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## Paul Hribar, A Son of Slovenia

Paul Hribar, Cleveland Law School Class of 1941, is a man of matchless energy. On a Sunday in April, barely a month before his 85th birthday, he is hard at work in his City of Euclid office preparing for the 11 new cases he has agreed to take the previous week.

Recently returned from Las Vegas, he looks forward to his trip to California in June and his trip to Iceland in September. He will tell you that hard work, energy, and longevity are characteristics of the Slovenian people among whom he counts himself. And, in his case, it would be hard to prove otherwise.

His father, Bartholomew Hribar, held many jobs before becoming a realtor, including a stint as a prize fighter, boxing under the very un-Slovenian name of Mike Murphy. "My father spoke several languages, and he could operate any machine," Paul reminisces. His father lived to be 101, and his mother, Alice Hribar, died at 91. "She was a tiger, the youngest of 11 children," Paul said with pride.

Born in Cleveland and raised in a Slovenian neighborhood around St. Clair and East 65th Street, Paul Hribar was the grandson of Josef Turk, the first Slovenian settler in Ohio, the great nephew of a legendary Slovenian Catholic priest, Vitus Hribar, founder of St. Vitus Church, eventually the largest Slovenian Church in America and the center of the cultural life of the immigrant Slovenian population. He was named for an uncle, Father Paul Hribar, pastor of St. Joseph's Church.

When Paul was two, his parents moved their family into a German/Irish neighborhood in Collinwood. Perhaps growing up among several cultures and several nationalities fed Hribar's respect for diversity, his interest in travel, and, above all his uncritical interest in people.

Interviewing Paul Hribar, one quickly perceives that there are two interviews being conducted: yours and his. So, leaving his office, I am unconvinced I know as

much about him as he does about me. "I am interested in everything I do," he tells me, "and in people: Who you are and what you are. It's caring about people and about what happens to them that makes law an interesting career."

Hribar graduated from the old Cathedral Latin School and then, in 1937, from John Carroll and always he was working at odd jobs. "I started working when I was 12. I delivered papers, caddied, worked in shops, in grocery stores, in banks. I was a mechanic, waiter,



Paul J. Hribar

voting booth judge. You name it." How did he settle on law? "Basically, my mother decided I should go to law school." His mother was right. The high school boy who loved bookkeeping, shorthand and accounting better than Greek, Latin and French found his calling in his evening classes at Cleveland Law School. A practicality in the study of law spoke to him in a way the classics had not.

Like many of our law school graduates, Hribar expresses appreciation for the opportunity that evening law school afforded him. "So many people who are lawyers here would not be if there hadn't been a night law school. I strongly support the evening program, and it is one of the reasons I became a life member of the Law Alumni Association." Hribar has fond memories of several classmates, particularly Thomas Gray who remains a close friend. Judge Skeel was a "very enthusiastic person," and Wilson Stapleton was a "slick Phi Beta Kappa-type guy."

Then, early in 1941, history caught up with the soon-to-be-graduated attor-

ney. Hribar had received a draft notice. Fortunately, he was able to defer enlisting in order to finish school and take the bar. After Pearl Harbor, he ceased to delay

his military service and was accepted into the U.S. Coast Guard Academy - one of 200 out of a thousand judged to be "officer material."

From 1942 until 1946, "four years and 11 days," Hribar was the commanding officer of ships sailing the oceans of the world as part of the North Atlantic Convoy during a time when the German navy was busily sinking ships in the Atlantic. Today in his office, a map of the world is studded with pins marking the countries he has visited, either in wartime or peacetime. The territory he has covered in a single lifetime is impressive and might consume three lifetimes.

Returning home in 1946, Hribar began developing the law practice that is today focused on, but not confined to, real estate law. Initially, he worked at law part time while holding down a full-time job, first as a title examiner and later, as a savings and loan officer. He also set about finding a wife. Three years later, there were almost as many women in his past as there were jobs in his past. The woman he finally chose and married in 1949 was from his own community of Slovenians. The niece of Monsignor Bartholomew Ponikvar, the successor to Father Vitus Hribar of St. Vitus Slovenian Catholic Church. Mary Ann Hribar's roots were as deeply imbedded in Cleveland's Slovenian history as Paul Hribar's were. Together the couple had five children, including daughter Joyce Ann Hribar '88 who shares an office suite with her father as a member of Associated Solo Practitioners.

Paul's wife, who had come to this country when she was 18 learned English, finished high school, and put herself through nursing school, died 15 years ago.

Today, in addition to travel and law practice, Paul

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## Friends of Slovenian National Home Receives KSKJ Grant

The American Slovenian Catholic Union presented the Friends of the Slovenian National Home, Inc., a Cultural Grant for \$500. The Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, has gone through a series of renovations in the last few years to restore this cultural landmark. It is one of the largest cultural halls in the greater Cleveland area. This past November, Phase One of the current restoration project was completed to make this Cultural Landmark handicapped accessible by installing new restroom facilities in the lobby of the main hall.

The Slovenian National Home is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. It is very important that this cultural landmark be restored so that our rich Slovenian heritage will continue for many years at this hall.

Included in the picture above are Dale Lunder, Vice President of the Slovenian National Home, Joseph Hocevar, 2nd Vice President of the KSKJ National Board, and Robert Hopkins, President of the Slovenian National Home. The presentation was made at the monthly St. Clair Slovenian National Home Benefit 50/50 Split Drawing that is held on the last Wednesday of each month. There were approximately 200 people who were in attendance at the drawing.

(Photo by BOB MILLS)

--Joseph V. Hocevar

## Devotional to Our Lady of Brezje

On Sunday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. everyone is invited to meet at the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine on Chardon Road in Euclid, Ohio for our annual May devotions in honor of Our Lady of Brezje, Patroness of Slovenia. This devotional is being sponsored by the Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges. It is anticipated that various Slovenian clergy will be joining us to participate in the devotional. The liturgical program is being planned by Father Joseph Božnar, pastor of St. Vitus Church in Cleveland.

The prayer service will include the recitation of the Rosary in conjunction with a candlelight procession, Benediction, and the singing of the Slovenian Litanies to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the grotto.

--Joseph V. Hocevar,  
Federation President

## New Altar Society Members

St. Vitus Church in Cleveland announces the reception of new members into their Altar and Rosary Society during the Ascension Thursday 7 p.m. Mass.

This year 16 new members were inducted. They are Nevla Avzlahar, Daniella Avsec, Jennie Antloga, Valerie Baznik, Mart Futey, Rosalia Hocevar, Agnes Koporc, Marija Lunder, Sophie Mazi, Marinka Ovsenic, Helena Percic, Helen Pisek, Louise Strauss, Ivanka Stupica, Mary Ann Vogel, and Susan A. Zitko.



## Jim's Journal

By Jim Debevec



Facts and myths about the American scene:

Was reading the mystery book "Murder on the Atlantic," by Steve Allen. It was a mystery because I couldn't figure out where the author received his information.

Near the end of the book, the "Atlantic" (ship) passengers were saved from drifting hopelessly in the Atlantic by the United States Navy destroyer "U.S.S. Phoenix" who gave them a tow. Well, there you have it. The whole book was ruined. Why? Ask any ex-swabbie. He/she will tell you U.S. Navy destroyers are named after people, not cities.

Normally, Navy cruisers are named after cities, such as the U.S.S. Cleveland, Indianapolis, etc., and battleships take their names from states such as the U.S.S. Missouri, U.S.S. Arizona, and so forth. Submarines are usually named after fish such as the Gar which you can visit and walk through near the foot of E. 9th street pier in Cleveland. Nuclear submarines, however, are another story.

Anyhow, I conferred with our local naval expert, Bob Mills and he agreed that something sounded fishy about calling the U.S.S. Phoenix a destroyer. Bob served two terms in the Navy, one during the Second World War and the other during the Korean Conflict, and he's still active as a radioman in the Military Mars network which relays messages from families in Ohio to sailors serving aboard ships at sea.

Anyhow, Bob, through his numerous contacts,

found the U.S.S. Phoenix (SSN 702) which, to our amazement, is an attack nuclear submarine on active duty with Norfolk, VA as its home port.

The first nuclear submarine was the U.S.S. Nautilus which was based in New London, Connecticut. I remember it well, because I was stationed there for a year when Nautilus berthed next door to our submarine tender. You had to have a special Naval clearance to board the ship because a lot of the equipment on board was then classified as secret. Today, you can visit the very same Nautilus at the New London base and it's open to the public for tours. Bob and his wife, Marcie plan to take a look at the ship in the fall.

Now if Steve Allen had named his rescue destroyer the U.S.S. Bob Mills, I would have believed it.

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Another book I was reading is called "The Contested Plains" by Elliott West. It talks about the conflict between the Indians and the white settlers in the Colorado, Kansas and Dakota territories. The one big event which took place that brought a large number of people to America was the discovery of gold flowing out of the Rockies in 1858. It was a bigger gold boom than

the California strike in 1848, 10 years earlier. There was a depression going on, and people came from all over the world to the Rocky Mountains to try and discover gold, and/or supply goods to the prospectors.

The Indians had moved to that territory, and (like the Russians under Communism), had no conception of the term "private property" and were pushed aside by the hundreds of thousands of prospectors who came west, some even bearing signs on their covered wagons, "Pikes Peak or Bust." The pioneers were somewhat under the



## 100 WORDS MORE OR LESS

by John Mercina

### To The Graduates...

**You are at the top of the world today. You have made it! Dollars are floating in front of your eyes and your mind is focused on becoming rich and famous. You plan on paying more taxes in your lifetime than your parents grossed in their lifetime. You are proud of yourself because you know that nothing can stop you from achieving your dreams.**

**Did you thank your parents for helping you get to where you are now? Did you stop for just one moment and thank God for giving you health and wisdom? Did you pause and reflect on how you will handle problems which will undoubtedly occur in your lifetime? Have you considered taking some deserved time off to help those that are less fortunate than you?**

**Life is full of surprises and you may have to learn how to respond to unforeseen circumstances. You may have to adjust your schedules and actions for the good of those around you. You may even have to take jobs that are totally foreign to you and do the best you can with them.**

**Just for today, savor the goals that you achieved, remembering that some of the richest persons have not achieved their goals. As you go through life, make sure that your presence here on earth makes a difference for someone.**

**Congrats to you and to your family!**

protection of the United States government and their cavalry army. By sheer numbers, the Indians were no match for the American and European settlers.

The Indians were hunters and roamed the plains in the summer in search for bison for food. When they returned to the base of the mountains for protection against the winter winds, they found the settlers had taken over "their" land. Then the farmers settled in the Indians' summer hunting grounds. Some Indians settled for meager compensation from the United States, others preferred to fight for their territory.

There are a lot of books to read in this world; some are fact; some are foible; the ingenuity lies in discerning the difference.

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The Bahamas were named for their shallow waters by Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon. He called them *baja mar*, Spanish for "shallow water."

## Eradicating the Yellow Dandelion

By Rudy Flis

Last Saturday, my wife Therese, and I worked in our yard. A perfect day to accomplish spring chores.

We planted our flowers, tilled the soil, edged and trimmed the lawn before cutting the grass.

But boy, how a situation can change in a few weeks. Remember two or three weeks past, when I told you about my tantalizing "dandelion salad," and its place of honor in the salad bowl on our table? Well, today, it, the dandelion, went from friend to foe.

Therese and I beat, heeled, stomped, crushed, smashed and cut out every dandelion we found in our yard. The dandelions had our adrenaline a flowing.

I hope you don't think me fickle. But you see, a dandelion is not always a dandelion. In my yard, dandelion is enemy number one, and my wife Therese is

correct to say, "weed," when referring to them miserable critters in our yard. Of course, Therese now understands that early next spring, our kitchen sink and our salad bowl on our table will be host to the Slovenian delicacy, "Dandelion salad." Bathed in vinegar and oil and hard boiled egg, or wilted from hot bacon grease and vinegar with "spec" we have a tasty salad.

If next year you wish to pick some dandelions, cut the root free of the green about an inch under the ground, take home, clean, prepare, and consume, as often as you wish until the bright yellow flower appears.

When the yellow dandelion flower appears it warns all, "This plant is now bitter and should be considered a weed, not fit for a salad."

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# Starting Over in Cleveland in 1950's

## WORKING IN THE FACTORIES

By Anton Žakelj;  
translated and edited  
by John Žakelj

(Continued from last week)

### Monday, August 28, 1950

There's a group of us that go to work together now. As we walk from the last bus stop to the shop, people recognize us by the briefcases we use for our lunches instead of proper lunchboxes. Some people greet us with a raised arm Hitler salute. They mistakenly think we had to leave Slovenia because we collaborated with the Nazis. We return their salute with the communist raised fist.

### Saturday, September 16

All day I helped Rihtar and Klančar install a toilet in our apartment. At 10 p.m. it was done.

### Monday, September 18

Joseph Grdina brought two new workers for our shop - professor Ovsenik and Blaž Vavpotič. They were both hired. Prof. Ovsenik is 60, but looks younger. I lied and said he was 50. In Ljubljana, he was a high school principal and teacher of classical languages. The communists deported him, his wife, and daughter to Hungary just before Christmas 1945, when he was close to retirement. From Hungary they had to go thru deep snow to Austria, where we met them in the refugee camp. His crime was that his mother's mother was German, and that he had a house and some land which the communists wanted. In America, Prof. Ovsenik didn't know English well enough to get a teaching job, so he took any job he could get to support his wife and daughter.

Blaž Vavpotič worked at the university in Ljubljana as a chimney sweep. He joked his job was higher than the president's.

### Tuesday, September 19

Mike Vrenko started working with us. Partly due to my recruiting, we now have 25 workers instead of the 8 when I started. One of

my co-workers asked me to stop recruiting; he's worried there won't be enough work left for the rest of us.

### Sunday, September 24

At 1:30 in the afternoon, the day turned to night for about an hour. The sky was cloudy and the horizon was beautiful like a sunset. Lights came on everywhere.

At 4:30 we attended a concert of Slovenian, Croatian and American songs in the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair. The hall was full and the singing was beautiful. Governor Frank Lausche made a speech.

### Friday, September 29

Albin Klamer bought an old Chrysler for \$500 and drove me to work, even though he doesn't have his license yet.

Earlier in the week, I had to clean some parts in chlorine. I've had a headache ever since. I'm deathly afraid of that chlorine - it's worse than the Gestapo.

### Sunday, October 1, 1950

I had back pains last night and couldn't fall asleep until early this morning. I was still sleeping when Cilka went to the 8 a.m. Mass and left Johnny with me, as she usually does on Sundays.

Johnny, who is only 2, got out of the house by himself and walked to St. Clair, wearing nothing but a shirt. A man found him on the streetcar island in the middle of St. Clair. Somehow Johnny had walked across the traffic to get there. It looked like he wanted to catch a streetcar. Luckily, the man found out where we lived, and brought Johnny home to me.

In the afternoon, we walked to 1058 E. 74th St. to visit a family from our home town in Slovenia. In an amazing coincidence, their landlord turned out to be the man who had rescued Johnny this morning.

### Monday, October 2, 1950

This afternoon I went to see Dr. Kern to determine whether I was healthy enough to get health insurance through the Slovenska Dobrodelna Zveza (S.D.Z.). I am 5'7", weigh 140 lbs., and have too much sugar in

my urine. The doctor asked me to come back tomorrow. He also took some fluid out of a swollen elbow which I must have injured on the job. The whole visit cost \$2.

### Tuesday, October 3, 1950

Dr. Kern determined my blood sugar was acceptable: what a relief.

At work, the foreman suggested I go thank Mr. Risher for giving me a raise of 10 cents an hour, but I couldn't find the right English words. I'm making \$1.40 an hour now, but paying twice as much income tax as I did at Z&W.

Mrs. Jereb brought winter clothes for Johnny.

### Sunday, October 8, 1950

The American Stamping Co., across the street from Rihtar's, is working night and day, and for the first time today, on Sunday as well. Their noise makes it impossible to sleep and reminds me of our trip to America as refugees on a military transport ship. We hit a terrible storm in the Mediterranean. The ship was tossing so heavily that the porcelain dishes came crashing down with such a noise that we thought we had hit a mine.

### Thursday, October 12

The pain in my elbow has made work difficult. I saw Dr. Kern, who took out more fluid and again charged \$2.

### Saturday, Oct. 14, 1950

A car hit 10-year-old Frank Rihtar and his brother Milan. We took them to the old Glenville Hospital on E. 106th St. Frank has a dangerous head injury and Milan has shoulder pains. The police put the driver in jail.

### Saturday, Oct. 21, 1950

Four more Slovenians got jobs at our shop: Balantič, Meglič, Skubic and Boh. The owners are building a warehouse and starting three shifts. I received my paycheck: \$128.50, plus a 3-month bonus of \$23.68.

### Monday, Oct. 30, 1950

The *Ameriška Domovina* says this was the hottest year in 80 years.

### Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1950

Our foreman, Al, has been harassing me, the professor and the other Sloveni-

ans whenever he can. The evening foreman, Joe Ziate, is much better.

### Thursday, Nov. 2, 1950

Al asked me to teach Frank Bizjak how to use the machines. Frank got mad when Al tried to teach him. Bizjak is studying to be an engineer and knows more than Al.

### Thursday, Nov. 9, 1950

I sent \$45 to the League of Catholic Slovenian

Americans for food for poor people back in Slovenia. And I sent \$43 to the New York *Dalmatia* group for two sacks of flour and two packages for my mother.

### Sunday, Nov. 12, 1950

This afternoon we celebrated the 40th anniversary of S.D.Z. at the Slovenian National Home.

The Rihtar's celebrated the baptism of their new son, Stan. (To Be Continued)

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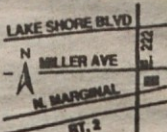
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Kenai Peninsula, Alaska with glacier - part of tour group. Back, left to right, Tony Lekan, Marilyn Lekan, Rich Sterle, Ernestine Machnik, Mary Sterle, Cecilia, Ann and Bob Dolgan. In front row, Joe Machnik. Not pictured Vera and Drago Udovich.

## The ABCs of Traveling With Cilka

Lou Stafford of Marietta, Georgia came to town on his semi-annual visit for Singing Society Zarja's spring frolic musical presentation. It was good to see this loyal American Home reader make the trek up north considering his sister Irma Pryately, a prominent member of Zarja, passed away last Fall. Lou was part of the Kollander Travel tour group in December 1997 and met relatives in Melbourne.

My husband, Bob, and I were in an automobile in Melbourne. The car ahead of us had Australian license plates "MASLO." The name rang a bell, because in 1993 we met some people named Maslo in Ostrožno Brdo, Slovenia, while looking for genealogical roots of Jennie Trebec of Willoughby Hills. It's a small world because it was Lou Stafford who was riding in the car ahead of us in Melbourne with his Australian cousins the Maslos. Slovenia is only the size of the state of Massachusetts, but it seems its people have settled everywhere.

Last summer we headed for Alaska and a cruise down the coastline. While we did not have time to look up any Slovenians, our traveling companions were nice people, and added a sense of camaraderie to the trip. This was especially true as Mary and Rich Sterle, Marilyn and Tony Lekan, and my husband, Bob, teamed up to win the afternoon trivia contest on the ship.

So, someone asked, "Where are you going this year?" Since we visited two places beginning with the letter "A," the answer is "B" for Baltic. The 14-day adventure as planned by Kollander Travel begins with a flight to Amsterdam, August 25<sup>th</sup>, where passengers will board the stylish Italian Costa cruise ship "Allegra." And we do plan to meet up with Slovenians in Stockholm, Sweden.

The ship will sail to seven countries, including the capital cities of Amsterdam, Holland, Copenhagen, Denmark, Stockholm Sweden, Helsinki, Finland, and Tal-

linn, Estonia, as well as St. Petersburg, Russia and Gdinja (also known as Gdansk or Danzig), Poland. The ship is the hotel for 10 days and no lengthy bus trips, and all meals. The cruise puts into port each morning.

Traveling with a group and visiting Slovenian communities in other lands adds a unique dimension to the travel experience. According to Joanne of the cruise desk at Kollander Travel, there are several incentives available during the month of May for passengers interested in joining the Baltic cruise of Northern Europe - 2 nights free in Amsterdam after the cruise includes hotel, breakfast and sightseeing, early sign-up savings of \$800 per person double occupancy, an upgrade in cabin accommodations, and a discount of an additional \$50 this month. Call Joanne at 216-692-1000 for a color brochure or more information.

--Cecilia V. Dolgan

### Paul Hribar... (Continued from page 1)

holds lifetime memberships in the Cleveland Marshall Law Alumni Association and the Cuyahoga, Cleveland, Ohio State, and American Bar Associations.

An ardent golfer, he is proud to have initiated with his good friend, the late Franklin Polk '39, a money-raising golf tournament for the County Bar that survives

today.

On the eve of his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, Paul Hribar has no intention of retiring and no time to settle gracefully into old age. In fact, old age is as foreign to his disposition as idleness or self-satisfaction. An engaging delight in the dailiness of life discovers adventure at his every turning. He did not learn this

enthusiasm or acquire this energy at our law school. They are gifts of birth, and they are among the winning and admirable qualities that make us glad he is a graduate of the Cleveland Law School Class of 1941.

--Law Notes  
Cleveland Marshall Law  
Alumni Association News

## Korotan Concert a Tribute to Bishop Anton Slomšek

An evening in May, a gentle breeze sending the soft fragrance of spring flowers in the air. An evening in May, a time to enjoy the beautiful melodies sung by Korotan at our concert on Saturday, May 22, at 7 p.m. in the Slovenian National Home, 6409 St. Clair Avenue.

The new and old members of Korotan have been diligently practicing songs for our upcoming concert under the direction and tutelage of our new director, John Srsen. Our program will be a potpourri of nostalgic "narodne" favorites, "Koroške," a tribute to Bishop A. Martin Slomšek, and a few surprises.

We cordially invite the readers of the *Ameriška Domovina* - English and Slovenian sections, to join us. Tickets for the concert are available from the members of Korotan. You may reserve tickets or a table by calling 216-692-2469 after 5 p.m., or by leaving a message on voice mail and we will return your call.

Price of ticket is \$10 for adults. Children under age 14 will be admitted without charge. Seating for the concert will be at tables and in the balcony.

Refreshments will be available before, at intermission, and after the concert.

--Cvetka (Terry) Rihtar

## Osteoporosis is not child's play

Millions of people of all ages and walks of life are at risk - from teens to adults to the elderly. It affects half of all U.S. women. One out of two women in the U.S. and one out of eight men over the age of 50 will suffer from osteoporosis - related fracture in their lifetime.

It's called the "silent killer" because it can creep upon your bones quietly over the years, without warnings or signs of discomfort or pain. People suffering from osteoporosis - related bone fractures have significantly greater risk of death in the first year after the fracture than those with other types of breaks.

### Prevention is Important at All Ages:

This disease is not restricted to the elderly. If preventive action is not taken, bone loss can occur at any age. Risk is increased among women from the time of menopause. The good news is that for most people osteoporosis is largely an avoidable disease. Simple steps of a balanced diet strong in calcium and vitamin D, frequent weight-

bearing exercise, and a non-smoking lifestyle with limited alcohol intake are key in preventing osteoporosis.

### Something to Think About:

It is estimated that national direct expenditures for osteoporosis and associated fractures is \$38 million per day. Osteo Solutions from NEWAYS International supplies 100% of the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) of calcium, magnesium, and vitamin C and D in a highly bioavailable, ionic colloidal form to help support your body as it builds strong bones.

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# News from the Euclid Pensioners...

Springtime greetings to everyone from the Euclid Pensioners. We hope that the beauty of this time of year is an inspiration to all. Nature has been reborn and hopefully will encourage a blossoming in you, too. Spring is a great time to be alive.

Summer is picnic time and the Euclid Pensioners are planning a wonderful picnic Wednesday, July 7, in place of our usual monthly meeting. SNPJ Farm will be the location and everyone is most cordially invited. Dinners will be served from 1 to 3 p.m. followed by music from 3 to 5 p.m. by Fred Zwick. Tickets are available from Pensioner members or by calling Mary Sterle at 216-481-9418. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the first Pensioner picnic of the summer on July 7th.

We all have some "personal treasures," items that we hold dear but which may seem meaningless to someone else. My father had such an item, a large soup spoon that he kept in his personal drawer in the nightstand next to his bed. A soup spoon? It was so precious to him because it brought back memories of his mother and his childhood in Slovenia. The family came to Cleveland in 1914 when my father was ten years old, and he had brought the spoon with

him. It became the only tangible link to his birthplace that he had. He often told us about the spoon, and when he died, I inherited the spoon and have it in my curio cabinet. Hopefully it will be passed down to future generations as a family heirloom.

Do you have a "personal treasure?" Have you told your family about the worn rag doll that you cherished as a child, or about the theater ticket stub from your first date with your spouse, or about some other item that contains a part of your soul? Will it be thrown into the trash someday by someone who does not know its story?

I have a piece of broken brick in my living room. First someone will see a soup spoon in my curio cabinet and think I was senile, and later when they come across a broken brick in my living room, they will be sure. But, that broken brick came from Slovenia from the house where my father lived as a child, the house that was destroyed at the beginning of World War I. Soon after, the family left for America. If I don't tell my family about the brick, you know where it will end up. My hope is that the great-grandchildren will someday own and cherish both an old soup spoon and a piece of brick.

The Euclid Pensioners are very proud of their member Harry Brule who opens every Pensioner meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Harry was recently honored as the Man of the Year from the Slovenian Society Home. Congratulations, Harry.

We give our final good byes to members who recently have passed away: Edwin Polsak, Joseph Lap, Alice Prijatelj, Mary Zadell, Marie Hosta, Alma Kovach, Bertha Walden, Victoria Klemencic, Frank Fatur, Jack Banko, Jennie Silc, Mary Rotter, and Rose Hocevar. We will miss each and every one of them.

After you are finished protecting your "personal treasures," why not join the Euclid Pensioners at their monthly meeting, the first Wednesday of the month in the upper hall of the Slovenian Society home on Recher Avenue in Euclid. Meetings start at 1 p.m. with entertainment or a program but plan to get there much earlier because so much socializing occurs in the hour before the meeting.

Remember, there is no meeting at the Home in July because that is the day we hold our picnic at the Farm. Join us for a good time. See you there.

--Patricia Habat,  
Recording Secretary

## Congratulations to John and Mildred Tumbry



### Who are celebrating their 66<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

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### Bike to Pristava

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, St. Mary's (Collinwood) church will have its annual Bike Ride to Slovenska Pristava in Harpersfield, Ohio.

Cyclists will meet at St. Mary's at 8:15 a.m. immediately after Mass.

Those who wish to meet along the way can join at 9 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant across the street from Boromeo Seminary on Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe.

Lunch will be served at Pristava after the ride.

Those who wish to join the long-distance bicycle ride please call Fr. Kumse at (216) 761-7740.

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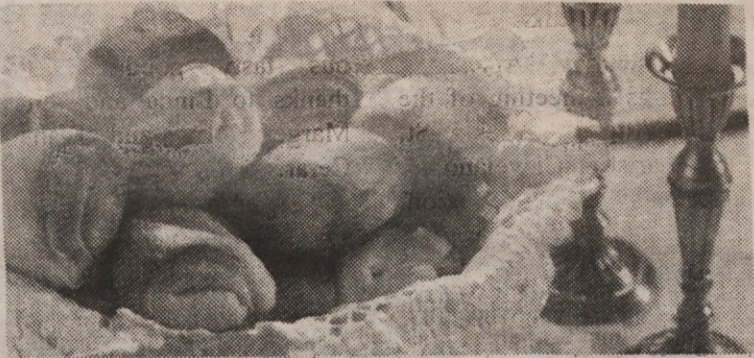
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In large bowl, combine 2 cups flour, sugar, undissolved yeast, and salt. Heat milk, water, and 1/4 cup butter until very warm (120° to 130°F). Stir into dry ingredients. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally. Add egg and 1/2 cup flour; beat 2 minutes at high speed. Stir in enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover; let rest 10 minutes. \*

Divide dough in half; roll each half to 12-inch square, about 1/4-inch thick. Cut each into 6 (2x12-inch) strips. Cut each strip into 3 (4x2-inch) rectangles. Brush each rectangle with melted butter. Crease rectangles slightly off center with dull edge of knife and fold at crease. Arrange in rows, slightly overlapping, on greased baking sheets, with shorter side of each roll facing down. Allow 1/4-inch of space between each row. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 30 minutes.

Bake at 400° F for 13 to 15 minutes or until done. Remove from sheets; cool on wire rack. Brush with remaining melted butter.

\*(If desired, allow dough to rise in refrigerator 12 to 24 hours).

### St. Mary's Awning Benefit

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Awning Benefit 50/50 poor man's split drawing will be held on Friday, June 4 at the Collinwood Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10. One ticket admits two people. Only 200 tickets will be sold.

For tickets please call Alba Plutt at 486-6453 or Mary Podlogar at 486-6424.

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### Fortuitous Meeting

It was good to meet with Jim and Madeline at the AMLA Omnimax showing of "Everest" on May 8th. The brief lunch on the veranda of the Science Center made for a pleasant spring day.

Enjoy the articles in the American Home.

--Jo and Joe Snyder  
Sagamore Hills, Ohio

### Meeting

Slovenian Women's Union Branch 10 will meet on Wednesday, May 26 at 1 p.m. in Tracey's Tavern on E. 200<sup>th</sup> St. and Tracey Avenue in Euclid, Ohio. All members of Branch 10 will be honored.

Members are cordially invited to attend. Guests are welcome. For reservations please call 1-440-944-4954 or 216 - 531-7635.

### Newburgh-Maple Pensioners News

The Newburgh-Maple Heights Pensioners Club May meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26 at noon at the Slovenian National Home, 3563 E. 80<sup>th</sup> St., off Union Avenue. Our attendance prize is \$15.

Our June meeting will be on Wed., June 23 at noon at the Slovenian National Home off Union Ave.

Our July picnic meeting will be on Wednesday, July 28 at noon at the Stafford Pavilion #1 off Libby Road in Maple Hts.

--Richard J. Galla  
Financial Secretary

## Coming Events

### Saturday, May 22

Korotan Concert, 7 p.m. Slovenian National Home, 6409 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland. Admission \$10. Tickets call 216-692-2469 after 5 p.m. Children under 14 admitted free of charge. Stan Mejac Orchestra plays for dancing.

### Sunday, May 23

Ohio KSKJ lodges sponsors devotions to Marija Pomagaj at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine off Chardon Road in Euclid, Ohio.

### Sunday, May 23

Slovenian National Home, 3563 E. 80<sup>th</sup> St., 1999 Slovenian Woman of the Year Dinner/Dance honoring Katie Kawczynski. Dinner at 2 p.m. Music by Wayne Tomsic 4 - 7 p.m. donation \$15. Tickets call 341-6136, or 883-2963.

### Monday, May 31

(Spominski Dan) Memorial Day picnic sponsored by Slovenian Cultural Society

(Triglav) at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wis.

### Friday, June 4

St. Mary's Church (Collinwood) 50/50 split raffle for benefit of the Awning Fund. Tickets are \$10 each good for two people and a sandwich; only 200 sold. For tickets call Alba Plutt 486-6453 or Mary Podlogar 486-6424.

### Sunday, June 13

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Slovenian School Annual Picnic. Mass at 12:30.

### Sunday, June 27

Ohio KSKJ Picnic Slovenska Pristava. Dance to music of Joey Tomsick.

### Sunday, June 27

Slovenian Cultural Society (Triglav) of Milwaukee sponsors First Picnic at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wisconsin.

### Wednesday, July 14

Holmes Avenue Pensioners Picnic at St. Joseph's Farm on White Rd. noon to 6 p.m.

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**Death Notices**

**MARY J. PRINC**

Mary J. Princ, 91, passed away in Gateway Health Care Center on Wednesday, May 12th.

Born in Cleveland, Mary lived on E. 155th Street in the Collinwood area for 85 years. She was retired from Metropolitan Insurance Co., where she was employed as a secretary.

Mary was a member of St. Mary Altar and Rosary Society, St. Mary Alumni Assoc., Slovenian Women's Union #10, and KSKJ Lodge No. 169.

Mary was the daughter of Frank and Mary (both deceased); sister of Frances (deceased); cousin of Sylvia Praust, Bernadette Missman; and Edith Kakal.

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St., Friday 2-7:30 p.m., where services were held

Saturday, May 15 at 8:45 a.m., and at St. Mary's church at 9:30 a.m. Burial in All Souls Cemetery.

Donations in her memory to St. Mary Church Endowment Fund.

**VERONICA M. BASTASIC**

Veronica M. Bastasic (Bass) nee Abramovich, of Richmond Hts., Ohio, died Monday, May 17 at Lake West Hospital.

Veronica was the wife of the late Peter (Kenny Bass); mother of Kenneth Bass, Karen Dwyer, Peter Bass, Susan Phillips, and Danny Bass; grandmother of four; sister of Edward, and Rudy Abramovich, Gertie Dobay, and the late Charles.

Arrangements by The Dan Cosic Funeral Home of Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

**In Loving Memory of the 2nd Anniversary of the death of**



**Caroline Mihelich**

Died May 17, 1997

A light is from our household gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled,  
A place is vacant in our home,  
Which never can be filled.

We have to mourn the loss of one  
We did our best to save,  
Beloved on earth, regretted still,  
Remembered in the grave.

T'was hard to part with one so dear,  
little thought the time was near,  
Farewell, dear one, life is past,  
Our love for you till the end will last.

Sadly missed by  
son, Joseph,  
sister Pauline Sasa  
brother-in-law Steve Sasa

**In Loving Memory of**



**Stephanie Rahne**

nee Dezelan

Who was born Dec. 26, 1917 and died May 21, 1998

The depths of sorrow we cannot tell,  
Of the loss of one we loved so well.

And while she sleeps a peaceful sleep,  
Her memory we shall always keep.

Sadly missed by:  
Brothers Joseph and Louis Dezelan  
and many nieces, nephews, and friends.  
Cleveland, Ohio, May 20, 1999

**In Loving Memory of the 28th Anniversary of the death of**



**Joseph Mihelich**  
died May 20, 1971

28 years have gone by since you were at our side.  
Remembered, how rough things were.

Now, I understand what they were.  
In my heart you still live in all the things I do.  
Now mom's at your side.  
I hope it's a pleasant ride.

Sadly missed by  
Son, Joseph  
and Family

**St. Vitus Altar Society News**

On Sunday, April 25, there was a meeting of the United Altar Societies at St. Vitus parish in Cleveland.

It began with benediction, singing litany and rosary. After the prayers, everybody went to the school hall. United Altar Society President Julka Smole greeted all the guests. Gathered together were members from St. Mary's, St. Christine's and St. Vitus. Regrettably there wasn't any representation from St. Lawrence.

Mrs. Ivanka Kete read the 1998 minutes from the meeting at St. Christine's parish. Mrs. Tončka Urankar gave the treasury report. Mrs. Ana Pirnat gave the St. Christine report while Ivanka Matic gave the St. Vitus report. All that we do through the year can be preserved through the minutes which are reported and we notice that we are still very nicely active.

Our good member Linda Plečnik prepared many vari-

ous tasty goodies. Our thanks to Linda and aides Marge Kuhar and Ivanka Cerar.

Our members also were very generous with all kinds of pastries. Josie Perpar also showed her talent with beautifully decorated tables, as always. On the tables the centerpieces were really beautiful. Happy members gladly took them home. One of these was shared by our pastor, Joseph Božnar.

I would like to thank Fr. Božnar for attending and participating in our convention. Also thanks to members from St. Mary's, and St. Christine. We hope you felt comfortable among us. Thanks also to our members for such a nice turnout; altogether there were 80 present. We thank God for the nice weather; and to all for the pleasant companionship.

Remain healthy, and I wish that we will all meet again in Lemont in August.

**In Loving Memory**

4th Anniversary of Our Beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather



**Karl Gorisek**  
Born: March 15, 1915  
Died May 21, 1995

His smiling way and pleasant face are a pleasure to recall  
He had a kindly word for each  
And died beloved by all.

Some day we hope to meet him,  
Some day we know not when,  
To clasp his hand in the better land  
Never to part again.

Sadly missed by:  
Wife - Anna  
Sons - Boris, wife Diane  
Karl, Anthony  
Daughter - Olga,  
husband, Frank  
Grandchildren -  
Jennifer, Kristen  
Franky, Eva, Amanda

**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
OF OUR BELOVED FATHER, GRANDFATHER  
GREAT-GRANDFATHER, AND GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER



**MATT KASTELIC**  
WHO PASSED AWAY 49 YEARS AGO ON  
THE 5th OF MAY, 1950

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(NAPS)—The veterans of America may get more of the entitlements and health benefits they have earned and deserve if Congress goes along with the ideas in a recent speech Thomas A. Pouliot gave to a Joint Hearing of the Committee on Veterans Affairs U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Here are some excerpts:

Throughout our proud 100-year history, the VFW has never wavered in the fight to ensure that veterans' hard won programs and entitlements are both protected and appropriately expanded in keeping with this nation's acknowledged obligation to her former defenders.

It is for this reason the VFW is uniformly angered with the President's FY 2000 VA Budget. With programs benefiting numerous other segments of the American public slated for large increases, as worthy as these initiatives may be, this Administration would seem intent on leaving veterans out in the cold.

Funding for veterans' medical care and other programs will be essentially frozen at the same level as was provided over the last three fiscal years under the proposed spending formula.

The President's medical care recommendation of \$17.3 billion falls \$3 billion short of what we have determined is needed just to allow the Department to properly care for veterans who are currently using the system.

A related area of critical VFW concern pertains to long term care. Veterans are aging far in advance



Thomas A. Pouliot emphasized that no group is more worthy of benefiting from the nation's emerging budgetary surplus than those who made it possible in the first place—America's veterans.

of the general public and VA must now contend with providing for their intensive health care and long-term care needs.

We urge swift action by the Congress and Administration toward enabling VA to fully provide for the long-term care needs of the veteran population, to include nursing home care and home care aid, support and services.

It is also the VFW's view that as part of a New GI Bill, Congress ought to place increased emphasis on education as well as securing veterans employment opportunities in the public and private sector.

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