

## Nine will compete for the Miss SNPJ title



BLISS BORNSCHEUER (138)



COLLEEN FRANK (158)

by KEVIN RICHARDS  
 SNPJ Fraternal Director

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — The SNPJ Fraternal Department is pleased to introduce the eighth and ninth contestants entered in the 2009 Miss SNPJ Pageant, Bliss Bornscheuer (138) and Colleen Frank (158).

Bliss Bornscheuer, a lifelong member of Lodge 138 in Strabane, Pa., is the daughter of Daniel and Pamela (138) Bornscheuer, and the granddaughter of Andrew and the late Carol Senkinc (138), and Phyllis and the late Paul Bornscheuer.

Bliss is a 2009 honor graduate of Chartiers-Houston High School. During her time there

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### Home Office closed for Fourth of July holiday

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — The SNPJ Home Office will be closed Monday, July 6, in observance of Independence Day. Regular office hours, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., will resume Tuesday, July 7.

### SNPJ insurance seminar heads to Cleveland in July

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — SNPJ Marketing Director Greg Felton will be hosting an insurance seminar in Cleveland on Saturday, July 25, from 9 a.m. until noon. For additional information or to reserve your spot at this seminar, contact Greg Felton by phoning 1-800-843-7675 or by e-mailing [gfelton@snpj.com](mailto:gfelton@snpj.com).

### Register for e-mail notice of insurance premiums

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — SNPJ is now offering members the opportunity to receive their life insurance premium notices via e-mail. To register for this service, simply phone the SNPJ Home Office at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [rwright@snpj.com](mailto:rwright@snpj.com) and request to have your bills e-mailed to you. We will be happy to send you a one-year supply of envelopes for your use when returning payments to the Home Office. The number of envelopes sent will be determined by the frequency of premium payments you make.

### Have you recommended a new member lately?

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

## THE DEADLINE

The next two *PROSVETA* issue dates are July 15 and July 29. All material must be received by Friday, July 3, for the July 15 issue, and by Monday, July 20, for the July 29 issue. If you are running short on time and concerned about making the deadline, try faxing your submission to (724) 695-1555 or e-mailing [prosveta@snpj.com](mailto:prosveta@snpj.com).

## Summer fun on the Orange Coast

by JEAN KOCI  
 Lodge 786 Secretary

**ORANGE COUNTY, Calif.** — Lodge 786 recently held a marvelous Wine Tasting Party, and on Saturday, July 18, from noon until 6 p.m., we'll be hosting our annual "thank you barbecue" at the Rancho Niguel Recreation Center in Laguna Niguel, Calif. The festivities will be preceded by a Lodge meeting at 11:30 a.m. We will try to get through the business as quickly as possible so we can start with the fun and food!

This barbecue is always a great time for families to gather for an old-fashioned picnic.

We're doing things a little different this year; the Lodge has offered to provide hamburgers and brats for grilling, along with the paper goods and charcoal. Everyone should bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share, as well as their beverage of choice. If your diet mandates another type of main dish, please feel free to bring whatever you need.

The recreation center is located off Moulton Parkway at the intersection of Rancho Niguel Road. Rancho Niguel is just north of Crown Valley Parkway. From the I-5 exit at Crown

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PERIODICAL MATERIAL



# Ready, set... cook!

SNPJ Heritage Center will premiere its new cookbook July 10-12 for Slovenefest XXVIII

by CAROL SADAR MARUSZAK (53)  
 SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center

**BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.** — The SNPJ Heritage Center Committee is excited to announce that the cookbook will make its debut during Slovenefest weekend, July 10-12! The publisher is busy printing 3,000 copies of the cookbook, which is filled with over 680 recipes. A Slovenian

gift basket containing a copy of the cookbook, along with items for the kitchen, will be awarded in a drawing at Slovenefest, so be sure to purchase a \$2 drawing ticket for your chance to win.

If you can't attend Slovenefest, you'll still be able to obtain a copy. Cookbooks will be available at the SNPJ Heritage Center, 270 Martin Road, Enon Valley, PA 16120. The price is \$20 each plus \$3 shipping and handling for the first two cookbooks ordered (add an additional \$1 postage for each additional book over two ordered). Make checks or money orders payable to **SNPJ Heritage Center**.

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## The ducks are ready to race in Strabane

by BOB LAWRENCE  
 Lodge 138 Secretary

**STRABANE, Pa.** — Have you "adopted" your very own racing duck for the Lodge 138 Annual Duck Race and Family Picnic yet? The race and picnic will be held Saturday, July 18. If you haven't, I suggest you do so very soon because many of the ducks have already been adopted and are ready to race down beautiful Chartiers Creek. The race is the highlight of the day. You'll want to be among crowd that gathers excitedly along the banks of Chartiers Creek to cheer on the ducks.

The day will be filled with good food and live entertainment. T-shirts designed by Youth Circle 19 members Cyndy Bober and Jessica Cadez will be on sale. Be sure to purchase one; the proceeds will help fund the Circle's many activities. The usual picnic fare will be provided by the Lodge, but a covered dish is always welcome. Food will be served around 3 p.m. The Karl Lukitsch Band will be on hand from 6 to 10 p.m. to perform some great music for the day. Games will also be available for the youngsters to enjoy. Be sure to say hello to our duck mascot!



SNPJ National Secretary **KAREN A. PINTAR** and Slovenian Heritage Center Director **ROGER EVANISH** display the new aprons and cookbooks available through the SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center.

## SNPJ Heritage Center cooking up a deal for Slovenefest XXVIII

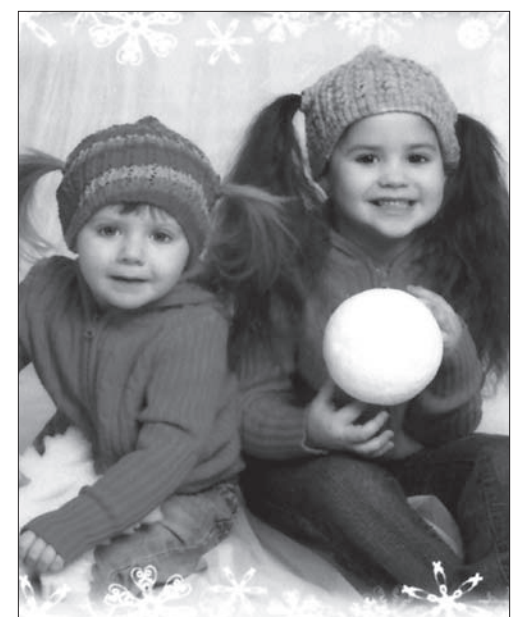
by ROGER EVANISH  
 SNPJ Heritage Center

**BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.** — What a deal the SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center has for you! You can purchase our brand new cookbook along with an apron for the low price of \$27 for both if you stop by the Heritage Center. If you order by mail, you can purchase both items for a price of \$30, which includes shipping and

handling.

The aprons come in red and blue. Purchased separately, the cookbook sells for \$20 and the apron for \$10. These items make wonderful gifts for friends and loved ones.

This special offer will also be available during Slovenefest XXVIII scheduled the weekend of July 10-12 at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Stop by and pay us a visit.



• **Zoey & Sage Tellish**  
 Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106

Lodge 106 welcomes the addition of two new members, Zoey Willa Tellish, 2, and Sage Kathlynn Tellish, 5. Zoey and Sage are the daughters of Corey and Nicole (106) Tellish, and the granddaughters of Norm and Denise Herron (106). We welcome Zoey and Sage to the Slovene National Benefit Society and extend our best wishes to their entire family.

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## Have something for Up-and-Coming?

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

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

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If a concert or dance, who is performing? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Lamb, pig roast featured at Utopians July 26 Farm picnic

by GERRI TREBETS  
Lodge 604 Secretary

**KIRTLAND, Ohio** — To help celebrate the 70th anniversary of the SNPJ Farm on Heath Road in Kirtland, Ohio, Utopians Lodge 604 members have decided to travel a different course by holding a lamb and pig roast at their July 26 picnic. Of course, there will be roast beef and sausage dinners for \$8 for those who like to stick to the traditional fare, along with sandwiches, sides and the ever-popular krofe.

We've talked about holding a lamb and pig roast for the past few years, but it never came to fruition and I think it's time to take a gamble. If you've ever attended Slovenefest, you're most likely familiar with Godina's Barbecue and the long lines that await the delicious lamb and pork. If you haven't, I suggest you come and see for yourself. Jeff will be bringing his trailer from Brookfield, Ohio, and cooking on-site. If you've never seen him prepare these tasty items, you're in for a real treat. It's quite a sight to

behold, not to mention the delicious aroma that permeates the grounds. In most cases, the meat is gone within 10 to 15 minutes after it's done. That's why we're asking that you pre-order so we have an idea how much to purchase. After the orders are filled, the food will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. Lamb is \$11 a pound and pig is \$8 a pound, and each is served with onions and bread. Please call Gerri Trebets at (440) 951-9611 for more information or to place your order.

We are pleased to once again host the award-winning Ed Rodick Orchestra for your listening and dancing pleasure. Ed had a great year, winning the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Polka Hall of Fame's annual festivities last November and being honored as the Penn-Ohio Polka Pals Man of the Year. He always does an amazing job and gets the whole place jumping.

I hope to see a good group in attendance July 26 as well as all the other picnics held at the SNPJ Farm throughout the year.

# Lodge 126 seeking annual picnic kitchen volunteers

by GRACE MARINCH  
Lodge 126

**CLEVELAND** — I think we'd all agree that it was a very long and cold winter, and we're happy that the weather is finally warming up in time for all the summer SNPJ activities.

"Better late than never" is an old cliché, but one that we are all guilty of at one time or another. I would like to congratulate our officers: President Charles "Chuck" Sumrada, Vice President Jim Sherbak, Secretary/Treasurer Ed Sumrada, Recording Secretary Tracy Sumrada, and auditors Al Marinch, Grace Marinch and Sharon Flyter as alternate. They were nominated and elected at our annual meeting in November. We're happy to have some younger members carry on the duties on behalf of Lodge 126.

Al and I decided to step down due to medical problems, but we know the new officers will do a good job. Ed Sumrada has served as secretary/treasurer for the last 20 years and will carry on in that position. Al and I thoroughly enjoyed our tenure as president and vice president, and wish to thank

everyone for the cooperation we received. All of the Cleveland Lodges should be commended for their fraternalism.

Congratulations to Tracy and Chuck Sumrada on the April 15 birth of their daughter, Charlize Rose. Charlize is precious and loved by so many. On a sadder note, Charlize's paternal grandmother, Helen Sumrada (604), passed away April 27. Helen was so happy to meet Charlize Rose, her first grandchild. Our deepest sympathies go out to Helen's husband Chuck, sons Ed and Chuck, daughter-in-law Tracy, granddaughter Charlize, and her extended family and many friends.

I'm sure many of you read the loving tribute to Sis. Sumrada by Lodge 604 Secretary Gerri Trebets in the May 20 PROSVETA issue. Gerri said it all; kindness, care and generosity were only a few of the countless attributes Helen possessed. Sis. Sumrada was a hard worker, not only for her Lodge, but any Lodge or affiliate of SNPJ. Helen was a very special friend to me and Al. Not a day goes by that I don't think about her. We will certainly miss her friendship.

It seems like Aug. 30 is so far away, but time flies and before you know it, it will be here. That is the date of Lodge 126 picnic at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio. Dinners will be served at 2 p.m. with music by the Jeff Pecon Band from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

We are in need of volunteers to help in the kitchen for a few hours, especially when members of the ladies auxiliary leave at 3:30 p.m. It is the Lodge's responsibility to take over in the kitchen so we would appreciate any help we can get at anytime. We have been fortunate enough to have really dedicated ladies that work the whole day, but we have fewer workers now and it's getting to be too much. If you can help in the kitchen, it would be greatly appreciated. You can call me at (440) 944-0172 or Ed Sumrada at (440) 942-6988. This picnic is our only fund-raiser, so we hope to see many of our Lodge members there. In the meantime, enjoy all of the Sunday picnics at the SNPJ Farm on Heath Road in Kirtland, Ohio. You're sure to have a good time! Your continued support is greatly appreciated by all SNPJ Lodges.

## Lodge 786 barbecue launches summer fun

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Valley Parkway, travel west toward the ocean to Moulton Parkway. Turn right on Moulton. At the second light, turn left on Rancho Niguel and then make a quick right into the parking lot.

Our designated spot is a large, grassy area in back of the center, near the tennis, basketball and volleyball courts. There are plenty of trees and umbrellas for shade, as well as tables and benches. If you care for more comfortable seating,

feel free to bring your own folding chairs or blankets to spread out on the lawn. The park includes a few wonderful swimming pools as well as a baby pool, so bring your swimsuits and towels – and don't forget the sunscreen! Let's see who the water balloon target will be this year...

Please phone Jean at (949) 495-0097 or e-mail [ajkoci@cox.net](mailto:ajkoci@cox.net) to RSVP for this free activity for Lodge 786 members and their guests. We're looking forward to another fun-filled day!



The water balloons are filled and ready for the July 18 Lodge 786 barbecue and swim party.

## Lodge 333 donations benefit the Society

by RONALD ZAMBORI  
Lodge 333 President

**BARTON, Ohio** — SNPJ Lodge 333 recently merged into SNPJ Lodge 562. We are happy to report that upon merging, Lodge 333 donated the remaining money in the Lodge treasury to the SNPJ Scholarship Fund (\$1,782.48) and the SNPJ Heritage Center (\$1,782.47) in the name of the former Lodge 333.

# Up-and-Coming...

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

- JULY 4 ..... Fourth of July Celebration at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 1:30-7:30 p.m. Entertainment features the Frank Stanger and Mikey Dee bands. For details phone (440) 256-3423.
- JULY 5 ..... Westmoreland (Pa.) Federation hosts Pam & Jerry Zagar's Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Entertainment by Klančnik & Friends and Silver Sky w/ George Suhon. For details phone (724) 668-7394.
- JULY 10-12 ..... Slovenefest XXVIII and the 53rd Miss SNPJ Pageant at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For information, phone the Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.
- JULY 18 ..... Lodge 745 participation in the Eppie's Great Race relay triathlon. Visit [www.snpj745.com](http://www.snpj745.com) or e-mail Connie Mlakar at [conniemlakar@yahoo.com](mailto:conniemlakar@yahoo.com) for additional information.
- JULY 18 ..... Orange Coast Lodge 786 Barbecue & Swim Party, noon-5 p.m. at the Rancho Niguel Rec Center, Laguna Niguel, Calif. For information phone Jean Koci at (949) 495-0097 or e-mail [ajkoci@cox.net](mailto:ajkoci@cox.net).
- JULY 19 ..... Westmoreland (Pa.) Federation hosts Steve Novosel's Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Entertainment by the Eddie Rodick and Ray Skovenski bands. For details phone (724) 668-7394.
- JULY 19-25 ..... First Family Week at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For details phone the Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.
- JULY 26 ..... Utopians Lodge 604 annual picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Godina's roast lamb and pig available (pre-order), in addition to the Farm dinners. Music by the Eddie Rodick Orchestra, 3:30-7:30 p.m. For information contact Gerri Trebets at (440) 951-9611.
- JULY 26-AUG. 1 ..... Second Family Week at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For details phone the Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.
- AUG. 2 ..... SNPJ Farm Board Chicken BBQ Picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Music by the Don Wotjila Orchestra 3:30-7:30 p.m. For additional information contact Joseph Blatnik at (440) 943-1191.
- AUG. 7-9 ..... SNPJ TEL Workshop at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For registration information contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com).
- AUG. 9 ..... Annual Utah Slovenian Day Picnic at the Price City Park Shelter, Price, Utah; noon-5 p.m. For additional information contact Gene or Joann Lessar at (435) 637-6925.
- AUG. 9 ..... CAL Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Dinners served at 2 p.m.; dancing to the Bob Kravos Band 3:30-7:30 p.m.
- AUG. 9 ..... Westmoreland (Pa.) Federation Appreciation Picnic/Membership Drive at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-5 p.m. Free admission. Entertainment by the Jim Rhoades Band. For information phone Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- AUG. 16 ..... Lodge 142 annual picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Dinners served beginning at 2 p.m.; music by Eric Noltkamper, 3:30-7:30 p.m. For additional information phone Dolores Dobida at (440) 943-5559.
- AUG. 16 ..... Westmoreland (Pa.) Federation hosts the Polka Review Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Entertainment features the Karl Lukitsch and Dick Tady orchestras. For information phone (724) 668-7394.
- AUG. 23 ..... Westmoreland (Pa.) Federation hosts the Mikey Dee Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Entertainment by the Mikey Dee Band and The Polka Quads. For information phone (724) 668-7394.
- AUG. 23-29 ..... Senior Roundup Week at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For details phone the Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.
- AUG. 30 ..... Cleveland Lodge 126 annual picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Music by the Jeff Pecon Band, 3:30-7:30 p.m. For information contact Ed Sumrada at (440) 942-6988.
- AUG. 30 ..... Westmoreland (Pa.) Federation Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Music by the Del Sinchak Band and Joe Grkman Orchestra. For information phone Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- SEPT. 4-6 ..... National SNPJ Days at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Weekend activities include the National golf, balina and horseshoes tournaments; the Rec Center Reverse Raffle and the annual Sunday picnic. For additional information phone the SNPJ Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.
- SEPT. 6 ..... SNPJ Farm Board Picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Entertainment features Eric Noltkamper from 3:30-7:30 p.m. For more information contact Joseph Blatnik at (440) 943-1191.
- SEPT. 7 ..... End of Summer Dance at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 3:30-7:30 p.m. Music by the George Staiduhar Band. For more information phone (440) 256-3423.
- SEPT. 12 ..... La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 dinner theater outing to Stage 212 in La Salle. Performance begins at 6 p.m. For additional information contact Eleanor Kuhar at (815) 883-8983.
- SEPT. 13 ..... Youngstown, Ohio, Lodge 153 annual dance in the Alpine Room at the SNPJ Recreation Center; 3-7 p.m. Music by the Jeff Pecon Orchestra. For more information phone Diane Chermely at (330) 629-8882.
- SEPT. 13 ..... Westmoreland (Pa.) Federation hosts the Frank Palombi Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Music by the Frank Palombi Good Time Band and Sounds of Country. For information phone (724) 668-7394.
- SEPT. 20 ..... SNPJ Farm Board "Friends of the Farm" Picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Music by the Don Wotjila Orchestra 3:30-7:30 p.m. For details phone Joseph Blatnik at (440) 943-1191.

# We've Got You COVERED



GREG FELTON  
Marketing Director

## I'm covered at work

Quite often when we speak to people, we hear them say they have life insurance coverage at work. I can't help but wonder if we're placing too much emphasis on this coverage. Granted, it is a wonderful fringe benefit, and you should thank your employer for providing the insurance. Many workplaces use a formula that is a multiple of earnings (one or two times your salary) or a flat sum (\$10,000, \$25,000, etc.). Usually this coverage is good until you leave or retire from your place of employment. Now this is when things get interesting.

At most places, your coverage would terminate at retirement. A few will carry on some portion of the proceeds for the rest of your life, and some have a declining scale of coverage based on your age – the older you get, the less life insurance you'll have. The important point here is to know how your plan works and to make sure your spouse knows too.

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• **Thought for the Week** — Criticism, like rain, should be gentle enough to nourish a person's growth without destroying the roots.

Frank A. Clark



## Slovenian vehicles will be taxed on emissions

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — During a mid-June session, the Slovenian government decided to gradually change the taxation system for motor vehicles, abandoning the tax according to engine displacement and introducing taxes tied to the level of carbon dioxide emissions.

Finance Minister Franc Krizanič told the press after the session that the cabinet would discuss amendments to the Motor Vehicles Tax Act during the next session. "The government decided today that it would carry out a reform of motor vehicle taxation over the next three years," minister Krizanič added.

"The new tax scale prepared by the Environment Ministry foresees the prices of the most popular vehicles in Slovenia to increase as much as 18 percent. This is why the government has opted for a gradual reform," Krizanič said. "Initially, prices will go up for vehicles with carbon dioxide emissions over 150 grams per kilometer. The tax rates will range from 0.5 percent to 23 percent of the purchase price," the minister added.

The tax for motor vehicles was introduced in 1999 and is paid on cars and other vehicles seating up to ten passengers that are newly-registered in Slovenia, regardless of where they were purchased. According to the planned amendments, motorcycles and motorized bicycles will also be taxed. The taxes of used vehicles that have already been registered in Slovenia will be abolished, Krizanič said.

## A Slovenian now head of Mental Health Europe

**BRUSSELS, Belgium (STA)** — The head of the Slovenian Mental Health Association (SENT), Nace Kovač, was appointed president of Mental Health Europe, an umbrella organization of national non-governmental offices (NGOs) and non-profit organizations actively participating in the mental health field.

Kovač stressed that his appointment was a recognition to all Slovenian mental health NGOs, and pointed out that governments, especially the governments of countries in transition, focused too much on governmental institutions and organizations.

Kovač believes that was the biggest problem, and the reason why mental health still remains a taboo topic and mental patients are being stigmatized. Kovač said that SENT raised attention with its innovative programs, especially with an eco-farm near Ljubljana that serves as a rehabilitation center for mental patients.

Mental Health Europe was established in 1985 in Belgium. It now incorporates 67 organizations from 37 countries and cooperates with the Council of Europe, and commissions from the EU and the World Health Organization (WHO).

## A clean bill of health for Slovenian swimming sites

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — According to the results of a water quality monitor conducted by the Slovenian Environment Agency, the quality of water at all Slovenian swimming sites, measured prior to the 2009 season, is satisfactory.

Data from the previous season shows that the quality of water in Slovenia's coastal areas has improved in comparison to previous years, while it dropped at fresh water locations.

Environment Agency representative Mateja Poje said that the monitoring process was carried out on the basis of the old swimming water quality directive at 37 swimming sites across Slovenia. The project determined the physical, chemical and microbiological parameters. "If more than five percent of the samples from a swimming site do not meet the criteria in the directive, the site is labelled as inappropriate for swimming," Poje explained.

According to Poje, five fresh water sites were inappropriate for swimming last year. However, the quality of water in coastal areas was very good; as many as 18 out of 19 monitored sites met the criteria.

"The long-term results of water quality monitoring in Slovenia indicate that there is no physical or chemical contamination, but only occasional microbiological deterioration of the water quality, which is mainly related to intensive precipitation," Poje added.

Environment Minister Karl Erjavec told the press that the new swimming water quality directive was adopted in 2006 to introduce stricter criteria for swimming



water quality management. According to Erjavec, EU member states had to incorporate the directive into their national legislations by March 2008, and the directive must be fully implemented by 2015.

"Last year, Slovenia adopted the decree on the management of swimming water quality and the rules on detailed criteria for determining swimming areas," Erjavec said. He added that the ministry also expanded the list of Slovenian swimming sites from 37 to 48.

According to the minister, the decree introduces new microbiological parameters and their maximum levels, while the new system of swimming water quality management requires monitoring and analysis of the situation in the catchment areas during the swimming season.

## Textile, clothing, leather industries facing losses

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — The Slovenian textile, clothing and leather industry, which has been struggling for years to become more competitive, faces a dire situation in the current economic turmoil. The industry-wide problems were highlighted in mid-June as trade unions and employers signed a collective bargaining agreement.

Production in the textile sector dipped by 12 percent last year, while clothing production was down eight percent. The industry also shed many jobs. In addition, a seven percent cut was reported by textile manufacturers, and an eight percent cut by clothing companies.

The salaries in the industry are roughly 40 percent under the Slovenian average. The industry currently employs some 18,000 workers; in March 2008, over 22,000 persons worked in textile, apparel and leather companies.

Employers' Association Secretary-General Jože Smole pointed out that the problems in the industry did not occur overnight, but were the result of the struggle for survival by both Slovenian and European textile companies. Smole noted that cheaper Chinese products have flooded the European markets, jeopardizing the Slovenian and European textile industry. "In the first quarter of 2009, orders in Slovenia dropped by 40 percent and company projections for the next two quarters are not very optimistic," Smole said.

## Majority of Slovenians opt for longer vacations

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — Data on the traveling habits of Slovenians, published by the National Statistics Office in early June, indicates that almost 60 percent of Slovenians took longer private trips last year. In 2007 the percentage stood at 57 percent and the number of trips was five percent lower.

Slovenian tourists took around 3.73 million private trips in 2008 (58 percent were short trips, 42 percent were long trips and 73 percent were trips abroad) and around 655,000 business trips. Trips qualifying as "extended trips" are those that involve at least four successive overnight stays, the Statistics Office explained.

The average Slovenian tourist spent around 44 euros (\$61) per day; 31 euros (\$43) in Slovenia and 50 euros (\$69) abroad.

Secondary school and college students are the most frequent travelers, with 84 percent having taken a trip at least once in 2008. Seniors are also quite mobile – 37 percent of seniors traveled last year. Only 12 percent of trips taken by Slovenians were organized with the help of travel agencies, the survey showed.

An overview covering 2006, 2007 and 2008 showed that most people travel during the summer months of July, August and September, while the least popular months for traveling are January, February and March. Leisure was the reason behind 82 percent of the trips taken, while visits to friends and relatives accounted for 18 percent.

European countries were by far the most frequent destination; trips to other continents accounted for only three percent of the total figure.

Croatia was the most popular destination for Slovenians, coming in at 57 percent. Bosnia-Herzegovina and Italy followed with seven percent each, six percent of Slovenians visited Austria, four percent Germany, while Greece

an Serbia were able to each attract two percent of Slovenian tourists.

## A season of summer festivals now underway

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — The season of summer festivals is just starting in Slovenia, offering a wide range of open-air concerts. The traditional Rock Otocec rocked the Dolenjsko region in late June, followed by a jazz festival in Ljubljana and several festivals in Tolmin, a town at the confluence of the Soča and Tolminka rivers.

The Ljubljana Jazz Festival will mark its 50th birthday between June 29 and July 4, bringing world renowned jazz artists to town. The festival will conclude with a concert prepared especially for the occasion by American avant-garde musician John Zorn, one of the most esteemed musicians and composers of the last 30 years.

July will be a noisy month in Tolmin (western Slovenia). "Metalcamp" will kick off the concert season in the Soča valley July 2. Shortly after the heavy metal fans return home, Tolmin will host the Riversplash Reggae Music and Cultural Festival July 15-19.

Sajeta will be the third and final festival planned in Tolmin. This festival has evolved from its initial workshop concept and has become a serious international exhibition. Its 10th season will take place between July 28 and Aug. 1.

## Orient-Express makes a stop in Slovenia

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — The Orient-Express, an international project hosted by the European Theatre Convention, arrived in Ljubljana June 19. The train, which started its journey in Istanbul, Turkey, in May and is headed toward Stuttgart, Germany, is stopping in towns and cities along its tracks to deliver theatrical performances. The plays were performed on a specially constructed "theater wagon," essentially a mobile stage.

The Orient-Express previously made stops in several cities in Turkey, Romania, Serbia and Croatia. All performances were offered free of charge.

## World record ice cream blocks a Ljubljana street

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — Ljubljanske mlekarne, Slovenia's largest dairy, is shooting for an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records by making the world's biggest ice cream. The 115-foot dessert, which was assembled to mark the 35th anniversary of the Planica ice cream brand, was a very welcome refreshment to hundreds of people on Ljubljana streets on a hot summer day.

"The legendary Planica ice cream, which first appeared in stores in 1974, was named after the world-famous Planica ski jumping hill," Ljubljanske mlekarne chairman Cvetana Rijavec said at the June 10 event. "And since Planica is often associated with world records, Ljubljanske mlekarne decided to break a record of its own," she added.

The 115-foot ice cream container, which required proper cooling, stretched along one of Ljubljana's main streets, which was packed with visitors. The biggest challenge was to cool the entire record-breaking ice cream, the organizers pointed out. Expert help came from the Jožef Štefan Research Institute.

"Our first thought was to cool the ice cream with liquid nitrogen, but initial testing showed that the nitrogen would melt too quickly, so we decided to go for a combination with dry ice," Jožef Štefan Research Institute representative Tine Oblak explained. The process of freezing the ice cream took two months of preparation and at least five test runs. The cooler included 132 pounds of dry ice and over five gallons of liquid nitrogen. The cooling system required a five-hour setup period, so a 40-member team worked on the project. The world's longest ice cream container was almost entirely hand-made from 21 six-foot-long strips.

Planica ice cream traditionally comes in three flavors, strawberry, vanilla and chocolate. Regardless of the numerous additional flavors introduced over the course of the past 35 years, these three have remained the most popular, which was confirmed by visitors who managed to eat all 2,000 scoops of Planica ice cream in only 30 minutes.

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| 21    | Jean R. Cunico        | 584   | Giles L. Klinka      |
| 87    | David Marovich        | 626   | Janice M. Brahler    |
| 87    | Patricia A. Sochacki  | 643   | John J. Chiec        |
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| 107   | Patricia A. Miller    | 715   | Lorraine C. Ivanusic |
| 113   | Louis F. Gorishhek    | 715   | Elissa L. Varlotta   |
| 158   | John E. Kusar         | 715   | Lewis R. Sylvester   |
| 254   | Dorothy Altimus       | 719   | Rita M. Kushner      |
| 268   | Barbara J. Omerza     | 755   | Ruth A. Pettay       |
| 268   | Gerald T. Ceryance    | 776   | Marian McMillin      |
| 268   | Beverley Elchuk       | 776   | Marilyn L. White     |
| 268   | Iris D. Kne           | 778   | Anna Slapar          |
| 419   | Janice M. Hudon       | 800   | Joan M. Webb         |

## 60-Year Members

June 2009

| Lodge | Member               | Lodge | Member               |
|-------|----------------------|-------|----------------------|
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| 6     | John A. Barufaldi    | 564   | George L. Schutte    |
| 31    | Olga Marie Moler     | 626   | Alfred R. Skoda      |
| 89    | Leonard E. Metrovich | 713   | George M. Pivik      |
| 158   | John W. Fabjancic    | 715   | Edward J. Sporic     |
| 268   | Peter S. Korach      | 723   | William D. Knezovich |
| 278   | Annie Krasovec       | 800   | Mary Eva Chudy       |

## 70-Year Members

June 2009

| Lodge | Member                 | Lodge | Member                 |
|-------|------------------------|-------|------------------------|
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| 6     | Pauline Mae Bell       | 562   | Margaret Jastrebski    |
| 5     | Christina Gasparic     | 562   | Mary A. Berus          |
| 34    | Clara M. Hedden        | 581   | Frances Gerchman       |
| 87    | Helen Macleod          | 626   | Tony Samsa             |
| 117   | Evelyn Benzio          | 679   | Walter Matosich        |
| 138   | Sylvia Holsey          | 723   | Jeanne M. Tominc       |
| 218   | Dorothy J. Petranovich | 764   | Ann E. Gukich          |
| 257   | Angela Hartwig         | 782   | Andrianna Paris        |
| 257   | John Fabris            | 800   | Sylvia Bartol          |
| 265   | Millie Bistarkey       | 800   | Josephine Pagac        |
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## 80-Year Members

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| 449   | Zella M. Hall            |



## Na železniških postajah mobilna dvigala

**HEADLINE:** Mobile lifts at the train stations

**TOPIC:** The Slovenian Railway (SŽ) recently introduced a mobile lift which will alleviate traveling difficulties for invalids. The train stations in Maribor, Celje and Koper have one lift each, and in Ljubljana two such lifts are available. At the train station in Ljubljana they also opened a renovated area for bicycle parking; for now there is room for 76 bikes, and in the new future they are planning to expand it. There is never enough space on the train for bicycles. SŽ representative Boštjan Koren promised that with the arrival of new cars, these conditions will improve. In Slovenia, 17 million people traveled by train last year.

Slovenske železnice (SŽ) so pred dnevi predstavile mobilna dvigala, ki bodo invalidom olajšala potovanje. Po eno je na voljo na železniških postajah Maribor, Celje in Koper, dva pa v Ljubljani. Na glavni ljubljanski postaji so odprli tudi prenovljen prostor za parkiran-

je koles; za zdaj je prostora za 76 koles, predvidena pa je širitev. Na vlakih je za kolesa še vedno premalo prostora. Direktor potniškega prometa SŽ Boštjan Koren je obljubil, da bo ob prihodu novih garnitur in vagonov bolje. Železnice že nekaj let dopolnjujejo prevoze vlakov z avtobusnimi med Litijo in Šmartnim: avtobusi Železniškega invalidskega podjetja (Žip) vozijo tudi od železniške postaje Postojna do Postojnske jame in Predjamskega gradu ter s postaje Divača do Škocjanskih jam in Lipice.

Čezmejnih vlakov med Italijo in Slovenijo namreč skoraj ni več, prav zagotavljanje povezave med Jugovzhodno Evropo in Italijo bi lahko bila priložnost za SŽ. Priložnost je tudi oglaševanje - nekateri vlaki (in avtobusi) so že velikanski oglasni panoji; veliko prostora je še na železniških postajah, na katerih je bilo lani približno 17 milijonov potnikov, predvsem iz najbolj mobilne skupine ljudi med 15 in 50 letom starosti.

DELO

## Glasbeniki in likovniki bodo obudili Ptuj

**HEADLINE:** Musicians and artists will awaken Ptuj

**TOPIC:** The first Ptuj Arts Festival will be held during the last week in July 2009 in the old section of the Ptuj city center. The International Festival of Fine Arts, Art Stays and the Arsana Music Festival Arsana were united for this project.

In previous years, the Festival of Fine Arts was arranged six times by the Art Stays art association, and during that time it brought more than 60 artists from 17 countries to the city. The Arsana association organized close to 30 musical arrangements in the city, featuring several guest performers over the past few years.

In Ptuj there will be 11 classical, ethnic and jazz music concerts held between July 24-31, at which 50 musicians

from different European countries will perform. Eight main art events will be accompanied by many other arrangements; in one week alone, more than 30 different events will be held, all connected by a different series of skills.

Zadnji teden julija bo v starem ptujskem mestnem jedru bogato in pestro umetniško življenje - prvi dnevi so organizatorji napovedali prvi festival umetnosti Art Ptuj 2009. V njem sta se združila mednarodni festival likovne umetnosti Art Stays in glasbeni festival Arsana.

Festival likovne umetnosti je v prejšnjih letih že šestkrat zapored pripravil umetniško društvo Art Strays in v tem času pripeljalo v mesto več kot 60 umetnikov iz 17 držav. Društvo Arsana je v zadnjih letih pripravilo v mestu že kakšnih 30 glasbenih prireditev s stotnjo gostujočih umetnikov. Oba organizatorja sta združila moči in že

predstavila obsežen program letošnjega skupnega festivala Art Ptuj.

Med 24. in 31. julijem bo na Ptujju enajst koncertov klasične, etno in jazz glasbe, na katerih bo nastopilo 50 glasbenikov iz evropskih držav; osem glavnih likovnih dogodkov in instalacij pa bo spremljalo še več drugih prireditev, tako da bo v tednu dni že več kot 30 različnih dogodkov, povzanih z različnimi vrstami umetnosti.

Organizacijski odbor je z letošnjim povsem brezplačnim delom želel mestu dokazati, da takšen festival potrebuje in da bi za njegovo organizacijo in uveljavitev moralo bolj zavihati rokave. Ni nepomembno, da je pred desetletji imel poleg Ljubljane samo še Ptuj bogate in odmevne poletne kulturne prireditve z mednarodno udeležbo, a jih je nemarno zapravil in opustil.

DELO

## Slovenj Gradec kot v letu 1500

**HEADLINE:** Slovenj Gradec as in the year 1500

**TOPIC:** Spotur, the Public Establishment for Sport and Tourism, arranged the sixth Medieval Day during which Slovenj Gradec celebrated the market rights it acquired 1251. The main city squares received a medieval look with the help of more than 70 performers in medieval costume.

The Medieval Day returned Slovenj Gradec into the year 1500, to the time of Emperor Maximilian. Visitors were able to bargain with artisans at the medieval market, and attend many different performances featuring dance groups, archers, horsemen and others. In the mint shop, each visitor was able to mint his own coin.

Javni zavod za šport in turizem Spotur je pripravil šesti srednjeveški dan, s katerim

je Slovenj Gradec praznoval pridobitev tržnih pravic leta 1251. Osrednja mestna trga sta dobila srednjeveški videz tudi s pomočjo več kot 70 nastopajočih in stativov v srednjeveških kostumih, prireditev pa je stala več kot 10.000 evrov. Spotur je pripravil tudi več drugih dejavnosti, predvsem počitniških.

Srednjeveški dan je Slovenj Gradec vrnil v leto 1500, v čas cesarja Maksimilijana. Obiskovalci so lahko barantali z rokodelci na srednjeveški tržnici, si ogledali nastope glumačev in zabavljáčev, trebušnih plesalk, srednjeveške plesne skupine, bruhalcev ognja, lokostrelcev, konjenikov, vitezov in mnogo drugih. V kovnici denarja so si lahko skovali vsak svoj kovanec in se okrepčali v srednjeveški krčmi. Programski vodja Hrabro Perger je povedal, da so hoteli vključiti čim več domačih

rokodelcev in nastopajočih, zato so letos izdelali tudi kostume za statiste, ki so jih vključili v dogajanje. Nastopile so nekatere vrhunske

srednjeveške skupine, med njimi Češka skupina Markus. Prvič so pripravili tudi pravo srednjeveško požitjo.

DELO

## Kislinska erozija

Kislinske v nekaterih vrstah sadja, sadnih sokovih, gaziranih pijačah in vrstah vin lahko nepopravljivo poškodujejo naše zobe. Mehčajo površino zobne sklenine in jo izpostavljajo obrabi, znani pod imenom kislinska erozija. Kislinske v vsakdanji hrani lahko razstapljuje minerale z zob ter mehčajo povrhnjico del sklenine, ki se zelo hitreje obrablja, zobje pa postajajo vidno manj beli (prozorni). Če proti kislinski eroziji ne ukrenemo ničesar, lahko povzroči resnejše zdravstvene težave. Žal jo je v zadnjih stadijih težko opaziti. Zobje so lahko na pogled povsem zdravi. Ali jo imate, bo zagotovo vedel samo vaš zobozdravnik. Če je prepoznal znake, je pravšnji čas za temeljit premislek o prehranjevalnih navadah in načinu pitja kislinskih pijač ter zamenjavi zobne paste.

## Pletenko velikanko bodo iz Novega mesta odpeljali v Tržišče

**HEADLINE:** The giant wicker bottle will be driven from Novo mesto to Tržišče

**TOPIC:** At the crossroads entrance to the city center in Novo mesto, a special wicker bottle has been attracting admirers for two weeks. It looks real; however, it is not wooden, but rather made of steel. This wicker bottle is almost 20 feet tall, weighs a ton and a half, and can hold close to 5,500 gallons of liquid. It was made at the Majcen Company in Novo mesto according to plans drafted by architect Damjan Popelar, and it took workers 250 hours

to complete. The giant wicker bottle will not be in Novo mesto much longer; it will be moved to its permanent location along the Trebnje-Sevnica Road in Tržišče. It will be turned toward the vineyards in Malkovec, where this year's "King of Cviček," Andrej Tratar, has his vineyards.

V Novem mestu pri vstopnem križišču v mestno središče že dva tedna privablja občudujoče poglede posebna pletenka.

Videti je kot prava, a ni lesena, temveč jeklena. Šest metrov visoko in poldrugo tona težko pletenko, v katero bi šlo okoli 25.000 litrov tekočine, so v približno 250

urah izdelali v novomeškem podjetju Majcen po zamisli arhitekta Damjana Popelarja iz okolice Tržišča, ki je doslej že večkrat opozoril nase, predvsem z opletom vrb v Mirniski dolini in s piramido okoli osamelega drevesa nad avtocesto Pri Biču. Pletenka velikanka ne bo več dolgo v Novem mestu saj je zanjo že izbrano stalno mesto ob cesti Trebnje-Sevnica v Tržišču. Obrnjena bo proti vinskim goram v Malkovcu, kjer ima vinograd tudi letošnji kralj cvička Andrej Tratar, kralja pa je tam pred tremi leti pridelal tudi Marjan Pirc.

DELO

## Gasilci dobili vozilo, denarja pa nimajo

**HEADLINE:** The firemen received a new vehicle, now they don't have money for it

**TOPIC:** The Metlika Firemen's Association purchased a new GVC 25/50 fire truck valued at \$367,000. According to the standards and regulations, every firemen's organization of this category must have this type of vehicle. Now the firemen's organization is facing a big dilemma: they don't have the money to pay for the vehicle.

When the vehicle was ordered, the firemen expected close to \$130,000 on the basis of talks with some Belo kra-

jina companies, but then the recession came.

The Metlika municipality assured \$195,000 for the new fire truck, and the Tilia Insurance Company promised \$13,000. Then the donations stopped, and the firemen collected only \$4,500 from all Metlika companies. The companies upon which they were counting for help are saying that because of the recession they can't afford even \$150 of expenses. The vehicle has to be paid for, and if they don't receive additional donations they will have to use credit.

Zaradi nakupa 257.000 ev-

rov vrednega gasilskega vozila GVC 25/50, ki ga mora po normativih in predpisih imeti gasilska organizacija tretje kategorije, so se metliški gasilci znašli v hudi stiski, saj aprila dobavljene vozila ne morejo plačati. Ko so ga naročali, so na podlagi pogovorov v belokranjskih podjetjih pričakovali, da jim bodo za nakup zagotovila približno 100.000 evrov, nato pa je prišla recesija.

"Vsi pravijo, da čas za nakup ni dober, kdaj pa je ustrezen. Predpisi zahtevajo takšno opremo, poleg tega je naše najmlajše vozilo staro več kot dvajset let," je povedal predsednik metliškega gasilskega

društva Stane Bajuk.

Občina Metlika je za nakup zagotovila 150.000 evrov, 10.000 evrov so obljubili v zavarovalnici Tilia in o tem podpisali tudi pogodbo. "Nato se je zbiranje denarja skoraj ustavilo in v vseh metliških podjetjih so gasilci zbrali komaj 3500 evrov. V podjetjih, na katera so računali, pravijo, da si zaradi recesije ne morejo privoščiti niti 100 evrov izdatkov. Tudi v imenu občine smo prosili podjetja za pomoč gasilcem, vendar smo dobili le nekaj obljub. Vozilo je treba plačati in gasilec grozi, da bodo morali najeti posojilo.

DELO

## To in ono iz Slovenije – This and that from Slovenia –

**ŽREČE** - Od decembra do aprila, v skupaj 137 smučarskih dneh, sta imeli športno in klimatsko središče Rogla ter Terme Zreče, ki sta v lasti zreškega Unitorja, skoraj 250.000 gostov. Prihodke so v primerjavi s predzadnjo zimo povečali z 9,8 milijona evrov na 10,2 milijona. "Bolj smo se usmerili na petične goste iz tujine ter sodelovanje s športniki in ekipami, saj je bilo samo vrhunskih športnikov pri nas lani približno 1800," je povedal direktor Uniturja Damjan Pintar. Ker se letos znotraj Uniturjeve matične družbe Unior skoraj ustavili naložbe, Unitor pa že ima gradbeno dovoljenje za povečanje hotela Dobra v Zrečah, zdaj čakajo na razpis za evropska sredstva. Razširitev hotela in storitev v njem bo stala 7,5 milijona evrov. Za poleti na Rogli načrtujejo več adrenalinskih programov in tekem, v termah pa posebne ugodnosti ob obletnicah gradnje svojih hotelov. S pomočjo tekačice na smučeh Petre Majdič so na Rogli že organizirali nekaj klasičnih smučarskih tekem, decembra pa bo prvič na Rogli še tekma za svetovni pokal v smučarskih tekih.

There were 137 skiing days at the Rogla sport resort last season, and the Terme Zreče health resort, which is owned by Unitur, welcomed 250,000 guests from December through April. They increased their income from the previous winter from \$12.7 million to \$13.2 million. "We aimed more toward wealthy foreign guests and cooperated with sportsmen and teams - close to 1,800 top sportsmen were our guests last year," said Unitur Director Damjan Pintar. For the summer they are planning numerous sport programs and competitions on Rogla, and special benefits for their guests at the Zreče health resort. With the help of cross-country skier Petra Majdič, they have already organized a few ski competitions on Rogla, and in December a world competition in cross-country skiing will be held there for the first time.

DELO

## Najstarejša novomeška šola je stara 80 let

**HEADLINE:** The oldest school in Novo mesto is 80 years old

**TOPIC:** The Novo mesto Elementary School Center recently arranged a celebration at the Marof Sport Hall for their 80th anniversary. The classes in the new Novo mesto public school were held for the first time in 1929. The building was badly damaged during the Second World War. After the war, some repairs were completed to hold classes in the building, but a total renovation wasn't completed until 1952. Later they added a playground, received a library room and computers. Because of noise from the road, they would like to install new sound-proof windows, but they only have money for the most necessary repairs. The school had its greatest

student population, 1,844, in the 1969-1970 school year. Then they built more schools in Novo mesto, and the conditions in the oldest schools were much improved.

The school is included in the European Ecoschool project. The results of this alliance are noticeable; students are returning from many competitions with various awards.

V Športni dvorani Marof je bilo pred dnevi veselo in slovesno. Novomeška osnovna šola Center je ob svoji 80. obletnici pripravila slavnostno akademijo. Pouk v novi novomeški ljudski šoli se je začel leta 1929. Stavba je bila med bombardiranjem v drugi svetovni vojni močno poškodovana. Pokončani vojni so jo v nekaj mesecih toliko popravili, da je bil v njej spet mogoč pouk, prenova poslopja

pa je bila končana leta 1952. Ščasoma je dobila igrišče, prostor za knjižnico, šolsko zobno ambulanto in računalnike. Zadnja večja naložba je bila leta 2001. Takrat je kot prva osnovna šola v Novem mestu poskusno uvedla devetletko. Zaradi hrupa z bližnje ceste bi morali okna zamenjati s protihrupnimi, obnove pa je med drugim potreba tudi telovadnica, a je denarja komaj dovolj za najnujnejša popravila. OŠ Center, nekdanj OŠ Katje Rupena, je imela največ učencev v šolskem letu 1069/70, ko jo je v dveh izmenah obiskovalo kar 1844 otrok. Potem so v Novem mestu zgradili še nekaj šol, tako da so se razmere v najstarejši novomeški šoli izboljšale. Letos ima 22 oddelkov, ki jih obiskuje 468 otrok, še 55 učencev pa obiskuje prve štiri razrede v podružnični šoli Mali Slatnik. Zmanjševanja števila

učencev za zdaj ne pričakujejo, saj je šola edina v tem delu Novega mesta od centra do Mačkoveca. Ravnateljica Vida Zupančič Yebuah je ob jubileju poudarila, da si prizadevajo dati učencem čim več. Šola je vključena tudi v projekta Ekošola kot način življenja in Evropska vas. Rezultati prizadevanj so vidni, saj se učenci z vseh tekmovanj in natečajev vračajo s priznanji.

DELO

**ROJSTNI DAN** - Polde v prošnji za zaposlitev ni navedel letnice rojstva, zato mu vodja kadrovske službereče: "Gospod, vidim, da imate rojstni dan 14. februarja. Katerega leta pa?" Polde: "Hja, vsako leto!"

The Ethnic Kitchen

### SPINACH FILLING FOR STRUDEL Špinačni štrudel-štrukelj

1 pound fresh spinach or  
1 package frozen spinach  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 clove garlic, chopped (optional)  
1 pound ricotta cheese  
4 eggs  
Salt to taste  
4 ounces pizza cheese

Clean spinach and tear off stalks. Cook until color changes, drain and chop coarsely. Saute onion and garlic in butter, and mix with spinach. Add ricotta, eggs and salt. Spread on phyllo leaves or stretched strudel dough that has been brushed with butter. Sprinkle grated pizza cheese over filling and roll into a log shape. Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour in a 350-degree oven. Cool, slightly covered with a napkin to keep top soft. Serve warm or cold. It freezes well. Serve as an appetizer or main dish. Makes a wonderful luncheon entree.

More Pots and Pans

## The SNPJ Farm 2009 Dance Schedule

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|          |   |              |
|----------|---|--------------|
| July 4   | <b>Fourth of July Celebration</b><br>Frank Stanger & Mikey Dee bands      | 1:30 to 7:30 |
| July 5   | <b>Cleveland Federation Picnic</b><br>Johnny Koenig                       | 3:30 to 7:30 |
| July 12  | <b>Naprej Lodge 5 Picnic</b><br>Al Battistelli; Lodge's 105th Anniversary | 3:30 to 7:30 |
| July 19  | <b>Comrades Lodge 566 Picnic</b><br>Joe Novak & Friends                   | 3:30 to 7:30 |
| July 26  | <b>Utopians Lodge 604 Picnic</b><br>Eddie Rodick Orchestra                | 3:30 to 7:30 |
| Aug. 2   | <b>Chicken BBQ Picnic</b><br>Don Wojtila Orchestra                        | 3:30 to 7:30 |
| Aug. 9   | <b>CAL Picnic</b><br>Bob Kravos Band                                      | 3:30 to 7:30 |
| Aug. 16  | <b>Mirmi Raj Lodge 142 Picnic</b><br>Eric Noltkamper Band                 | 3:30 to 7:30 |
| Aug. 23  | <b>Fairport Lodge 355 Picnic</b><br>Bob Kravos Band                       | 3:30 to 7:30 |
| Aug. 26  | <b>Cleveland Pensioners</b><br>Wayne Tomsic Band                          | 2:30 to 5:30 |
| Aug. 30  | <b>Cleveland Lodge 126</b><br>Jeff Pecon Orchestra                        | 3:30 to 7:30 |
| Sept. 6  | <b>SNPJ Farm Board Picnic</b><br>Eric Noltkamper Band                     | 3:30 to 7:30 |
| Sept. 7  | <b>End of Summer Dance</b><br>George Staiduhar Band                       | 3:30 to 7:30 |
| Sept. 13 | <b>Ladies Auxiliary Picnic</b><br>Eddie Rodick Orchestra                  | 3:30 to 7:30 |
| Sept. 20 | <b>Friends of the Farm Picnic</b><br>Don Wojtila Orchestra                | 3:30 to 7:30 |
| Sept. 27 | <b>Slovenian Grape Festival</b><br>Joey Tomsick Orchestra                 | 2:45 to 7:30 |
| Oct. 4   | <b>Cleveland Federation Polka Mass</b><br>Wayne Tomsic Band               | 1 p.m.       |
| Oct. 25  | <b>Pancake &amp; Sausage Breakfast</b><br>\$5 Adults, \$3 Children        | 9 to 1       |
| Nov. 7   | <b>Original Masquerade Ball</b>   | 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.

## Lodge 153 making plans for annual Rec Center dance

by MOLLY KOHLER  
Lodge 153

**YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio** — The Lodge 153 May meeting was held at Shepherd of the Valley in Poland, Ohio. The call to order was followed by a roll call of officers and a reading of the minutes from the January meeting.

The annual Lodge 153 dance featuring the Jeff Pecon Orchestra will be held Sunday, Sept. 13, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the SNPJ Recreation Center in the Borough of SNPJ, Pa. Admission will be \$7, and there will be refreshments and a bake sale. We hope to see you there!

Lodge 153 is seeking delegates to attend the TEL Workshop scheduled Aug. 7-9. To be eligible, a Lodge member must be between the ages of 13 and 18. Our Lodge is eligible to send three youth members. I was nominated by the Lodge as the first delegate. If you are interested in attending the TEL Workshop, contact Diane Chermely Tanner at (330) 629-8882.

Lodge 153 offers sympathy to the

family of Joseph Donchess on the loss of their loved one. Joseph celebrated his 70-year SNPJ membership anniversary in February. The Lodge would also like to extend get well wishes to Ed and Antoinette Steinke, Rose Gorczyca and Ann Babich.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our upcoming meetings, scheduled Aug. 18 and Nov. 17, as well as our Dec. 6 Christmas party. All Lodge 153 members celebrating an SNPJ anniversary are invited to attend the next meeting, during which they will be recognized. This includes 50-year members Janice Smaltz and Anna Falasca, and 60-year members Elizabeth Verdinek and Guy Pagan. These members will also be honored at the Christmas party.

The entire Lodge would like wish a happy birthday to everyone celebrating this summer. We would also like to wish a happy anniversary to Libby and Frank Verdenik who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 25.

Here's wishing a very happy and safe summer for all!

## Help SNPJ save by going online

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — In an effort to curb escalating postage rates, *PROSVETA* is asking all SNPJ members to evaluate the need of receiving the newspaper in its printed format. We are asking all members to provide us with an active e-mail address and consider receiving an e-mail link to the online *PROSVETA* issues.

There are numerous benefits to receiving *PROSVETA* online. First of all, the issues are posted to the SNPJ web site, [www.sn timer.org](http://www.sn timer.org), a week prior to the publication date — no more waiting around for delivery of the current issue. Secondly, archived issues are also available

on the web site. Simply head to the *PROSVETA* archive and you'll have a year's worth of *PROSVETA* issues at your fingertips. Third, and most importantly, by selecting to receive a *PROSVETA* e-mail reminder, you will help SNPJ save thousands of dollars in postage and printing expenses each year.

So what's your first step to helping *PROSVETA* whittle away at mounting expenses? Send us your e-mail address. Simply e-mail [sn timer@sn timer.com](mailto:sn timer@sn timer.com) and include your name and the e-mail address at which you would like to receive our on-line issue reminder.

## Bus trip leads the way to the Lodge 6 annual picnic

by MARIA CUMMINGS  
Lodge 6

**SYGAN, Pa.** — The members of Lodge 6 in Sygan are excited to host their annual Lodge picnic and dance in the Borough of SNPJ, Pa., Sunday, July 19. We invite you to the upper pavilion at the SNPJ Recreation Center from 2 to 8 p.m. Our guests will enjoy entertainment provided by the Del Sinchak Band and Jack Tady & the JTB.

As always, the kitchen will be open serving a delicious menu. Admission to the dance is only \$8 per person; children under 16 will be admitted free of charge. We look forward to seeing many of our Lodge members and friends at this special event.

If you're planning to attend the picnic, why not join in the fun of a bus ride to and from the Recreation Center? Lodge 6 has chartered a bus to make the ride an enjoyable part of the day. We will meet in the parking lot of the Sygan Club and the bus will depart for the festivities at noon. The bus ride will include snacks, beverages and button box music. When night falls and we're exhausted from the day's events, we'll climb aboard the bus at 8 p.m. to head home.

The cost of the bus ride and admission to the dance is \$25 per person. You'll enjoy six hours of dancing along with transportation to and from the Rec Center. With the rising cost of fuel and perhaps a few drinks during the day, it's a great idea to leave the driving to the bus driver!

To be a part of the fun and reserve your seat on the bus, contact Jim Curl at (412) 257-4007. There are only 29 seats available on the bus. Please contact Jim no later than July 1 to reserve your seat. The bus will be canceled if we don't get at least 20 passengers.

Please note that the bar room at the Sygan Club will be closed the day of the picnic so our members and staff can enjoy the outing.

Youth Circle 36 Director Ruth Wright is planning activities for the youth members at the picnic. Last year the children (and even some adults) enjoyed water balloons, hula hoops, Frisbee, jump ropes and swimming. Bring the entire family for a day of fine dance music, a tasty meal and mingling with your friends from Sygan.

## Nine entrants vying for the Miss SNPJ 2010 title

**NINE ENTRANTS**  
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she was captain of the flag corps, as well as a member of the chorus, girls ensemble, Chartones, Catalyst Club and National Honor Society. She also participated in many of the high school's musicals.

This fall, Bliss will be attending Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa., majoring in pre-veterinary medicine with a minor in law.

Outside of school, Bliss has participated in many community theater productions with the Old Schoolhouse Players. She is an avid animal activist, volunteering with the Washington Area Humane Society and the Canonsburg Cat Rescue, as well as for Pets for Patients at local nursing homes.

Bliss is a very active member of Lodge 138 and Youth Circle 19. She was a member of the Youth Circle bowling league, and participated as well as volunteered for various Christmas shows, Halloween parties, Easter egg hunts, SNPJ Family Twosome and Youth Telegraphic bowling tournaments, Lodge 138 Duck Races, Strabane Button Box Bashes and Monday

button box nights. She also attended the TEL Workshop at the SNPJ Recreation Center.

Colleen Frank is a member of Loyalites Lodge 158 in Euclid, Ohio. She is the daughter of Colleen and Bill Frank (158), and the granddaughter of Bill (158) and the late Mary Frank, and Ruth and Jack O'Malley. A recent graduate of North High School in Eastlake, Ohio, Colleen was a Rangerette in the flag corp. She played clarinet in the marching band and was a member of the North High School Wind Symphony. Her school activities included Volunteers Club, Foreign Language Club and Math Club. She was a member of the National Junior Honor Society, and completed advanced placement classes and the Zenith program.

Colleen volunteers in many community service projects. She has been active in SNPJ, specifically Youth Circle 2 where she serves as Circle president. As a member of Circle 2, Colleen has had the opportunity to travel and perform at many locations including Kennywood, Disney World, Geauga Lake and Kings

Island, and for many SNPJ events. She is a regular participant in the SNPJ Youth Telegraphic and Family Twosome Bowling tournaments, and a past participant in the SNPJ TEL Workshop. Colleen takes part in many Lodge 158 events, which helped earn her the honor of SNPJ Youth Member of the Year in 2006 and the title of co-Miss Activity in the 2009 Miss SNPJ Pageant.

On behalf of the SNPJ Fraternal Department, I welcome Bliss and Colleen to the pageant and wish them both the very best.

I invite all SNPJ members to pay a visit to the Alpine Room at the SNPJ Recreation Center Friday, July 10, to enjoy the Miss SNPJ Pageant talent program, which will begin at noon. This event has always been entertaining. Come cheer on these young ladies; the Society is very proud of them.

The Miss SNPJ crowning ceremonies will be featured in the Alpine Room Sunday, July 12, during Slovenefest XXVIII weekend. Plan now to be in attendance as we crown the 53rd Miss SNPJ.

I'll see you at a fraternal event soon...



## Cookbook for the Ages

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

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## PROSVETA Crossword

Independence Day (#1309) by StatePoint Media

### ACROSS

- Mistake in print
- CSI network
- Helps with digestion
- The sound of cannons in Revolutionary War
- Italian money
- Praise
- Stare amorously
- Bird, Latin
- Choose by a vote
- "Independence Day" star
- Dull or uninteresting
- Circus walking stick
- Past tense of "is"
- What bullies do
- Between "life" and pursuit of "happiness"
- U.N. labor agency
- Having a sleeve with slanted seams from armhole to neck
- Cellist Ma
- Gold coating, pl.
- Fled
- Cover with wig
- '02 Winter Olympics state
- Sauce-like dish made with melted cheese and wine
- Tropical American cuckoo
- Fashionable wig of 17th and 18th centuries
- Vernaculars

- Tyrannosaurus \_\_\_\_\_
- Loathe
- Against, prefix
- Sign of the 4th
- Expression of contempt
- Drug abuser
- An affirmative response
- Weak-\_\_\_\_\_ in the leg
- A late time of life, pl.
- North Atlantic organization
- Knitter's ball
- Bruce or Spike
- George Washington chopped it down

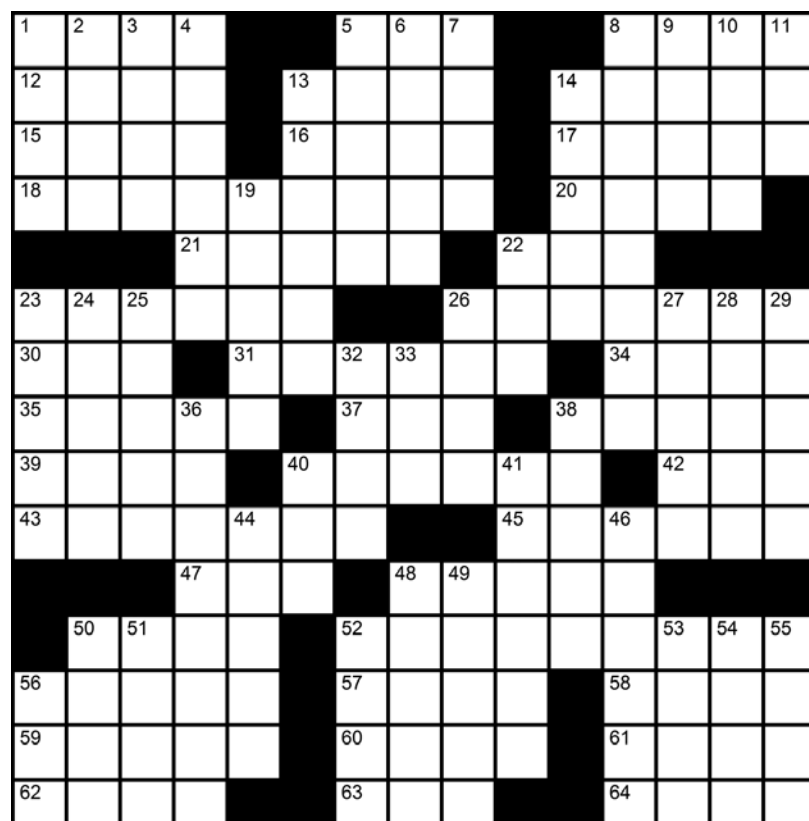
- What the colonies did in Revolutionary War
- "\_\_\_\_\_ some dirt on him!"
- Last 8 in college basketball
- One of twelve in mouth
- O'er the \_\_\_\_\_
- He and Martin hosted "Laugh-In"
- Binding
- Bear and Berra
- Rum cut with water
- Computer network
- Number of colonies in 1776
- First floor in relation to second floor
- Something a junkie craves
- Guides to your seat
- "\_\_\_\_\_ Science"
- Different spelling for "aroint"
- Theater passage
- Rumer Godden's "In This House of \_\_\_\_\_"
- Tolstoy's heroine Karenina
- Contraction of not ever
- Energy drink
- Back of military formation
- Actress Hudson
- Sneaker or pump
- You can see fireworks here

### DOWN

- To think or believe, archaic
- Yankee great Berra
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mall, London
- Alternatively
- Type of war within a country
- Recently "retired" Packers quarterback
- Window frame
- Center of target
- Lightbulb over head?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ness, Nessie's home
- Right coast time
- Thin plate or layer, especially of bone
- Shish \_\_\_\_\_
- They're spangled on banner

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The solution to puzzle #1309 will run in the July 15 issue.



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## Lodge 2 meetings on hiatus for the summer

by DELORES SPELICH  
Lodge 2 Secretary

**LA SALLE, Ill.** — What a pleasant surprise to welcome Diane Sheffer from Carbondale, Ill., to our spring luncheon. She brought along her dad, Stan Mirtich. Diane is our godchild, and Stan's whole family is made up of SNPJ members. Elmer and Stan grew up together; Stan arrived at Elmer's house early every morning and called "Oh, Almer!" so the two could go play ball. Elmer's folks were Stan's godparents, and in return, Stan's parents were sponsors for Betty, the youngest of seven Speliches. Stan and Elmer also stood up for each other's weddings in 1950.

Out of the over 20 members at the luncheon, Emil Kotar received the door prize. Besides enjoying the wonderful home cooking at 4 Star restaurant, the owner, Ismet Purelku, surprised us with delicious cream puffs for dessert.

We were sad to hear about the three prominent polka musicians that passed away in April: Frank Mullec, Al Markic (566) and Johnny Krizancic (755). Last November, Frank Mullec gave a

comical award acceptance speech. We all laughed as he said he owed his longevity to waiting for the Lifetime Achievement Award. He played the organ and chatted in between songs during the days of Yankovic's Steakhouse.

Al Markic recorded 586 songs, and played guitar and banjo on radio, television, cruises, stages, in Europe, Hawaii and all over the U.S. He recorded on all of Johnny Pecon's music, and was a bandleader in the Almars Orchestra and the Markic-Zagger group for more than 50 years. His popular tape was "Back Home in Pennsylvania." Al was honored in 1992 by the Polka Hall of Fame for lifetime achievement.

Johnny Krizancic's original song, "Živili Bratja," was voted the greatest all-time hit polka in the Polka Hall of Fame. In 2007 he was honored with the Trustees Honor Roll Award. We always enjoyed his recordings with vocalists Fran Nespor (755) and her sister. Our first stop at Slovenefest was to visit Martha and Johnny to add more music to our endless collection. He told us last July it was the last time they would have

their booth at Slovenefest. Who knows what a year will bring?

We received word that member William Starman passed away in Seminole, Fla. Also, Al Janko's wife Lois passed away several weeks ago. Al and Lois were such fantastic jitterbug dancers. We always marveled as they flew across the dance floor. Our sincere condolences to these families on their losses. Nothing ever stays the same.

Congratulations to 50-year member Nancy Dale, and 70-year members Ed Borisek and Mary Bertrand. Birthday celebrants are Marion Borisek, Julia Bailey, Bonnie Focci, Velma Kerwick, Rose Rupnik, John Gorsek, Fran Zaverl, and Betty and Joe Klasinz.

In spite of the constant rain, we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the Lemont Slovenian Cultural Center. Their dinner and wines from Slovenia are always a treat, as is the camaraderie among SNPJ folks from the Chicago Lodges.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 14, at 1 p.m. in Oglesby at the Dickinson House. Enjoy your summer!

## Senior Corner

by CARL ZVANUT  
Lodge 800

**DEVON, Pa.** — The best show in town, relative to health care, is the action in Washington. Everybody seems to agree that the time is ripe for reform, but not until reform is reformed to favor their own end of the business. One "no-no" is the idea of a government program to compete with private insurers. As an alternative to government, what about many small non-profit co-ops operating independently after they get on their feet with government help? The idea just recently surfaced as mentioned in "Potential compromise might ease key health care dispute," a June 12 *Philadelphia Inquirer* article by Erica Warner. North Dakota Senator Kent Conrad (D) was the sponsor. The "potential" in the title sums up its current status, but the idea got a hard enough look via a caucus to conclude it had possibilities.

You would think that losing something like a cane in my room would be unlikely, but you would be wrong; I do it all the time. Choice hiding places are in plain view... if the viewing angle is just right. Like when I rest it on the seat of a chair, I can't see it if I'm looking at the back of the chair. Hanging the cane on a door knob is fine if I'm leaving, but out of sight from most places in the room. Making a circuit to

check these spots takes so much time that my wait-til-the-last-minute method makes me late to wherever I'm going. Throw in the times when it's in plain view hanging on the walker so it looks like part of it and I'm in real trouble. To solve the problem, I'll either have to remember where I put it (not likely) or hang it on a wall like a picture wherever I leave it (big problem).

Computers today are great tools, but they aren't as fun as the first computer I had, given to me around 1980 by my son. The TI-99/4a was its name and it was made by Texas Instruments, their last gasp as they went out of the computer business. What I got cost something like \$75 because they wanted to get rid of it. It looked like a laptop, but the different parts had to attach to make it complete. For example, you used your television as the monitor, connecting the computer through the television's rabbit ears. What it could do is a drop in the bucket compared to today's computer. There were programs for it like there are today, but unlike today, you could also write your own with language relatively easy, and that was a good part of the fun. There was a feeling of excitement that came with sharing programs and seeing what someone else could do with the TI. A magazine was even developed. The last I heard of the TI was at an electronic recycling center. One enthusiast was looking for discarded parts, another mentioned it had become a classic that can be found online.

## Slovenian cooks share their secrets and stories from the new Heritage Center cookbook

COOKBOOK DEBUT  
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In the Cleveland area, contact Carol Sadar Maruszak at (440) 944-4229. You can mail your cookbook order request to Carol at 2151 Larchmont Dr., Wickliffe OH 44092; or e-mail [maruszak@gazette.com](mailto:maruszak@gazette.com). Order forms are also available in *PROSVETA* (see page 5). Complete the order form, enclose payment as directed and send to the SNPJ Heritage Center, and your cookbook will be mailed to you.

The SNPJ Heritage Center began hosting special guest speakers in June with Rose Marie Jisa (643) of the Slovenian Genealogy Society. Back by popular demand, Ed Trebets (604) will return Aug. 16 to discuss winemaking. Joe Grkman (117) will also make an appearance in August on a date yet to be determined to host the sing-along, and Vida Kosir (106) will be baking in September.

New items are for sale at the Heritage Center. We have aprons that read "Slovenian Cook At Work, *Dober Tek!*" in blue and red with white lettering. Aprons are a great gift idea for anyone! Attention, ladies: new T-shirts featuring a red carnation below the word "Slovenija" are now on sale, and available in black, key lime and blue. Maps of Slovenia are also available. All items can be ordered online and shipped to you.

Sharing the many stories and words of encouragement to the cookbook committee through *PROSVETA* has proved to be a wonderful experience for readers. Many have enjoyed reading the stories and seeing their name in the paper, and are anxious to try some of the recipes!

Egg Štruklji, Beef & Rice Dish,

Walnut Potica...: "These recipes were handed down and techniques taught to us by our loving grandmother, Molly Petrovick, my father's mother. Although our father and grandmother are no longer with us, these recipes bring back very fond memories of them and family gatherings. It just wouldn't have been Christmas without walnut potica, and the arguing between us three girls as to who was going to wash the dishes and who was going to dry and put them away after my grandmother's wonderful feasts.

"I tossed in Aunt Barb's best crockpot meatloaf recipe because I've made sure to teach all my nieces this recipe since it's so simple and tastes delicious. The more involved ethnic recipes will have to be taught to them soon so my sisters and I can once again enjoy someone else making these dishes!

"I can only imagine the task the committee had collecting all the recipes, and I'm glad we will be a small part of the book. My aunt in Denver has already given me instructions to order her multiple copies when the book comes out. Hope you enjoy the recipes from the 'Petrovick girls.'"

Barbara A. Petrovick Trutwin,  
Sandra Petrovick Karmo and  
Sharon Petrovick Lies,  
Lodge 764, Milwaukee

Polish Pierogi: "Polish tradition calls for pierogies to be served on Christmas Eve along with other non-meat Polish dishes. Twelve dishes in total represent the 12 months of the year and the 12 disciples of Jesus. 'As goes Christmas Eve, goes the year.' Hoping for a good 12 months, families gather, everyone is polite and generous to one another, and past grievances are forgiven.

"Because pierogies take quite a

bit of work, we typically make the fillings a day before the dough and filling process. We also tend to make them in mass quantities so we only have to do them once or twice a year, and we freeze the rest for later use. A few of us Polish women get together the weekend before Christmas and make anywhere from 700-1,100 pierogies."

Stacy and Tom Sadar,  
Lodge 5, Richfield, Ohio

"The recipes submitted in this letter are in memory of Valerie Stojan Turk, who was a member of the former Lodge 200 for over 50 years. Her father served as Lodge president for over 30 years. The family resided in Herminie, Pa. Valerie's brother, Frank Stojan, was president of Lodge 200 for a number of years. Valerie was my mother. She lived to be 95."

Paul Turk,  
Lodge 87, Lima, N.Y.

Polenta Cake: "This recipe comes from my grandmother, Mary Krizay, who was born in the former Yugoslavia in 1907. She was an incredible cook. The ingredient amounts for this recipe came from measuring the ingredients after she would eye how much was needed. She always made this dessert for me when I visited my grandparents farm in Salem, Ohio. I was born in Salem and have many fond memories of my grandparents, their farm, and SNPJ picnics and activities. It's interesting that in her lifetime, my grandmother's birthplace went from Austria to Yugoslavia and then Slovenia. It is with pride in my heritage, love and respect for my grandmother, and in her memory that I pass along this recipe."

Sandi Spitz,  
Lodge 476, Albuquerque, N.M.

Raw Apple Nut Cake and Chocolate Crazy Cake: "I'm enclosing two of our favorite family recipes, each with its own story. Raw Apple Nut Cake is a must for our family get-togethers; my brother-in-law says it's my pass to enter our gatherings! I bake one for him and his friends twice a year for their fishing trips to Canada. It was new to his friends the first time I gave it to them. When they stopped to have lunch on their way to Canada, my brother-in-law had this cake on his mind only to learn that the fellows had eaten it all. He wasn't very happy!

"Chocolate Crazy Cake is a must for family birthdays, as everyone is 'chocolate crazy.' I hope you try these recipes and enjoy them as much as we do. I enjoy reading *PROSVETA*, only the English section of course. I can't speak or read Slovenian but I wish I could. Best wishes!"

Dorothy Stucin,  
Lodge 292, Windsor Heights,  
W.V.

"Here is my recipe for a holiday soup given to me by my mother-in-law many years ago. We serve it at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter each year. I look forward to the new cookbook!"

Dottie Rosso,  
Lodge 33, Cranberry Township,  
Pa.

Caraway Seed Soup, Liver Dumplings, Wild Mushroom Strudel...: "My father was from an area called Locenka Dolina in Slovenia, just south of Ljubljana. My mother was a first-generation Hungarian, so the combination of food in our house was outstanding.

"My parents, Stanley and Betty Rogers, lived in Monrovia, Calif.,

and later in Corona Del Mar, Calif. They wrote for *PROSVETA*, mostly travel stories. They were associated for years with the Lodges in Cleveland and Lorain, Ohio, before moving to California in 1945. My dad became active in the Lodge in Fontana, Calif. He was in the construction business and was part of the team that built the original Fontana Lodge.

"I'm sending a few recipes that were in my mother's 'Betty Crocker' cookbook. No, it wasn't really a Betty Crocker cookbook, but a collection of sheets and scraps of papers with recipes written on them from the many trips to Europe my parents took from 1951 until early 2000. My Aunt Milka immigrated to France with the Throha family from Babno Polje, Slovenia, just before World War II, so some of these recipes have a distinctive French flare. Hope you enjoy them. In many cases I've changed the names, measurements and style to fit into American cuisine, but the basics are still there."

Ken Rogers,  
Lodge 786, Laguna Beach, Calif.

Brown Roux Soup: "This soup is served to hospital patients in Slovenia because it's a good soup to have when you're not feeling well."

Olga Petek,  
Lodge 614, Wickliffe, Ohio

"I'm sending you a few of my vegetable and meat recipes, plus a few I intended to use or have duplicates of. I'm 87 years old and did the best I could to help you. Wish you well in your project."

Agnes Troha Nedoh,  
Lodge 626, Norton, Ohio

## SNPJ RECOMMENDER PROGRAM



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

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## SNPJ Recreation Center 2009 Dance Schedule



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| July 5     | <b>Lodge 782 Annual Dance</b><br>Joe Grkman Orchestra (pavilion)                         | 3 to 7   |
| July 10-12 | <b>SLOVENEFFEST XXVIII</b>   | Day-long |
| July 19    | <b>Lodge 6 Annual Dance</b><br>Del Sinchak and Jack Tady orchestras (pavilion)           | 2 to 8   |
| July 26    | <b>Bob Turcola Orchestra and Eddie Vallus Band II</b>                                    | 2 to 8   |
| Aug. 2     | <b>East Ohio/W. Pa. Federation Dance</b><br>Del Rezek Orchestra                          | 3 to 7   |
| Aug. 9     | <b>Lodge 643 Annual Dance</b>  | 3 to 7   |
| Aug. 16    | <b>Lodge 715 Annual Dance</b><br>Mikey Dee Orchestra (pavilion)                          | 3 to 7   |
| Aug. 23    | <b>Frank Stanger Orchestra</b>   | 3 to 7   |
| Aug. 30    | <b>WKBN Dance</b><br>Stan Blout and Del Rezek orchestras                                 | 2 to 7   |
| Sept. 6    | <b>FREE Labor Day Dance</b><br>Joe Grkman Orchestra (new pavilion)                       | 2 to 8   |
| Sept. 13   | <b>Lodge 153 Annual Dance</b><br>Jeff Pecon Orchestra                                    | 3 to 7   |
| Sept. 20   | <b>Penn Ohio Polka Pals</b><br>Del Rezek and Jack Vasko orchestras, and Trontell & Zagar | 2 to 8   |

The SNPJ Recreation Center invites all members, families and friends to the dances and other events planned in 2008. Dances are held in the Alpine Room unless otherwise noted. Schedule is subject to change. For information phone the SNPJ Recreation Center at 1-877-767-5732.

## News from Here & There

by GRACE DOERK  
Lodge 559

**CHICAGO** — Here we go again with the weather. We had four straight days with rain predicted, and instead we had had four dull, dismal days. Many people have their versions of what is causing all this adverse, unpredictable weather. I just look forward to each day hoping that the sun will shine and the days will be what we can expect for June. Our weather forecasters have been stymied on their reporting.

The SNPJ retirees from the Burr Ridge SNPJ Home Office recently met in Cicero, Ill. Jean Cherway brought Georgiana Krtous (8) who is still residing at the Brighton Gardens Retirement Center. Marge Murin was in Arizona. We always enjoy these gatherings. It's been over 16 years since the SNPJ Home Office moved from Burr Ridge to Imperial, Pa.

Slovenian Pensioner's Club members met June 10. Our thanks to Jean Cherway who arranged the presentation on stress. We had our regular meeting following the speech, during which I would have liked to report the latest from the recent Illinois Congress meeting, but there just wasn't time. We celebrated Paul Tuckey's birthday, and Ed and Sharon Kovack's 43rd anniversary. During our next meeting, planned for July 8, we will have what we call an indoor picnic. The club will purchase chicken, and members will bring food and baked goods. We will have a drawing, so we ask that members bring prizes. Lillian Petrovich (559) will be headed to New York for a few weeks. Again, we welcome new members to our senior group.

On June 14, Slovenian Ambassador to the United States Roman Kirn visited Chicago to unveil a plaque designating the Slovenian Cultural Center in Lemont, Ill., as the seat of a Slovenian Honorary Consulate. At the same time, he presented Dr. John P. Vidmar (559) as the Honorary Consul for the State of Illinois to the local community. Honorary consuls represent the Republic of Slovenia at political and economic activities, help citizens

in distress, promote Slovenia and maintain contact with the Slovenian community. Congratulations to Dr. John Vidmar who will fill this position. John also serves as a deacon at the Slovenian church in Lemont. We know that he will do an excellent job.

Did you know that Slovenia ranks among the 10 most peaceful countries in the world? Slovenia shares the ninth spot with Finland, rising seven places from last year's list. This makes Slovenia the most peaceful country in Central and Southeastern Europe, and the most peaceful EU newcomer. *Živio, Slovenia!*

Polona Filpi, daughter of Marie Straus (559), and two of her six children are traveling throughout Slovenia and Italy. Hopefully she contacts some of my relatives and extends my greetings. I certainly hope that I'll be able to travel to Slovenia again in the next year or so.

Pioneer Lodge 559 members enjoyed the show "June is Busting Out All Over Again" at Crystal Lights Ballroom. This was an absolutely fantastic afternoon, and to add to the ambiance of this special day, we enjoyed seeing one of the best Elvis impersonators in the business. Some of the lucky ladies received a scarf, teddy bear or kiss from Elvis. After lunch, we were entertained like royalty as we relished the memories that only Elvis can create. Afterward we were treated to several games of bingo door prize drawings and, as usual, a table prize that Anne Cretnik won. It was a beautiful, silver 8"x10" picture frame. We hope to continue to frequent these shows as Lodge activities in the future.

While attending this Lodge activity, I talked to a guest at a nearby table who sounded like she was from England and asked her if she knew Susan Boyle. She went on to relate to me the history of this singer. I told her I was amazed at how well Susan Boyle sang. Unfortunately, she didn't win the "Britain's Got Talent" contest, but I certainly hope that this talented lady will someday visit the United States.

I believe this was one of the busiest weeks we've had in a long time. On Saturday night we attended a paprikash chicken dinner at the Sokol hall, where Otto was active in his prime. This year the Sokol lads and lasses will be compet-

ing against others in Texas.

Pioneer Lodge 559 members held their regular monthly meeting June 12 with all officers in attendance. We heard the financial report from Secretary Vitous, who also read correspondence from SNPJ National Secretary Karen Pintar. Secretary Vitous also read correspondence from Fraternal Director Kevin Richards regarding Labor Day athletic events. It was reported that Oklahoma resident Leon Shlugue was a 70-year member for the month, along with Patricia Bertolotti from Romeoville, Ill. Their awards were sent directly to their homes.

Otto Doerk gave a Memorial Day report. The day turned out beautiful and the speeches were all very good. Following the memorial services, many of those attending went to the Plaza Restaurant. The next Chicago Federation next meeting is scheduled July 25.

Lodge President Jean Cherway reported that Pioneer members enjoyed their outing at the Crystal Light Ballroom. The food was excellent, as was the entertainment. She also announced that there are still openings on the bus heading to Slovenefest.

On Nov. 19, Pioneer Lodge members will attend a presentation of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at Drury Lane. The price is \$39.75 and those wishing to attend should bring a check to the August meeting.

Melanie (Matiasek) Chiappetta and her daughter, Kaitlyn Chiappetta, and Emily and Chester Matiasek attended the meeting. We also welcomed former Lodge 115 member Mike Vidmar. Kaitlyn Chiappetta will be accepted into the SNPJ Scholarship Program from our Lodge. The next Pioneer Lodge 559 meeting will be held July 10.

June 14 was a special day at the Slovene Catholic Center in Lemont. Following services in the grotto, we were honored to welcome the new Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia, Roman Kirn, and Consul General Dr. Zvone Žigon. Following dinner, Dr. Žigon made a farewell address and thanked everyone in this area for their support. He and his wife, Irena, will be returning to Slovenia at the end of August. Martin Hozzian, president of the Cultural Center, emceed the program. We were also introduced to Dr. John Vidmar,

who will serve as Slovenian Honorary Consul in this area. Dr. Vidmar is well known for his outstanding historical speeches. We are very proud to have him serve in this prestigious position. Each speaker received an ovation.

Next on the program, the male chorus from the Cultural Center and the mixed chorus from the church choir in Lemont entertained. The program concluded with the Lipa Dancers, who were well received.

There were many people in attendance, including Dolores and Elmer Spelich (2) from LaSalle, Ill., and Dorothy Ralston (584) with her family and friends from Waukegan, Ill. Many of us that are grateful that the Slovene Cultural Center continues to perpetuate the preservation of the Slovenian culture and heritage.

I know that many families hold family reunions, but a recent reunion in Slovenia involved close family members Miha Slansek and Apolonijar Tabo, who planned a reunion in Planinska Koča near Kotnik.

This past week I enjoyed a reunion with three cousins, sisters who lost their parents at an early age. Josephine (Slansek) Hosticka lived with me, Wilma (Slansek) Wiott lived with my grandmother Kastelc in Auburn, Ill., and Frances (Slansek) Ales (225) who lived with Rose (Slansek) Podpechan and Jake Podpechan. We had a lot to talk about. Frances Ales came in from Kansas, and it had been some time since we'd all been together. We used to meet once a year at the Auburn Slovenefest with other family members.

*Zarja* magazine is turning 80 this year, and in honor of this special occasion, the *Zarja* staff teamed up with the Slovenian Heritage Museum for an exciting weekend. On June 19 I attended the Slovenian wine tasting event at the Slovenian Heritage Museum in Joliet. Manja Lilek, a Slovenian tourism specialist and former wine queen from the Prekmurje region, was on hand to explain the different wines. She explained the different regions in Slovenia where different wines are produced. During the evening, Ray Koncar and his two sons performed beautiful Slovenian music that everyone enjoyed.

On June 20, a banquet was held at the Slovenian Catholic Center in Lemont. Guests from California to Florida were in



[Above] (left to right) JOHN PAUL VIDMAR (559), Lemont Township Supervisor Stephen Rosendahl, Slovenian Ambassador Roman Kirn, Slovenian Catholic Center President Martin Hožjan and Slovenian General Consul Dr. Zvone Žigon at the Slovenian Catholic Center in Lemont, Ill.

[Below] Honorary Consul of the Republic of Slovenia in Illinois JOHN PAUL VIDMAR (559) addresses the crowd at the Slovenian Catholic Center.



attendance. We were honored to have Dr. John Vidmar, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Slovenia in Illinois, give his first presentation since receiving his new title.

It was so nice to see Stanley "Lefty" Novak (2) with his daughter, Judith Ann Novak, whom I had met at the SWU convention in Starved Rock.

The "Happy Travelers," who recently visited Slovenia with the SWU, performed a program. The highlight of the evening was the Singing Slovenes from Duluth, Minn.

Ed Korosa and his wife were in attendance at the Saturday evening performance, and we were so surprised to see John Cretnik, who suffered a recent fall outside his home. We wish you a speedy recovery, John.

I hope your Fathers Day

was as delightful as mine. The family was invited to my son Ed's new house in Palos Park, Ill. What a surprise to see everything in this house; too much to explain. Our best wishes to you, Ed and Kelly, in your new home.

I've done a lot of thinking these past weeks about how I would do my life over. If I had the chance to live my life over again, I would never devote my life to one organization, but try to be involved in as many organizations as possible, especially Slovenian groups in my area. Today, I am very happy being involved in the many Slovenian organizations in my area.

Here's wishing all my SNPJ friends a happy summer. Enjoy it while it's here; before you know it, fall will be upon us.

## First-time family reunion caps a visit along the East Coast

by EVELYN DIMPFL  
Lodge 749 Secretary

**JOHNSTOWN, Pa.** — May 14 brought 12 members of the Bevec/Beltz family together for a brief reunion at the Surf 'N Turf Restaurant in Johnstown to meet three of their relatives from Slovenia.

Jože Bevec and his daughters, Nina and Renata, traveled from their home in Slovenia to attend the wedding of Frank and Carol Bevec's daughter in Winterspring, Fla. Frank and Carol were kind enough to drive north to meet with more family members and to have this abbrevi-

ated reunion. I was honored to be included in this get-together and had a delightful time.

Some members of the Bevec family go by the last name of Beltz, so realizing that they are all family can be a bit confusing. The 12 family members got to know each other and make plans for a bigger reunion in Slovenia, perhaps next year.

Eleanor Beltz, her daughters Linda Lopez and Susan Palov, her son-in-law Leroy, Marko and Bonnie Bevec, and Bill Bevec (who came in from Cleveland) were introduced for the first time to Jože, Nina and Renata.

What lovely young ladies Nina and Renata are. They're very well-spoken in English as well. Jože did a good job with our language, but not quite as good as the girls.

Frank Bevec was born and raised in the Franklin area of Johnstown. After visiting with us they drove to the SNPJ Recreation Center and met more relatives who drove in from the Cleveland area. Then they were off to Washington, D.C., to see our nation's capital before returning to Florida so their guests could return to Slovenia.

From what I gathered, they were

enjoying their visit to the United States very much. I also learned that famous Slovenian swimmer Martin Strell is a second cousin in the family. Strell is most recently noted for swimming the Mississippi River.

As the conversation went on, there was mention of the Idrija lace display put together by Lodge 749 member Allie (Zupan) Marguccio that was scheduled to open at the Johnstown Bottle Works in two days. Luckily, Sue Palov knew the executive director, so she made a quick call to see if it would be possible for Jože, Nina and Renata to visit the display a day

early. Director Rosemary Pawlowski was delighted to have them and made arrangements for them to stop in the next morning.

At the end of the delicious dinner, pictures were taken, e-mail addresses exchanged and promises of trips to Slovenia were forthcoming. Hopefully the trips will be taken so beautiful Slovenia will be known to more people.

Thank you, Eleanor, Susan and Leroy, for the invitation to share this evening. It was my pleasure as it brought back many wonderful memories of my trips to Slovenia.

## Trailer Court Association has July pool party planned

by AMY MAVRICH (138)  
SNPJ Trailer Court Association

**BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.** — On May 23, the SNPJ Trailer Court Civic Association held its Opening Party in the barn. It was so nice to see old friends and meet new neighbors. As the adults socialized, the children enjoyed decorating plastic sun visors donated by Peggy Cushman. Thanks to Kenny Zalar and his crew for the great hamburgers and hot dogs, and to everyone who helped make this first party of the season a success.

On June 13, we held our Party by the Lake. While it was a small party, it certainly was a fun one! The children had a blast throwing water balloons and smacking a piñata filled with candy. Each child was given a bag with play dough in it to store their candy. Everyone both young and old enjoyed the hay ride and bonfire. Thanks to Ed Trisnar and friends for the delicious pulled pork

and wings. Every party seems to be better than the last!

It's not too late to join the SNPJ Trailer Court Civic Association. President Jackie Uille (158), Vice President Ed Trisnar, Treasurer Babe Baselj (6) and Secretary Amy Mavrich (138) encourage everyone that has a trailer at the SNPJ Recreation Center to become a member of the association. Dues are just \$20 per person, per trailer. It's a guaranteed good time!

Our next event is a pool party scheduled Saturday, July 25, beginning at 7 p.m. Wings will be provided and we ask that you please bring a finger food. This is another "too much fun" party so be sure to join us!

Get well wishes go out to Harry and Mary Knaus, and Joe Cvetas. Hurry and get better, we all miss you! Until next time, see ya at the Gostilna!

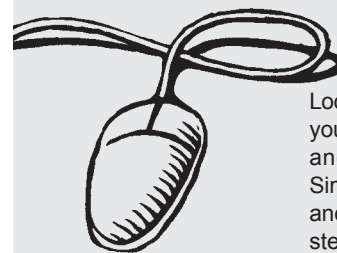
### Westmoreland County Federation of SNPJ Lodges

#### Picnic Schedule 2009

The Evanstown Picnic Grove  
Evanstown, Pa.  
The grounds open at noon

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| July 5   | <b>Prime Time Polka Picnic</b><br>Klancnik and Friends & Silver Sky               | 1 to 7 |
| July 19  | <b>Steve Novosel's Polka Picnic</b><br>Eddie Rodick & Ray Skovenski               | 1 to 7 |
| July 26  | <b>American Slovene Day Radio Picnic</b><br>Frank Stanger & Kres Folklore Group   | TBA    |
| Aug. 9   | <b>Federation Picnic &amp; Membership Drive</b><br>Jim Rhoades (free admission!)  | 1 to 5 |
| Aug. 16  | <b>Polka Review Polka Picnic</b><br>Karl Lukitsch & Dick Tady                     | 1 to 7 |
| Aug. 23  | <b>Mikey Dee's Polka Picnic</b><br>Mikey Dee & Polka Quads                        | 1 to 7 |
| Aug. 30  | <b>Westmoreland Co. Federation Picnic</b><br>Del Sinchak & Joe Grkman             | 1 to 7 |
| Sept. 13 | <b>Frank Palombi's Picnic</b><br>Frank Palombi & The Sound of Country             | 1 to 7 |
| Sept. 20 | <b>Annual Grape Festival</b><br>Yukon Button Box Club, Frank Stanger & Silver Sky | TBA    |

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# Loyalites congratulate their senior graduates

by JOHN J. WOJTILA  
Lodge 158

**EUCLID, Ohio** — The Loyalites annual summer picnic was held June 14 at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio. The Flag Day-themed picnic was a hit. The Farm was decorated in red, white and blue, along with numerous flags. Delicious roast beef, chicken and sausage dinners were served. Bobby Kravos and the Boys in the Band played almost non-stop for the dancers and listeners. A corn toss tournament was played and several children games were planned, but only a few were played because of the low number of youth members in attendance. The winners of our annual drawing were Beverly Kravos, \$300; Marilyn Vogrig, \$150; B. Gorczyca, \$50; and John Oshaben, \$50. We also took time to honor our 50- and 60-year members at the picnic. Sixty-year member Marilyn Vogrig and 50-year member Frank Yankovic were in attendance. Congratulations to you both.

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for helping us out in the kitchen all day. Quite a few Loyalite members also came out to work in the kitchen and behind the bar. We would not have been able to have our picnic without your support. Hopefully next year we will have even more Loyalite volunteers helping out. While we appreciate all the help and support from the Auxiliary, we shouldn't be so dependent upon them with such a large Lodge. Thank you again to all the members and non-members that helped at the picnic. We would also like to thank all those that bought or sold tickets for the annual drawing. Oh, and the krofe were exceptionally delicious!

Loyalite members Karen (Sajovic) Alich and her son Chip passed along their best wishes to the Lodge for a successful picnic. Karen and Chip are currently residing in Charleston, S.C., and miss the interaction with the Lodge and its membership. Both Karen and Chip have birthdays in July. Chip will turn 29 July 7 and Karen will celebrate considerably more years July 28.

Several Lodge 158 members had spring graduations. John O'Donnell graduated from Johns Hopkins University and Allan Pestotnik graduated from Denison University. Colleen Frank graduated from Eastlake North High School June 7 in a ceremony held at the State Theatre. Colleen is headed for Ohio State University in the fall. Stephen Wojtila graduated from Walsh Jesuit High School and will attend Elizabethtown College in the fall. Al Peterson is spending a week in California to attend

his grandson's graduation from Stanford University. Congratulations to all of our graduates!

A few more Lodge 158 members also deserve some recognition. Cooper Filby came in third place in Alabama's ASMS NOW test. Cooper is a student at the Alabama School of Math and Science. He is the son of Edwin and Lt. Colonel Cheryl (Frank) Filby. Tim O'Donnell is now in Europe for further studies at the University of Edenburg, Scotland, and the University of Paris. Tim also plans to make a side trip to Slovenia.

Congratulations to Fred Nevar, who was recently honored by the Euclid Lions as an "Everyday Hero." Fred was presented this award by the District Governor Lion Dona Klages at the recent Lions banquet. Fred has been an active member of the Lions since the 1970s. He's sold many tickets each year for the club's annual event, and collected used eyeglasses and hearing aids to be donated to those in need. The motto of the Lions Club is "We serve," and Fred truly serves. He is, beyond doubt, an unsung hero of the Euclid Lions Club.

Pam Plunkett and her husband Paul traveled from their Tampa, Fla., home to Pittsburgh to watch the Pittsburgh Penguins win the Stanley Cup before traveling to Cleveland to attend the Loyalite picnic. Pam's parents, Fred and Pat Nevar, took them on a Cleveland sightseeing tour which included the Westside Market, Mentor Headlands, President Garfield's house and dinner in Little Italy. Then Pam and Paul were off to Amish Country in southern Ohio. The last part of their trip was to Carnegie, Pa., for a family reunion before heading back to Florida.

Barb and Lou Mackanos are visiting from Florida and spending time with family to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations! Other Loyalites celebrating wedding anniversaries include Charles and Adrienne O'Donnell, Chick and Loretta Frank, Bill II and Colleen Frank, and Dan and Janice Wojtila.

Chris Heintz just returned from a trip to Deland, Fla., where she spent some time visiting her daughter, Pati Hayden.

Belated May birthday wishes go out to Marianne Lorenzo, Samantha Volpe and Daniella Volpe. We would also like to send birthday greetings to Megan Hopkins, Charles O'Donnell, Pati Hayden and Amy Naggy.

The next Loyalites Lodge meeting will be held Thursday, July 9, at 7 p.m. We hope to see you there!

# An ideal setting for the Lodge 786 wine tasting

by JEAN KOCI  
Lodge 786 Secretary

**ORANGE COUNTY, Calif.** — Over 120 Lodge 786 members and guests enjoyed a perfect day amidst the vineyards and ranches at Keyways Winery in Temecula, Calif., June 7. Folks started gathering shortly after 11 a.m. for the party that was due to start at noon. It was nice to have several families join us for the setup period, and we were grateful to have them bring extra tables and chairs for the large group that was anticipated. The staff greeted us, helped with our needs and verified the schedule for the day's activities.

We were very fortunate to have such perfect weather that Sunday in June. There was just enough sun to make it pleasant, no wind and it stayed cool enough for comfort. We requested the same ideal day for next year's picnic! It was so much fun to once again have the Fontana Button Accordion Club take part in our event. A few members were missing, but the Club provided music throughout the day. Of course, there were several others that also brought their accordions and we thank them as well. Club members in attendance included Frank Rote, Larry Sikora, Bill Swetkar, Bob Page, Linda Costell, Rosemarie Black and Arnie Koci. Other musicians were Norbert Bernhardt, Don Milek, Fred Mlakar and perhaps a few others. All in all, we couldn't have had a better group! Thanks so much.

Keyways' white wines

were served along with cheese, crackers and fruit appetizers during the gathering hour. The terrific group of greeters and wine servers were directed by our leader, Fred Mlakar. Thanks to Paula and Jim Manning, Connie and Marty Swiderski, Mary Lou and Paul Jensen, Susan MacLeod, Norbert and Ana Bernhardt, Maida Pirich, and Kim Jancich for pitching-in with the wine service, glass distribution and pickup.

The delicious food was offered around 1 p.m. Rosemary Mlakar, Mary Lou Jensen and Arnie Koci served the buffet line while the red wines were poured. The delicious, homemade apricot and apple strudels were baked the day before at the home of Teresa Koci with the help of Connie Swiderski, Susan MacLeod, Julie Nagode and Jean Koci. The final wine, a delicious Riesling, was served with the desserts which were cut and plated by Teresa and Mary Lynn Arriola and delivered to the guests by young members Garret Jancich, James Koci, Ellie Koci and Natalie Bernhardt. With all of these names, I'm certain I've missed someone.

Throughout the afternoon, Marilyn Aamodt and Pat Milek took care of the attendance table, making sure all was well. They are a very diligent duo that take their job very seriously and we really appreciate them. At this event, once the reservation is made and tickets are purchased, there isn't anything else the guests need to buy.



(From left) 60-year members **EVELYN ERCEK** and **WALTER ERCEK** with Lodge 786 Secretary/Treasurer **JEAN KOCI** during the Lodge 786 Wine Tasting at Keyways Winery in Temecula, Calif.

All beverages and food are included, as well as the generous door prizes. Thank you to Ana Bernhardt, who once again contributed some of her beautiful, handmade jewelry for prizes. Other gifts were also won by those in attendance.

It was a special day for 60-year member Walter Ercek, who attended with his wife Evelyn and several family members. It was good to see his niece, Beverly Liddell, who I hadn't seen in many years, as well as her son, Richard, who grew up with our children. We missed Tom Kaucic, who would have received his 70-year membership award but was too ill to attend. Several of his family members had planned to come, but unfortunately none were able to take part. Thanks to Bill and Shirley

Swetkar for delivering Tom's award while visiting with him. We wish Tom and the Kaucic family well.

Many of our guests visited the lovely gift shop and wine tasting room during the afternoon, taking some of their favorites home with them. Of course, that makes the winery happy and allows us to come back for another enjoyable day. We want to return to the beautiful gardens and gazebo many more times, and we hope our members and guests will look forward to next year's event.

The next Lodge 786 meeting and day of fun is scheduled Saturday, July 18, when we host our Barbecue and Swim Party at the Rancho Niguel Recreation Center in Laguna Niguel at noon. For more information, phone Jean at (949) 495-0097.

# Badger Jabber

by BOB SMOLE  
Lodge 584

**MILWAUKEE** — As I sit here on this beautiful Saturday morning with the sun shining and temperatures in the low 70s, I think about how nice it would be to be out on the golf course. I would have been participating in the Tony Mlinar Memorial Golf Outing had it not been for the deluge of rain that hit our area. Again this year we were doused with up to seven inches of rain in certain areas.

New Berlin Hills Golf Course, the site of the golf outing, was under water and inaccessible, so the outing was canceled. This is the second year in a row that we canceled due to rain. Those familiar with the course are aware of its water drainage problems and should understand the reason for the cancellation. As of this writing, there has been no decision to re-schedule because of the lack of participation after last year's reschedule attempt. If the event is not rescheduled, all money received will be returned to the entrants.

SNPJ agreed to sponsor a hole-in-one contest again this year for a prize of \$5,000. This would have taken place on the seventh hole; however, we couldn't find a supplier with enough snorkels to go around. Plus, one of the sand traps wound up on the green! We want to acknowledge SNPJ for their generosity and participation in this event. We'd also like to thank all the individuals who volunteered to help out. We'll call upon those willing people again next year.

Special thanks to Bro. Tony Mlinar Jr. (584) and Paula Marlewski for their efforts to arrange this event. Having it canceled

at the last minute is frustrating, I'm sure. We appreciate the time and consideration spent in preparation. Thanks!

How about a sing-along? Well, the second Slovenian Sing-Along will take place at West Allis Library, 7421 W. National Ave., beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15. The sing-along will be presented by the UWM Slovenian Art Program under the song leadership of Dolores Ivanchich. Admission to this event is free; yes, free! If you would like to participate in singing Slovenian songs, this would be your opportunity to get involved. Those of you who attended the last session are requested to bring the materials you received.

A "Koncert in the Park" with Ansambel Erazem from Postojna, Slovenia, is scheduled Saturday, Aug. 29. This group of four men and one woman will be performing at Triglav Park in the Wind Lake, Wis., area. This beautiful outdoor park is nestled among large shade trees, making a perfect setting for this European group to present their wonderful ethnic music during an enjoyable afternoon in the park. USPEH is sponsoring this special day to commemorate their 31st anniversary.

USPEH is formed from eight different groups in the Milwaukee area, including SNPJ, Sloga, the Milwaukee Slovenian Retirees, Fun-O-Leers, KSKJ, SWU, TRIGLAV and the USPEH Chorus. I know you will enjoy this experience. Tickets are \$10. There will be baked goods, sandwiches, and plenty of beer, wine and soda for you to purchase all afternoon. This is another occasion to support the Slovenian culture that we are so proud of. Come out and enjoy! The fresh air will do you good and the entertainment will be marvelous. For additional information and/or to purchase tickets, which are now available,

contact Sis. Fran Smole at (414) 258-5572.

Our regular Badger Lodge 584 meeting took place June 18 at St. Peter's Church Hall, 79th and W. Lincoln Ave. Our attendance was sparse, but our desserts were not. We had plenty of goodies to go around, with seconds available.

The meeting, conducted by President Tim Donovan, was short and sweet. We learned that Sis. Mary Donovan was recuperating at home and doing well after some surgery. Best wishes are extended to Sis. Donovan. A motion was made, seconded and passed that our Lodge host an ice cream social in August at our regular meeting. So, "I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream" Thursday, Aug. 20, at St. Peter's Church Hall at 7:30 p.m. If you have a special or unique topping that you would like to share, please bring it. Otherwise, ice cream and all the usual fixings will be supplied. A "build a sundae" contest will also take place. You'll get to build your own concoction, and as a prize, you'll get to eat it. What a deal! Stop in and enjoy the annual Lodge 584 Ice Cream Social.

The Lodge meeting was adjourned, but not before singing a birthday tribute to Bro. Bob Smole for his June birthday. The attendance award was won by Sis. Toni Needham, her first time (so she says). At our usual social following the meeting, we enjoyed the donated goodies. The coffee was freshly brewed by Bro. Bob Alpner, and the donated dessert items were cut and served by Kitchen Committee members Sisters Marge Alpner and Josephine Manson. We were on our own for selecting the goodies and feeding ourselves.

Thursday, July 16, is the date of our regular monthly meeting at St. Peter's Church Hall, 79th and W. Lincoln Ave., beginning at 7:30 p.m. See you all there!

| SNPJ National Balina Tournament<br>Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 5-6, 2009<br>at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.   |              |
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| Name   | Lodge Number |
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| Team name _____<br>Team captain's name, phone number & e-mail address: _____   |              |
| <b>\$20 per team entry fee for men's and women's competition. ENTRY DEADLINE is Aug. 28, 2009</b><br>Return this form, along with entry fees, to:<br>Slovene National Benefit Society<br>Att'n.: National Balina Tournament<br>247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126<br>Phone: 1-800-843-7675<br>Make checks payable to <b>SNPJ</b> |              |
| The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126.   |              |

| 18 <sup>th</sup> SNPJ National Horseshoes Tournament<br>Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, starting at 9 a.m.<br>at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.   |           |
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| Name   | Lodge No. |
| 1. (Team 1 captain)  |           |
| 2.   |           |
| 1. (Team 2 captain)  |           |
| 2.   |           |
| Team 1 captain's name, phone number & e-mail address: _____<br>Team 2 captain's name, phone number & e-mail address: _____   |           |
| <b>Entry Fee: \$10 per two-man team</b><br>Return this form, along with entry fees, to:<br>Slovene National Benefit Society<br>Att'n.: National Horseshoes Tournament<br>247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126<br>Phone: 1-800-843-7675<br>Make checks payable to <b>SNPJ</b> |           |
| The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126.   |           |

| SNPJ National Bean Bag Toss Tournament<br>Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, starting at 9 a.m.<br>at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.  |           |
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| Name  | Lodge No. |
| 1. (Team 1 captain)   |           |
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| 1. (Team 2 captain)   |           |
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| Team 1 captain's name, phone number & e-mail address: _____<br>Team 2 captain's name, phone number & e-mail address: _____  |           |
| <b>Entry Fee: \$10 per two-man team</b><br>Return this form, along with entry fees, to:<br>Slovene National Benefit Society<br>Att'n.: National Bean Bag Toss Tournament<br>247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126<br>Phone: 1-800-843-7675<br>Make checks payable to <b>SNPJ</b> |           |
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SNPJ fraternal sympathies

**BRO. JOHN KRIZANCIC**  
• LODGE 755 •



Bro. JOHN KRIZANCIC (755)

SHARON, Pa. — Lodge 755 and the Krizancic family sadly report the April 25, 2009, passing of Bro. John “Johnny” Krizancic, 80, of Hermitage, Pa.

Bro. Krizancic was born in Farrell, Pa., Easter Sunday, March 31, 1929, a son of Ignatius and Helen (Novosel) Krizancic. Upon discharge from the U.S. Air Force, he attended Westminster College in Pennsylvania as a music major. After two years, he switched his major to electrical and radio engineering, and attended Penn State University.

Johnny devoted his life, time and energy to his heritage as an important force in the world of polka and international entertainment. He was not only a performer, but also a radio and television personality, recording artist, record company executive, sound engineer, and music producer.

Bro. Krizancic performed with a variety of orchestras, playing big band, country, Slovenian-style polka and Croatian/Serbian tamburitzas. In the last 60 years he performed with America’s Polka King Frank Yankovic, Canada’s Polka King Walter Ostanek and the Hank Haller Ensemble during live performances, in videos and on recordings.

In his early years in the tamburitzas field, Johnny performed with many groups, including the Dave Zupkovich Balkan Recording Orchestra, George Skrbina, the Veseli Tamburitzans and his own international group which recorded more than 10 polka and tamburitzas albums.

In 1959, John and his wife Martha organized the Veseli Tamburitzans with other former members of the Duquesne University Tamburitzans. They recorded their first album on a record label created by Martha and Johnny, entitled Marjon International Music. In his studio, Johnny recorded, produced and financed 10 LP albums for London Records, and more than 50 polka and tamburitzas LP albums on the Marjon Label. He produced and recorded more than 65 Slovenian, German and Czech albums for 1992 Grammy nominee Hank Haller, and more than 250 albums of various polka, tamburitzas, and international artists and groups.

Bro. Krizancic performed on Walter Ostanek’s Grammy-winning album “Music and Friends.” He was also an engineer on two other Grammy-

committee for more than 40 years. He worked with Thrivent Financial, raising money to help people and the community. He was a member of Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 817 and SNPJ Lodge 755.

Bro. Krizancic leaves his dedicated wife, Martha (Dzurinda) Krizancic, whom he married April 23, 1955; a sister, Ann Dovutovich of Sharon; a brother, “Mickey” (Frances) Krizancic of Girard, Ohio; many nieces, nephews and the families of Lori Terpak; Michele Radon; Susan Krizancic; Robert Krizancic; Mary Ann, Thomas and Joe Dovutovich; Sue Paul and Andrea Detelich; Roxanne Pagley; Matt, Stephen and Tod Dzurinda; Ruth Toth and families; and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Charles.

John will be sadly missed by his wife, and the many friends and relatives he touched with his beautiful voice and musical talents. On behalf of the members of Lodge 755 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our sympathy to Bro. Krizancic’s family and friends on their loss.

**SIS. ANNE MAJOWKA**  
• LODGE 800 •



Sis. ANNE MAJOWKA (800)

stay home and provide a loving and stable environment for her husband and children. Her entire life was given to caring for her family.

Sis. Majowka’s other passion was baseball and she enjoyed watching the Yankees play. She watched their games faithfully, starting in the spring through the championship games. She knew the name, number and statistics of many of the players. She loved “Old Timers Day” when she could catch up on many of the old players she remembered.

Anne’s mind was sharp until the end; she was able to tell you the name, age and birthday of everyone in her family.

Sis. Majowka was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Sam, their infant daughter Carole, as well as three sisters and a brother. She is survived by daughter Irene and her husband, Mike; sons John and Carl and their spouses; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; four sisters; a brother; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Stanislaus B & M Church in Ozone Park. Burial followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Maspeth, N.Y.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 800 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our condolences to the friends, family and relatives of Sis. Majowka on their loss.

IMPERIAL, Pa. — Lodge 800 and the Majowka family sadly report the March 6, 2009, passing of Sis. Anne Majowka, 88, at her home in Ozone Park, N.Y. She was a 71-year member of the Society at the time of her passing.

Anne was born June 24, 1920, in York Run, Pa., the daughter of Martin and Frances (Costellic) Murin. She moved to New York at an early age. There she met Simon “Sam” Majowka whom she married in 1942. They had four children.

Sis. Majowka loved to attend SNPJ affairs, and loved Slovenian music and dancing, especially the polka. Her favorite song was “Over Three Hills Waltz,” which she and Sam danced to at their 50th wedding anniversary.

Anne was very family-oriented, and enjoyed cooking and baking; large family get-togethers were never a bother. For Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, Anne baked many cakes, pies and pastries from scratch. Until her eyesight failed, she also loved to knit and crochet, making beautiful sweater sets and blankets as baby gifts for her grandchildren. She was primarily a homemaker and was content to

**SNPJ Crossword**  
DR. SEUSS (#1209) solution

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**DEATHS REPORTED**  
For the month of May 2009

| LODGE | NAME                     | DATE OF DEATH | CITY/STATE          |
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| A01   | Grant C. White III       | 04-18-09      | Aliquippa, Pa.      |
| 2     | John Zokal               | 03-19-09      | Peru, Ill.          |
| 2     | Johana Pohar             | 05-11-09      | Peru, Ill.          |
| 6     | Felix Krek               | 05-19-09      | McDonald, Pa.       |
| 53    | Theresa Douglas          | 04-06-09      | Southhaven, Miss.   |
| 106   | Albert Zupon             | 01-14-09      | Pittsburgh, Pa.     |
| 106   | George W. Davis          | 04-30-09      | Imperial, Pa.       |
| 106   | Victor Raspat            | 03-16-09      | Imperial, Pa.       |
| 106   | Rudolph Vidmar           | 04-23-09      | Corapolis, Pa.      |
| 117   | Edward G. Steck          | 04-16-09      | Irwin, Pa.          |
| 138   | Joseph J. Rocco          | 04-29-09      | Ortonville, Mich.   |
| 142   | Paula A. Kuchling        | 05-12-09      | Newburg, Ohio       |
| 158   | William Kusar            | 03-16-09      | Austinburg, Ohio    |
| 207   | William A. Crnich        | 04-26-09      | Butte, Mont.        |
| 207   | Virginia D. Delaney      | 04-06-09      | Great Falls, Mont.  |
| 218   | Marcella Cunja Perkovich | 04-01-09      | Veguita, N.M.       |
| 218   | Dolores Hartsook         | 01-14-09      | Denver, Colo.       |
| 218   | Frank A. Loushin         | 02-27-09      | Carbondale, Colo.   |
| 225   | Neal C. Trammell         | 05-06-09      | Girard, Kan.        |
| 265   | Julia A. Jobkar          | 05-20-09      | Lawrence, Pa.       |
| 289   | Lucille Balya            | 03-21-09      | Schellsburg, Pa.    |
| 347   | Jean Lupo                | 04-22-02      | McKeesport, Pa.     |
| 355   | Anne E. Tully            | 03-05-09      | Conneaut, Ohio      |
| 459   | Charles J. Sasek         | 05-03-09      | Las Vegas, Nev.     |
| 564   | Roy C. Brody             | 05-12-09      | Apollo Beach, Fla.  |
| 566   | Albert P. Markic         | 04-15-09      | North Olmsted, Ohio |
| 584   | Amelia T. Smith-Borisch  | 04-18-09      | Milwaukee, Wis.     |
| 603   | Renee A. Hall            | 04-29-09      | Edgewater, Fla.     |
| 615   | Adele Begando            | 05-11-09      | Punta Gorda, Fla.   |
| 643   | Harry Blackstone         | 04-27-09      | Girard, Ohio        |
| 665   | Barbara A. Salsbery      | 01-13-09      | Penn Hills, Pa.     |
| 665   | Joseph A. Fabec          | 02-21-09      | Houston, Texas      |
| 715   | Thomas J. Bertovich      | 04-28-09      | Pittsburgh, Pa.     |
| 721   | Sophia Simonich          | 04-27-09      | Westlake, Ohio      |
| 723   | Marie E. Babela          | 04-02-09      | Phoenix, Ariz.      |
| 729   | Marie J. Hatalla         | 04-01-09      | Adah, Pa.           |
| 729   | Ethel M. Debevec         | 04-17-09      | Pensacola, Fla.     |
| 749   | Steve Greecher           | 03-26-09      | Johnstown, Pa.      |
| 749   | Frank E. Andrykovitch    | 10-13-08      | Palm Coast, Fla.    |
| 755   | John T. Krizancic        | 04-25-09      | Hermitage, Pa.      |
| 764   | William M. Smerdel       | 02-15-03      | West Allis, Wis.    |
| 800   | Anna Majowka             | 03-06-09      | Ozone Park, N.Y.    |

KAREN A. PINTAR  
National Secretary

**PROSVETA 2009 Publication Dates**

**JANUARY 2009**

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**65th SNPJ National Golf Tournament**  
at Bedford Trails Golf Course

713 Bedford Road, Lowellville, OH 44436

Phone: (330) 536-2234

Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009

9 a.m. Shotgun Start

**Individual Event**

| Name | Lodge No. |
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**Team Event**

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Entry fees for team and individual events are \$55 per member. For individual event only, entry fee is \$50 per member. Entry fee includes greens fees, golf cart, prize fund, lunch at the turn, on-course beverages, a golfer’s meal in the dining room at the SNPJ Recreation Center, and a drawing ticket for give-aways.

Return this form, along with entry fees, to:

**Slovene National Benefit Society**

247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126

Phone: 1-800-843-7675

Make checks payable to **SNPJ**

ENTRY DEADLINE IS AUG. 21, 2009

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Jessica SNYDER  
Aliquippa, Pa., Lodge 721



Miss SNPJ 2009 Brittney ZEMKO  
Girard, Ohio, Lodge 643



Arica DENNICK  
Meadowlands, Pa., Lodge 259

# crowning Glory

## the 53<sup>rd</sup> Miss SNPJ Pageant

Slovenefest XXVIII weekend,  
July 10-12, 2009  
The Alpine Room at the  
SNPJ Recreation Center



Julia RANDALL  
Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87



Kara MARUSZAK  
Cleveland Lodge 53



Cynthia BOBER  
Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138



Erika BECCARD  
Midway, Pa., Lodge 89



Megan ROTH  
Cleveland Lodge 53



Bliss BORNSCHEUER  
Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138



Colleen FRANK  
Euclid, Ohio, Lodge 158

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# SLOVENEFEFEST XXVIII

JULY 10-12, 2009



Slovenefest is hosted by the  
**SNPJ Recreation Center**  
270 Martin Road  
Borough of SNPJ (Enon Valley), PA 16120  
(724) 336-5180 • 1-877-767-5732  
web site: [www.snpjrec.com](http://www.snpjrec.com) • e-mail: [snpj@snpjrec.com](mailto:snpj@snpjrec.com)  
performance schedule online at [www.snpj.org/fest\\_page](http://www.snpj.org/fest_page)

## Slovenefest XXVIII features 25 of your favorite polka performers!

Bob Turcola Orchestra • Mikey Dee Band • Karl Lukitsch Band  
Don Wojtila Orchestra • Hank Haller Ensemble • Eddie Rodick Orchestra  
Dick Tady & the DTO • George Staiduhar Orchestra • Fred Ziwich & the ISM  
The Polka Quads • Jack Tady & the JTB • Jack Vasko Orchestra  
Frank Stanger Orchestra • Joe Grkman Orchestra • Bob Kravos Band  
Joe Novak & Friends • Fairport Jammers • Mahoning Valley Button Box Club  
Western Pa. Button Box Club • Magic Buttons Button Box Club • Eddie Vallus II Band  
The Happy Timers • Murski Val (from Canada) • Veseli Fantje

### And From Slovenia...

Trio Krizman (direct from Ljubljana)

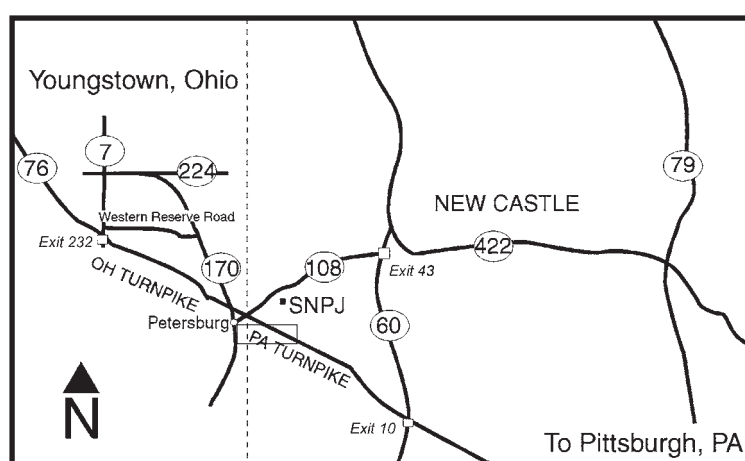
Friday, July 10  
noon-midnight  
\$8 admission

Saturday, July 11  
noon-midnight  
\$10 admission

Sunday, July 12  
noon-midnight  
\$10 admission

Saturday at dusk: Fireworks display (weather permitting)

### Directions to the SNPJ Recreation Center



**IN PENNSYLVANIA** — From I-79 take I-422W toward New Castle, take PA-60S and exit at Mt. Jackson (Exit 43). Take PA-108W approximately 8 miles to the SNPJ Recreation Center.

**FROM PA TURNPIKE** — Exit turnpike at Exit 10 and take PA-60N to Exit 43 (Mt. Jackson). Turn left onto PA-108W and travel 8 miles to the SNPJ Recreation Center. [Portions toll.]

**FROM OHIO TURNPIKE** — Take Exit 232 and follow Route 7N toward Youngstown, then turn right onto Western Reserve Road. Turn right onto Route 170S and travel approximately 6 miles to the blinking light in Petersburg, Ohio. At that light, turn left onto PA-108E and follow the signs on Route 108 to the SNPJ Recreation Center, approximately 2 miles.