



*ARTIST MARY FOYS LAURETIG
AND HER EXTRAORDINARY DOLL COLLECTION*

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ON THE COVER:

Slovenian Museum Doll Show

The Slovenian Heritage Museum in Joliet sponsored a Doll Show April 29 and 30 by Mary Foys Lauretig, vice-president of Branch 2, Chicago, accompanied by Frances Morison, president of Branch 2.

Mrs. Lauretig is known for her artworks, oil paintings, hand-painted plates, pen and ink, acrylic and decoupage. The display of 55 dolls were in ethnic costumes of Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, France, England, Hawaii, American Indian and Korea and the various periods of American dress, ranging from Colonial to present day. The costumes were authentic to the finest detail.

Because of her deep interest in the Museum, artist Mary Lauretig also donated a tall Slovenian doll as a prize. Winner of the beautiful doll was Dorothy Zupancich, a new member and sister of Branch 20 secretary Ardis Gregorash. This plus donations netted the Museum a total of \$236.00.

A sincere thank you is extended to Mary Foys Lauretig, to all who helped and the many who visited the doll show during the two days. It was a very enjoyable, lovely show.

*Ann Dragovan,
Museum Co-director*

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National President's Message

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WE EACH HAVE OUR OWN PARADISE!

"Summertime--and the living is easy," surely an understatement when one scans the calendar of scheduled events and celebrations. The long hours of daylight enables us to pack in a multitude of outdoor activities. With the beauty of flowers blooming profusely and a variety of tender and delicious vegetables freshly picked everyday surely creates a summer of Paradise.

Congratulations to Jonita Ruth, Branch 20 of Joliet and Patricia Adamic, Branch 105 of Detroit, who tied as winners in TORY'S BOUQUET CAMPAIGN! To all of our workers for your dedication and hard work, we thank you. As of April 1st, we entered into our third phase of our membership campaign, TORY'S GREENHOUSE, Let us focus on the young seedlings, our Junior members, in this campaign.

If you haven't ordered the new S.W.U. tote bags, please do so. Ordered several canvas tote bags which were whisked away the moment I received them. They sell for a reasonable price of only \$7.00 plus the fact that the workmanship is of high quality. All proceeds go toward the Heritage Fund. Another reminder--our future expansion

and efforts will be primarily focused on heritage, therefore donations toward the Heritage Fund are welcome and greatly appreciated.

It was with a deep sense of sorrow to hear of Fr. Thaddeus Trpin's death. He accepted pain not as a burden but sought the companionship of Christ in his suffering as a new strength. May he enjoy eternal peace in heaven!

This article is written in late May, rather ironic. Picture this: The flowering crab trees are in full bloom, the 40 ft. hedge of lilacs in our back yard is heavily laden with bloom, a few hundred feet away, the frogs and tadpoles are croaking and humming, the freshly mowed grass has never been greener after a week of heavy rain, and the late blooming tulips are spectacular. The azaleas are bursting out in orange and pink blossoms while the robins are anxiously building their nests. The perfumed fragrance of the blossoms permeates the air--our Creator of Mother Earth is showering us with His love. Enjoy the blessings of summer!

Victoria "Tory" Bobence

OHIO-MICHIGAN STATE CONVENTION OCT. 1ST

My Dear Officers and Members of all the 17 Ohio-Michigan branches:

My Sincerest Best Wishes to all of you!

It's that time of year again, to have our Annual Ohio-Michigan State Convention.

This year Br. #32 of Euclid, Ohio will be the "hosts" as they are celebrating their 60th Anniversary in conjunction with this event.

This will all take place on Sunday, Oct. 1st 1989 at St. Christine's Church on E. 222nd St., Euclid, Ohio, beginning with a 12 noon Mass which will be celebrated by our own Bishop Edward Pevec. After the Mass the meeting will take place in the Church Hall followed by a full course dinner at approximately 3:30 p.m.

This is always an interesting meeting as you get to see and hear what all the other branches are doing and perhaps your branch can benefit by this.

There are 10 to 12 branches represented each year, but it would be super great to have all 17 branches present. I see where Br. #105, Detroit, MI will be with us. How about Calumet, Michigan? Br. 40, Lorain is always there.

I am especially asking our "out of Cleveland" branches to come: Barberton, Girard, Niles, Warren, Bedford Heights and Fairport Harbor.

Let's all surprise and help Br. 32 celebrate their 60th Anniversary all at the same time!

Br. 32 is also extending an invitation to the Marie Priland Cadets of Br. 50 -- won't you all try to attend?

So, ladies, please mark your calendars right now and keep Sunday, Oct. 1st open for our Ohio-Michigan Convention and Br. 32 60th Anniversary.

There will be music and some singing too.

Hopefully the weather will be in our favor.

God willing, we will see you all there.

With Love and Prayers,

*Ann J. Tercek,
Ohio-Mich. State President*

DOLL EXHIBIT AT THE SLOVENIAN HERITAGE MUSEUM

A very talented member, Mary Foys Lauretig, Vice-President of Br. 2, Chicago, IL exhibited her collection of hand-made dolls of many different nations and places at the Museum on April 29-30, 1989. The weekend exhibit drew about 200 viewers who were fascinated by Mary's artistic work. The fifty-five dolls 8 to 12 inches high and dressed in colorful and extremely authentically designed outfits were a joy to see and study. Mary's many hours of work and loving concentration to detail come from a life-long hobby of painting miniatures, landscapes and Slovenian motifs. Some of her most prized plate paintings are of the Slovenian-American Sainthood candidate, Bishop Frederic Baraga.

For this exhibit Mary selected her Slovenian dolls as the main focus. She has them from such regions as Gorenjska, Prekmurska, Bela Krajina and Ljubljana. Besides, she has dolls of other regions of Yugoslavia and other countries.

Setting up the dolls was as interesting as taking down, said Ann Dragovan, chairman of the SWU Heritage Museum Committee. There were many pleasant remarks and excellent responses from the viewers and Mary was most generous with her time, explaining to each and everyone how the dolls were created and much more about the details.

The committee is grateful to many members who helped make the open house and doll show such a success, especially to the following: Molly Gregorich and Olga Ancel, hostesses, Josephine Muster, guest book, Fran Morison, helping with the display; and members of Br. 20, Kathy Harvey, Colleen Gunier, Helen Plut, Josephine Lustig, Cele Wolf, Jean Govednik and Diane Govednik.

When the time came to dismantle the display, each mannequin was lovingly and carefully packed back in its own cubicle in boxes that Mary had prepared, then loaded into her small car. It was a most pleasant weekend for all and we hope Mary will make this an annual event.



Olga Ancel, Artist, Mary Foys Lauretig, Co-chair-lady Mollie Gregorich, Br. 20 President Joyce Vicich and Br. 2 President Fran Morison.

OUR BOOK:

THE S.W.U. HISTORY

I wish to thank all the branches for the time, effort and energy which they put into organizing the activities of the branch's historical record and for selecting appropriate photos to accompany them. You are to be commended on the fine work. Some branches, unfortunately, did not have any records or very few from the past and they had to dig extra hard. Then there were some branches which had extensive records and had to be selective in what they decided to use. **We ask those branches that have not yet responded to please do so.**

One fact that we have recognized with this project is that much of the branch activities are not documented or are not passed on to the next officer, as in the case of a secretary not passing all the previous minutes books. If this is the case in your branch, please try to contact the family of the previous officer for help in locating the books.

If you are not sure of how to arrange your material, follow the outline sent to each branch or contact one of your neighboring branches for a copy of their outline. One of the most complete histories came from Br. 92, Gunnison, Colorado. Thank you.

The branches that have responded are the following. I am also listing the names of the historian if it was given to me:

Br. 13, San Francisco, Beverly Jackson; Br. 14, Euclid, Vera Bajec; Br. 16, South Chicago, Gladys Buck, Br. 20, Joliet, Mildred Pucel; Br. 38, Chisholm, Ann Nusich; Br. 52, Kitzville, Jennie Crea; Br. 55, Girard; Br. 57, Niles, Ann Pease; Br. 67, Ann Markovich; Br. 74, Ambridge, Virginia Uhernik and Br. 92, Gunnison, Margaret Malensek.

Again, thank you very much!

Note: The Editor will send you photos from the ZARJA file if requested. Photos are limited but whatever is available will be sent on request.



Past Nat'l Treasurer Josephine Muster, Past Br. 20 Vice-President Kathy Garvey, Chairman Ann Dragovan, museum workers Jean Govednik and Helen Plut.

HERITAGE MUSEUM RECEIVES CHISM AWARDS



The Congress of Illinois Historical Societies & Museums presented two awards to the Slovenian Heritage Museum at the annual awards luncheon held this year at the Ramada Inn Hotel in Springfield, IL.

Those in attendance as representatives of the Heritage Museum were: Helen Horwath, Helen Plut and Jonita Ruth Branch 20; Matilda Ausich, Br. 103; Irene Odorizzi, Heritage Director; Fred Ruth, Joliet; Kenneth Odorizzi, Reston, VA, and Leo Odorizzi, Staunton, IL.

Irene Odorizzi, initiator and producer of both entries accepted an excellent rating for the two-projector slide and sound presentation entitled, "Golden Times," which documents the history of the SWU. The show may be seen at the museum in Joliet.

A superior rating was awarded for Mrs. Odorizzi's Oral-history video tapes of Slovenian immigrants. Her husband, Kenneth video-taped all of these interviews. The couple has traveled through many states interviewing Slovenian immigrants over the past fifteen years and they continue to do so whenever the occasion arises where an immigrant consents to the interview.

Mrs. Helen Plut, ZARJA reporter for Br. 20 presented Mrs. Odorizzi with a red carnation corsage trimmed with

On this photo, Irene is flanked by the past and present directors of the CIHSM at the time of the awards presentations.

red, blue and white ribbon for the event as a gift from Branch 20.

Following the award ceremony, the group visited Lincoln's home and viewed the slide show in the Visitor's Center before returning to their respective homes.

These awards are significant because they acknowledge that the work being done in preserving the Slovenian heritage and in recognizing the contribution of Slovene immigrants to the American way of life, is important to local, state and national history.

Lower Photo:

The group which attended the CIHSM awards luncheon at Springfield, IL on April 28, 1989 posed for this photo. (l to r)

Helen Horwath, Helen Plut, Jonita Ruth, Fred Ruth, Irene Odorizzi, Matilda Ausich, Kenneth Odorizzi, Leo Odorizzi.



ACTIVITIES

NO. 12, MILWAUKEE, WI

April meeting was well-attended with Chris Boyance the only officer missing. Her report was sent to me. Sophie Stampfel was asked to take her place as recording secretary while Chris and Mary Kiel and a few of our other regulars were in Las Vegas trying their luck! It wasn't that good, but they did enjoy the shows.

There were numerous door prizes as usual due to the generosity of all the regular attendees which gave us a good representation. It looks like our hall is going to be too small if it keeps up!

Everyone was happy to see Mary Skusek join us as she has been very sick and unable to attend this year. We forgot to start our meeting with prayer with all the excitement but the reports were read and accepted.

Members were reminded of the Junior picnic on June 22nd and we hoped to have lots of juniors as well as seniors present. In May we honored our Mother of the Year, Mary Bucovnik at our meeting and dinner. Mary is one of our charter members and is deserving of the honor.

The meeting ended with prayer led by Stavia. Happy Birthday was sung for the birthday girls after which we enjoyed a good lunch and wine as usual before proceeding with our games.

Sorry I forgot to mention the reports given about the members in the Nursing Homes.

M.D.

MAY REPORT

We had a full house attendance at our meeting. We missed Jennie Zeleznikar who came home from the hospital today but not up to coming to the meeting. Get well, Jennie!

We discussed our picnic at Jackson Park and our trip to Willard for the State Convention in September.

What a beautiful day for our Mother of the Year, Mary Bucovnik. Mary, being a charter member, brought memories of the time her late mother, Mary Rajster, was so honored. The dinner was wonderful - beef furnished by our B. fund and additional food brought by the women who outdid

themselves, as usual! Mary received a money corsage from the branch made by Alma Hoelzer and other gifts. A precious gift was made by her sister, Ann Paulin and admired by all. What talent! A Mother's Day decorated cake was made by Evelyn Laurich. Mary, in turn, gave each of us a kitchen towel as a gift. Thank you, Mary.

We also sang happy birthday to all celebrating in May. After clean-up we played our favorite game which helped our kitty.

I was invited to the Mother of the Year luncheon by Branch 17 for Joan Yaklich. They had a nice group of women with great commraderie. Good luck to Joan and members.

To our sick members, and those in nursing homes, we wish health and all the best. Thank you, Angeline Pipan, for your monetary gift for your birthday. Mrs. Pipan is at St. Mary's Nursing Home. Frances Plesko also came to our meeting from St. Ann's Nursing Home to be with us and her daughter came from Penna and enjoyed our luncheon, too.

Safe and happy summer to all.

MARY KIEL

NO. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Our April meeting was the first Thursday as usual and it was a beautiful day. We had 16 members present. I am sorry to report we have about eight members on the sick list. You are in our thoughts and prayers, ladies.

Plans for the Mother's Day Brunch went well and a large turn out was expected. The Greenhouse restaurant is always a marvelous place.

Several of our members went on a one day bus trip planned by Pres. Jo Auito. We had a tour of the Mother's Cookie Factory which was very interesting and we were given many samples. We crossed the Bay Bridge and came to Fisherman's Wharf for a marvelous lunch. Then we crossed the Golden Gate Bridge to go to Sausalito to see a model of the San Francisco Bay and tides. This was most educational. Weather was beautiful and everyone had a terrific time. Jo also has a bus trip to Reno this year and everyone will have a super time.

This reporter is planning a reunion

for all Patrick Henry Grammar School Alumni. I have had excellent responses. For information call the undersigned, Beverly Jackson, 415-359-0356. I have students from 1915 so far.

Wishes to all for a beautiful summer and say a prayer for all who have left us.

BEVERLY JACKSON

NO. 14, EUCLID, OH

Even though we complained about a chilly, wet spring, we must recall that we had one of the longest, colorful displays of spring blooming tulips and daffodils. It seemed as if the trees were in bloom for weeks. Perhaps that was nature's payment for the unsufferable spring weather.

Our most memorable event in May was the dinner honoring our Mother of the Year, Josephine Lusic, who was aptly described by Vera Bajec as "a lady who is always ready with a smile and a hug." The evening began with a festive air with the hall decorated in pink — pink balloons, pink flowers and tables set in pink. Of course, our honored lady was also dressed in sweet pink.

Twenty five members of Mrs. Lusic's family joined us to celebrate the occasion from near and far. A brother was there from Florida, and other relatives from Indiana. Josephine's grandson, who was unable to attend, sent a lovely corsage for his grandmother. Past president, Ilene Collins, Josephine's daughter, presented her with a gift from the family of an authentically dressed doll in a Narodna Noša outfit.

A very touching moment that brought tears to many eyes was the beautiful duet of Tillie Spehar and Pauline Dolinar who serenaded us with "Mati", a beautiful moment appreciated by everyone present.

President Martha Koren and her husband were on vacation and came back earlier than expected in order to join us. Honored lady, Josephine Lusic, thanked everyone for attending and especially for their love and kindness.

A mouth-watering chicken dinner also attended by many of our ladies' husbands, was prepared by the well



Rose Scoff, a darling friend, still enjoys dancing – especially square dancing – in this outfit!

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

July 28, 1989

to

ROSE SCOFF

San Francisco, California

*Past Regional President
California-Washington-Oregon*

from

**Your friend since the
Convention in Detroit,**

Irene Odorizzi

NO. 16, SO. CHICAGO, IL

It is time for picnics and seems so long since we've received our ZARJA. Our April birthday celebrants were Gladys Buck, Marge Prebil, Mary Priesol, Vi Somin and Elaine Strubel.

Meeting opened with a prayer of "welcome" by Marge Prebil. Minutes were read by Phyllis Perko and accepted.

The Games Party was a huge success and everyone was delighted.

March 13, 1969 minutes of Katie Triller's were read. Ann Lustig had brought in 21 new members at that time and the treasury balance was \$66.34. So much for twenty years ago.

Katherine Jurincic won the one-year free dues.

A note from Dolores O'Brien was ready to the membership. Dolores was not able to attend the meeting but she was with us in spirit.

Edna Winters' cataract needed surgical repair so she was in the hospital that day. She is doing very well. Manda Maggio is also on the sick list.

Teena Martin sent a card from San Antonio. Nice to hear from you, Teena.

Polly Klobukar sent a letter on Baraga whom she dearly loves. We hope his canonization is in the not too distant future. Polly is a resident in St. Joseph's Home in Dallas, Texas. We hope to see her soon.

Alvina Sreboth managed to get out at Easter Time and we all wish her a Happy Birthday.

Mary Puterko and Marie Vidivich motioned to close the meeting which president Marge Prebil did with a prayer.

Welcome to new member Josephine Hester. There was so much going on in May that the birthday celebrants were omitted. Happy Birthday ladies to you from all of us.

Our Mother of the Year, Helen Milanovich, was crowned by Andrea Kralj. Helen's "T" shaped table held lovely flowers, centerpieces and 17 guests including two of her sons, Bob and Chuck from out of town. Her other son, Larry was unable to attend. All three boys live out of Illinois.

Bring Flowers of the Rarest prayer was read by Maryann Starcevic. Helen crowned our Virgin Mary. Olga Kowalkowski and Phyllis Perko gave readings. All members presented flowers to Helen and sang "On This Day" and our favorite "Angelsko Cesenje". Our pianist was Mary Rago.

Flowers were also presented to Past Living Mothers of the Year and Remembrances of our deceased Mothers of the Year. A special person remembered is our lovely 89 year young Mrs. Catherine Cerny.

The beautiful centerpieces of mother duck and her ducklings were made by our Honoree. Each of 10 tables had a lucky lady that won the prize plus three at the head table.

Music was provided by Frank Kovacic and his partner. Dancing and singing were participated in by all. The Country Deli catered food that was just like homemade. The ladies out did themselves with goodies. Thank you all from our dear president "MARGE."

Maryann Strus won an electric clock donated by Gladys Buck.

Phyllis Perko won an afghan and pillow made by Steffie Golob.

Ann Ksiazek won an electric blanket donated by the East Side Bank.

Sad Notes: Member Josephine Margraff passed away April 23rd. She was escorted to Holy Cross Cemetery by Pall Bearers, Ann Lustig, Manda Maggio, Alverann Mikolczak. Mary Krzneric, Marge Prebil and Gladys Buck.

Mary Maricich suffered a stroke on May 10th and was called to her eternal reward on May 16th. She would have been a 50-year member in June. Pall bearers were Marge Prebil, Ann Ksiazek, Elsie Starcevic, Elsie Grunhart, Maryann Starcevic and Mary Therese Ehnat.

We also wish to include Father Thad in our prayers. Masses will be said for him from all our St. George Parish groups because he was an Assistant Pastor when our children were

known cook Julie Zallar. Also with us was youthful 92 year-old Mrs. Skok one of our members who transferred to our lodge from Waterloo Hall. It was a pleasure to see Pierina Dus at the dinner, who was hospitalized for a short stay, but was doing well enough to attend our celebration.

Once again we thank Mary Strazisar (Arrowhead) who brought along pounds of homemade noodles whose proceeds were donated to our Branch, and which were sold out immediately. Congratulations are also extended to you Mary for the award you received from the Slovene Home for the Aged for your volunteer work at the Home and the accumulation of 302 1/2 hours of service.

Congratulations also to Marilyn Fitzthum and her husband Jim who will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in romantic, sunny Hawaii. Best wishes for many more years of health and joy.

Our Sunshine ladies, Frances Erzen, Rose Rodgers and Ilene Collins visited member Jennie Stopar at the Slovene Home for Aged. She is doing well after an accident. They also visited the Country Place Nursing Home with Mary Vidmar and saw Ann Rossman who is there temporarily for a short stay before going to reside at her son's home.

Wishing you all a July Fourth filled with picnics, food and fireworks!

ALICE KUCHAR

going to school at St. George. He was part of our family for a while.

May the prayers of all, in some way help the families and friends of our beloved dead. "Eternal rest grant unto them, Oh Lord."

Kralj Family congratulations - To Ellen Franko a June graduate from St. Francis de Sales High School. She will continue her studies at University of IL Circle Campus. Two other juniors, Erin Whalen and Joseph Matushek graduated from Annunciata Grammar School.

To our Editor - We all enjoy your "China Diary"! (Thank you very much. C.)

FRAN B. ZUPANCIC

NO. 20, JOLIET, IL

"Lo Tishkach--Thou Shalt not forget." These are the words that bring to life the Joliet Jewish Memorial dedicated in memory of the Holocaust. This 7 ft. 300 pound sculpture is the work of Artist Lillian Brule, member of Branch 20. Lillian was commissioned to create this memorial and it was dedicated on May 7. It is a bronze sculpture of hands, rising through flames, cresting in the Hebrew letter signifying the Almighty. You may have seen some of her other works; the Slovenian Miners and Laborers Tribute in Chisholm, Minn., in bronze, mosaic and painting; murals in St. Joseph School and Church and St. Mary Assumption Church. She and her sister, Lucille Dragovan, have exhibited their art in Slovenia and also at the Heritage Museum. Very talented ladies.

The Woman of the Year party was a beautiful get-together and a tribute to Diane Govednik, our "chosen" one. Joyce Vicich, branch president, introduced the guest of honor to all present. Diane, with all of her family present, expressed her thanks for having been chosen and how much she enjoyed working with everyone. The hall looked lovely, decorated in blue and white in honor of Our Lady of Brezje. Father David Stalzer led the prayers in her honor. All former Women of the Year were invited to attend and were sent a Spiritual Bouquet from the Immaculate Conception Slovenian Chapel in Washington, D.C. Twelve were able to attend; Olga Ancel, Jo Goron, Theresa Marentic, Mildred Pucel, Mary Mihelich, Ann Sternisha, Ann Kobe, Marie Malnarick, Mary

Anzelc, Mary Ambrozich, Josephine Muster and Mary Rozich. After the dinner, which was prepared by Ardis Gregorash and the officers, each Woman of the Year was presented with a plant. Those unable to attend had theirs delivered by Olga Ancel and Mildred Pucel. A program was presented by the LaDanse Academi Dancers, who are performing to raise funds for their trip to Russia. Diane introduced her family, and her husband, Bill, remarked we made a good choice; everyone agreed!

Congratulations to members who were chosen Woman of the Year in other local organizations; Mary Ambrozich, St. Joseph Seniors Club; Mary Spelich, St. Genevieve, KSKJ; Eleanor Smrekar, Altar & Rosary, and Helen Horwath was inducted into the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame, representing St. Joseph Church.

The Heritage Museum was the setting for an Ethnic Doll show--the work of artist Mary Foys Lauretig of Chicago. There was a total of 55 dolls on display, dressed in Croatian, Serbian, Bosnian, French, English, Hawaiian, American Indian and Korean costumes. Her display also included hand-painted plates and paintings. The display was beautiful and those who attended made the same comment--several viewers wanted to take them home! Of course, they were not for sale. Thank you Mary, it was a lovely show; let's do it again.

The Rialto Theatre has a Volunteer of the Month program and chosen for the month of April were Olga Ancel, Mildred Pucel, Jonita Ruth and Jean Govednik. Each was presented with a corsage and tickets to a show of their choice in appreciation for their dedicated volunteer service.

We have two future members to plan for; a baby girl born to Mary Jean Hayducak, (Grandma, Jo Tezak) and a baby girl born to Darla Tomac. Congratulations to mothers and babies!

Along with our May celebration, we presented awards to our high school scholarship winners. Ann Dragovan, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, made the presentations to Stephanie Zawoysky, Jill DeJule, Erin Regis and Jennifer Grisham. Congratulations again, girls, may your high school days be happy ones. Erin Regis was also chosen as a member of the Varsity Cheer Leading Squad.

"Benny" Papesh, caretaker of St. Joseph's Cemetery for as long as anyone can remember--well, for 37 years,

retired. He and Theresa are now enjoying life "down by the river side!!" Congratulations, good luck and enjoy!

If you have an extra prayer handy, offer it for our members who are ill. We have several this month. Frances Stonitch, Jennie Kochevar and her husband, Cathy Jo Raddatz, Dolores Zbachnic, Theresa Sepich, Margaret Stalzer and Dorothy Jursinic, who returned from Hawaii and was hospitalized. A speedy recovery to each of you.

We extend congratulations to Lisa and Brian Bottino who were recently married. Lisa is the daughter of Carol Calvanna, one of our new members. Congratulations to Judy and William Corum who were married May 6. Judy is a long time member and the daughter of the late Agnes and Al Lovati.

We have anniversary congratulations to extend to Marge and Chuck Franze, who celebrated their 35. Celebrating 25 years are Mr. & Mrs. Gene Jevitz and Jonita and Fred Ruth. On to the gold!

God called home two of our members within the last month; Anna Jerisha and Lillian Ferguson. Anna was 94 years old and a 60 year member. She was in attendance last year when we celebrated our 60th anniversary and honored all 60 year members. She will be missed for her happy smile and friendly disposition and by her card playing friends. Lillian was a recent member but she touched many people because of her profession and her concern for others; she was a nurse. We extend our sympathy to their families and also to Mildred Briski on the death of her husband, Anton; to Theresa and Benny Papesh, and Mary Jane Vergo on the death of their brother and brother-in-law, George Papesh. Also called to his rest was Father Thaddeus Trpin, O.F.M. He spent eight years at St. Joseph's Church, Joliet, and recently was at St. Stephen's in Chicago. We will miss him; he was a real Slovenian "bundle of joy."

More items of interest to pass along: Lill Cepon was recently chosen Vice President of the Slovenska Pesem Chorus; Ken and Linda Grisham just returned from a great trip to Hawaii; Alice Kraus, a fashion design and merchandising student at Rosary College had a showing of her designs in children's wear at the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Rudy and Millie Pucel were at the Kennedy Space Center for the April launch of the Atlantis when it was

scrubbed 21 seconds before liftoff. Their son, Philip, received the invitation and car pass from an astronaut friend, mission specialist Mary Cleave. Accompanying them were son, Chris and family, son, Victor and fiancée from Florida and friends Mary and Stan Marolt of Bradenton, Fla., also Rose and Rich Horvat of Tampa, Fla. The Pucels also witnessed the night launch of the Atlantis in November, 1985.

Congratulations to Rudy Pucel and Ronald Mrozek who won reelection to their respective offices of Joliet Township Trustee and Joliet Township Collector. Their better halves are Mildred and Laura!

Keep in mind our Fall events: Family bowl and pot luck dinner, 1 p.m. at Rivals Bowling alley, Sept. 10. Call Dorothy Regis for details 726-8292.

Next meeting Tuesday, Sept. 19. And the Grape Festival Dance, Sunday, Sept. 24, with Bob Doszak's music.

Have a nice summer.

Find room in your heart for a stranger,

Your friends are already there.

HELEN PLUT

NO. 22, BRADLEY, IL

Free in Spring '89! Emerald Green Lawn Care, compliments of Mother Nature and her copious rains! How different from 1988!

And 'twas a fine April Sunday that we enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Starasinich family - Mollie, Elizabeth and Ann. Many thanks for a great afternoon.

Our Woman-of-the-Year, Mary Ann Barothy, has done a switch. She and her mother have invited us to spend a day in Indianapolis, a picnic in the backyard. We appreciate the invitation and hope we can make it. We are very proud of Mary Ann; she has channeled her energies and giftedness in right directions.

The Mass on May 9 was offered for our deceased members, most of whom were our mothers. It was fitting to remember them in this beautiful month.

The parish staff dubbed him "Mr. St. Joseph Church" and he was buried on the Feast of St. Joseph, March 18 this year. Louie Lustig gave 25 years of daily volunteer service to the church and school. He was the 85-yr. old brother of the Lustig sisters, Gab-

rielle, Toni Legris, and Emma, members of Br. 22. Also, our condolences to Anne Richards and family on the loss of her brother, Victor Krall, who died in late May, quite unexpectedly, following surgery. We pray for their eternal peace.

Of happy memory is Paula Ozbolt, aunt to the Lustig family, so kindly remembered by Christina Reich in the Immigrant story that appeared in the May issue. It was a surprise to see Teta Paula's name in print again but, more importantly, to see it immortalized in the mind and heart of one who is grateful for the understanding and compassion our aunt had shown.

Congratulations to Mollie McIntyre on becoming great-grandmother for the sixth time (stand corrected if there are more). The occasion called for a trip to California to greet the new addition.

In May and early June there were special birthdays observed by Mary Rittmanic, Anna LaMontagne and Mayme Drassler (new to the rank), all octogenarians. Good health and a long life to them!

Have a safe and happy summer everyone--without the simmer!

EMMA LUSTIG

NO. 23, ELY, MN

On May 1, "MOTHER OF THE YEAR BANQUET" honoring Katherine Merhar was held at church hall. Present were Charles Sr., husband, Charles Jr. and wife Judy, and Marge, daughter. Son, David and family were unable to attend. Brother Pete and wife, nephew Greg Hutar, sister-in-law, Kitty, brother Bernie Hutar were also unable to attend. Employees and ex-employees of Ace Hardware were also present. Sisters-in-law, Mary Palcher, Molly Zupancich, and Christine Tekautz of Babbit were also in attendance. Son, David wrote nice letter and sent a rosary from Madaguaria. Daughter Marge took over program. Slides were shown of lots of family outings and also with relatives. Katherine played her accordion and piano at all of them. She certainly can bring out the music in everybody and donates a lot of her talent to parties at Nursing Home and plays piano for the musicals put on. She's always willing to play for community singing and she can play without any books or sheets. We all enjoyed slides. Slovenian Choir came to sing. That was a complete surprise to

Katherine. Songs were favorites of all of us. Mary Gotchnik played her accordion during cocktail hour. Guests were Fr. Hoffman, Sr. Cabrini and Tory Bobence, our National President. 112 people attended. All members thought it was a well-deserved award. We wish her the best of everything in the future. Our dinner, chicken or pork chop, with all the trimming was delicious. Cocktail hour 5-6 p.m. was enjoyed by all. Committee that night: Jane Yadlosky, Rose Novak, Mary Smuk, R.M. Buchner, Flo Markovich, Ann Lunka, Marge Gornick, Molly Grahek, Tina Boomer, Gen Erchul. Thanks for job well-done. Table decorations were nice and big prizes were very nice. Nice to see our treasurer, Helen Strukel at party after her surgery.

May 8 - Dawn Club

Pres. A. Mobilia opened meeting with a reading, Prayer to St. Francis of Assisi. Sec'y D. Popesh read minutes. No treasurer's report. S. Davidson on vacation. Talked about getting bus to Duluth for Fall meeting. Price will be \$10.50. Sign up as soon as possible. Cookbooks were selling very well. 33 members present. Still haven't had any spring weather. Discussed our August 14 meeting. Will be a picnic smorgasbord at church hall. Price will be \$4.50. Cocktail hour at 5 p.m. dinner at 6 p.m. Hope we have a good turnout.

Door prize won by Mary Grahek. Ladies on lunch committee were: Mary Starkovich, Mary Jammick, Fran Marolt, Rose Perushek, and Polly Polyner. Nice lunch served. "B" enjoyed by all. Hope you all have a nice summer. My husband, Art, me, my three sisters, my sister-in-law and my brother-in-law going to Plymouth and Milwaukee, Wisconsin during Memorial Day weekend to visit with our two brothers.

Hope to be back in the fall.

KRIS GARNI

LIKES "POTS & PANS"

Please send me 2 more of your Slovenian cook books. I really enjoy mine. It's the nearest to my dear mother's cooking that I have ever seen. Enclosed is a check. I thank you.

*Elizabeth Coet
Pinedale, Wyoming*

Irene M. Odorizzi
2362 Paddock Lane
Reston, Va. 22091

THE IMMIGRANT

Christina

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Part II

"Married Life"

(Christina Pirman of Chicago continues the interesting story of her life after she married. The experiences she encountered are not the ordinary experiences of a married woman. She went from a traditional Slovenian community to a completely different life in a tropical country.)

In 1929, I began to get interested in social activities and joined a lodge at St. Stephen's Church. When I lived in Pennsylvania, I had belonged to the Church Choir, SNPJ, Lyria, Sokol, which was a gymnastics organization. I was also interested in two dramatic clubs. It was at St. Stephen's in Chicago that I met a handsome man from Winona, Illinois, Willard Pirman.

We courted about two years and finally decided to get married on July 23, 1932, but our marriage was short-lived. Three days after the wedding he took ill and a week from the day of our marriage, they took him away in an ambulance. Eight weeks later on Oct. 3, 1932 I became a widow.

Times were hard then. I was depressed and in ill health. Mama had another baby, William. My father was so proud of a son at that elderly age, as his hair was solid white and my mother was already forty-three years old. They were embarrassed because the young ones weren't having any children but the "old folks," were having babies, my father said.

Well, when Billy was a year old we lived across from Whittier School. Billy liked riding his tricycle on the newly waxed floors. We had had a wedding reception at the house and used the floors for dancing. He drove with his little foot under him and suddenly the bike slipped and hit him between his legs! It affected his muscles and as the days passed he kept falling on his back. My mother took him to St. Luke's Presbyterian Hospital where they examined him and said that he had spinal meningitis. They took him away from my mother and burned up all his nice new clothes! He was then taken to the contagious ward of the hospital. My mother didn't understand all the questions that the doctors had asked her and she had a hard time explaining to them that he hurt himself on the tricycle, between the legs. When they put him on his feet he would fall backwards and that's why they thought he had spinal meningitis. So Billy was really a victim two ways, by the accident and by being mis-diagnosed.

Well, my father had never shown that he was really



The Reich girls in 1924, Elsie, Christina and Mary

religious but when I went downstairs to wash clothes, I found him on his knees praying, "Dear God let me see him once more." We were not allowed to see Billy except through a glass window. They told us that if Billy dies they would bury him. Finally, we were allowed to bring him home but the Health Dept. checked on him frequently to see that he really didn't have spinal meningitis. From that time on my father never touched him. He was pampered. For instance, in the mornings my father would open the oven door to warm up Billy's underwear so that when he put them on they would be nice and warm. That's the kind of care he got. We even had to go to the third floor with our little hot brick and a lantern for him! When Billy grew into adulthood and went out on dates, my mother would take his pajamas and warm them on the stove. I said, "Are you kidding? He's coming from a girlfriend and you're heating his pajamas for him?"

On the other hand I was brought up very strictly. I sang in the choir and the way our house was situated my father could see the choir loft from the house. He would give us ten minutes to get home after the service. If I wasn't home in time, he'd go out and yell, and you could really hear him because of the hills, "Christina." I'd come running like crazy. Another thing, we never answered our father or mother back. I answered back one time and I was already married and he slapped me right over my mouth. With one hand on my hip I said, "Who do you think you're hitting?"

My father answered firmly, "You."

I said, "My name isn't Reich any more, it's Pirman."

He answered again more firmly, "I don't care what your name is, as long as you sit at my table and put your feet under there and eat off my table, I'm your boss and if you don't like it, don't let the door hit you. Get out!"

You had to do what he said, but we didn't like him less. No way. We loved him more. He didn't want us standing on the corner looking at any "scrap" which meant, "the boys." He said, "If you want to see a boy, bring him in the house. I want to look at him."

Well, those years I lived with my folks and plugged along. There were dear friends who helped us out and I worked here and there. Then after four years being widowed, my life began to change.

My husband's brother John was a tough army sargent who had spent an eleven-year tour of duty in the Phillipines, and had just returned to the States. He headed home to Winona, Illinois, and when he opened the door to his home he was greeted by a stranger. "Where are my mother and father?" he questionad.

The lady sadly responded, "They are both dead. Go down to see your godmother." So, John, one of the thirteen Pirman children, went to visit his godmother.

"John, I am sorry to tell you this. Not only are your parents dead but your niece was killed going to a piano lesson, and your brother, Willard, died soon after his marriage. That must be four years already."

John came to Chicago to visit his other brother who lived on the northside and while he was in the vicinity he said, "I want to see Willard's widow." Later he told me that when he took a look at me, he knew that I was for him. He said, "that Slovenian is going to be mine," but I didn't think so. He was single, thirty-four and a tall man weighing three hundred pounds and I was short and built small. But before I knew it I was off my feet with him.

My father said, "Soldiers have no time for anything, they act real fast," and, he was right. We were married quickly. I met him in June and we were married in November of 1936.

That was the beginning of a lot of hard luck. I was now an army wife and discovered army life is really rough and hard for a "non-com." For an officer, it's fine. We couldn't find quarters and my first home was a converted coal shanty. We had a two burner gas stove on two bricks, and a little pot bellied stove which made everything smokey.

My mother was heartsick when she came to visit. She said, "Christina, Christina, is this what you gave up a nice home for?" She handed me two pillows and continued, "Here are two pillows so you can sleep on your own and not somebody else's." Those were pillows that came from Europe when Mama and I brought them with us in 1913.

"Mama, please don't look at this house. John is so good to me that I don't see what this place looks like." Shortly after that we got new quarters at Fort Sheridan. There it was beautiful. We lived in a duplex.

War was brewing in Europe unknown to us but the government knew. John had studied how to plant mines years before, and in time, he would be putting that skill to work.

One day he came home and announced, "Honey, I got bad news for you."

"What is it?"

"We are ordered out."

"We just moved in. I'm not going."

"You don't say anything to the government, Hon."

"Well, I'm not going."

He got very angry. "You have a choice, to go with me, or I am going as a divorced man. Do you realized what you signed for the government?"



Wedding photo of Christina and John

"Yes, I signed a paper stating that I would not interfere with your army career. So what choice have I?"

That night he didn't say much but just sat there fuming like a bear saying, "So you're not going."

And I kept repeating, "No, I'm not going."

I told my mother and she said, "You're not going anywhere." Soldiers had been talking about what a hell hole it was.

That night, John slept with his back toward me and I cried all night long and tried to weigh things in my mind. How would it be? I had an attractive home to return to. My relatives were in the army. Would I go home and be a maid in my parents' home? Being the eldest I'd have to cook, clean, wash clothes, help my mother.

In the morning John began his daily ritual of calisthenics and when he was ready to leave and was starting down the steps, I told him, "John, I'm going with you."

"O.K. You'll get a call today."

I did get a call from the doctors telling me to go in for immunization shots. My arms hurt me something terrible. Then because I wasn't an American citizen, we had to go down about my citizenship. That was another battle and I was scolded. "Where have you been? It's been twenty-five years. Where have you been all these years?" I was sick. Who thought about things like that? I went through the test and had to go to Panama as an alien. My application would take ninety days but we were leaving in sixty days.

John and I would be joining his army buddies and their wives aboard the ship for Panama. There was a clique and rumors had spread. "Oh, John Pirman is married..." "He was a bachelor for so long." "He is going to come

SCHOLARSHIP HONORS PAST NAT'L PRESIDENT

We are especially proud to award the ANTONIA TUREK SCHOLARSHIP during this 40th anniversary of the scholarship program. It was suggested at the Christmas luncheon, in 1985, of the combined branches of Ohio. Since then \$1,268 has been collected to establish this scholarship in Antonia's memory. Truly worthy of this recognition, she is endeared by the following personal remarks:

Valerie T. Katai: "Toni was my sister-in-law and we spent many happy hours together. She always had S.W.U. in her heart and mind. I'll never forget how she cleared out their 'rec' room for the cookbooks! Frank packed them and helped with the mailing orders. When we'd visit, we would be put to work. Now they're gone. I miss them."

Ann Tercek, President, Branch 50 and Ohio-Michigan Regional President: "I always admired Antonia for the dedication that she had for our Slovenian Women's Union, and it showed as she was our National President for twelve years. I'm sure she is rewarded for all the good she had done. May she rest in peace."

Irene Jagodnik, former secretary, Branch 50: "When I first met Toni she impressed me as an individual who could get people motivated to accomplish many wonderful things. A fine example is the collection of monies for the Slovenian Chapel at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Toni was always pleasant and straight forward with me - a powerful personality. She is still missed and not forgotten."

Frances Nemanich: "I remember Antonia Turek for all the ambitions she had for our S.W.U. She was in charge of demonstrations of making strudels, flancate and poticas, bake sales and style shows, besides the bowling leagues



ANTONIA TUREK
National President 1961-1973

and bowling tournaments. She was instrumental in getting chapel donations, with the help of her husband, Frank; Joseph Nemanich and John Susnik. \$70,000 was collected for the Slovenian Chapel built in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Washington, D.C."

Carole Traven: "Aside from knowing how dedicated Antonia was with our Slovenian Women's Union, we were friends for many years, and she was kind and very good to me. She was an excellent cook and baker. I can remember how very often she would talk about her mother (Antonia Gornick, deceased, of Chisholm, MN). She really respected her and loved her dearly."

Vi Zak: "I knew Antonia mostly through Branch 50. How dedicated she was! Her heart and soul were in our ZVEZA! I remember all the good things she did."

on this ship with his bride." "We'll take a look at her and she what's she's like. If we don't like her we'll shun her."

At the point of embarkation everyone was gathered together and I heard, "Oh, here's Johnny. Here's Johnny." Everybody forgot Chris. I was standing there by myself. What was I supposed to do?

The happy conversation continued, "We hear you were married." He said, "Oh, yeah. She's outside." He came running out for me and brought his single and married friends with him. He introduced me. Naturally, being foreign born, I fitted in with the other wives because many of the men had married foreign ladies since they had traveled abroad so much. That's one thing the Pirman family didn't like about me. I was a "greenhorn." They tried to block both marriages.

What a beautiful seven-day trip we had to Panama and when the ship docked in Cristobol, the army band awaited us and were playing music. One of the men said, "Look, Christina, what came for you." I looked down at a very little boat. "I'm not going in that thing because I'm too afraid of the water." As we were going down the gangplank, there was an officer in white with gold braid and a lady dressed all in white standing next to him. She was holding a bouquet of flowers. I didn't think they were waiting for me. The lady approached me and said, "Welcome to Panama Mrs. Pirman," and she presented me with the lovely bouquet. The officer introduced himself and welcomed John.

When we walked down the dock, we headed straight for that little boat. I told John, "I'm not going into that little boat." He replied, "Yes, you are." And I did but I was resentful all the way there. We went to Fort Sherman, into the jungle. I had heard how bad it was and thought "It's tropical. It's beautiful, everything is in flowers. How nice it is."

The lady who had met us at the boat, took us to her house. It is customary in the army that the people you are replacing have to take you in, till your furniture comes and everything is in order. Then when they are leaving, you take care of their things that must be shipped away. She took us downstairs to her apartment and served us a meal. I thought to myself, "This lady doesn't know how to cook. Everything tastes rotten." It didn't even smell good. Little did I know at that time that I would eat like that for two years.

That night she told us our quarters were upstairs. When we were going up she gave us a flit gun. I saw things flying around the house earlier and I thought, are those big butterflies? I soon found out that they were flying cockroaches and they were big! Well, after all, I was going into the jungle. The gun was for the bugs. She said, "Here child, if you see a cockroach, just do this" and she showed me how to plunge the gun.

End Part II
(To be continued)

Hermine Dicke:

MORE REPLIES from SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Three additional reports follow the twelve already published in ZARJA from scholarship winners who have remained members and who have submitted replies requested on their professional and current life-style. (Reports are still welcome from those winners who have not replied).

Bernadette Starceвич Sinuzzi of Branch No. 3, Pueblo, CO, a 1978 winner, writes: "With the help of the scholarship monies from the Slovenian Women's Union, I attended Pueblo Community College from 1978-79. I was enrolled in their secretarial program during which time I worked part-time for a Community Action Agency. During the summer of 1979, I served as an acting executive secretary and was promoted in the fall to the executive secretary.

In June, 1981, I married Dan Sinuzzi. In June, 1982, our first child was born, Daniel John. After working through 1986, my husband and I decided that I was needed at home to raise our family, as our second child, Alyssa Joan, was born in September, 1987.

My job as a mother and a housewife keeps me extremely busy. The children bring so much joy and happiness into our lives. Daniel started kindergarten this fall and is doing a fantastic job. He was awarded a Certificate of Achievement by the Hellbeck Mustang Read/Study Club. Both Daniel and Alyssa are members of the Slovenian Women's Union. Alyssa always has a big smile and a twinkle in her eyes.

Many thanks for the a S.W.U. scholarship; it was a great help."

Sharon Globokar of Branch No. 14, Euclid, OH, received her scholarship award in 1980, and replies: "Congratulations on your 40th anniversary! I extend my appreciation to those who established the scholarship fund, and maintain the program for those pursuing a college education. I am proud and honored to have been a scholarship recipient.

I completed my college education at Miami University in Oxford, OH. In 1984, I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics and Consumer Sciences. After graduation, I became a manager for Petrie Stores Corporation in Richmond Hts., OH. I am now employed at Ram Communications of Ohio in Cleveland, as a customer service representative.

Part of my spare time is spent as an instructor in the Public School Religion Program at St. Christine Parish in Euclid, OH. Through this experience, I am learning the importance of helping young people achieve their goals, just as this organization helped me to achieve one of the most important goals in my life. Again, thanks to all!"

From Racine, WI, **Douglas D. Walsh**, a 1981 scholarship winner, of Branch No. 43, reports: "I received a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from the University of WI - Madison in June 1985. Upon graduation, I accepted a financial analyst position with S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc. (Johnson Wax) in Racine, WI. During my 3-1/2 years at SCJ I have served in many financial capacities. Currently I am assisting the Worldwide Global Services Controller in supporting several of our new "service" subsidiaries, including several trips to Miami, FL where our recent acquisition, the "Bugs" Burger Bug Killers Co., is located.

In addition to working full-time, I am pursuing my Masters Degree in Business Administration at Marquette University, anticipating graduating next December.

In the limited personal time, I have continued my strong interest in sports, primarily basketball, tennis and softball, and remained close to my family and friends. My mother lives in Greendale, WI and continues to teach in the Milwaukee Public School District, while my brother, David, is doing extremely well also at the University of WI - Madison School of Business.

My strong educational background has provided me the opportunity to work for one of the finest corporations in the nation. Those college years also form the fondest memories of the 25 years I have lived. I encourage all our members in high school to work hard and strive to attend the advanced educational institution of their choice. There is a world of opportunity available for those who have the motivation to set and achieve their goals. We are fortunate to belong to a fine organization that rewards achievement and recognizes the need to assist in the constantly rising costs of an education.

Please accept my gratitude and appreciation for the scholarship awarded to me. I hope others take advantage of the scholarship opportunities available from the Slovenian Women's Union. I would like to extend best wishes to all our members, and a special good luck to those preparing for the advancement of their education."



Support the S.W.U. Scholarship Fund with your contributions and memorials.

Branch secretaries have further information and presentation cards. Or write to the Home Office, 431 N. Chicago St., Joliet, Illinois 60432.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS OF 1989!

THERESA ROZMAN
KIM MARIE SHEGA
BRENT KALAR

MICHAEL F. BOKAUSEK
JAMES F. BRAIDIC



1989 SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

In this 40th year of S.W.U. awarding annual scholarships, the Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the five scholarship winners, one of whom is Theresa Marie Rozman of Joliet, IL who has been selected to receive the ANTONIA TUREK SCHOLARSHIP. Each will receive a \$1,000 grant. Other winners are: Brent Kalar, Kim Shega, Michael Bokausek and James Braidic.

1. **Theresa Rozman**, ANTONIA TUREK SCHOLARSHIP recipient, is the daughter of Mary and Bernard Rozman, 1225 Highland Ave., Joliet, IL, 60435. A member since birth of Branch 20, Theresa has been accepted to Parks College of St. Louis University in the Aviation Science/Professional Pilot Program, and hopes to "walk in space some day and see the grandeur of the earth from 200 miles above the earth."

She writes: "Our family keeps the Slovenian heritage alive by speaking the Slovenian language and keeping the old customs alive through practice; from baking poticas and strudels to wearing the narodna noša on special occasions to blessing the house at Christmas and blessing food at Easter. The bonds of love in our large family that were instilled by my grandparents are proof of the pride in our Slovenian ancestry." Her participation in branch activities include S.W.U. picnics, Open House, 60th anniversary and buffet dinners.

Active in her church as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Youth Group, participant of annual Saint Nicholas Program for 12 years, and on Liturgy Committee, Theresa also served her community by being a member of the Mini-Missionary Trips to Kentucky and Wisconsin, singing in a Slovenian chorus, participating in the Youth Sing Praise program, delegate to 1989 Synod Convocation while taking voice training classes. She attended the NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama, during May of this year.

Her school activities are too numerous to mention – a few are: first soprano voice, piano accompanist, photographer, editorship of the yearbook, four years in the administrative office as a Dean's runner and Administrative Assistant. Theresa's counselor writes: "Here is a leader who has been listed in Who's Who in American High School Students, for four years."

2. **Brent Kalar**, son of Barbara and Allen Kalar, 315 S. 2nd St., East Aurora, MN 55705, a member of Branch 35, is considering the University of MN with a major in International Relations. A member of the National Honor Society, Brent scored a grade point average of 3.97 (4.0 being the highest), a superb scholar, besides holding leadership roles throughout his school life. His interest in the U.S. government won him a "Government in Action" contest with a week long all-expense trip to Washington, D.C., bringing him a wealth of governmental knowledge.

Interested in art, Brent produces a weekly cartoon strip in two local newspapers and did artwork for the school annual, besides basketball (earned varsity letter), football and track, participating in the school's pep, concert and jazz bands, and won a district championship medal on the Speech Team. He won the right to participate in MN's Boys State and the National Rural Electric Cooperation Association of the Washington Youth Tour.

An active youth in the S.W.U. branch activities "giving of his time and talents whenever called upon", Brent

has been a Mass server since 2nd grade, a reader at Sunday Masses, and an active member of the Youth Group. Many family members are also members of S.W.U.

3. **Kim Marie Shega**, daughter of Yong Hui and Frank Shega, 10233 Pirates Trail, Aurora, OH 44202, is a member of Branch 42, and will major in Pre-medicine in Hiram College. Kim has been a member of the National Honor Society and in the top 10% of her class, a statistician during her four high school years as well as manager for the wrestling team; a member of the girls' track team, Spanish Club, Latin Club, Teen Institute and frontline dancer. She has tutored students in a variety of subjects spending a lot of volunteer time.

In her parish she has served as Eucharistic Minister, a Lector, Religion Teacher, Renewal Director and Liturgical Dancer. Her grandmother is very active in the Branch and Kim's fondest memories are of the S.W.U. Christmas parties that she would attend with her two sisters, mother and grandmother.

Kim hopes to someday be a doctor helping those in need and stop some of the suffering that goes on in the world.

4. **Michael F. Bokausek**, son of Marion and Frank Bokausek, 7737 Fern Drive, Mentor, OH 44060, is a member of Branch 10. At the University of Dayton, he contemplates majoring in English.

A member of the National Honor Society for three years, Michael was awarded as "best student" given annually in both Spanish and Advanced Placement American History programs. For three years he has been on the staff of the school's literary magazine, **The Carpenter**, editor this year. A member of Studio Art League and Art Club; school bowling team and a community baseball team, Michael ranks in the top 10% of the class. His personal goal is to have a career in writing – movies, plays or novels; another option is teaching.

"Through the knowledge and wisdom of my grandmother and aunt who are active S.W.U. members, and my grandfather and uncle, I came into the upbringing of a Slovenian", writes Michael, "and I have attempted to show that pride of heritage through academic achievement."

5. **James F. Braidic**, son of Nadine and James, 26931 Oriole Ave., Euclid, OH 44132, a member of Branch 50 as are his grandmother and aunt, plans to attend Lakeland Community College in Mentor, OH to major in Law Enforcement. Fascinated with the profession after taking the course offered to seniors, James would like to get a degree in Criminal Law before entering the Police Academy.

He adds: "I am very proud of my Slovenian heritage. Most of my friends are of the Slovenian descent so most of the holiday customs have become our way of life. Because of working as a dietary porter in a local hospital during the week and on week ends, very little time is available for school sports or social clubs. I did do some school photography and PA announcing especially for a talent show."

Scholarship Committee:

Olga Ancel, Victoria Bobence, Anna Hodnik, Rose Kraemer, Mary Muller, Irene Odorizzi and Hermine Dicke, chairman.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 6, 7, 8, 1989, Home Office, Joliet, Illinois

The President, Victoria Bobence, opened the meeting with prayer. Roll call was taken. Present were the following National Officers of Slovenian Women's Union of America: President, Victoria Bobence, Vice-President, Cirila Kermavner, Secretary, Olga Ancel, Treasurer, Sylvia Vukodinovich, 2nd Auditor, Mary Muller, 3rd Auditor, Marion Marolt, Editor, Corinne Leskovar, Director of Culture and Heritage Irene Odorizzi, Director of Women's and Youth Activities, Frances Morison. Absent were 1st Auditor, Irene Jagodnik, Scholarship Committee President, Hermine Dicke and Co-Chairman of Women's and Youth Activities, Bernadette Kovacic, all excused for cause.

Reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting in 1988 were dispensed. References to the Minutes can be made in their published form, (July-August, 1988 ZARJA) all corrections being made before publication by the Executive Committee.

The President called for officers' reports. Treasurer Sylvia Vukodinovich was the first to report. Her resumé of the financial statement for the year was given and discussed point by point.

The President, Vice-President, Secretary each gave their reports following, with lengthy discussion given to the Secretary's financial report.

Our representative to the Illinois Fraternal Congress annual meeting was member of Br. 20, Marian J. Jakovich. Her report was presented in written form and accepted for file.

Cultural and Heritage Activities report followed. Due to its important content, this report was thoroughly discussed and points noted for further discussion.

The Board wishes to remind the branches of the importance of having a Branch Historian selected to gather historical and current information on branch members and activities and to keep records of same. This work is vital for the present time to help with planning and understanding each branch's individual situation. The historical compilation of the SWU history which is being assembled at this time will help us give proper credit to those who built this organization, will outline the differences and similarities between each group and will be an inspirational tool for the Slovenian Women's Union of the future.

Women's and Youth Activities report and Editor's report followed.

All officers' reports given verbally were accepted with thanks.

Recess for lunch and signing of greeting cards. The Board especially greets Anna Pachak of Pueblo, Colorado who is now living in a nursing home and we are extending our gratitude for all her work during her long tenure as officer on the national and local levels.

Afternoon session: Officers' written reports were read as follows: 1st Auditor, Irene Jagodnik offered her resignation in a letter to the President. The Board asks her to reconsider and the President will convey this wish to her. Scholarship Committee Report by President, Hermine Dicke was accepted as read. Discussion was held on the addendum, Mrs. Dicke's Financial Report, on the sale of the SWU Cookbook, Pots and Pans. The Co-Chairman of Women's and Youth Activities, Bernadette Kovacic sent

a report and list of proposals. Written reports were also received from Regional Presidents, namely, Western States, Rosemary Mlakar; Colorado-Kansas-Missouri, Frances Simonich; Illinois-Indiana, Sharon Naudziunas; Minnesota, Emily Skull; Ohio-Michigan, Ann Tercek; Pennsylvania-New York, Washington, D.C., Jennie Flisek and Wisconsin, Joan Yaklich.

All written reports were accepted with thanks.

New business: proposals and points brought up during the reading of reports will be itemized.

Scholarship: A new brochure, listing all pre-requisites for applying, all information that the application should prepare and what are the duties of the sponsorship branch will be published and distributed among all branches and scholarship prospects. This brochure must clearly and thoroughly describe the SWU Scholarship Program. The Board feels that student aid as it has been given in the past and will in the future, is one of the main features of this organization and needs to have greater emphasis put into it. The motion by S. Vukodinovich and seconded by M. Marolt. Carried.

Pots and Pans Cookbook: The financial standing of the S.W.U. greatly bears on the success of the cookbook sales, especially as all monies from sales are used to cover the expenses of our quadrennial national conventions. Branches are asked to become more aware of this fact and to help in the sale of cookbooks as much as possible. The alternative, if there is insufficient money coming into the Convention Fund from cookbook sales, is that branches will have to take up the burden of convention expenses.

Cultural & Heritage Activities: A proposal was made by the chairman to set up a Board of Trustees for the SWU Heritage Museum, this new group to be composed of outside individuals who would form a fund-raising plan for the future. Motion by C. Leskovar and seconded by C. Kermavner. Carried.

Another proposal was made that the Heritage Committee publish postcards with pictures of items in the Museum. Several suggestions were brought forth and Mrs. Odorizzi will work on it in the future.

Heritage Weekend: In order to promote the Slovenian heritage, its culture, music, art and folklore the S.W.U. will sponsor Heritage Weekends for Youth and possibly for Adults in the summer of 1990, to be held in Lemont, Illinois at the Slovenian Franciscan Fathers retreat center. Moved by I. Odorizzi and seconded by C. Kermavner. Carried.

40th Anniversary of Scholarship Fund: In honor of the anniversary of the S.W.U. Scholarship Fund in 1989, the fund will be distributed to five qualified applicants at \$1,000 each for the school year 1989-1990. Moved by M. Muller and seconded by M. Marolt. Carried.

Proposals for fund-raising in 1989-90: To add to the Convention Fund, greater sales of the cookbook Pots and Pans must be generated. The following proposal was moved: 1) to investigate new outlets for cookbook sales in the general marketplace; 2) to ask branches for guidance and suggestions as to how the next convention (1991) will be financed with the possibilities being increased cookbook sales by the branches and members, branch participation in fund-raising thru their own methods, specifically for

the convention fund, and thirdly by some fund-raising at regional meetings. In any case, members must be informed of this serious financial deficit in the convention fund and asked for their input as to ways it can be helped. Moved by I. Odorizzi, seconded by M. Marolt. Carried.

Coloring Book: A Coloring book for children with pictures on Slovenian heritage, folk art and customs, will be prepared by the Heritage Director with September, 1989 as the completion date. Moved by I. Odorizzi and seconded by S. Vukodinovich. Carried.

Junior Meeting: Junior leadership meeting in connection with Regional Meeting at each state jurisdiction is proposed. Moved by O. Ancel, seconded by C. Leskovar. Carried.

Zarja review of the year was outlined by the Editor. Costs have not increased by the printer but since the number of pages in the year have increased, the total for 1988 Zarja printing is greater. Content with reporters and writers being very diligent is as good if not better than in the past. Everyone is very grateful for the good work of all concerned with Zarja's publication. The suggestion to cut Zarja issues to fewer than 9 was discussed and discounted at this time. With fewer Zarjas per year the second class postal permit would be disqualified. No further discussion at this time.

Problem solving: The Secretary reported on problems arising through the year such as infringement of by-laws by some branches. The President will take these matters into her jurisdiction with assistance by auditor, Marion Marolt. Moved by S. Vukodinovich and seconded by M. Marolt. Carried.

Certificates of Appreciation for branches to present to their long-standing and loyal officers or any member who deserves such recognition will be prepared and offered. The branches are asked to send in names and pictures of such members for special distinction in Zarja. Moved by C. Leskovar, seconded by I. Odorizzi. Carried.

Membership Campaign: Joliet Branch 20 is first with 60 new members in one year. Their special effort in this regard was in honor of the branch's 60th anniversary in 1989. In Phase II of the present campaign, the secretary reported 215 new members enrolled. Individual winner is Jonita Ruth, Br. 20 officer. The full list of winners will be given in the July issue of Zarja. This Phase II prize, in addition to the regular cash awards will be a bouquet of flowers to the single winner.

The Phase II campaign will begin April 1, 1989 and be called "Tory's Greenhouse". A special single prize will be given to the worker enrolling the most Junior members, to be called our SWU "seedlings". This prize will be a beautiful floral terrarium. The special prize for the most adult members enrolled will be a hanging basket of flowers. Moved by C. Kermavner and seconded by M. Muller. Carried.

Regional Conventions:

April 16 — PA—NY—DC, to be held at Oakmont, Br. 91, hostess;

Sept. 10 — MINN, to be held in Duluth, Br. 33, hostess;

Sept. 10 — WISC, to be held in Willard, Br. 102, hostess;

Oct. 1 — ILL—IND, to be held in Chicago, Br. 2, hostess;

Oct. 1 — OHIO—MICH, to be held in Euclid, Br. 32, hostess.

Conventions in the Western States and COLO—KANS—MISS will be announced. The President appointed several National Officers to attend these conventions as official representatives of the Board. Congratulations to all the branches for their successful work in hosting the regional meetings. In preparation for the 1991 National Convention, the Regional Presidents are reminded that there are important subjects to be proposed for discussion concerning delegates and future Zveza business.

National Convention: Dates proposed by the Board are between May 16 and 21, 1991. The site is Cleveland, Ohio and Convention Chairman appointed at the last convention is Evelyn Majercik of Br. 73, Warrensville, Ohio. She will be invited to the next Board meeting in 1990.

Meeting adjourned for this day at 6:30 p.m.

Corinne Leskovar, Recording Secretary
(Mon.)

Tuesday, March 7, 1989 the meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. with prayer by President, V. Bobence. The Audit of ledgers was held.

Discussion regarding nominating procedures at the National Convention.

Reiterated the need for guidelines to assist the nominating committee. A workable approach to satisfy all concerned a definite necessity.

Visit to First Midwest Bank. Review of the activities of S.W.U.'s portfolio and bank investors policies.

Lunch.

Reconvened at 3:13 p.m.

Visit by Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Athanasius. A pleasant visit with words of encouragement.

A very interesting and insightful presentation given to the board by Marian Jackovich, a member of the Executive Board (AFU) and delegate to the Illinois Fraternal Congress. Topics covered: 1. Aids virus, 2. Alcoholism, 3. Community based aging services. Remarks regarding possible taxation of Fraternal Organizations also reported to Board.

Job descriptions read and presented.

1. Hermine Dicke, Scholarship

2. Corinne Leskovar, Editor

3. Ciril Kermavner, Vice-President

4. Marion Marolt, Auditor

5. Mary Muller, in agreement with M. Marolt, Auditor

6. Fran Morison — Women's Activities

7. Irene Odorizzi, Cultural & Heritage

8. President and Treasurer detailed and satisfactorily defined in by-laws.

Due to lateness of hour, the meeting adjourned until the next day and remainder of reports and business will be read then. Meeting adjourned with prayer by President, V. Bobence.

Meeting re-convened at 9:10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 1989. Prayer was led by President.

Meeting began with the continuation of discussion on Regional President's reports. Card and letter read from Mary Marolt of Brandon, FL.

Visit by Fr. Stalzer. Many organizations are losing their identity. Some are surviving only by services they can render, such as, the sale of insurance policies, etc. We must search for selling points to make our organization saleable. Development of the Heritage Museum would certainly give us a tangible objective. Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of renovating the National Office

and cost of same. Possibly finding an architect or someone willing to donate part or all of his expertise our goal. Fr. S. suggested an architect whom he feels may be willing to render his services and present a package for consideration.

We seem to be overlooking our greatest resources for recruiting youth members and that is by attracting the parents. That means we may need to pay more attention to the 30-50 age bracket. Family involvement could encourage and enhance vitality of the organization. Following suggestions thought to be good ideas but no action taken or voted upon as we continued our discussions with Fr. Stalzer:

Lesson plans for ethnic heritage in schools. Trace your background. Should try, if it doesn't work, we've made attempt.

Personal touch packet to be assembled by branch secretary to entice new members.

Roster of all Slovenian parishes for communication purposes. Mailing imperative.

Job description received was read from Bernadette Kovacic, Co-chairman, Women's and Youth Activities.

Letter read from Tony Gaber, Pres. Bishop Baraga Association of Chicago regarding Baraga Days in Chicago, Sept. 1-2, 1990, requesting a representative from S.W.U.

National Office to attend a meeting to be held on Sun., Mar. 12th at St. Stephen's Church Hall, Chicago. By the President's request, Mary Muller was appointed to go to represent S.W.U.

Irene Odorizzi, move to support attempt to preserve English as National language with a small donation. \$10.00 (Establish English as National language — U.S. English, P.O. Box 96004, Washington, D.C. 20090-6004).

Audit report by Marion Marolt. Found all books in order. Motion made by Marion and carried.

Board meeting dates for 1990, March 19-20-21.

Sylvia noted minor building repairs in plumbing and electricity; radiator problems on 2nd floor resulting in leakage of ceiling on main floor.

Agreed by Board to place an article in Zarja. Article must be put in Zarja stating that we earnestly push the cookbook sales or we will have to seek an alternative to cover the cost of the convention delegates.

Adjournment.

Members joined in a concluding prayer led by the President.

Victoria Bobence, President
Fran Morison, Recording Secretary
(Tuesday-Wednesday)

NATIONAL OFFICERS' REPORTS

(To be continued)

REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Rev. Fr. Athanasius and Officers of the Slovenian Women's Union of America:

Prayerful best wishes for a productive and enjoyable Board of Directors annual meeting! It is a pleasure to be with you once again.

This past year was filled with triumphs and uncertainties. Attending the Western States Regional Convention in Fontana, California and the Minnesota State Convention in Aurora, Minnesota have given me a sense of gratification and joy in knowing that there are dedicated people who share their S.W.U. heritage with pride and love. Invitations were received from Branch 23, Branch 34 and Branch 35 for special celebrations and/or meetings which were well-organized and tastefully done. Regrettably, there have been times when it was impossible to attend some of the branch or Regional functions due to prior commitments. Our S.W.U. National Officers are to be commended for their representation at our Regional Conventions and branch meetings; we have received complimentary reports from host branches and for this, I thank you.

Our combined branches of Minnesota meet twice a year, usually in April and August, whereby current topics pertaining to S.W.U. are discussed. This has proved to be a very effective means of communication plus the lasting friendships which develop through association. Wherever feasible, we would suggest that Regional Presidents try this out on a trial basis. It works here in Minnesota.

Job Descriptions are in the process of being written and reviewed with further discussion on this subject to be addressed at this Board meeting. It is imperative that this information will be available to future officers.

Writing the monthly president's message and gardening article for ZARJA has been stimulating and rewarding. Correspondence and information requested by branch of-

ficers and members receives my immediate attention. I have attempted to do my very best communicating through the mail or by telephone.

Membership has always been a concern. We especially need a lot more Junior members! Some of our branches are working so hard to increase membership while others do very little. Looking into the future we might ask ourselves, "What do we foresee ten years hence?" It all depends on each and everyone of us whether we care enough to preserve and enrich our ethnic culture and heritage which our parents instilled in us. In UNITY there is STRENGTH! Let's choose to be a strong and proud organization through our revitalization efforts in the Slovenian Women's Union of America.

May God continue to bless us and keep us in His loving care!

Victoria "Tory" Bobence

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY

Dober Dan!

I sincerely hope this annual meeting will give us the opportunity to establish priorities for the future. As we express our ideas for the betterment of Zveza, we can look back at past accomplishments and realize that with cooperation all our goals can be attained.

The financial results for the year 1988 were not better than 1987. Year 1988 shows a slight increase, but that only reflects the late receipt of 1987 assessments.

During the years of high interest income, we reflected favorable gains and were more "liberal" with our spending. Now with reduced revenue, we must become more cost-conscious. The trend of income and expenses for the last five years shows two categories with significant increases in 1987 and 1988 compared with the previous three years — ZARJA publication and mailing and Travel and Administrative expense.

Since ZARJA is our main selling point — what keeps SWU in the limelight — there's not much that can be done especially with increased mailing costs and printing.

We already began 1989 with a non-expense — the \$1700 cost for the State of Illinois quadrennial audit. We must make some long range decisions soon and the first to be reviewed is our 1991 convention. A separate projection of convention income is included as part of my report.

Annual awards amounting to approximately \$800 will be sent out to the 1988 secretaries sometime in March. Seventeen branches increased their membership, six stayed the same with the remaining branches showing a decrease. We need to increase our membership, especially by enrolling family members, male and female, and friends. Evidently letters sent to the branches via presidents or secretaries "begging" for new members are totally disregarded.

Secretaries will be sent a new listing of members with their awards. I'm depending on each secretary to notify me of any discrepancies. The tab sheets for this month show the following twelve members who have reached 100 years plus:

Br. 2 – Anna Ahacich	102*
Br. 105 – Mary Marcic	102
Br. 5 – Anna Jurancich	101
Br. 10 – Mary Komidar	101
Br. 38 – Frances Setina	101
Br. 43 – Angeline Pasler	101
Br. 47 – Mary Zeleznik	101*†
Br. 74 – Mary Rosenberger	101*
Br. 99 – Louise Gerdesich	101
Br. 3 – Rachel Franzel	100†
Br. 13 – Agnes Kamnik	100
Br. 96 – Anna Podobnik	100*

*Ustanovnica – charter member

Zveza accomplishments were great in uniting Slovenian women via social, sport, intellectual and other activities, creating beautiful friendships and preserving our heritages. Because of today's mobility it is important to be a Zveza member by which we keep in touch with each other and our heritages. May God bless Zveza's future in many ways.

(†Our sincere sympathy to the families of Mary Zeleznik and Rachel Franzel who passed away during the interval before press-time.)

Olga Ancel

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER

Madam President and Members of the National Board: In reviewing our financial status for the past year and considering the state of the economy, we have been very fortunate.

Our overall picture is tenuous to say the least, and we must dedicate ourselves to increasing our membership as this seems to be the only way we can improve the stability of the Slovenian Women's Union. This year we have paid out about \$2500 more in death claims over the 1987 total. We must replace these members with new ones. As a result, our assessment income was much lower than the previous year.

Again I must call attention to the fact we changed our By-Laws regarding delegates at our last convention. We will now allow one member for each branch to attend the convention, with the result that we will have approximately 80 members at the convention rather than the pre-

FINANCIAL REPORT January 1 to December 31, 1988 FINANČO POROČILO 1. januarja do 31. decembra 1988

Income – Dohodki:

Assessments	\$64,277.50
Interest from bonds	52,719.03
Interest from checking and savings	735.59
Rental	3,600.00
Bond sale profit	979.74
	\$122,311.86

Expenses – Stroški:

Death Claims – 186	\$23,300.00
Salaries	20,950.00
Administrative, travel, per diems of officers ...	9,709.76
FICA – Social Security	1,567.99
Unemployment tax	287.72
Department of Insurance	50.00
Real Estate tax	1,479.72

ZARJA — THE DAWN:

Printing	\$38,130.00
Postage	5,156.15
	43,286.15
Electricity, gas, water	3,078.18
Advertising, printing, stationery	3,352.51
Postage and telephone	2,175.70
Depreciation – rent	3,900.00
Insurance and officer bonding	2,181.70
Maintenance	542.92
Bowling, junior, campaign, secretary awards .	1,066.10
Investment service	4,157.85
Computer service	700.00

Scholarship memoriams:

Past national officer Ella Starin ..	\$25.00
Anthony Marolt	25.00
	50.00
Illinois Fraternal Congress membership and scholarship donation	60.00
Donations:	
Bishop Baraga Association	\$100.00
40th Anniversary Fr. Athanasius ..	40.00
US English	20.00
	160.00

Miscellaneous	47.00
	122,103.30

Gain for year	208.56
Balance, December 31, 1987	799,340.25

Balance December 31, 1988	\$799,548.81
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Olga Ancel, Nat'l Secretary

vious 39 members, plus Board Members and Directors. As you know the primary source of our convention income is the sale of our cook books. More books and outlets for the sale of the cook books must be found, or another source of income for the 1991 Convention should be our top priority.

Trusting that we can find some means of overcoming our problems and that this meeting will result in many new ideas and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Vukodinovich

GREETINGS FROM THE CO-DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

On Sunday, April 16, I attended the Pennsylvania—New York—D.C. State Convention in Acmetonia, Pennsylvania where I was warmly welcomed by Jennie Flisek, our regional president. I also had the opportunity to meet many of the local branch members from around the Oakmont, Pa. area.

I was impressed by the team effort on part of Branch 91, Oakmont; they did a fabulous job in decorating the American Slovenian Citizen's Association and coordinating everything so that it ran smoothly. We festively celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Branch 96 — Universal, PA, and also honored some of the 50 year members. We discussed the possibility of holding next year's convention in Washington, D.C.; the majority voted yes, so the Capital City it is for 1990!

I spoke on youth membership and plans for getting all branches' involved this summer in a one day YOUTH FESTIVAL DAY. Everybody seems to be for it; all we need now is for each branch to begin planning this day. This event is an opportunity to get members involved who do not usually participate; so let's start recruiting as many members as possible to make this a day of learning, friendship, relaxation and fun.

Once again, thank you all of Branch 91 for an enjoyable afternoon of music, conversation, and a delicious lunch.

See you in Washington next year!

BERNADETTE J. KOVACIC

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SUMMER ACTIVITY!

Ms. Kovacic's report recommends and sets in motion a fantastic branch activity, well-timed for this summer or fall and certainly an idea to consider for the future. Worksheets with complete outline for a "Youth Festival" day are available from the Home Office.

REPORT OF CO-DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Greetings to the National Board Members, Branch Members, and Youth Directors throughout the country.

So far, many ideas have been presented concerning youth and young women members of The Slovenian Women's Union of America; in coming months I hope to initiate some concrete things to happen, which will involve individual branch youth directors.

Holding this office does not enable a person to accomplish certain goals without the support of branch members, particularly youth directors. For example, promoting activities targeted towards youth and young women through sponsoring events, or activities that could encourage second and third generation American/Slovenian youth and women to learn about Slovenian customs and traditions must ideally be supported. Ideas and contests have been presented in recent months that led to little or no response. Without a JOINT EFFORT, nothing will be accomplished!

There is a need to develop a communication system between local branch youth directors and the National Director and Co-Director of Youth and Women's Activities. Each branch is unique in membership, thus branch officers are most familiar with possibilities for new activities and participation among their members.

During the next five-six months let's plan a SUMMER-FALL YOUTH FESTIVAL DAY that each branch will coordinate on their own. Each branch may select any day between July—September 1989. I have developed a worksheet that can help Youth Directors organize their thoughts. If it is more convenient, branches that are within a 20-30 mile radius can jointly sponsor the festival on the same day. For those branches such as Washington's Branch 103 where there is no Youth Director, one member may be designated as Youth Festival coordinator. As mentioned above, each branch is unique, so the place, time and activities are expected to vary.

For example, I plan to coordinate my home branches' Youth Festival Day. Since my branch is one of the smallest, I expect that no more than 20 individuals will attend, this includes children and those helping out. The range in age is 2-1/2 — 16, with three active members under age 35. The event will probably work out best at a private home. We could start off with a Mass in the Slovenian Chapel at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Following the Mass, everybody will meet at one home for a couple of hours; during that time several activities will take place to teach the participants some Slovenian things, and have fun at the same time. For example, a short slide presentation on Slovenia, an hour hike that will include a Slovenian language nature lesson during the walk, a simple meal, including something Slovenian, and singing Slovenian folk songs. Those youth and young women understanding the language will be encouraged to help those who do not know it. Most importantly no one activity will take too long and it will be fun as well as educational. The larger branches Youth Festival Day will certainly be quite different from Branch 103; however, all branches can emphasize the following in their choice of activities, to lend uniformity to the event:

- Slovenian customs and traditions (holidays, food)
- Slovenian language
- Slovenia (natural beauty and culture)
- Making new friends
- Having an enjoyable time

Let's all pitch in and make SUMMER-FALL YOUTH FESTIVAL DAY a success. I'm really counting on individual officers to encourage youth directors to be creative and work together to make this day memorable. If you need advice on organizing your branches' festival, feel free to contact me.

Please don't forget to send me your comments and suggestions.

Thank you.

Bernadette J. Kovacic

PA-NY-DC REGIONAL CONVENTION REPORT



Top, Mary Kubala and Mary Slaney of Br. 26, Pittsburgh;

Right, Slovenian Radio Announcers, Sharon Ujcic (left) and Mary Skerlong (right) are members of Br. 26, too. Bernadette (center) enjoyed meeting them;

Lower right, Father Cizik gave the invocation at the banquet. Officers of Br. 91, Oakmont are seen with Bernadette at the main table.



The PA-NY-DC State Convention was called to order by Anna Mae Melle, president of Br. 91, Oakmont, PA, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 16th, 1989. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem, Frances Sylvester of Br. 74, Ambridge, led us in singing the Slovenian Anthem, Hej, Slovenci. Upon seating of the delegates, Anna Mae Melle welcomed all members and guests.

We had six of thirteen branches represented and each delegate gave a report. We had 67 in attendance. Many who would have been present could not attend because of age, illness and distance.

I, then, had the pleasure of welcoming all and introducing our guest speaker, Bernadette Kovacic of Washington, D.C. who is the Co-chairman of the Committee for Women's and Youth Activities. She represented the Board of Directors and was also a delegate from Br. 103, Washington. She gave us some of her ideas and proposed projects for Junior members and suggestions on how to get them involved. After some general discussion about the need for getting new Junior members and the details of next year's regional meeting, Bernadette graciously offered the hospitality of Br. 103 in Washington which volunteered to host it. Everyone agreed it would be a nice idea to go to Washington.

A motion to adjourn followed. We then had a delicious luncheon and afterward, entertainment by Frances Sylvester's beautiful singing. We all enjoyed the Sing-a-long, too. Thanks also to Fred Gregorich who accompanied her



on the piano accordion and to my hubby, Carl, on the button box.

Thanks to all members of Br. 91 for a job well done. Congratulations to Eleanor Marel of Verona, PA, who won the beautiful afghan and to Br. 96, Universal, PA on their 50th anniversary and for all their help.

To the many who attended our sincere thanks and we are especially grateful to those who brought prizes and bought tickets. Mary Slaney of Br. 26, Pittsburgh, PA said the prayer before the luncheon and we thank her for that courtesy. Najlepša hvala!

*Jennie Flisek,
Regional President*

Pots and Pans



A gorgeous dessert or side dish, to be made when fresh strawberries are available, is submitted by Rosemary Orenchuk of Br. 59, Burgettstown, PA, along with her EASY CHEESE CAKE. HOB0 BREAD from Rose Maras of Hibbing, MN, Br. 56, is tasty and moist. A nutritious dish, rich in vitamins and minerals and protein while low in cholesterol and without salt is CHICKEN-TO-GO from the American Health Magazine. It can be packed in a thermos and enjoyed in the great outdoors.

Enjoy a happy summer!

Affectionately,
Hermine

EASY CHEESE CAKE

- 1 yellow cake mix with pudding (any brand)
- 24 ounces Ricotta Cheese
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup oil
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- 3 eggs

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 9 x 13-inch pan. Prepare cake mix according to package directions except omit $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water. Spread in 9 x 13-inch pan. Mix well with mixer, Ricotta Cheese, oil, sugar and eggs. Pour over cake batter. Don't swirl. Bake at 350° for 1 hour. When cool, top with fruit pie filling, such as, strawberry, cherry etc. Keep in refrigerator.

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Tillie Terselic: "To keep stuffed eggs from sliding on the serving plate, place a small dab of the filling under each egg and it will anchor it."

FRUIT PIZZA

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| 1 package Pillsburgh Sugar Cookie Dough | 1 can (20 ounces) pineapple chunks, drained |
| 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, room temperature | 1 can (16 ounces) sliced peaches, drained |
| 1 carton (8 ounces) Cool Whip | 2 kiwi fruits, sliced |
| 1 pint strawberries, cut in half | Fruit Fresh, a product that prevents fresh fruit from browning |
| 1 large banana | |

Preheat oven to 350°. Butter 12-inch pizza pan. Press cookie dough into pizza pan and up sides to form crust (will flatten some during baking). At 350° bake 11 to 15 minutes until lightly browned. COOL. Mix cream cheese and Cool Whip well with electric mixer. Spread on cooled crust. Place strawberries, cut side down, around outer edge. Layer sliced banana next to strawberries. Alternately place pineapple chunks and sliced peaches next to banana slices. Arrange sliced kiwi fruit in center. Sprinkle fruit with Fruit Fresh.

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| $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice | Glaze | dash of salt |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water | 2 | teaspoons lemon juice |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar | 2 | tablespoons corn starch |

In small saucepan, cook on stove until thickened, stirring constantly. Remove from heat before boiling. Let cool. Pour over fruit. Refrigerate.

NOTE: Rosemary makes this dish the day before serving. Fruit Fresh and orange glaze will keep banana slices from browning.

HOB0 BREAD

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| 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raisins | 1 egg |
| 1 teaspoon soda | 1 tablespoon shortening, softened |
| 1 cup water | 2 cups flour |
| 1 cup sugar | $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt |

In saucepan bring raisins, soda and water to a boil. Let simmer a few minutes. Remove from heat and COOL. Do not drain. Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 9 x 5 x 3-inch bread loaf pan. Cream thoroughly the sugar, egg and shortening. Add the raisin mixture. Mix in the 2 cups flour and salt. Place in pan and bake in 350° oven for 45 to 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

CHICKEN-TO-GO

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| 1 medium sized sweet potato, about $\frac{1}{2}$ pound, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces | 1 fresh thyme sprig or $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon dried thyme leaves |
| $\frac{3}{4}$ cup chicken stock or 1 chicken-flavor bouillon or envelope and $\frac{3}{4}$ cup water | 1 medium zucchini, unpeeled, cut into bite-sized pieces |
| 1 medium-size onion, diced | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups bite-sized cooked chicken |
| 1 garlic clove, minced | 1 can (12 ounces-whole kernel corn, drained) |

In 10-inch skillet over high heat, heat sweet potato, chicken stock or bouillon and water, onion, garlic and thyme to boiling. Reduce heat to low; cover; and simmer 5 minutes. Add zucchini and simmer 10 more minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in chicken and corn and heat through. 4 servings. About 295 calories per serving.

HAPPY NEWS!

Dear Readers:

In response to the thoughtful announcement by Corinne Leskovar in the April issue of ZARJA of my husband's heart surgery, I am happy to report that Bob is making good recovery. He is now exercising three times a week under the direction of the hospital's cardiac rehabilitation staff.

Bob is most appreciative of your many responses showing concern, good wishes and prayers which have been answered. He wishes all of you good health and happiness in return.

Affectionately,

Hermine

NO. 24, LA SALLE, IL

Eighteen members enjoyed the May dinner at the Maples in Peru on Thursday, May 25. There was no 1989 Mother of the Year--all members are special! Thanks to Chairman Betty Stack who made all the arrangements and provided a door prize which was won by Adele Gensler.

Frances Baznik is now a resident at Heritage Manor, Peru. Mary Gornik returned to her home from Monte Cassino in Toluca. We were pleased to have Mary with us for our May dinner.

Tillie Crase passed away on May 30th at Heritage Manor. She is survived by one daughter, Janice Clark, and 2 granddaughters, three sisters including our member Trese Hollerich, and two brothers. Our sincere sympathy to her family. We also offer sympathy to Rose Furlan, Teresa Kinczewski and Irene Mauser whose sister-in-law Helen. (Mrs. Rudy) Furlan passed away in Florida. May God grant Eternal Rest to Tillie and Helen.

Congratulations to Michelle Gende who graduated from Hall High School in Spring Valley and to Tom Stack who graduated from La Salle-Peru High School. Tom will spend some time in Germany with a group from the L-P German Club in June. Fr. Bernard Horzen, OSB, will also be doing some traveling this summer. He is taking a group of students to Russia.

We will not meet in July and August due to hot weather so our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 21,

at 7:00 p.m. in La Salle Catholic School-Resurrection Bldg. I hope all of you will have an enjoyable, restful summer. Take care as you travel and come back safely so you can join us as we begin our fall season.

ANNE M. WANGLER,
Reporter

NO. 32, EUCLID, OH

April meeting was called to order by president, Dorothy Lamm. Prayer was led by vice-president, Ceal Znidar. Final plans were discussed at this meeting for our Mother's Day dinner honoring Marge Sas. We hoped it would be a very memorable day for Marge with a very nice turn out by members and her family and friends.

Veronica Dalton read two poems: "Senior Citizens" and a poem that was brought in by Esther Garbincus entitled: "Surprise in Heaven". Sgt. at Arms, Caroline Lokar was absent. Thanks to Esther Garbincus for giving a helping hand at this meeting.

Congratulations to Mary and Stanley Znidarsic. They became grandparents on March 1st. Son, Henry and his wife, Trish presented them with a grandson, Nicholas Henry. Hope the new family is doing fine.

Mary Zifko is delighted to have her brother, John Kutnar and his new wife visiting Mary from Sun City, Arizona. She hasn't seen him for eight years. They had a very nice visit together.

President, Dorothy Lamm read "This is Your Life" about our member, Josephine Comenshek. She has been our finance secretary for many years and is a member of SWU for 52 years! She was presented with a read carnation corsage and a gift. Josephine was really surprised and pleased. She deserves it. She thanked everyone very sincerely.

Some of the members that we haven't seen at the meetings were present: Ann Pozar, Ann Adams, Alma Eppich, Phyllis D'Amico, Josephine Kostenich, Betty Karich, Josephine Baron and Mary Drobnick back from her vacation in Florida. It was nice to see all of your smiling faces at the meeting. It makes a better meeting when more members attend.

Sick members are: Angie Zust in the Euclid Beach Nursing Home, Ann Tekavec who at one time was a very loyal, active member, also was an officer at one time and a Guard, now resides at the Wickliffe Country Place.

A card or a little visit may cheer our sick members and let them know that they are not forgotten. We wish all our sick members a very speedy recovery and good health.

Happy Birthday to all our members in April. May they have many more with good health and happiness.

Thanks to our hostesses, Rose Branceley, Veronica Dalton and Mary Zifko for doing such a very good job with the refreshments.

We planned our picnic meeting in June.

May Report

Our Mothers Day dinner for Marge Sas turned out to be a beautiful evening for her. Pres. Dorothy Lamm lead the guests in saying grace before dinner was served. It was a complete, delicious menu. We even had strudel for dessert. Compliments to Mary Ster and her workers who always do a very wonderful job serving the food and it was great as usual!

Ann Cooke read a poem about Mothers which was very appropriate for this occasion. Pres. Lamm introduced our State President, Ann Tercek, who gave a very nice greeting. It was nice to have Ann at our dinner as she is one very busy person.

Pres. Lamm introduced our Mother, Marge Sas, her husband and the rest of the family. Marge has been married for 53 years, has five children and 13 grandchildren. Present at the dinner were all her children, 11 grandchildren, two brothers with their wives, sister Helen and her husband and many cousins. Many members and friends were there also to help Marge celebrate her big day. Marge received many gifts. Our State Rep. Ronald Suster gave a Proclamation for Marge that was presented by his wife, Pat. Marge thanked everyone for coming to the celebration and for everything that was done for her. She said it was just wonderful.

Our faithful music man, Chuck Krivec did a fine job making us all happy with his music. Thanks, Chuck. Working as usual was our faithful bartender, Al Comenshek. Thanks all for making the refreshments.

May and June were months for graduations: Agnes Ward's granddaughter, Karen Lieety from Dennison College in Columbus; Vicky Holny's two grandchildren, Brian Gallion and Lorie Holny from high school; Frank and Frances Ogoreuc's daughter, Charlotte Perdan received her Bachelor's degree in Business

from Ursuline College and granddaughter, Beth Perdan, Charlotte's daughter, from Euclid High. Beth will be going to Ithaca College in New York. She also received the National Orchestra Music Award – a trophy – and her name will be placed in the music room at the high school.

Esther Garbincus' grandson, Matthew, Jr. made the summer high school baseball team this year. He is a sophomore. Robin M. Hegedus, daughter of Dorothy and Bob Lamm was promoted to Manager Operation Control Retail Marketing at Standard Ohio now called British Petroleum or B.P. America. Congratulations to all. May they all have a lot of fruitful years ahead with much success, happiness and good health.

Rose Brancelly, all excited about her granddaughter, Rhonda who with her husband, Richard Horton, presented her with a great grandson, Levi Johnson, born May 16th. Levi weighed in a 8 lbs. 13 oz. They live in Wasilla, Alaska. Much happiness and good health to the family.

Visiting Polly Pike was her sister-in-law, Joanne Preston, from California, for a week. They had a great visit together. Joe and Emily Bucher spent most of the winter in Cape Coral, Fla. They came back just in time for all the rainy weather that we have been having lately.

Correction on the date of our 60th Anniversary and State Convention. It will be on Sunday, Oct. 1st, 1989 with Mass at 12 o'clock at St. Christine's Church. After Mass will be the meeting, then dinner and dancing. It will only be a one day affair.

Thanks to Rose Brancelly, Mary Zifko and Veronica Dalton for being such wonderful hostesses for the four months. Hostesses for the months of Sept. Oct. will be Josephine Koss and Agnes Ward.

FRANCES OGOREUC

NO. 33, DULUTH, MN

Helen Mosack was "Queen" for April and Helena Ellena missed the attendance prize.

It was decided that during the "cold months" of January and February regular meetings would not be held.

"Musical Compadre", the Italian men singers from the All American Club, provided a very delightful, varied program enjoyed by all.

We may have less "Italian" mem-

bers than other ethnic groups, but they certainly did themselves proud with the "Italian Ethnic Night." Sentina Spehar, Mary Giacomini, Clem Spehar, Lucy Somin, Helene Abbot, Madeline Abbot, and Barbara Fletcher provided a variety of very delicious foods from "pasta to pizzelle".

In August, Danish and Swedish members will be in charge.

Virginia (Sever) Mikrut was honored May 3 as our Mother of the Year. Her husband and family were among the 65 persons in attendance to honor her on her "special night."

Martha Parenteau presented the lovely afghan she made and donated that will be given at Minnesota Day, Sept. 10.

Emily Skull reported on the Regional meeting she had attended. René Doble turned in \$100.30 from Knife sales.

Rose Krall won \$25.00 attendance prize. Sophie Malchow will be "Queen" in June.

Prayers of sympathy to Gertrude Dunalski, brother; Jean Popovich, brother; Carol Jacobson, grandson; Dorothy Jacobson and Mary Hinnenkamp, great grandchild; Betty Mrak, husband; Margaret (Mrak) Boben and Robert Mrak, father.

Prayers for many members on the "sick list" including Peggy Colland and Elizabeth Smolnikar.

Congratulations to Lisa (Menart) McDonnell. The birth of baby son gives Beverly Menart, her first grandchild. Winifred Ellena, new grandchild, and Rose Kresky, has new great grandchild.

Rose Kresky will have a grandson's wedding also to enjoy.

Travelers: Clem Spehar and Lucy Somin, Las Vegas; Rene Doble, Arizona; Ruth Boben and Thyra Rukavina, Rhode Island.

Enjoy a "Beautiful Summer" and plan to join us in Duluth for "Minnesota Day" Sept. 10.

LOIS M. PELANDER,
Reporter

NO. 34, SOUDAN, MN

Branch 34 has now recessed for the summer and we are looking forward to Minnesota Day being held in Duluth on September 10th. Our branch will be celebrating their 60th anniversary in October and we hope to do something special at that time.

Our Mother of the Year dinner was held on May 17th, when we honored

Lorraine Berg. Our ladies prepared the dinner, the tables were decorated in white, pink, and mauve colors for the placemats, candles, napkins, etc. Lorraine was presented with a lovely basket of pink silk flowers from her mother, Louise Chiabotti, and her daughter, Patty Berg Hujanen. A beautiful ceramic Madonna was given to Lorraine from Theresa Berg, of Rockford, IL.

During the program, Lorraine's husband, Ray, gave a moving speech about Lorraine. Guests of the branch included Lorraine's mother, daughter, and husband, as were Father LaPatka, and our National President, Victoria Bobence. Emily Skul, Regional President, sent her best wishes and was unable to attend because she was not feeling well. We missed you, Emily. The ladies must have enjoyed themselves because no one wanted to leave the hall, they just visited. The door prize for the evening was brought by Agnes Mesojedec and won by Angela Jamnick.

At our April meeting, we planned our Mother of the Year party and also heard the report of the meeting I had attended at the Rustic Rock for branch presidents, conducted by Emily Skul. These meetings are so helpful and we learned many things concerning the SWU. We welcomed Barbara Pirjevec, into our branch--Barbara is not Slovenian, but her husband, Bernie, is! The hostesses for the meeting, Emma Betourne, and I, served birthday cake and ice cream--to celebrate Emma's birthday, which was on April 20th--we sang happy birthday to her! The door prize was brought by Agnes Mattson and won by Emma Betourne, the prize being two sets of gift wrapping paper with bows to match--a clever idea. Winners during the social hour were Margaret Mesojedec, Sophie Sollar, Ann Stefanich, and Mary Gornick.

Our next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20th, with Sophie Spollar and Angela Tekautz as hostesses, with Margaret Mesojedec bringing the door prize.

I wish all of you a pleasant summer, I'm sure all of us will be busy with friends and relatives visiting on vacation. Enjoy yourselves and I hope to see many of you in Duluth in September.

ADELIN MUSTONEN,
Reporter



Tomato Diseases and Disorders

*"With a garden there is hope."
--Grace Firth, American naturalist*

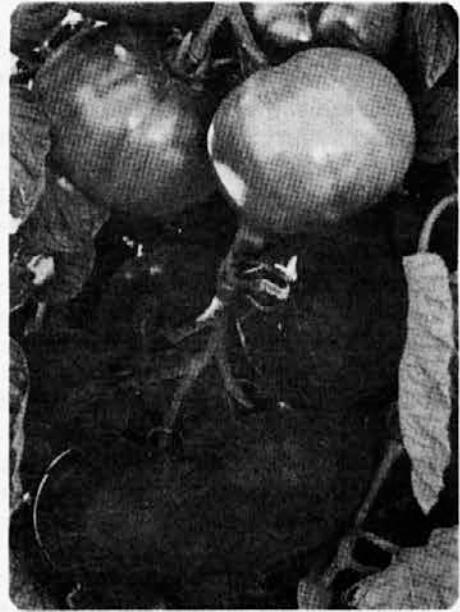
Late July and August are joyous months for tomato gardeners. The small seedlings have emerged into strong, stocky plants and the care in watering, fertilizing and nurturing has all paid off. However, for some of us tomato gardeners, the month of August can become troublesome.

Some of the tomato fruits have become misshapen or cracked. Leaves have spots or the plants have wilted. As seldom as this may happen, few of us garden without such an experience and we often don't know why it happened or how it happened.

There is only a small group of disorders and diseases that occur regularly in our Northern area. By understanding the cause of a particular problem, we can prevent the problem from becoming severe or we can minimize the damage.

Verticillium Wilt. The first symptom of this disease is a yellowing of older leaves and a slight wilting of new shoots during the day. Eventually the yellow leaves drop and may continue to progress up the plant causing the wilting to worsen. Even though verticillium wilt does not actually kill the plant, it stunts growth resulting in smaller than normal fruits. Once this soil-borne fungus invades the soil it remains a permanent resident in our garden due to the fact that it can survive even our coldest winters. It is especially difficult to control as it is found virtually everywhere. If left unchecked, verticillium wilt becomes worse each year. The disease is spread by wind, surface groundwater, contaminated soil, infected debris (compost not completely decayed) and potato tubers. Your best strategy is to plant resistant tomato varieties by looking for a "V" after the cultivar name. If you clear up all plant debris, pull up the infected plants and destroy them (DO NOT put them in the compost pile) and rotate tomatoes and tomato relatives (pepper, eggplant, potato) each year, you can prevent a rapid buildup of an agent which causes this fungal disease.

Septoria Leaf Spot. In our region this fungus disease is regarded as the most serious of all the tomato diseases. Spots which start out as yellowish specks form on the lower leaves. By the time the gardener notices the symptoms, it's usually too late to do much. These spots enlarge and turn grayish brown and are encircled by a narrow yellow band. Often the centers of these spots develop black dots where the fungal spores are produced. These leaves eventually die and the symptoms climb up the plant until most of the foliage has been killed. While the fruits are unaffected, the disease does bring an early end to the tomato harvest season. This fungus causing



disease is spread by splashing water. Rain hitting the leaves of an infected plant spreads great distances adding new infections when they land on the plants. Septoria fungus has many weed hosts and can survive on plant debris which compounds the problem. The fungus requires moist conditions for infection to spread. We do have some practical preventative options to control Septoria leaf spot. Since the fungus also lives on weeds, the obvious solution is to keep your garden weed-free. Because Septoria overwinters on plant debris, remove and destroy all infected debris in the fall. Watering only at the base of plants (no overhead sprinklers) and carefully applying and approved fungicide can slow the disease.

Early Blight *Alternaria Solani*. Early blight has symptoms similar to Septoria leaf spot. Beginning with the lower leaves, small irregular brown spots form and enlarge and develop a target-like appearance. This fungal disease climbs to the upper plant; however, early blight can result in spotting of the stems. If the spots are sighted near the ground level, this causes partial girdling of the stem, known as collar rot. It also can cause fruit damage in the form of dark sunken spots at the stem end of the tomato. Early blight fungus overwinters on weeds and plant debris. Warm, humid weather and wind are prime causes for this infection. The methods for control are identical to Septoria leaf spot.

Fusarium Wilt. This disease has symptoms very similar to verticillium wilt, however, it does not do well in our cold climate, therefore does not pose a serious problem in the Upper Midwest. It is often impossible to distinguish fusarium wilt from verticillium wilt. Both cause wilting and yellowing of leaves. Long, hot summers can kill a single stem before the rest of the plant is affected. To prevent this disease plant tomato varieties marked with an "F".

Tobacco Mosaic Virus (TMV). This is a highly in-

fectious virus caused by numerous symptoms: Leaf mottling, dark green splashed with light green areas, stunting, browning of the interior of fruit, distorted leaves and reduced yields. Tobacco Mosaic Virus is caused mainly by man. As the name implies, it is found in tobacco. If you smoke, wash your hands very carefully with soap and water before handling any tomato plants. It can be transmitted readily from the sap of a broken leaf hair to another plant with your hands.

Blossom End Rot. This disorder usually affects the fruits when half grown. A dark spot at the blossom end forms and enlarges until half of the surface is covered. This spot becomes leathery and sunken. Excessive nitrogen in the soil prevents calcium to be absorbed by the plant; therefore, be cautious when applying fertilizer. Balanced nutrition and mulching to maintain a steady water supply are effective controls.

Catfacing and Cracks. Both of these disorders are weather related. High temperatures and excessive rain create rapid growth which forms cracks around the stem end of the tomato. Catfacing produces tomatoes which are malformed and scarred--very unsightly and unappetizing. Cool weather during blossoming causes this disorder. Experimenting with different tomato varieties claiming resistance to both disorders is advisable. Fungicides which are environmentally questionable have limited value once infection has occurred.

Sanitation and resistance summarize the prevention and control of most tomato diseases and disorders so that we can enjoy these luscious, red, juicy tomatoes.

Happy Gardening!

NO. 35, AURORA, MN

The SWU Regional President of Minnesota held a luncheon meeting on April 19th at the Rustic Rock restaurant in Eveleth with Emily Skull presiding. National President, Victoria Bobence was present and gave a report on the National Board Meeting held in Joliet, IL in March. Many important issues were discussed and here are a few:

The importance of increasing our membership.

Paying our SWU dues **annually** which makes the branch treasurer's job so much easier. Did you know that 65% of our dues is used for the expenses of the organization?

It is important to sell the cookbook, "Pots and Pans" as these profits go toward our National Convention expenses. Tote bags, tee shirts and other heritage items are also for sale.

Any proposals you wish to have brought up at the state convention should be discussed at your meetings

now. Then, write them up and send to Emily Skull. This gives her a chance to research the answers for the state convention in September and discussion can be put on the agenda for the convention.

The State Convention will be held on Sunday, Sept. 10th at Duluth. Olga Kluser is in charge of a 47 passenger bus going to the convention from the Range. If you are interested, give Olga a call at 741-2177. Reservations must be made by August 25th.

Many grandmothers are paying for their children and grandchildren. Have you thought of making this a Christmas or Birthday present, paying their dues annually? This would be a treasured gift; I know it is for our family.

The SWU family picnic was tabled until next year, not enough time to plan one now. Members were encouraged to attend the Am. Yug. Assoc. picnic on July 23rd to be held at the Museum of Mining in Chisholm from noon until 6 p.m. We will have a booth there with our members dressed in

HAPPY 90TH, MRS. STARESINIC!



On March 30, 1989, 50-year member of Br. 26, Pittsburgh, PA, Barbara Staresinic of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, celebrated her 90th birthday. This landmark was recognized with a birthday celebration April 8, given by Barbara's daughter and son-in-law, Lil and Nick Balkovec.

More than 80 relatives and friends gathered in Barbara's honor at a local hall. Barbara enjoyed dining and visiting with her many friends and family members and watching as her guests danced. Relatives and friends came from as far as Florida and California to help her celebrate. Great-granddaughter Leigh Balkovec of Rossville, Indiana, presented Barbara with a rose as the guests sang "Happy Birthday."

Barbara has two children, eleven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

their Slovenian costumes selling the Pots and Pans cookbooks and tote bags. Maybe we can plan to have our picnic there next year and start to plan for it this fall. Last year's Assoc. picnic was a success - good music, food and meeting with all our SWU sisters from all the branches and exchanging ideas. See you all at the State Convention.

On April 26th we met at the Holy Rosary Church hall. President, Florence Holland opened the meeting with prayers for all our members and their families. We completed our plans for our Mother of the Year celebration to be held on Sunday, May 21st. Theresa Beloy was honored this year and her daughter said she was really looking forward to this day. We planned Mass with Theresa and all her family in attendance then to gather in the church hall for a brunch and program.

Congratulations to our junior members, Amy Turk and Nicole Klandar who made their Confirmations and to Rebecca Klandar and Stephanie Hanka who made their First Holy Communion.

Congratulations and good luck to Brent Kalar who graduated from high school. God bless all of you!

Did you read, "A Remembrance of My Mom, Mary Barton", in the May-June issue of ZARJA? It was written by her daughter, Julianne, a member of our branch. Thank you, Julianne for taking the time to write and share your memories - it was beautiful!

The Happy Quilters of our parish completed another season. Many of these ladies are members of our branch. This year they made 55 large quilts and donated them to the Glenmary Missioners, Sharing and Caring Hands Project, St. Joseph's Indian School, Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army. A few quilts are kept on hand for local emergencies. In 10 years, this group has made and donated a total of 597 quilts, 44 baby quilts and lap robes. Thank you, ladies, for your dedication.

Plans for our branch 35's 60th anniversary in October will be made at the next meeting. Bring along your ideas and suggestions; we want this to be a special celebration.

Get well wishes to Ann (Fritz) Mismash and Mary Smolich's husband, Rudy, and all our members who are ill.

Our sympathy to the family of Ann R. Mismash who lost her sister, Mary Phillipich. May she rest in peace.

Our thanks to the ladies who provided the coffee and delicious cake and bars. Remember, ladies, Dorothy Jamnik has the Pots and Pans cookbooks and tote bags for sale.

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On Sunday, May 21st we honored our Mother of the Year, Theresa Belay by attending mass with her.

Before Mass we gathered in the vestibule of our church and President Holland presented her with a lovely red carnation corsage. Many parishioners stopped to greet Theresa; this was a real "Homecoming" for her. After her

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Departed Members

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| 2 - Verona Gorkos (92)
40-yr member | 21 - Edith Cimperman (82)
53-yr member |
| 2 - Rev Thaddeus Trpin (60)
2-yr member | 21 - Pauline Stepic (76)
40-yr member |
| 2 - Anna Vozel (86)
34-yr member | 23 - Josephine Jamnick (73)
25-yr member |
| 2 - Frances Zumer (78)
35-yr member | 23 - Josephine Tratnik (74)
47-yr member |
| 3 - Rachel Francel (100)
54-yr member | 23 - Jeanette Vidmar (64)
37-yr member |
| 6 - Mary Kumse (76)
59-yr member | 25 - Mary Grivitz (82)
47-yr member |
| 10 - Sophie Barton (88)
48-yr member | 25 - Mary Hudoklin (96)
50-yr member |
| 10 - Stefanie Koncilija (91)
62-yr member | 25 - Albina Jerman (84)
55-yr member |
| 10 - Anna Strukel (84)
51-yr member | 25 - Pauline Laurencic (84)
54-yr member |
| 10 - Frances Zalar (92)
60-yr member | 25 - Frances Luzar (84)
51-yr member |
| 10 - Josephine Zernic (93)
49-yr member | 26 - Catherine Takacs (71)
14-yr member |
| 12 - Mary Natlacen (89)
56-yr member | 31 - Julia Dombrowski (97)
51-yr member |
| 14 - Molly Tomaric (81)
32-yr member | 32 - Josephine Novak (79)
50-yr member |
| 15 - Agnes Kainic (81)
46-yr member | 43 - Anna Jeray (92)
48-yr member |
| 15 - Frances Zimmerman (83)
50-yr member | 47 - Mary Frank (98)
58-yr member |
| 16 - Josephine Margraff (70)
29-yr member | 50 - Agnes Fakete (76)
31-yr member |
| 16 - Mary Maricich (89)
40-yr member | 52 - Rose Chiodi (76)
52-yr member |
| 17 - Antoinette Hagner (93)
56-yr member | 93 - Mimi Guchek (86)
38-yr member |
| 20 - Anna Jerisha (94)
61-yr member | 102 - Mary Lesar (91)
38-yr member |
| | 105 - Antoinette Lindich (77)
47-yr member |

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Learn Slovenian!

Every morning at 7:30 a.m., eight friends who live in the Sunset Acres suburb of Aurora, MN and I go for a daily 3 mile walk (summer and winter). We go at a very fast pace and finish the walk in about 40 minutes. About a month ago, one of the ladies, Mary Mulari, who is a very talented seamstress, sweatshirt designer and author of several sweatshirt design books, was on a trip to Naperville, Ill. where she presented a showing of her sweatshirts and books. She mentioned that she was from Aurora, MN. A young lady came up to her after the show to ask if by chance she knew Anna Hodnik. Mary told her that we were very good friends and "walking buddies." This young woman's name was Janet Clark from Aurora, Ill. I met her a few years ago when Tory Bobence and I attended a National Board meeting in Joliet. Janet and the Wiggins from Aurora vacation at Tory and John Bobence's Clear Lake Resort every year. Meeting friends like Janet is one of the fringe benefits of belonging to the S.W.U.

It's summertime and time for fun. I thought I would use a couple of riddles for my column this month. Wishing all of you a very enjoyable summer!

Barbara Vodovnik from the Twin Cities and I are hosting a trip to Slovenia, Italy and Austria, Sept. 28 - Oct. 6. If anyone is interested, they can get in touch with me for more information. 706 Summit St., Aurora, MN 55705.

SLOVENIAN RIDDLES

(English Translations by A. Vovk)

*Nese, nese,
ni nosač,
bele sodčke
za kolač.*

(Črtomir Šinkovec)

*It carries, carries,
it is not a porter,
a little white barrel
for yeast breads (Pastries)*

(Answer): (Kokoš...Chicken)

Nese...It carries...

Ni...It is not — Nosač...Porter,
carrier — Bele...White —
Sodčke...Barrel — Za...For —
Kolač...Round pastry

*Bleste se bolj kot biseri,
a vidiš jih samo v temi.*

(Matej Bor)

*It glitters more than pearls
You see them only in the dark.*

Answer: Zvezde...Stars

Bleste...It Glitters...

Bolj...More — Kot...Than — Bis-
eri...Pearls — Vidiš...You see —
Jih...Them — Samo...Only — V
Temi...In the dark.

*Že od daleč ga poznamo,
ko opravlja svoj poklic,
dasi v glavi nosi slamo,
nam koristen je možic.*

(Črtomir Šinkovec)

*From far away already we know
him,
While he is doing his work,
Although in his head he carries
straw,
To us he is a useful little man.*

Answer: Strašilo...Scarecrow
Že...Already — Od...From —
Daleč...Far away — Poznamo...We
Know — Ga...Him — Ko...When,
While — Opravlja...Doing, per-
forming (Opraviti...to do, to per-
form) — Svoj...His — Pok-
lic...Work, profession, vocation —
Dasi...Although — V Glavi...In his
head — Nosil...He carries —
Slamo...Straw — Nam...To us —
Koristen...Useful, profitable, benefi-
cial — Možic...Man

Theresa's birthday was the following Sunday so we decided to celebrate it that day. We sang Happy Birthday to her and to our young Mayor, Alan Hodnik who was with us - it was his birthday that day.

The program was opened by our Toastmistress, Anna Hodnik. President Holland congratulated Theresa and welcomed her family, her sister, Cecil, our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. John Sustersic and Fr. Joseph Vovk.

Poems about Mothers and a Modern Grandmother were read by Anna Hodnik, Florence Holland and Dorothy Jamnik. Then Theresa was presented with a gift by President Holland.

The Festival Singers sang several beautiful selections accompanied by Anna Rose Smolich on the piano. Theresa sang along with them. Today we found out why "You are my Sunshine" was her husband Rudy's favorite song. When their daughter, Virginia was born, he was holding her and another new father asked if he wasn't disappointed that she wasn't a boy. His reply, as he held his daughter in his arms was "No, she's the most beautiful gift God could give me - she is my sunshine!" Virginia is their only child and she has two daughters, Michelle and Mary. They said Rudy always signed his letters and cards to them with the words, "You are my sunshine - the light of my life." Michelle said her grandmother always told her to remember to "Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and you cry alone" and she has found this to be true. Mary said she always enjoyed visiting her grandmother because she was always so happy and fun to be with.

As Michelle and Mary were growing up they always found time to call their grandparents at 9 p.m. to wish them goodnight. What happy memories! Virginia and her husband, Bill said Theresa was a wonderful mother and was always there for their family.

Several members and her sister, Cecile related happy memories of Theresa and the family. It was such a pleasure to watch the happiness radiate from Theresa as she was listening to all these comments with a happy smile on her face. She is a happy person and an example of a person with many handicaps enjoying life to the fullest. Since her stroke she is confined to a wheelchair but this doesn't keep her from being a very active

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husband, Rudy passed away she moved to Hoyt Lakes from Aurora to be near her daughter and family. Last year she had a stroke and is now living

at the Arrowhead Health Center in Virginia.

After Mass we gathered in the hall for a delicious brunch with a Birthday Cake and ice cream for dessert.

member of the Health Center. She has a loving and caring family, including a new grandson, which is her greatest joy.

Theresa's family thanked everyone for all they did to make this day so special. Theresa also thanked everyone and said, "This has been a wonderful day; I'll never forget it. I have one criticism - it was just too perfect!" God bless you, Theresa. We enjoyed sharing this day with you.

We were happy to have five junior members, Katie Martinetto, Allysa Hodnik, Kyle, Janelle and Lindsey Antilla with us, too.

Our thanks to our hostesses, Dorothy Jamnik, Martha Gunerson, Barbara Urick, Gabriella Garitchan, Vida Marinsek, Betty Carlson, Ann Rayer, Mary Hudy and Josephine Trost and everyone else who helped.

Today at Mass, Fr. John Sustarsic presented Ann Rose Smolich, our church organist for many years, with a Papal Blessing from Pope John Paul II. Congratulations, Anna Rose!

At the Saturday evening mass another parishioner, Vi Froele received a Papal Blessing for years of service in our church. Congratulations, Vi!

Wishing you all a happy summer.
ANNE M. ORAZEM

NO. 38, CHISHOLM, MN

Our May meeting was attended by 27 members. As this was the Eve of the Ascension, most of us went to Mass at 7 p.m. and our meeting began at 8 p.m. President Laurich gave a detailed explanation of the Regional SWU meeting which she attended. It was a very interesting, informative report.

The history of Branch 38 is completed and will be mailed just as soon as some revisions are made.

Hopefully many members will be able to attend Minn. SWU Day in Duluth on Sept. 10th. Our next meeting on August 2nd will have details regarding the convention.

Members who had birthdays this month are Teresa Gerzin and Carmen Cardini. The traveling prize was won by Mary Jane Gilman. Attendance prizes: Charlotte Laurich, Mayme Gazvoda, Rose Niemi, Ann Nusich, and Edith Dolinar. In your prayers please remember Frances Enrico and Florence Fryckman who are ill. We missed you, Florence and Frances,

at our Mother's Day brunch. Hope you will be well enough to come to our next meeting in August!

Lunch committee for August: Ann Marie Loushine, Fran Techar, Fran Komidar, and for September: Fran Verant and Ann Techar.

May 7th, 1989 - A brunch honoring all mothers. Members attended Mass at St. Joseph's Church at 7:30 a.m. after which we attended the brunch. 38 women participated. Rose Niemi had the wonderful idea for the program, and it really produced good results. The idea was for each member to either read a poem to Mother or give a short talk about her own mother, and the memories. We heard so many wonderful stories, some funny anecdotes, and some tear-jerkers. They all gave us something to think about, and it somehow makes Mother's Day really meaningful. So on May 15th, we shall put less emphasis on a good time and more on thoughts of our own mother, living or dead. Please remember to say a little prayer of gratitude, happy that our mothers gave us life and left us with a heritage to be proud of.

See all of you on August 2nd! Have a good summer vacation.

Submitted by:

ANN NUSICH,
Rec. Secretary

NO. 40, LORAIN, OH

Our April 12th meeting with 14 members present commenced with prayer - also for our deceased members and especially for recently deceased, Mary Koziura. Door prize was awarded to Francine Pavlovic.

After reading reports we finalized plans for the Mother of the Year celebration at Campbell's on May 10th. Birthday girls who brought refreshments and prizes were Angie Kozjan who was celebrating her 88th birthday, and Genevieve Wenzel who says she's "39"!

Rose Jancar supplied us with paper products. Thanks to all.

Stork News! A baby girl was born to Allen and Mary Jo Zgonc. They named her Alexandra Elaine. The grandparents are Angie and Frank Zgonc.

Kaitlen Malobabic was born on April 27th. She is the first great granddaughter of our Mother of the Year, Angie Martin.

Joe and I became great grandparents for the third time - this time a baby

girl named Deanna, born in California. The family will be coming to Ohio soon and we are anxiously waiting to meet her.

Anthony Russ made his first Holy Communion at St. Anthony's Church. His parents are Kathy and Bob Russ.

Our grandson, Jeffrey Matos graduated from Lorain Hi School in June and has already enlisted in the Army. He will be leaving for the service in August.

The Kiwanis Club staged a Recognition Day for honor students in Lorain schools and among them were Michael Cioffi, grandson of Agnes and Bill Bucher and Laura Pogacher, granddaughter of Sophie and Andrew Pogacher. Michael will graduate from Lorain Hi and Laura from Lorain Catholic where her dad is also a teacher. Best wishes to all.

Melissa Forest made her First Holy Communion at St. Joseph's Church in Avon. Christopher Forest won a bowling trophy recently. They are the grandchildren of Helen and Edward Kozjan. Great grandma is our Angie Kozjan. Angie Voytko's grandson, Jason Bicklik graduated from Hi School. He will enter Bowling Green University in the fall. Laura Englert of Plano, Texas also graduated from Hi school. She also is a granddaughter of Angie Kozjan.

Travelers: Joe and Molly Glavan went on a Vagabond Tour recently. They visited the cheese house in Middlefield and Burton, Ohio noted for maple syrup and candy making. They saw the historic home built in the 1800's and visited the settlers' farm and craft shoppes. They also ate a delicious meal at Mary Yoder's restaurant. Joe and Molly celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary in June. If I remember correctly, Molly was our Mother of the Year in 1982. Thanks to editor, Corinne, of our ZARJA, for the publicity. Molly, with her two grandchildren, was on the cover of ZARJA that year.

On a sad note we wish to express our sincere sympathy to Genevieve Wenzel on the recent death of her grandson, Robin Szantay.

Let's pray for our sick members who are Agnes Bucher, Angie Voytko, Mary Ploszaj and Sophie Pogacher.

Our President, Agnes Tomazine is a member of the Erie Shore Button Box Band. They made a cassette tape entitled, "Our best to you!" Anyone interested in purchasing one can get in touch with Agnes at 245-3919.

Our Mother of the Year dinner honoring our Angie Martin was a lovely affair. Twenty-five well wishers came to pay tribute to this lovely lady. Her daughter, Nancy presented her with a corsage. Among those present was our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Krajnik who led us in prayer. After our meal, the president congratulated Angie and read a poem to all the Mothers present. Angie thanked everyone for coming and for the gifts presented her.

As usual, Angie wished to share something with us so she donated 8 ivy planters which she decorated with pink chocolate roses that she made. These were awarded to the following: Sue Tomazic, Molly Glavan, Angie Zgonc, Mayme Botoki, Lori Schmir-mund, Francine Pavlovic, Agatha Donges and Fr. Krajnik. Thanks, Angie. We hope you enjoy your reign - God bless you!

Lorain is beginning to hum with activity in preparation for the International Festival which is held every year. This year it is No. 23. Twenty-nine princesses have already been picked by various organizations. The Slovenian princess picked by the Heritage Association is Anna Marie Janezic. The Festival week started on June 24th and lasts until July 2nd. There will be a parade, dancing, socializing and good food. Since Lorain is known as a melting pot of languages, this is a good time to learn about the traditions of the various nationalities.

Belated Happy Father's Day to all fathers. Have a safe and happy summer.

MARY MATOS

NO. 42, MAPLE HTS., OH

Greetings to everyone!

As stated at our last meeting of April 11th, I, Olga Ponikvar, will try my best to replace Donna Stubljer as your recording secretary and ZARJA reporter. Donna has performed faithfully and successfully, dedicating her time and talents to our lodge, but because of her health and eye surgery, she requested to be relieved of her duties until the end of the year. So here I am--where do I begin?

I've been a faithful reader of ZARJA, enjoying every issue of each branch--but little did I dream I'd accept this assignment.

Our Mother of the Year (honoring all mothers) was held on May 9th with Mass at St. Wenceslas Church. Father

Tomc was our celebrant. "Češčena si Marija" was sung by the ladies as Marge Church crowned the Blessed Virgin Mary. Father Tomc remarked that he thought he was back at St. Vitus Church. Nice complement, ladies!

The potluck dinner was well attended. The variety of foods received a No. 1 rating. Everything was oh! sooo good! You just wish you could continue to enjoy this Smorgasboard on and on and tomorrow etc. Thanks ladies--'twas super delicious!

Our secretary, Marge Church surprised us by informing each one of us of the number of years we've been members of Zveza. Mrs. Mary Yemec was honored to be the longest-standing member--59 years membership. Congratulations, Mary and thanks, Marge.

Oh yes! we had quite a number of door prizes. The main prize was won by Eleanor Dragonic (a lovely basket filled with yellow mums and small plants).

Excitement and interest is always added to our meetings--like birthdays! Happy June Birthday to Mary Ann Filipis, Jennie Intihar, Katherine Gruden, Betty Ann Kastelic, Dolores Lipnos, Sally Prhne and yours truly, Olga Ponikvar.

We have some happy news! Congratulations to: Patricia Wenckus who became a grandmother for the 5th time. Her daughter Leslie Fuller delivered a baby girl, Ashley, on April 26--which makes Frances Wenckus a 5th time great grandmother. Congratulations to Pat Wolf. Her son, Dr. John Wolf and his wife, Karen, had a baby girl, Kristina Maria, on April 15th. That makes me, Olga Ponikvar, a great grandmother and a grandmother of nine! Christening was held in Columbus where the couple is residing.

On the sick list we have Mary Filipis, now recuperating at her daughter, Ruth Romito's home and Dorothy Ponikvar, who fractured her ankle. Albina Mroccka is feeling better. She attended our May Banquet. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, ladies. May you feel better each day.

Thank you--Vida Shega--our thoughtful member, once again remembering the ladies with a Mother's Day Spritual Bouquet.

Betty Kosak's grandson graduated from Normandy High School, June 15th. Her granddaughter, Karen Los-toski, was joined in marriage to Fernando DeUrguidi in Ann Arbor,

Michigan, on April 22nd. We wish you happiness and many years of togetherness.

Please call me at 662-6128 with any news you may wish to share. Remember the date of our September 24th bus trip to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, Ohio. Make your reservations today.

I wonder if anyone baked the 100 year old bread which recipe was printed in the May-June issue? Thanks for the recipes and history, Lillian Brule. 'Twas interesting! I saw the stoves and all you described. Lucky are we that we have modern ovens and microwaves.

Do spend a few hours with our shut-ins. If you can bring some sunshine into their days, they'll love you for it. And God will shower His blessing on you in return. Smile, love, share, and keep in touch! Heavenly Blessings! Have a safe, pleasant summer. Until we meet again -- Nasvidenje!

OLGA PONIKVAR,
Reporter

NO. 43, MILWAUKEE, WI

Now is the time to contact friends and relatives to join our Slovenian Women's Union. The weather is nice and you can go visiting.

Our April meeting was finalized with the exception of the card party which will be on Sunday, November 5, 1989 at John's Hall, 35th and Lincoln Ave. Mark the date on your calendar. Tickets will be available in the near future, so you can sell them to your friends this summer. Big prizes and door prizes will be needed, also bakery. If you can donate anything, please let me know.

Please check your policies for beneficiary changes.

Melissa Puzia, our junior member was in the hospital but is now recuperating at home. Antonia Velkovrh is at St. Francis Hospital. If you have a few minutes to spare, go and visit her or send her a card. To the above and all shut-ins, our fast get well wishes.

Some of the members needed a vacation, so Jim and Marge Peters decided to go to Hawaii. They were gone for 10 days and enjoyed themselves and can't wait until they can go back.

Congratulations to the Karl Dovník Sr. and Jr. families. Karl Jr. and his wife were blessed with a baby girl. This is the first grandchild for the Sr.

Dovniks and they are very thrilled. Grandma Dovnik will have to enroll her as soon as she gets home!

The Galluns, Eddie and Elsie, are celebrating their 48th Wedding Anniversary; also the Kokaljs, Christine and Vince, with their 50th Anniversary. Special congratulations and best wishes with many more years.

Knights of Columbus Trinity Council #4580 established the Father Joseph Gole Scholarship Fund in honor of his 18 years as its chaplain. Several hundred attended the liturgy and reception in honor of Fr. Gole's 45th Anniversary of the priesthood. Congratulations, Father Gole.

Anna Yerey, 93 years of age, passed away. She was our member for many years.

To Connie Lewandowski on the death of her brother-in-law and Agnes Sagadin and Lucille Ganzel on the loss of their nephew - to relatives and friends of these three families, our sincere sympathies and may their souls rest in peace.

May Report

Wednesday May 17th we honored the Woman of the Year, Matilda Simic, at Country Gardens Restaurant with a good representation. A delicious lunch was served; after lunch door prizes were called. Mary Musich, who is very talented in crafts, donated vases and crosses made from plastic sheets; Josephine Verbick and yours truly also donated prizes. Thanks to all who participated in one way or the other in the event.

The Woman of the Year was crowned by Chris Kokalj who was Mother of the Year in 1988. A beautiful corsage was placed on her shoulder by Stella Pousha, who made this beautiful arrangement. Gifts were given to Matilda by the branch, Stavia Dobersek and Stella Pousha. Her big surprise came when Fr. Laurence, our pastor from St. John the Evangelist Church, walked into the dining room. She was thrilled. Thanks to Fr. Laurence for attending.

The following Wednesday, May 24th we had our regular monthly meeting. Discussions on the Wisconsin State Convention in Willard were finalized. The delegate, Stella Pousha, and alternate, Matilda Simic, were informed about our 40th Anniversary in 1990.

Our Card Party to be held on Sunday November 5th was the important event. Members, the following items

are needed: games prizes, door prizes, canned goods and other items for the food basket. Bakery also is needed. Watch for sales in different stores, buy a few items in advance.

Our sympathies to Ceil Groth on the death of her nephew, Mike Korosic, and to Shirley Schulta, a cousin.

Sincere condolence to the Cummings Family on the death of her sister and aunt, Anne Yeray. She had been ailing for sometime.

Just received word that Ella Udovich passed away. She resided at the Cameo Nursing Home. To her son, Tom, and Rita, Kristin and Neil. Our heartfelt sympathies.

To the above deceased, may the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Last, and most important, check your dues if you are in arrears. For all shut-ins a speedy recovery. No meeting in July and August but will resume Wednesday, September 27th. Have a safe and enjoyable summer. The meeting closed with prayer. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served, ending with our favorite game.

Happy 4th of July.

R.K.

NO. 50, CLEVELAND, OH

Rain, rain and more record breaking rainfall for the month of May in Ohio but that didn't keep 75 women from attending a dinner at Sterle's to honor our Mother of the Year, Millie Petrovic. Secretary of Br. 25, Janet Krivacic, Amelia Derenda, age 87, mother of our auditor Mary Maxin, Mary Agh, Agnes Miller, Pauline Siefert and sisters, Ella Zupancic, #25, and Theresa Funsch and Theresa Clements from Florida were some of the guests.

An appropriate poem by Carole Traven was read by Ann Tercek for Millie, our smiling mother. Visiting, enjoying dinner, laughs and jokes were rampant and all left in good spirits.

April meeting with 70 ladies present - had initiation of new members with our cadets officiating by candlelight and Carole Traven's marching piano music. Evelyn Pipoly did the swearing in of the new members who are: Ann Kronik, Helen Novinc, Frances Kozar, Mary Rudolph, Molly Strunge and Sue Yanek.

Hat parade was hilarious with

"Oldie" creations modeled by would-be actresses (members, of course) and striding akimbo down the aisle like Mae West, Hepburn, Scarlet or Shirley Temple. Last one was "Kranjska Meetzka Kovacheva" (Mary Chesnik) in a babuska carrying a basket of klobase which ended in a clamor worth hearing. Our \$2 drawing was won by Lillian Chase. Also, our cadets were joined into the Polka Foundation. Have you seen the museum? You should. Will be a "Great"!

Ann Orlikowski slipped and fell and bruised and pulled muscles enough to be strapped and bandaged when helping neighbor Paula Suhay into her house coming home from the hospital and almost landed there again. Take care and you may call 911 next time!

Hopefully convalescing are John Nestor, husband of Christine, Rosemary Marn and Sophie Yapple of Florida, Tony Jagodnik, husband of Irene, Virginia Mlack and Paula Suhay. Our well wishes and prayers.

Frank Berkopec, husband of Jane and brother-in-law of Mary Hrovat died after a long illness and Anne Cern lost her sister. Mary Petrovic lost her 95 year old mother, Mary Hudoklin. A deserved peace to them and strength to the survivors.

Honored our 50th year members: Mary Znidarsic, Julia Tousel, 86 years old and Bea Tomc, an active member who attended Andrews School for Girls and sold high fashion clothes at Lane Bryant and May Co., and also was a past Mother of the Year who vividly recalls past meetings and activities.

Frances and Joseph Stariha celebrated their 80th birthday with Mass and a grand party with many guests on their 34th Anniversary approaching soon. Also celebrating their 50th Anniversary in Cleveland were Frank and Rose Zihrel of Florida. Many more for both couples.

Fr. William Jerse, cousin of Vera and Vincent Nosan baptised their 5th grandson, Bradley James Nosan at St. Vitus Church. Bradley's brother came in from Spain to attend the baptism and for a family togetherness. Vera, you have catching up to do as Amy Gad became a great aunt for the 28th time when her niece in Connecticut had a baby girl.

Molly Strunge is a happy grandmother because Steven and Penny Strunge of Delaware, Ohio had a beautiful first daughter on March

13th, weighing 8 lb. 11 oz. with red hair and blue eyes. Molly is one of our new members. Congratulations!

Sharon Mrazor, granddaughter of Ann Tercek, graduated from O.S.U. as a registered nurse. Jimmy Debevec, Jr., son of Jim and Madeline Debevec of the Ameriška Domovina, graduated from the University of Miami. Christine Sebenik, my granddaughter, was accepted by Colorado State to further her studies in Occupational Therapy. Again, she had a 4 point average and will be a junior in August. I'm so proud of her, but aren't we all proud and happy parents and grandparents when our young do well! My grand nephew, Michael Politi did graduate from St. Joseph High School and will attend the University of Akron to pursue a law course. This class might be the last to graduate at St. Joe's before it becomes co-ed with Villa Angela High School. I had a grand nephew, Arthur Knaus who was in the first graduating 4 term class in 1956. My sons graduated from there in 1959 and 1961 and Roger of '59 is still interested in what the school does, so "Mom" sends him all the clippings.

Trips and Travel! Carole Traven visited son, Max, on Mother's Day and stayed over to see granddaughters, Amy and Jill who participated in a band concert in Columbus.

Ella and Frank Skoda visited daughter, Charlotte in New Jersey and to see granddaughter, Lisa graduate from high school; she was attending her prom at the time. Ella said, "Oh, she was just beautiful in silver and black and escorted, too, in silver and black!" Mary Blatnik and daughters, Bonnie and Cathy, who incidently are our new members, too, drove to a lodge in Lake Ontario, Canada for a few days and on their return picked up Evelyn and Mike Pippoly and drove to Sunset Beach, No. Carolina, to visit Evelyn's daughter, Sharon and husband, Dr. John Roberts. An all-in-the-family event.

Helen Bonac travelled to Atlantic City and won \$130 but she left it there in succeeding tries on the machines. Next time? Anne and Gus Ryavec traveled to California missing all the rain here and Jane and Angela Vidic did the same when visiting their family in Oregon State. Mary Drobnikar visited in Minnesota, a cooler state.

Bon Voyage to Ann and Dorothy Ann Winter who fulfilled a dream of a lifetime as they took a 13 day Alaskan Cruise with Milan Tours. Seven

days on the S.S. Rotterdam and 6 days on various other modes of transportation. Had a safe trip because they remembered the caribou moose have the right of way and they know it!

Mary and John Chesnik went to the Indian country in Montana to visit a nephew but the Indians had a celebration and no access to his home allowed, so they had to be satisfied with a phone call. Better luck next time.

In spite of the slow rain all day on Anne Ryavec's bus trip, it was a terrific event. Kent State Museum was very good - could have stayed there longer - dinner at the Tri-Crown Inn was excellent. Aurora Farms is something to see and wonderful ladies to talk to. Looking forward to another trip this fall. Pittsburgh? When leaves change color?

See you at our pot luck dinner on August 15th at 6 p.m. at Euclid Club House on the Lake off 222nd St.

Have an enjoyable summer with friends and family. Remember, the best time to make friends is before you need them.

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VERA SEBENIK,
Reporter

NO. 54, WARREN, OH

Our Mother-Daughter Luncheon was a lovely affair. We honored our president, Joe Kassan as "Mom of the Year." She had a beautiful red chiffon dress and shoes to match! Her daughter, Barbara Jaras took the day off from work to help Jo enjoy the afternoon. The tables were pretty with impatiens flower plants which were then given away as prizes and favors were individual marigold plants. It all looking very springy and naturally a statue of the Blessed Mother was the focal point of the main table. After a delicious lunch, poems were read by several members and Slovenian music was in the background. Thank you, Millie Pollock for helping me out and it was good to see you among us. Millie had been hospitalized for awhile but is doing much better now.

Helen Kohli came from Geneva, Ohio and brought her delicious grape wine for our pre-dinner cocktails. Seems like each year our group gets smaller. We have no solution to this problem. Goodness knows, we try hard enough, calling etc.

Happy and safe traveling this summer season and God's blessing to

those ailing. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 20th at noon at the Elks.

JOANNE PONIKVAR

NO. 55, GIRARD, OH

Our Mother's Day banquet was at Little Peppino's restaurant in Girard. We had a very nice turn out, with 35 people present and the food was very good. Our Mother of the year was Milka Kregar, she has a beautiful family. You can tell they all love her very much.

Betty Ann Ambrose graduated from the University of Pittsburgh on April 28, 1989 with academic honors. Betty Ann is the daughter-in-law of Ambrose. She started to work on May 8th at the Allegheny Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Marci Caisango was Prom attendant at the Girard High School for the Junior high class. Marci is also running for the Girard Homecoming Queen. She is the granddaughter of Martha Ambrose. I know Martha has to be very proud of these young ladies. I know the rest of our family is.

I'm very happy to say that I also have a joy. My son, Thomas Gordon Jr. has made the Dean's list again at the Youngstown State University and I'm very proud of him.

Ladies having birthdays in June were Marian Cigolle, Milka Kregar and Anna Racick. And in July they are Nancy Dombrosky Anna Kalan and Maria Selak. Our junior member in June was my grandson, Seth Gordon. I'm sorry to say that in the May ZARJA I made a mistake. Our Junior member was Andrea Selak, and not Monica.

Happy Birthday to all.
Love,

ROSEMARY

NO. 56, HIBBING, MN

Our April 11th meeting was mostly dedicated to making plans for the annual Mother and Woman of the Year party. Veronica Martin, General Chairman reported that the day would be May 8th at the VFW Hall. President Ann Selvo suggested that we have Rose Maras, past State President, as our special guest. This was unanimously approved.

Ann Selvo reported on her visit to Barbara Dosen, an old friend who is

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MARY BLATNIK. WOMAN OF THE YEAR



What a beautiful honor was bestowed to our lovely member Mary Blatnik, selecting her as the Federation of Slovenian Homes, Woman of the Year for 1989.

Mary was born in the Collinwood - E. 140th Street area, her maiden name was Homar. She has one brother and three sisters.

Mary attended Longfellow Elementary School and Collinwood High School, also attended Slovenian School at St. Mary's.

She worked at the Richmond Brothers Company and Thompson Products in Euclid.

In 1944 she and husband Harry were married at St. Mary's Church, of their marriage they had two lovely daughters, Bonnie and Cathy.

In the 1970's two unforgettable things happened as Harry was named Man of The Year representing the "Slovenian Workmans Home on Waterloo Rd" in 1972; and again in 1976 he was selected by the Federation of Slovenian Homes as its "Man of the Year"! Unfortunately Harry passed away in 1982.



"Valentine Queen" Mary Blatnik, center, with her sister-in-law, Lillian Homar, left, and sister, Frances Kajfez.

TORY'S GREENHOUSE CAMPAIGN

Since April 1 or the beginning of the **Tory's Greenhouse Campaign** and until June 1, a total of eighteen workers enrolled 38 members. Said members include 8 Class As including 3 transfers, 14 Class Bs including 1 transfer and 16 juniors.

The top three workers are: Jonita Ruth of Branch No. 20 of Joliet, IL with 7, Marjorie Church of Branch No. 42, Maple Heights, OH with 5 and Josephine Mohorcic of Branch No. 25, Cleveland, OH with 3. Jonita's new members included Joan Cardwell and her four children, namely Jeffrey, Kristin, Lysa and Scott. Marjorie's new members included Amy Thompson and her 10-month old twins, Samantha and Shawn and her sister, Jennifer Yemec.

It ought to be the concern of every member to enroll a new member. In this way each one of us would help maintain our heritage and preserve the hard work of our organizers and other dedicated workers through the years.

Won't you help plant a few seedlings, male or female, and thus beautify our enrollments? Our appreciation is extended to all the workers in **Tory's Greenhouse**.

May you have a super summer with many God's blessings!

Olga Ancel

This was the first time that this honor has been bestowed on **both** husband and wife.

With Harry and his mother both being so active with the Slovenian Hall on Waterloo Rd, Mary followed their footsteps, and got involved in many Slovenian Organizations; right now she is a very good member of about fifteen.

Belonging to all of these organizations she gives of herself and helps and undertakes duties in the kitchen, working with food. She is known as an excellent Caterer.

Her buffets, dinners and cocktail receptions are just beautiful with the tables in full, gorgeous skirts in all colors, with the silverware, candelabras, centerpieces, flowers, etc.

For our 50th Anniversary of SWU Br. 50 Mary decorated our Honored Guests tables, they were just gorgeous — all done up in yellow.

Mary is a member of our branch for nine years and has enrolled many members including her sister Frances Kajfez, and sister-in-law Lillian Homar. Her sister-in-law Evelyn Pipoly is our new Membership Secretary of Branch No. 50.

In February, Mary was selected as our "Valentine Queen" for 1989. In 1987 she was also a delegate to the 1987 National Convention in Joliet, Ill.

Despite her busy schedule, her hobbies are playing cards, travelling and of course cooking, baking and decorating for the different occasions.

On Sunday, March 12th was the day for all ten of the Men and Women of the Year of all the Slovenian Halls to be honored, and it was Mary's Special Big Day. She looked stunning in her beautiful pink all beaded dress. Her family, relatives and many friends were there to help her celebrate this great occasion.

"Congratulations, Mary" Branch No. 50 is proud of you to receive this deserving honor.

May you enjoy many more years of Good Health, as you are an inspiration to everyone. God Bless You!

Ann J. Tercek



REDUCED-CHOLESTEROL EGGS?

Since the early 1970's consumer oriented publicity for healthy foods and tips for reducing cholesterol levels through diet has been escalating. Although high cholesterol is more likely to occur in older people, it has been found in all age groups, thus blood tests measuring cholesterol levels are common medical practice for a routine medical exam.

Consumer health education campaigns and doctors have warned the public of heavy consumption of eggs and other egg products to be one of the primary culprits leading to high cholesterol. Americans have responded by decreasing their egg intake. Since 1970 the egg industry has noted that per capita consumption of eggs dropped from 309 to 249; these figures indicate that on the average, Americans presently eat nearly 21 eggs or egg products per month.

This decrease in egg consumption for the \$3.5-billion egg industry has created an incentive to develop a substitute. We are already accustomed to butter and sugar substitutes, and even "Egg Beaters," but can you imagine cracking two real eggs and making scrambled eggs that will not increase the serum cholesterol in your body, but may have the potential to lower serum cholesterol levels instead? It sounds unbelievable!

Japan's Mitsubishi International Corp., claims that it has produced a hen-feed supplement that can produce eggs that actually lower cholesterol. Bob Fuhrman, president of C.R. Eggs in King of Prussia, Pa., has secured the U.S. and Canadian patent rights to this hen-feed supplement. The word is out that this small egg company in Pennsyl-

vania has invested several million dollars for New York ad agencies to begin work to create advertisements for the "cholesterol-reducing egg." Fuhrman plans to build franchises throughout the U.S. and to be the first to introduce this egg in our nation.

The miracle feed formula contains iodine-rich kelp and seaweed; an increase in the human system of iodine results in a higher metabolic rate which helps process serum cholesterol. Fuhrman differentiates between dietary and serum cholesterol; dietary being harmless and not a factor in causing atherosclerosis and heart disease; serum cholesterol being the most destructive since it is produced by each individual's body in response to factors such as metabolism, weight, diet and exercise. These new eggs will have dietary cholesterol; however the product will reduce enzymes related to the production of serum cholesterol in the body.

Undoubtedly, the concept of egg production by C.R. Eggs sounds incredible, but some poultry scientists and professors are questioning the validity of the miracle claims. The company is still testing the formula before submitting it to the Food and Drug Administration for approval. Since American standards are currently stricter than Japanese for such approval, it may take at least 20 years or more for the "cholesterol-reducing egg" to reach our supermarket shelves.

Perhaps it will take a bureaucratic miracle for this incredible egg to be approved before the year 2000.

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living at a nursing home now. Barbara is in good spirits and sends her greetings with a sincere invitation to all to come visit her.

Liz Spolar read the names of our April birthday ladies and since only one member was present we were happy to sing Happy Birthday to Amelia Domen, a charter member.

Liz also brought up a discussion of Heritage Days and plans for a meeting April 27th at her house in order to organize the gathering of material, pictures, etc. to send in for the History Book.

Minnesota State Day will be held in Duluth this year and we will look into the possibility of renting a bus together with one of the other branches on the Range.

Our next meeting in Sept. 11th and

hostesses will be Mary Sikich, Mary Micheletti and Dorothy Oberstar. Jackpot went to Liz Spolar and lunch was served by Agnes Barkis, Fran Tobey and Mary Enge after which games were played with prizes won by Anna Pintar, Anne Satovich and Ann Selvo.

May Report

On May 8th, we met at the VFW Club to honor our Mothers and Women of the Year. 30 members attended.

Pres. Selvo recognized our past president, Rose Maras, for her 23 yrs. as a devoted member and 20 of those years as our president. Rose worked hard to make our Branch the success that it is and we all appreciate her "labors of love". Liz Spolar presented Rose with a pretty gift.

The Secretary did not have the minutes of the last meeting with her. In lieu of that, she read a comical story about "Petey, the Snake", which everyone seemed to enjoy.

Financial Secretary, Liz Spolar is still working diligently on our Heritage material and requested our older members to fill out a paper detailing information about our Branch to be returned to her as soon as possible.

Liz read off the birthdays for May, June, July and August, and the traditional birthday song was sung. At this time, Liz wanted to remember and to honor the following members: Frances Strojan who was 99 in Jan.; Veronica Schwartz, 93 in Mar.; Lucy Paun, 92 in April; Anna Soldenski who will be 90 in July; Barbara Doshen who will be 89 in Oct.; Amelia Domen who

was 87 on Jan. 28 of this year. It is with pride that we mention that Amelia is our only living Charter member, and we hope she will be around for us to enjoy for many, many years!

As guests, Rose Vukich brought her 2 daughters and her granddaughter to our dinner. It was a pleasure for all of us to meet these lovely girls.

Our President gave special thanks to Chairman, Veronica Marter for a job well-done with our Woman of the Year dinner.

We were proud and happy to learn that our President, Ann Selvo, was awarded a 3,000 hour honor pin from the Mesabi Regional Medical Center of Hibbing for donating 3,000 hours at the hospital. She is only the second woman to have received this award, and we proudly announce that the other recipient was the late Hilda Pogorelc, one of our loyal deceased members. This is another indication of the caliber of our members. Congratulations, Ann!

Jackpot winner this month was Mary Micheletti. Games were played and prizes won by Ann Pintar in "B", Dorothy Oberstar in Canasta and Sylvia Latick in 500.

MILENA KOEHLER

NO. 57, NILES, OH

Our April meeting was opened with a prayer by 17 members present, a very nice turn-out. It was a beautiful day, and we hope just one of many more as the weather was perfect.

Our minutes were read and approved and also our treasurer's and secretary's reports were given and approved. We are going to try to increase our treasury by contributions from each member beginning next year. Plans were completed for our Mother's Day Luncheon at Applewood Gardens on May 9th. Our new social member is Helen Havaich Misel. Welcome.

Your Reporter read a letter from our Editor in regards to the deadline for material in ZARJA and also noted that there is no ZARJA in January, June and August.

A lovely lunch was served by Ann Pease and Mary Strah and they also brought a lovely door prize which we used for the "B" game. This money went into the treasury. The prize went to Elizabeth Havaich. Thanks, girls.

We also had a faithful member celebrating her 87th birthday, Mrs. Mary Opalka, who has missed very

few meetings and when we have a party of any kind, she attends with her daughter, granddaughters and daughter-in-law. That is loyalty! We are all happy to see her as she is a lovely person.

Summer is here and that means a lot of weddings, graduations and vacations on our lists, but members, do add our meetings to your list of events as it is a very enjoyable time for all.

A lot of members have been down with colds and other ailments but we wish them all get well wishes. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Making someone laugh can do worlds of good for both of you, 'cause laughter is a feel-good sound that's always nice to be around.

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Our May meeting was our Mother's Day luncheon at Applewood Gardens. It was well attended with 25 members and guests. We honored our Mother of the Year, Mary Lukz. It was a lovely afternoon as one of our members, Elizabeth Hovaich and her husband made beautiful favors for each member. We played "B" and everyone went home with a prize. We also had a door prize donated by our Mother of the Year which was won by Marge Mollica.

Our June meeting was at the home of our president. The lunch committee was Viola Logar and her daughter, Mary Ann Leonard. We shall report on that next month. May God bless all our sick members and wishes to them all for a speedy recovery.

"A sorrow shared is by half a trouble; but a joy that's shared is a joy made double!"

FRANCES STANEC

NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE, OH

Have hardly put the flag away from Memorial Day, and it's time to put it up again for Independence Day. And summer rolls on! You undoubtedly are all wondering where the time has gone. Before the next issue of Zarja, preparations will be well on their way for children to return to school — and 1990 is just around the corner!

Our birthday celebration held on May 5th at the American-Croatian Party Center was a success. With 52 in attendance (19 were No. 73 members), the evening was filled with good food, music and dancing. From all reports, a good time was had by all. This is the one time during the year

we celebrate anyone/everyone's birthday. Wish I could have been there.

We have some Juvenile/Junior members who have made their mark in society, and we want to give them recognition. Too many times we fail to praise the younger people for their accomplishments, and they do work hard to achieve their goals. Leslie Dusek had the honor of being Mayor for a day in Oakwood Village, this was for "Government Day" which is a special event for the Bedford School District. Ironically, her uncle (Ed Ozog) is the official mayor of the village. We hope you gave him a few helpful hints, Leslie. Leslie's Mom is our secretary, Gloria.

Kathy (Vorisek) Jones, a new member, has double reason to be proud of her children, students at Chamberlin High School in Twinsburg. Daughter, Kim, a senior, has won first place in Columbus, Ohio for Extemporaneous Speaking for Business Professionals of America. This award came after she had taken the first place in another contest in Dallas, Texas where she spoke on the Impact of Imports in America. Kim graduated June 9th, and we send our best congratulations, on the awards and on the diploma. Son, Bill, a sophomore, has been inducted into the National Honor Society. Maybe Mom can get us a picture of these two very accomplished students, so we can share them via Zarja. Kathy is the daughter of long-time member Antoinette (Keglovic) Vorisek.

GET WELL wishes are extended to Marge Kozelka who broke her arm at work, and to Alice Bican who recently underwent surgery. We hope that by this time both of you are well on the road to recovery.

While the two of you were recovering, Helen and Ben Dodyk were in Las Vegas also trying to "recoop" — however, it was some of their losses that they were working on. (I'll "recoop" the same way in Atlantic City).

THANK YOU: Aloise Epley asks that her appreciation be expressed to each and everyone of you for the many Get Well notes that she received after her surgery in February. I did visit with her; she is doing well and trying to get back into the swing of things. Take it slow and easy, Aloise, it may take longer — but you will feel much better.

PERSONAL NOTE: Many of you may be aware that Steve and I returned to Ohio much earlier than expected. On April 13th our daughter, Mary,

MOTHER OF THE YEAR

Ann Batty

was taken to Cleveland Clinic after a diagnosis of Leukemia had been made. I don't think I need to put into writing our feelings. Devastation seems to say it all. As of this writing (May 15th) she is still at the Clinic, she has received two Chemo treatments, and will need several more. Her spirits are high, she has suffered thru the ordeal like a real trouper, and asks only for your prayerful support. Mary is 31 years old, and has a six-year old son who is presently under our watchful eye. Her husband (Bill) is a police officer for Warrensville Heights. Needless to say our lives have been changed by this illness. We will remain in Ohio indefinitely until we are sure she has been stabilized. We do want to thank those of you who have called and who took the time to send us notes of encouragement. It is at such times that true friends surface, and we thank God each day that our lives have been blest with understanding and compassionate people. And Mary, please, get well soon!!

We arrived home on a Friday, and the following Monday had to face the reality of death, when Steve's sister, Sister Florine Therese, Dominican Order, Adrian, Michigan passed away. Sister was 77-years old, and had been in the order for 57 years. She was a sister-in-law also to Louise Majercik. Again, thank you for the expressions of sympathy that many of you sent. We truly appreciated each and every one.

We hope that your summer will be an active one, filled with lots of sunshine and only good things. If you are traveling, have a safe journey. Keep in touch as you move about, so we can share the comings/goings with other members. It will be cookout time in August, you will be hearing from us, and God willing, we will see many of you at that time.

Take care. God Bless us, each and everyone.

Respectfully,

EVELYN A. MAJERCIK

NO. 79, ENUMCLAW, WA

Our branch has been active and held two very successful events in the recent past. First, the dance that was held on the 29th of April at the VFW Hall in Enumclaw was the first such event we have had in five years and happily we may now report it was a success, a good crowd, many good vibes on the food as well as the music.

Ann Batty was born to Philip and Julia Minarcic in Oglesby on July 22, 1917. Ann survives her parents along with a brother, Joe, and a sister, Sophie. Joe resides in the family home here in Oglesby and Sophie makes her home in Texas. There were six children in the family and Ann's parents were of Bohemian descent.

Ann is a graduate of Washington Public School and attended La Salle Peru High School. She is also a graduate of Brown's Business College.

Her hobbies include golfing, bowling, baseball and tending to her garden. She raises beautiful roses and has a large vegetable garden that is very time consuming as all gardeners know. In the fall of the year, Ann will be found in the beautiful wooded area of our community picking mushrooms and enjoying the trees in color.

Ann and William Claudic were married at St. Constantine Church in Oglesby on August 17, 1941. He passed away on December 17, 1952. They had two children, William, Jr. and Georgia Dooley. Ann raised her children by working as a waitress for twenty-five years. On July 15, 1960 she married Ralph Batty.

Her son, William has two children,

Philip William, age 3 and Katie, age 5. Georgia has three children, Patrick, 14, Andy, 10 and Kelly, 13.

Ann has been a member of Br. 89 for 48 years. She holds the office of auditor since 1985. When the bowlers were active for S.W.U. Ann bowled with the team and helped in all candy sales and bake sales that the bowling team ran to help fund their expenses.

"Bones" as she is called loving by all, has always been generous with her time to help out any organization that needs help. Her leadership has won her many friends through the years.

Her grandchildren are her greatest delight. You can see her teaching them to ride their bicycles. She has a lot of patience teaching them how to play baseball and how to swing a golf club. Her grandchildren are her greatest fans, too. They are always sampling grandmother's cookies.

Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life to you, Ann, your husband, Ralph, and all your loved ones.

Your dedication to Br. 89 will long be remembered by all. Congratulations, "Bones" - we love you!

E.K.

Branch 89, Oglesby, IL

What a lot of work was done by many, including Monica Podolak in supervising the kitchen with lots of help from all those who brought those luscious lasagnas, Annette Johnson, Fran Potocnik and Dorothy Kovacevich for helping to set up, Dorothy Sleigh and Mary Kell with the games, and most certainly our door hosts, Kenny Tasker and Joe Kovacevich. All members are to be congratulated on a job well done.

On May 21st we had our annual Mother's Day reception honoring our Mother of the Year, Mary Paterson. This was beautifully hosted by Lynnette Ellertson and Mary's family, including husband Mark, son Bob and daughter Pat and their respective families, all on hand to honor Mary on her special day. Again we enjoyed delicious party fare, good friends topped by a well-received presentation of Mary Paterson's life by Dorothy

Sleigh. Our president of long standing, Mary Mihelich was able to be present.

MARY BRATOVICH, Reporter

NO. 89, OGLESBY, IL

Thirty-one members and guests entertained Ann Batty, our Mother of the Year at Karol's on May 8th at dinner and a social evening. Mitzi Banich, chairperson, assisted by Rose Ann Prey and Jo Schmidt, were in charge of the arrangements. Ann was presented a beautiful rose bush which she will plant in her rose garden to enjoy for many years.

Names were pulled and each of the following took home a beautiful potted plant: May Smith, Betty Hamilton, Georgia Dooley, Bonnie Claudnic, Marilyn Argubright, Josie Argub-



Mildred James:

Thanks for Fifty Years!

To recognize our 50th Anniversary I am planning our heritage book edition which will be published later with special activities, including a souvenir edition. We will pack it with names, and recollections from the past 50 years. We again raise a toast to that!

Things looked different then. Today, we have the conveniences, comforts, health protection, and opportunities denied our immigrant parents. We are the first American generation of immigrant parents, who have been born, grown up, and died during the past 50 years. Their accomplishments and, yes some disappointments, have been reported by yours truly and was reflected the news of our branch.

Yes, we have gone through a lot together since that date.

I don't want this 50th Birthday to sound like an obituary. I have stated many times, both publicly and privately, my high regard to, Evelyn Driscoll, Rec. Secty., Mildred Poropat, Secty., Helen Golich, Treas. and Sylvia Vukodinovich, Vice Pres. and all officers and members whom I have learned to admire for their personal qualities and have appreciation for the splendid fashion in which they cooperated with me in the performance of my tasks. Nor am I unmindful of their unfailing courtesy at all times and their loyalty to me.

Now it is up to my successor to carry out the demands of our branch. I will say "Farewell: I will miss all of you! May God bless all of you, and Happy Birthday Br. 95, May we have many more!" PEACE!

Sometimes we are reluctant to acknowledge a birthday, but that's not the case with our branch.

Yes, we are fifty years old and proud of that accomplishment.

While we take pride in this achievement, we pass along praise and thanks to our organizers, Mary Markezich, Agnes Mahovlich, Cvita Chorich, Mildred James, Anna Tumpich, Andrijana Bandera, Josephine Bogovich, Agatha Mesin, Helen Mazar, Benedicto Marino, Matilda Turico (who is 95 yrs old and living with her son, Mike, in Calumet City), also Rose Adams, Kate Garvey, Irene Cutich, Antonette Ross, Katherina Markulin, Johanna Malcic, Ljuba Trgovac, and Mary Gaspar.

For that reason our birthday celebration can be observed by the past and present members who have supported our branch for 50 years. Thank you.

right, Helen Komater, Pamela Nosalik and Eunice Komater. A special gift donated by Jo Schmidt went to Bernadine Bukovic. It was a lovely authentic Indian bracelet and earrings to match. The lovely hanging plant went to Ann Querciagrossa.

The program for the evening was a display of The Family Tradition Porcelain Art Studio Collection - porcelain dolls which are made by the family. They are a fourth generation in the business of China and Glass Lamp Shade painting, doll making and custom dress-making for dolls. One of the dolls was called "Sugar Britches" that was enjoyed by all the ladies. It was a joy to have Lisa tell us about the making of the dolls and what work is involved. She had an interesting program for the ladies. I'm certain it will long be remembered.

EUNICE KOMATER

Above, Mildred James proudly displaying her pin and below, Matilda Turico who was unable to be with us. They are the only two surviving fifty year members of Br. 95, So. Chicago.



NO. 92, GUNNISON, CO

Twenty-two members and guests gathered at Josef's for the annual Mother's Day luncheon. Beth Weaver was honored as our Mother of the Year and was given a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a corsage. Betty Stefanic did the honors of crowning the new Mother of the Year and Loretta Szaller gave an informative introduction, complimenting Beth on her loving personality. A book of Mother's Day poems, cartoons and pictures was presented to Beth as a memory of her special day.

Loretta Szaller deserves praise for her biography of Beth in the last issue of Zarja. I enjoyed it very much. I combined the two months reporting because I was on a cruise in the Caribbean with a group of people from Gunnison. Those were nine great days that went by so quickly. Our former

member, Fran Austin, joined us on the cruise. Plans were made at the April meeting for several activities. Thanks to Rose Carricato and Margaret Malensek for giving me the information. The Fathers Day picnic will be held on June 18th. Fun things are planned for that day. Then on July 15, the members will meet at Webster Hall to make poticas for the booth which we will have during Cattlemen's weekend. Frances Guerrieri will supervise this neat project. Plans were also continued for having a food booth during the **Denver Post Colorado Bicycle Tour**, which was expected to bring in some 2500 riders on June 19.

After all of the reminders, Bunny Spritzer had the drawings for the gifts which the members brought for themselves and their guests. Lovely surprises pleased everyone. The luncheon was very good, giving us an opportunity to visit with each other.

Margaret informed me that the mystery box was one by Betty Stefanic at the April meeting. Hostess gifts were won by Beth Weaver, Frances Guerrieri, Rita Bartelli, and Loretta Szalder.

We missed Margaret Depew at our dinner. Hope she feels better by the time we have our picnic. Sally Duck was also out of town.

Looking forward to a busy summer and company.

FRANCES SOMRAK,
Reporter

NO. 100, FONTANA, CA

Our April meeting was held at the home of Rosemary Mlakar on April 9 after we had enjoyed a wonderful brunch at Harry C's Restaurant in Rancho Cucamonga. President, Ann Kapel initiated new members: Elfie Chesnic, Mary Lou Haight, and Linda Sand. We were all happy to see and welcome these new members. Rosemary Mlakar introduced a prospective new member, Frances Ambrozik. Our rummage sale was finalized, and was to be held June 10 in cooperation with the Slovene Rest Home in Fontana. This was to be a main fund raiser, and we hope to have a brisk business.

We also discussed final plans for our Mother of the Year banquet, which was held May 5 at the Golden China Restaurant to honor Nell Phillips our Mother of the Year. Nell's family was in attendance at the banquet, and we all had an enjoyable

evening. I even received some Slovenian lessons from Frank Kapel. It was nice to meet Nell's family, and we were glad they could attend.

We normally don't have meetings in July & August, so I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer. See you at the next meeting in September. Members will be notified by phone of date and place.

LINDA M. COSTELL

NO. 102, WILLARD, WI

Spring has really sprung! And summer isn't too far away. It's so nice to see all the grass and trees so fresh and green again. Many of the early bushes and flowers are in full bloom as I write and the fields and gardens already planted. With the help of a little more rain we can look forward to a bountiful harvest.

Our May 7th Plant Sale was quite successful. Thanks to all the ladies who brought so many goodies for our Palm Sunday Bake Sale which made it rather profitable.

Our Charter Member, Anna Volovsek, celebrated her 96th birthday on April 19th at the Neillesville Memorial Nursing Home. About 20 family members gathered there to celebrate and that made it an enjoyable afternoon for her with birthday cake, salads and coffee service. Mrs. Volovsek had 12 children, two are deceased. She now is grandmother to 42 and has 85 great grandchildren!!! Three of them are deceased. She is my mother. God love her!

Our "Lady of the Year", Agnes Lesar was honored with a delicious pot luck dinner held at the Parish Center on April 23rd with 25 people attending. Agnes received a beautiful corsage of red and white carnations and a gift from our local Branch. Best wishes were extended from all.

May Crowning was held on May 7th at the 10:30 Mass at Holy Family Church. The selected Queen was Sherry Stremikis, a co-valedictorian of the 1989 graduating class at Greenwood High School. The other graduating students served as a Court of Honor as Queen Sherry crowned our Blessed Mother. Our pastor, Rev. James Leszczyński celebrated his Silver Jubilee of Ordination on May 28th. After Mass, an open house was held and luncheon at the parish center. Since Feb. 1st we have had to share Fr. Jim with our neighboring parish

96th!



Anna Volovsek, charter member of Br. 102, Willard, Wisconsin, celebrated her 96th birthday in April.

of St. Mary's in Greenwood, so both parishes took part in the celebration.

Our sympathy goes out to Mary Koschak and families on the loss of their sister, Frances Butala Aiuto.

Aimee Staut, the 1987 S.W.U. Scholarship winner from our branch 102, has been attending La Crosse State University for the past two years and had been on the Dean's List for both years. She has been selected to be an exchange student to Australia for the next semester and will be attending Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia. This is located about 80 miles from Brisbane. Aimee is majoring in Medical Technology. We certainly wish her the best in her new adventure.

Our next meeting will be in July with serious preparations for the upcoming Regional Convention here in Willard in September. See you then.

MARY STAUT



Since we did not have a formal meeting in March, we had many important subjects for discussion. In lieu of the March meeting, we had a special program beginning with a discourse by Conrad Mejac, who is in charge of the Slovene Desk at the Voice of America. He gave a talk on "Current Developments in Slovenia". This was indeed very interesting, and at the conclusion several questions were asked. We next viewed a video tape of Slovenia (furnished by Nika Kovacic), pointing out the important tourist attractions, as well as the life of the inhabitants. After seeing the pictures of beautiful Slovenia, I'm sure all those who have not yet visited there hope to do so in the near future. Finally, we enjoyed a display of original paintings by Dora Plestenjak, a Slovenian Artist. Most, or all, of her lovely paintings were sold — a real tribute to the Artist. Several group pictures were then taken of the members, after which we enjoyed a very lovely buffet that the members of Branch No. 103 are famous for.

Our April meeting was well represented, and dealt with preparation of future events. The ladies are to be congratulated for their efforts in preparing for these events which require a great deal of time and dedication. Nika Kovacic shared with us a letter she received from Br. No. 103 member, Barbara Puchnick, who lives in Forest City, Pennsylvania. It was nice to hear from Barbara. She gave a very comprehensive background of her family and of the Slovenes who came to Forest City, the first having arrived there in 1886. In addition, she mentioned the many activities they have planned for the coming months in Forest City. Thank you Nika for sharing this most interesting letter with us.

On the 28th of April, this reporter was privileged to travel to Springfield, Illinois with our National Heritage Director, Irene Odorizzi and her husband Kenneth, to attend the Congress of Illinois Historical Societies and museums 1989 Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon. We were happy to be joined by Jonita and Fred Ruth, Helen Plut, and Helen Horwath, members from Branch No. 20 in Joliet, Illinois. Many awards were presented. We were, of course, very proud when our National Heritage Director, Irene Odorizzi, was presented a Certificate

of Excellence for her Projector Slide Sound entitled "Golden Times" which can be viewed at the Slovenian Heritage Museum in Joliet. She also received the superior rating for the Oral History Video Tape of Slovenian Immigrants. Following the luncheon meeting, we all enjoyed sightseeing in Springfield, the highlight of which was the Abraham Lincoln Home, and also the Museum and Visitors' Center.

The next day, I joined Irene and Kenneth for a sightseeing expedition of St. Louis, Missouri, visiting the famous Arch — The Gateway to the West — more impressive than I had ever imagined. We enjoyed the hour-long river boat ride on the great Mississippi. The evening was finalized with a delicious dinner at the Clarion Roof Top Revolving Restaurant. While the restaurant revolved, we had a perfect night view of the entire city and waterfront — this was indeed a most enjoyable trip.

On Saturday, May 6th, Branch No. 103 once again participated in the 10th Biennial Northern Virginia Folk Festival. The Slovene booth was interesting as always. Maps and pictures were displayed which proved to be an attraction to many who are not familiar with our culture. Samples of our traditional foods were sold, and special recognition should be extended to Nika Kovacic who made her special recipe of Slovenian Honey Heart Cookies and Slovenian Boys and Girls Cookies. The time-consuming job, including the intricate decorations on the cookies, was rewarded by the interest shown by the public, and all were sold! Thanks, Nika. Also, thanks to all the other members of Br. No. 103 who offered so much of their time and efforts to make this event a huge success; those who deserve recognition for working in their particular capacities are Mollie Thomas, Regina Raspet, Mary Lou Terselic, Matilda Terselic, Nancy Terselic, Maria Paulin, Freda Michelitch, Nika Kovacic, Bernadette Kovacic, Angela Daly, Mara Chokel, Tončka Cigale, Mrs. Ivanka Antolin, Matilda Ausich, Anna Skopec, and Jana Bevec.

The following also helped: Freda Michelitch, Maria Paulin, Regina Raspet, Mary Lou Terselic, Matilda Terselic, Nancy Terselic.

Our Slovenian food made a big hit!
HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL.

MATILDA AUSICH
Recording Secretary

YOUNG ACHIEVERS!

Daughter of Ann Kristoff, Sister Donna Kristoff, O.S.U., an Assistant Professor of Art did present her article "Light that is not light; a Consideration of Thomas Merton and the Icon" at an international Merton symposium at Ballerine College, a society with a group dedicated to the research study and reading of Thomas Merton works. **Sister Donna and two other scholars in the presentation had topics that included his influences on literature, poetry and human dignity.** Her study of Merton took her also to St. Bonaventure and Columbia University and Rome. Thomas Merton, a native of France, became an American Trappist monk in 1941, a prolific author and poet. Sister Donna's article will appear in the Merton Annual Vol. II which is scheduled for publication in 1989.

Jean Miller's daughter, Audrey Ann graduated from Kent University with a B.S. degree in nursing. She will have her State Board test in July. Good luck! She has a position at Cleveland Metro Health Center on the Pediatric floor. On May 18th she flew to W. Germany on a 3 week short term mission which she was happy to be a part of, and at the same time to see Germany.

Deanna L. Matko, granddaughter of Millie Petrovic, is a graduate in August from Bowling Green State University with a B.S.-B.A. degree in Health Care Administration, specializing in Human Resource Management. She has experience as an academic tutor, customer relations and volunteer in physical and occupational therapy departments. This summer she will serve an internship at St. Vincent Charity Hospital in Cleveland involving major projects within the human resources and benefits and salaries department. Then she will begin graduate school at O.U. in Athens, Ohio for which she received an associateship position and a stipend. She hopes to receive her MBA in 1990.

Millie Yeray's daughter, Darlene, graduated on Mother's Day from the Executive MBA Weatherhead School of Management of Case Western Reserve University which comprises a group of forty participants.

We wish all these people Good Luck in their chosen fields.
Submitted by Vera Sebenik, Br. 50

NAŠA POT PO SLOVENIJI

Iz "Slovenske ure" na radijski oddaji v Chicagu



PRIMORSKA

SPODNJE POSOČJE

Od izvira tretje slovenske reke Soče smo potovali navzdol mimo planinskih krajev in ob Soči ob divjih skalah ter prišli do nekdanje Sv. Lucije – današnji Most na Soči. Planinski kraji so za nami; sedaj imamo pred seboj pravo primorsko pokrajino s širšimi dolinami in višjemi kraškimi planotami. Prav kmalu smo v zanimivem kraju v Kanalu, ki je prometno in cerkveno središče in slikovita naselbina nad globoko deročo Sočo. Na njenih bregovih že uspevajo smokve (fige) in breskve; proti nebu se že dvigajo prve ciprese.

Na desni strani Soče se širi rodovitno in prijazno gričevje – Brda. Ploščati griči so pokriti z vinogradi in sadovnjaki. Na višinah je razgled na furlansko nižino tja do morja. Brda dobivajo topel zrak z Jadranskega morja: dobra zemlja in ugodno podnebje nudi tukajšnjim prebivalcem češnje, grozdje, breskve, fige – in slovita primorska vina.

Središče spodnjega Posočja je mesto GORICA, ki so jo kmalu po II. svetovni vojni zavezniki prisodili

k Italiji. Pod staro Avstrijo je bilo mesto večinsko slovensko in deželno važno središče. Sedaj je poleg tega mesta zrasla Nova Gorica, ki je načrtno grajena na široko in je videti kot prijetno vrtno mesto. V ozadju goriške ravnine se dviga visoka Skalnica ali SVETA GORA, znana božja pot.

Obrnimo se sedaj proti jugu – vzhodu in prišli bomo v prijazno in rodovitno Vipavsko kotlino, ki jo obdajajo planote Trnovski gozd, Nanos in Kras. S temi planotami je zavarovana vsa kotlina in zato je topla, gosto naseljena in ugodna za vinogradništvo in sadjarstvo. Okrog in okrog te doline se belijo po vrhovih stare cerkvice.

Središče Vipavske doline je kraj Ajdovščina – stara naselbina še iz Rimskih časov. Prav tako starinsko naselje je kar znani Vipavski Križ s starim gradom in samostanom. Prav na koncu te doline je trg Vipava, ki ima več zanimivosti – in med temi največjo vinsko klet za 500 vagonov vina.



SVETA GORA NA PRIMORSKEM 450 let stara božja pot

Deklica Urška Ferligoj iz vasi Grgar pri Gorici je pasla ovce na visoki gori Skalnici in molila. Na zlatem oblaku je zagledala Marijo, ki ji naročila: "Povej ljudem, naj mi tukaj pozidajo hišo, me milosti prosijo", (To naročilo se je ohranilo v latinščini)

Kljub velikemu nasprotovanju, kljub mnogih boleznih in lakoti v deželi so se ljudje lotili zidave na visokem hribu — 682 m. Oglejski patriarh je pozidani cerkvi podaril podobo, na kateri je Marija z Jezusom v naročju: na njeni desni je prerok Izaija, na levi pa Janez Krstnik. Čez dobrih 100 let je cerkev dobila namesto lesenega dotrajanega oltarja krasen marmornat oltar. Romarjev je bilo čedalje več. Milostno Marijino podobo so 1.1717 z visoke gore prenesli v Gorico, kjer so jo na glavnem trgu slovesno kronali v prisotnosti škofov in civilne oblasti iz vseh tedanjih slovenskih pokrajin. Navzočih je bilo okrog trideset tisoč vernikov.

Avstrijski cesar Jožef II. je v času svojega vladanja med mnogimi romarskimi cerkvami dal uničiti tudi Marijino svetišče na Sveti gori. Cerkev je utrpela neznansko škodo. Kaplan iz Solkana je rešil milostno podobo v solkansko župno cerkev. Novi cesar Franc II. je privolil obnovo Svete gore in vrnitev Marijine podobe v za silo popravljeno cerkev.

Ko je leta 1906 stekla železnica iz Kranjske dežele na Primorsko do Gorice, se je obisk romarjev na Sveto goro zelo povečal in so našteali letno tudi na 100 tisoč romarjev. Tudi to je bil vzrok, da je naslednje leto dobilo gorsko svetišče naziv "bazilika".

Italija je 1. 1915 stopila v vojno proti Avstro-Ogrski monarhiji kamor smo spadali vsi Slovenci razen Prekmurcev. Takoj po napovedi vojne so Sveto goro zasedli avstrijski vojaki in tekem ene ure so morali vsi cerkveni ljudje zapustiti goro. Milostno podobo so franciškani prenesli v Grgar in nato v Ljubljano. Čez nekaj dni so padle bombe na cerkev in vso uničile.

Marija se je vrnila zopet na Sveto goro. Več kot sto-tisoč ljudi je meseca oktobra 1922 s škofom Sedejem spremljalo gorsko Kraljico v njen dom — nekdanjo baziliko, sedaj v začasno kapelo; leta 1928 je

bila dograjena čudovito lepa bazilika; a žalostno — pod italijansko oblastjo.

Konec krute II. svetovne vojne, ki je trajala od 1941 do 1945 Slovenija ni dobila od zaveznikov vse zemlje, ki ji pripada. Vrnjeno ji je bilo svetišče Matere božje na Sveti gori in slovenska romanja so se obnovila. Milostna podoba se je skoraj že zgubila, kajti romala je "iz kraja v kraj." Našli so jo končno v Vatikanu, jo tam obnovili in jo poslali "domov".

skrajšano iz Družine



Ivan Pregelj

ZDRAVA, MARIJA GORIŠKA

Grem z romarji na goro in molim. Hodim prvokrat in me mika vse, kar vidim: suh brinov grm, kača, ki se je povlekla s poti med kamenjem, šum škržatov v nizkem hrastju, rdeča barva kamenitih tal, globoka dolina, nad katero smo se vzpeli, in vedno širše in vedno svetlejšo nebo, ki se odpira nad nami. O, Sveta gora! Veliko gora sem že oblezel! Bolj so strme, bolj so kamenite, pa so prijetne! Tebi pa niso po krivici stari ljudje rekli, da si Skalnica. Pusta si, kakor je Kras. Pa mi v glavo noče, kako si Mati Marija prav njo izbrala, kako si hotela prav vrh tega najbolj vsakdanjega hriba v moji goriški deželici imeti za svojo hišo?

Ali si sirotno pastirico Uršulo Ferligovo tako ljubila? Gotovo si v Uršuli ljubila vse nas! Prav tu na Sveti gori imaš odprt pogled na vse štiri vetrove našega sveta.

Tole premišljam, molim, golčim za glasom trudnih romaric in mi je dobro in hudo. Vse so matere, vse me spominjajo moje lastne, in rajne. Potem pa zopet vidim Tebe, svojo nebeško Mater. Koliko hudega je na svetu! Strašno težko bisago človeških prošenj nosiš svojemu ljubemu Sinu. O, Mati! Tudi mojo bisago naloži, prosim Te!

SVETA ANA – ZAVETNICA MATER

IZ GOVORA G. FRANCA TEMENT V LEMONTU L. 1988

*S*v. Ana je bila iz Davidovega rodu. Kot deklica je bila zelo pobožna, skromna, ponižna in polna še drugih lepih čednosti. Poročila se je z Joahimom, ki je bil prav tako iz Davidovega rodu in je bil duhovnik jeruzalemskega templja. Zelo sta bila žalostna in sta se čutila hudo prizadeta, ker dolgo časa nista dobila otroka. Starši, ki niso imeli otrok, niso imeli upanja, da bi morda oni postali starši Odrešenika. Zato je bil za izraelsko mater otrok poseben božji blagoslov. Kakšna razlika med tistimi materami in mnogimi materami moderne dobe, ki jim otrok ne pomeni takorekoč nič. Še več: mnoge matere grede tako daleč, da otroku, ki ga nosijo pod srcem, vzamejo življenje. Predrznejo se vmešavati v neodtujljive pravice Boga. Samo Bog ima pravico do našega življenja!

Bog je uslišal prošnjo Joahima in Ane. Dal jima je zelo zalo deklico, kateri sta dala ime Marija, kar pomeni toliko kot lepa, mogočna in razsvetljena gospa. Veliko veselje sta imela s svojo hčerko in sta se Bogu zahvaljevala zanjo. Ko je bila stara 4 leta, sta jo peljala v jeruzalemski tempelj, kjer je ostala do svoje 15. ali 16. leta. Tako sta se namreč nekoč zaobljubila. Sveta Ana je torej postala mati tiste žene, katero je Bog že v raju napovedal, žene, ki je bila brez madeža izvirnega greha in je bila od vekomaj določena za mater božjega Sina. Sveta Ana zasluži in to po vsej pravici, da jo častimo, ker jo je Bog sam počastil, da jo je izbral za mater božje Matere Marije.

Sveta Ana je tudi na Slovenskem zelo priljubljena svetnica. Nad 70 cerkva na Slovenskem je posvečenih tej svetnici, nekatere so znane božje poti. V Gomilicah v turniški župniji se na aninsko nedeljo zbere pri tamkajnji kapeli, posvečeni sveti Ani, velika množica vernikov od blizu in od daleč. Matere in nerodovitne žene so se že od nekdaj zatekale k njej. Ponekod se ji priporočajo za dobro poroko in srečen zakon. Za svojo zavetnico jo imajo matere in vdove. Marsikje se ji priporočajo za srečen porod. Ponekod na Slovenskem je sveta Ana tudi priprošnjica za srečno zadnjo uro.

Bog deli izredne in velike milosti zaslužnim božjim služabnikom in služabnicam. Sveta Ana je bila zvesta božja služabnica. Živela je v svetosti in pravičnosti, zvesto je spolnjevala Gospodovo postavo ter se povzpela do visoke stopnje svetosti. Bog je vse to vedel že poprej, zato jo je tudi izbral za mater prebl. Device Marije.

Če je bila Marija goreča svetika božje ljubezni, je bila to tudi njena mati Sv. Ana. Če je bila Marija dragocena skrinja ponižnosti in drugih čednosti, je bila prav tako sv. Ana. Ana sicer ni dobila toliko odlikovanj in milosti od Boga, kakor jih je dobila Marija, toda čisto gotovo je, da jo je Bog odlikoval z mnogimi milostmi ter ji tako pomagal do izredne svetosti.

Nič čudnega, da je sveta Ana vzornica in zaščitnica krščanskih mater.

SLOVENSKE MATERE PRAZNUJEJO GOD SV. ANE DNE 26. JULIJA ŽE OD DAVNIH ČASOV.



SVETA GORA — PRILJUBLJEN ROMARSKI KRAJ

NAROČILO

*Sveta gora se v jesen odeva,
kraj prelepí davnega spomina.
Kot molitve glas je tu tišina,
ki Devico hvali v dan iz dneva.*

*Hram Marijin, lep in veličasten,
lastovka samotna obletava,
kot da proč ne more brez pozdrava:
klic daljav jo vabi, klic oblasten.*

*Lastovka, ti ptica draga, mila,
ko čez morje prinesó te krila,
k bratom, tam naseljenim, poglej!*

*Da od tu MARIJA jih pozdravlja,
da ljubó jih s Sinom blagoslavlja
in da zanje prosi, jim povej!*

/Ljubka Šorli/

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 16 - ZVEZA DAY IN LEMONT, Br. 2, Chicago, IL at Lemont, IL
- Aug. 15 - POTLUCK PICNIC, Br. 50, Cleveland, OH at Euclid Park Clubhouse
- Aug. 23 - NOON LUNCHEON, Br. 35, Aurora, MN, at Mary Ann's
- Sep. 10 - MINNESOTA STATE CONVENTION, Br. 33, Duluth, MN
- Sep. 10 - WISCONSIN STATE CONVENTION, Br. 102, Willard, WI

- Sep. 24 - GRAPE HARVEST DANCE, Br. 20, Joliet, IL
- Sep. 24 - TRIP TO BELLVUE, OH Shrine of Sorrowful Mother, Br. 42, Maple Hts., OH. Call Millie Lipnos for reservations
- Sep. 30 - 60TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE, Br. 32, Euclid, OH
- Oct. 1 - OHIO-MICHIGAN STATE CONVENTION, Br. 32, Euclid, OH hostess branch. Mass at noon, Bishop Edward Pevec, officiant, St. Christine's church. Meeting to follow.
- Oct. 15 - CARD PARTY, Br. 12, Milwaukee, WI
- Nov. 5 - CARD PARTY, Br. 43, Milwaukee, WI

"FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART"

Operation Relocation

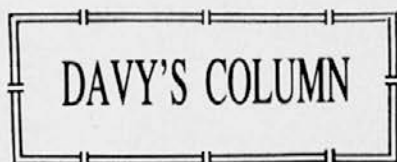
We were quite aware of the fact that a squirrel had hung a "Home Sweet Home" sign in our chimney. What surprised us, or perhaps we just didn't want to realize it, was that she was the mother of twins. In fact, our furnace was the birthing chamber.

Having our "tenants" occupy the furnace and chimney was one thing; however, when they decided to turn the attic and storage area into their own private gymnasium, that was a whole different matter. It was time to set a trap. For bait, we used peanut butter.

It was only a couple of hours before we caught ourselves a baby squirrel. We decided to set it free in a park or some other area with trees and lots of open space. Everyone (Grandma, my five-year old daughter, and myself) piled into the car. Grandpa placed the trap in the trunk and after assuring the squirrel that he was just going for a little ride, he took his place at the steering wheel.

We ended up at the undeveloped area behind the local mall. Grandma and Grandpa removed the trap from the trunk and walked about six feet into the acreage. They opened the trap and encouraged the scared creature from the cage by touching his backside with the end of a broom handle.

The squirrel ran straight under the car. Grandma was sure it was in the motor, so she went around the front of the car hitting the sides with the



broom handle. No squirrel emerged. Grandpa looked under the car. No squirrel. This convinced grandpa the squirrel had run under the car and across the frontage road, but grandma was still convinced it was up in the motor.

Grandpa decided to start the car. We all cringed, waiting for the cry of the baby squirrel being mutilated. No cry came. Still grandma was convinced the squirrel was under the car.

We pulled on to the frontage road. Grandpa stepped on the gas, accelerating to 50 mph and then slammed on the brake. Those of us seated in the back seat went flying, but no sign of any squirrel.

"If he was under the car as you believe, there's no way he could have held on."

Grandma was still unconvinced. First thing she did when we got home was jump out of the car and look under the car. From behind the front right wheel, on the bar that connects the two front wheels, was the tail of a squirrel. We had brought the little fellow home with us! Well, grandpa did tell it, it was going for a ride. He said nothing about a new home.

'Til Next Month.

DAVY

RIDDLES

What runs around the house all day but never passes a roof or a window?

The Clock

When is a doctor most annoyed?

When he is out of patients.

Tie it up and it walks, unfasten it and it stops: What is it?

A Shoe

(Sent in by Paul John Nusko, 8 years old, Br. 2, Chicago, IL)

"I don't care if there's grass to cut or leaves to rake away; I don't mind the work at all. I love the month of May!"

(Sent in by Rae Lynn Nusko, age 7 Br. 2, Chicago, IL)



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