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**briefly**

**Society sympathies for Lodge 358 secretary**

**IMPERIAL, Pa.**— The SNPJ Home Office has been notified of the Dec. 14, 2011, passing of Bro. Thomas F. Mercina, secretary of Lodge 358 in West Point, Ohio. On behalf of the entire Society, the members of the Executive Committee and Home Office staff extend their condolences to Bro. Mercina's family and friends on their loss. See page 8 for the complete obituary.

**Bring your valentine to Lodge 576 Feb. meeting**

**CLEVELAND** — Spartans Lodge 576 will hold their next meeting Monday, Feb. 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Waterloo Hall. Bring your special valentine along with you. Refreshments will be provided after the meeting. We hope to see you then.

**NANCY NOVAK**  
Lodge 576 Recording Secretary

**Lodge 33 has potluck dinner plans in February**

**AMBRIDGE, Pa.**— The next Reveliers Lodge 33 meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 19, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Lodge Secretary Chris Petukauskas. This will be a potluck dinner meeting, so please bring a covered dish to share. Be sure to call if you need directions.

**CHRIS PETUKAUSKAS**  
Lodge 33 Secretary/Treasurer

**Have you recommended a new member lately?**

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

**THE DEADLINE**

The next two PROSVETA issue dates are Feb. 22 and March 7. All material must be received by Monday, Feb. 13, for the Feb. 22 issue, and by Monday, Feb. 27, for the March 7 issue. If you are running short on time and concerned about making the deadline, send an e-mail to [prosveta@snpj.com](mailto:prosveta@snpj.com) or submit your material via the publications area of our web site, [www.snpj.org](http://www.snpj.org).

**SNPJ blog, new Facebook feature online**

Head to [snpj.org](http://snpj.org) for information, then join the conversation

by JOSEPH C. EVANISH  
SNPJ National President

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — SNPJ began its online presence with the introduction of its web site, [snpj.org](http://snpj.org), in 1997. The web site evolved over the years to its current new look that was introduced last July. We also have the following affiliated web sites:

[snpjrec.com](http://snpjrec.com) for the SNPJ Recreation Center, [snpjheritage.org](http://snpjheritage.org) for the SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center, and [alpineroom.com](http://alpineroom.com) for the beautiful banquet hall at the SNPJ Recreation Center.

Most certainly, we want to expand awareness of SNPJ and the legacy we've built for generations of strengthening families and communities through service, member benefits and solid financial protection, including excellent life insurance products and annuities. Today's Internet technologies go far beyond a traditional web

site and avail us to various ways for SNPJ to be discovered.

In recent years, social media has really exploded as a means to communicate online interactively. The number of people using social media today is really astounding. According to Forrester Research, in 2010 about 82 percent of Americans were using social media. This includes 97 percent of young adults age 18-24, which shows that virtually every child is growing up with social media. But

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**What a Way to End the Year!**

SNPJ Sales Director **BUD PALADINO** [left] assisted National President **JOSEPH C. EVANISH** as he drew the winning coupons in the SNPJ Recommender Program drawing for the \$100 fourth quarter prize of 2011 and the \$500 year-end prize. The 2011 fourth quarter prize went to Ken Lawrence, a member of Lodge 138 in Strabane, Pa. The lucky \$500 prize winner for the year was Terri Sutton, a member of Aliquippa, Pa., Lodge 721. The 2012 SNPJ Recommender Program is already well underway, so this is a good time to send in your recommender coupons for a shot at \$610 in prize money – \$10 for each valid referral, an entry in the quarterly drawing for a chance to win \$100, and an additional opportunity to win \$500 in the year-end drawing. See page 6 for the Recommender Program coupon or visit to the SNPJ web site, [www.snpj.org](http://www.snpj.org), to complete an online recommender form.

**SNPJ producers take honors**

Sales rankings noted for new members and volume produced in 2011

by BUD PALADINO  
SNPJ Sales Director

**IMPERIAL, Pa.**— New members have always been one of SNPJ's top priorities since the Society's future strength and stability depends on growing our membership. The three top new member producers within the Personal Producing General Agents category were Jamie

Evanish (first), Douglas Burdick (second) and John Perry (third).

Within the Exclusive Producers category, the top new member producers were Bob Lawrence (first), James Curl (second) and Linda Gorjup (third). The Fraternal Producers' leading new member producers were Stan Repos (first), Frank Wright (second), and a tie for third between John Micko, Marion Volpe and Donna Naugle.

Life insurance, of course, is the fundamental product that supports SNPJ, and sales of life insurance products are essential to our Society's

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**Details of the recent Lodge 679 merger**

by KAREN A. PINTAR  
SNPJ National Secretary

**IMPERIAL, Pa.**— On Dec. 31, 2011, SNPJ Lodge 679 in St. Louis merged with SNPJ Lodge 107, also of St. Louis. Letters were sent to all members of both Lodges informing them of this merger and its effective date. As per Society Bylaws, letters had previously been sent to all Lodges within SNPJ Region 7 informing them of a merger possibility.

The secretary of SNPJ Lodge 107 is Robert Urankar, 833 Gardenway Dr., Ballwin, MO 63011-2815. Lodge 107 meets on the second Thursday of the month during the months of March, June, September and December beginning at noon.

We thank the officers of the former Lodge 679 for their dedication and loyalty to their Lodge and the Slovene National Benefit

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**The clock is ticking down to Florida SNPJ Days**

by JEANNETTE HUMPHREY  
Lodge 603

**SAMSULA, Fla.** — The clock is ticking, and Florida SNPJ Days are almost upon us here at SNPJ Lodge 603 in Samsula. Our annual Florida SNPJ Days/Samsula Polka Festival is scheduled March 2-4.

We plan to open the Lodge 603 Hall at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 2, when music for the evening will feature Ron Luznar and the Polka Pals until 8 p.m. You'll want to arrive with a

good appetite so you can enjoy a meal or two from our kitchen. Along with a full menu each day, the Lodge 603 cooks will prepare Slovenian klobase and sauerkraut, pierogies, cabbage rolls and apple strudel. This year, a sandwich plate will be offered for \$6. Additional a la cart items will be available for purchase, along with coffee. The cooks are planning a meal or two which will include Samsula salad as well. The bar will be open all three days. Friday admission is \$5 at the door.

On Saturday, March 3, the Lodge hall will open at noon and the music will continue until 9 p.m. Marc Bouchard and his orchestra will be entertaining. Marc will play a few extra sets this year for your enjoyment. You'll want to come and eat a meal or sandwich plate on arrival, and then sit back and enjoy the music. Admission is \$10 at the gate on Saturday.

Jam sessions are planned throughout the day,

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**Loyalites plan SLO-ISH Doubles Bowl in April**

by GINA M. VOLPE  
Lodge 158 Treasurer

**EUCLID, Ohio** — A new year is here. I hope that you all have a healthy and happy 2012!

The Loyalites are hosting a "SLO-ISH Doubles" bowling tournament at Wickliffe Lanes Saturday, April 14. Participants will include SNPJ members along with Irish American Club Eastside members. This will be a great social

fraternal event, uniting two nationalities. Come and make some new friends!

The SLO-ISH Doubles tournament entry fee is \$18 for adults, and \$13 for children ages 12 to 17. The entry fee includes lane fees, shoe rental, food and prizes. The highest-scoring Slovenian and Irish teams will roll-off for the trophy. It never hurts to try something different! For a registration form, or if you have any questions,

contact Gina Volpe at (440) 205-1618.

Everyone seems to get a little lazy after the holidays, so the Loyalites didn't have much activity in January. However, we have at least three teams participating in the SNPJ Winter Classic Bowling Tournament the weekend of Feb. 17 through 19. Let's wish them all good

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**Theodore A. Patosky**  
Born June 16, 2011  
Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106

Lodge 106 welcomes its newest member, Theodore A. Patosky. Theodore is the son of Brian (106) and Dawn Patosky, brother of Benjamin and Emily Patosky (106), and grandson of Fred and Judy Patosky (106), and Terry and Eleanor Hoover. We welcome Theodore to the Society and extend best wishes to his entire family.

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## Lodge 153 welcomes new year, new member

by WILMA VUKOVICH  
Lodge 153

**YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio** — The Lodge 153 fall meeting was held at Shepherd of the Valley clubroom in Poland, Ohio. All officers were in attendance.

The members of Lodge 53 would like to send deepest sympathies to the family of Adolf Flowers, who passed away Oct. 23, 2011. The Lodge would also like to extend get well wishes to Rose Gorczyca and Jodi Coppola.

We elected officers during this fall meeting, and decided to keep the same slate. The Lodge 153 officers are President Stanley P. Chermely, Vice President Antoinette Steinke, Secretary/Treasurer Diane L. Chermely Tanner, Sergeant-at-Arms Henry Vukovich, Recording Secretary/Reporter Wilma Vukovich, and auditors Stephen T. Pavlich, Joseph Pitko and Edward Steinke. We would also like to welcome our newest member, Bill Ellis, to Lodge 153.

Our biggest event of the year was held in December: the annual Lodge 153 Christmas party at the Youngstown Croatian Home. We

enjoyed a fantastic dinner followed by homemade desserts provided by the guests. After the meal was complete, we enjoyed some superb singing by Edward Steinke Jr. Edward also led the children in a few Christmas carols, including "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" which welcomed Santa to deliver gifts to youth members and Lodge officers.

We were honored with the presence of our own Miss SNPJ Pageant contestant, Miss Talent 2012 Molly Kohler. Drawing tickets were sold and gifts brought by guests were awarded to the lucky winners. The party concluded with a few fun games of bingo.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the 2011 Christmas party a huge success. Happy New Year to all!



The 2012 Lodge 53 officers include [from left] President **STANLEY CHERMEY**, Vice President **ANTOINETTE STEINKE**, Sec./Treas. **DIANE CHERMEY TANNER**, Recording Secretary/Reporter **WILMA VUKOVICH**, Sergeant-at-Arms **HENRY VUKOVICH**, and auditors **STEPHEN PAVLICH** and **EDWARD STEINKE**.

## Loyalites preparing for April SLO-ISH Bowl, July Christmas party

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An Oct. 8, 2011, dinner dance honored the 100th anniversary of Loyalites Lodge 158. Joining in the celebration were [front row, from left] **JAN LAWRENCE**, National Treasurer **ROBERT LAWRENCE**, National President **JOSEPH EVANISH**, SNPJ Region 4 Vice President **DOROTHY GORJUP**, Miss SNPJ 2012 **DANIELLE BRAND** (6), **GINA VOLPE**, **PAT NEVAR**, [back row, from left] SNPJ Supervisory Committee member **LOU NOVAK** (576), **DONNA HELMACY**, **EILEEN MARKUSIC**, **KAREN O'DONNELL**, **LINDA GORJUP** and **GREG VOLPE**.

luck. Maybe they'll come back with some big wins.

The Loyalites Lodge Christmas party went well this past year; however, we have decided to celebrate "Christmas in July" this year. We will hold our Christmas party during our annual picnic, scheduled July 29 at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio. We're looking forward to seeing Santa in his red shorts! We'll have to wait and see what Santa's transportation will be since his reindeer don't like flying in warm weather.

Since January has come and gone, we extend a belated happy birthday wish to Ruth Prelock. Our February birthday celebrants include Tom Wojtila, Kathy Pestotnik, Delene Wojtila, Stephen Godec, Ron Godec and Eileen Markusic. Happy 25th anniversary to Donna and Bob Helmacy.

Eileen Markusic will be heading down to Florida in March for a couple of months. She is curious to find out what damage was done to her mobile home after her neighbor smashed into it when backing out of his driveway. Let's pray the damage isn't too extensive.

Loyalites Lodge Secretary Linda Gorjup has recovered very well from her broken wrist. She admits that she needs to learn how to pick up her feet and not trip over downspouts. It's good to have her back in full force.

As always, prayers and thoughts to all of our ailing members and families of the deceased.

If you have any news that you would like to see included in this column, please e-mail me at [ginamvo@oh.rr.com](mailto:ginamvo@oh.rr.com).

## A festive Lodge 321 dinner sets the tone for a happy holiday

by Cerkvena Miš  
Lodge 321

**WARREN, Ohio** — Everybody was present at the Lodge 321 Christmas party, and I loved it! That's what I love about my friends in Lodge 321: they are all full of love, hugs, kisses and good food.

Gail Frederick Church and John Frederick Church picked The Chophouse as the location for the party. If you want a good steak, this is the place to go. Everyone who ordered steak loved it, just ask Louise Vett, Ann and Charles Tomazin, Charles Paukovich, or Fred and Kelley Church.

But with every group there are a few rebels, which is another quality that endears this group to my heart. The rebels of the group, Joy Church and John Church, had the lamb which they "ooohed" and "aaahed" over. If it was that good, why didn't they share any with me? Hermina Gail Church and Rebecca Bucco ordered some kind of chicken dishes, both of which

I liked very much.

Oh, you don't know Rebecca? Sorry for you, in more than one way! She is the mommy of Lodge members Brittney and Breanna Bucco. Rebecca came to the party to represent the girls as Brittney had to work and Breanna had basketball practice. Rebecca is all heart, and she was very kind to share some of her dinner with me, as was Gail. Dan Gelet got veal... yum!

"Ho, ho, ho!" That's what my girlfriend Evalyn Hermina Church's shirt said. Does that mean she is one of Santa's little helpers? Maybe not this year, but she definitely will be a big help next year to grandmother Hermina Joy and aunt Hermina Gail when it comes to baking and wrapping.

Everyone was in a festive mood and holiday attire, and we all had a nice time with good food, good drinks and good company.

Any time a group has a rebel or two, somebody will complain about some-



With their orders ready, **Rebecca Bucco** [left] and **HERMINA GAIL CHURCH** smile for a photo while other Lodge members review the menu during the Lodge 321 Christmas dinner at The Chophouse.

thing and that would be me! There wasn't enough cheese in anything. What is wrong with this restaurant? Don't they know Miš needs and loves lots of cheese? Thankfully, my girls

took care of me!  
I must go, but I wish you all a *vesel božič in srečno, zdravo in uspesno novo leto.*  
*Lahko noc!*

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

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

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

Site \_\_\_\_\_

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## Up-and-Coming...

A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

- FEB. 11 ..... San Francisco Lodge 304 dinner dance at the Slovenian Hall, 2101 Mariposa St., San Francisco. No-host cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner served at 6 p.m. and dancing to the Joey Bajuk Orchestra starting at 8 p.m. For details phone Diane Kresevich at (650) 588-3863.
- FEB. 12 ..... Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87 jam session in the Horizon Room; 1-5 p.m. All musicians welcome. The kitchen will be open. For additional information contact Shirley Bailey at (724) 864-1606.
- FEB. 17-19 ..... SNPJ Winter Classic Bowling Tournament co-hosted by Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 and Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6.
- MARCH 2-4 ..... Florida SNPJ Days hosted by Lodge 603, Samsula, Fla. Doors open at 4 p.m. Friday, and noon Saturday and Sunday.
- MARCH 3 ..... Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 hosts Ron Likovic & Friends in the Lodge 138 clubroom; 8 p.m. until midnight.
- APRIL 14 ..... Lodge 158 Loyalites host "SLO-ISH Doubles" bowling at Wickliffe Lanes, Wickliffe, Ohio. Bowling begins at 1 p.m. For details contact Gina Volpe at (440) 205-1618 or [ginamvo@oh.rr.com](mailto:ginamvo@oh.rr.com).
- MAY 5-6 ..... SNPJ National Bowling Tournament hosted by Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. Saturday entertainment in the Gostilna will feature the Valencic Brothers from 7-9 p.m. and Johnny Koenig Band from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. For tournament information contact SNPJ Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com).
- MAY 19 ..... Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 hosts the Don Wojtila Band in the outdoor pavilion; 6-10 p.m.
- MAY 26 ..... CAL Don Gorjup Golf Open at Rolling Green Golf Course, Huntsburg, Ohio. For information phone Rick Gorjup at (440) 354-5001 or (440) 773-3233.
- JUNE 10 ..... SNPJ Western Pa. Golf Tournament at Rolling Green Golf Course, Eighty Four, Pa.
- JUNE 17-22 ..... Youth Roundup at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Contact SNPJ Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com) for registration forms.
- JUNE 22-24 ..... SNPJ Young Adult Conference at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For registration details contact SNPJ Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com).
- JULY 7 ..... Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 hosts the Klančnik & Friends band in the outdoor pavilion; 6-10 p.m.
- JULY 13-15 ..... Slovenefest XXXI and the 56th Miss SNPJ Pageant at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For information phone the Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.

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DENISE HERRON  
SNPJ Marketing Department

## Growing children

I have traveled the same route to and from work for the last 20 years. One house along the way has held my interest, and I've gotten to know the family who lives there without ever meeting them or even seeing them.

Shortly after the house was constructed, a colorful plastic playset appeared in the front yard, and I assumed a baby had arrived. A few years later, some major landscaping was done to blend an attractive and safe play area into the yard with a sturdy wooden swing set and a tree house planted in the middle. The latest addition is a large paved area in the back of the house with a basketball hoop. I've watched the child grow without ever laying eyes on him/her, and I have decided along the way that I like the parents, simply because they have gone to such efforts to make their child safe and happy.

With insurance always on my mind, and 15 minutes left in my commute, I began to make some comparisons. The plastic playset could be compared to the Term to 25 plan that SNPJ offers. It's an inexpensive but effective way to provide life insurance protection for your young child. For just \$25 a year, your child can have \$10,000 of life insurance coverage. But, like the plastic playset, it's only temporary since the policy expires at age 25.

Once your child grows out of the term, you should look at constructing a sturdier and more permanent protection plan. The 20-Pay Life plan can be compared to the sturdy wooden swing set. It will cost a little more, but the protection will be there for a lifetime. It has the added strengths of earning dividends and accumulating cash value. For \$10,000 of coverage for a young lady, age 22, the annual premium (which is paid for just 20 years) would be \$140.50.

Finally, the SNPJ annuity would compare to the heavy construction of the paved basketball court. The annuity can lay a foundation for your child's future (not unlike a basketball scholarship) by earning a competitive interest rate of 3.25 percent, and a guaranteed interest rate of 1.25 percent for the life of the contract. Starting a savings for your child can be a gift that will grow into the future.

From my viewpoint, the parents in the little white house have lovingly planned and prepared for their child. I hope they have done the same when it comes to the child's financial future. Talk to your Lodge secretary, local agent or the SNPJ Home Office at 1-800-843-7675 for ideas on protecting your child and planning for the future.

- **Thought for the Week** — You have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was.

Abraham Lincoln



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## Did Yugoslavia develop the U.S. space program?

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — In mid-January, two Slovenian filmmakers announced their production of a documentary which suggests that the United States' first trip to the moon was based on know-how developed in the former Yugoslavia that was sold to the United States by Yugoslav leader Josip Broz Tito in exchange for a hefty package of financial aid.

Boštjan and Žiga Virč plan to reveal that the former Yugoslavia started developing a space program in the 1940s, based on research by Slovenian engineer Herman Potočnik Noordung, which was later reportedly sold to the U.S. The authors have released a trailer, dubbed "Houston, We Have a Problem," which to date has recorded more than 400,000 hits on YouTube and has also attracted the attention of the regional media.

The video clip asserts that during the competition between the U.S. and the USSR to develop their respective space programs in the 1950s, Yugoslavia was the third player — developing its own, secret space program based on Noordung's diaries. Noordung's book "The Problem of Space Travel," published in 1921, served as inspiration for the very attempts at space travel and further development, including those initiated by the masterminds of the U.S. space program.

In 1947, the Yugoslav secret service found unpublished writings by Noordung that contained "new and yet-unknown brilliant technical ideas" which served as basis for a supposed secret Yugoslav space program launched in 1948. According to the trailer, in late 1960 the CIA discovered that Yugoslavia already had operational space-flight technology. In March 1961, Yugoslavia secretly sold the complete space program to the Americans, who announced in May 1961 that they would travel to the moon. Yugoslav leader Josip Broz Tito reportedly decided to sell the country's space travel know-how to President John F. Kennedy in exchange for a hefty package of financial aid.

The filmmakers announced that they will reveal how Tito built the biggest secret underground space center in Europe, code named "Object 505," at the Željava army base located near the Bosnian city of Bihać. The film will also supposedly reveal "how U.S. Saturn rockets and Apollo modules were primarily made in Yugoslavia" and that "Tito regularly visited the NASA premises and monitored program developments."

Žiga Virč told the press that the film is currently in the "project development phase," and that some of the statements in the video trailer are still being verified. He added that around 80 percent of the claims have been confirmed. The filmmakers plan to launch production sometime next year.

## Court ruling: Drnovšek memorial to be removed

**ZAGORJE (STA)** — The Trbovlje Local Court has ruled in favor of a motion for the removal of a disputed memorial to former Slovenian President Janez Drnovšek (1950-2008) erected by the Zagorje municipality.

Acting on a petition filed by Drnovšek's son, Jaša Drnovšek, the court ruled that the bronze bust of Drnovšek be removed from the central park in Zagorje and that the park must not bear Drnovšek's name. The ruling was confirmed on Friday by Zagorje Mayor Matjaž Švagan, who said he would notify Zagorje municipal councilors who would then decide on whether or not to file an appeal.

The decision follows a dispute between Drnovšek's family and the authorities in the town where the former Slovenian leader was born and raised. Jaša Drnovšek has argued that the memorial is not what his father would have wanted.

Janez Drnovšek died in February 2008 after a long battle with cancer. He had just completed a term as president, which was marked by a major personal transformation.

Drnovšek rose to political fame in the late 1980s when he assumed the chairmanship of the rotating Yugoslav presidency as a little-known candidate. His popularity continued to climb in Slovenia during the nation's efforts for independence when he negotiated with Yugoslav officials in order to avoid an escalation of the conflict with Yugoslav forces in the aftermath of the declaration of independence. He later became Slovenia's prime minister in 1992, holding the office almost continuously for 10 years until 2002.



## Police cracking down on drivers' cell phone use

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — In late January, Slovenian police launched a five-day preventive campaign aimed at decreasing the number of drivers who use cell phones while driving as well as raising awareness about the dangers of the practice, according to Slovenian Traffic Safety Agency representative Vesna Marinko.

According to a survey conducted among 800 Slovenian drivers who drive at least once a week, just over 25 percent use cell phones for calling, texting and checking e-mail. Half of these drivers primarily use cell phones to receive short calls not connected to their work.

Almost 40 percent of the drivers who use cell phones while driving never stop to make calls, while only 23 percent do so. The survey also revealed that only a third of drivers use hands-free technology when placing or receiving calls.

Marinko said that similar surveys suggest that driving while using mobile devices is similar to driving while legally intoxicated. "It's a habit that has spread among drivers, and, in most cases, cannot be prevented by the police," she lamented. Ivan Kapun, director of the Traffic Department with the Police Administration, said that police wrote 13,000 fines to drivers using cell phones while driving in 2009, and more than 17,000 last year.

Slovenian legislation forbids the use of cell phones or any devices that reduce the driver's hearing, vision or ability to handle their vehicle, setting the fine for such practices at \$156. On the other hand, the law does allow for the use of hands-free sets. Tests involving 100 drivers have shown that reaction times are doubled when drivers use their cell phones.

## Cross-border project will link business, research

**SLOVENJ GRADEC (STA)** — A partnership agreement was signed in Slovenj Gradec in mid-January, launching a cross-border project between Slovenian and Austrian businesses and research institutions working with advanced materials. This three-year Polyregion Project started at the beginning of 2012.

The leading partner in the project is the Slovenj Gradec-based Polymer Technology College, which is joining forces with the TECOS Slovenian Tool and Die Development Center, the Slovenian Plasttechnics Cluster, Leoben University in Austria and the Styria Materials Cluster, also in Austria.

According to Silva Roncelli Vaupot, a representative of the Polymer Technology College, both sides of the border have a high concentration of companies and higher education institutions active in the field of polymer technology (such as the automotive and tool-making industries). The Polyregion Project was launched to find the synergies that will enable a breakthrough in economic growth, she stated.

Vaupot also noted that polymer technology was one of the most promising fields in the economy, and that it required a lot of knowledge which needed to be constantly updated. Some 150 companies from Slovenia and Austria are planning to take part in the project, which will be accompanied by a number of activities, including language courses in Slovenian and German, and many other educational programs. The Polyregion Project is also expected to result in joint development projects and closer cross-border economic cooperation.

## Clinic for the uninsured treating more patients

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — Aleksander Doplihar, director of the Ljubljana Outpatient Clinic for Persons Without Health Insurance, marked the 10th anniversary of the clinic's launch Jan. 17 by stressing that the clinic had been conceived as a short-term solution and not as a facility whose number of patients would be ever-increasing.

"The patients at the clinic — 98 percent of whom were once homeless persons, while today the homeless represent only two percent of its clients — have lost their

health insurance coverage for a number reasons," Doplihar said. "Now, the Ljubljana clinic offers treatment to people who lost their jobs due to the economic crisis, or because their employers failed to pay their health insurance coverage," he added.

Commenting on the rising number of children who are treated at the clinic, Doplihar noted that the changes to the Health Care and Health Insurance Act, which were adopted last October and secured medical coverage for children whose parents were left without health insurance, did not take into account the children who were without health insurance before the act took effect. Doplihar stressed that all children should be treated separately from their parents' health insurance coverage and should have their own comprehensive medical insurance coverage.

Doplihar, who is alarmed by the clinic's rising number of patients (between 800 and 900 patients hold their records at the clinic, which performed 10,000 medical services last year), said that the Ljubljana- and Maribor-based clinics only covered some 30 percent of all persons without health insurance.

Data show that some 100,000 people in Slovenia were uninsured, and the clinic, which is mostly financed by the Ljubljana Municipality, was in principle open only for people from the area around the capital. "Similar clinics should also open in Koper, Kranj, Celje and Novo Mesto," Doplihar stated, adding that they never turned anyone away. The doctors record them as homeless, he noted.

## FBI honors Slovenian IT center for help in sting

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has decorated two members of the Slovenian Internet Security Incident Research Center (SI-CERT) for their contribution in an investigation of a botnet attack on several U.S. media web sites in 2007.

Tadej Hren and Gorazd Božič were honored by Steven L. Paulson, an FBI agent stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Vienna, according to a press release issued by SI-CERT, which is part of Slovenia's ARNES Public Internet Research Institute.

In November 2007, SI-CERT was notified of a network attack on an American site from bot-infected computers, some of which were located in Slovenia. SI-CERT managed to capture a sample of the bot (short for robot), and its analysis of the malware led to an FBI arrest in June 2009. Hren testified for SI-CERT during the September 2010 trial, and in April 2011 the defendant was found guilty of attacking several servers and sentenced to two years in prison.

The Slovenian Center for Investigating Computer Breaches, Virus Infections and Other Internet Abuse or Fraud, which was established in 1995, is part of the TF-CSIRT European Network of Response Centers as well as the FIRST global association.

## Maribor makes Lonely Planet Top 10 To-Do list

**MARIBOR (STA)** — Tourist guide publisher Lonely Planet ranked a visit to Maribor among the top 10 things to do worldwide in 2012 because of the city's stint as the European Culture Capital, which promises a colorful cultural program.

On its web site, Lonely Planet writes that Slovenia's second largest city, which is sharing the European Capital of Culture title with Guimarães, Portugal, "is the unheralded Slovenian gem."

According to Lonely Planet, visitors can expect art, music and other festivals to accompany the city's well-established theatrical, classical music and folklore performances.

The top thing to do in Maribor, according to the publisher, is pay a visit to Maribor's old town, which offers a number of cafes in its "diminutive squares."

Lonely Planet ranked Maribor among destinations such as Namibia's protected coast; the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C.; and the 2012 Expo in South Korea.

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## Stari hotel Erika se umika novemu

**HEADLINE:** The old Erika Hotel to withdraw for a new one

**TOPIC:** The Erika Hotel along the road to Vrščič has been demolished. Now, a few-years-old prediction made by the Sežana Gold Club will soon be realized. The club will build a high-quality hotel on the same location. The old hotel has been demolished, and construction of the new one will start in the spring.

According to the project manager, Marjan Petrovič from the Gold Club, construction of the hotel, which is estimated at close to \$13 million, will be completed at the end of next year. The critical state of the economy could have an influence on construction progress. They hope that the economic conditions will improve and that they will be able to continue with the work according to their plans.

Initially they are planning to employ between 32 and 47 workers. This five-star hotel in Triglav National Park will have 60 rooms, and they are expecting

wealthy guests from countries with fast-growing economies, from Scandinavia, from Western Europe, and from the Arab nations.

Z rušitvijo hotela Erika ob cesti na Vrščič se je začela uresničevati več let stara napoved sežanskega Gold cluba, da bo na istem mestu postavil nov hotel najvišje kategorije. Stari hotel je podrt, gradbeno jamo za novega bodo predvidoma začeli kopati spomladi.

Okoli deset milijonov evrov vredna gradnja, ki jo bodo financirali z lastnimi sredstvi, bo po napovedih vodje projekta Marjana Petroviča iz Gold cluba končana do konca prihodnjega leta. Zamisel za ureditev igralnice v novem hotelu, ki je med domačimi pred leti sprožila precej pomislekov, še niso povsem opustili. Petrovič je na vprašanje z zvezi s tem odgovoril, da možnost puščajo odprto. Spomnimo, da jim lokalna skupnost leta 2006 ni dala pozitivnega mnenja v postopku pridobivanja igralniške koncesije.

Zaostrene gospodarske razmere lahko

vplivajo na nadaljnji potek gradnje, pravi Petrovič in napoveduje etapno gradnjo. Za zdaj ostajajo optimisti in pričakujejo, da se bodo gospodarske razmere umirile in da bodo z deli lahko nadaljevali po načrtu.

V prvem obdobju po odprtju hotela nameravajo zaposliti od 32 do 47 delavcev, od poslovanja pa bo odvisno, ali bodo število delavcev še povečali. V hotelu s petimi zvezdicami v Triglavskem narodnem parku bo 60 sob, v njem pričakujejo predvsem petične goste iz držav s hitrorastočimi gospodarstvi (BRIK), iz Skandinavije in zahodne Evrope, pa tudi iz arabskih držav. Direktorica lokalne turistične organizacije Mirjam Žerjav naložbo pozdravlja in upa, da bodo v nov hotel in s tem v Kranjsko goro pritegnili nov segment gostov. Z novim hotelom na lepi lokaciji se bo prav gotovo dvignil nivo turistične ponudbe in hkrati poskrbel za večjo konkurenco na lokalnem turističnem trgu, pravi kranjskogorski župan Jure Žerjav.

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## Na festival po štipendijo in bodočo službo

**HEADLINE:** To the festival for a scholarship and future employment

**TOPIC:** Students from Celje and the surrounding areas recently rushed to the Celje fairgrounds to get information about opportunities for education, scholarships and employment in the region. Besides schools, the Third Festival of Education and Employment welcomed economic and development associations, and 45 employers introduced their needs. The Celje Chamber of Commerce introduced the vocations which are in greatest demand: graphic designers, hairdressers, cosmetic technicians, roofs, mechanics, waiters, international transport drivers, programmers... Representatives from various companies attended this educational event and registered the students into their employment data bases.

Predšolski otroci, učenci, dijaki in študentje iz Celja in okolice so pred dnevi drli na celjsko sejmišče po infor-

macije o možnostih šolanja, štipendiranja in zaposlovanja v regiji. Na 3. Festivalu izobraževanja in zaposlovanja je poleg šol ter gospodarskih in razvojnih združenj svoje potrebe predstavilo 45 delodajalcev. Celjska obrtno podjetniška zbornica je zato predstavila poklice po katerih je povpraševanje: grafični oblikovalec, frizer, kozmetični tehnik, klepar kovec, avtoserviser, suhomontažer, natakar, voznik v mednarodnem prometu, programer, video montažer... Zanje tudi Razvojna agencija Savinjske regije ne more razdeliti toliko štipendij, kolikor bi jih v sodelovanju z evropskimi skladi, občinami in delodajalci lahko zagotovila. Na festivalu so bili tudi direktorji in kadrovske delavci družb Steklarna Rogaška, Valji Štore, Emo Orodjarna Celje in Unior Zreče, ki so mlade vpisovali v svoje kadrovske evidence. V Savinjski regiji so kljub gospodarski krizi na voljo tako zaposlitve kot tudi kadrovske štipendije.

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## Tri minute obsevanja

**HEADLINE:** Three minutes for irradiation

**TOPIC:** A new linear accelerator estimated at almost \$4 million, with which the first patients received treatments on Oct. 11, 2011, will help shorten the waiting periods at the Ljubljana Oncologic Institute. But in Slovenia they would need at least 12 such devices to satisfy the demand.

Not long ago the waiting periods were running an inadmissible eight weeks, and now they are between three and four weeks. From January on, when the device is operating at full capacity, the waiting periods will be even shorter.

The number of patients who need medical treatments with irradiation is continu-

ally increasing. At present, 40 patients are receiving radiation treatments daily, which lasts from two to three minutes with this new device.

Dobre tri milijone evrov vredni linearni pospeševalnik, s katerim so prvega bolnika obsevali 11. oktobra lani, bo pomagal k skrajšanju čakalnih dob na Onkološkem inštitutu (OI) Ljubljana. Toda v Sloveniji bi potrebovali 12 naprav, da bi zadostili potrebam.

Čakalne dobe so še ne dolgo tega znašale nedopustnih osem tednov, medtem ko se zdaj gibljejo med tremi in štirimi tedni. "Od januarja naprej, ko bo nova naprava začela delovati s polno zmogljivostjo, pa bo čakanje na obsevanje krajše od treh tednov," ocenjuje doc. dr. Irena Oblak, predstojnica

sektorja za radioterapijo.

Skrajševanje čakalnih dob je pri zdravljenju raka zares ključno. "Število bolnikov, ki potrebujejo zdravljenje z obsevanjem, se nenehno povečuje. Razlogov za to je več. Eden je naraščanje zbolewnosti. Drugi je vse bolj kompleksno zdravljenje, kar pomeni, da se širi nabor indikacij za obsevanje, vse bolj pa se prepletajo tudi modalitete zdravljenja - kirurgija, radioterapija, obsevanje, sistemska zdravljenje. In tretjič: onkološka stroka na Slovenskem želi doseči priporočila, po katerih bi morali več kot 50 odstotkov bolnikov z rakom zdraviti tudi z obsevanjem; zdaj ta delež ne presega 40 odstotkov." Slovenija bi, glede na število prebivalstva in glede na zbolewnost za rakom, potrebovala več obsevalnih

naprava, vsaj 12, poudarja dr. Oblakova. Na OI se ob zdajšnji preobremenjenosti zanašajo tudi na obetajočo se pomoč radioterapevtskega centra v Mariboru. Tam naj bi z obsevanjem - gre za paliativna obsevanja ter obsevanja tumorjev pljuči, debelega črevesa in danke ter dojke - zdravili velik del bolnikov iz severovzhodne Slovenije. Kako pomebna je vsaka pridobitev, ki pripomore k bolj učinkovitemu in tudi bolj varnemu zdravljenju, potrjujejo pred kratkim objavljeni podatki OECD, po katerih je v Sloveniji stopnja na novo odkritih rakavih obolenj malo višja od povprečja OECD, umrljivost zaradi raka - predvsem zaradi raka, prostate, raka na prsih in raka pljuči - pa precej nad povprečjem.

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## Anglež se odpoveduje Slomškovega mlinu

**HEADLINE:** Englishman is denouncing Slomšek's mill

**TOPIC:** Not even six years after Lyndon Edwards purchased the culturally protected Slomšek's mill for \$42,000 from the Razkrižje Municipality and promised to open a restaurant and hotel in the mill, the Englishman has backed away from this project in his mother's native country.

The Razkrižje Municipality purchased the mill as a possible tourist attraction and an important cultural monument from the previous owners, but due to a lack of

money they couldn't renovate the mill for tourist purposes. For this very reason they found the English buyer with an ambitious plan. But Edwards had been procrastinating over the renovation from the beginning, and the municipality sent him notices about his obligations and the contract. Edwards finally responded that he is giving up on the project because his company in England declared bankruptcy and he is now planning to sell the mill. He offered the mill to the Razkrižje Municipality, but Mayor Stanko Ivanušič

responded that they don't have the money to purchase and renovate the mill. Since Edwards failed to fulfill the contractual agreement, the municipality now has the opportunity to demand \$13,000 in penalties from him.

Slabih šest let po tem, ko je Lyndon Edwards od Občine Razkrižje za osem milijonov takratnih tolarjev (dobrih 33.000 evrov) kupil spomeniško zaščiten Slomškov mlin in obljubil, da bo v njem uredil restauracijo in hotel, se je Anglež odpovedal projektu v domovini svoje matere.

Mlin je kot morebitno

turistično zanimivost in pomembno tehnično dediščino od prejšnjih lastnikov najprej odkupila občina Razkrižje, vendar ji je zmanjkalo denarja za njegovo obnovo in ureditev v turistični in gostinski objekt, zato so našli angleškega kupca z ambicioznimi načrti. Toda Edwards je že od začetka zavlačeval s prenovno, zato ga je občina poleti leta 2010 spomnila na zaveze iz pogodbe. Takrat sta obe strani podpisali dodatek k pogodbi, s katerim si je Anglež izposloval novi dve leti časa za dokončanje projekta oziroma eno leto do začetka gradbenih del, vendar je vse do

zdaj mlin ostal nedotaknjen in je v vedno slabšem stanju.

Ko ga je občina junija lani opozorila, da znova ne uresničuje pogodbe, je po elektronski pošti odgovoril le, da se trudi, njegov odgovor na drugo opozorilo pa je prispel šele oktobra. V njem je Lyndon Edwards sporočil, da odstopa od projekta, ker je zaradi krize njegovo podjetje v Angliji v likvidaciji in da namerava mlin prodati. Ponudil ga je tudi razkriški občini, vendar župan Stanko Ivanušič pravi, da nimajo denarja za odkup in obnovo. So pa za ceno, za kakršno je Edwards mlin

kupil, pripravljeni poiskati primernega kupca, ki bi bil pripravljen mlin prenoviti in obogatiti turistično ponudbo občine. Glede na to, da Edwards ni izpolnil pogodbe, ima občina možnost od njega zahtevati pogodbeno kazen 10.000 evrov.

DELO

**ZDRAVNIK** - "Ja, poslušajte," pravi zdravnik, "kar naprej zahtevate recept za uspavalna sredstva, sedaj pa vas že petič vidim v nočnem lokalu!" - "Gospod doktor, uspavalna sredstva niso zame, ampak za mojo ženo!"

## Prva policijska postaja na štirih kolesih

**HEADLINE:** The first police station on four wheels

**TOPIC:** Over the course of the next five months, the first mobile Slovenian police station, which was recently introduced at Brnik, will travel through the Gorenjsko region and then it will move to Obala (in the coastal area). This police station on four wheels cost \$63,000 - for the purchase and the equipping of a Peugeot van.

Janko Goršek, the general director of the Slovenia police, stressed that the mobile police station is introducing a new step to the local communities. By using the mobile station, the police will be even closer to the people, the van will be

furnished for all types of work that policemen usually perform at the police station, and on the ground the unit will be used mainly in areas where they don't have police stations, such as in the Selška and Poljanska valleys, in Jezersko and in Bohinj. It will also be very useful at many large athletic events held in the Gorenjsko region during the winter months. Mobile police stations, which are new in Slovenia, have been in use for years in some other countries.

Prva slovenska mobilna policijska postaja, predstavljena pred dnevi na Brniku, bo prihodnjih pet mesecev potovala po Gorenjskem, potem pa se bo preselila na Obalo. Policijska

postaja na štirih kolesih, torej nakup in predelava Peugeotovega kombija, je stala 48.500 evrov. Generalni direktor policije Janko Goršek je poudaril, da mobilna policijska postaja predstavlja korak k lokalni skupnosti: "Idealno bi bilo, da bi vsaka policijska uprava imela svoje vozilo." Aleš Zalar, ki se je slovesne predaje ključa udeležil kot minister za notranje zadeve, ki opravlja tekoče posle, je povedal, da pomeni mobilna postaja "prispevek h krepitvi zaupanja ljudi v policijo". Policija bo tako še bliže ljudem, vozilo, opremljeno za vse vrste dela, ki ga običajno opravljajo policisti na policijski postaji in na terenu, pa bodo, je pojasnil direktor kranjske policijske upostave Simon Velički,

uporabljali predvsem tam, kjer nimajo policijskih postaj, denimo v Selški in Poljanski dolini, na Jezerskem in v Bohinju. Prav bo prišlo tudi ob večjih (športnih) prireditvah, ki jih pozimi na Gorenjskem ne manjka.

Mobilne policijske postaje, ki so v Sloveniji novost, ponekod v tujini uporabljajo že dlje časa. Paul Bowman, vodja mobilne policijske postaje iz angleške grofije Gloucestershire, je za Delo pojasnil, da imajo na njihovem območju dve mobilni postaji, ki delujeta na podeželju. "Uporabljamo ju že več kot deset let. Vsak dan smo na terenu, obiskujemo vasi, se srečujemo s prebivalci v njihovih domovih, obiskujemo šole, lokalne trgovine in podobno," je pojasnil Bowman in

dodal, da imajo mnogo dela predvsem poleti, ko se na angleškem podeželju vrstijo sejmi in podobni dogodki, ki pritegnejo več obiskovalcev.

Na območju, kjer deluje mobilna policijska postaja, ki jo zadnjih pet let vodi Paul Bowman, živi 110.000 ljudi: "Občani nas radi vidijo v svoji okolici in ravno to je spodbuda za naše delo. Največkrat nas opozarjajo na prehitro vožnjo v vaseh, pasje iztrebke, onesnaženje, sprašujejo o varovanju premoženja in o tem, kako poskrbeti za varnost otrok in starejših prebivalcev." Tudi slovenski policisti so poudarili, da bo del nalog, ki jih bodo opravljali pod okriljem mobilne postaje, preventivno usmerjen.

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## Radenska tudi na Tajskem in v Rusiji

**HEADLINE:** Radenska also in Thailand and Russia

**TOPIC:** Despite the economic crisis last year, members of the Pivovarna Laško Radenska Group from Radenci managed to increase sales of their mineral water and nonalcoholic beverages by nearly six percent, or close to 96 million liters (25 million gallons). Last year their products appeared for the first time in Russia and Thailand, and in Walmart stores across the United States.

Slovenia, along with its closest neighbors, remains the most important market for Radenska. Their mineral water registration proceed-

ings will soon be completed in both India and Egypt.

Članica skupine Pivovarne Laško Radenska iz Radencev je lani kljub krizi povečala prodajo svojih mineralnih vod in pijač za približno šest odstotkov, na okrog 96 milijonov litrov. Lani so se njihovi izdelki prvič pojavili tudi v Rusiji in na Tajskem, v ZDA pa so prišli na police trgovske verige Walmart.

Glede na našeto je novi direktor Radenske Milan Hojnik z letnim poslovanjem zadovoljen. Nekoliko manj je zadovoljen s finančno platjo poslovanja, saj se je v skupni prodaji povečal delež (cenejših) izdelkov trgovskih

blagovnih znamk, poleg tega pa so se precej zvišali stroški materiala in energije. Kljub temu bo tudi prihodkov od 26 do 27 milijonov evrov, to je malo več kot predlani.

Najpomembnejši trg Radenske še vedno ostaja Slovenija z bližnjimi sosedami, so se pa lani njihovi izdelki pojavili na dveh novih trgih, v Rusiji in na Tajskem. V ZDA so zamenjali dotedanjega partnerja in s pomočjo novega prišli tudi na police druge največje ameriške trgovske verige Walmart, kmalu pa bodo končali postopke registracije njihovih voda v Indiji in v Egiptu. Zaradi teh novih izvoznih trgov v Radenski načrtujejo, da bodo

letos prodali skupaj več kot 100 milijonov litrov svojih voda in pijač in ustvarili okrog 30 milijonov evrov prihodkov.

V Radenski so v zadnjih dveh letih v sodelovanju z mariborsko medicinsko fakulteto opravili raziskave, v katerih so ugotovili, da redno pitje radenske, mineralne vode, značilno vpliva na zmanjšanje telesne teže in povečanje mišične mase telesa.

DELO

**BEDAK** - Mož preudarja: "Če ženi nič ne povem, da so mi povišali plačo, me bo počasi začela imeti za bedaka. Če ji povem, sem pa res bedak.

The Ethnic Kitchen

### ANGEL WINGS (oven baked) Pečeni flancati

2 cups flour  
1 cup margarine  
2 egg yolks, unbeaten  
½ cup sour cream  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cut margarine into flour as for a pie crust. Blend egg yolks, sour cream and vanilla; add to flour mixture. Mix well to form a firm dough. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Cut into 4 parts and let stand for an hour. Roll each portion into 8 squares and cut into 1½" squares. Cut a slit in the center of each square. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake in a 350° oven for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Treasured Slovenian & International Recipes

# Detroit families gather together for the annual YA Lodge 564 holiday party

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**DETROIT** — The annual bowling Christmas party for Young Americans Lodge 564 and Youth Circle 29 members was held Dec. 3, 2011, at Regal Lanes in Warren, Mich.

There were 12 children participating, including Gabriel and Olivia Bucciarelli; Chase, Conner and Lucas Bosek; Anthony, Joey and Jacob Volpe; Eric and Jack Anderson; and James. The parents, grandparents and Lodge members in attendance who bowled or enjoyed socializing included Ken

and Dorothy Anderson, Tracy Tavalire, Ermando and Marion Volpe, Tony and Cathy Volpe, Julie and Dan Bosek, Rudy Zornik, Tom Hostnik, Bob Adamic, Beth and Barth Bucciarelli, and Steve and Holly Anderson. Young adult Justin Volpe was also in attendance. Although he's no longer a Circle member, he bowled and looked after the children playing video games. It was an enjoyable event for all ages.

Eric Anderson is quite the little bowler, throwing a few spares and outstanding strikes. He's a chip off the old block. Keep it up, Eric, so

you can roll a big one someday.

After bowling we were served pizza and pop in the party room until our tummies were full. Of course, we left room for cookies that I donated for dessert. Each child received a bag of candy donated by Lodge 564. They also received a colorful SNPJ backpack sent from the Home Office. The adults received SNPJ gifts of hand sanitizers and mini-first aid kits. The adults and children enjoyed seeing each another and catching up on the events of 2011.

Happy 2012 to all of our friends in SNPJland!



In celebration of the Christmas holiday, Young Americans Lodge 564 and Youth Circle 29 members spent a fun afternoon bowling.

## 2011 merger unites two St. Louis Lodges

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Society over these many years. We also thank the officers and members of SNPJ Lodge 107 for accepting this merger in the true fraternal spirit of the SNPJ.

As a result of the merger, SNPJ Lodge 679 donated the monies remaining in their treasury, a total of \$1,138.28, to the SNPJ Scholarship Fund. We thank them for this generous donation.

## 2011 top producers take honors

2011 PRODUCERS  
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future. Within the Personal Producing General Agents category, the top three life insurance producers were Jamie Evanish (first), Donald Pidanich (second) and John Perry (third).

The Exclusive Producers' leading life insurance producers were Bob Lawrence (first), Robert Smole (second) and James Curl (third). Within the Fraternal Producer category, the top life insurance producers were Stan Repos (first), Frank Wright (second) and John Micko (third).

Special congratulations is extended to Jamie Evanish for being the number one producer in both new members and life insurance production in 2011.

SNPJ appreciates the efforts of all of our 2011 producers, but a special thank you goes out to each of the top producers mentioned above. We look forward to another successful year, and we hope that it proves prosperous to all of our producers. Again, on behalf of the Slovene National Benefit Society, thank you for a super year!

## Badger Jabber

by BOB SMOLE  
Lodge 584

**MILWAUKEE** — The first regular Badger Lodge 584 meeting that was scheduled for Jan. 19 was cancelled by the executive board due to inclement weather. We haven't had a lot of that kind of weather this season, but we did have some on the above date resulting in the meeting cancellation.

All went reasonably well for the annual Tony Verbick Memorial Fraternal Bowling Tournament. The organizer, Sis. Mary Donovan (584), reported that 14 teams participated this year. All participants had a great time, although Sis. Donovan was a little disappointed with the turnout. This event usually fills very quickly, leaving a few slow movers in the cold and unable to participate. Not the case this year; there were two teams short of a full tournament.

It would be nice to know what the reason was for this: bad timing, not enough publicity — it certainly couldn't have been the price. It would be interesting to know the cause.

Sis. Judy Price (584), Bro. Tony Verbick's daughter, was on hand to roll out the first ball to get things started. There were bowlers and helpers from all four organizations, SNPJ, CFU, Sloga and KSKJ, in attendance.

Rolling a 3,039 to take first place was the Fun-O-Leers team captained by Bro. Tim Donovan (584). Taking second place with a total pin count of 2,938 was captain Bro. Jerry Wucinski's (584) Badger Touring Team. Third-place honors for their score of 2,927 went to the Lily Lodge 764 team captained by Bro. Ed Vidmar (764). All of the bowlers had a good time on the allies.

Don't forget that the *Pustna Vesel-*

*ica* masquerade will be held Saturday, Feb. 18. The USPEH organization is sponsoring this event at St. John's the Evangelist Church Hall, 84th and Cold Spring Road, starting at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6. Please enter the hall on the north side of the building. Brother Ed Vidmar (764) will supply the mood music prior to dinner, and the Ed House Band will be performing dance music afterward.

Some tickets are still available at \$20 per person; contact Fran Ramshek at (414) 541-5116 for ticket information. Tickets will not be sold at the door; you must order them in advance.

I am sure you will enjoy the Slovenian menu that will be served at this event. It's a great night out, complimented by good food, dancing and many drawing prizes including two 2012 Brewer club row seat tickets and a signed 2010 Green Bay Packers Super Bowl football. Come on out and help the USPEH organization raise some funds.

The West Allis West Lions Club annual chili cook-off will be held Sunday, Feb. 26, at the K.C. Hall, 1800 S. 92 St. from noon until 3 p.m. This is an all you-can-eat activity, and admission is just \$5 per person. Sample a variety of chili entries and vote for your favorite. Several local chefs will be on hand to judge their favorite recipes. Plenty of drawing prizes and a bake sale by the New Berlin Lioness Club will also be available.

How about some pancakes? Sound good to you? The annual pancake breakfast hosted by the West Allis West Lions Club will be served Sunday, April 15, at Mary Queen of Heaven Hall, 106th W. Lincoln Ave., offering all-you-can-eat pancakes for a \$6 admission charge. Come on out to sponsor the local Lions Club and help raise needed funds.

The Fun-O-Leer Club of Milwaukee is planning their annual bowling

social. New member Bill Hertz will be running this annual fun day on the lanes. This event fills very quickly each year, and participation is on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't wait. All entries must be accompanied by your entry fee check. The cost for this great time is \$15 per person and includes bowling, pivo, soda and lunch.

Contact Fun-O-Leer member Craig Frohna, who is handling event registration, at (262) 821-5296, or visit the Fun-O-Leer web site at [www.funoleers.org](http://www.funoleers.org) for additional information and entry forms. Bowling will take place Saturday, April 21, starting at 11:30 a.m. at Riviera Bowling Lanes, 8600 W. Greenfield Ave. This is a great event and a lot of fun each year. Please don't wait and be disappointed that you were left out if you didn't act fast enough.

The USPEH Slovenian Chorus will present their spring concert Sunday, April 29, at Sacred Heart Church, 917 N. 49th St. (one block north of Wells St. on 49th St.). The concert will start at 2 p.m. Watch for further details.

The annual Tony Mlinar Sr. Memorial Golf outing is slated Saturday, June 16. There will be more information on this activity in future "Badger Jabber" columns, but for now, keep this date open for this great event. Bro. Mlinar Jr. has been handling this event for the past few years due to the illness and passing of Bro. Bill Demshar (686). Last year's outing was played without a drop of rain; not so in previous years. We're hoping for another dry year.

Mark your calendars for the annual Badger Lodge 584 summer picnic. Sunday, July 29, is the date, and the location will be the same as last year, Root River Parkway, picnic area #1. The picnic usually starts around noon. Watch for further information concerning registration. All Milwaukee SNPJ Lodge members are welcome.

Bowling results are complete for the 2011 Family Twosome Bowling. It appears as though the Milwaukee Lodges did very well. In the Bantam Division (age 8 and under), the father-son team of Jeff and Joshua Mlaker (584) rolled a 590; the mother-daughter team of Jane and Brianna Lynch (584) shot 343; the grandfather-granddaughter entry of Gerald Francis and Madalaine Brown (686) shot a 466 series; and the grandmother-granddaughter team of Mary Alyce Francis and Madalaine Brown (686) managed a 449 series.

In the Preps Division (ages 9-11), the mother-son team of Sue and Tyler Mouthey (584) blasted a 790 series; in the Juniors Division (ages 12-14), the mother-daughter team of Michelle and Amber Schweiger (584) shot an 864 series; and in the Majors Division (ages 15-18), the mother-daughter team of Heidi and Emily Poklar (584) rolled an 1,138 handicap series to win. Congratulations to all the winners!

The Badger Lodge February regular meeting will be held on the third Thursday, Feb. 16, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church Hall, 7929 W. Lincoln Ave. in West Allis, Wis. This would be a good time to pay your annual Lodge assessment of \$3.60 per adult member that is now due. This assessment pays local Lodge operating expenses for the year and is not included in your normal SNPJ insurance billing process; these dues must be collected at the local level through the Lodge secretary.

You can also send your checks, payable to "SNPJ Badger Lodge 584," to Bro. Jeff Mlaker, 3809 S. 50 St., Milwaukee, WI 53220. This assessment must be paid in order to maintain your member-in-good-standing status with the Badger Lodge.

Looking ahead, the March regular Badger Lodge 584 meeting will be held Thursday, March 15.

## Cure your cabin fever with Workmen's Home indoor balina

by CHARLIE SHAVER (614)  
Tournament Chairman

**CLEVELAND** — Looking for something to do in early March? Come down to the Slovenian Workman's Home (SWH) for an indoor balina tournament. The event will take place March 2-3 starting at 6 p.m. Friday and continuing at 10 a.m. Saturday.

This double elimination tournament will have two divisions based on level of play. The cost is \$40 per team. Teams may consist of four women, four

men or a mix. Regular games will be played to 11 points, or 45 minutes, with the scoring of one point per ball. The finals will be played to 24 points with the scoring of one point per ball, two points per two balls, six points per three balls or eight points per four balls nearest to balina.

Your entry fee will include a soft drink and sandwich. Twenty dollars from each team entry will go into the pool for prize money. The top three teams in each division will be awarded,

and prize money will be determined by the number of teams in each division. Team captains will be notified of their play date and starting time.

You may use your drink and sandwich ticket either day; food and beverages will be available both Friday and Saturday. A fish fry will be held Friday at the hall, and sandwiches will be served in the bar area downstairs.

Entry forms can be found at the SWH and other halls in the area. You may also enter via e-mail at

[swh-waterloo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swh-waterloo@sbcglobal.net). Please include your team members and contact information. Checks should be made out to "SWH" and sent to SWH, Attn: Balina, 15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland, OH 44110.

Questions should be directed to Joe Bradac at (440) 376-8317; Charlie Shaver at home at (440) 729-3568, where you can leave message, or on his cell phone at (440) 773-1470; or the SWH during business hours at (216) 481-5378. We hope to see you there!

## PROSVETA Crossword Super Bowl (#0312) by StatePoint Media

### ACROSS

- No longer required to lick this
- \*Kick catcher
- Manufactured
- BBQ spot
- Argonaut's propeller
- Inside of a jacket
- Lusitania's destroyer
- \* \_\_\_ Bowl, 1 week before Super Bowl
- \_\_\_ peace
- Type of sale
- \*Last year's winner
- International trade organization
- Screen material
- Legal group
- Process of seeping
- Pass away
- A graduate
- Of sound mind
- Specialty
- \*Can be used to describe a safety
- Item in diary
- To finish with a ceiling
- Twig of willow tree
- It includes upward and downward dogs
- It replaced the ECU
- Food of the gods?
- \*Where the Wild Things Are? rollick
- Teacher's favorite
- \*A field goal wide right, e.g.

- Immeasurable period

- \*She infamously had a wardrobe malfunction
- \*This year's host
- Repent
- \*Defensive \_\_\_
- Quechuan people
- Inanimate thing that talks?
- Electric swimmer
- Not fashion-minded
- Volcano action
- Wade's opponent
- Austin Powers creator

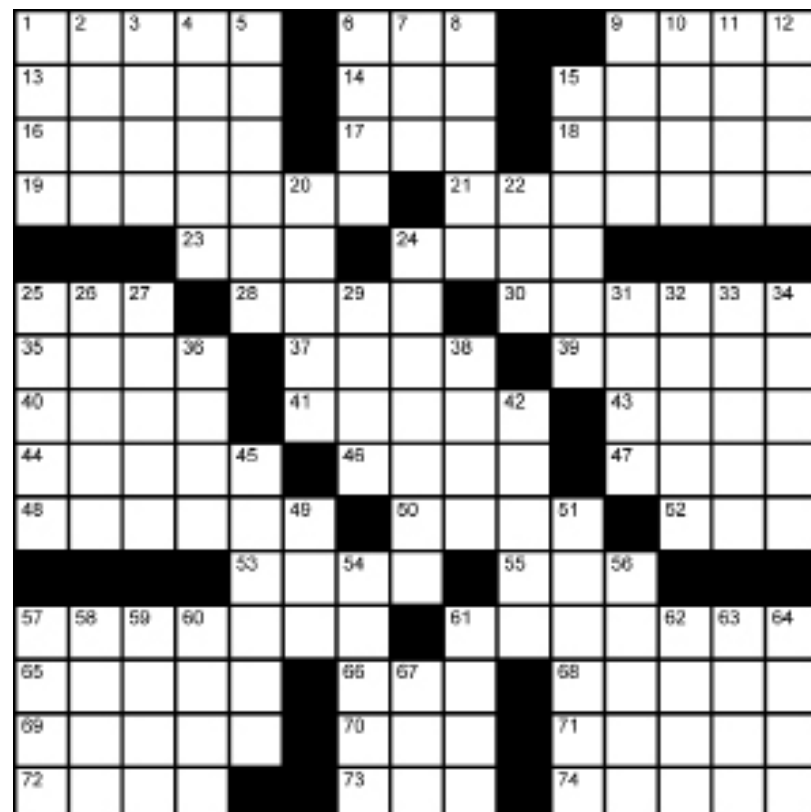
### DOWN

- Basketball star Tim Duncan, e.g.
- Inhibition resulting from social custom
- A-bomb particle
- \*Most frequent Super Bowl host
- Sometimes mashed
- Antonym of "yup"
- ENT's first concern?
- Figure of speech
- Not to be worn, according to PETA
- \_\_\_ Hathaway
- Can be white-tailed or black-tailed
- He/she "\_\_\_ on the safe side"
- Bushy tree growth
- \*Tony Siragusa's nickname
- Egyptian cobra

- Trusted advisors
- \*Last year's MVP
- Nonchalantly unconcerned
- Derived from gold
- Like a clown
- \*Hall-of-Famer and Super Bowl XXIII MVP
- Frost over
- Frodo Baggins' homeland
- Feudal lord's property
- \*Team captains do it on the 50 yard line
- Consequently
- Mandarin's headquarters
- The infamous Jon Benet \_\_\_ case

- Site of 2016 Olympics
- Preacher's platform
- Show contempt
- Nincompoop
- Peach and strawberry preserves, e.g.
- Summit location
- Traffic controller
- "I \_\_\_ it!"
- Not in use
- Heart pain
- Hair removal product
- #22 Down, pl.
- What's old is new again, prefix

The solution to puzzle #0312 will run in the Feb. 22 issue.



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# February filled with fun at Sygan Lodge 6

by FRANK T. WRIGHT  
Lodge 6

**SYGAN, Pa.** — Look out, Brother and Sisters! Lodge 6 will be a happening place in February. Just check out our many upcoming events.

Bingo will be held Wednesdays, Feb. 8 and 22, in the downstairs bar at 7 p.m. At the beginning of each game, you may purchase as many bingo sheets as you would like. The cost is \$1 per sheet with four bingo cards per sheet. We play nine regular games, two specials and one overall.

Stop by Lodge 6 for a Sweethearts Night Out with Outlaw Karaoke Saturday, Feb. 11. Karaoke will begin at 9:30 p.m. Join us for a fun-filled evening and sing that special song to that special someone. Outlaw Karaoke will return to our clubroom Saturday, Feb. 25 from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Youth Circle 36 will bowl at noon Sunday, Feb. 12. Circle Director Bridget has a Valentine's Day party planned for everyone who bowls. So that Bridget can plan accordingly, please RSVP on the Facebook event at SNPJ Sygan or send an e-mail to [snpjcircle36@yahoo.com](mailto:snpjcircle36@yahoo.com).

[yahoo.com](mailto:snpjcircle36@yahoo.com).

Also on Sunday, Feb. 12, Eddie Vallus and Dick Tady will perform in the Sunshine Room. The doors will open at 1 p.m. and the bands will play from 2 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door and the kitchen will be open.

The second annual SNPJ Winter Classic Bowling Tournament is almost upon us. All of us at Lodge 6 are excited to bowl with everyone at Lodge 6 and visit with our friends at Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 too. This is one of those great fraternal weekends that we all love.

On Friday, Feb. 17, the men will bowl doubles and singles at Strabane, and the band Local will perform at Strabane from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, the men will bowl doubles and singles at Strabane. The women will bowl doubles and singles at Sygan, and the Johnny Koenig Band will perform at Sygan from 8 p.m. to midnight.

On Sunday, Feb. 19, the men will bowl teams at Sygan and the women will bowl teams at Strabane.

The Pittsburgh Area Jit-

terbug Club is scheduled to perform in the Sunshine Room Saturdays, Feb. 18 and 25. Check out their web site, [www.pittsburghareajitterbugclub.com](http://www.pittsburghareajitterbugclub.com), for more information.

Sunday, Feb. 26, brings the Tady brothers to Lodge 6. Dick Tady and Jack Tady will be performing back to back in the Sunshine Room. The doors will open at 1 p.m. and the bands will play from 2 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door and the kitchen will be open.

Also on Sunday, Feb. 26, is a nine-pin, no-tap singles bowling tournament. There will be one shift of bowling at noon. This tournament is open to the first 48 bowlers to register and pay. Each bowler will bowl four games; the three highest scores will be used. Please see Bob or Margie Wasky to sign up, or for more information. No walk-ins, please. The entry fee is \$21 per person and must be paid at sign-up. All winners will be paid the same day.

The Four Townsman and The Mansfield 5 will be playing in the Sunshine Room Saturday, March 5. Tickets are \$20 each and must be purchased in

advance by calling Charlotte at (724) 693-9441.

Did you know that our clubroom bar now has new snacks for you to enjoy? Individual cheese or pepperoni pizzas, and plain or cheese-filled soft pretzels are available for purchase every day. Our clubroom opens at 3 p.m. daily and at noon on Sundays. We also have a happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Stop in and say hello, and enjoy a friendly game of pool or darts while picking your favorite songs on our juke box.

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

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

## News from Here & There

by GRACE DOERK  
Lodge 559

**CHICAGO** — Talk about the weather; I've never seen a winter like this. Last fall they predicted that we would have the worst winter ever. Well, so far things look good. Yes, we have had five to eight inches of snow, but most of it has disappeared since our temperatures have been in the 40's. Just this week we had rainstorms with thunder and lightning. Do we believe the weather forecasters? Only time will tell.

You've heard people say "it's a small world," and it certainly is. Just recently, my daughter-in-law attended a birthday party for one of her friends when she saw someone wearing an SNPJ jacket and asked if she knew Grace Doerk. It was Tina Rigler (449), and she remarked to my daughter-in-law, "I was at your wedding."

This week, while attending Emil Golub's funeral, I remembered that Emil had a sister, Ann Cartier, who served as president of Pioneer Lodge 559 many years ago. I asked if there was anyone from the Cartier family present, and they told me that Ray Cartier, Ann's son, was there. I talked to Ray, who is from Texas, and told him that I knew his mother, Ann. He proceeded to ask me my name, and when I replied Grace Gerdanc, he said, "I dated your sister Alice. I took her to Riverview on our first date." Oh yes, it is a small world.

We were sorry to read about Lodge 749 Secretary Evelyn Dimpfl who suffered

from femoral nerve damage caused by lithotripsy. We wish you a return to good health, Evelyn.

It touched my heart to read Lodge 33 members Al and Mary Roginski's names in Chris Petukauskas' most recent article. I remember all the good old days being in their company.

I was also sorry to read that Lodge 584 member, former SNPJ National Board member and former PROSVETA Editor Bill Jereb passed away Dec. 3, 2011. I remember working with Bill in the SNPJ Home Office. My sincere sympathy to his family.

Best wishes to Lodge 603 Secretary Mary Ann Reichel who has been ailing for some time. Sincere sympathy to Lodge 216 Secretary Sylvia Provenza on the passing of her husband, Joseph Provenza.

I enjoyed reading Jeanette Humphrey's article on the fun awaiting those who are planning to attend Florida SNPJ Days in Samsula. Of course, it's always nice to read articles from Bob Smole, Tina Rigler and Dolores Spelich from our area. Many of the SNPJ members I once knew are no longer with us. It's time we get a new group of the younger members to keep SNPJ in the news.

The Chicago Federation held their meeting Jan. 27 at the Slovene Catholic Center in Lemont, Ill. It was a lengthy meeting due to discussion of several year-end items. All 2011 Federation officers were re-elected for 2012. It was nice to see Justina Dabrowski (449) in attendance after a long absence.

After hearing the minutes, a financial report and the audit report, delegates proceeded with other matters. The Federation donated \$100 to the SNPJ Scholarship

Fund. Lodge reports were presented, the bylaws were discussed, and we talked about the three events the Federation will sponsor in 2012, which will include the Memorial Day services, the Aug. 19 dinner dance and the annual SNPJ youth Christmas party.

The next Federation meeting will be held March 23 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Slovene Catholic Center.

The trip to Indianapolis sponsored by KSKJ was just wonderful. Aboard were members of SNPJ, KSKJ, SWU and the Lemont Catholic Center. There were all kinds of treats for us on the bus. After eating either a blood sausage or fresh sausage dinner at the festival, which was hosted by KSKJ #52, we enjoyed the program by the Zbor Spendov men's chorus from the Lemont Catholic Center. Music for dancing was provided by Ansambel Veseljaki from the Slovene Catholic Center. They all did a wonderful job. The Lemont Catholic Center is very proud of these Slovenian entertainers. Coming home on the bus, many of us sang Slovenian songs. It was a marvelous trip with many happy Slovenians aboard.

After returning home from the Indianapolis trip at about 2 a.m., Otto and I found a stray dog in our driveway. The police located the dog's owners after about three hours, which made me very happy. I've always wanted a dog, but Otto tells me there is plenty of care involved. Well, maybe someday.

Can you believe January is over and we're still enjoying 40- to 50-degree temperatures? After being warned by news media that we were going to have the worst winter ever, that doesn't bother me. I hope they were all wrong.

## Official Proceedings

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
October 18, 2011

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

The minutes from the Sept. 23, 2011, meeting were read and approved.

Discussed the annuity products, guaranteed interest rates, crediting rates, and the investment portfolio. Discussion on the new annuity guaranteed rates.

Discussed the Employee Health Care Benefits and the research to be done on the Health Reimbursement Agreement and the Health Savings Account.

Reviewed and discussed the changes in the Ohio insurance law regarding replacement forms.

Approved that Bro. Evanish, Sis. Pintar, and Bro. Lawrence attend the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance meeting held Oct. 23-25, 2011. Bro. Lawrence is the incoming president of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance.

Approved payment to Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney for legal services in the amount of \$4,448.63.

Approved a donation to FSGP Kidz Bowling 4 Kidz in the amount of \$350.

Approved a Society donation in the amount of \$100 for the SNPJ Lodge 158 100th anniversary celebration.

Approved registration payment for three attendees for the Ohio Fraternal Alliance meeting in the amount of \$375, and donations totalling \$250.

Approved the purchase of a \$100 ad for the Lodge 158 100th anniversary souvenir pamphlet.

Approved the purchase of a \$135 full-page ad in the 2011 Polka Hall of Fame program book.

Approved a cultural donation in the amount of \$200 for an event hosted by the Chicago District Federation.

Approved a cultural donation in the amount of \$200 for an event hosted by the Conemaugh Valley Federation.

### Cash Withdrawals:

**Sept. 28** – There was one Matured Endowment, one Outlived Policy and six Adult Cash Withdrawals, none of which were conversions. Cash value, \$4,719.67; insurance, \$8,236.

**Oct. 5** – There was one Outlived Policy and four Adult Cash Withdrawals, none of which were conversions. Cash value, \$4,178.75; insurance, \$6,650.

**Oct. 12** – There was one Outlived Policy and one Adult Cash Withdrawal, neither of which were conversions. Cash value, \$1,861.51; insurance, \$2,100.

**Oct. 18** – There was one Adult Cash Withdrawal, which was not a conversion. Cash value, \$1,122.43; insurance, \$25,000.

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

JOSEPH C. EVANISH  
National President

KAREN A. PINTAR  
National Secretary

## Membership Certificate Holders ANNUAL MEETING

**Slovenian Society Home**  
20713 Recher Avenue  
Euclid, OH 44119

**Sunday, February 12, 2012  
at 2 p.m. in the Lower Hall**

We invite all certificate holders and Lodge & Club representatives to attend.

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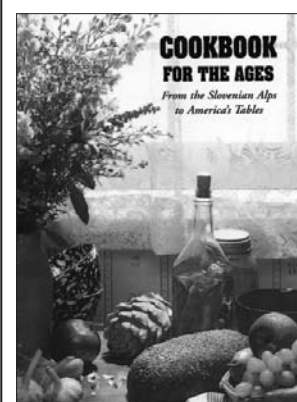
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## SNPJ RECOMMENDER PROGRAM



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# Fire at historic factory reminds Lodge 2 members of days gone by

by DELORES SPELICH  
Lodge 2 Secretary/Treasurer

**LA SALLE, Ill.** — Perhaps you've seen on the Internet the great New Year's Eve fire set by two teens at Westclox in Peru, Ill. The 800,000 square foot clock factory was the pride of the Illinois River area, and it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The fire burned for seven days, sending toxic smoke over our neighborhoods that caused evacuations of homes, schools and businesses.

The three-story center section was completely burned, leaving only the ornate brick front entrance with the huge, reliable clock in center. For-

tunately, only one fireman was injured.

In 1888, local businessman Frederick Mathiessen reorganized the United Clock Company, established in 1885, and formed the Western Clock Manufacturing Company. Eventually going by the trademarked name Westclox, the company was responsible for manufacturing the world-renowned Big Ben and Baby Ben clocks. They also developed wrist watches, spring wound clocks and electric clocks.

There were 5,000 employed by Westclox in 1956. The company offered humane working conditions and contributed millions of dollars to the La Salle-

Peru-Oglesby, Ill., economy. When corporate takeovers, labor problems and cheaper overseas products forced the end in 1980, 1,000 employees lost their jobs. At present, 13 businesses were inside the complex, some for 20 years.

My dad worked for Westclox in 1913 at age 15. In the watch racks, if you dropped one, it was deducted from your pay. The repair office (where I spent five years) was above the Rock Island Railroad tracks. We'd rush to the windows to wave at the soldiers on the troop trains as they passed on their way to Chicago.

Married women were not encouraged to be employed before World War II. After men started leaving to enter the service, Westclox went from house to house to recruit women to fill military fuse orders. Later, many of these women met their future spouses at Westclox, and many weddings took place during the July two-week vacation time.

Quite a few of us had our Thursday night wedding showers at the LaSalle Slovenian Dom, which was also in its heyday. One Saturday

we attended two weddings at St. Roch's Church. Father Mike Zeleznikar kept mixing up the first names of the two couples!

Lodge 2 members Frank and Mary Ravnikar met at Westclox. After more than 65 years, they still live in their family home as Elmer and I do. Most families in the area had one or more members employed at Westclox. Students who left school at age 16 immediately found employment at Westclox to help their families. After the war, many new homes were built due to Westclox employment. We were family. When our children were 4 and 6, my mother and I took them to the huge Westclox Christmas parties, which averaged several thousand children in the three years we attended.

Several Lodge 2 members visited the local veterans home. We met with Ed Muhich and Felix Borisek.

Frank Dernach showed us a 1975 Canton, Ohio, newspaper picture and article about Roman Possedi's band. Frank played accordion with them. Frank is recuperating well from an illness, and is again helping



Lodge 2 members **DELORES SPELICH**, **FRANK DERNACH** and **ELMER SPELICH** visited with member **FELIX BORISEK**, who shared two old Westclox clocks with them.

out at a local PADS shelter.

Best wishes are extended to Lodge 2 President Ray Miklavcic. Ray has returned home and is recuperating after spending two weeks in a Peoria, Ill., hospital.

Over the holidays we lost two longtime members, Sis. Ellen Resetich of Spring Valley, Ill., and Sis. Julia Bailey of DePue. Sincere condolences to their families, relatives and friends.

Celebrating SNPJ membership anniversaries are 80-year member William Gregorich, 70-year member Louis Resetich, 60-year member Betty Franzen and 50-year member Gloria Linder.

Happy birthday greetings go out to Frank Strell, Jan Ernati, Jan Bly, Robert Church, Betty and Bill Herron, Joyce Matthews, and Marilyn Smith.

Wishes for a happy, healthy 2012 to all!

## 2011 SNPJ Family Twosome Bowling Results

### BANTAMS DIVISION (age 8 and under)

Father-Son Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Jeff & Joshua Mlakar	584	590*
Vince & Vincent Paris	138/C-19	834**

Grandmother-Grandson Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Lucy Roberts & Alek Boggio	138/C-19	446*
Marcia & Devin Leathers	138/C-19	758**

Grandfather-Grandson Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Ken & Jack Anderson	677	519*
Bill Vogel & Matthew Neely	138/C-19	1,015**

Mother-Daughter Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Jane & Brianna Lynch	584	343*
Jen & Malia Carmichael	6/C-36	774**

Father-Daughter Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Bob & Erin Lawrence	138/C-19	604*
Kenny & Malia Carmichael	6/C-36	825**

Grandfather-Granddaughter Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Gerald Francis & Madalaine Brown	686	466*
Joe Kereki & Kaeley Miller	138/C-19	765**

Grandmother-Granddaughter Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Mary Alyce Francis & Madalaine Brown	686	449*
Patty Ward & Cassie Chappo	138/C-19	842**

(Bantam bowlers only bowl two games. In the event that three games were submitted, the lowest combined score was deleted.)

### PREPS DIVISION (ages 9-11)

Mother-Son Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Sue & Tyler Mouthey	584	790*
Rachele & Luc Morgan	138/C-19	1,186**

Father-Son Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Bob & Robert Lawrence	138/C-19	1,097*
Jeff & Tyler Mouthey	584	1,251**

Grandfather-Grandson Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Ron Wardle & Jeremy Smigiel	138/C-19	859*
Ken & Eric Anderson	677	1,159**

Grandmother-Grandson Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Karen Jurkowski & Lucas Bosek	564	543*
Karen Jurkowski & Chase Bosek	564	1,126**

Mother-Daughter Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Rachele & Camryn Morgan	138/C-19	881*
Marcy & Jessica Cadez	138/C-19	1,177**

Father-Daughter Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Skip & Camryn Morgan	138/C-19	946*
Ryan & Storie Poness	138/C-19	1,592**

Grandmother-Granddaughter Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Margie & Kayle Wasky	6/C-36	829*
Margie & Sabrina Wasky	6/C-36	1,236**

Grandfather-Granddaughter Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Len & Jenna Butka	138/C-19	745*

### JUNIORS DIVISION (ages 12-14)

Mother-Son Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Karen & Ian Brumbaugh	138/C-19	892*
Becky & Jordan Mangione	158/CAL	1,194**

Father-Son Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Bob & Brayden Lloyd	138/C-19	1,158*
Ryan & Ian Brumbaugh	138/C-19	1,171**

Grandfather-Grandson Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Ron Wardle & Jesse Smigiel	138/C-19	902*
Ermondo & Jacob Volpe	564	1,158**

Father-Daughter Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Kristian & Elizabeth Mounts	138/C-19	815*
Barth & Olivia Bucciarelli	564	1,151**

Mother-Daughter Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Michelle & Amber Schweiger	584	864*
Beth & Olivia Bucciarelli	564	1,136**

Grandfather-Granddaughter Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
John Wagner & Elizabeth Mounts	138/C-19	1,093*
Joe & Morgan Gasbarrini	138/C-19	1,324**

Grandmother-Granddaughter Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Marian Wagner & Elizabeth Mounts	138/C-19	797*

### MAJORS DIVISION (ages 15-18)

Mother-Son Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Jill & Tyler Engel	138/C-19	960*
Maria & Ian Binotto	138/C-19	1,171**

Father-Son Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Jim & Dylan Pounds	138/C-19	1,143*
Jeff & Jonathan Cadez	138/C-19	1,242**

Mother-Daughter Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Kathleen & Brittny Spoharski	6/C-36	656*
Heidi & Emily Poklar	584	1,138**

Father-Daughter Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Tom & Nicole Vehar	138/C-19	940*
Ken & Allie Jo Vogrig	158/C-19	1,078**

Grandmother-Granddaughter Class	Lodge/Circle	Score
Rose Lawrence & Mary Mangione	138/C-19	853*

\*Indicates Actual Champion  
\*\*Indicates Handicap Champion

## New online features will aid SNPJ communication, conversation

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it also includes 70 percent of those age 55 and older. So it's not just for "young adults."

Facebook has become the most dominant social media platform, reaching 750 million users. It is said that if Facebook was a country, it would be the world's third largest. A few years ago SNPJ started its own Facebook page at the initiative of some of our Internet-savvy young adult members. This year we will be encouraging more proactive engagement with the goal of seeing more interactive conversations on our page, and thus more interest in SNPJ. So don't forget to "Like" us on SNPJ's Facebook page.

Another way of reaching both SNPJ

members and potential members with relevant, interesting and value-added information is through a blog. In 2004 there were roughly two million blogs; today, that number has grown to about 200 million. I am happy to announce that SNPJ has launched its own blog thanks to the efforts of our Web Management Team of Jay Sedmak, Kimberly Gonzalez, Kevin Richards and myself, along with some outside expertise.

We hope to provide valuable information that followers may be interested in commenting on. And we do invite you to become an SNPJ blog follower. Many categories of interest will develop on the blog since SNPJ has so many different activities, events, purposes and benefits.

You may learn about an interesting SNPJ Heritage Center display, a few words about the need for life insurance, information on the next bowling tournament, or even see a funny video. The blog will be a way to keep up to date on SNPJ communications. You can then join in the conversation on Facebook.

The SNPJ blog resides on the Society's main web site, [sn timer.org](http://sn timer.org), and is easily accessed through the site navigation. Check it out soon, and then be sure to visit the blog often. The easiest way to remind yourself to pay a return visit is by subscribing to the blog. Just enter your e-mail address in the "Subscribe" box and you'll receive updates on SNPJ blog activity. So let's start blogging!

## Join Lodge 603 in March for Florida SNPJ Days fun

### FLORIDA SNPJ DAYS FROM PAGE 1

and you won't want to miss a minute of our celebration. After all, Lodge 603 is celebrating its 85th year as a chartered SNPJ Lodge.

On Sunday, March 4, the Lodge hall will open at noon and the fun will continue until 6 p.m. Music will start somewhere in the neighborhood of 1 p.m. and run to 6 p.m. Marc Bouchard and his orchestra will again be performing Sunday afternoon. We have special entertainment throughout the weekend featuring the musical talents of Tony Klepec and Bob Turcola. Ted Perkovich will be bringing several musicians with him from Palm Coast to fill in when the bands are on breaks. If you have a button box or other musical instrument and would like to join in, there's always a place for you. Admission is \$8 at the gate on Sunday.

Lodge 603 Vice President Pauline Lockwood is serving as Florida SNPJ Days chairperson this year, and she has organized a terrific weekend. We're

looking forward to a visit from Miss SNPJ 2012 Danielle Brand from Lodge 6 in Sygan, Pa., as well as greeting SNPJ National Secretary Karen Pintar who will be representing the SNPJ National Board and Home Office in Imperial, Pa.

Our Lodge hall had a terrific turnout of local cooks for the SNPJ Lodge 603 venison cook-off held Jan. 28. The hall filled quickly and the food line stretched out the door; it seems everyone loves venison.

The winners of the cook-off contest were: *appetizers* – Debbie and Clay Benedict for their venison nuggets, Trace Wolfe and Scotty Johns for their venison wraps, and Cinda Young for her venison balls; *entrées* – Bill Benedict for his fried venison steak, David Hall for his venison and sauce, and Alice Benedict for her burgundy venison; *soups and stews* – Scotty Johns and Trace Wolfe for their venison stew, Kim Conaway and Lee Evans for venison stew, and Dalton Benedict and Wade Pell for venison chili.

The evening continued with several

deer games. The adults enjoyed pinning the tail on the deer as much as the children did. The children found deer hoof prints that were hidden throughout the hall. Wade Pell took home the prize for finding the most hooves. It was another fun time at the Lodge 603 Hall.

Ruth Benedict is chairing the annual apple strudel bake at our Lodge hall in preparation for Florida SNPJ Days. She plans to start at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18. If you can come and lend a hand or two, it will be appreciated.

Lodge 603 Secretary Mary Ann Reichel spent nine days at Bert Fish Medical Center in New Smyrna Beach and was released Jan. 27 to be cared for at home by her husband John. She is improving each day. Lodge 603 members are reminded to send their local Lodge dues of \$6 for the 2012 year to Secretary Reichel at 437 North Samsula Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

Be sure to start practicing with your smiles that are always welcome at our Lodge hall. We'll see you soon!

## Verbick Memorial Bowl marks its 20th year

by MARY DONOVAN (584)  
District 6 Athletic Director

**MILWAUKEE** — Imagine 20 years ago, when Fran Remshak, Bob Gregorcich, Tom Wilke, the late Leo Sharko and I came up with the idea for SNPJ, CFU, KSKJ and Sloga to have a social bowling tournament. Who ever thought that

20 years later, this tournament would still be going strong with many of the same faces year after year?

When the clock struck noon, the excitement started building as Judy Price, Tony Verbick's daughter, walked up to the alley. The ball was thrown and "some" of the pins went flying!

After that ceremonial first ball was thrown, the tournament started and the fun began.

There were a total of 14 teams from SNPJ, CFU, KSKJ and Sloga (a division of CFU) participating in this wonderful event. The tournament is always highly anticipated by each of the organizations.

Participants roll the ball in hopes of capturing first place bragging rights. Judy Price donates money which we use to purchase shirts for the first place team.

We held a 50/50 drawing and the proceeds were donated to the four organizations' scholarship funds. The drawing tickets also served as an opportunity to win one of the many door prizes that were donated. I would like to thank everyone for their very generous donations. We had quite a variety prizes, and I'm sure that many people went home happy with their winnings.

I would like to thank Jan and Jerry Missian for taking time out of their day to sell Slovenian sausages. They were a wonderful treat that went well with the pivo. I know the bowlers appreciated your efforts.

Please pencil in this event for next year on the third Saturday in January at Riviera Lanes. Thank you to all who participated. We hope that you have a happy and healthy 2012, and we'll see you next year!

### 2012 Tony Verbick Memorial Bowling Tournament Results

Place	Team Name	Organization-Captain	Handicap Score
1	Fun O Leers	SNPJ - Tim Donovan	3,039
2	Badger Touring Team	SNPJ - Jerry Wucinski	2,938
3	Lily #764	SNPJ - Ed Vidmar	2,927
4	Sloga Family	SLOGA - Mary Alyce Francis	2,924
5	Croatian Sensations	CFU - Greg Panhans	2,896
6	Sloga Mixed Up	SLOGA - Mike Carroll	2,893
7	Bite Me	SNPJ - Gay Schweiger	2,890
8	Pouros Family	SLOGA - Nick Barczynski	2,877
9	Sloga Unmixed Up	SLOGA - Pat Carroll	2,824
10	Sloga Drinkers	SLOGA - Jim Kodel	2,820
11	Easy Pick-Ups	SNPJ - Mary Donovan	2,772
12	Tappers	KSKJ - Tom Gorenc	2,752
13	Fun O Leers Too	Frank Bevsek	2,703
14	3 Fingers Deep	KSKJ - Chad Fischer	2,625

SNPJ fraternal sympathies

**BRO. RONALD G. GRAZIOTTO**  
• LODGE 245 •

**LAWRENCE, Pa.** — With sadness, the members of Lodge 245 announce the Dec. 13, 2011, passing of Bro. Ronald G. Graziotto, 71, of Lawrence, in Center for Compassionate Care, Mt. Lebanon, Pa.

Bro. Graziotto was born Aug. 18, 1940, in Canonsburg, Pa., a son of Geno Graziotto and Bruna Briselli, who survive. He was a 53-year SNPJ member, and a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Also surviving are his wife, Joan Graziotto of Lawrence; a daughter, Toni (Jim) Metzmaier of Peters Twp., Pa.; four sons, Mark (Sheryl) Graziotto of Cecil, Pa., Rick (Teresa) Graziotto of Greensburg, Pa., Vince (Tiffany) Graziotto of Linwood, N.J., and John Graziotto of Cambridge, Mass.; nine grandchildren; a great-grandson; and a brother, Peter

(Gerry) Graziotto of Peters Twp.

Services for Bro. Graziotto were celebrated Dec. 17, 2011, at Coleman-Taylor Funeral Services, Cecil, followed by a Christian Funeral Mass in St. Mary's Church with Fr. Stan Gregorek officiating. Interment followed in St. Mary's Cemetery.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 245 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Bro. Graziotto's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**SIS. MARGARET ADAMOWSKI**  
• LODGE 106 •

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — The members of Lodge 106 report the Dec. 13, 2011, passing of Sis. Margaret R. (Dermotta) Adamowski, 91, of Conway, Pa. Margaret was born June 14, 1920, in Moon Run, Pa.,

a daughter of the late Frank and Cecilia (Dugas) Dermotta. She was employed by Freedom High School, working in the cafeteria for over 30 years.

Margaret was a 73-year SNPJ member, initially joining the Society as a member of the former Lodge 88 in Moon Run. She was also a 60-year member of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, and was actively involved as a member of the Christian Mothers and the Conway Community League.

Survivors include a son, Gene F. (Mary M.) Adamowski of Moon Twp.; a sister, Mary "Mitzie" Vidmar of Robinson Twp., Pa.; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and dear friends.

In addition to her parents, Sis. Adamowski was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene S. Adamowski, in 1960; four brothers, August "Auggie" Dermotta, Rudolph "Rudy" Dermotta, Joseph Dermotta and William Dermotta; and four sisters, Ethel Kurtz, Elizabeth "ZeeZee" Jackovac, Rosemary Dermotta and Catherine "Dutchie" Bryan.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Sis. Adamowski Dec. 17, 2011, at Our Lady of Peace Church, Conway. Interment followed in Calvary Cemetery, Freedom, Pa.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 106 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our sympathies to Sis. Adamowski's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**BRO. THOMAS F. MERCINA**  
• LODGE 358 SECRETARY •

**WEST POINT, Ohio** — The members of Lodge 358 sadly announce the Dec. 14, 2011, passing of Bro. Thomas Frank Mercina, 84, of Lisbon, Ohio, surrounded by his loving family and close friends following an extended illness.

Bro. Mercina was born Aug. 3, 1927, in West Point, a son of the late Thomas Sr. and Frances (Kogej) Mercina. He lived his entire life in the Lisbon area. A graduate of Lisbon David Anderson High School, Tom was a machinist for E.W. Bliss in Salem, Ohio. After retiring as chief inspector, Tom became the owner and operator of T.M. Machine in Lisbon.

Bro. Mercina was a member of St. George Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus, where he was a former Grand Knight and Knight of the Year 2005; SNPJ Lodge 358, where he served as Lodge secretary; and the NRA. Bro. Mercina was



Bro. THOMAS F. MERCINA (358)

also a post World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Tom treasured his heritage. He loved Slovenian music, his favorite of which featured the button box. He was also an avid golfer and sportsman. Tom was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and enjoyed spending time with his family.

Bro. Mercina is survived by his wife, Emily (Zagula) Mercina, whom he married Oct. 21, 1950; three daughters, Karen Shobert of Lakewood, Ohio, Frances (David) Ferguson of Rocky River, Ohio, and Nancy (Richard) Brent of North Royalton, Ohio; one son, Paul (Ramona) Mercina of North Canton, Ohio; two sisters, Frances Valentine of Salem, Ohio, and Mary Mercina of West Point; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass for Bro. Mercina was celebrated Dec. 19, 2011, at St. George Catholic Church with the Rev. James Lang and the Rev. Robert Edwards officiating. Burial with full military honors followed in Lisbon Cemetery.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 358 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Bro. Mercina's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**SIS. ELLEN RESETICH**  
• LODGE 2 •

**LA SALLE, Ill.** — With sadness, the members of Lodge 2 announce the Dec. 18, 2011, passing of Sis. Ellen Resetich, 88, of rural Spring Valley, Ill., in St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, Ill.

Ellen was born June 2, 1923, in Chicago to Barney and Nellie (O'Keefe) Ziano. She married John Resetich June 14, 1947, in Sacred Heart Church, Granville, Ill.

Sis. Resetich worked at Sampels in Spring Valley, then at Westclox in Peru, Ill., before retiring from Harper-Wyman in Princeton, Ill. She

was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Spring Valley and the Hopkins High School Alumni Association. She was a graduate of Hopkins High School.

Survivors include one son, Mike (Laurie) Resetich of DePue, Ill.; one daughter, Sandy Resetich of Rolling Meadows, Ill.; and one grandson, Troy Resetich. She was preceded in death by her husband on Aug. 21, 2010, and one brother, George Ziano.

Services were celebrated Dec. 22, 2011, in Barto Funeral Home, Spring Valley, and in St. Anthony Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert Spillman officiating. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery, De Pue.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 2 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend condolences to Sis. Resetich's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**BRO. FRANK L. PINTAR**  
• LODGE 138 •

**STRABANE, Pa.** — The members of Lodge 138 sadly announce the Dec. 28, 2011, passing of Bro. Frank L. Pintar, 89, of Canonsburg, Pa., in his home following a brief illness.

Bro. Pintar was born Jan. 27, 1922, in Sygan, Pa., a son of Jacob and Catherine (Usnick) Pintar. He was a retired coal miner, last working at Hill Station Mine for Consolidation Coal. He was a veteran of World War II, having served with the U.S. Navy as a gunners mate, 3rd Class.

Frank enjoyed working in the yard, gardening, walking and traveling. In addition to 70 years of SNPJ membership, he also belonged to Chartiers Hill United Presbyterian Church in Canonsburg.

On June 30, 1947, he married Josephine Deichler; she preceded him in death on March 13, 2010.

Surviving are two sons, Frank L. (Chris) Pintar Jr. of Virginia Beach, Va., and Dennis J. Pintar, his caregiver, of Canonsburg; a daughter, Denise (the late Ronald) Elliott of Amity, Pa.; five grandchildren, Anne (Steve) Strader, Virginia (Jason) Jordan, Ronald (Lisa) Elliott II, Jack Elliott and Casey (the late Nicholas) Calluna; 11 great-grandchildren; and a brother, James (Flo) Pintar of Muse, Pa.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by a daughter, Virginia Pintar; three sisters, Margaret Grossi, Agnes Vukotich and Dolores Pintar; and two brothers, Rich

Pintar and Robert Pintar.

Services for Bro. Pintar were celebrated Jan. 4 in McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., Houston, Pa., with the Rev. Donald Austin officiating. Interment followed in Forest Lawn Gardens, McMurray, Pa. Full military rites were accorded by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 191, Canonsburg, and American Legion Post 902, Houston, combined honor guard.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 138 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Bro. Pintar's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**SIS. LORETTA J. BARBISH**  
• LODGE 138 •

**STRABANE, Pa.** — With sadness, the members of Lodge 138 announce the Dec. 30, 2011, passing of Sis. Loretta Jean (Krenn) Barbish, 79, of Canonsburg, Pa., in her home.

Loretta was born Aug. 24, 1932, in Cecil Twp., Pa., a daughter of the late Henry and Josephine (Johnen) Krenn. She was a lifelong Canonsburg-area resident, a Presbyterian and a 44-year member of SNPJ Lodge 138 in Strabane.

She worked for Sewickley Valley Hospital, RCA, J.C. Penney in Washington, Pa., and Kaufmann's in South Hills Village, and was a homemaker. She enjoyed making crafts, quilting, reading, working puzzles, and corresponding with family and friends.

On Jan. 22, 1955, Loretta married Frank Barbish Jr., who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Carol (Barry) Harvey of Washington and Joan (Lawrence) Gaspersic of Coraopolis, Pa.; two grandchildren, Ryan Harvey and Joi (Douglas) Alrutz; a great-grandchild, Hailey Alrutz; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Elida K. Vance and Doris McNinch. She was the last of her immediate family.

Services for Sis. Barbish were celebrated Jan. 3 in Sollon Funeral Home Ltd., Canonsburg, officiated by Rev. Craig Kephart, pastor of Venice Presbyterian Church. Interment followed in National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Cecil Twp. Memorials are suggested to the SNPJ Scholarship Fund.

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

**SNPJ Crossword**  
WINTER FUN (#0212) solution



**John & Frances Ambrose**



Now we're together. May we rest in peace and may we both be blessed. No one can part us now, and the family will think of us both as always "one of the family zlahta."

**DEATHS REPORTED**

For the weeks of Jan. 1-15, 2012

LODGE	NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CITY/STATE
A01	John S. Fandl	05-30-11	Northampton, Pa.
A01	Helen A. Blue	11-19-11	Bradenton, Fla.
3	Louise Bulka	12-21-11	Johnstown, Pa.
6	Bonita J. Loughlin	12-13-11	Hollywood, Fla.
6	Steve P. Klemash	12-20-11	Pittsburgh, Pa.
6	Elvira M. Irwin	11-13-11	New Prt Rchy, Fla.
34	Anna Zakrajsek	05-05-07	Indianapolis, Ind.
41	Stanley Homce	12-26-11	Export, Pa.
87	Thomas R. Tumbry	12-13-11	Herminie, Pa.
87	Rose L. Torvick	12-18-11	Herminie, Pa.
87	Elizabeth A Globosky	12-24-11	Herminie, Pa.
106	Ernest Butya	10-07-94	McKees Rocks, Pa.
106	Rudolph Redek	11-29-11	Coraopolis, Pa.
138	Frank L. Pintar Sr.	12-28-11	Canonsburg, Pa.
138	Miroslav Tomsich	12-22-11	Canonsburg, Pa.
138	Olga Martincic	01-02-12	Meadowlands, Pa.
142	Alois Grajzl	12-01-11	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
207	Dorothy Miklich	12-07-11	Great Falls, Mont.
216	Joseph C. Provenza	12-10-11	Verona, Pa.
254	Frank Sturm	11-28-11	Parkhill, Pa.
518	Elizabeth Klanecnik	02-09-11	Carleton, Mich.
576	Eleanor McFarlane	11-21-11	Cleveland, Ohio
584	Everett G. Wilbur	09-09-11	Menomonie, Wis.
603	Ralph G. Martino	12-18-11	Miami, Fla.
626	Sylvia Franks	12-07-11	Roswell, Ga.
713	Virginia C. Jug	12-20-11	New Kensington, Pa.
721	Richard A. Lise	12-06-11	Crescent, Pa.
721	Kenneth C. Johnston	12-09-11	Industry, Pa.
729	John Nicholas Beck	12-14-11	Greensburg, Pa.

**KAREN A. PINTAR**  
National Secretary

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