessarily proficiency on a musical instrument or singing ability. Creativity is encouraged. Everybody has a talent.)

On a separate sheet of paper and in your own words, please describe any school honors you have received, and any organizations, clubs and activities you were involved with. Be sure to include specific SNPJ Youth Circle, Lodge or Federation activities.

Mail completed application, along with a clear, color photo, to:
Slovene National Benefit Society
Att'n: Fraternal Director
247 West Allegheny Road
Imperial, PA 15126-9774
Application Deadline: June 13, 2011

DEATHS REPORTED
For the weeks of March 1-15, 2011

LODGE	NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CITY/STATE
A02	John G. Eidmueller	01-23-11	Pittsburgh, Pa.
A02	Larry E. Daugherty	02-16-11	Pittsburgh, Pa.
A18	Robert Clark	02-07-11	Fombell, Pa.
3	Amelia M. Tegley	09-09-10	Pittsburgh, Pa.
87	Louis Drop	02-26-01	St. Cloud, Fla.
106	Matilda Yamnik	02-07-11	North Canton, Ohio
106	John Rozman Jr.	01-30-11	Coraopolis, Pa.
107	Venora A. Speck	02-18-09	Saint Louis, Mo.
138	Melvan Novak	12-18-10	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
142	Albert Volk	01-26-11	Willoughby, Ohio
158	Frances Linich	10-10-03	Cazenovia, N.Y.
289	Glenn S. Roseman	01-28-11	Johnstown, Pa.
371	Anthony J. Primozych	12-05-09	Bellevue, Wash.
566	Dolores A. Kerzisznik	02-11-11	Cleveland, Ohio
576	Mary Susel	02-01-11	Euclid, Ohio
617	Martin F. Strnisha	02-06-11	Washington, Pa.
643	Katherine Kocjan	02-05-11	Niles, Ohio
665	Dorothy Wightman	12-04-10	Pittsburgh, Pa.
689	Stanley P. Dolence	02-16-11	Rock Springs, Wyo.
715	George W. Sankovich	01-06-11	Lower Burrell, Pa.
729	Steve Grich	02-14-11	Donora, Pa.
749	Nicholas Berezonsky	02-11-08	Johnstown, Pa.
749	Sandra L. Widmar	02-27-11	Dilltown, Pa.

KAREN A. PINTAR
National Secretary

PROSVETA 2011 Publication Dates

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CAL Don Gorjup Open Golf Tournament
May 29, 2010
at Rolling Green Golf Course, Huntsburg, OH
9 a.m. Shotgun Start

Check Entry:
Men Ladies Youth

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The \$75 entry fee covers greens fees, cart, prizes, dinner, and sandwich and beverage at the turn. Youth entry fee is \$67.
Return this form, along with entry fees, to:
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Phone: (440) 354-5001 [H] or (440) 773-3233 [C]
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