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Westmoreland Co. Fed, Lodge 41 to meet Oct. 25

IRWIN, Pa.—The Westmoreland County Federation and Lodge 41 will both meet Sunday, Oct. 25, at Lodge 41, 1100 Valley Club Dr., Irwin, PA 15642. Lodge 41 will meet at noon and the Federation meeting will follow at approximately at 1 p.m. End of the year financial reports will be compiled and election of officers for 2010 will be held. All officers and delegates are encouraged to attend. Contact JoAnn Raspotnik at (724) 325-2433 or e-mail jraspotnik@windstream.net for more information.

JOANN RASPOTNIK (41)
Federation Secretary

Lodge 31 to reorganize with former Lodge 755

SHARON, Pa.—All members of Lodge 31 and the former Lodge 755 are invited to a reorganization meeting Tuesday, Oct. 27, beginning at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the SRHS Diagnostics and Imaging Center, 2435 Garden Way in Hermitage, Pa. Enter through the door labeled "Conference Room" on the Garden Way side of the building. Future activities of the combined Lodge will be discussed. Contact Barb Bogolin at (724) 347-1197 for more information.

BARB BOGOLIN
Lodge 31 Secretary/Treasurer

Lodge 53 members invited to Farm breakfast

CLEVELAND—Attention Lodge 53 members. You are invited to the SNPJ Farm Board's fall Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Sunday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the SNPJ Farm on Heath Road in Kirtland, Ohio. Just sign in at the ticket booth and you will receive a complimentary breakfast as a member of Lodge 53. We hope to see you there!

PAULINE BARBISH
Lodge 53 President

Farm's fall breakfast on the house for Utopians

CLEVELAND—Here's an invitation to all Utopian Lodge 604 members to come out to the SNPJ Farm on Oct. 25 for a delicious pancake breakfast served up by the SNPJ Farm Board. The menu includes pancakes, sausage patties, orange juice and a hot beverage. Serving will run from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the ticket booth.

Why not come out for the last event of the season at the SNPJ Farm, and enjoy a delicious breakfast and the fall setting that makes the Farm look absolutely beautiful? We hope to see you there.

GERRI TREBETS
Lodge 604 Secretary

THE DEADLINE

The next two *PROSVETA* issue dates are Nov. 4 and Nov. 18. All material must be received by Monday, Oct. 26, for the Nov. 4 issue, and by Monday, Nov. 9, for the Nov. 18 issue. If you are running short on time and concerned about making the deadline, try faxing your submission to (724) 695-1555 or e-mailing prosveta@snpj.com.

Slowind pushes west

Slovenia's Slowind quintet returning to Southern California in November

by JEAN KOCI
Lodge 786 Secretary/Treasurer

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif.—The Slowind Wind Quintet will once again treat us to a classical concert at St. Timothy's Church in Laguna Niguel, Calif. They have performed twice before at this venue and were warmly received

each time by the Slovenian community of Southern California, as well as the local community.

The concert will be another special evening of music performed by the talented members of the Slovenian Philharmonic Orchestra. We hope that you will take the opportunity to attend the concert and reception that will follow in the church hall. You can enjoy homemade Slovenian pastries and have the chance to meet these congenial young men. We met with them in Ljubljana a few weeks ago, and they are eagerly

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Hosted by Orange Coast Lodge 786, the Slowind quintet from Slovenia will return to Southern California for a Nov. 7 performance at St. Timothy's Church in Laguna Niguel.

SNPJ congratulates the 2009 Members of the Year

SNPJ Young Adults present their selections for 2009 Outstanding Members of the Year

compiled by KEVIN RICHARDS
SNPJ Fraternal Director

IMPERIAL, Pa.—The SNPJ Fraternal Department is proud to announce the winners of the 2009 Outstanding SNPJ Young Adult and Youth Member of the Year as selected during the 2009 Young Adult Conference delegation this past June. The 2009 Outstanding Young Adult Member of the Year is Erik Lundgren, a member of Orange County, Calif., Lodge 786, and the 2009 Outstanding Youth Member of the Year is Kara Maruszak, our reigning Miss SNPJ and a member of Lodge 53 in Cleveland.

Erik Lundgren is a lifetime SNPJ member. Prior to becoming a young adult member, Erik was very involved with the youth activities sponsored by the Society. Now, as a college student, Erik is an SNPJ scholarship recipi-

ent, has served as a Young Adult Conference delegate, attended Lodge picnics, bowled with other SNPJ young adults and performed with the youth/young adult ensemble for California SNPJ Days. He has also participated in Join Hands Day and Make a Difference Day.

Erik has a passion for gymnastics. He is currently a participant in the University of California San Diego (UCSD) recreational gymnastics program, a volunteer coach at Azarian Gymnastics during summer and holiday breaks, and an assistant at sponsored gymnastic meets.

Erik is a committee member for the TESC student engineers organization at UCSD. He participates in "Poets of Noise," a volunteer musical performance group composed of UCSD students. The group performs classical and modern pieces for schools, hospitals, day cares and senior centers. Erik plays violin, guitar and piano with the group. In his free time he also tutors high school students.

Erik is very interested in his Slovenian heritage. While in high school, he completed

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2009 Youth Member of the Year
KARA MARUSZAK (53)



2009 Young Adult Member of the Year
ERIK LUNDGREN (786)

The Sound of Music will echo through the Circle 2 fall concert

by KATHLEEN TREBETS (604)
Youth Circle 2 Director

*"Let's start at the very beginning,
a very good place to start.*

*When you read you begin with A-B-C,
when you sing you begin with DO-RE-MI!"*

EUCLID, Ohio—Most of you know those words from the "The Sound of Music," a musical based on the memoir of Maria von Trapp. It features music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, and a book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse. Many songs from the musical have become standards, including the title song, "The Sound of Music," "Edelweiss," "My Favorite Things" and "Do-Re-Mi." This is one of my favorite musicals, and I even had the opportunity to go on "The Sound of Music" Tour in Salzburg, Austria.

Under the direction of Shirley Ivancic Stall, the children of Youth Circle 2 will put on a performance consisting of songs from "The

Sound of Music," along with various polkas and waltzes. The Circle's annual fall concert is set for Sunday, Nov. 15, in the lower hall of the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Ave. in Euclid. The doors will open at 1 p.m. and the concert will begin at 2.

The cost of the tickets is \$7. Former Circle 2 members will be admitted at a discounted price of \$5, and children under the age of 18 are free. I would love to see as many alumni there as possible to support their former group.

Following the concert, we've asked some local musicians to help provide music for your listening pleasure. Sandwiches, desserts and beverages will be available for purchase.

Please come out for an enjoyable afternoon and help support the young children of SNPJ Youth Circle 2. If you need more information or are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact me by phoning (440) 749-4211 or e-mailing kat21_2@hotmail.com.

PERIODICAL MATERIAL

The Cleveland Federation hosting an open forum on the convention

by JOE VALENCIC (5)
Cleveland Federation President

CLEVELAND—The Cleveland Federation of SNPJ Lodges invites local SNPJ members to an open forum to discuss the upcoming National SNPJ Convention and future plans for the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio.

Join us at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road in Cleveland, Monday evening, Oct. 26, beginning at 7 p.m. If you have issues to be brought up for the good and welfare of the Society at the convention, this is your opportunity to share your insights. We also welcome your ideas for the development of the Farm, such as year-round activities and expansion of the facility into a multi-purpose center for meetings, events, entertainment and the Slovenian culture.

For additional information, contact Sophie Matuch at (440) 951-6906.

Girard Lodge 643 setting plans to Make a Difference

by TONY KREN
Lodge 643 Secretary

GIRARD, Ohio—Golden Eagles Lodge 643 had an active meeting in September with SNPJ Marketing Director Greg Felton present to provide a detailed overview of our insurance and annuity programs. Our members appreciated the information provided by Greg; he answered all their questions. Thank you, Greg, for a very informative visit to Girard.

Our Lodge members discussed plans for the Make A Difference Day program. We will once again contribute to the very worthy Emmanuel Center, an affiliate of St. Rose Catholic Parish in Girard. Although Make A Difference Day is Oct. 17, members are

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• Makena and Jenna Sankovich Borough of SNPJ, Pa., Lodge 770

The members of Lodge 770 welcome Makena and Jenna Sankovich as their newest additions. Makena and Jenna are the daughters of David and Carrie Sankovich (770), and the granddaughters of Miro and Jean Sankovich (770). We welcome Makena and Jenna to the Slovene National Benefit Society, and extend our best wishes to their entire family.

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Halloween brings the other-worldly to Lodge 138

by JEN HERVOL
Lodge 138

STRABANE, Pa. — Do you believe in ghosts? Lodge 138 members in Strabane believe. Eerie stories of tragic accidents and ghostly sightings in the Lodge have been whispered for many years. Spine-chilling sounds and shadowy figures have been witnessed late at night. The spirits are said to haunt the basement and the upstairs stage. Phantoms have been spotted roaming the grillroom and bowling alley by the brave who lock up each night.

These sightings and experiences always increase during the month of October, when the veil between this world and others is thin. During one night in particular, it's said that these spirits gather to terrify the living and celebrate Halloween.

Come Saturday, Oct. 31, at 9 p.m. and face your fears at our adult Halloween bash. Witness ghosts, ghouls, monsters and more in our creepy costume contest. Listen to frightening shrieks during karaoke. Join the creatures that go "bump!" in the night and shake a tail feather to music provided by the devilish DJ.

Join us for a fright-filled night of fun... if you're not too afraid of our guests from beyond the grave!



Photos submitted by Bro. Joe Valencic (5).



SNPJ Farm Annual Grape Festival Heralds Summer's End

The Slovene Grape Festival at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, has been an end-of-summer tradition for nearly 50 years. [Top photo] **DOROTHY GORJUP** (158) and **DICK TOMSIC** (5) led the costumed parade as the mayor and his misses.

[Bottom photo] Miss SNPJ 2010 **KARA MARUSZAK** (53) took center stage during an accordion jam session following the Grape Festival ceremony. **JOEY TOMSICK** (576) and his orchestra performed for the dance.

East Ohio/ W. Pa. Fed schedules final 2009 meeting

by JOAN PLUNKETT (358)
Federation Recording Secretary

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — The Eastern Ohio/Western Pa. Federation held their Sept. 27 meeting at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Following the fraternal greeting, President Adam Furin (643) proceeded with the business portion of the meeting.

Seven Lodges were represented at the Sept. 27 meeting. Those in attendance gave reports on their respective Lodges. Cathy Kalenits (776) gave her treasurer's report on the success of the Aug. 2 Federation dance featuring the Del Rezek Orchestra.

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, Dec. 6, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Bessemer Croatian Club in Bessemer, Pa. Election of officers and a review of the bylaws are on the meeting's agenda. All delegates are asked to attend.

A harvest of good times for the California Fed

by JEAN KOCI (786)
California Federation Secretary/Treasurer

FONTANA, Calif. — It's Vinska Trgatev time in Southern California and folks are already talking about the upcoming event to be held Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Slovene Hall in Fontana, Calif., from 2 to 6 p.m.

For those who have attended this traditional event during the past 10 years, you know what a good time we have with the old harvest songs, the parade of costumed participants, the wise words from the *zupan* and *zupanja* of the Slovene wine country village, and the yummy tastes of wine and treats that are distributed amongst the guests during the afternoon.

Of course, many of our guests look forward to the trickery of stealing goodies that hang from the arbor with the hopes that they won't get caught by the watchful eyes of the *gendarmes*. Jail time and fines await those who take the risk... but only if they are caught red-handed.

Fred Mlakar organizes the pageant portion of the afternoon and directs the Mlakar Brothers Orchestra for this very traditional Slovenian dance. His father, Joe Mlakar, will lead the singing of pageant songs in his special way that takes us back 100 years to those simpler times when the grape harvest was truly the highlight of the year in each village, where wine was a part of the culture.

This year, just as last year, the California Federation will donate part of the income from this event to the SNPJ Scholarship Fund. So many of our young adult members have been awarded the generous scholarships provided by this fund, and it's only right that we support the fund. These young people are the future of our Society, and this is just a thank you and an encouraging word to keep up the good work.

As a special treat this year we will be hosting SNPJ National Secretary Karen Pintar as well as Miss SNPJ 2010 Kara Maruszak. Don't miss the chance to meet and greet these active members of our Society.

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$13 for each adult. This price includes a drawing ticket for your chance to win a beautiful harvest basket as well as make a dona-



Youth Circle 104 member **ELLIE KOCI** served up the treats during the 2008 California Federation Vinska Trgatev at the Fontana Slovene Hall.

tion to the Scholarship Fund. It also includes wine, juice, grapes, crackers, cheese and other treats that will be distributed during the pageant. Young adults age 17-30 will be admitted for \$5 and youths 16 and under are free. This is another way to encourage our young members to take part in social and cultural events. We know that most are either students or on a tight budget, so this will allow them a little break.

Come early and enjoy a goulash or klobase dinner, or a sandwich before the festivities begin. The kitchen will open at approximately noon. We hope that you will come and enjoy Vinska with us. You won't be disappointed. *Na svidenje!*

Lodge 153 readies for the holidays

by MOLLY KOHLER
Lodge 153

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — The Lodge 153 annual dance was held in the Alpine Room at the SNPJ Recreation Center Sept. 13. The featured band was the Jeff Pecon Orchestra. Many people were in attendance enjoying the fine music throughout the afternoon.

Our bake sale offered delicious home-

made goodies such as cookies, strudel and potica. We also held a 50/50 drawing. Congratulations to Mary Ann Dickson who was the \$91 drawing winner! I hope everyone had an excellent time.

As a reminder, the Lodge 153 members' Christmas party is planned for Sunday, Dec. 6. Our next Lodge meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Shepherd of the Valley in Poland, Ohio.



The SNPJ Recreation Center Alpine Room dance floor was filled during the Sept. 13 annual Lodge 153 dance.

Up-and-Coming...

A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

- OCT. 24..... SNPJ Youth Circle 36 Halloween party in the Lodge 6 Sunshine Room, Sygan, Pa.; doors open at 1 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 19 by calling or texting Ruth Wright at (412) 370-1726.
- OCT. 25..... Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87 dance at the Crystal Ballroom, 2-7 p.m. Entertainment will feature the Mikey Dee and Dick Tady orchestras.
- OCT. 25..... SNPJ Farm Board Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information phone Joseph Blatnik at (440) 943-1191.
- OCT. 31..... Yukon, Pa., Lodge 729 Halloween Blast featuring Renewed Memories with guest artist Peg Wilson and emcee DJ Frankie Day at the Yukon Slovenian Hall, 8 p.m.-midnight. Admission \$8 per person. For additional information phone Larry Krance at (724) 722-4627.
- NOV. 1 Kidz Bowling 4 Kidz charity bowling event at Princess Lanes, Whitehall Borough, Pa. Check-in at 11:30 a.m.; bowling begins at 1 p.m. For additional information contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675.
- NOV. 9 La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 visit to local nursing homes. For additional information phone Eleanor Kuhar at (815) 883-8983.
- NOV. 14 SloBowl United Bowling Tournament at Paradise Lanes, Neville Island, Pa. Bowling begins at 12:30 p.m.; a social will follow at Lodge 106 in Imperial, Pa. For information phone Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675.
- NOV. 15 SNPJ Youth Circle 2 annual Fall Concert at the Slovenian Society Home, Recher Ave. in Euclid, Ohio, beginning at 2 p.m. For tickets and information phone Kathleen Trebets at (440) 749-4211 or e-mail kat21_2@hotmail.com.
- DEC. 11..... Detroit Lodge 677 Christmas party and book signing at the Slovene American Club at 7:30 p.m. For additional details phone Ken Anderson at (248) 649-6228.
- DEC. 14 La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 holiday luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at 4 Star Restaurant, Peru, Ill. For details phone Eleanor Kuhar at (815) 883-8983.

2010

- FEB. 19-21.... Florida SNPJ Days hosted by Lodge 603, Samsula, Fla.
- MARCH 5-7... Florida Slovene Days hosted by Spring Hill Lodge 778.
- MAY 1-2 SNPJ National Bowling Tournament hosted by Indianapolis Lodge 34. For tournament information contact SNPJ Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail krichards@snpj.com.

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- **Thought for the Week** — I am not as concerned with the return on my money as I am with the return of my money.

Samuel Clemens, a.k.a. Mark Twain



The SNPJ Farm 2009 Dance Schedule

SNPJ Farm, 10946 Heath Road, Kirtland, Ohio
off Chardon Road (Route 6), three miles east of Route 306
For information phone (440) 256-3423 or (440) 943-1191

Oct. 25	Pancake & Sausage Breakfast	9 to 1
	\$5 Adults, \$3 Children	
Nov. 7	Original Masquerade Ball	TBA

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

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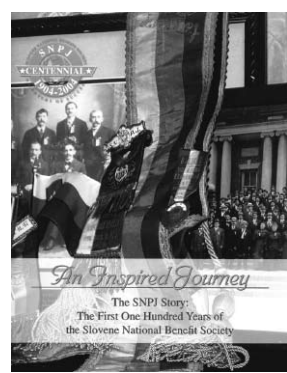
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Slovenia: best health care system in the region

LJUBLJANA/BRUSSELS (STA) — According to the latest Euro Health Consumer Index (EHCI), the Slovenian health care system is the 16th most user-friendly among 33 European nations. Slovenia is the highest-ranked among Central and East European countries, the Brussels-based Health Consumer Powerhouse discovered.

The EHCI list was topped by the Netherlands, which scored 875 points of a possible 1,000, followed by Denmark (819), Iceland (811) and Austria (795). With 668 points, Slovenia climbed four spots compared to last year.

"Slovenia is not following the trend of other Central and East European countries, and is increasingly improving its rankings. This is promising and proves there are several ways in which a good, efficient health security system can be formed," the EHCI chairman Arne Bjoernberg said. Bjoernberg also pointed out that Slovenia did well in the area of patients' rights and access to information, and had "a pretty generous system."

This year's study shows that the best European health care providers are including patients in the decision-making process by educating them on both health care and their options, which "creates pressure for improvement from the bottom up," according to the Health Consumer Powerhouse.

The EHCI assesses 33 European health security systems based on 38 indicators covering six key areas: patients' rights and access to information, "e-health," waiting time, the outcome of treatment, the range and accessibility of services, and access to medications. The first EHCI list was published in 2005. The index is based on publicly available statistics and independent surveys.

Slovenians among the best educated Europeans

LUXEMBOURG (STA) — Slovenia ranks second on the list of European nations who speak two or more foreign languages, according to recent data released by Eurostat. Slovenia, where most secondary students learn at least two foreign languages, is topped only by Norway.

The study, which was conducted in 2007, showed that Slovenia has the second highest percentage of the population (age 25 to 64) who perceived they spoke two or more foreign languages (72 percent). Norway tops the list at 75 percent. Slovenia is followed by Slovakia and Finland (both 68 percent), Lithuania (66 percent), Estonia (56 percent) and Latvia (55 percent). A third of adult Europeans speak no foreign language.

Slovenia also ranked high in terms of the percentage of secondary school students studying two or more foreign languages in 2007 (98 percent). The country was preceded only by the Czech Republic, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Finland with 100 percent.

In all EU countries for which data was available, English is the most studied foreign language in upper secondary education, except for Luxembourg, where English, French and German are equal, and Ireland and the United Kingdom, where French is most common.

Maribor wants a Culture Capital coordinator

MARIBOR (STA) — Maribor Mayor Franc Kangler has called on the Slovenian government to appoint a state secretary or coordinator for the 2012 European Capital of Culture project, which will be hosted by Maribor and several partner towns. Kangler is hoping for a meeting with Prime Minister Borut Pahor and Culture Minister Majda Sirca.

"All six mayors of the [project's] partner towns wrote to the prime minister 10 days ago, and we are awaiting his reply and an invitation to a meeting," said Kangler, who was presenting the project in Brussels. Maribor, Slovenia's second largest city, is carrying out the project in cooperation with partner towns Ptuj, Murska Sobota, Slovenj Gradec, Novo mesto and Velenje, as well as the Slovenian Culture Ministry.

According to Kangler, the 2012 European Capital of Culture project needs a person responsible for coordination of activities among various ministries because the Culture Ministry is not the only ministry responsible for the project. While attending a session of the parliamentary Culture Committee, Sirca said



the project was being planned too slowly, but stressed that the task was in the hands of those who had won the project. She also admitted that part of the problem lay with the government, which was unable to include a number of projects in the draft budgets for 2010 and 2011.

Kangler explained that the city of Maribor's task was to construct the infrastructure for cultural events, while the contents would have to be determined by artists and cultural officials.

"We understand the European Capital of Culture as a nationwide project, a project of national importance, and we want the Culture Ministry to establish a quality dialog," said Aleš Novak, head of the Maribor cultural office. Kangler added that the city had serious problems with the government and its offices. According to him, it will be "sad and shameful for this country" if Slovenia fails to draw at least 90 percent of the funds intended for the project in the 2007-2013 financial perspective.

The European Capital of Culture is the title awarded to one or more cities for a period of one year during which the cities are given the opportunity to showcase their arts, culture and cultural development. Maribor was confirmed the 2012 European Capital of Culture in May and will share the title with Guimaraes, Portugal.

Excavations shed light on Ljubljana's history

LJUBLJANA (STA) — In recent months Ljubljana has been hosting one of the largest teams of archaeologists in Slovenia. Excavations that are being carried out on several sites around the city are adding new pieces to the mosaic of Ljubljana's history.

"The findings present new information on prehistoric times in the area," said archaeologist Martin Horvat, who heads the excavations.

Excavations at a construction site for a parking garage in Kongresni trg Square revealed new facts about the defense system and suburbs of the ancient city of Emona. Archaeologists also found parts of buildings with floor heating systems, and a mosaic and frescoes dating from the first and second centuries A.D., as well as urns from the Iron Age. Kongresni trg Square also hid remnants from the modern era: a late 16th century bastion (fortified wall structure), a defense trench and a building, possibly a guardhouse.

A Capuchin monastery built in the early 16th century once stood in the area of Zvezda Park. It was demolished in 1817 and a park was built on the spot in 1824. The excavations also revealed some more recent remains — a pavement designed by architect Jože Plečnik, the remnants of foundations for a statue of General Radetzky and for a statue of Yugoslav King Aleksander Karadjordjevic, and remains of shelters built in 1943.

In the 11th and 12th centuries, a Middle Ages settlement developed under castle hill which included three streets in what is known as the Old Town Center today. Pre-excavation works at Kopitarjeva St. have revealed layers from the baroque period, Middle Ages and other periods of antiquity.

"The processing of the artifacts will take some time, and the first papers on the discoveries are expected next year. An exhibit displaying Ljubljana's metamorphoses could be arranged in two to three years," said Blaz Persin, acting director of the Ljubljana City Museum and Gallery.

Maribor U has its head in cloud computing

MARIBOR (STA) — In early October, the University of Maribor, in cooperation with IBM Slovenia, launched Slovenia's first cloud computing center which is considered to be one of the first in the world. The center will be made available to companies, university professors and students who want to study the capabilities of cloud computing.

"Cloud computing is a new concept which enables the development of new, innovative IT services and a cost-effective use of computer resources," Matjaž B. Jurič of Maribor University explained. "Cloud computing is a new concept in application development. Until now, computer owners had to install applica-

tions on their own server. This technology makes the application available as an online service," Jurič said.

The technology is considered to be one of the most important discoveries for the coming decade, and can be used in industrial, public administration and academic spheres to improve capacity, streamline business processes and encourage innovation. "Introducing state-of-the-art technologies and transferring knowledge between the university and industries are priorities for the University of Maribor. This center addresses both priorities by enabling researchers and students to use the newest technologies for research and development while at the same time giving companies access to a platform to develop new IT solutions," Maribor University Chancellor Ivan Rozman said during the opening of the center.

Roman Koritnik, CEO of IBM Slovenia, stressed that the center positioned Slovenia among the most developed countries of the world which have opened similar cloud computing centers in the past months. "Knowledge, its flow and cooperation are key. The flow of knowledge between universities and industries, the newest technologies and innovation are the keys to a successful economy and society. The cooperation that IBM Slovenia has been building with Slovenian universities for years has now been taken a step further," Koritnik stressed.

Experts debate the future of Aljaz Tower

LJUBLJANA (STA) — The Aljaz Tower on Mt. Triglav is in a very good shape, according to the Slovenian Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage. The institute has joined the debate on whether to move this national monument to a museum. Ivo Nemeč, a member of the institutes' restoration center, believes that if regularly maintained, the tower, which has been standing on top of Slovenia's highest mountain since 1895, can remain at the same location for another 50 to 100 years.

Earlier this year the Mountaineering Association of Slovenia said that the tower, which was declared a national monument in 1999, should be moved to the Mountaineering Museum in 2010 to protect it from decay. A replica would then be erected on Triglav. Strongly opposed to this idea, an ad-hoc civil initiative organized a protest on Triglav in early August. "Friends of Triglav" believe the tower is in excellent condition after its members cleaned, painted and repaired it in 2005.

To determine the actual state of the tower, a group of experts climbed Triglav in August only to establish that it had been well maintained. However, there are no records documenting its maintenance because it was maintained by amateurs.

"The biggest threat to the tower is corrosion," Nemeč said, and explained that the tower, the exterior of which has been damaged by snow and ice picks, was beginning to corrode. Nemeč believes the tower could remain on Triglav until the end of its lifespan — it could stay there until it is damaged beyond repair, replaced with a replica and moved to a museum; or left on Triglav permanently, provided that it is maintained regularly."

A 10th anniversary for the coal mining museum

VELENJE (STA) — Slovenia's most popular underground museum, the Coal Mining Museum of Slovenia, celebrated its 10th anniversary during an Oct. 7 ceremony. "Since July 1999, over 285,000 people have visited the museum, which translates to 91 visitors every day," director Stojan Spegel told the press.

The museum, run by Slovenia's biggest coal mine, is situated in a real coal mine some 590 feet below the surface on what is said to be one of the thickest layers of coal in the world. Visitors, wearing safety overcoats and helmets, descend to the museum by means of a 120-year-old mining elevator. During the hour-and-a-half tour, they explore two miles of underground routes.

Since its foundation, the museum has received several awards, both at home and abroad, of which the most prominent are a special award by the European Museum Forum, the Valvasor Award for Achievement and the Ford Award for preserving the country's technical history. *The articles comprising this feature have been reprinted with permission from the Slovenian Press Agency (STA).*



Park vojaške zgodovine Pivka

HEADLINE: The Pivka Park of Military History

TOPIC: The park of military history grew from the ruins of old Italian barracks in three years. With the cooperation of the Slovenian military and other museums, a large portion of the area has become a well-maintained museum. They erected two large exhibition pavilions to display a tank and an artillery collection, and they renovated half of the building which houses the information center, the permanent exhibitions and the park offices. The other part of the building, which is still empty, will be intended for use as a food court.

Park vojaške zgodovine, ki je v komaj treh letih zrased iz ruševin starih italijanskih kasarn, je upravičil državno in evropsko financiranje, o katerem je sprva dvomil tudi prejšnji obrambni minister Karl Erjavec. Velik del območja so s sodelovanjem slovenskega vojaškega in drugih muzejev

spremenili v lepo urejen muzej ter prizorišče doživljajskega turizma. Uredili so dva velika razstavišča pavilijona s tankovsko in artilerijsko zbirko, obnovili so polovico poslopja, območje komunalno urejajo, z ministrstva za kulturo in obrambo pa se dogovarjajo še o uporabi dveh velikih nastanitvenih objektov.

Podpora projektu je prejšnji teden izrekla tudi vlada, ko je na občino Pivka brezplačno prenesla lastninsko pravico nad dvema objektoma. Občina bo tako postala lastnica komande, tako imenovane še iz časov JLA, ter stražnice oziroma 2700 kvadratnih metrov pripadajočih zemljišč. V preurejenem delu komande že delujeta informacijski, vstopni center parka, v njej so stalne razstave in pisarne. Drugi del poslopja, ki je še prazen, so namenili gostinsko nastanitveni rabi. Stražnico, ki jo je zgradila JLA, so že podrti, zemljišče pa preurejajo v parkirišče.

DELO

HEADLINE: The first milk vending machine by domestic workmanship

TOPIC: The first milk vending machine was recently introduced in the city of Celje. This is the first self-service milk vending machine in Slovenia, manufactured by a local company, Etra, from Štore. Anton Lavbič, a 42-year old livestock farmer from Svetelka near Dramlje, is selling unpasteurized milk from his own farm.

The Lavbič family has 50 milking cows and they obtain close to 265 gallons of milk each day. For five years they sold most of the milk to Italian creameries, which paid more than the domestic dairies. Last year, Anton decided that he would sell his milk from milk vending machines, which cost him close to \$42,000. Buyers will be able to purchase as much milk as they like. The milk will be delivered fresh daily. Because it is unpasteurized, it will contain between 4.2 and 4.3 percent milk fat. Lebič is expecting to sell around 22 gallons of milk each day.

Obulici Frankolovskih žrtev na Hudinji v Celju stoji na prostoru med trgovino in časopisnim kioskom prvi mlekomat v mestu. To je sploh prvi samopostrežni avtomat za preskrbo z mlekom v Sloveniji, ki ga je izdelalo domače podjetje Etra iz Štor. Z njim 42-letni živinorejec Anton Lavbič iz Svetelke pri Dramljah prodaja domače nepredelano mleko iz lastne pridelave.

Pri Lavbičevih, ki so že po tradiciji živinorejci, imajo v hlevu petdeset krav mlečnih in prav toliko mladih goved, vsak dan pa namolzejo od 1000 do 1200 litrov mleka. Pet let ga prek govedorejskega društva večino oddajo italijanskim mlekarjem, ki so zanj sprva zagotavljale tudi boljše ceno od domačih. Že od lani, ko so se cene za liter mleka znižale za 12 centov, pa se je gospodar Anton nagibal k odločitvi, da bi tudi sam začel prodajati mleko v mlekomatih, kakršnega je takrat prvič videl v Medvodah. Z zamisljivo je "okužil" svaka, sicer solastnika štorskega podjetja Etra, da je s sodelavci začel snovati mlekomat.

"Natančne cene še nismo določili,

vendar pričakujem, da me bo mlekomat stal približno 30.000 evrov," je povedal Anton Lavbič. Z njim je zelo zadovoljen, saj kupcem omogoča, da z vstavitvijo denarja sami določijo količino mleka, ki jo želijo kupiti. Hkrati pa za vsakim nakupom tudi spre in razkuži nišo, v kateri je kupec natočil mleko iz posebne pipe v steklenico. Avtomat ponuja mleko v večjih litrskih pa tudi malih decilitrskih količinah. Kupcem, ki pridejo po mleko brez steklenic, pa omogoča tudi nakup embalaže.

"Liter mleka iz mlekomata stane evro, s to ceno bomo predvidoma pokrili stroške," pravi Anton Lebič. Mleko bo vsak dan sveže, iz molže ga bodo pripeljali le ohlajeno na štiri stopinje Celzija in povsem nepredelano, zato bo vsebovalo od 4,2 do 4,3 odstotka maščob in od 3,35 do 3,45 odstotka beljakovin. Čeprav so v dveh dneh Lebičevi brezplačno razdelili kar 700 litrov mleka, pa realno pričakujejo, da bodo iz avtomata poslej vsak dan prodali okoli 100 litrov mleka. V Celju pa bi radi postavili še več mlekomatov.

DELO

Koprski olimpijski bazen že kaže prve obrise

HEADLINE: Koper's Olympic swimming pool is showing its first outline

TOPIC: Only a year after the beginning of work on the largest recent investment in Koper – construction of an Olympic swimming pool, hotel, congress hall, offices and an underground parking garage – the project has received its first outline. Workers will place stainless steel plates for the bottom and sides of the first Olympic swimming pool on Obala on a cement platform. This will be a 164-foot-long, 82-foot-wide and 8.2-foot-deep pool, the type which

numerous swimmers and athletes in Slovenian Istria don't have access to. They will also build two smaller pools, a 150-room hotel, a congressional hall and an underground parking garage with 385 parking spaces. The soft silt ground is making construction a lot more difficult. They had to drill pilot holes 147 feet deep to reach solid ground.

Največja naložba v Koprju - gradnja olimpijskega bazena, hotela, kongresne dvorane, poslovnih prostorov in vkopane garaže - je šele leto po začetku del dobila prve obrise. Na betonski plošči bodo

iz nerjavečih jeklenih plošč zvarili dno in obod prvega pravega olimpijskega bazena na obali. To bo 50 metrov dolg, 25 metrov širok in 2,5 metra globok bazen, kakršnega številni plavalci in vrhunski športniki v slovenski Istri doslej še niso imeli.

Poleg velikega bazena bodo zgradili tudi 25-metrski ogrevalni bazen in tretjega, ki bo manjši in namenjen učenju plavanja.

Primorje Ajdovščina gradi z javno-zasebnim partnerstvom blizu bazena še hotel s 150 sobami, kongresno dvorano, več poslovnih prostorov in še eno vkopano garažo s 385 parkirni-

mi prostori. V poslovne prostore se bo preselila občinska uprava, morda tudi uprava enota Koper. Gradnja naj bi končali čez leto dni, tega pa številni Koprčani ne verjamejo, saj gradijo podoben objekt na drugi strani ceste, Zeleni park 2, že tri leta. Gradnjo otežuje predvsem mehko muljasto zemljišče.

Zato so morali najprej zgraditi 80 centimetrov debelo betonsko prepono okoli en hektar velikega zemljišča, ki sega do globine 24 metrov. Pilote so morali zabiti tudi 45 metrov globoko, da so prišli do trde osnove.

DELO

Obnova gradu Borl se bo začela prihodnje leto

HEADLINE: The renovation of Borl castle will start next year

TOPIC: According to the affirmations of Janez Jurgec, mayor of the Cirkulane municipality where Borl castle is located, the Ministry of Culture will soon receive the building permit for the castle's renovation. According to his announcement, the renovation will start regardless of whether or not they find a tenant, and the ministry has anticipated spending \$10 to \$14 million for the work. Two official public invitations, which were extended in the search for tenants, a manager or an investor, have failed because of the demanding conditions. Decades ago there was a hotel in the castle.

Now, the tenant candidates are musician Miha Pogačnik and An-

ton Kranjc, a painter of Slovenian descent from Nevada. Pogačnik has already introduced his ideas of an institution or center of European identity, where European business schools would meet and where youth centers could be formed. "The castle would become a trademark of educational programs," Pogačnik said, adding that he has already talked to managers who could help him to realize his plans.

Ministrstvo za kulturo bo po zagotovilih Janeza Jurgeca, župana občine Cirkulane, v kateri stoji grad Borl, že v kratkem dobilo gradbeno dovoljenje za obnovo. Po njegovih napovedih se bo začela prihodnje leto, ne glede na to, ali bodo do takrat našli najemnika, za prenovo pa ima ministrstvo predvidenih od osem do deset milijonov evrov.

Dva razpisa, s katerima so doslej iskali najemnika, upravljalca in investitorja, sta zaradi zahtevnih pogojev propadla. Grad je država predvidela za gostinsko in turistično dejavnost, kar ni novost, saj je bil v njem pred desetletji hotel. Kandidata za najem sta glasbenik Miha Pogačnik in Anton Kranjc, slikar slovenskega rodu iz Nevade. Pogačnik je županom Cirkulan in okoliških občin že predstavil svoje zamisli o inštitutu ali centru evropske identitete, kjer bi se srečevale evropske poslovne šole in bi bil prostor za mladinske centre. Grad bi takoj postal blagovna znamka izobraževalnih programov in povzovanja umetnosti in gospodarstva, je povedal Pogačnik. Pravi, da se je že povezal z menedžerji, ki mu bodo pomagali uresničiti načrt. Anton Kranjc dvomi o Pogačnikovih zamislih,

podobno kot v Društvu za oživiljanje gradu Borl, kjer menijo, da bi morali gradu vdahniti življenje ljudje iz Haloz. Župan Cirkulan Janez Jurgec pravi, da se bo s programom oživiljanje gradu morala strinjati tudi občina, kjer si želijo, da bi se obnova čim prej začela in da bi grad čim prej zaživel. Po dosedanjih ocenah bo moral prihodnji najemnik v grad vložiti od 10 do 20 milijonov evrov.

DELO

V Šmihel' eno kajžico imam

V Šmihel' eno kajžico imam, pa notri prebivam le sam, pa kaj mi pomaga ta kajžica draga, ko notri prebivam le sam.

En trošt pa še vedno imam, da dolgo ne bodem več sam, dobil bom nevesto, ljubico zvesto, potem pa ne bodem več sam.

Smeh je darilo Bogov

HEADLINE: Laughter is the gift of the gods

TOPIC: German writer Gottfried Keller wrote: "To laugh from the heart you have to have plenty of salt in the head and a lot of kindness in your heart. Animals cannot laugh."

Joseph Lichtenberg, a professor of experimental physics in Vienna, beautifully explained to his fellow citizens that "humor and

laughter are like lightning rods, helping to overcome all the difficulties, sadness and stress in your life" while erecting the first lightning rods in Austria in 1770. Lichtenberg tried all his life to put people in a good mood.

The medical profession has also recognized that laughter is a remedy for stress. It speeds the healing process, spurs the immune system, strengthens the lungs

and brings good feelings. Feeling good is the first sign of life without stress. Laughter and optimism are presents from above. At one time people were convinced that every hearty laugh prolongs your life for a few days.

Nemški pisatelj Gottfried Keller je napisal: "Za smeh iz srca moraš imeti kar dosti soli v glavi in dosti dobrote v srcu. Živali se ne znajo smejati."

Humor in smeh sta streljo-

voda, ki pomagata premagati vse težave in žalost v življenju, tudi stres, je lepo pojasnil svojim someščanom prvi profesor eksperimentalne fizike na Dunaju Joseph Lichtenberg med slovesno postavitvijo prvega streljavnice v Avstriji leta 1770. Lichtenberg je vse življenje poskušal spraviti ljudi v dobro voljo. Trdil je, "da si veselo in zabavno branje hitreje zapomnimo kot težko in resno, in da živijo v zmoti ljudje, ki

so prepričani, da morajo imeti znanstveniki in profesorji resne in vzvišene obraze".

Res obstajajo ljudje, ki se ne znajo smejati, (menda) je med njimi največ znanstvenikov. "Pri številnih kolegih je samo znanost žalostna," se jim je rogal dunajski fizik. Smeh, ki ga imajo temačneži za nevarnega, je tudi tema znane knjige italijanskega pisatelja Umberta Eca Ime rože.

Da je zdravilo, ki opravlja

stres, je priznala tudi uradna medicina. Pomaga k hitrejši ozdravitvi, spodbuja imunski sistem krepi pljuča in prinaša dobro počutje. Dobro počutje pa je prvo znamenje življenja brez stresa. Smeh in optimizem sta tako rekoč darili neba. Nekoč so bili prepričani, da ti vsak prisrčen smeh podaljša življenje za nekaj dni. Dobra volja je najboljša, poje Kekec. Kako prav ima.

DELO

Dovolj dela za enega, premalo za dva

HEADLINE: Plenty of work for one, but not enough for two

TOPIC: The workplace of Robert Kajfež on Trubajeva St. in Ljubljana is decorated with a hundred or more different clocks and watches — everything from wall and table clocks to wrist watches. He doesn't even notice the ticking of the clocks anymore because he has been listening to the sound since his younger years. In his 22-year working career he has repaired countless clocks and watches. Most customers bring in their watches to replace the batteries, and bring in old wall clocks for repair.

In the beginning of his career, the hardest adjustment was the long working hours. To this day, he is still available to his customers from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., and every Saturday.

In the center of Ljubljana there are close to 10 watch repair shops. Some are slowly closing their doors because of a lack of work, and he faced the same situation at one time. His predecessors told him of

the biggest crisis.

"During World War II, watches were very expensive. A pocket watch could cost as much as a house, and the repairs were also very expensive. Because food and clothing were important, and the repair of a watch was very expensive, people sold their watches and used the money for other things. And for that reason, repairmen didn't have work."

It's a very similar situation these days because there is a large demand for less valuable watches, and most young people don't wear watches because they can check the time on their cell phones.

Delovni prostor Roberta Kajfeža v Trubarjevi ulici v Ljubljani krasi isto in več različnih ur - od stenskih in namiznih do ročnih. Tiktakanja skorajda ne zaznava več, poslušga namreč od mladih nog in je zanj povsem nemoteče. Čeprav se je v študentskih letih usmeril v elektrotehniko, je bila stoletna družinska navezanost na kazalce usodna zanj. V 22-letni karieri je popravil neštete ur: največ

strank se nanj obrne zaradi zamenjeve baterij ter popravila mehanskih in stenskih ur.

Za nadaljevanje družinske tradicije se je odločil iz preprostega razloga - potreboval je denar. Nekdanja Jugoslavija je začela propadati, z njo pa elektroindustrija, za katero se je izobraževal. "Moji sošolci so ostajali na cesti. Mnogi so delali za vojsko, skrbeli so za opremljanje tankov. Elektrooptika je bilo področje, ki se je najbolj razvijalo. Zato sem ostal v domačem podjetju," se spominja Robert Kajfež. Uril se je kar med delom in znanje nadgrajeval na izobraževanjih v različnih tovarnah v Švici.

"Pri nas je šolanje za ta poklic zelo slabo razvito. Edini oddelek urarjev je v Celju. Čeprav so urarji, zlatarji in optiki združeni, jih teko zberejo za razred. Nekaj let se celo nihče ni prijavil za urarja. Pa tudi tisti, ki so uspešno končali izobraževanje, imajo danes težave z iskanjem dela. Kar nekaj se jih je prekvalificiralo v katero drugo smer," na izumiranje poklica opozori Kajfež. Urar se kot samostojni podjetnik po njegovem mnenju

brez težav preživlja s tem poklicem, vendar težko vzame še katerega pod svoje okrilje, ker preprosto zmanjka dela za dva. "Mnoge zaposlijo kot trgovce in za hitra popravila, kot je zamenjava pasov in baterij."

Na začetku urarske kariere se mu je bilo najtežje privaditi na dolgi delovni čas. Tudi bile na delovnem mestu preživi večino dneva - od 8. do 18. ure-, strankam je na voljo tudi vsako soboto. Pravi, da mu znanje elektrotehnike precej pomaga pri urarskih opravilih: "Več stvari znaš sirši spekter znanja imaš, laže se znajdeš v tem poklicu. Če se ukvarjaš s stenskim in namiznimi urami, moraš poznati tudi nekaj mizarstva. Pomembno je strojništvo, za starejše ure moraš nameč kakšen del tudi izdelati.

V središču Ljubljane ponuja urarske storitve še približno deset urarjev, ocenjuje. Mnogi zaradi premajhnega povpraševanja zapirajo vrata: v preteklosti se je tudi sam znašel v podobnem položaju. Sicer so mu o največji krizi pripovedovali predhodniki: "Med drugo svetovno vojno so bile ure zelo drage, žepna

je lahko dosegla vrednost hiše, popravila so bila zelo draga. Ker je bila pomembnejša hrana in obleka, je takrat le malokdo popravil ure, poskušali so jih prodati in ta denar porabiti za druge namene. Prav zato takrat urarji niso imeli dela." Podobno je zdaj, ko je sicer največ povpraševanja po cenenih urah. "Mladina jih sploh ne nosi, zbuja jih bodilka na mobilnem telefonu. A kljub vsemu ure, predvsem tiste prestižnih znamk, kažejo poseben družbeni status. Vsi bi se ponašali s kakšnim zvenečim imenom, vendar zanj niso pripravljani odšteti preveč denarja. Zato se dobro prodajajo ponaredki," razmišlja Kajfež. A kljub vpadu pri nas se povpraševanje v tujini vendarle popravlja, zato upa, da se bo to gibanje kmalu pokazalo tudi pri nas.

DELO

TITANIK - Kapitan prekocean-ske ladje Titanik pravi potnikom: "Ima eno dobro in eno slabo novico." - "Najprej nam povejte dobro novico." - "Osvojili bomo 11 oskarjev."

Remember your RSVP for the Loyalties holiday party

by JOHN J. WOJTLA
Lodge 158

EUCLID, Ohio — Mark your calendars now for the Loyalties Lodge Christmas party and annual meeting. This year's event will take place Sunday, Dec. 13, beginning at 11 a.m. Letters will be sent to all youth members in the near future requesting an RSVP. Keep in mind that Santa only brings gifts for those who RSVP, so watch your mail and please respond before the deadline. More details on this event will appear in a future *PROSVETA* issue.

Charlie O'Donnell and his wife are the proud new parents of a daughter, Charlotte Mary Berimdor O'Donnell. Charlotte was born Sept.

15, weighing in at 9 pounds, 2 ounces. Charlotte is the granddaughter of Karen and Tim O'Donnell, and the great-granddaughter of William Frank Sr. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

Kyle Filby was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. Bill Frank Sr. is now the proud grandfather of five Eagle Scouts, Loyalties Alex Filby, Cooper Filby, Kyle Filby, Charlie O'Donnell and John O'Donnell.

The Loyalties would like to welcome their two newest members, Terry Skovenski and Amelia Koehnen.

Pam Plunkett and her husband Paul are vacationing again, this

time on Lido Beach in Sarasota, Fla., where they're getting some rest and relaxation. Stephen Godec just visited home from Texas to attend a Browns game and bond with his mother, Eileen Markusic.

Dan and Janice Wojtila just returned from a trip to Las Vegas — no big winnings, but they still had a great time. Dr. Fred Nevar and his wife Kay just returned from a two-week vacation in Hawaii. They spent one week on Mail Island and the other on Maui. During your next appointment, he'll show you how he learned to hula.

Joe Wojtila is scheduled to have a total knee replacement at the end of October. We wish you a quick

recovery, Joe. Get well wishes are extended to Frank Cigoy who was recently hospitalized. Florence Dezelon was also in the hospital recently, but she's already out and about. We heard that Dorothy Dezelon had an accident and broke her arm. John is surely taking good care of her. Our sympathy to the family of Lud Barbish who passed away recently.

Happy birthday to Colleen Frank, Janice Wojtila and Brad Stroth. In addition, happy 30th birthday wishes go out to Gabe and Marsh Gorjup.

The next Lodge 158 meeting is planned Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Imperial Lodge 106 has a full autumn calendar

by KEVIN RICHARDS
Lodge 106

IMPERIAL, Pa. — There are plenty of activities on the calendar at Lodge 106 in Imperial. Our children's Halloween party has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 31, from 2 to 4 p.m. Be sure to come in costume! Prizes will be awarded for the scariest, cutest and most original costumes. The afternoon will be filled with food, music, games and special treats for the little ones.

If you'd like to join the fun, you must RSVP to ensure that we have enough goodie bags for all the children. Contact Youth Circle 106 Director Tracy Steele by phone at (412) 527-6771 or e-mail tl329_2000@yahoo.com with your RSVP by Oct. 26. We look forward to seeing all the great costumes Oct. 31.

The adult Halloween party will also be held Oct. 31 in the Lodge 106 clubroom. The fun will begin at

8 p.m. Be sure to come in costume as well.

Looking further down the calendar, Lodge 106 will host the social reception for bowlers participating in the SloBow! United Bowling Tournament Saturday, Nov. 14. The bowling awards presentation will begin at approximately 4:30 p.m.; music by the Autobahn Trio will start at 5. Food will be available for purchase. Admission to the dance is free and the general public

is welcome to attend.

Put on your dancing shoes and head to the Lodge 106 hall as we host another polka dance Sunday, Nov. 29, from 2 to 8 p.m. We'll welcome two great polka bands to the stage, Bob Kravos and the Boys in the Band and the Mikey Dee Band. Admission is \$8. The Lodge 106 kitchen will be open during the dance from 1 to 8 p.m. Be sure to arrive early so you don't miss out.



[Above, from left] JOHN KUNZ, J. ROBERT ADAMIC, ERMANDO VOLPE, RALF DRENSEK, JACOB VOLPE, MATTHEW POYE and DON HARRISON faced off in a few friendly games of balina while other picnic guests enjoyed the music [right and below] during the Young Americans Lodge 564 annual picnic in August.



August picnic a blast for YA Lodge 564

by MARION VOLPE
Lodge 564 Secretary

DETROIT — Young Americans Lodge 564 members held their annual picnic at Dodge Park in Sterling Heights, Mich. The weather was very warm and sunny. We had over 30 people in attendance; it was great! How wonderful it was to hear sweet Slovenian, Croatian and Italian tunes from five button box players: Jack, Cecilia, Tony, Merko and Steve. People in passing also enjoyed the music.

Everyone brought their own specialties to share, so the food was delicious. This year the Lodge provided hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and drinks. Ermando Volpe roasted all the burgers and hot dogs for everyone to enjoy.

We had our relatives visiting from Pennsylvania. Our uncle, Matthew, and Carol joined in on our festivities. There was no mistaking as to where they lived as Matthew wore his Pittsburgh Steelers cap to keep the sun out of his eyes. They enjoyed the food, music and the people.

The guys played a few games of balina. Youth member Jacob Volpe joined in and showed them a thing or two. Other children in attendance included Corinne Kunz, and Anthony and Joey Volpe. Corinne and Anthony enjoyed watching the ducks in the water. Joey Volpe couldn't join them because he wanted to jump in with the ducks! The children also enjoyed playing on the playground equipment.

This year, an added attraction was Diamond, John and Shelly Volpe's dog. Diamond seemed to enjoy the outing as well. When other dogs passed by, she wanted to join them. She did, however, get to greet a small dog passing with its owner as they stopped to say hello.

After our dinner, games and sweet music, we held our Lodge meeting where we discussed some important SNPJ issues.

The Young Americans wish everyone in SNPJ-land a beautiful fall. We hope the snow doesn't start flying too soon!

Activities are in the works at Lodge 459

by LALENE PELLENS
Lodge 459 President

FLINT, Mich. — Several Lodge 459 activities are in the planning stage, and as soon as the dates are confirmed I will share that information with everyone.

Many thanks to everyone who attended our 50th anniversary celebration Sept. 27. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable afternoon.

On behalf of the Brothers and Sisters of Lodge 459, I would like to extend deepest sympathies to the family and many friends of Robert J. Thomas who passed away Sept. 23 at the age of 69. Bobby was a lifelong member and friend of our Lodge. He served as treasurer for both Lodge 459 and the Home Corporation, and was a member of the executive board for many years. He will be sorely missed.

The next Lodge 459 meeting is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 8, beginning at 2 p.m.

Consul General a special guest at the Barberton Slovenian Home

submitted by EDWARD GABROSEK (626)
Slovene Independent Society Home

BARBERTON, Ohio — The Consul General of the Republic of Slovenia in Cleveland will present a special proclamation when the Slovenian Independent Society Home, proprietor of the Slovene Party Center, celebrates its 90th anniversary Saturday, Nov. 21. Consul General Mr. Jure Žmauc has an extensive diplomatic career and previously served as director of the Sector for Cooperation with Slovenes Abroad.

The event is open to the public and features dinner and dancing to the music of the Frank Stanger Band. Tickets are priced at \$25 per person and can be purchased by contacting the Slovene Party Center private club at (330) 825-9639, Flossie Dudas at (330) 745-8335, Pat Jursik at (330) 825-2804 or Emily Meekes at (330) 745-7795.

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PROSVETA Crossword

Scary Movies (#2109) by StatePoint Media

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- Ointments
- The Godfather?
- Celt
- "Friends" in Italy
- An affirmative
- Bamboo-eating bear
- City in Belgium
- Geological period
- Money paid out
- Horror dream visitor
- 1976 movie based on Stephen King novel
- Snake-like fish
- "___ no good"
- Acid drug
- Speech defect
- "___!" exclaimed Archimedes
- Turns blue litmus red
- The crew gets trapped below this in "Ghost Ship"
- Named after deadly sins
- Subject of famous painting
- Formerly used as an anesthetic
- Circus venue
- Tongue and groove piece
- Chicken of the sea?
- "All's well that ___ well"
- Goes with crackers
- Musical finale
- Chucky, e.g.

53. "Zodiac" and "Blindness"

- Actor Ruffalo
- Famous 5th in NYC
- Within
- Bela Lugosi classic
- An almond or peach, e.g.
- Ante up
- More ill
- Capital of Jordan
- Sodium solution
- Hawaiian veranda
- Rosemary's Adrien
- Oui
- Custer's last what?

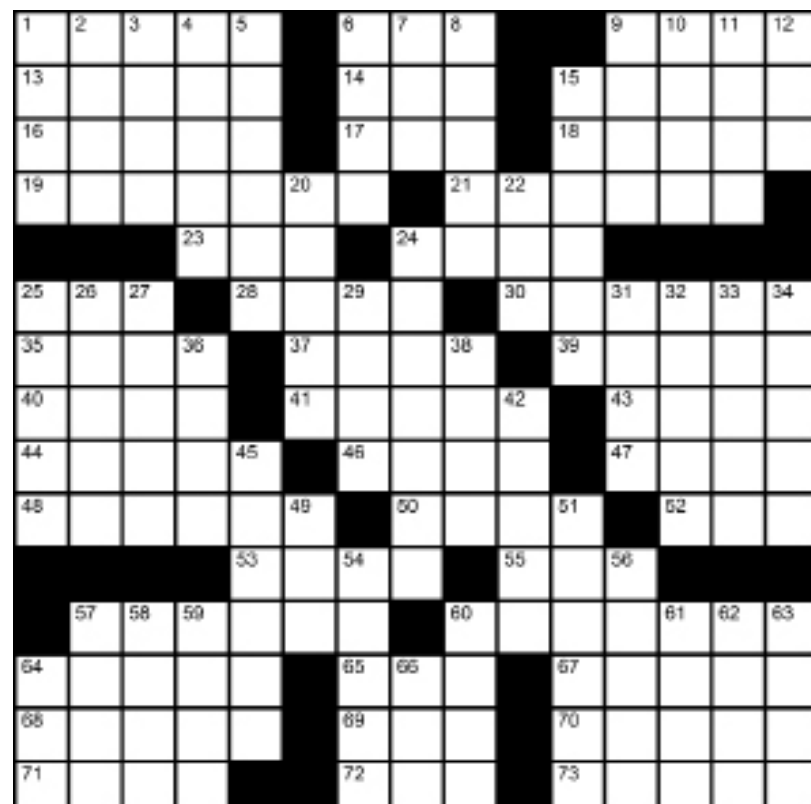
DOWN

- Illegal pitching motion
- Arabian chieftain
- "In ___ of"
- "Me and Bobby ___"
- Mobster "Bugs"
- One who dyes
- Old-fashioned over
- Civil rights organization
- Wild ox of India
- Not in favor of
- U2 guitarist
- Language of Laos
- Like a sponge
- Omit
- Consumed

24. Linda Blair did it in "The Exorcist"

- Clarice wanted them silenced
- Ice cream helping
- 1/100 of a rial
- Piece of cobblestone
- Network of nerves
- Performance or show
- Japanese sword fighting
- Opposite of calm
- Alternative to truth
- Bingo-like game
- It has blips
- a.k.a "The Omen"
- Jon Voight to Angelina Jolie
- Takes or uses
- Email option
- Enthusiastic approval
- '63 Shirley MacLaine character
- Feeling after novocaine shot
- Did anyone do this to the cats in "Pet Sematary?"
- Coloring substances
- Bone in the human forearm
- What main character becomes in Stephen King's "Thinner"
- Extra dry
- A light touch
- "___ aye Captain!"

The solution to puzzle #2109 will run in the Nov. 4 issue.



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News from Here & There

by GRACE DOERK
Lodge 559

CHICAGO — Well, autumn is here. Where summer was I really don't know. We're having some nice autumn weather intermittently, along with rain. It should be interesting to see how the winter will be.

It was nice talking to Alice Birs, former Lodge 559 secretary who is now living in Florida. I think she misses her friends at home, but then again she is lucky to be near her daughter, Bonnie, and son-in-law. After retiring, many seniors move closer to their children. Fortunately, mine live nearby.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of William Demshar Sr. (686) who recently passed away. I will always have wonderful memories of Bill; we saw him selling the pull-tab chances each year at the Milwaukee Federation picnic.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Joseph G. Brinocar, former secretary of Lodge 567. Thanks to his daughter, JoAnne Simpson, I received videos that were played at his wake, along with the eulogy she gave, which was beautiful. We were planning to

attend Joe's 103rd birthday party on Oct. 24. I will always remember the wonderful times we had visiting Joe and his wife, Mary, on their farm in Auburn, Ill.

I just recently attended my 60th high school class reunion. There were about 125 classmates (of a total 700) in attendance. Otto and I sat with six of my classmates from grammar school, and we had so much fun reminiscing over our good ol' school days. We talked about all the changes since then, and there are many.

Otto and I keep busy with meetings, socials and, of course, doctors visits. I spend a great deal of time volunteering on a senior advisory committee for Congressman Tom Cross, Minority Leader in the Illinois Congress. I am very impressed with his work and he gets my full support. Just today, while attending a breakfast with many Illinois dignitaries, Tom Cross was the guest speaker. He spoke about what he's working on now – more control, reform and ethnics.

Regardless of which party you vote for, when the election is over everyone must work together to bring unity. I have always hoped that all the Slovenian organizations would attain this goal, but so far I haven't seen it. I could go on and on about this subject, but will end with this: joining together and working together can lead to success. Give it some thought...

Congressman Cross recently

hosted another satisfactory health fair. These health fairs are really an asset, offering citizens a chance to obtain information on a wide variety of subjects. I believe I registered about 300 visitors for this fair. Fortunately we had enough flu shots available for those who wanted them.

Congratulations to Tina (Erickson) and Tobey Wilson who are expecting a baby next April. This will be Cheryl and Michael Erickson's first grandchild, and Sylvia and Ronnie Erickson's first great-grandchild.

Pioneer Lodge 559 members met Oct. 9. All officers were present except Secretary Anita Vitous who was vacationing with her husband, Alan. Minutes from the previous meeting were read, and President Jean Cherway gave the secretary's report in Anita's absence. It was reported that Cecelia Krebel passed away, and that Catherine Partak is a 70-year SNPJ member. We also celebrated John and Anne Cretnik's 55th wedding anniversary.

It was announced that Lodge 559 has 583 adult members, 45 youth members and 743 active policies. Since the beginning of the year we have gained three new members, but lost eight members to death and four to cash withdrawals. It was also announced that the in March or April we should elect delegates for the 2010 SNPJ National Convention which will be held in Painesville, Ohio. We will

be eligible to send three delegates.

Otto Doerk gave a report for the Chicago Federation. The Federation received \$10 from the Society for the Memorial Day pamphlets. The Federation is taking advantage of investing in an SNPJ fund. The annual Christmas party is scheduled Dec. 5 beginning at 1 p.m. Each youth member in attendance will receive \$15.

The next Chicago Federation meeting will be held Jan. 22, 2010. Jean Cherway and Grace Doerk made additional comments on the Chicago Federation meeting.

Pioneer Lodge members will attend a Nov. 19 dinner and performance at Drury Lane.

It was reported that Clara Cretnik and Sophie Sowa are on the sick list. A moment of silence was observed for Cecelia Krebel who recently passed away. She was a resident of Tinley Park, Ill.

The Pioneer Lodge Christmas party will take place Dec. 11. Each member is asked to bring a \$5 grab bag gift. President Cherway will purchase a Christmas cake for dessert.

Otto and I attended a fund-raiser at the Sokol Community Center for a member who has been diagnosed with a rare liver disease. On another date, a fund-raiser was held for Noah Peterson, son of Jennifer and Ron Peterson and grandson of John and Judy Kovack. These fund-raisers are a wonderful way to raise money for

those who are bombarded with excessive medical bills. We were surprised to see Frank "Lefty" Michalek and his wife, Carolee, at the Sokol fundraiser. It seems we've been running into them at various functions lately. We look forward to seeing them at our next Pioneer Lodge meeting

The Lemont Slovene Catholic Center's monthly dinner was held Oct. 11, and we were surprised to see a number of SNPJ members in attendance. The Nov. 8 dinner will be an anniversary dinner. A program and dancing will follow the dinner.

The Kovack family is growing by leaps and bounds. A baby girl, Sophia Carmella, was born Sept. 2 to Renae and Robert Spina. Anelle and Dominic Eorio are the proud grandparents. Big brother Bobby Spina is delighted with his new sister. Dominic and Lucy Eorio have a new son, Anthony Joseph, born April 20. Another baby girl, Emily Clare, was born May 15 to Janelle and Tony Karnas. Carmella Smidl is the proud grandmother. I hear the family is expecting more children. Congratulations to you all!

We were shocked to hear that some areas have already seen some snow. I hope that won't be the case in Illinois; we can wait for that for a while. As far as I'm concerned, I would be happy if we had no snow.

Until next issue, stay healthy – it's worth more than all the money in the world.

Slowind quintet making a return trip to Southern California

SLOWIND
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looking forward to another chance to be with us here in Laguna Niguel.

The date to save is Saturday, Nov. 7. Those of you in the San

Francisco area can hear them in concert the prior weekend. The Lodge 786 concert in Southern California will begin at 7:30 p.m. at St. Timothy's Church, 29102 Crown Valley Pkwy, Laguna Niguel, at the corner

of Nueva Vista.

The price for the concert and reception is \$10 for adults and just \$5 for youth age 18 and under. Please order tickets by contacting Jean Koci at (949) 495-0097 or e-mailing ajkoci@cox.net. In order to save time, it is advisable to send your checks in advance to SNPJ Lodge 786, 29476 Vista Plaza Dr., Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. Tickets will be mailed to you. We hope to see many of you Nov. 7!

A busy Heritage Center season comes to a close

by CAROL SADAR MARUSZAK (53)
SNPJ Heritage Center Committee

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — The SNPJ Heritage Center Committee had a busy year compiling, editing, publishing and selling "Cookbook for the Ages." Sales have been more than the committee anticipated, and every sale has been appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has assisted with sales or purchased a cookbook. Many Slovenian radio stations and publications throughout the country have promoted the cookbook and continue to do so. Please remember to support these programs and publications throughout the year. They are a vital asset to our Slovenian community that keep music and traditions alive for future generations.

The SNPJ Heritage Center closed for 2009 on Oct. 11. Cookbooks and other items may still be purchased for the holiday season by contacting Carol Sadar Maruszak at (440) 944-4229 or Roger Evanish at (724) 693-8739.

Many thanks to the former Lodge 66 in Trinidad, Colo. Lodge 66 merged recently and the officers donated a portion of their treasury to the SNPJ Heritage Center. Money that is donated assists in keeping the museum alive for future generations.

Kara Maruszak (53), the Heritage Center Youth Reporter for *The Voice of Youth*, will be entering college next fall. The search was on for a new SNPJ youth member to become the new reporter. Carly Evanish (138) volunteered to report on the happenings of the Heritage Center. Her first article will be in the next *Voice of Youth* issue. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to draw or write for *The Voice of Youth*. This magazine is a part of our heritage. Every issue since 1922 can be found in the Heritage Center. Thank you, Carly, for joining the Heritage Center team.

The Heritage Center received two beautiful pieces of framed needlepoint by Ljubica Saric. The needlepoints found a home at the Heritage Center through Eti Zangrando (715) of Pittsburgh. A letter from Consul Paul F. Schultz, Embassy of the United States in Ljubljana, reads, "An elderly Slovene woman in Ljubljana who is a survivor of the Holocaust has given the Embassy two hand-made needlepoint scenes of the Slovenian landscape, each in a nice frame. She asked that these items 'find a home in the United States.' Ljubica wanted to thank the Americans for liberating her from the German camp Buchenwald in 1945 at the age of 18 with the donation of the needlepoints." Thank you to Sis. Zangrando for remembering the Heritage Center with these very important and beautiful works of art.

The Polka Hall of Fame Award Show will be held Saturday, Nov. 28. The SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center has been nominated in the Cultural/Heritage award category and is anxiously awaiting the results.

If you are interested in joining the Heritage Center Committee, we are in need of two additional members. Volunteers are also needed! The committee has new ideas for the museum in 2010. Besides learning about our heritage, the Heritage Center is a nice way to meet new people and get reacquainted with old friends. People stop in the Heritage Center every week to browse, seek information or purchase Slovenian items. It has become an international gathering place for multiple generations as well. Contact the SNPJ Home Office at 1-800-843-7675 for additional information.

I received a poem [at right] from Anna Kalaskie (800) of Gillespie, Ill. I enjoyed the poem and am sure it will bring back fond memories for many readers.

The Flour Sack

by Colleen B. Hubert

In that long-ago time when things were saved,
When roads were graveled and barrels were staved,
When worn-out clothing was used as rags,
And there were no plastic wrap or bags,
And the well and the pump were way out back,
A versatile item was the flour sack.

Pillsbury's Best, Mother's and Gold Medal, too
Stamped their names proudly in purple and blue.
The string sewn on top was pulled and kept;
The flour was emptied and spills were swept.
The bag was folded and stored in a sack,
That durable, practical flour sack.

The sack could be filled with feathers and down
For a pillow, or t'would make a nice sleeping gown.
It could carry a book and be a school bag,
Or become a mail sack slung over a nag.
It made a very convenient pack,
That adaptable, cotton flour sack.

Bleached and sewn, it was dutifully worn
As bibs, diapers, or kerchief adorned.
It was made into skirts, blouses and slips
And Mom braided rugs from one hundred strips.
She made ruffled curtains for the house or shack,
From that humble but treasured flour sack!

As a strainer for milk or apple juice,
To wave men in, it was a very good use.
As a sling for a sprained wrist or a break,
To help mother roll up a jelly cake.
As a window shade or to stuff a crack,
We used a sturdy, common flour sack!

As dish towels, embroidered or not,
They covered up dough, helped pass pans so hot;
Tied up dishes for neighbors in need,
And for men out in the field to seed.
They dried dishes from pan, not rack,
That absorbent, handy flour sack!

So now, my friends, when they ask you,
As curious youngsters often do,
"Before plastic wrap, Elmer's Glue
And paper towels, what did you do?"
Tell them loudly and with pride don't lack,
"Grandmother had that wonderful flour sack!"

ANNOUNCE IT

Lodge 782 member earns two degrees

GLENSHAW, Pa. — The Honors College at Arizona State University in Tempe, at its Convocation Ceremony, recently awarded Sis. Erin Marija Hutchinson (782) the degrees of Bachelor of Arts in History, with a concentration in European History and a minor in Russian, and Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies, with a concentration in Russia and Eastern Europe. Erin graduated Summa Cum Laude.



At a separate ceremony, the Department of History at ASU presented Sis. Hutchinson with the ASU History Alumni Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Studies. Recently, Erin was also awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach English at Comrat State University in the Republic of Moldova.

The Fulbright Scholarship program, established in 1946, aims to increase international understanding through the exchange of people, knowledge and skills. The Fulbright program, which operates in more than 155 countries, is named for the late Sen. William Fulbright who sponsored the bill that created it.

Erin is the daughter of Marcie and Michael Hutchinson (782) of Mesa, Ariz., and the granddaughter of Bob and Lucille Jergel (800) of Palm Coast, Fla.

Lodge 782 member **ERIN HUTCHINSON** was awarded two degrees from Arizona State University, from which she graduated Summa Cum Laude.

CORRECTIONS

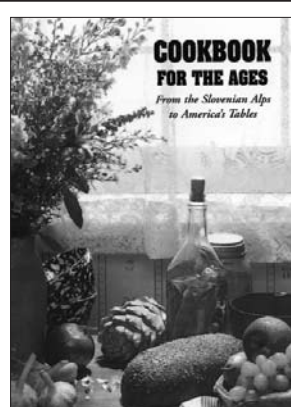
In the 50-, 60-, 70- and 80-Year Members listing which appeared on page 5 of the Sept. 23 issue, 50-year member Jean Pisano of Lodge 142 was incorrectly listed as a member of Lodge 53.

In the same issue, Lodge 158 member Eugene Smdelj was incorrectly identified in the article "Trailer Court Civic Assoc. crowns 2009 balina champs" submitted by Amy Mavrich which appeared on page 5. Our apologies for the errors and any confusion they may have created.



Photo by Kara Maruszak (53).

The 2009 SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center Committee: [seated, left to right] Director **ROGER EVANISH** (715), **Jennie Kogovsek**, **ANN EVANISH** (715), [standing] **CAROL SADAR MARUSZAK** (53), **JOAN BARBISH GASPERSIC** (138), **KATHY PAULENICH** (776) and **MARK PETCOVIC** (776).



Cookbook for the Ages

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

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SNPJ congratulates the 2009 Young Adult and Youth Members of the Year

MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

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projects on Slovenian history, culture, geography and heritage. Through his involvement in SNPJ, Erik has become familiar with Slovenian folk music and ethnic foods. He shared background information on Slovenia with his former coach, Olympic gymnast Peter Vidmar. He also had the opportunity to connect with young Slovenian acrobats in the FLIP Club of Piran, Slovenia, during their tour in the United States – he even spent time with the Slovenian gymnastics team during a world event in Anaheim, Calif.

As a child, Erik aspired to invent new devices or create effective new compounds. He still hopes to make discoveries using his bioengineering education. Erik has always been a person with a goal to achieve at the highest possible standard, and he strongly believes in fairness and honesty. He is always willing to help a fellow student or sibling through tutoring. Even with his busy schedule, he still finds time

to remain active with SNPJ events and community projects.

Kara Maruszak, the 2009 Youth Member of the Year, has been a Lodge 53 member since birth. Kara volunteers at Lodge 53 Christmas parties and annual picnics by working in the kitchen and assisting with set-up. She participates annually in the Youth Telegraphic, CAL Sweetheart and Family Twosome Bowling tournaments. She has attended Youth Roundup and is a member of Youth Circle 2. She also performs for various Lodge 53 activities.

Kara has participated in Grape Festivals at the SNPJ Farm and has attended Heritage Center sponsored Christmas parties. She serves as the Heritage Center Youth Reporter and writes the Heritage Center column for *The Voice of Youth*. She assisted with the first Kids' Korner at the Heritage Center during Slovenefest 2007 and encourages youth members to write and draw pictures for *The Voice of Youth*. She also promotes the pen pal program with Slovenian students in

Maribor, Slovenia.

In addition to SNPJ, Kara is a member of the American Mutual Life Association, Slovenian Women's Union, Slovenian American National Art Guild, the Croatian Fraternal Union and the American Zagreb Junior Tamburitians. She serves as treasurer of her high school graduating class of 2010, is a Student Council member and maintains a 4.0 GPA. She enrolled in college courses as a freshman, attending both high school and college classes simultaneously. She is a member of the swim team, Ecology Club and newspaper staff, participates in bowling and horseback riding, and serves as a tutor. In May she graduated from Lakeland Community College with an associate of arts degree while still a junior in high school.

Kara was inducted into the National Honor Roll and United States Achievement Academy, the National Honor Society and Who's Who Registry of Academic Excellence. She was also inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Society, an international honor soci-

ety for two-year colleges. She made the Dean's List at Bryant & Stratton College and Lakeland Community College in Wickliffe, and was elected vice president of public relations for the Lakeland Community College chapter. She's not only a member of these organizations, but takes a leadership role by being an active participant.

Kara volunteers at the SNPJ Heritage Center museum. She assisted with the SNPJ Heritage Center-sponsored cookbook through editing and organizing the recipes.

Kara is a member American Legion Post 7 of Wickliffe and was named American Legion Miss Poppy 2008. She attended the American Legion's Americanism Youth Conference in Philadelphia, and is a member and volunteer for the Lake County Young Democrats and Lake County Democratic Women's Club.

Kara was appointed to the City of Wickliffe's Keep Wickliffe Beautiful Commission and the America in Bloom Committee. She volunteers

for activities in the cities of Wickliffe and Willoughby Hills, the Wickliffe Chamber of Commerce, the Wickliffe Country Place and the Lake County United Way Day of Caring.

In total, Kara has volunteered over 1,600 hours. For this, she received President Bush's Gold Award for Volunteerism and was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for 2007 by the City of Wickliffe, making her the youngest to ever receive the award.

Kara has achieved the rank of a black belt in Taekwondo. She is a certified professional rescuer lifeguard and works as a daycare counselor in the summer. She is a graduate of the Barbizon Modeling School, a volunteer for the American Red Cross Blood Mobile and a published poet who enjoys reading, gardening, sewing, cooking and music.

Congratulations to both Erik and Kara for being selected as SNPJ's 2009 Members of the Year. The Society is proud of your accomplishments, and we look forward to your continued involvement with our Society.

50-Year Members

October 2009

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
A01	Anne Almer	254	Maria E. Witkosky
A01	Margaret J. Holmes	254	John S. Vichick
FD4	James R. Koller	274	David L. Debevits
2	David J. Spayer	562	Gary W. Drobne
2	Donna J. Meglich	614	Betsy M. Brigden
6	Sherle R. Bourg	686	William B. Yersin
8	Adrienne N. Donofrio	723	Albert B. Vesco
34	Angela C. Coffman	723	Richard L. Heckle
107	Robert L. Kacin	729	Dorothy J. Sperotto
107	Leanne L. Weart	749	John Langerholc
223	Donald A. Ficco	749	Joseph P. Vasilko
254	Theresa L. Homola		

60-Year Members

October 2009

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
2	Jerome Wojciechowski	603	Joan C. Worley
5	Sylvia Rozzelle	629	Dorothy Pugliano
6	Paul Pfeifer Dolinar	629	Mitchel Miholovich
34	Raymond G. Belden	665	Teresa L. Siwicki
138	George E. Svitek	677	Milton M. Schultz
142	Eugene Earnest Ipavec	715	Roger J. Evanish
165	Albert Boniella	723	John Ciril Dolence
223	Jennie Louise Noga	755	Margaret Valentine
245	Eleanor Russell	764	Shirley M. Vidmar
254	Pauline Milavec	764	Charles Ivancic
268	Leonard L. Prince	800	Mary L. Wetterling
321	Helen Kolovich	800	Mary J. Moorfoot
391	Theresa A. Zaunick		

70-Year Members

October 2009

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
3	Matthew J. Oreskovich	89	Hannah Harris
6	Lillian Koziel	126	Mary A. Babic
6	Paul Chappel	289	Jean M. Cerruti
6	Frank Bongioni	559	Catherine Partak
6	Elsie Tapolcai	576	Marie Mihalic
34	Dorothy L. Lovick	604	Frederick G. Bashel
34	Bertha M. Medsker	686	Sophie Ann Matthews
53	Marie Ipavec	749	Verne Allendorfer
87	Frank Skrijanc		

80-Year Members

October 2009

Lodge	Member
87	Joseph Batis
254	Jennie Brezovec
719	Annie Kojundic
800	Anna Z. Murphy

Lodge 643 members busy with plans for the holidays

GIRARD DIFFERENCE

FROM PAGE 1

encouraged to contribute canned goods and clothing to the Center for this program, as well as for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

With assistance from the Home Office, Golden Eagles Lodge 643 has acquired 10 new members and 16 new policies for 2009. We appreciate the efforts of all members who saw it appropriate to invest in the continued promising future of SNPJ. We even had two new policies from my cousin, Fred Slack of Saltsburg, Pa. In addition, Alexandra Copich of Youngstown, Ohio, enrolled three of her grandchildren. That's great! Thank you for your support.

Our Christmas party for both adult and youth members will be held Saturday, Dec. 12. The children's party will

be held from 12:30 to 3 p.m. and the adult party will start at 5:30 p.m. The parties are planned at Amen Corner in Girard. Reservations can be made by phoning Tony Kren at (330) 545-4981. We will have Christmas gifts for the youth members, and the cost of the adult party will be discounted as it was in 2008.

The October Lodge 643 meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 22, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The date was changed so that all officers could attend. Our November meeting is scheduled Thursday, Nov. 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All Lodge meetings continue to be held at Amen Corner in Girard.

I appreciate all the well wishes from our members and from the Home Office. This truly is a close fraternal organization and I am proud to be a member of SNPJ!

SNPJ Scholarship Fund Donations for the months of June through September 2009

Milwaukee Federation of SNPJ Lodges... \$2,620.45	Mary & Bill Kirby (138), Canonsburg, Pa..... \$50	Mary E. Morris (138), Valrico, Fla..... \$10
Former Lodge 66, Trinidad, Colo..... \$2,500	In memory of Helen Hopper	In memory of Gale Martinchak-Clark
Former Lodge 333, Blaine, Ohio \$1,782.48	SNPJ Lodge 304, San Francisco \$50	Moderns Society Lodge 634, Girard, Ohio \$10
Former Lodge 585, Claytonia, Pa..... \$813.92	In memory of Russell Tezak	In memory of Joseph Jeruc
Judy Robinson, Madison, Ohio..... \$500	SNPJ Lodge 225, Girard, Kan..... \$30	Herb & Beverly Fuhrman (723), Apple Valley, Calif. ... \$10
In memory of Martin J. Zugel	In memory of Joseph Lipasek	In memory of Marion Sadar
Pioneer Lodge 559, Chicago \$500	George & Frances Rosich (615), Alta Loma, Calif. ... \$25	Moderns Society Lodge 634, Sheboygan, Wis. ... \$10
In memory of Mayme Fabian, Ellen Carroll, Helen K. Malambri, Louis Tomazic, Audrey D. Kramer, Ciro P. Vuolo and Bertha J. Hofer	In memory of Ann David	In memory of Elvina Jamnik
Spartans Lodge 576, Cleveland \$300	George & Frances Rosich (615), Alta Loma, Calif. ... \$25	The following donations were made in memory of Rose Marie Germovsek:
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Modern Society Lodge 634, Sheboygan, Wis. ... \$100	In memory of Anne Olszewski	Mike & Ann Shoplik, Pittsburgh \$30
Gary Keith Anderson, Crestline, Calif..... \$100	Jeannette Pike (89), Oakdale, Pa..... \$25	Ken & Andrea Yarkosky (138), Strabane, Pa.... \$25
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In memory of Rose Rozanc	Janice Rockwell (138), Middletown, Md. \$25	George Smith \$20
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Gerri Trebets (604), Willoughby, Ohio..... \$50	Janice Rockwell (138), Middletown, Md. \$25	Koleck family..... \$20
In memory of Helen Sumrada	In memory of Mike Evanish	Ron Tkach (138), Washington, Pa. \$20
Wolverine Lodge 677, Detroit..... \$50	Tony Shircel (634), Sheboygan, Wis. \$25	Pat & Lorraine Enlow (223), Greensburg, Pa.... \$20
In honor of present members and in memory of those that have passed on	In memory of Stanley Sircej	Kenny Mavrich (138), Strabane, Pa. \$20
Margo Walter, Prescott, Ariz..... \$50	Kathleen Paulenich (776), Sharon, Pa. \$20	Harry W. Barbish (158), Wickliffe, Ohio..... \$20
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	Lily Lodge 764, Milwaukee \$15	Marlene Tkach (138), Strabane, Pa. \$10
	In memory of Charles Aydelotte	
	Lily Lodge 764, Milwaukee \$15	
	In memory of William Bashell	
	Agnes DeJohn (138), Canonsburg, Pa..... \$10	
	In memory of Richard Kern	

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held March 13, 2009, at the Home Office, Imperial, Pa.

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chairman Cvetas with Brothers Anderson, Clifford, Evanish and Lawrence in attendance.

A motion was made by Bro. Anderson, second by Bro. Clifford, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2008, meeting. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Bro. Clifford, second by Bro. Anderson, to approve the secretary's (National Treasurer's) report of bond purchases and disposals for the fourth quarter 2008. Motion approved.

Reviewed the portfolio and transactions for the period.

The committee welcomed AAM representatives Marco Bravo and Reed Nuttall to the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Discussion and questions on prior period transactions, portfolio holdings, economic outlook and investment strategy for the next quarter.

Reviewed accounting entries at year-end for bonds sold and for other than temporary impairments, and the effects on the balance sheet.

Reviewed in detail all mortgage-backed securities concerning actual performance versus expected performance at time of purchase.

Also reviewed in detail all holdings on the credit watch list.

Motion by Bro. Clifford, second by Bro. Anderson, to sell Brandywine Oper Partnership LP at AAM's discretion. Motion passed.

Discussed mortgage "cramdowns" and the potential effect on the portfolio holdings. Also discussed effects of the possible nationalization of banks on the Trust Preferred securities.

Discussed tender offer from Ford concerning two issues currently owned. Motion by Bro. Anderson, second by Bro. Clifford, to agree to a recommendation from AAM to accept the tender offer for the Ford bonds. Motion passed.

Reviewed the current investment guidelines and policies for the Society with AAM. Motion by Bro. Evanish, second by Bro. Clifford, to approve the guidelines for 2009. Agreed to reduce the size of any security purchases and continue to purchase only high-quality, fixed-income securities. Motion approved.

Reviewed the duration of the portfolio and discussed different asset sectors for future purchases.

Reviewed a draft of the Finance Committee report to the National Board for the period July 1

through Dec. 31, 2008. Motion by Bro. Clifford, second by Bro. Anderson, to approve the report to the National Board. Motion approved.

The committee thanked the AAM representatives for being present to discuss the portfolio and answer all our questions, and excused them from the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Discussed the A.M. Best Company and their ratings.

Discussed the current annuity crediting rates, consideration and withdrawals, and the current market conditions. Motion by Bro. Evanish, second by Bro. Clifford, to adjust the annuity crediting rates effective April 1, 2009, as follows:

Century 2	3.500% APY
Century 5	4.250% APY
Century 8	4.625% APY
Classic 5 Year	4.250% APY

Motion passed. Discussed the Detroit Northern Home and the ongoing efforts to sell the property.

Motion to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. by Bro. Clifford, second by Bro. Lawrence. Motion approved.

JOSEPH P. CVETAS Chairman
ROBERT J. LAWRENCE Secretary

Report of the Secretary for the period Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2009

Purchases:	Trade Date	Security Description	Coupon Rate	Par Value	Cost	Maturity Date	
	10/1/2008	General Electric Cap Corp	5.625	500,000	409,485	5/1/2018	
	10/14/2008	LBUBS 2002-C1 A4	6.462	1,000,000	958,711	3/15/2031	
	11/18/2008	Noble Drilling Corp	7.375	300,000	299,085	3/15/2014	
	12/22/2008	American Funds-Common Stock Shares	2.994	57			
Sales or Full Calls:	Disposal Date	Security Description	Coupon Rate	Par Value	Consideration	Gain/Loss	Maturity Date
	10/2/2008	National City Bank	4.250	1,000,000	310,000	(620,555)	7/1/2018
	10/2/2008	Radian Group Inc	5.625	750,000	300,000	(457,349)	2/15/2013
	12/18/2008	CWALT 2007-18CB M	6.000	297,322	14,216	(262,533)	8/25/2037
	12/20/2008	Nationslink Funding Corp	7.100	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	1/20/2031

ROBERT J. LAWRENCE
Secretary, Finance Committee

Oktoberfest a community feast at the Samsula Lodge 603 Hall

by JEANNETTE HUMPHREY
Lodge 603

SAMSULA, Fla. — Halloween arrives at Lodge 603 in Samsula beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. Nancy Bass and Teresa Clancy will be directing Youth Circle 57 during this special night at the Lodge that will benefit the Circle's treasury.

Connie Massey has volunteered to take charge of the outdoor games following the costume judging that will begin at 7 p.m. Cash prizes for the costume winners have been donated by the Samsula Woman's Club and Lodge 603. The costume contest is open to all children through age 16. Each costumed child in attendance will receive \$1 from our Lodge. There will also be a special contest for the adults. Halloween at Lodge 603 is open to everyone.

Plenty of food will be available for purchase, including hot dogs, chili dogs, pizza, nachos and ice cream floats. According to Nancy, "We will have our traditional haunted house and hayride, weather permitting. It will be a fun night for all ages!"

For the Lodge 603 Labor Day observance, David Hall, Glen Carter and Joe Benedict caught and cleaned mullet fish for the annual fish fry. A group of volunteers took charge of the kitchen, frying the fish and making cheese grits and fried okra. George Benedict took charge of drinks.

Following every Labor Day meal, Lodge members gather outdoors for games such as

the Society's favorite sport, balina. It was a fun day. Appreciation is extended to Sheryl Lauck and Ruth Benedict for their clean up work.

Lodge 603 opened its doors for Samsula Academy Family Day to raise money for our little charter school. The Samsula School has been in continuous operation since 1912. Trent Johnston, an advisory board member for the charter school, served as general chairman and talked about the school and community. A local businessman, Lodge 603 member David Schmidt, also extended his appreciation to the crowd.

The volunteers and donations were plentiful for this Saturday event, and the clean up committee volunteers turned out on Sunday to complete the job. It's another way of coming together for the betterment of our community. Appreciation is extended to the local businesses that generously donated gifts, food and supplies. It was so good to see such a great turnout at our Lodge Hall.

The Samsula Woman's Club invites the public to its annual craft show and fall festival at the Lodge 603 Hall Saturday, Oct. 24, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. There is still room to rent a space or two. Contact a club member if you'd like to sell your items, or phone the Hall at (386) 428-3983. The women plan to sell coffee and baked goods for breakfast, and lunch will be ready for purchase beginning at 11 a.m. Come and support this

hometown organization. All proceeds will benefit community needs and an educational scholarship.

The Lodge 603 Hall played host to Oktoberfest on Oct. 10. It was a nice turnout of officers, members and guests, with Pauline Lockwood volunteering to cook the meal. Polkas and Slovenian music played from the Hall's sound system. It's so nice when our Lodge receives a gift of CDs from SNPJ musicians. We play the CDs at most activities. Pauline's Oktoberfest meal was topped off with Georgia Nyburg's apple strudel. A few of the guests were lucky enough to buy a strip of strudel to enjoy another day.

Lodge 603 was saddened with the Oct. 8 passing of Helen G. Pleterski. Helen was 78 years old and served for a number of years at our welcome station during Florida SNPJ and Slovene Days. She wasn't able to be with us last year due to illness, but she worked at nearly every dinner our Lodge hosted. She also worked at every Friday night meal, and always greeted our members and guests.

Helen traveled to Slovenia with us on many occasions, and took her family one year to meet Pleterski relatives in Pleterje, near Krško. She also took a bus trip to the Borough of SNPJ, Pa., with our Lodge a few years ago. She loved to travel and saw so much of the world.

Helen's husband, Anton Pleterski Jr., preceded her in death in 1973, leaving her with

three daughters to raise. Tony was a member of the pioneer family that helped settle Samsula. His mother, Antonia Luznar Pleterski, moved to Samsula in 1915 from Ohio and remained an active member of our Society until her death. His grandfather, John Pleterski Sr., served as the first president of our Lodge when it was chartered in 1926. Tony's father, Anton Pleterski Jr., worked long hours volunteering to the success of our Lodge and community.

Helen was born and raised in Edgewater, Fla., and moved to Samsula when she married. She and Tony had three daughters, Linda Cubbedge, Grace Pleterski and Lucy Weiner. Helen had five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She worked to maintain Samsula's rural community status and was quite active with the Volusia County Fair Association. She was also active in the Volusia County Cattlemen and Women's Association. Selected as the Lodge 603 Outstanding Adult Member of the Year in 2008, she was one of the members we liked to ask for help because she never let us down. Most of all, we never heard her complain.

I was thrilled to receive a phone call from Carol Maruszak (53) who told me that her daughter, Miss SNPJ 2010 Kara Maruszak (53), will be attending Florida SNPJ Days here in Samsula the weekend of Feb. 19-21. Kara plays the button box, and you'll want to come and watch her entertain.

She also does a fine job writing for *The Voice Of Youth* as the SNPJ Heritage Center Youth Reporter. This will be her first visit to our Lodge.

You need to start making plans to attend our three-day Florida SNPJ Days celebration. The music will be provided by Joe Novak & Friends from Medina, Ohio; Marc Bouchard and his orchestra from Daytona Beach, Fla.; and Ron Luznar and the Polka Pals from Samsula. We've planned a fun-filled weekend for you. Special guest appearances from Tony Klepec (643) and Bob Turcola (643) are also in the plans, along with a visit from SNPJ National Secretary Karen Pintar and maybe a surprise guest or two. See you soon!



Lodge 603 members and guests enjoyed a feast at the Samsula Oktoberfest celebration.

Trailer Court season capped with first Ms. Trailer Court title

by AMY MAVRICH (138)
SNPJ Trailer Court Committee

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — The SNPJ Trailer Court Civic Association hosted its annual closing party on Sept. 26. Bobby Russ (158) did an excellent job coordinating "Bobtoberfest." The food was delicious, and the children really enjoyed bobbing for apples and making colorful masks. Everyone, young and old, enjoyed the karaoke machine as well.

Then there was the Ms. Trailer Court Contest. What fun we had! Every child who entered received a small crown. We were all on the edge of our seats awaiting the announcement of the winner. The runner up was Ruth Orlowski (782). Winning the title of the first Ms. Trailer Court was Stacey Adams (158). Congratulations! We thank everyone who entered this fun event.

President Jackie Ulle (158), Vice President Ed Trisnar, Treasurer Babe Baselj (6) and Secretary Amy Mavrich (138) would like to thank Bob Russ and his friend Stacey, Lori Keifer for a fantastic job with the Ms. Trailer Court contest, Tom and Stacey Adams for being in charge of the craft, Roland and

Joyce Hudson, Reggie Hudson, Linda Hlebak for a great job handing out the soft pretzels, Greg and Gina Volpe, and everyone who helped cook, decorate the barn and clean up. We all work so well together. From what I've heard, this was the best party ever!

We also celebrated Adam and Irma Zupancic's (8) 60th wedding anniversary with a beautiful cake. Congratulations! We wish you many more happy years.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Mary Knaus (715) who passed away recently. She was a very sweet lady. The trailer court and entire Rec Center family will truly miss her.

Another season has come and gone. We met many new friends in the trailer court this year, but we missed Joe and Bea Cvetas (787). We hope you are doing well, Mr. Cvetas, and that you'll be back next year! It's always nice to see friends come through the trailer court when they rent cabins. Jerome and Robbie Petukauskas (33) always make time to visit when they are at the Rec Center.

Until next time, keep warm... and see 'ya at the Gostilna!



STACEY ADAMS (158) was awarded the title of Ms. Trailer Court during the SNPJ Trailer Court closing party in September.

best wishes to our Outlived Members Family comes first for member



Sis. SOPHIA PIEDMONT (800)

MIDVALE, Utah — Lodge 800 member Sis. Sophia Piedmont has outlived the life of her SNPJ insurance policy. She writes:

"I grew up in Bingham Canyon, Utah. My mother, who was also a member of the Society, passed away at the age of 40. My father was left with six children, so I quit school to help raise my brothers and sisters until they were old enough to be on their own. I was 17 years old at the time; the youngest was 7.

"Later in life I married George Piedmont. He passed away after 45 years of marriage."

On behalf of the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend best wishes for continued health and happiness to Sis. Piedmont.

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SNPJ FRATERNAL HONOREES

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

by JOSEPH C. EVANISH
SNPJ National President

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• In celebration of 70 years of SNPJ membership, the Society honored Yukon, Pa., Lodge 729 member Sis. **ELIZABETH KOTCHAR**. She writes:

"I would like to thank the Society for honoring me as a 70-year member and for the gift I received."

Sis. ELIZABETH KOTCHAR (729)
P.O. Box 1043
Old Forge, NY 13420

• Sis. **VERONICA BYRNE**, a member of SNPJ Lodge 800, was honored by the Society for her 50 years of membership. She writes:

"Thank you for the honor of being recognized as an SNPJ member for 50 years. The gifts will be cherished for life. Thank you so much!"

Sis. VERONICA BYRNE (800)
2737 Kentucky Ave. N.
Crystal, MN 55427

• Milwaukee Lodge 584 and SNPJ honored Sis. **MIRIAM LENSING** for attaining 70 years of membership. She writes:

"I'd like to thank the Slovene National Benefit Society for the very nice blanket I received as a 70-year member of the organization. It came as a big surprise, and a happy one too! Again, thank you very much."

Sis. MIRIAM LENSING (584)
P.O. Box 76
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

• Johnstown, Pa., Lodge 3 and SNPJ honored Bro. **MATTHEW ORESKOVICH** for attaining 70 years of membership. He writes:

"What a pleasant surprise! I received the gift in honor of my anniversary and appreciate your kindness. I am sure my father would be so proud of my recognition. He was very active in the Society. Again, thank you!"

Bro. MATTHEW ORESKOVICH (3)
3324 Elton Road, Apt. 228
Johnstown, PA 15904

• In celebration of 60 years of SNPJ membership, the Society honored Struthers, Ohio, Lodge 277 member Bro. **DENNIS KLUS**. He writes:

"I was very honored to receive a letter from the Slovene National Benefit Society honoring me as a 60-year member, and I thank you."

"I was born in Campbell, Ohio. I had two sisters, Josephine and Helen, and one brother, John. At a young age my family moved to Struthers. After finishing school, I worked a few years at Youngstown Sheet and Tube Steel Company. Later I worked at General Fire Proofing Company making office business furniture. I worked there for 30 years and retired as a foreman in January 1981.

"I married my wife, Veronica Rohan, July 5, 1980. We celebrated our 29th anniversary this year. We

Bro. DENNIS KLUS (277)
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

lived in Lowellville, Ohio, for 20 years. I have seven stepchildren: four sons, Samuel, Joseph, Gary and Dean; and three daughters, Javern, Cynthia and Jacqueline. I also have five granddaughters, three grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

"Veronica and I enjoyed many wonderful dances at the SNPJ Recreation Center as well as Lodge 277 picnics. I was also a very active golfer and bowler for most of my life. In June 2002 we moved to California, living both in Burbank and Orange County. Then in November 2009, we moved to Henderson, Nev., near Las Vegas. We now live with our daughter Jacqueline and granddaughter Kelli. They help take care of us. I will be 91 years old this November and my wife is 80 years young."

Bro. DENNIS KLUS (277)
2958 Gettysburg Ave.
Henderson, NV 89052

• Bro. **MICHAEL SIROCHMAN**, a member of Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6, was honored by the Society for his 60 years of membership. He writes:

"Thank you for the 60-year SNPJ membership pin. It's a very nice gift and I will enjoy wearing it."

"I was born and raised in Coverdale, Pa., now known as Bethel Park. My parents were Peter and Mary Sirochman. I graduated from Bethel Park High School.

"During the Korean War, I served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1952 to 1954. After my service, I was employed by Allegheny County for 35 years, retiring in 1991.

"I married my wife, Angeline 'Ella' Grobin, in 1964. Martin Serro and Lou Lavelle played the Slovenian Picnic Waltz at our wedding reception at the Yugoslav Club in Bethel Park. We're both loyal listeners of the Sunday Slovene Radio Program.

"Thank you again for the recognition."

Bro. MICHAEL SIROCHMAN (6)
2847 Hickory St.
Bethel Park, PA 15102

• St. Mary's, Pa., Lodge 581 and SNPJ honored Sis. **ELIZABETH WEHLER** for attaining 70 years of membership. She writes:

"Thank you very much for the blanket commemorating my 70 years with SNPJ."

"My father, Matthew 'Mike' Shuster, started the first Lodge in St. Mary's. I have fond memories of fun times when the members were really active. We had annual picnics and dances, among other events. I don't take part in Lodge 581 activity anymore as I no longer live in the area.

"Thank you again for the gift."

Sis. ELIZABETH WEHLER (581)
407 Dewey St.
Ridgway, PA 15853

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• In celebration of 60 years of membership, the Society honored Pueblo, Colo., Lodge 21 member Bro. **ANTON MALENSEK**. He writes:

"Thank you for the 60-year pin. I am proud to be of Slovene heritage. My father, Louis Malensek, was Lodge 21 secretary for many years. I used to attend monthly meetings with him until he became sick and had to retire. All of my family members were lifelong SNPJ members.

"I retired from the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier after over 30 years of service. I wish to thank you again for the pin."

Bro. ANTON MALENSEK (21)
100 San Carlos Road, Apt. 312
Pueblo, CO 81005

• Sis. **ELIZABETH VERDINEK**, a member of Youngstown, Ohio, Lodge 153, was honored by the Society for her 60 years of membership. She writes:

"My 60 years in SNPJ have been very rewarding. Frank and I were married June 25, 1949. He was already a member, so he enrolled me. We are fortunate enough to celebrate both our 60th wedding anniversary and my 60 years in SNPJ this year.

"We have two sons. When they were young, they played dual accords at SNPJ social events and Christmas parties. Frank and I have four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

"I love to cook and spend time with my family. I've been to many social events and parties at the local SNPJ Lodge, and I've made many wonderful friends there. Thank you for my award."

Sis. ELIZABETH VERDINEK (153)
150 Charles Ave.
Youngstown, OH 44512

• In celebration of her 80-year membership milestone, SNPJ honored Sis. **ANNA GOJMERAC** of Tire Hill, Pa., Lodge 289. She writes:

"I'd like to thank SNPJ for honoring my 80-year membership in this great organization with a beautiful afghan.

"All my married life I have been a homemaker, raising my son John who now lives in Johnstown, Pa., with his wife Betty, and my daughter Joan who now resides in Falls Church, Va. My five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren are the joys of my life.

"Crocheting, baking, cooking (my family still waits for my homemade noodles) and watching the Catholic channel occupy my time as well as waiting for my "granddogs" to come over for their daily treats. Due to limited mobility at age 96, I am unable to tend to my garden like I would like, and I gave up mowing the grass at age 85. Luckily I still have my sense of humor, especially when I am listening to talk radio.

"My husband of 60 years



Bro. DENNIS KLUS (277)



Sis. ELIZABETH VERDINEK (153)



Bro. MICHAEL SIROCHMAN (6)



Sis. ANNA GOJMERAC (289)



Sis. ELIZABETH WEHLER (581)



Sis. THERESA ROZMUS (89)



Bro. ANTON MALENSEK (21)



Sis. THERESA ROZMUS
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

Sis. ANNA GOJMERAC
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

passed away in July 1998. My parents, Ignac and Mary Smir, were stewards at Tire Hill Lodge 289 for many years. I still have *Ameriški Slovenci*, the history of SNPJ published in 1925, that was given to me by the Lodge president. As children and teens we enjoyed the dances and activities held at the Lodge. Many fond memories of SNPJ remain with me.

"Thanks for your kindness."

Sis. ANNA GOJMERAC (289)
623 Virginia Ave.
Johnstown, PA 15906

• Sis. **THERESA ROZMUS**, a member of Lodge 89 in Midway, Pa., was honored by the Society for her 50 years of membership. She writes:

"Thank you for the generous gifts acknowledging my 50-year membership in SNPJ."

"I am one of eight children born to Mary and Anton Dvorsak of Slovan, Pa. I worked for Mellon Bank for 16 years until my retirement.

"My husband Mike and I have been married for 51 years. We have a son, Michael, who lives in Harrisonburg, Va., with his wife Susan and their daughters, Sara and Angela. We enjoy visiting them as often as possible.

"I'm a lifelong member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Burgettstown, Pa., where I serve as lector, Eucharistic Minister and

catechist. I enjoy golfing, dancing, and spending time with family and friends.

"Thank you again for the gifts. I'm privileged to be a member."

Sis. THERESA ROZMUS (89)
14 Josephine St.
Slovan, PA 15078

• Lodge 6 in Sygan, Pa., and the Society honored Bro. **FRANK BONGIORNI** for attaining 70 years of membership. He writes:

"Thank you very much for the custom embroidered blanket commemorating my 70 years as a member of SNPJ."

"I'm 89 years old and not as active as I was a few years back. Nonetheless, I'm in fairly good health. I go to a gym a few times a week, and enjoy reading and tending to my flower garden. My wife makes sure I eat a balanced diet, and take my medicines and vitamins. She also does most of the driving. I drive, but have curtailed my driving to daylight hours.

"I have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Two grandsons live in Australia. This summer, my daughter-in-law and two grandsons came to visit; my son passed away 22 years ago. Two other sons live in Hermitage, Pa., and North Carolina.

"I'll enjoy my blanket as cooler weather is here. Thanks again."

Bro. FRANK BONGIORNI (6)
466 Salvini Dr.
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Bro. DENNIS KLUS
CONTINUES NEXT COLUMN

FRATERNAL HONOREES
CONTINUE NEXT COLUMN

Sis. ANNA GOJMERAC
CONTINUES NEXT COLUMN

Sis. THERESA ROZMUS
CONTINUES NEXT COLUMN

2009 SNPJ Remezo/Kumer Golf Tournament Results

Tournament played
Saturday, Sept. 19, hosted by
Universal Comets Lodge 715

Men's Division — Members			
Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Ed Caggiano	770	71	\$75
**Chey Starosielec	6	74	\$75
A.J. Phillips	6	75	\$40
Lou Kumer	715	76	\$35
Daren Fetcko	138	76	\$35
Denny Brand Sr.	6	78	\$28
Denny Brand Jr.	6	78	\$28

Women's Division — Members			
Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Sandy Copich	643	97	\$20
**Jennifer Fetcko	138	92	\$20

Men's Division — Guests		
Name	Score	Prize
*Bill Saur	74	\$23
Joe Liberatore	74	\$23

Skill Prizes		
Skill	Name	Hole
Men - Pin Shot	Denny Brand Sr.	8
Men - Pin Shot	Daren Fetcko	12
Men - Long Drive	John Copich	5
Men - Long Drive	A.J. Phillips	11
Women - Long Drive	Sandy Copich	3

Peoria Holes Selected:
Front - 1/4/6 Back - 15/17/18
*Indicates Scratch Champion
**Indicates Net Champion

BRO. ANTHON PECJAK • LODGE 87 •

HERMINIE, Pa. — The Pecjak family and members of Lodge 87 sadly announce the Aug. 19, 2009, passing of Bro. Anthon "Tony" Pecjak of Moreno Valley, Calif., formerly of Carmichaels, Pa. He passed away at age 96 at Air Force Village West in Riverside,

Calif., due to complications from a stroke. Bro. Pecjak was born in Saxon, W.Va., in 1913, the son of John and Johanna Vicic Pecjak. During his life, he worked in the coal mines and was a superintendent for Interstate Equipment Corp. in Mt. Lebanon, Pa., for 41 years. He was also a sergeant and an airplane mechanic in the U.S. Army

Air Corp during World War II. Bro. Pecjak is survived by his wife of 67 years, Catherine Pecjak; daughters Sandy (Tom) Murphy of Santee, Calif., and Cathy (Ron) Poindexter of Riverside; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters Albina Swancigar and Francis Hampton of Cleveland, Eustina Watona of Carmichaels, Pa., and Gay Yasek

of Greensboro, Pa.; and a brother, Frank of Carmichaels. A private burial with military honors was celebrated Sept. 1 at Riverside National Cemetery. On behalf of the members of Lodge 87 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Bro. Pecjak's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

Senior Corner

by CARL ZVANUT
Lodge 800

DEVON, Pa. — Reminiscing took me back to the days of then; realism brought me back to the days of now. There were several trips. Here are two of them:

I thought of a 1930s grade school friend of mine, Eddie Hale, when I read the earnings report of casinos and the state's share of them. When Eddie and I were in grade school, there was neither a daily numbers game nor gambling palaces to provide states with income. There was a numbers game, but it was run by racketeers. Eddie just couldn't understand why there weren't state-run games so the state could have the money that was going to racketeers. He knew about those things because his uncle was a policeman, the kind that walked a beat in those days.

I wondered what he would think of the situation today. States have numbers games and get

part of the take of the casinos they license to operate. Each is crowding the other's market while going after a limited customer base. I think Eddie would say that the states should let the racketeers run it for them. That way, he'd say, crowding would never happen because racketeers had a way of controlling such things. He might also wonder why it took so long for states to get as smart as he was.

Over 60 years have passed since I walked out of college and into the real world. Student living was strikingly different than it is today, but the circumstances prior to entry were strikingly similar to today. My choice of institution was sealed, in large part because my brother had gone there, but from then on it was about money, as it is today. The 1929 stock market crash brought the Great Depression; we've had our own crash and depression today. Pop's financial support plan had been side-tracked, and many today have suffered the same fate, no doubt. Jobs were as scarce then as they are today. There were no government loan programs then, and credit is tight on loan programs today. Our family dollar was stretched every which

way so this first-generation Slovenian could be the second to meet his father's goal. I feel sure that the same commitment and goal can be found today.

Student living, though, has changed markedly. Then, the schooling atmosphere was a small town with a student body of 800. Now, the school is a university of 6,000, and that small town is a small city with a hustle-and-bustle atmosphere. Access then was by train or car on the storied two-lane Highway 66. Now it's by interstate. There were mainly rooms in private homes for most students, and fraternities housed the rest. Now there are dormitories. There were no women students, unless you counted a professor's daughter. The last time I visited, I was startled by the change the women students had made to the school.

Back then we were coming out of the Great Depression with the help of a brewing World War II. Today, we may (or may not) have "turned the corner," depending on who's talking. We have yet to see where health care is going, but we certainly know where it is and where it has been. One wonders what will be said 60 years from today.

SNPJ Crossword AUTUMN (#2009) solution

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Sausage Fest crowns Cleveland's best of the wurst

by JOE VALENCIC
Lodge 5

EUCLID, Ohio — Maple Heights Catering and Raddell's Slovenian Sausage Shop each took a title at the 6th annual Slovenian Sausage Fest sponsored by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum Sept. 13.

An estimated 400 pounds of Slovenian sausage were purchased by a crowd of 800 at the Slovenska Pristava center in Harpersfield, Ohio. Attendees sampled Slovenian sausages from vendors and voted for their favorites. A formal jury also selected a winning sausage.

The People's Choice Award went to Raddell's Slovenian Sausage Shop, with R & D Sausage Shop as the runner-up. A panel of judges picked Maple Heights Catering for Top Klobase of 2009, with Raddell's a close second. Three generations of the Hocevar family, owners of Maple Heights Catering, accepted the

banner for Best of Fest. Both Raddell's and Maple Heights have won awards in previous competitions.

Two of the judges were natives of Slovenia: Hon. Jure Žmauc, Cleveland's new Consul General of Slovenia, and Luka Zibelnik, a visiting Slovenian language studies professor at Cleveland State University. The other judges were Canadian accordionist Kathy Zameje Vogt, Slovenska Pristava's Tine Ribic and polka enthusiast Rose Frohnhof of Allison Park, Pa. Visitors included Bonnie Zalokar Pandya, mother of United States astronaut Sunita Williams, who took Slovenian sausages onto the Discovery space shuttle.

Slovenian sausages (*kranjske klobase*) are cured and smoked then prepared from recipes brought to the United States by immigrants from Slovenia. The Slovenian Sausage Fest is hosted by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of



Three generations of the the Hocevar family, owners of Maple Heights Catering, accepted the title of "Top Klobase" at the sixth annual Sausage Festival in Euclid, Ohio.

Fame and Museum, and the American Slovenian Polka Foundation based in Euclid. Six polka bands, including the Western Pennsylvania SNPJ Button Box Club, volunteered to perform eight hours of music at this year's festival.

"The Slovenian Sausage Fest is a perfect combination

of good music, good food and good people," said Cecilia Dolgan (576), president of the Polka Hall of Fame. "We enjoy sharing our love of Slovenian music and culture."

For more information on the Slovenian Sausage Fest and the Polka Hall of Fame, log onto www.polka fame.com.

2009 SNPJ Family Twosome Bowling Tournament

Bowl anytime during the month of November
Submit all entries to SNPJ Fraternal Director,
247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126
ENTRY DEADLINE is Dec. 11, 2009

TEAM 1: Indicate Division and Entry Class within division
Age Division determined by age as of Aug. 1, 2009

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

REPORT OF SCORES BOWLED — TEAM 1

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

TEAM 2: Indicate Division and Entry Class within division
Age Division determined by age as of Aug. 1, 2009

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

REPORT OF SCORES BOWLED — TEAM 2

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



TEAM 3: Indicate Division and Entry Class within division
Age Division determined by age as of Aug. 1, 2009

Divisions	Entry Class
<input type="checkbox"/> MAJORS (ages 15-18)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER-SON
<input type="checkbox"/> JUNIORS (ages 12-14)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER-DAUGHTER
<input type="checkbox"/> PREPS (ages 9-11)	<input type="checkbox"/> FATHER-SON
<input type="checkbox"/> BANTAMS (age 8 and under)	<input type="checkbox"/> FATHER-DAUGHTER
Adult Bowler's Lodge No. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> GR'MOTHER-GR'SON
Youth Bowler's Lodge No. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> GR'MOTHER-GR'DAUGHTER
	<input type="checkbox"/> GR'FATHER-GR'SON
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REPORT OF SCORES BOWLED — TEAM 3

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

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DEAR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

 John Zornik d. 1971	 Agnes Zornik d. 1994
OUR LIVES PASS AS THE SEASONS LEAVES TURNING FROM GREEN TO GOLD OUR SMILES AS BRIGHT AS THE SUN A REFLECTION OF OUR LIFETIME TOGETHER	
Sadly missed by daughter Marion (Zornik) and Ermando Volpe; son Rudy and Marlene; grandchildren Erik, Todd, Lisa, Tony and John; great-grandchildren Justin, Daniel, Jacob, Paul Jr., Anthony Ermando and Joseph; and relatives in Slovenia and the United States.	
DETROIT, MICH.	


In Loving Memory of
GEORGE and JULIA FRANK



On the day God called you home,
Our loss was Heaven's gain.
For God knew your work on Earth was done,
And He'd help us with the pain.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still.
In our hearts you held that special place,
No one else will ever fill.

SADLY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS, ESPECIALLY DAUGHTER GEORGINE, GRANDSONS SCOT AND TRAVIS, AND SISTER ROSE

In loving memory of
Sylvia F. Skedel



Born 1898 — Died Oct. 22, 1994

Loving son Louis Skedel Jr.

Catch Fantje na vasi in Milwaukee and Cleveland

submitted by Tom Srsen
Fantje na vasi

CLEVELAND — The Slovenian men's a cappella group Fantje na vasi will perform Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Breen Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland. The performance, Fantje's 31st annual concert in Cleveland, will feature a variety of Slovenian, English and Latin songs. The concert will begin at 3 p.m.

The Breen Center is a new performing arts facility that opened in August of this year. The Center is located on Lorain Ave. and the corner of West 30th, several blocks west of the famous West Side Market.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. There is ample free and secure parking adjacent to the Breen Center, which is also wheelchair accessible. Call (440) 487-6100 for reserved tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the concert.

Fantje na vasi will also be performing in Milwaukee Saturday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Zelazo Center on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Phone (414) 778-1464 for tickets and additional information.

Pay an online visit to www.FantjeNaVasiUSA.com for more details as well as available CD recordings.



Fantje na vasi will perform Saturday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Zelazo Center on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, and Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Breen Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland.