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May 5 — Bernetta Mische, Br. 84, New York, N.Y.
May 9 — Agnes Klarich, Br. 93, Brooklyn, N.Y.
May 11 — Christine Konte, Br. 66, Canon City, Colo.
May 23 — Mary Rittmanic, Br. 22, Bradley, Ill.
May 27 — Ann Hodnik, Br. 35, Aurora, Minn.
May 29 — Rose Kosko, Br. 21, Cleveland, Ohio
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May 3 — Anna Mae Anderson, Br. 39, Enumclaw, Wash.
May 9 — Catherine Hoeffler, Br. 102, Meadowlands, Pa.
May 13 — Helen McFarland, Br. 66, Canon City, Pa.
May 13 — Mary F. Mejac, Br. 103, Washington, D.C.
May 14 — Mary Pabijan, Br. 15, Cleveland, Ohio
May 15 — Anna Hren, Br. 35, Aurora, Minn.
May 16 — Gladys Buck, Br. 16, So. Chicago, Ill.
May 19 — Mary Macek, Br. 55, Girard, Ohio
May 22 — Jennie Tavchar, Br. 65, Virginia, Minn.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 4 — MOTHER OF THE YEAR DINNER, Br. 21,
Cleveland, Ohio
May 9 — MASS FOR ALL LIVING AND DEPARTED
MEMBERS, Br. 21, Cleveland, Ohio, 7:30 p.m.,
Annunciation Church
MAY 10 — GAMES PARTY — LUNCHEON, Br. 26,
Pittsburgh, Pa.
MAY 12 — MOTHER'S DAY MASS & PARTY, Br. 2,
Chicago, Ill. 7:30 p.m.
MAY 15 — MOTHER'S DAY PARTY, Br. 38, Chisholm,
Minn.
May 15 — MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH, Br. 13, San Fran-
cisco, Cal.
May 18 — MOTHER'S DAY PARTY, Br. 41, Clev., O.
May 20 — MOTHER'S DAY DINNER, Br. 35, Aurora,
Minn.
MAY 21 — MASS, Br. 59, Burgettstown, Pa.
MAY 22 — MOTHER'S DAY MASS Br. 41, Cleveland,
Ohio, Noon, Dinner, 1:30 p.m.
May 29 — CORPORATE COMMUNION, 41st ANNIVER-
SARY, Br. 73, Warrensville Hgts., Ohio
MAY 29 — CORPORATE COMMUNION, Br. 73, War-
rensville Hgts., O., 10 a.m.
JUNE 12 — SLOVENIAN-KANSAS-MISSOURI STATE
CONVENTION, Br. 3, Pueblo, Colo.
JUNE 19 — NATIONALITY DAY, Community Park, Br.
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MOTHER'S DAY COMMUNICATION // Rev. Claude Okorn, O.F.M.

Communication is one of the best of modern conveniences. How handy the telephone is. There are daily papers, magazines of all sorts, radio, television, letters, telegrams that are at our disposal, as means of communications. Unfortunately many of us say wrong things at the right time and seldom say the right things at the right time. There are certain ideas that lie at the root of all human communications. These basic ideas are seldom spoken. Perhaps it is their very simplicity that leads people to ignore them. These basic communication ideas need a little examination of conscience especially appropriate for Mother's Day.

One of the basic ideas that can change the family atmosphere is to say: YOU ARE TERRIFIC. There would be fewer broken communications around the house. Our mothers would be much happier hearing these words. Here we are talking about an honest appreciation expressed by one human being, to another. Unless we express it once in a while soon will be people taken for granted, which happens quite often with our dear mothers.

The second basic idea that is so seldom expressed are the words I LOVE YOU. Some two thousand years

ago Jesus taught us these words when he even prayed for his enemies. As far as we are concerned we should start somewhere. No one can be fully human, until he hears someone say to him: I love you and until he himself is capable to say these words to someone else. This the deepest level of all communications. How wonderful our mothers will feel hearing these words coming from an honest and sincere heart.

The third basic idea that is seldom heard, maybe perhaps on mother's day are the words, "THANK YOU." This is a rare and vanishing species of communication. When was the last time you heard it said to you, and when was the last time you said it to anyone else? Again we are dealing with the basic need for fulfillment, the need to be appreciated. There is no better cure for the depression that accompanies the feeling that no one cares than the simple words, "THANK YOU". It really works.

Let us return to these basic ideas and life will be changed for better.

Even Mother's Day is going to be more meaningful.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE // Mary Bostian

Spring really is here — how beautiful it is to hear the birds singing and green grass and many early flowers blooming and those anxious crocuses peeking and showing their colors. They want to promote and so do we. This is life and the young keep the world going. Nature is a wonderful thing and we should appreciate it more.

I wish the Slovenian Women's Union would be considered the same way.

This month is Mother's Day. My best wishes to all who are celebrating. We must not forget our dear mothers who did so much for us from birth on. It is not true that you are the boss as soon as you are born as I heard recently on television. Do not ever take this seriously. Respect your mother whatever is the situation. She has worried and suffered for you and if she corrects you, take it with a smile and accept it. After she is gone, you will be sorry and things will all come back to you. THINK and you will see that I am right.

Sunday March 6th the S.W.U. had the grand opening celebration of the new home office. It' too bad that you couldn't all be present as I tell you it was beautiful. I haven't enough words to say.

First we had the presentation of the American Flag and stand given to us by the St. Joseph's American Legion. The Blessing of the building as you have seen in the Feb. Zarja took place with all the people assembled in the beautiful office space. Then we had the unveiling of the oil painting of our Founder, Marie Prislant which was done by Chicago artist, Mimi Razman-Bucik. We had the officers and members all present for this ceremony as well as for the cutting of the ribbon at the front door.

Mass at St. Joseph's church just across the street, was very solemn and meaningful. The choir sang Slovenian hymns.

From there we went to our Grand Opening Banquet and program at the Hall. It was out of this world, and such a nice program with the youth being featured. We loved to see them in Slovenian dancing. This is the way

we will continue to grow — to show our juniors we want them in the spotlight.

Compliments to Mary Marolt, National Treasurer who was chairman of the event — and to her large committee of workers. I know they worked hard and it was wonderful. To Olga Ancel, our National Secretary and her sisters, Millie Pucel and Jonita Ruth, our most sincere thanks. They had everything prepared from the beginning of the day to the end. Everything was very much appreciated — the brunch for out of towners, the schedule that included just about everything imaginable and what is most important, everything was done right on time.

June will be another big day for Slovenian Women's Union in the midwest as the Joliet committee has undertaken to arrange the first Slovenian Heritage Day June 12th. I hope many from far and near will attend and participate and encourage others to follow this example.

The members in Joliet have a lot of energy and willingness to work which is very commendable and desirable. We wish them continued success and progress.

It would be nice if other branches would charter buses and go over to Joliet for Heritage Day. I will start working on a bus from Cleveland and ask you to contact me if you wish to join our group for the weekend, of June 12th.

During our Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors that followed the Grand Opening, I was amazed to see the interest and loyalty shown by members who own a restaurant in Joliet where we visited. They all wore Slovenian costumes because it was Slovenian Week in Joliet. They all had a warm smile for us and showed they were proud to be Slovenian.

At the meeting we accomplished a big job with the selection of a new bank for our investments and to settle things for the year ahead. We shall all be looking forward to working together in our new quarters and with a new "leaf" in the history book of Zveza in our 51st year of existence.

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OUR ONE AND ONLY...

MEMBERS — MOTHERS OF THE YEAR!



Elsie Brager

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NO. 1, SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

On Sunday, May 15, S.W.U. Branch No. 1, Sheboygan, Wis., will present its Woman-of-the-Year Award to Miss Elsie Brager.

On the local level, Elsie has distinguished herself as the first woman elected to the common council. In April, she will begin her eleventh year as alderman of the Second Ward of the City of Sheboygan.

MARGARET FISCHER,
Secretary

Kathryn Tuzak

NO. 2, CHICAGO, ILL.

Branch 2 of Chicago is proud of their "Mother of The Year" — Mrs. Kathryn Tuzak, who has been a member since 1964. She has been an active member of the branch and her mother, Clara, and sister, Angie, were also members and participated in the various activities of our branch.

Kathryn was born in Uteza, Slovenia, and came to America with her parents when she was a little girl. As a young lady, she met her future husband, John, and we thought we would tell a little secret about their courtship. In order to keep her dates with John, she had to take her youngest sister, Clara, with her. Everything turned out well, however, as Kathryn and John were married on June 15, 1936 and had four children — John, Thomas, Barbara and George, all of whom are now married and have given them 11 grandchild-



Marian Turk

dren. John, the eldest, has a daughter, Janet 14; Thomas has three boys — Thomas 15, Ronald 14 and Michael 12; daughter, Barbara Jakubowski has four children — Theresa 12, Robert 10, Paul 9 and Audra 6 and George has three children — James 7, Timothy 5 and Lisa 2 months old.

Kathryn is an active member who attends meetings and helps out at all the branch functions. Her hobbies are knitting, gardening and growing houseplants. Now that her children are all grown and away from home, she occupies her time working at Ronnie's Beauty Salon.

Daughter Barbara and her four children, are all members of Branch 2 and Barbara has been a member of the bowling league for many years.

Congratulations, again, Kathryn, as our "Mother of The Year" and also our congratulations and best wishes on your forthcoming 41st anniversary. May you and John have many, many more!

REPORTER

Mary Ursich Peschat

NO. 5, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Mother of The Year is one of our few surviving immigrant mothers. She was born on January 26, 1897 at Kobarid, the birthplace of the great Slovenian writer, Simon Gregorčič. It lies in the warm valley of the Soča River, one of the most beautiful rivers in the world. She migrated to the United States in 1913 at the age of 16 and worked, as was the custom, to bring her sisters, Dorothy and Ann, here. On Aug. 19, 1914, she married Joseph Peschat and they had two children, Joseph who died



Mary Korosec

in 1973, and Dorothy Peschat Munden.

She has no grandchildren. During the last eleven years, Mary has been a widow and she busies herself crocheting. She still maintains the home which the Peschats purchased in 1914 near Holy Trinity Church.

She has lived in the U.S. now for 64 years and in all this time she, as other immigrant mothers, has worked hard at fulfilling industrial jobs. But through her labors at Allisons, Kingans, Link-Belt, and American Foundry, she has helped to support her family in the early days in a foreign land. Mary is one of our S.W.U. members, made up of first and second generation Slovenian-Americans, and one of our last ancestral links to the "old country". We love her and wish her all the best.

REPORTER

Jeanette Killoran

NO. 6, BARBERTON, OHIO

There's a lot to do at any branch and Jeanette Killoran has been doing things at Br. 6 for many years. She's a member 41 of her 63 years and an officer for 25 of them. Her tenure includes 18 years as president and 7 years as treasurer. She sells cookbooks, sends cards to ill members attends all funerals and when the conventions come along, she is always there — at the national and state conferences. In fact, the accompanying photo was taken at the Ohio Michigan State Day last fall. This Mother's Day, as in the past, Jeanette will present a corsage in memory of her mother who was in-

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Kathryn Tuzak and her daughter, Barbara and granddaughters, Theresa and Audra, all our members!

With Jeanette Killoran, left, are Frances Zagar, a 50 year member of Br. 6 and Mitzi Swaggard, Sec'y.

strumental in many of the branch's activities in the years back. Since she is the honored Mother herself, this corsage will no doubt be a part of the religious ritual that our branches include with the ceremony.

Cooking and tending her flowers are favorite occupations for Jeanette when she is not working at the family business, the Slovene Cleaners. She also is an election worker in Barberton for over 20 years and a member of the parish altar society and other lodges.

She has a son, Richard and lives at 906 W. Tusc. Ave. We wish her all the best life has to offer now and in the years to come.

Marian Turk

NO. 7, FOREST CITY, PA

Marian Turk is a native of Forest City, born there August 24, 1921. She and her husband, Henry were married Oct. 1, 1944 and have two adult children, Henry Jr. and Marilyn.

Their son is a graduate of Villanova University and is a school teacher in Philadelphia, Marilyn is a registered nurse, grad of Univ. of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Turk was in business for 31½ years and now is active at St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary and the Business and Professional Women's Club. She enjoys her two grandchildren and her duties as a homemaker.

She is a member for the past 23 years and was chosen for her many civic, church, business and social activities and devotion to her family.

May God bless our Mother!

Mary Korosec

NO. 10, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Mother of the Year, Mary Korosec is enjoying her retirement. She sings with the Dawn Choral Group of Cle-

veland and is active with the Senior Citizens of Holmes Ave. area. She is secretary of St. Joe's Society of KSKJ in Collinwood.

Her interests include sewing and helping out for various functions. She's been a member since 1941 but never held office. She is well-liked by the members and has a most pleasant personality. Mary is the mother of a daughter, Bernardette Tesar and has two grandchildren. She lives at 670 E. 159th St. and is a widow for the past two years. Her marriage to Felix was back in 1929. She was born Jan. 18, 1908 in Slovenia and her name was Gombac.

The members join in wishing her a very happy Mother's Day!

Sophie Stampfel

NO. 12, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Our Mother, Sophie Stampfel, came to this country from Slovenia as a child with her mother, Frances Peritz and was reunited with her father, Frank Peritz, in Minnesota. Our generation must rely on history books to tell us of the migration to this country, after the 1st World War passing through Ellis Island and the problems of adjusting to a new country, a new language. Mother and many of you have shared in this building of our nation. Sophie became 100% American but remained 100% Slovenian.

Zveza and other Slovenian lodges kept the pride of being Slovenian alive in the hearts of their members. Mother joined Zveza in May, 1934.

There are 3 of us girls:—Norma married Joe Martin and they have 5 children, Olga is married to Art Longley and they have 3 children... Dana married Gary Goetz, and they have 3 sons.

Mother is a wonderful mother. She was always a working mother, working outside the home in various jobs from sales clerk to office employee, teaching herself to write and type

perfect English and translating Slovenian for many lodge members. Through all of her lodge activities, outside working schedule and housework, she had time to help all three of her children. She was administratrix of Club Vervec' taking children on hayrides, picnics, helping with stage productions and song fests. She organized children's Christmas parties and could always be relied on to help in any capacity from kitchen work to secretarial duties. Many women might have been honored with this award but none with a family more filled with pride and love.

Congratulations, Mom — we love you.

D.

Helen Sustarich

NO. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Helen Sustarich a native of Kranski Hrib, San Francisco, California was born, married, raised her children and still resides there. She just lives to help her family and friends a generous, kind and a beautiful person always doing things for everyone and never thinking of herself.

She is idolized by her twin daughters, son-in-law and family and is excitedly awaiting her first grandchild in August 1977.

She is chairman for many committees of our Branch No. 13 and is always bringing goodies for our socials after our monthly meetings.

The whole family (ladies) belong to the lodge — her late mother, Katie Judnich, was dedicated to SWU No. 13, her two sisters have been former Mothers of the Year (one of whom is our President, Josephine Aiuto, and the other, Virginia Sustarich is an Auditor). Her Doreen is an Auditor and Moreen is Financial Secretary. Her niece one of which is treasurer of Br. 13 and cousins also belong to the lodge... She is very proud of her Heritage... And, we are proud of her!

REPORTER



Helen Sustarich

Amalia Legat

NO. 14, EUCLID, OHIO

She's a charter member of Br. 14 and served as their president for 15 years besides earning the title of "QUEEN" for a membership drive in 1956. That's Mrs. Amalia Legat, one of the finest members in our organization. She has maintained her loyalty to the Branch and Zveza for almost 50 years — it will be this year, and during her tenure as president, she worked very hard to raise money for the treasury by holding dinners, etc. and selling the most tickets. She has many friends and is loved by everyone. She comes to meetings ready to help and to enjoy being with her sister-members.

Mrs. Legat was born July 17, 1898 in Austria. Her maiden name was Vidmar and she was a widow when she married Joseph Legat 26 years ago; they live 849 E. 197th St. in Cleveland, Ohio. She has suffered the loss of an infant daughter but is the proud grandmother of two children of stepdaughter, Mary Jane Belaj.

The Legat's operated a meat and grocery store for 16 years and are now retired.

The members of Br. 14 have selected Mrs. Legat for many reasons and none the least of them is the fact that she epitomizes mother love and dedication. She raised two sisters, Jennie Fitzhum and Vicki Ulogar keeping them as close to her as real daughters.

They extend all their best for a long life and a happy one.

Mary Rago

NO. 16, SO. CHICAGO, ILL.

Our Mother of the Year, Mary (Kral) Rago joined Branch No. 16 on September 19, 1940. She was one of the original cadets and performed in



Amalia Legat

many programs during the time the cadets were active. She has participated in many of the S.W.U. sponsored bowling tournaments and came in 1st place in the doubles event with Betty Lakotich of Joliet in the Milwaukee tournament held in 1974. She held the office of Recording Secretary for many years as well as that of an Auditor. Her 3 children, Mary Christine Whalen, Leonard and James are longtime members of Branch No. 16 as well as her two grandchildren. She is the daughter of Mrs. Josephine Kral, the only member in Branch No. 16 who has had the honor of being voted Mother of the Year twice. She was the original Mother of the Year having been selected in 1952 when the feature was instituted and then again when she and her husband, Marko celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1963.

Our Mother of the Year program held at each May meeting is more impressive because of the beautiful organ music Mary has taped for us.

Prior to Mary's marriage to Leonard Rago on July 16, 1949, she was employed as a keypunch operator at the Pressed Steel Car Company in Chicago. Her daughter Mary Christine Whalen and husband have 2 children, her son Leonard has a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois and is an environmental engineer with Greely & Hanson Engrg. Co., and is married to the former Gail Buoscio. Her son, Jim, is a freshman at the University of Illinois majoring in Computer Engineering.

Her family being raised and her husband retired from the Ford Motor Company, Mary decided to utilize her spare time by returning to work. She accepted employment with McDermott, Will & Emery, a law firm lo-



Victoria Kastelic

cated in the Chicago Loop where she is an accountant. In addition to working for the law firm, Mary enrolled at the Loop Junior College where she has earned a Certificate in Accounting and is presently taking additional courses toward obtaining a degree.

Other hobbies to occupy her time are bowling, organ playing, knitting, crocheting and baking.

As you can see, our Mother of the Year is a very ambitious and busy person and we wish her good luck in accomplishing the goals she has planned for her future.

A Very Happy Mother's Day to you, Mary!

GLADYS K. BUCK,
Secretary

Victoria Kastelic

NO. 17, WEST ALLIS, WIS.

This is a 100% Zveza Family — Vicki is one of the most loyal Zveza members, has her two daughters, all five grandchildren and mother in as members of Br. 17. It's a nice arrangement as all the members feel like sisters to one another anyway.

Vicki is young-in-spirit, her youthful appearance belies her chronological age. This July 24th she'll have another birthday. Milwaukee is her hometown and now she lives in West Milw, a suburb. She works for General Electric for the past 25 years and is a group leader at her plant in the X-Ray department. When time allows, she enjoys bowling and traveling — also cooking. She is active in all functions of Br. 17, is at present the vice-president and also serves as an officer of KSKJ.



Mary Rago with her husband, Leonard.

George Cesnik dances with his mom, Helen.



Her two daughters are Janet Oman and Dianne Zebrowski. She is a widow 18 years.

Many happy returns of Mother's Day, Vicki! God's blessing on you and you yours.

Angela Smith

NO. 19, EVELETH, MINN.

Angela Kozina was born in Ribnica in Slovenia and came to America in 1937, living in Eveleth until 1971 when she married Anthony Smith. She had been a widow for 9 years previous to her re-marriage in 1971. She has three sons by her first marriage, Louis, James and Frank and now there are seven grandchildren.

She is a housewife and very happily takes care of her home at 419 5th Ave. No. in Biwabik. She loves to be hostess and have family gatherings, to crochet, bake, do embroidery and gardening. She always gives her time and effort for Zveza and to friends and neighbors.

She is a member for 28 years and was vice-president for five of these years. She is generous in giving handmade prizes and baking goodies for different events held by the branch.

A granddaughter, Joyce is a member too.

The members love Angela and wish her a Happy Mother's Day.

Agnes Lovati

NO. 20, JOLIET, ILL.

"Babe", as she is known to her family and friends is Joliet Branch 20's fifth secretary. Born 53 years ago to the late Mary and Joseph Schmidberger, she grew up with two

brothers, George and Louis and two sisters Gen (Klainsek) and Theresa. All attended St. Joseph grade school by walking from and to their home at 1801 Clement Street (approximately six miles round trip).

After graduation from Lockport Township High School, Agnes worked at the Navy Yards in Rockdale, where she met her husband-to-be, Albert Lovati. Membership in the branch coincided with her interest in the drill team. Her mom enrolled her daughters (Gen was also a cadet, too), granddaughters and friends into the organization.

Wedding bells rang for Al and Agnes in 1948. He is the manager at Merichka's, Joliet's well-known restaurant. Their son, Albert, teaches at the Indiana State school for the deaf in Indianapolis; daughter Judy works for the Illinois Bell Telephone Company at its Lockport office and daughter Kathy is a junior at St. Francis Academy with sports as her special interest. Kathy is a member of the Kazoo band and of the Slovenian dancing group, while Judy is the dancing group's moderator.

About a decade ago Agnes' mother was the St. Joseph Altar and Rosary Society Mother of the Year, as well as the Joliet Diocesan's mother. Our Mother of the Year was a drill team officer and a member of the branch's bowling league. She is vitally interested in the St. Joseph parish affairs, its Altar and Rosary Society, and serves as secretary for the Northwest Recreation Club auxiliary. As of July 1 of last year, she is our branch's hard-working efficient secretary. Her involvement in church and fraternal activities is a quality inherited from her parents and her large, active relationship.

Concern, loyalty, devotion, sacrifice and love are generously bestowed by our Mother of the Year upon her family, relation and friends. Congratulations today and God's blessings always!

Ann Hanchette

NO. 21, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Ann has been a member of Zveza almost all her life and as the daughter of Mary Hosta, past president and organizer of Br. 21, West Park, Ohio, has a loyal history with this organization. Her family are faithful members. She has participated in many events by serving on various committees and is a very willing helper.

There are three adult children in the Hanchette household, and 8 grandchildren. With her husband, Robert, they live at 26908 Adle Lane in Olmsted Falls, Ohio and this August will have been married 33 years. She was born in Cleveland July 27, 1915.

A heartfelt thank you to Ann and wishes for many, many years of happiness with her wonderful family.

Elizabeth Kinder

NO. 22, BRADLEY, ILL.

As with most of our honored mothers, Elizabeth Starasinich Kinder has served her branch well. She is a 39 year member and during this time has demonstrated a willingness to serve in any way for the good of the group. Her sister, Mollie Starasinich and mother, the late Anna Starasinich have long histories with Br. 22 as well.



Angela Smith

Elizabeth was born Jan. 4, 1922 right in Bradley. She and her husband of 32 years have a daughter, Anne Marie.

She has been employed at the Kroehler Mfg. Co. since 1947 and enjoys sewing as a past-time as well. She is a member of the Daughters of Isabella, VFW Auxiliary and United Parents for Exceptional Children.

To their treasurer, the members of Br. 22 send their love and admiration and prayers for God's special blessing on her and her family.

Angela Miklaucic

NO. 23, ELY, MINN.

One of the most exciting family events that can be described is a reunion of all to celebrate an unusual anniversary and such was the case last year as the Miklaucic family clan gathered to commemorate their parents' 60th wedding anniversary. What makes it so special was the fact that all their 6 children, 19 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren were present along with many other relatives and friends!

Mrs. Miklaucic was married to her husband Frank Feb. 19, 1916 right in Ely where she was born on Aug. 17, 1900. As a young bride, she learned life's lessons, lived thru historical times; and is now able to look back on a life filled with many memorable events.

What is really unique is that she has been living within a 2 block radius from her birthplace all of her life and only 3 of her grandchildren live outside the Ely-Babbitt area. So very fortunate is she to have so much of her family around her.

She is a loyal fraternalist, belongs to the AFU and SNPJ lodges in Ely and is a good member of Br. 23, for over 30 years attending all meetings and any social events and money-



Agnes Lovati

making functions. "She's not only a good mother but a good friend as well to her children", they say of mother Angela Miklaucic. What a nice compliment! We hope God will bless her for many years to come.

Mary Piletic

NO. 24, LASALLE, ILL.

Many nice things could be said about the Mother of the year, Mary Mici Piletic. At present she is the recording secretary of the branch and was president for one year and Slovenian reporter for four years. She is a member over 35 years.

Mary was born July 27, 1808 to the late Mary and Matthew Bildhauer. She married Joseph Piletic June 29, 1935 at St. Roch's church where they are still members. St. Roch's is proud to have two wonderful workers as the Piletics. Mary, in her younger days, held leading roles in our dramatic club and she and her husband are choir members and are often heard at weddings and funerals. Her hubby, Joe, has a beautiful tenor voice.

Mary is a nurse's aid and does a lot of sitting for sick patients and loves to visit the aged.

There were two children born to Mary and Joe. Kenneth is 39 years old and is a Matic Specialist for the IBM Co. He graduated from St. Bede's Academy and went to the Univ. of Illinois and De Vry He also teaches electronics and is a ham radio operator.

Daughter, Mary Gertrude is a grad of St. Mary's Academy at Nauvoo, Ill. and went to various colleges, earning her degree in education and social work. She is married to Berl Johnson and has four children.



Ann Hanchette

Mary and Joseph Piletic are energetic and companionable, and are now looking forward to taking another trip to Slovenia. We wish them well and God's grace to continue on with their work.

REPORTER

Dorothy Strnisa

NO. 25, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Our eldest Mother of the Year is Dorothy Strnisa, of 1161 Norwood Rd, a member and officer of Br. 25 for many, many years. When the branch celebrates its 50th jubilee next year, Dorothy Strnisa will be among the charter members honored for a half century of service. For 17 years she was treasurer and recording secretary simultaneously for 24 years.

The Combined Branches of Zveza in Cleveland also are recipients of her services as she has been their recording secretary for 10 years. Mrs. Strnisa is from the "old school" that says that hard work is the best thing for long life. She and a few of her friends have proven this to be true. Everyone around St. Vitus knows Mrs. Strnisa and everyone admires her vitality and loyalty to her church, her community and her Zveza.

It was just four years ago that her husband, Anton, died, just short of their 67th wedding anniversary. Their two surviving sons are Fred and Louis — Anthony has passed away. She has 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Strnisa was born at Vas Ravne, fara Bloke in Slovenia. She was 88 last February.

A more humble and honest person



Angela Miklaucic

you won't find in this world and we are proud that Br. 25 has given her this honor which indeed she deserves, but undoubtedly will not covet. God bless her — keep her healthy and happy.

Helen Chesnik

NO. 26, PITTSBURGH, PA.

At our National Convention in Pittsburgh last May, we all had the opportunity to meet the lovely members of Br. 26 and among them, Helen Chesnik, who has been chosen as their Mother of the Year for 1977. Helen was active on their committees then as she is all year long, helping out for their various branch doings and as recording secretary. She holds down a full time job, so it's not always easy for her. Her husband, George, is now on disability making Helen's role as provider even more important.

In this past year and a half, Helen has had some good times and some bad. Her eldest son, George was married, then the second son, Gary, last November. On the day before the wedding, her husband suffered a heart attack. Helen's youngest son, Greg has started college now at Indiana University of Pittsburgh.

Helen is a high school grad herself and works in the dietetic department at Aspinwall Veterans Hospital.

She enjoys reading, cooking, baking and doing ceramics. She is very active with the PTG, works at all Little League affairs and is a good leader.

Her personality and willingness to work any place, any time, makes her one of the best-liked of all members. We think she is happiest doing things for other people and hope God will bless her for that.

REPORTER



John and Mary Piletic

Ann Bacher

NO. 28, CALUMET, MICH.

Another 40 year member graces our Mother's Day feature this month. She is Ann Kroll Bacher of Calumet, Mich. who was born on March 1, 1912 in the Upper Penninsula and married her husband, Martin June 17, 1933. Their home is at 2201 Middle St. in Calumet.

They have reared a daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Bammert and a son, Martin A. Bacher. Two granddaughters and two grandsons are Kelly and Julie Bacher, Ralph and Dave Bammert.

She is a member of the St. Paul the Apostle Altar Society, one of the oldest Slovenian-founded churches in the U.S. and is with the S.W.U. as a loyal member nearly since their inception. She also loves knitting and crocheting lovely things for her family.

We extend to her our warmest wishes for a very Happy Mother's Day.

Phyllis R. D'Amico

NO. 32, EUCLID, OHIO

The name D'Amico is well known in many circles, for example: Br. 32, the Baton Twirlers of S.W.U., Euclid High School and Euclid General Hospital. First of all, our Mother of the Year, Phyllis, nee Dudash, is a registered nurse and on the staff at Euclid General. She has five children, two of her daughters are members of the Baton Twirlers and one of them, Mary, is a leader. At Euclid, High, Phyllis is a chaperon for her son's singing group, the Choral Mas-



Dorothy Strnisa

ters, as they travel to Florida this month on a singing engagement.

Our Mother is a member for 11 years and tho not an officer, she is very popular and active. She maintains the family home at 20821 N. Vine St. in Euclid with her husband, Vincent whom she married Aug. 6, 1955. Her birthday is March 9, 1932.

She is a grad of St. Francis School of Nursing in Wilmington, Delaware and belongs to the blood bank at Euclid General, a gallon member. She is also a member of a bowling team and St. Christine's parish PTU. She knits, crochets and sews in her spare time.

It's obvious Phyllis is a leader and a go-getter! She typifies the modern mother and as such, is greatly admired by all. God love her.

Cyrilla Collard

NO. 33, DULUTH, MINN.

Here we have a mother, teacher, organizer and sportswoman, all rolled into one. Cyrilla Salstrand Collard has three adult children and is grandmother of 2 boys and a girl. She is a graduate of the Univ. of Wisconsin and teaches 1st grade at Stowe Elementary School. She is the instigator of special events for the branch to make their meetings more interesting and has enjoyed playing volleyball for many years.

All these attributes make this mother something special, indeed. She does many things in connection with her profession such as serving on the executive board of the Gary New Duluth Community Club, teaches religious education classes, 8th grade and belongs to Alpha Delta Kappa, educator's sorority. As a member for twenty years or so, Mrs. Collard



Phyllis Rose D'Amico

comes to the branch meetings ready to do her part and more. She is always willing to lend her support and energies to their projects.

The Collards live at 1117 101st Ave. W. Duluth. She was born at Cloquet, Mn, on May 31st, 1925. Her husband, Clifton and she are very proud of Terry age 29, Nanette, 27 and Robert 25 who comprise their immediate family.

Our heartiest wishes and blessings.

Sophie Zavodnik

NO. 34, SOUDAN, MINN.

Members of Br. 34 have chosen a wonderful woman as their Mother of the Year. She is the former Sophie Gregorich, born in Ely, Minn. on Nov. 16, 1920. She married John Zavodnik in 1940. She is a member 25 years and all these years a trustee for the branch. She rarely misses a meeting and attends the Minnesota Day functions with us.

Sophie and John raised a family of five children. The eldest, Rosemary, is married to Raymond Stefanich and they have 2 sons Raymond John and Mark. Rosemary's husband, Raymond, is employed at Reserve Mining Co. in Babbitt and they live in Soudan.

John P. Zavodnick, their 2nd child is married to Janice Lien and they have 3 children, Matthew, Michelle, and Mindy. The family lives in Plymouth, —a Mpls. suburb— and he is employed with Knight-Ridder Newspaper Sales. He is also a Captain in the Army National Guard of Minnesota.

Theresa was their 3rd child and she is married to Robert Stefanich



Cyrilla Collard

who is a school teacher in the Babbitt School System. They have 2 boys — Gary and Brian.

Carol Stefanich (4th in the family) was married last fall to Mike McLees and they make their home in Brooklyn Center, a suburb of Mpls. She is employed by Augsburg Publishing House, and her husband is employed by Burlington Northern R.R.

Their 5th child, Debbie recently graduated from the Virginia School of Beauty and is employed there.

Raising a lovely family of five — and being grandmother and grandfather to seven has kept John and Sophie busy and family gatherings are often held both in Soudan and at the homes of their children living elsewhere. We are proud of Sophie and accorded her the honor of **MOTHER OF THE YEAR** as a tribute to all her superb qualities as a mother and wife. Congratulations to her and John and may they have a long and happy life among their loved ones. **CONGRATULATIONS!** Sophie from Branch No. 34 members.

In addition to her hobbies, Sophie is a very good cook and bakes beautifully, and her basement shelves attest to her skill in canning the vegetables and garden produce her husband cultivates.

Ursula Pike

NO. 35, AURORA, MINN.

This chosen mother is the eldest mother of Br. 35 and exemplifies motherhood by her example and her kindness and love for others. She has raised a fine family of seven children, five of whom are surviving. They are, Julia Ohlson, Aurora, Mae Strazishar, Milwaukee, Frances Haga, Muskegon, Mich., Rose Zuponcic, Milwaukee and Tony, Milwaukee.



Ursula Pike

There are 12 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren!

She is a charter member of Br. 35, and when younger and able, she faithfully attended all Zveza meetings. She is a widow 30 years.

She was born in Ljubljana, Slovenia and her maiden name was Zabuovic. Right now, she lives at the Board and Care Unit of White Community Hospital.

She is in our hearts and prayers and we wish her all the best.

Anna Trdan

NO. 38, CHISHOLM, MINN.

Mrs. Trdan is one of the pioneer officers and members of Zveza. At the age of 81, she is still one of the mainstays of Br. 38 in Chisholm. She is a worker, a doer, all these years and even in retirement, the members look to her for guidance and help.

Mrs. Trdan is a charter member of the branch, was the secretary-treasurer for 40 years and president prior to that for 2 years. She never misses a meeting and has attended many conventions. Her only daughter, Ann, is also a member.

Her family consists of her daughter and two sons, Frank and Edward and 11 grandchildren plus 3 great grandchildren. She spends her time at home, gardening, reading, knitting and crocheting. She is a widow 14 years having lost her husband, Frank, to whom she was married for 49 years.

She comes from Ribnica, Slovenia and her maiden name was Petek.

God love her and keep her for many years to come.



Anna Trdan

Rose Talus

NO. 39 BIWABIK, MIN.

Rose is from the well known Anzelc family and was born in 1916 in Biwabik, her home town. She is married to Harold Talus since June 24, 1938. They have two daughters, Judy and Becky and each of their daughters has four children.

Rose completed her high school education in Biwabik and has worked as a store clerk. In her younger years she was very active with the branch, was vice-president for a time during her 33 years of membership.

We wish her a very Happy Mother's Day — a Day filled with love and happiness.

Mary Ploszaj

NO. 40, LORAIN, OHIO

Involvement in nursing care and projects geared to keeping the family together are among the main interests of Mary Louise Ploszaj, our 1975 Mother of the year.

A native of Lorain where she was born Oct. 10, 1919, Mary was married to John Ploszaj, a steel mill accountant, on June 18, 1938, and they are the parents of three sons, Stanley, William and Jan, and two married daughters.

Mary said her designation as Mother of the Year for 1975 by No. 40 is "really symbolic of all the wonderful mothers within our great Slovenian Women's Union."

A former nursing assistant for 11 years, Mary is now active in the auxiliary of Golden Acres, a nursing home for senior citizens; the library at St. Anthony's Church, Marian Guild, National Council of Catholic Women and the Lorain Democratic Women's Club.



Mary Ploszaj

She enjoys cooking and baking, crafts of all kinds, home decorating and visits with "shut-ins" at hospitals, nursing homes and private homes.

"Being affiliated with No. 40 has been a great joy to me because it has allowed me to continue the fine things in life like learning more about my Slovene heritage and Slovene culture," says Mary.

REPORTER

Albina Mrsnik

NO. 41, CLEVELAND, OHIO

A Golden Wedding Anniversary this month! Happy Anniversary, John and Albina Mrsnik! It will be a dual celebration for Mother of the Year Albina whose branch will honor her as their chosen member. She is the mother of two, Rose Mary Toth and John Jr. and grandmother of five wonderful children and a great grandmother, too, one time! She is a home maker and they live at 194 Richmond Rd. in Richmond Hgts. Albina is active with other groups as well as with Zveza for the past 40 years. She belongs to Club Slovenija, United Slovenian Society, is a 50 year member of SNPJ and Naša Zvezda, also the Progressive Slovene Women of America. Her granddaughter, Cheri Gottke was Miss SNPJ for 1977. Imagine having a queen in the family!

During the years we had drill teams, Albina's daughter was a cadet and she herself helped in many ways with that activity. She attended performances, conventions, meetings galore and helped whenever she could at picnics and affairs.

She has a beautiful personality, is very good-hearted and has helped to raise one of her granddaughters the last 14 years.



Albina Mrsnik

We think she richly deserves to be Mother of the Year and we love her for it.

Theresa Filips

NO. 42, MAPLE HGTS, OHIO

Our mother, Theresa Filips is not only a good mother, she is a good daughter!

During the long illness of her husband, Theresa had much to do at home and helping her mother who was a cook at weddings, etc. She was always on hand in the kitchen and serving these affairs. She raised two sons simultaneously. Now, Theresa is a widow 12 years already and has her mother living with her, so together they enjoy a more leisurely pace.

Theresa is a jolly person, but shy. She thinks it's important to support not only our branch but other groups in the organization; she often piles as many members as she can into her car and drives to parties, meetings, and activities that bring our members together. She also loves to sew, makes a lot of clothes and does this especially for her 85 year old mother, making nighties, robes, dresses. Isn't she a great person?

Her big home in Maple Hgts. has a large garden where she and her mom cultivate vegetables and flowers. Her mother is Mrs. Simoncic who is our charter member and Helen herself will be a 45 year member this year as she celebrates her 63rd birthday.

Her older son, Donald is a sales representative and operating engineer and second son, Gerald and his wife, Cheryl and their two year old son, Scott Michael live in Solon, Ohio. He is a pipefitter superintendent for a local mechanical contractor.

It sounds like mother Theresa Fi-



Theresa Filip

lips is a happy and much blessed woman. We extend our wishes that her life continues to be so for many years to come.

Sophie Rifelj

NO. 43, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

The following information given to us by Mrs. Rifelj's daughter will easily acquaint you with her talents and attributes. We wish to add that she has a very wonderful relationship with sisters at Br. 43, and she is a special person to them. She is an energetic singer with St. John's Choir and belongs to the Slovenian Cultural Society TRIGLAV. Her husband also is great in making Slovenian blood sausages. The Rifeljs come from Slovenia where they were married in 1938. Daughter's story continues:

My mom and dad will celebrate their 40th anniversary next Feb. 11. They have 6 children, five of them born back home overseas. Only the youngest was born here in America.

All 6 children are married:

Sophie is married to John Staut and is residing in Bettendorf, Iowa with 3 sons and a baby due any day now. John is an Electronics Engineer for the John Deere Corp., in Illinois. Sophie is going back to School for Computer Data.

John Jr. is married to Carol Burdette and is residing in Milwaukee with their 2 daughters and 1 son. John Jr. is a Master Machinist for the A. O. Smith Corp.

Mary is married to James Kiepert and resides in Brown Deer with their 2 children (1 son and 1 daughter). Jim is a Repair technician for the Xerox Co. Mary works for Kohl's Food store.

Anton is married to Carol DeDobay and resides in Massachusetts. Tony is a Hospital Administrator for the



Sophie Rifelj

V.A. Hospital there. Carol is a professor and teaches French.

Joseph is married to Michele Kharitou and resides in Milwaukee. They have 1 son, Michael. Joe is a stockbroker for Bache, Halsey, Stuart. Michele works for Kohl's Food store.

Helen is married to Frank Springob and resides in Greenfield. They have 1 son, Frank is a Police Sergeant for the City of Greenfield.

My mom is very well known to the Slovenians in this area and others. She has always been there when needed. For catered functions, you will usually find her running the show. As for her talents, it's unlimited. Show her something and she'll be making it. She will try any craft. She has always been active in the church (St. John's). For festivals and other functions at church she has always donated her time to it, even if it's just baking.

Her baking is known to everyone. They all call upon her to make the traditional Strudel and Poticas. This becoming a lost art, she really wants to keep it up. She has put on demonstrations on how to make it.

She is now presently employed at St. Rita's rectory as the cook. She is always helping anyone who asks for help. She has many friends.

In my opinion, you can't find anyone who has given all her time and energy to her family and friends, as she has.

To wonderful Mrs. Rifelj, congratulations!

Ursula Lulich

NO. 45, PORTLAND, ORE.

Altho she was born in Pennsylvania, our Mother of the Year Ursula Benko Lulich traveled all the way to Oregon to make her home. She was married to Pete Lulich in January, 1928 but is a widow for the past



Ursula Lulich

14 years. They had three boys, Pete, Jr. Bob and Donald and there are 12 grandchildren.

Mrs. Lulich was born Oct. 18, 1906. She had her schooling in Yugoslavia since her parents took her back to their homeland in infancy. They returned to the U.S. much later.

She is a charter member of Br. 45 and loves people, especially her sister — members. All these years she has maintained her good membership and we hope she will continue to do so at least until the 50th anniversary not too far off.

Ida Webb

NO. 46, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Though she has been a member of St. Louis Br. 46 for 30 years, Ida Webb has seen the world, living in various parts of it during her husband's Coast Guard career. It has taken her and her five children to places such as Honolulu, Hawaii, New London, Conn. and Washington, D.C. He retired in 1964 and since then they have been home at St. Louis.

Donald, James, Mary, Elleen and David comprise the family and they live at 303 Wildforest Ct. in Baldwin. Her birthday is Aug. 23, 1925 and 28 years of married life was just celebrated in April.

She says her enjoyment in life has been in her children which is the perfect attitude for a mother to have. We salute Ida Webb as the Mother of the Year selected with distinction by Br. 46.

Val Mervar

NO. 47, GARFIELD HGTS., O.

Loyalty and perseverance are two attributes that personify Val Mervar, Mother of the Year. She was born in



Ida Webb

Cleveland on Nov. 16, 1914 and her mother, Theresa Bizjak was the charter president of Br. 47.

Val says: "I was born in Cleveland and have lived on Vineyard Avenue for over sixty years. After marriage to Anthony Mervar we continued to live in our Bizjak homestead. My husband is now deceased for two years. We had three daughters, who are now all married and have 11 grandchildren, seven boys and four girls.

"Our home was the gathering place for many organizations, so S.W.U. was organized here by my aunt, Mrs. Helen Tomazic, deceased, and my mother was the president. She is now still honorary president.

I served as auditor for many years and have interest in other societies such as the AMLA (SDZ). Many lodge meetings and church and social activities were planned our home. So, S.W.U. has been a part of my life for 46 years!"

That's quite a record, Val! We salute you for it and hope you will always have the same wonderful blessings.

Mary Cesnik
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NO. 50, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Mary Cesnik, our chosen Mother of the Year is a kind and willing member of our Branch.

Born in Collinwood in St. Mary's Parish, she is the daughter of Anton and Julia Tomsic. They were a family of five sisters, all members of S.W.U. Sisters Diana and Rose Zihel reside in Florida. Julia lives in Cleveland and is a Branch No. 50 member for many years. Mary is a member for 15 years and Mildred is deceased.

Mary and husband John just celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary.



Val Mervar

sary. She is the proud mother of one son, Robert and the grandmother of two, Casandra and Robert Jr. Her daughter-in-law is Linda Cesnik.

Mary is an active "Marie Prislant Cadet" for many years, always ready in step to march for any occasion and is a faithful member to attend the funerals of our deceased members.

Mary is generous in donating prizes etc. and never wants to receive credit. She loves to sing and cook as does her husband, since they had a business years ago. Her hobby is sewing and making little clutch bags with zippers on them, made of various kinds of material and all lined. She made and donated about 500 to other branches and organizations. She and John also love to travel. They have been to Slovenia several times, and expect to go again this summer.

Branch No. 50 wishes her many of God's blessings, truly a fine member and sister to all of us.

REPORTER

Mary Pacic

NO. 55, GIRARD, OHIO

Having a large family is a blessing and makes our Mother of the Year very proud. She has 6 children, 14 wonderful grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren to round out a very nice family. Mrs. Pacic was married to Anton Pacic in 1918 but is a widow for 29 years. She lives at 15 Johnston Place in Poland, Ohio. She was born Mary Becki on May 16, 1900 at McKeesport, Pa.

Her home is her castle and there she enjoys her hobbies. She is a member for 35 years.

Heartfelt Mother's Day wishes to Mrs. Pacic.



Mary Cesnik

Cathran A. Marolt

NO. 56, HIBBING, MINN.

Cathran Marolt is a 26 year member with the S.W.U. but only 6 years with our branch 56. Before that, she belonged to Kitzville Br. 52. Three years ago she undertook the job as treasurer, and a very good one she has been these years past. She is outstanding in money-making projects for our treasury.

Before her disability in which she lost an arm, her hobbies were many and varied, now she limits herself to membership in the Little Flower Circle and loves to play card games. Last summer her one enjoyment was when she traveled with a group to Las Vegas. This fall on Oct. 23rd, she and her husband, Mark, will be celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Cathran is a very active and conscientious person. She's been working with the retarded for quite a few years, taking on chairmanships and serving on committees. Over 500 Christmas wreaths and candy crafts were sold with the group she was working with this last holiday.

In the summer months, the family spends as much time together as possible at their lake cabin. This brings together Sharon (Montbriand) Terry and Marc and 6 grandchildren.

If vitality and a very pleasant personality are criteria for Mothers of the Year, Cathran has them in abundance. May God give her long and happy life.



Mary Pacie

Mary Visnosky

NO. 57, NILES, OHIO

This year we are very proud to honor Mary Visnosky as Mother of the Year. She was born Mary Logar on the 10th of October, 1912 in Little Falls, New York. The daughter of immigrant parents, Mary came to Niles as an infant. She attended Niles City schools and has been employed by the Board of Education for 20 years.

On Aug. 27, 1944 she married Walter Visnosky who passed away 22 years ago. She is the mother of a daughter, Charlotte (Mrs. Jack) Lah of McDonald, Ohio who is also a member of Br. 57.

Mary has been a loyal member, joining us in 1943. Her mother, Mrs. Jennie Logar is a charter member. Mary also has several sisters and sisters-in-law who are members, so you can see the S.W.U. is truly a family affair.

Mary attends St. Stephen's catholic church and is a member of the Altar and Rosary Society. She belongs to the A.F.U. and Slovenian Social Club of Girard. Because she is proud of her Slovenian heritage she enjoys attending events which exhibit the Slovenian culture. She is looking forward to her retirement when she can spend more time with family and friends.

Knowing Mary, it is not difficult to see why she was chosen as Mother for 1977. She has a cheerful word and a pleasing smile for everyone she meets. We pray that God will bless her always.

She has asked me to express her heartfelt thanks to the members of Br. 57 for bestowing this honor on her and to wish all a very Happy Mother's Day and a year of good health and much happiness.

REPORTER



Cathran A. Marolt

Annie M. Peterson

NO. 67, BESSEMER, PA.

Thanks to Annie Peterson for her fine example as a mother and sister-member of Br. 67. She is the wife of John Peterson to whom she was married June 10th, 1939. Their two sons are Thomas and David.

On August 3, she will celebrate a birthday, her 59th. She was born at Kaylor, Pa. to the Kersul family. She enjoys being a member of the parish Christian Mothers Society and crochets during her leisure time. She also enjoys bowling which she does regularly.

Heartiest wishes to our member and Mother of the Year.

Veronica Talpas

NO. 71, STRABANE, PA.

Our Mother of the Year is Veronica Talpas who will be having a big day this month and she and her husband celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, May 7th. She is a true and wonderful mother to her family of five sons and two daughters and when younger, she helped with her brothers and sisters, so you can see that she is a special person. Right now, mother Veronica is not too well, but she never complains and is very cheerful and tries to make people happy.

She was born Jan. 7, 1898 in Czechoslovakia and when 2 years old, was brought to the U.S. by her parents. They settled in Star Junction, Pa.

When she was 19, she married Martin Talpas but it was only a few years later that her parents died leaving a large and young family. When they moved to Strabane, Mr. and Mrs. Talpas had three of their own children plus Veronica's 8 brothers and sisters living with them!



Mary Visnosky

Now she is 79 years of age and has 7 surviving children, plus 25 grand children and 8 great grand-children. Her five sons served in World War II.

Her hobbies are canning, gardening, quilting and playing "B" at our affairs. She makes quilts for her family and friends. As a resident of Strabane for over 55 years, she has a unique historical background and can recount many changes in the world around her.

May God shower her abundantly with happiness and contentment.

Mary Chestnik

NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE

HGTS, OHIO

Mary and Frank Chestnik will be reaching their Golden Years soon and this anticipation makes them very happy. It is only 1½ years away. Their son, Frank Jr. lives in Kentucky but will soon be moving to California, so we're sure mom and dad will be visiting him out there with pleasure. Daughter, Leona lives in Georgia and youngest son Larry is in Garfield Hgts. There are thirteen grandchildren.

Mary worked at Richman Bros. tailoring and in the Infirmary in Warrensville Hgts. She loves to do decoupage, antiques furniture and crochets.

Her strudels are the most delicious and the members love it when she generously brings them to meetings. She is a charter member of Br. 73 and participates in all their activities.

She is a very pleasant person and has a wonderful disposition. It's our hope that Mary will have all her dreams fulfilled and live a long and happy life.



**Martin and Vera Talpas
on their Golden Jubilee, 1967.**

Anna M. Anderson

NO. 79, ENUMCLAW, WASH.

A mother of over 100 children? Can it be true? Yes, it is, for Anna Anderson is a loving mother to many, many children whom she has taken care of in the past ten years since she has undertaken this strenuous work. Before that, she was employed in various jobs and in the rearing of her family of three teen-age children. She is a graduate of Enumclaw High School, a member of Sacred Heart church where she helps with the children's choir and a member of St. Charles Circle.

With her husband, Robert, whom she married in 1958, she maintains the family home at 309 Rainier Ave. and this month on the 3rd, she will count another birthday.

She is one of 10 brothers and sisters, so family occasions are very frequent and very enjoyable. They spend all their holidays together.

She gives herself beyond the call of duty, caring about her friends as much as her relatives. No challenge is too much for her to undertake. Her concern for others and ability to take care of their needs makes her a remarkable woman and outstanding mother. They say there are many families on the waiting list for Anna's services, and she loves so many that it's hard for her to say no to them. We pray for mothers like Anna, who is specially blessed with the Creator's spirit and love.

Anna Jackovich

NO. Anna Jackovich

"What the world needs now is love," and understanding. These characteristics must be planted and

nourished in every community of every size.

We, of Branch No. 81, present our chosen "Mother of the Year," Anna Jackovich, Charter member. She quietly and patiently tends the garden of people surrounding her, so that they will, as she has, grow into Doers of Good Deeds, Spreaders of Sunshine, and Producers of a Neighborhood of Love and Concern for Others.

Anna Ozanich was born in Mrzla Vodica, Slovenia on May 19, 1900. She came to America in 1920. In October of 1921 she married Anton Shirola. A son, Anthony, brought joy to the home, but in November of 1931, Anna was left a widow. In April of 1935 she was married to Steve Jackovich. She was a devoted mother and wife, but in June of 1965 Steve died. With courage, she carried on

... Who! Will Take Grandma? ...

Who! will take Grandma? Who! will it be
 All of us want her; I'm sure you'll agree.
 Let's call a meeting — Let's gather the clan;
 Let's get it settled, as soon as we can.
 In such a large family, there's certainly one
 Willing to give her a place in the sun.
 Strange how we thought, she'd never wear out
 But see how she walks; arthritis no doubt.
 Her eyesight is fading, her memory is dim
 She's apt to insist on the silliest whim.
 When persons get older, they become such a care;
 She must have a home — the question is where?
 Remember the days when she — used to be spry
 Bake her own cookies and make her own pie?
 Helped us with our lessons, and tended our seams;
 Kissed away troubles and mended our dreams.
 Wonderful Grandma — we all love her so,
 Isn't it dreadful she's no place to go?
 One little corner is all she would need
 A shoulder to cry on, her bible to read,
 A chair by the window, the sun shining through.
 Some pretty spring flowers, still covered with dew.
 Who! will warm her with love, so she won't mind the cold.
 Oh! Who! will take Grandma, now she is old,
 What! nobody wants her? Oh Yes! there is one
 Willing to give her a place in the sun
 Where she won't have a worry, or wonder or doubt
 And she won't be a problem, to bother about.
 Pretty soon now GOD will give her a bed
 But, who will dry our tears, when Grandma is dead?

There may be many Grandmas who fit the description above and don't deserve to be forgotten, but we're sure that our Zveza Grandmas are not among them. The poem was submitted by a reader who extends her wishes to all mothers and grandmothers the world over.



Annie M. Peterson

and undaunted, went about making every moment of life meaningful to herself, her son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. Although she has been living alone for twelve years (her family lives in St. Paul) she finds happiness in involvement.

Her trip to Slovenia in the company of her son, Anthony and his wife, Josephine and their children, Valerie and Stephen, was a source of great joy in 1974.

At seventy-seven years young, Anna worked hard for Branch No. 81. Gaining memberships is her specialty.

Spring and summer find her working in her garden. She has a busy fall when she expertly cans many of the fruits of her labors. A successful gardener, she shares fresh vegetables with friends. The beauty of the many flowers she grows gives pleasure to all who pass by. During the long winter, her busy fingers create lovely knitted things, care for a variety of house plants, and feed her constant companion, Dolly (her toy poodle).

In the Fall of 1976, Anna underwent major surgery. She was gravely ill but was determined to recover, to return home, and to renew her efforts to help others. With Spirit, she sows her seeds of love. She knows life grows with help from above. We're glad she's a part of Branch 81. We share her with you.

Yes, we present the name of Anna Jackovich, Charter Member, our chosen Mother of the Year, and



Anna M. Anderson

pray that God will completely restore her good health so that He, through her, will continue to reach others and spread love and understanding.

REPORTER

Mary Vukelich

NO. 83, CROSBY, MINN.

We have chosen our Mother of the Year, Mary Vukelich who was married to George L. Vukelich in 1939. In the years to follow they reared 15 children, 14 of whom are living today. They are: 7 daughters, Barbara, Dorothy, Clara, Mary, Rita, Jean, Patty, and 7 sons, George Jr., Edward, James, Joseph, Frank, Gregory and John. Katherine passed away three years ago of cancer.

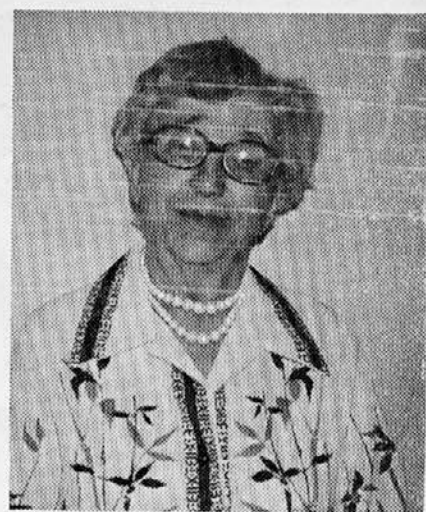
Mary joined Br. 83 in Nov. 1957 and was president for 3 years, from 1962 to 1964. In the summer time, she is busy in her garden and does a lot of canning, sewing, especially for the girls who are still at home. She never has a dull moment. The family loves walnut poticas and in winter, the blood sausage Mary makes. You can imagine the crowd when all 14 children and 14 grandchildren come home.

Mary's husband is retired now. They spend their leisure time enjoying their family. God grant that they may reap the harvest of their good and noble work.

Antoinette Kaus

NO. 91, OAKMONT, PA.

The feature that honors Mothers each May in ZARJA is especially appreciated by branches who have mothers like Antoinette Kaus. It gives



Anna Jackovich

them a chance to say "thank you" to a wonderful member and homemaker who has contributed much to her world.

Mrs. Kaus was born in Germany and her name then was Komatz. She married Anton Kaus on Oct. 13, 1920 and they had two sons, William and Paul. Mr. Kaus is now deceased 14 years and son, Paul, passed away last July. Our sympathy.

She has five grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

She likes to crochet and has a green thumb with house plants. As a 26 year member, she is very well-known and loves attending the meetings regularly to meet her friends. Her devotion to the S.W.U. is very admirable. She just celebrated her 79th birthday in January.

Happy, Happy Mother's Day, Mrs. Kaus, and many more!

Fern White

NO. 92, GUNNISON, COLO.

Fern White is our new ZARJA reporter and Mother of the Year for Br. 92. She is a housewife with five children and was 50 years old just this April. She is a Colorado native, her name before marriage was Martinez.

The members love Fern; she is with them for four years and has been in office for three of them. She is very active in fund-raising projects and all church functions. Five in her family are members of the branch.

They say her pleasing personality, ability to be at ease with people and close family ties are qualifications that make her an ideal Mother of the Year. We hope she has many, many more happy Mother's Days.



Mary Vukelich

Ann Sertich

NO. 95, SO. CHICAGO, ILL.

We of Br. 95 could not be prouder of any one than we are of Ann Sertich who resides at 10942 Ave. M. Ann, nee Segina, who will be honored on May 4th is our Mother Of The Year. She is a native of Chicago, born on January 11, 1911 and married Daniel Sertich on February 23, 1935, is a mother of two, Daniel Jr. and Mrs. Donna Standley. Four grandchildren are very much loved. Ann underwent some difficult times in her life; her husband died seven years ago; she also has been a victim of ill health, but always managed to snap back and continue to go forward and live life to the fullest. Ann speaks cheerfully, with no regrets, no looking back, she simply lives each day. She constantly amazes everyone with her many varied activities, a complete list of her activities would take pages, so it is only possible to tell of a few things in which she participates such as her devotion to the East Side Senior Citizens Club, Golden Agers Of East Side, Annunciata Woman's Club and very active in her church, the Annunciata Parish. At the present time she serves as our Vice-Pres. and already has earned a reputation as a force to enhance our branch by using her talents in many ways, such as serving on committees, contributing generously of her time, bakery goodies and donations. But most of all her strength lies in her hobbies, her skillful performance in presenting her special techniques in preparing strudel, the overwhelming joy of being a spokeswoman and a staunch supporter for the aged. Her record of service to



Antoinette Kaus

all as mentioned in the above write-up, equals her devotion to our branch. Ann is a grand lady who plays a vital role in our group. This is her contribution and her weight. When things get a little rough, having Ann along side of me to say "hang in there!" is enough. I know that all of our members who have knowledge of the quality and importance of her services will share this tribute with me. For this we extend our best wishes to her for a long and happy life.

MILDRED JAMES

Dorothy Stark

NO. 101, BEDFORD HGTS., O.

Our chosen mother of the Year has been a member for the past 6½ years and vice-president for the past 2 years. Previous to that, she was reporter for the ZARJA.

Dorothy and John Stark will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on May 24th of this year.

Our mother, Dorothy is employed full time for an advertising distributor but finds time to participate in her favorite sport of bowling. She presently has an average of 150 winning many trophies for high games, etc. She also enjoys traveling, having spent time in Acapulco, Disney World and Atlanta, Georgia, all in the past year.

Not that this is enough, Dorothy also regularly attends our monthly meeting and actively contributes to all fund raising and social events we sponsor.

She is the proud mother of four, Carol, John, Teresa and Michael. Carol is also the mother of Brian and is expecting the second grandchild in June.



Fern White

John who is a grad of Kent State Univ. is presently in the Navy on board a missile carrier. Theresa, a recent grad of Bedford High is attending college and is also a member of Br. 101.

Michael is an active junior in high school and plans to further his education upon graduation.

It's a pleasure to offer congratulations and best wishes to Dorothy Stark on this occasion.

REPORTER

Rosaline Plautz
Rosaune Plautz

NO. 102, WILLARD, WIS.

Rosaline and Frank Plautz were named as outstanding farmers in 1976, an honor well deserved. They have a working farm near the town of Greenwood, Wisconsin where they reared their four children and still live. Their sons are Dennis, Larry and David, a pilot in the Air Force. Daughter, Patrice is a teacher of instrumental music. Both Rosaline and her husband are active in music, Frank entertains at nearby nursing homes and she is a member of the Clark County Chorallers.

Mrs. Plautz was born in Willard, a well-known Slovenian pioneer farming community. Her family are members of Slovenska Družba which has many social and other entertaining events during the year for localities bringing together various lodges. She also attends all meetings of Br. 102 and last year when her son returned from service in Europe, he showed his slides at one of their meetings.

Another exemplary mother and homemaker is our mother of Br. 102. Heartiest congratulations!



Ann Sertich

Nika B. Kovacic

NO. 103, WASHINGTON, D.C.

This year we have chosen to honor Nika B. Kovacic as our Mother of the Year, and her attributes have made her a fine choice.

She was born in Tržič Na Gorenjskem on December 4, 1936. Her family later moved to Kamnik, the last stop before approaching the beautiful Alpine mountain region of Slovenia.

There she finished her secondary schooling and was very active in sports. She especially loved swimming and appeared in swim meets in various cities.

Her parents owned a bakery in Kamnik so she, her brother and sister were required to spend many hours helping with chores.

It was there she learned the artistry of baking and cake decorating. It is fascinating to see her work. She has always willingly prepared something for us on special occasions.

She came to New York in 1958, where she met her wonderful husband-to-be, Eric. They were married that same year in the Nation's Capitol at St. Anthony's Church by Reverend John Prah, well-known in this area.

Eric is very scholarly and extremely interested in Slavic studies in which he majored in while attending which he majored while attending school in Ljubljana and Graz, Austria. his Master's Degree in Library Science from Catholic University and is presently employed in the largest library in the world — The Library of Congress.

Born to this fine couple is a lovely young daughter named Bernardka,



Dorothy Stark

who has just passed the magic age of sixteen. She is a serious student and plays the piano beautifully at our activities as a junior member. A truly young Slovenian girl that has absorbed the manners that her parents have so diligently taught her, she speaks the language fluently.

They share a lovely home at 235 Hannes Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, and the best of Slovenian hospitality is extended to all those who visit there.

Unlike many of our Mothers who toiled in the fields, Nika is a younger immigrant and calls herself a "City Girl". We can attest to the fact that she always appears attractive and fashionably groomed.

She retains her strong sense of Slovenian identity following traditions as much as possible.

Although a city-bred immigrant she works very hard to conform to her new environment. She is a charter member of our Branch and in the early years worked with our former President, Irene P. Odorizzi, to build up our organization. She also served three years as Vice President. At present, she is our Slovenian reporter for the ZARJA and one of the hostesses for our group.

She is active in church and family activities and maintains a full time job with an accounting firm. In her leisure time she loves to read, work outdoors, and travel. Her sense of creativity, especially with evergreens is enjoyed by all.

She is now serving on the Montgomery Grand Jury which is a unique experience in the American way of life.

Nika is a gracious person with much sensitivity to the needs of others. She has a quality of shyness but can also be a firm Slovenian



Patricia Emerson

when she wants to get things accomplished.

Happy Mother's Day to her and to all of our mothers.

(Photo on page 35)

FREDA H MICHELITCH
President

Patricia Emerson

NO. 105, DETROIT, MICH.

Raising three children to their present teenages has been the main concern of Patricia Emerson, who did this alone for the past 16 years. They are all fine children and a credit to their heritage. She has raised them to be helpful, useful young adults. They are Kathleen, Sharon and Marc who are enrolled in Detroit area schools.

Patricia's activities outside her home revolved around the children and school organizations and she also spent two years as an advisor for the Co-ed Explorers, an affiliate of the Boys Scouts of America. She has held several rewarding positions with the Ford Motor Co. spent four years with a public accounting firm in New York City and presently has a management position with a national insurance company.

Now that her children require less of her time, she has begun to be involved in the branch and her sister-members hope she will continue to participate whenever possible.

She is the daughter of former secretary, Katherine Musick who was Mother of the Year in 1960. Needlework, gardening, gourmet cooking and bowling are some of her hobbies. We wish her all the best.

ACTIVITIES OF OUR BRANCHES

NO. 2, CHICAGO, ILL.

Our April meeting was devoted to our younger members, who were sent questionnaires in the mail previously. There were quite a few present and they had many ideas on activities. There was talk of a Sock-Hop for a starter and perhaps picnics and hayrides later. Sounds good.

Among our members are the daughter of our secretary, Patty Zubek, who plays in a band and also demonstrates and sells organs in a Shopping Center. Also, the two sons of Ann Scieszka, our recorder, John and Frank. They play the Accordion in St. Rita's High School Band. These talented children have contributed to the entertainment of our members at many of our programs. Let us hear from more of our children, of any ages, who are versatile in one way or another.

The more serious side of discussion was about our Mass on May 12th, at 7:30 P.M. at St. Stephen's Church. Plan to attend and help us honor our Mother of the Year and all Mothers.

Because many members do beautiful handwork and also have other talents (baking, etc.), we are planning to participate in the Heritage Program on June 12th in Joliet. Anyone interested in displaying or selling their handwork, please get in touch with our officers as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: We have a new secretarial address: Jean Zubek, 1748 W. Cermak Road, Chicago, Ill. 60608. **DO NOT** mail your dues to the Home Office in Joliet, or to the old office on Cermak Rd.

MAYME MULLER

NO. 10, CLEVELAND, OHIO

A very Happy Mother's Day Greetings to all our Mother's all over our country, especially our members. May you be blessed with good health and all remembered by your loved ones, so you won't be alone that day. If it weren't for our Mothers and Grandmothers, we wouldn't have a Zveza today. So "Zivjo" to all of you.

Our Mother of the year is Mary Korosec. She is a well liked person, belongs to the Dawn Coral Group, is active elsewhere in lodges, is an inspiration to our branch, that is why the ladies picked her. Our congratulations to her, and good health.

Our meeting in March was well attended, we were quite surprised and happy to have the "Bittenc Twins" Joyce LaNassi, and Fay Moro, join us at our meeting, also Mary Podlogar and her mother, Anna Tom-

Lodge Badges Available

Badges are being ordered for branches who wish to have them for parades, special events and funerals. They are blue satin on one side and black satin on the reverse, with imprint of the branch number and location in gold. Cost per badge is approximately \$2.00. Please notify the Home Office with your order.

sich. Welcome ladies, hope to see you more. The final touches to our banquet was the main subject.

Our member, Jennie Koren, who makes her home at the Slovenian Home for the Aged on Neff Rd. had a Birthday March 5, she was 93 years old. Some of our ladies visited her that day, Mary Komider, Mary Camloh, Ann Markovich, Millie Novak, Josie Brusich, Toni Alic, and yours truly. We brought her a cake, filled it with candles, and let her blow them out, then we sang her Happy Birthday. She was so happy to see us, Jennie has been a true member all her years, and misses coming to the meetings. She was our sentinel for years.

On the sick list we have Mary Jerkich and Emma Seday, they were both in hospital. Let's all say a prayer for all our sick ladies. Remember your loved ones for Decoration Day. Will close with good wishes to all of you.

SOPHIE MAGAYNA

NO. 12, MILWAUKEE, WISC.

Started our March meeting with a good crowd again and after the prayer, roll call and committee reports were over, we discussed our final card party plans as we will not have another meeting until afterward.

More donations came in from Mrs. Pipan, her daughter, Christine Bojance, Julia Pesec. Also, we had a cash donation to be used for table prizes with Mrs. Plesko, Stavia and Jo Wilhelm to do the shopping. These cash donations came from C. Bojance, Dezman, Anna Meler, Mrs. Gorishek, Pesec, Plesko, Schunk, Schircely, Starich, Skusik, Stampfel, Urankar and of course, Stavia and Jo Wilhelm. It was also decided to have a sausage and baked goods sale along with coffee. Hope to see you all there.

We proceeded to discuss the committee report on the convention plans thus far and we got quite a bit of

help and cooperation on those plans. Remember, sell your tickets for the prizes and plan to attend the whole event. It was also suggested that we think of a tour to take during the summer and bring your suggestions for it to the next meeting. We closed with prayer as usual then went on to the attendance prize and other prizes all donated by our usual donors, Stavia, Mrs. Starich, Pipan, J. Pesec and the Twins.

Mrs. Schircely was our only "birthday girl" present, so we all sang to her and enjoyed her delicious rosettes which she brought as a special treat.

Our table decorations again were set in the spirit of the month for St. Patrick's day, always done by our gifted and generous twins, Jo and Anne. Lunch was very good as usual and plentiful.

The afternoon wouldn't be completed if we didn't end with our favorite game, so again, we had a very well-filled afternoon. Thank you all for donating, working, or just coming to keep us company. We enjoy seeing you all!

We now have another set of twins born to Linda and Pat Cannestra. Linda is the daughter of last year's Mother of the Year, Evelyn Laurich, and were all very proud of them. Congratulations! They are my relations, too, so, of course, I hurried to sign them up!

It was really snowing when we got out from the meeting. Everyone's car was piled with snow. We all hoped that it was our last snow fall for this winter.

It just came to my attention that our very good and generous member, Jean Jelenc, who operates the Funeral Home with her husband, has now the use of the Skubal chapel on So. 73rd St. in West Allis. It may be of interest to our Slovenian members in that direction as we should patronize our own members whenever possible and we all know what a helpful and great gal is our Jean!

MARY DEZMAN

NO. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Sunday March 13th, the Slovenian Women's Union held their Zveza "State Day". It was a beautiful spring day. Many members, guests and friends came to the 8:30 a.m. mass at the Church of the Nativity. After Mass, we had our brunch at the Sheraton Palace Garden Court where everyone enjoyed the good food. Each received a gift package, also a Snoopy comic doll donated by John Lavrich.

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NEW HOME OFFICE OPENED IN STYLE

The sun was shining on Sunday March 6 as the doors were opened, the lights switched on, the "No Parking" signs positioned and the red carpet was rolled out. This was the day of the Dedication and Grand Opening of the new Home Office, 431 N. Chicago Street, Joliet, Ill.

Joliet's Mayor Keck's Proclamation announcing that March 6-12 was Slovenian Week in Joliet together with congratulatory cards and letters were on display and living plants from well-wishers were on the desks and tables.

At 11 AM, Msgr. M. J. Butala, Spiritual Advisor of Br. 20 and Rev. Claude Okorn, OFM, Spiritual Advisor of the Union, read an appropriate prayer and blessed the building. National President, Mary Bostian, cut the ribbon. Commander Dan Mahoney of American Legion Post 1080 posted the American Flag. Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

The portrait of our founder Marie Prislund was unveiled by daughter, Hermine Dicke and National President, Mary Bostian. This painting depicts Mrs. Prislund at the age of 40 when our Zveza was very young. Corinne Leskovar introduced the artist Emilija Bucik Razman of Chicago. The office walls exhibit many of her paintings depicting scenes from Slovenia.

The Joliet Slovenian Dancing group and members dressed in Slovenian costumes preceded the assemblage across the street to attend the 12:30 concelebrated Mass at St. Joseph's Church. The con-celebrants were Msgr. Butala, Rev. Okorn and Rev. David Staltzer, who gave the homily. Slovenian Lectors were Corinne Leskovar and Nežka Gaber. The St. Joseph's Church choir sang melodious Slovenian Marian hymns.

POSVETITEV IN PRAZNOVANJE NOVEGA DOMA SLOVENSKE ŽENSKÉ ZVEZE—OPEN HOUSE DEDICATION AND CELEBRATION SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION!

These words saluted the guests as they entered St. Joseph's Park Hall to partake of a delicious dinner. During dinner, Slovenian organ interludes by Anthony Rozman, organist at St. Joseph's Church, were enjoyed. Gary Nosse and his accordian delighted the guests. An appreciative audience listened to vocal selections by our members Joyce Walczak and Anna Mae Lukancich accompanied by Judy Mravle at the organ.

Mary Marolt, National Treasurer was Toastmistress and Chairlady of the day. Words of Welcome by Emma Planinsek, President of Branch 20 and National President Mary Bostian extended greetings to all. The feeling the Slovenians have for love of life and family was the major theme of the address delivered by Hon. Robert Buchar, Judge of the Circuit Court of Will County.

National Officers of Slovenian Women's Union were introduced: Mary Bostian, President, Euclid, Ohio; Nežka Gaber, Vice President, Chicago, Illinois; Olga Ancel, Secretary, Joliet, Ill.; Mary Marolt, Treasurer, Joliet; Anne M. Kompare, South Chicago; Barbara Rosandich, Ely, Minnesota; and Marion M. Marolt, West Allis, Wis., Auditors; Corinne Leskovar, Chicago, Editor; Hermine Dicke, Madison, Wis., Scholarship Fund Chairman; Lillian Putzell Berwyn, Ill., Director of Women's Activities and Sports; Frances Sietz, Cleveland, Ohio, Youth Activities Director; Rev. Claude Okorn, So. Chicago, Spiritual Advisor; Sophie Magayna, Cleveland, Ohio-Michigan State President and Ann Vucko, Chicago, Illinois-Indiana State President.

Past National Officers present were Josephine Erjavec, Secretary, Joliet; Frances Gaspich, Joliet, Auditor; and Marie Floryan, West Allis, Wis. Vice-President, Past Ill.-Ind. State Presidents, Mary Mueller, Mildred James and Ann Lustig.

Introduced were the National KSKJ Officers: President Ed Kucic; Secretary Bob Kosmerl; Asst. Secretary Bob Verbiscer; Treasurer Anthony Mravle; Ed Ancel, Member of Finance Committee; Members of the Board of Jurors, Rudolph J. Pucel, Ludwig Leskovar and Richard Strle.

Representing the American Fraternal Union was Marion Jakovic, National Director & Past National Officers of AFU, John Jevitz, Frank Vranicar and Anthony Lilek.

The finale were the Joliet Slovenian Dancers who captivated the audience with their lively dances.

The Benediction by Rev. David Stalzer concluded the program.

Listening and dancing to Ron Kramerich Orchestra was enjoyed till 7 p.m. What a happy way to end a day to remember!

Motoring from Cleveland, Ohio and arriving on Saturday afternoon were Mary Bostian, Sophie Magayna, Mary Lou Prhne, Secretary Br. 42 and Frances Seitz. From Madison, Wis. via bus arriving Saturday evening was Hermine Dicke. Early Sunday morning came a bus load of members from South Chicago, Ill. and several cars from Chicago, Ill. So nice to see you all once again. From Ogleby, Illinois, daughter of Past National President Josephine Livek, Mrs. Josephine Schmidt and her husband Max; from Bradley, Ill., Gabrielle Lustig, Antoinette Legris and Ann and Phil Montagne. There were so many friends who came from near and far to join in the dedication that we were overwhelmed.

This tremendous undertaking requires a multitude of reliable and devoted loyal men and women... to them our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. Parade Marshalls—Stan Marolt, Val Galle, Rudy Pucel; from St. Joseph's, Msgr. Butala, Rev. Roman Malavasic, Pastor, and Rev. David Stalzer; St. Joseph's Church Choir; Fred Ruth, Stage backdrop; American Legion Post 1080; Alice Jakovich, vases; bartenders Joe Ambrozich, Gene Klainsek and Al Lovati; Bar tickets Ann Stefanich and Florence Ancel; Marge Briese, Olga Ancel, Millie Pucel, door prizes; Chris Pucel, movies; John Lustig and Joseph Franko electricians and visitors from South Chicago for turning the lights back on at the Home Office; Emma Nosse, Mary Ivanich and Ann Sternisha, bakery distributors; Special thanks to the hall setup and cleanup committee, Steve and Marie Malnerick, Olga and Ed Ancel, Jonita and Fred Ruth, Millie and Rudy Pucel, Agnes and Al Lovati, Mary and Stan Marolt, Ed Stonitch, Joe Erjavec, Mary Horvat, Agnes Troutman and Hermine Dicke.

Potica donors were Fran Capitino, Judy Lovati, Rose Tabler, Olga Ancel, Emma Planinsek, Rose Bobek, Margaret Stalzer, Mary Fedo and Mary Mance, Louise Segal.

Cookie donations received from Mary Ivanich, Emma Nosse, Dorothy Koncar, Agnes Troutman, Theresa Marentic, Anna Sternisha, Lil Berge and Bertha Hofer.

The Home Office Grand Opening Committee headed by Mary Marolt included President Emma Planinsek and Louise Segal, Jonita Ruth, Olga Ancel, Millie Pucel, Dorothy Koncar, Frances Stonitch, Josephine Erjavec, Mary Rozman, Marie Malnerick and Rose Tabler.

From the Home Office staff special thanks to Rose Skoff, State President Calif., Oregon and Washington; Union National Bank, Tezak Funeral Home, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Erjavec, Marie Floryan and Marion Marolt for their floral pieces which still beautify the office and to Joliet Branch No. 20 for the AmFm Zenith Table Radio.

We welcome everyone to come and visit us when you are in our neighborhood.

MILDRED PUCEL

ZARJA—THE DAWN

Ribbon Cutting brings smiles of approval



Zveza's National Officers at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony opening the new Home Office in Joliet; from left: Nat'l Auditors, Anne M. Kompore, Barbara Rosandich, Marion Marolt, Sec'y, Olga Ancel, Editor, Corinne Leskovar, Vice-Pres. Nežka Gaber, Pres. Mary Bostian, Office Assistant, Jonita Ruth, Treas. Mary Marolt, Br. 20, Vice-Pres. Millie Pucel, Mt. Rev. Msgr. M.J. Butala, Rev. Claude Okorn, O.F.M., Spiritual Directors.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

On March 27th we had a big affair in Cleveland, with the 50th anniversary celebration of Br. 10. They have 12 members with 50 years and all were so happy to be invited as special guests. I wish to compliment Sophie Magayna for doing the work of arranging this anniversary so well and for working with the members, of all ages, to make it a success. As you know, everyone is busy with work, with families, etc. So much of the work was left to Sophie. She didn't let anyone down — Sophie did a magnificent job. Br. 10 is the first branch in Cleveland area that was organized so now they were celebrating their 50th year in 1977. May God bless you all and I hope you will continue with renewed energy to enroll members (50 of them!) and keep on with your great activities.

Thanks to Sen. Frank Lausche for his inspiring article in our ZARJA. Compliments to our Founder, Marie Prislund, we are all proud of her and we all love her. We appreciate receiving remembrance of our past inheritance. We also hope that many more readers of ZARJA will write and tell us their ideas. We have one goal in mind — to sign up more new applicants. This we must do in order to go ahead. We have lost many members in death. We must replace them with young members. We ask you to help and know that we can do it if we work together.

Among many other things, May is the month for first Communions and Confirmations. You know we are giving four scholarships to our young students every year and now the grant is \$500 each. This is a nice amount to help a college student reach his or her goal in life. We are interested in our families and in family membership. Please keep this in mind.

Youth activities are in the forefront now as we have a very active Youth Officer, Frances Seitz. She is writing to all branches. Please take her advice and organize youth activities. Let Frances know and she will help you. One of the ideas now popular is for musical

instrument playing such as the old time button accordians. Children and adults seem to be interested in this. How about you? Again, my best wishes to mothers this month and to all branches which will be celebrating with parties, etc. Happy Birthday to all celebrants and our sincere get well wishes to all who may be ill. May God

In a lovely grave yard, many miles away
Lies your dear old mother, beneath the coco clay.
Memories are returning of her tears and sighs
If you loved your mother, you'll meet her in the skies
bless you all.

MARY BOSTIAN

As a National Officer, I wish to reach each member and be concerned about the health of our members.

TO YOUR HEALTH!

Heart disease is the major cause of death on the U.S. Heart attack is the most common heart emergency. The American Heart Association wishes to prepare every American to learn Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) through intensive training. CPR means to externally stimulate the heart by messaging the heart (cardio) and breathing air into the lungs of the victim (pulmonary). The sessions consist of concentrated practice on training manikins under the guidance of certified instructors. CPR is the vital link between the heart attack victim and survival.

Find out more about CPR training and the American Heart Association in your area. Write:

AHA
7320 Greenville Ave.
Dallas, Texas 75231

Discuss this at your meeting. Your concern may be someone's life saved through your skill in giving a life-saving measure.

NEŽKA GABER

Deceased Members

- 2—Antonia Krzan
- 5—Anna Cerar
- 7—Mary Korosec
- 10—Louise Batic
Katie Homar
- 15—Angela Arko
Veronica Skufca
- 20—Anna Kuzma
- 21—Mary Zeitz
- 23—Mary Prosen
Mary Tomljanovich
- 25—Anna Bavdek
Angela Smrdel
- 26—Mary Jaketic
- 39—Johanna Gerzina
- 41—Katarina Potocnik
- 47—Caroline Mausar
- 88—Josephine Krasovic
- 99—Caroline Vertovec

May they rest in peace

NO. 13:

And our juniors, Janine Lavrich and Ann Marie Allison gave each one a long stemmed pink carnation, donated by Ken's Flowers. Letters of best wishes were received from our Marie Priland, Founder of Zveza and National President, Mary Bostian.

We enrolled one B member, Kathleen Gallagher, my granddaughter and one junior member, Gail Marie Compinger.

My thanks to the committee which worked with me: Michelle Seril, Alice Allison and our president, Josephine Aiuto.

I wish you all good health and my love to all the ladies I met at the Convention in Pittsburgh. It was a great convention.

ROSE SCOFF

NO. 14, EUCLID, OHIO

Our April meeting opened at 7:30 p.m., with prayer. Reports were read and approved. There were about twenty members present probably due to the cold weather. This was a good attendance considering the miserable weather conditions — it seemed more like Christmas than Easter.

We discussed and planned for our May meeting which will be the Mother of the Year celebration. Our Mother of the Year is Mrs. Molly Legat a truly wonderful person and good member and she deserves the honor. Congratulations, Mrs. Legat.

On the sick list are: Eileen Collins who had surgery and is in Euclid General Hospital and Martina Hribar is also ill. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Thanks to all members who donated monies to our treasury, sunshine

fund and goodtime fund. There was discussion of having a speaker from Spain in the future.

There will be no meeting in July. Hope you all had a Happy Easter and Happy Mother's Day. Good Health to All.

ANTOINETTE ZABUKOVEC,
Secretary

NO. 16, SO. CHICAGO, ILL.

March proved to be a busy month. A bus load of thirty ladies went to Joliet on the 6th to attend the Dedication of the New Home Office. They had a lovely time and only regretted they couldn't stay longer.

We had a nice turnout of 42 ladies at our March meeting which was conducive to a lively discussion of future plans relating to our 50th anniversary to be celebrated in 1978. Anna Lustig is already canvassing restaurants for an appropriate place to hold our celebration. President, Marge Prebil, suggested a membership drive as a positive means to insure a lasting legacy. Participation in the Slovenian Heritage Festival in Joliet was brought up by Secretary, Gladys Buck, as a means of raising funds.

In February, the members were asked to sell project books. The prizes were a beautiful afghan and cape donated by Marge Prebil, a shawl, handmade by Ann Masacchio, a spice rack from Anna Lustig and a set of Melmac from Mary Brebrick. A big 'Thank You' was extended to Evella Sosnowski, our champion seller of 14 books. She will be treated to a free chicken dinner in May.

At the Social following the meeting, there was an abundance of homemade pastry brought by the March birthday celebrants. We serenaded Mary Brebrick, Mary Fugina, Antonia Krese, Virginia Matesevac, Mary Primozic, Mary Puterko, Josephine Schmaltz, and Julie Vrllich. Many Happy Returns!

Our Games Party on March 20th was a big success. Anna Lustig was Chairlady and had a great group of ladies working with her. They were Marge Prebil, Mary Maricich, Anne Ksiazek, Mary Puterko, Mary Brebrick, Helen Gornick, Millie Skul, Julie Vrllich, Gladys Buck and Phyllis Perko. Many members donated beautiful handmade articles. Almost every lady went home with a door prize thanks to the generosity of our members and local business men who were approached by Marge Prebil and Anna Lustig for donations.

We missed Mary Cholak at our last two meetings and send her best wishes for improved health.

On March 27th, we had two teams entered in the Bowling Tournament.

COLORADO STATE CONVENTION REPORT

At Br. 3, Pueblo, Colorado meeting in February, we held a discussion on the State Convention that will be hosted by our branch on Sunday, June 26th, 1977.

Mass will be offered at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. We will be meeting at the church and march in together. The meeting will start promptly after mass in the church basement hall. Then, we will go on to the Minnequa University Club for a gala banquet at 1 p.m.

Hope to see all our branches from near and far and help us reach success with your participation. We shall celebrate together this great occasion.

Best wishes to all celebrating birthdays this month, speedy recovery to those who are ill and God's blessings to one and all.

FRANCES SIMONICH
State President

We hoped to hear the results of their efforts at our April meeting.

MARGE SPRETNJAK,
Reporter

NO. 17, WEST ALLIS, WISC.

Best wishes are extended to the S.W.U. on their new home office in Joliet! It was a happy occasion on Sunday, March 6; the grand opening, the ribbon cutting ceremony with Mrs. Mary Bostian, National President, surrounded by national officers, Msgr. M.J. Butala, Rev. C. Okorn, officers of Br. No. 20, members and friends, the blessing and dedication of the building by Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. Butala, and then the presentation of the American flag and stand by St. Joseph's American Legion Post No. 1080 by Daniel Mahoney, Commander. At 12:15 we marched in a body across the street to St. Joseph's Church for a solemn high mass celebrated by our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Claude Okorn, Msgr. M. Butala and Rev. David Stalzer who gave the homily. The church choir sang our beautiful Slovenian hymns which were greatly enjoyed by all.

After mass we motored to St. Joseph's Park Hall and at 2:00 p.m. we attended the banquet with a delicious meal being served. The program was short and entertaining. After the program members and friends stayed for a few hours of dancing and just chatting with old and new friends.

Another year — another tournament. West Allis participated in our annual S.W.U. Bowling tournament.

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CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF BR. 20-JOLIET, ILL.

CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR ON SUNDAY JUNE 12.

THIS IS HERITAGE DAY IN JOLIET.

ON THIS DAY ALL AMERICAN-SLOVENES IN THE MIDWEST ARE COMING TO JOLIET TO DISPLAY THE RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE SLOVENIAN PEOPLE.

MANY ARE EAGER AND ENTHUSIASTIC TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FESTIVAL.

MEMBERS OF BRANCH 20 ... WE NEED YOU ... IN ANY CAPACITY YOU WISH TO SERVE ... DON'T DELAY ... WE NEED YOU ... YOUR HUSBAND ... AND KIDS, TOO!

CALL YOUR SECRETARY, AGNES LOVATI 727-3475 AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP AND BE INVOLVED.

THE JOLIET HERITAGE COMMITTEE

hosted by Br. No. 2, Chicago, with 7 teams. We motored to Cicero on Saturday with 4 cars for our singles and doubles. Seems like one car took the "scenic route" but eventually found the bowling lanes. After a few hours of relaxation and frustration (the bowling ball has a mind of its own) we drove home. Sunday was still another day to look forward to. We still had the team event. Sunday morning the skies were overcast and occasionally a light rain fell, but that didn't dampen our spirits any. We were on our way again to Cicero, and this time we "left the driving to us". The bus was filled with 47 passengers for a day of fun.

We had a wonderful day, "Chicago", and thank you for your hospitality.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Anna Richter and to all of our shut-ins.

Remember our monthly meeting every 3rd Sunday, except June, July and August.

MARION M. MAROLT

NO. 20, JOLIET, ILL.

A great day was the celebration of our grand opening. It was a day of pleasure and remembrance for everyone. We thank you all, the chairman, committees, members, adults and juniors, the ladies who donated baked goods for the dinner, those in national costumes, the officers and all who represented various organizations. You all helped to make this day possible. To our pastor, Rev. Roman Malovasic, our sincere thanks, as well as to Msgr. Butala and Fr. David.

Especially, we send our thanks to our founder and organizer, MARIE PRISLAND who was not with us this day, but her daughter, Hermine represented her very ably. Thanks

again, and may we see you all again, soon.

We have many visitors at the Home Office. Among the honored guests recently were officers of the KSKJ who attended their meeting. Rev. Louis B. Baznik visited our new home as did Mary Polutnik, of Ohio and Frank Horzen of California. From time to time we have visitors from other places as well. Please stop in anytime. The girls are always happy to see you.

Our member, Dorothy Jursinic and her husband spent two weeks in Hawaii and their trip came just after the happy news that they have become grandparents with a new little grandson. My granddaughter, Rosanne Ruth, the "world traveler", spent nine days in London and Paris this spring. She had traveled before with her grandparents twice to Europe.

The youngsters of the Kazoo Band are looking for more members to join them. We need dancers for the Slovenian group, too. The only requirement is to be a member of the Slovenian Women's Union. The cost is small but the fun is great. The ages for the Kazoo Band are 6 to 16. If you have friends or members of the family interested, call secretary, Agnes Lovati, 727-3475. We would love to have you. Bigger and better shows are being planned for the future.

Our officers and members had a special meeting in March and again in April to organize the Slovenian Heritage Day June 12th here at St. Joe's Park. There will be many things to make your visit worthwhile — including dancing, singing, music, movies, lectures, demonstrations, games, etc. Everyone is welcome. It will be a day for all to enjoy.

Congratulations to our treasurer, Mary Marolt. Her husband, Stanley was victorious in the township elections and was re-elected Trustee. She already has her granddaughters all

in Zveza and at the last meeting, brought in her newest granddaughter as our first new member in this campaign. Hope others will follow her example.

On May 15th we will also honor our popular Mother of the Year, our secretary, Agnes Lovati. Good luck always, Agnes, and may God bless you with much good health.

JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC

NO. 22, BRADLEY, ILL.

Our February meeting was held in the warm cozy atmosphere of our gracious hostess, Ann Richards, with our charming Anna Jamnik as co-hostess.

After all the pleasantries were exchanged among our friendly members, the meeting commenced. The main topic of discussion was our plans for the state convention. We are very happy and proud to be chosen to host this occasion which will take place sometime this fall. Though we are few in number "it's not the quantity but the quality that is important." We are sure it will be a success and will be looking forward to meeting our many neighboring members of the S.W.U. Our new president, Mary Rittmanic, closed the meeting with prayers for the good of the living and deceased members.

Game prizes went to Mollie Metschuleit, Gabrielle Lustig, Anna LaMontagne, and Corrinne Hassett. Our guest was the personable Barbara Clutter, daughter of Ann Richards. The delicious lunch with cherry cake was appropo with the celebration of George Washington's birthday. Belated January birthday wishes to our out-of-town members, Rose Burothy and Emma Znidarsich. Out of sight, but not out of mind.

We want to share joy and happiness and congratulate the following:

Jim Richards, son of Ann and Francis Richards, who received his doctorate in mathematics from the University of Missouri. He and his wife, Carol, and two daughters are now residing in Bemidji, Minn., where he has accepted the position of assistant professor at the State College. We wish Jim a very successful and happy future.

To Mollie Metschuleit, who was united in marriage to Kenneth McIntyre on March 5th. May you both enjoy many years of wedded bliss.

To Mary and Leo Rittmanic on their 50th wedding anniversary on February 26th. This great honor was made possible by their devotion to one another and to the Lord.

To all the members of the S.W.U. who worked so energetically to fulfill their hopes and complete their plans for the new home office in Jo-

Mary Gerl Retires

liet. Some of our branch members attended the dedication and had a very rewarding day meeting the National Officers and other members and seeing that our Union is very much alive and progressive. We want to express our appreciation to all responsible for the editing of our publication, The Zarja — it is so full of articles of interest to all ages and gives us pride in our heritage.

Our April meeting was to be held at the home of Elizabeth Kinder and Mollie Starasinich.

Smile and laugh a lot — it's contagious, it's healthy, and it costs nothing but gives a lot.

MARGARET PLANTON
Reporter

NO. 24, LASALLE, ILL.

Times does fly. Vacation days are near. For Easter we had the opportunity to be united in spirit and soul to be God's children. God is always ready to reward you for your kindness and charity, please remember to visit the sick and give them comfort.

Our members who are newly recuperating from illness are Mrs. Antoinette Tončka Ferentchak who was in the hospital for two months and is now at home at 1871 Hennepin St. in LaSalle. Tončka had an accident, scalding herself from the waist down. It was very serious. Her sister, Ann Lushina gave us this report at the meeting. Try to visit our Tončka or call her for a phone visit. Antoinette Jakse has also been hospitalized and is now at home on Grant St. Her phone number is in the book. Try to make your visit soon. Appreciation is assured.

Springtime will help our members to feel better. Ann Kesich is 89 years old and at Room 210 at LaSalle Hospital. She is a lovely person who loves company. Ann Strok is at home by her daughter in Tonica. Member-mother, Mary Knap is now recuperating at the home of her youngest daughter, Mary Heueth in Cherry, Ill. She had a stroke. Mary never missed going to mass daily and this happened two weeks ago after mass. Some of you who have time can find Mrs. Knap easily. Call me for directions. We love all our members and want to show them that we care. God bless all our members with good health.

Get well to members in nursing homes: Mrs. Katherine Spitzmiller, Theresa Terselic, Mary Janko, Ann Frankovich. God bless you each day.

And now, this is something extra special. We hope you all read in ZARJA that there will be Slovenian Heritage Day in Joliet June 12th. You cannot, you must not miss this event. Slovenian heritage must be



Forty seven years ago when Mary Gerl first took over the reins of the organ and choir at St. Christine's parish she was looking for men to participate in the mixed choir.

"I asked all the young men to help me with the choir and one of them was Max," she said. "He was my best bass singer."

She later married Max and only lost him from the choir when he became the councilman in Ward 3 for 14 years. "I lost him to the city," she added.

Mrs. Gerl retired from the post of organist of St. Christine's in March and was honored by a special open house party at the school.

Mrs. Gerl started her organist career when she was requested by Father Bombach to take over the summer duties from the Sister who left in the summer.

"I STARTED playing at the old church which is where the Lawson's store is now on East 222 St. Then,

preserved. Come by car, bus or what have you and enjoy yourselves as you learn more about your heritage. It's at St. Joseph's park across the road from Merichka's. You will find it a wonderful day with everything planned for your entertainment, with folk dancing in traditional costumes, arts to see, crafts to buy, and singing and dancing to the tunes of our wonderful Slovenian music. And, the best food ever. Bring all you have from your mother's homesteads to our first state Heritage Day.

From LaSalle, we hope to charter one or two buses. We need your name and phone number for reservations. This is a big, special occa-

I could see all the way to Babbitt Rd. because there were no houses. It was like a country church and all the program was in Slovenian," she added.

Her musical career started at the age of eight when she took piano lessons. She later continued her musical education at Notre Dame Academy, the Hruby Conservatory of Music, Halle's Organ Studio and then as a student of Ivan Zorman.

Since then she has worked just about every day at the church with the 6:30 a.m. and the 8:30 a.m. masses and then again at the evening mass.

The first organ at the church was a pump organ which they later converted to an electric model.

"I NEVER HAD a pipe organ and that was what I dreamed of," she added.

To earn money during the depression she taught piano for 50 cents a lesson. "Now it can be up to \$7 a lesson," she added.

At the present time Mrs. Gerl is president of the Altar Society, vice president of the Supreme Board of the Altar Society, member of St. Christine's Guild, the third order of the St. Francis, Eynard Mission Circle and the Euclid General Hospital Association.

The Gerls have three children and 16 grandchildren.

(From the EUCLID NEWS
JOURNAL)

Mary is a member of Br. 14, Euclid and a very fine singer with the DAWN Choral Group. We hope that in her retirement, she will find time to enjoy many of the things that will make her happiest. She has brought happiness to so many in her self-sacrificing years at St. Christine's. God bless her.

FRAN NEMANICH

sion and we must all participate. Everyone is invited — those interested and able to go can call Mary Gramc, president of Br. 24 at 223-6137. If no answer, call again. She will also return your calls. With sincere hopes that YOU will take part — I urge you to think about it now and call in. You may call one of the other officers, too, Nellie Mocnik (Mrs. Jos.) Emma Shimkus (Mrs. Charles) Wanita Helmer (Mrs. George) Ann Serri (Mrs. Dom), Mary Gacnik or the undersigned, Mary Piletic (Mrs. Jos.). Planning on seeing you with us for June 12th Heritage Day. Good health to you all, and take care.

MARY MICI PILETIC

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The first meeting of the year held March 15th started off with a "bang!" The weather man was in our favor, bringing an attendance of 58 women. Everyone was welcomed with great enthusiasm by the president, Anna Trontel. The officers hope this will act as a precedent for the future meetings. All business meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Come and enjoy an evening of relaxation with your fellow members.

At this time, we would like to extend good wishes to all our sick and shut-in members. You are always remembered in our prayers.

To Myrt Wills and her husband, daughter and daughter-in-law, our sympathy is extended on the sudden death of son, brother and husband, "Chuckie". May his soul rest in peace.

Upcoming events to put on your date calendar are: our annual luncheon and "B" party, May 10th. Each member is asked to donate a prize. The Slovenian Radio Program will be celebrating 30 years of broadcasting with a banquet June 5th. Also, its' never too early to start thinking ahead to the 50th anniversary of our Branch which will be in 1978. Any suggestions as to what kind of celebration it should be will be welcome.

Hope to see everyone at future meetings. Don't forget to bring in a new member, especially our younger children who will be the future of S.W.U.

A bit of sad news to report, Mary Jaketic, one of our oldest members, died March 19th, a couple of weeks before celebrating her 87th birthday. She was the mother of Ann Bobel, our treasurer and Mary Bratetic, also the mother-in-law of "Blondie" Jaketic, vice-president and Catherine Jaketic, all members of Br. 26. This wonderful lady was a true and good member, always attending the monthly meetings until she became ill. She never refused to do her share to make the organization the success it has become. She will be remembered in our prayers and may her soul rest in peace.

On the happy side, congratulations to Grace Simcic and husband Ab on the birth of their first grandchild, a boy, born to daughter Christine in California.

Good health and may God bless you all.

HELEN CESNIK

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LEO AND MARY RITTMANIC, BRADLEY, ILL.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rittmanic were married 50 years ago by Father H. Darche on February 26th. Mrs. Rittmanic was the former Mary Spreitzer, daughter of Joseph (now deceased) and Katherine Spreitzer of Ely, Minn. Leo is a native of Bradley, Ill, and they have resided at their present residence all of their wedded life where they raised three daughters: Barbara, an R.N. and supervisor at St. Luke's Presbyterian in Chicago; Helena, a successful mother, teacher, and choir director in Appleton, Wisc.; and Kathryn, a very happy mother and also an R.N. living in Maui, Hawaii. Completing the family circle are 11 grandchildren.

A renewal of vows took place after a mass in their honor at St. Joseph Church in Bradley on February 26th. Father McDermott conducted the services and gave them special recognition for their devotion to each other and to mankind. Their five grandsons took part in serving and giving the liturgy. Attendants were her sister, Mrs. Leonard Planton, and his brother, George Rittmanic.

A family gathering took place at

the Rittmanic home after church services. It was also a family reunion as there were eight of Mary's eleven brothers and sisters present. It was the first time so many were together in 25 years.

On Sunday, February 27th, an Open House was held at the American Legion Hall, hosted by their three daughters. The tables were decorated with flowers flown in from Hawaii by their daughter and son-in-law, the Tom Ochwats. The leis were a gift from the grandchildren who were unable to be there in person, and the delicious food was catered by Leo's niece, Mrs. Pat Barrett.

It was very heartwarming to the happy couple to see so many, many friends and relatives attending and sharing this memorable event with them. It was also a true reflection of their love of people of all generations, many who affectionately refer to them as "Uncle Leo" and "Aunt Mary".

We all want to wish Leo and Mary many more blessed years together.

(Photo was seen in the April issue of Zarja).



NO. 32, EUCLID, OHIO

We had a very nice turn out at the March meeting with 3 new members whom we welcomed to our branch. We had installation of officers also. Our vice-president sent get well cards to Marion Slokar, Angie Zust, Carolina Kalioppe. Members were asked to call any officer if they have some news or a sudden sick member. Please inform our vice-president. Barbara Baron, the auditor, gave a very good report. The secretary had tickets from Sophie Magayna for the 50th anniversary banquet of Br. 10. We congratulate them on this Golden Jubilee. Br. 32 extends many wishes for years ahead, full of success.

Our president had three members on the committee to find a suitable place for our Mother's Day celebration or dinner. We will decide on one and notify you. Please bring door prizes, it makes the evening more exciting. Our Mother of the Year will be honored at this time.

Other news, Mary Dorch left March 21st on a business trip overseas to Rome, then Paris and London. She

will enjoy all the scenery which is part of her trip. We hope she has a safe trip.

Cell Znidarsic's son, Frank, was home on leave from the Navy and left now for the Philippines. We wish him a safe tour of duty. Josephine Novak returned home after spending 2 months with her father in Aurora, Minn. Her son, Kenneth, and his wife, Joan from Hopkins, Minn, are visiting her. Josephine's father celebrated his 88th birthday with the family and many friends. That is something to celebrate!

Mary Ster and Mary and Frank Golobic had a wonderful time on a Caribbean cruise with Hank Haller and his Orchestra. Mary Bostian came home in time to attend our meeting and she told us all about the grand opening of the new home office. She was really pleased and honored to be a part of it.

This is a late note, but I wish to ask this to whom it may concern. In Dec, by mistake, a member took her goodies home on a plate that belonged to Josephine Jevac. So, please bring this plate to the meeting. Thanks.

In closing, have a nice Mother's Day with your families. Our branch party will be decided at the April meeting. May God bless you all.

A. TEKAVEC

NO. 33, DULUTH, MINN.

With spring just around the corner, it seems as though more and more members are beginning to venture out to our meetings. Hopefully, as the warm weather comes so will more ladies to enjoy some good company and interesting programs!

Plans are now being made to compile a small souvenir cookbook to be sold at the national convention that's to be held in Duluth in 1979. It was decided that every month a different category of food would be selected and every member should bring their favorite recipe. The first category chosen was salads, and we're sure hoping to get some new and different recipes.

Our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery go to Mrs. Tony Puchalla who is hospitalized.

Well, the "baby boom" has brought three new grandmas to our branch this month. Congratulations go to our president Delores Heski and her son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Linda, who have a son; to Thera Rukavina and her daughter and son-in-law, Stan and Sandy Malmquist, who also have a son; and to Helen Mosack and her son and daughter-in-law, Stan and Nancy, who have girl. We hope the new little ones will bring both the parents and grandparents much joy and happiness!

At our March meeting, we were very fortunate to have two foreign exchange students as guests. Bob Boyat, a senior at Morgan Park High School and an exchange student to Malaysia, was our first speaker. He showed us many slides and gave a very interesting description of them. Libby Pym, an exchange student from Australia who is now staying with the Nick Glumac family, was our second speaker. She also showed us many slides of her country and gave an interesting talk. As an added bonus she brought several articles from her country for us to see. They included a cloth map of Australia, a boomerang, a kangaroo skin, and some beads made from gum nuts. It was a very unique display. Both students then answered numerous questions that the members asked. It was a very enjoyable and informative program.

Next month we will have a microwave oven demonstration that we are all looking forward to.

Happy Mother's Day to all!

KATHY JONES
Reporter

Thanks from Stephanie!

Dear Members,

I was thrilled at our meeting last week to receive the lovely gift of the secretary's wallet. Thank you.

In my 35 years as treasurer of Br. 28, I have made many friends whom I cherish.

I have a daughter in Sheboygan, also a member along with 2 grandsons, and on visiting with her, I have had the opportunity of visiting with our charming Mrs. Marie Priland. She and her late husband also visited me here in Calumet on the occasion of her visiting a granddaughter nearby. All of these things including the National Convention in Chicago keep a warm feeling in my heart for the Zveza.

Josephine Livek and Albina Novak, God rest their souls, I had the pleasure of having in my home... how the years have flown.

Our community is small and the enthusiasm of our old time members just isn't existant with the young generation which makes me sad.

Enough rambling... but I want to thank all responsible for the honor you have bestowed on me. Sincerely,

STEPHANIE RYAN
Treasurer

NO. 34, SOUDAN, MINN.

Mrs. Mary Pahula and Mrs. John Pahula were hostesses for the March meeting and routine business was on the agenda, the meeting presided by Mrs. John Pahula. During the social hour winners at "500" were Mrs. Joseph Jamnick and Mrs. Ramon Berg. SCRABBLE winners were (Margaret) Mrs. Joseph Mesojedec and Mrs. Ernest (Adeline) Mustonen. Mrs. Ramon Berg also provided the door prize which was awarded to Mrs. Mary Pahula.

BARBARA YAPEL

NO. 40, LORAIN, OHIO

Our meeting on March 9th was attended by 16 members not including me. I decided to take to my bed with a bad back and with the help of a heating pad which I mentally redesigned at least twenty times, I finally got better.

This is one way to express my thanks to Mary Matos and Rose Cerne for bringing the news to me.

The hostesses were Agnes Bucher, Angeline Zgonec, Helen Sekular, Jean Balogh and Mary Evanish and a nice dessert lunch was served.

On the sick list are Helen Kozjan, our oldest member Mary Plecnik and Frank Gulich, husband of our very

able recording secretary. Please don't take too long in getting back on your feet.

Agnes Jancar is now back in her own home and feeling much better. I am sad to tell you of the passing of Karen Jean Rozanc, age 6. She leaves her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffry Rozanc of Richmond Hghts., and here in Lorain, sorrowing grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rozanc.

Angeline Voytko is a new grandma again. Congratulations.

The month of May is a very busy one. We all remember that it is time for Mother's Day, so if you are lucky, give your mother a big hug and kiss. The years are going faster than you think.

I found this little verse:

A WOMAN WHO CREATES AND SUSTAINS A HOME, AND UNDER WHOSE HANDS CHILDREN GROW UP TO BE STRONG AND PURE MEN AND WOMEN, IS A CREATOR SECOND ONLY TO GOD.

This is the true meaning of Mother's Day. And, when I read this it could not better say what I feel:

DO NOT KEEP THE ALABASTER BOX OF YOUR LOVE AND TENDERNESS SEALED UP UNTIL YOUR FRIENDS ARE DEAD. FILL THEIR LIVES WITH SWEETNESS. SPEAK APPROVING, CHEERING WORDS WHILE THEIR EARS CAN HEAR THEM, AND WHILE THEIR HEARTS CAN BE THRILLED AND MADE HAPPIER. THE KIND THINGS YOU MEAN TO SAY WHEN THEY ARE GONE, SAY BEFORE THEY GO.

Have a lovely spring, but most of all, remember our living and dead.

MARY PLOSZAJ

NO. 41, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Valerie Fortuna was honored as "Volunteer of the Year" at the Slovene Home for the Aged on Neff Road. She was presented with a corsage and many presents. On Feb. 14 Valerie and her husband Tony celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary. They have two boys, Tony and Gary, and two grandchildren.

Valerie is the sister of the Vadnal brothers, Johnny, Tony, Frank and Richard Vadnal who have the popular orchestra. Congratulations on both occasions, Valerie. She is a member of lodge No. 41 of Cleveland. We are proud of you.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers.

Our Mother-of-the-Year is Albina Mrsnik and we will celebrate on Sunday May 22 at 12:00 noon day Mass at St. Mary's Church on Holmes followed at 1:30 with dinner at the Workmen's Home on Waterloo. A Slovenian cooked meal will be

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served, cost is \$5.00 per person. Bring your friends and relatives but you must make early reservations for that day with your secretary 475-2644 or Madeline Debevec 531-0929. No reservations will be taken after May 17 which will be our meeting date.

Our lodge was 47 years old this April.

Our member Fran Bezdek was elected President of the Slovenian Art Guild and Jane Kaplan was elected Vice President. Congratulations!

Happy birthdays to all members in May and June.

We have Ženska Zveza cookbooks for sale and lodge badges. Call Jane at 475-2644.

Mrs. Priland would like to see every member sign up one new member for our lodge.

At the last meeting Mary Prelogar made a delicious apple strudel for the members. Thank You Mary.

Hope you are better, Angela Slivenik. She had some surgery done on her foot.

JANE KAPLAN

Hermina Priland Dicke:
3717 Council Crest
Madison, Wis. 53711



Mrs. Rosemary Orenchuk, treasurer and reporter for Branch No. 59, Burgettstown, Pa., was awarded "the best recipe of the month" and was among the ten finalists in a cooking contest in Washington, Pa., for her FROZEN CHAMPAGNE SALAD. Her easy SPICE PUDDING POUND CAKE is also excellent which she "thought up" and bakes for anniversary and birthday gatherings. Both recipes would be attractive and delightful additions to your Mother's Day dinner.

FROZEN CHAMPAGNE SALAD

- Could easily be served as a dessert.
- 1 package Dream Whip
 - 8 oz. package cream cheese, room temperature
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
 - 1 pint sliced strawberries
 - 1 -20 ounce can crushed pineapple (drained)
 - 3 bananas, sliced

In small bowl, mix one package Dream Whip according to directions.

In large bowl, mix softened cream cheese with the sugar. By hand blend the Dream Whip into the cream cheese mixture. Add the strawberries, the drained pineapple and the sliced bananas. Mix together and spread in a 13 x 9 inch pan. Cover with saran wrap or foil and put in freezer to freeze. Let stand at room temperature for 15 to 25 minutes until just ready to cut in squares for serving.

SPICE PUDDING POUND CAKE

This moist, flavorful cake tastes much like pumpkin.

- 1 box Deluxe Duncan Hines II Spice Cake Mix
- 1 small box ($3\frac{3}{4}$ oz.) French Vanilla Instant Pudding
- 1 cup water
- 4 eggs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mayonnaise

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Blend all ingredients in a large bowl; beat at medium speed for 2 minutes. Bake in a greased bundt pan at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in cake comes out clean. Cool in pan for 15 minutes before removing.

You can sprinkle powdered sugar over top or drizzle with a glaze or use Cool Whip.

BAKED CHICKEN

This is another delectable method of preparing chicken. (For dieters: if you remove the skin before coating with mixture, you have a good diet recipe).

- 6 chicken legs with thighs
 - Dijon-style mustard or mustard of your choice
 - Salt and pepper
 - 1 cup buttermilk
 - Fine dry bread crumbs
- Spread the chicken legs lightly with mustard. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dip each piece in buttermilk. Coat with fine dry bread crumbs. Put pieces on a baking sheet; cover with a sheet of foil and bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove the foil and increase the heat to 450 degrees and bake 15 to 20 minutes longer or until golden brown and tender when tested with a fork.

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RHUBARB is in season. Eat all you can in the Spring when rhubarb is the tenderest. To freeze for a delayed or prolonged springtime treat: wash and cut the rhubarb in $\frac{1}{2}$ inch pieces. Then simply place in freezer bags, label and freeze. Or, make the rhubarb into a sauce, cool, package and freeze.

RHUBARB KUCHEN

- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup soft butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a square pan 9x9x1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Cream butter and sugar thoroughly. Add eggs and beat until smooth. Add sifted dry ingredients to mixture alternately with milk. Spread batter in pan. Cover with 4 to 5 cups rhubarb cut into $\frac{1}{2}$ inch pieces. Top with the following:

- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour
- 1 egg, beaten
- 4 tablespoons butter

Mix the two sugars with the flour and egg. Mix with rhubarb. Place this mixture on top of batter. Dot with butter. Bake in 350 degree oven 25 to 30 minutes or until cake is done (test with toothpick).

RHUBARB - STRAWBERRY JELLY

- 5 cups rhubarb, cut fine
- 3 cups sugar
- 1 (3 ounces package strawberry jello)

Let rhubarb and sugar stand overnight. Bring to boil and cook (about 10 minutes) until done. Mix gelatin into hot mixture. Stir well. Pour into jelly jars and seal with paraffin. Yield: four pints.

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Household Hints:

1. Overwatering is the commonest cause of trouble in growing house plants, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
2. Store small amounts of tomato juice in small containers in freezer to use in stews, soups or when preparing meats. It can also be frozen in ice cube trays. Then store cubes by twos in plastic bags in freezer.
3. When baking a pie shell, set another pie pan of same size over crust for first part of baking time. This helps to hold shape.

MOTHER'S DAY

Did you know that Ann Jarvis, founder of Mother's Day, selected the lovely carnation (which is also Slovenians' flower) to celebrate the day because it is the traditional symbol of motherhood, love and admiration?

May you enjoy a beautiful Mother's Day with your loved ones.

Fondly,
HERMINE

MAY YOUTH BOARD REPORT

Well, members, it's time for the Youth Board to get on our soap box and shout to all our Branches, officers and members to enroll new members now, not tomorrow, but today, now. We hope each branch takes a serious stand. Many times we tend to overlook good prospects. We don't ask. This has been found out to be true. Sometimes in a conversation with prospective members, they claim no one approached and asked them to join the S.W.U. So, be sure to ask and try to sell S.W.U. What can you lose? Let one word, "ask," do the work and you will receive the benefits.

Encourage each member to find a new member. Each member should always be prepared; always have two pink S.W.U. applications ready to sign up new members at any time. Remember, you do meet people at different functions; that's the time to approach them and the time to "ask."

Remember, anything worth doing is worth doing well. Membership responsibility lies in the hands of each

branch officer. We need young adults; we need juniors. We must and need activities among all our members. Have a well planned meeting; keep your session short so you can do projects for the good of your Church, your senior citizen members, your ailing members. Juniors need activities, too. So always include your young adults in all your plans. Give them projects to work on. And remember, keep busy; not for just yourself but include good deeds in all your projects and your branch will prosper.

Try, please try, and you will succeed, because word will spread around on what good deeds are going on at S.W.U. Branches. The more activities each branch has the more news will spread around. Let's do better in our next campaign. Our "Young at Heart" Campaign fell short of securing enough members. But thanks to the Branches who did not let the Youth Board down, you all co-operated, you made our last Campaign worth while.

God Bless you all.

Your Youth Board Director
FRANCES SIETZ

NO. 42, MAPLE HGTS., OHIO

Congratulations to our Mother of the Year, Theresa Filipis. We're going out to celebrate and we'll keep in touch.

Best wishes to our birthday ladies, Tonka Kastelic, Mary Filipis, Dorothy Ponikvar, Angela Zupan, Joanne Kastelic and our junior, Gretchen Wilk, granddaughter of Mitzi Champa.

This May 29th we want to congratulate and send our best wishes to Mary and Fred Filipis who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Millie Lipnos, we understand, was in California (New San Diego). — and we hope she had a nice time.

To Lil Horvath, again our deepest sympathy on the loss of her mother. It's sad as she just lost her dad two months ago. May they rest in peace.

Our Slovenian Heritage Day was a great success here at the Slovenian National Home on Stanley Ave. We were told we had a beautiful display of Slovenian articles, pictures and the tasting of wine from the old barrel was so-so-so good. Of course, Zenska Zveza Br. 42 ladies had a nice table of baked goods and we want to thank all the nice members who all donated and helped to make it all so well presented. A nice surprise was the honor given to Mr. Perusak for all his help in the past year. It was given by the S.N.H.

Ladies, A Picnic! Keep in touch!

MARY LOU PRHNE

NO. 43, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

The month of March with its bitter cold weather is a by-gone experience and now our April showers to bring us May flowers.

Our March meeting attendance was usual was great.

The Mother's Day Dinner honoring the Mother of the Year, Sophie Rifelj, will be held on Thursday, May 5th at Tyrolian Town House.

The last meeting will be June 2nd, no meetings in July and August, but they resume again on Sept. 1st. We hope to see you all back with us after your enjoyable vacations.

Congratulations to the following: Elsie and Eddie Gallun, grandparents to a new granddaughter, Mr. & Mrs. Jackowski, a granddaughter; Mary Musich and Marie Wiher, great grandmas and are really proud of the great title.

Our travelers and vacationers in Florida: the Pugels, Ambroschs, Dale Schulta, Joan and Bud Zieball, Josie and Tony Strukel, and Mary Musich all traveled different parts. The Florida weather wasn't the best but it was relax-able.

Sophie and Frank Bevsek, Sr. were surprised by a group of relatives and friends who held a surprise party in their honor at the Knights of Columbus Hall. They are moving to Lakeland, Florida. Sophie was transferred from her place of employment in Milwaukee to the Florida plant. Frank is retired and will be able to watch the gals swim and play tennis all year. Watch it, Frank!

Christine and Sharon Stein and Ceil Groth, Sandy Schachtschneider were all victims of the one arm bandits. Several of the members were at the airport waiting to help them carry the loot. Sandy and Ceil also visited Sandy's daughter who is a Staff Sgt. stationed in Las Vegas.

Vicki Sporis attended an Eagles convention in Minneapolis.

Rose and Stanley Luba spent 3 weeks travelling south into Phoenix, Ariz., Texas and other states. Rose said the weather was beautiful and

both she and Stanley felt at their best. Rose can't wait until they will have another vacation and go back to these states but for a longer time.

Frank and Agnes Sagadin were also down south. In Baton Rouge, La. Frank got sick and was hospitalized. They had to shorten their trip and fly home as soon as he was released from the hospital.

Pauline Plesko and daughter spent a little time in Hawaii. Ed and Mary Kiel also are in Hawaii.

Mary Martino spent Easter week with her daughter in California. Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Kotar were surprised by a group of relatives and friends on their 40th wedding anniversary. The party was held at Rebernisek's Club 36. Congratulations, Mr. & Mrs. Kotar!

With good news comes sadness, also. Bea Brophy's father passed away. Our sympathies to the family and may his soul rest in peace.

Mary Hoffart also was hospitalized, but is home now. Peppy Durand is convalescing at St. Mary's Hospital. To the above and all others who are shut-in, a speedy recovery.

ROSE KRAEMER

NO. 46, ST. LOUIS, MO.

As was reported earlier, our Mothers Day dinner for May was to held on May 1st. We are honoring Ida Webb as Mother of the Year.

Our member, Theresa Gabrian recently had a knee operation at St. Joseph's Hospital in Kirkwood. Hope by now she is up and around again. Best wishes to her and all the ladies who are on the sick list, asking that God may bless them with good health.

Hope everyone has a good summer. I am looking forward with excitement to the wedding of my first niece in June.

JO ANCEL

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SLOVENIAN HERITAGE DAY

JUNE 12, 1977

ST. JOSEPH'S PARK, JOLIET, ILL.

From noon till 9 p.m.



The Chicago Slovene Button Box Band is relatively new in years but not in the quality of music they perform or the experience of the musicians.

Formed only 3 years ago by Joe Umeck in Cicero, Ill., the ensemble has grown to 12 regular players who are all dedicated to preserving the traditional instrument of Slovenia, the "harmonika" or button box accordion.

They have promoted fraternal and cultural activities among our Slovenian people and other ethnic groups through one of the best media, music.

Simultaneous demonstrations of crafts, art, potica-strudel-making, wine-making will begin at noon. Lecture by Prof. Gobetz on Slovenian Contributions to America, special movie presentations by Jos, Zelle on Bishop Baraga, by Dr. Stan Sustersic on Slovenia and by Toni Petkovsek on travel to Slovenia will be scheduled thru the day. Booths featuring exhibits, games, prizes, etc. will be set up indoors and outdoors at the Park. Music and program during the afternoon in the Pavillion.

A grand day is being planned by the S.W.U. Cultural Committee and Br. 20. Attend and have yourself a wonderful time!

Be A Proud Slovenian!



PROF. EDI GOBETZ

Midwesterners will have the opportunity to see and hear the interesting presentation of Professor Edi Gobetz of Kent State University and the Slovenian Research Center that deals with the contributions of Slovenians to their American second homeland. His wife Mrs. Milena Gobetz, the co-author of the new and extremely popular Slovenian Language Manual will be on hand to demonstrate teaching techniques that make learning Slovenian easy and convenient. The Gobetz' lectures will take place the afternoon of June 12th at the Park pavillion hall.



SLOVENIAN AMERICAN RADIO CLUB FOLK DANCERS

Young second and third generation Slovenian men and women bring a lively and colorful aspect to any program they perform. They have been dancing for two years, proudly bringing Slovenian folk culture before the American public.

JANEZ ARKO & TIVOLI ORCHESTRA

Chicago-based ensemble of musicians and singers bring the old-world type of Slovenian music to audiences who love the European flavor such as Avsenik, Slak, Slov. Instrumentalni Kvintet and others.

ROMAN POSSEDI

A well-known accordianist and orchestra leader will be on hand to perform solo selections in his Slovenian national costume. Mr. Possedi and his orchestra play all over the midwest and has a large following



of people who love to dance. Despite a hectic schedule that weekend, we can expect to hear Roman Possedi's special artistry.



Josephine Slajkovec and John Schlossar were united in marriage on May 3, 1909 at St. Mary's Church in West Allis, Wisconsin. The charming young bride is attired in a fashionable white gown and veil of the day. The couple were attended by two young men who were friends of the handsome groom.

On February 12, 1891, in the village of Mali Slatnik which was situated in the lower Carniola region, near Novo Mesto, I made my first appearance in the world as Josephine Slajhovec. My parents were poor farmers who owned two cows and some small plots of land. Besides farming their own gardens they also helped neighboring farmers who had larger portions of land which required additional hired help during seasons of the year when the work was more abundant.

There were nine children in our family and when I was seven years old, I had to work on the neighboring farms along with my older brothers and sisters. Our earnings were small, only a few pennies and food, but even that minimum pay we children received, assisted my parents financially. There were no child labor laws to protect the young from overwork. Everyone who ate had to work and we soon learned how to contribute our share from the time we began to walk without assistance.

Being a youngster of poor parents was difficult and not much fun as I recall, because we were forced to mature quickly and accept responsibility beyond our youthful years. The family living quarters were small, cramping our family of eleven close together. Space to live was meager and the food we ate was limited and plain.

Farm work and milking cows never appealed to me and so I looked forward to attending the Notre Dame Convent school at Smihel and the daily hour walk to and from school in all kinds of weather. Education and learning transported me from the depressive hours of farm work to a refreshing world of knowledge and loveliness. There were usually 25 to 30 students in a class and the teacher sat in front of the room behind her large desk which was elevated by a wooden platform. Reading and arithmetic was most important to me, and subjects which kept my interest without any prodding.

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THE IMMIGRANT

Josephine From Mali Slatnik

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Because my family was poor, they could not afford to purchase my school supplies and the nuns would scold me for not having pencil and paper for my classwork.

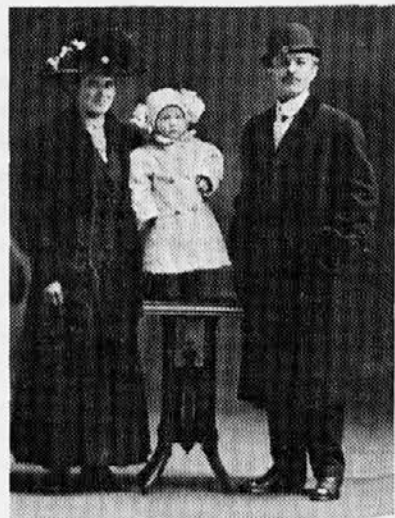
When I was fourteen a new subject fascinated me, and that was drama. I had become active in the parish plays and enjoyed the opportunity to act the part of different people. My special joy was sewing and despite my father's objections, I began my sewing lessons at the age of 15 and for the next year gained skill in dressmaking as I measured, cut patterns, basted, stitched and ironed seams.

My teacher, an expert dressmaker, was paid a small fee for my lessons and I lived with her and worked in her shop for one year sewing shirts, dresses, blouses and aprons for her customers. When my year of apprenticeship expired, she returned my fee because I had worked diligently and well during those twelve months. The next three years I sewed at home for my own customers and when the new hospital was built at Novo Mesto, I was given orders for uniforms, shirts, gowns and jackets.

By my 18th birthday, plans were made for my departure to America, namely Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a large Slovenian settlement. There I would live with my Aunt Anna and Uncle John Slak who owned a tavern on Reed St. They had written of coming to America and had offered to pay my passage if I would work in their tavern. So I left for America without any money except a small amount for food and traveling.

My voyage on a French Liner took seven days and the weather was favorable even after the bitter winter months. My aunt's brother who was visiting in Slovenia became my traveling companion, making this first experience abroad much easier and exciting and a thoroughly enjoyable trip. I could hardly wait to arrive in America after all the wonderful stories he told me. The date

Josephine and John worked diligently to establish themselves in America. Here they are dressed in stylish clothes of the 1912's as they proudly pose with their daughter, Josephine. This lovely family picture assured their families in Slovenia that they were doing very well in America.



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of my arrival in Milwaukee was March 3, 1909. I'll remember that forever. One of my main concerns upon arriving in America was whether there were enough potatoes.

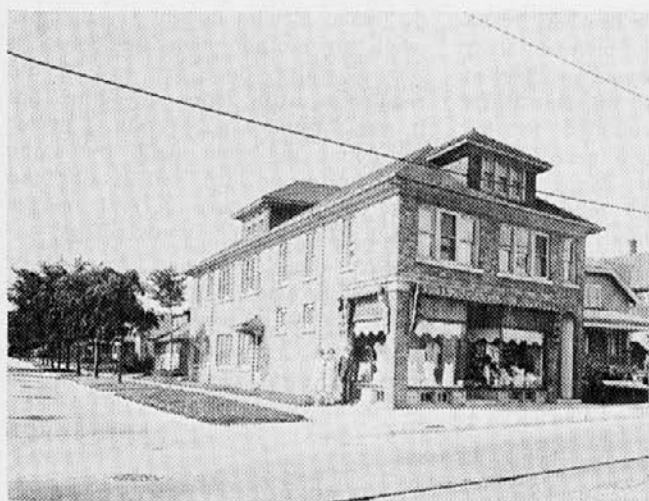
"Teta, are there many potatoes in America?"

My Aunt laughed and assured me, "Oh, yes, Josephina! There are potatoes by the bushels."

It didn't take long to realize that tavern work was not for me. My fingers missed the pins, needles and thread and longed to handle beautiful fabric. I recalled the magic of watching pieces of material come together like a puzzle when I stitched the seams of a dress or coat together.

Realizing that my lack of English would be a barrier to my success in America, I quickly enrolled in evening school for classes which would teach me to read, write and speak the English language.

My first job was in a Fur Factory for an hourly wage of 10 cents. Later my sewing experience enabled me to located work at various men's clothing factories. The Schmidt Orlow factory specialized in men's top coats and there I was soon promoted to the assistant forelady.



John and Josephine pose with their daughter Jackie in front of their business establishment, "J. SCHLOSAR LADIES & GENTS FURNISHINGS". This building was erected in 1925, sixteen years after Josephine had arrived in America. Her dream of owning a clothing business and her own home was fulfilled.

Later, I worked at Ellsworth and Taylor known for Sheepskin coats and men's suede shirts; there becoming the forelady.

The most important event in my life came only two months after I had arrived in Milwaukee. John Schlosar and I were married, May 3, 1909, at St. Mary's Church in West Allis. The wedding ceremony followed the Sunday morning Mass and our only reception was a dinner at my Aunt and Uncle's tavern. There were six for dinner: Joe and I, two men who were witnesses at our wedding and my Aunt and Uncle. Despite the simplicity of the celebration, I was attired as a bride with a long white dress, veil and flowers.

John was trained as a cabinet maker and had come to America in 1906. His first job was at the Walheim Piano Co, where he constructed the wooden portion of the pianos. After we were married, he worked at Seaman Body Co, until his partial retirement in 1927, when he began to assist in the store and take care of the building which we constructed in 1925.

In 1913, we decided to return to Slovenia with our daughter for a honeymoon trip. My father finally realized that my choice of a career had been the wisest. Had I stayed on the farm in Mali Slatnik, and had never al-



On Oct. 16, 1976, Mrs. Schlossar's granddaughter married and the occasion prompted a family picture. A member of Branch No. 17 Mrs. Schlossar is seated on the right, still looking attractive and younger than her 86 years. Seated across from her is Mrs. Jackie Nimmer, mother of the bride and Mrs. Schlossar's only daughter.

lowed my determination for a better life to drive me across the ocean to America I could never had assisted him financially in his later years.

After five weeks in Slovenia, rumors of war were circulated and John decided we must return to America. How fortunate that we did because a few months later World War I broke out.

In 1917 we purchased a home in West Allis, another Slovenian settlement. John was so handy that everything was well kept and people commented on our property, the beautiful garden and fruit trees.

Seven years later we opened up our own business a "Ladies Ready To Wear" store. Owning and operating my own business had always been a dream and our store was the first Slovenian one of that type in the area. We continued to operate until 1927 when there was need to remodel into much larger quarters.

During the big depression in 1933 my husband John died at the very young age of fifty three. How it grieved me that now during my retirement years, we would not be able to enjoy the fruits of our labors, nor would he be able to return to his home at Ljubljana as we had planned. In 1937, I made my next trip to Slovenia, but without my John. That was not to be my last trip, in fact I would be making 16 others in the years to come, because I had enjoyed my visit so much. My enthusiasm knew no bounds and I wanted other Slovenian women who had immigrated to the U.S. to share the joy of returning to their homeland so I contacted Mr. Zakrajsek's Travel Agency who arranged an excursion for the SWU. Ninety-eight members participated in the "Normandie Trip", many of whom were returning to their homeland for the first time since they had left their native land. The excitement and anticipation of that journey was unmatched. Tears flowed once upon Slovenian ground, for the joyous reunions of parents, friends and relatives. On the return to America, stories were exchanged for hours without end.

After that I returned 16 additional times to Slovenia and each trip loaded with trunks of clothing for my relatives and friends. These trips were interrupted only once during WWII.

My efforts to assist America during this time of crisis was active civic participation. I had accepted chairmanship for the Slovenian Nationality from the Treasury

Dept. of the U.S. War Savings staff and throughout the duration of the war, with the assistance of my lodge members and friends tried to energize our Slovenian people to purchase war bonds. During one rally, enough was collected to purchase an army field ambulance; for that occasion we had a big parade in celebration. Along with the rallies we planned numerous parties for the enlisted men. The mayor of West Allis and officials from Washington, D.C. presented me with citations for all the successful rallies. These awards were accepted in the name of all the many people who assisted me in achieving these success, in the name of our Slovenian nationality so that we could claim a part in preserving the freedom which was given to immigrants by American citizenship and which we had grown to cherish dearly. Our Slovenian boys had enlisted, fought and unfortunately some had fallen in the name of freedom. We women at home could not stand by idle and watch our sons and husbands fight alone. We rallied together only as we knew how, on the homefront, helping in factories, businesses, hospitals and in conducting rallies to finance the tremendous

cost of supplying our army, fleet and squadrons as they protected our homes until the day when peace would reign again not only on American soil but in the homes and hearts of all mankind.

My efforts during WWII provided me and many other immigrants with the opportunity of saying, Thank You America, for opening your doors to us!

The end

On Feb. 12, 1977 this vibrant and energetic lady celebrated her 86th birthday in Palm Springs, California, for one month, along with her daughter Jackie Nimmer, with whom she has lived the past 25 years. Two granddaughters and 5 great grandchildren welcomed her when she returned.

Of the nine children born to the Slajhovec family Josephine is the only surviving member. In 1976, she made her eighteenth trip to her native land but this time only nieces and nephews were there to welcome her.

Many thanks to Mrs. Marie Floryan and Mrs. Jackie Nimmer for supplying the pictures and information for this story.

NO. 50, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Back again to my duties, and a warm "thank you" to Ann Winter, who pinch hit for me while on vacation.

Speaking of vacations — a group from Cleveland and different states, attended three days of "S.N.P.J." days at Samsula, Florida, where they have a Slovenian hall. It was like old home week. The people down there really throw out the welcome mat, and are already planning another event for next year, since this was such a success. Golf tournament, banquet, dancing, singing, and just plain meeting people from everywhere was enjoyed. President of the club is Ron Luznar, who deserves credit as he is a hard worker, excellent host, also leader of the band.

At our May meeting, we will be honoring Mary Cesnik, who was chosen "Mother of the Year." Also congratulations, to Mary Okicki who was honored a few weeks ago, as "Woman of the Year" on Holmes Av.

More congratulations are in order to our own Br. No. 50 for winning first place in the "Young at Heart" campaign 2nd place went to Br. 32, 3rd place to Br. No. 20 and 4th place to Br. No. 2.

Anniversaries: Congratulations to Frank and Mary Wolf celebrating their 1st year of wedded bliss last month.

Get well wishes to: Jane Somrack, who fell and dislocated her shoulder, to Rose Roesch who had surgery, and Ann Muhic, minor surgery.

Our deepest sympathy to: Millie Dudley, who lost her husband, Arthur. Jean Paik and Carol Rozance who lost their granddaughter, and daughter, Kanen Jean Rozance, who was only 6 years old. Mother and grandmother donated \$10.00 in her memory toward scholarship fund... Josephine

Sieworek, who lost her brother, Frank Miklacic. Also lost our member Mary E. Pike, who was devout worker at the Shrine on Chardon Rd. Our Marie Prislant Cadets, conducted by VP Dorothy Winter, said a beautiful rosary service for her. Many of the members attended the funeral. Husband, Frank, also donated \$50.00 in her memory toward the SWU scholarship fund. May they all rest in peace.

A job well done, and a thank you extended to Rose Skully, who sold 25 of our cookbooks for us. She was presented with a little gift in appreciation.

Reminding members to bring in worn out pantyhose, stockings knee-hi's etc. to be used for stuffing on a project for coming Card Party. Please make sure they are washed first.

Humor Corner: A notice written above the entrance of a Chinese Theater: No Tickee... No Watchee.

Respectfully submitted,

MAE FABEC
Reporter

NO. 54, WARREN, OHIO

Hope this nice weather will get all the members to the meeting. Our May meeting is the highlight of the season when we name the Mother-of-the-Year. The luncheon will be at 12 noon at the Players Brown Derby on Mahoning Ave. The June 21st meeting will be at the home of Ann Savor at 7:30.

We hope all the members will be in good health and enjoy the sun and warm weather for what we went through last winter. To me the winter reminded me of my school days. It was so cold and we always walked to school 2 miles and didn't complain.

Wonder what happened to the old

fashioned strudel dough. I remember when my mother made the dough it was of water, flour and salt. It did require a little more kneading, but it was stretched paper thin. I prefer the dough my mom made and along with butter or lard and it was the best strudel. I have several recipes but I still use my mom's recipe.

Mary Zuga returned from New Hampshire after visiting her daughter for a couple of weeks.

Hope all had a happy Easter and my best wishes for Mothers Day to all. Your reporter,

ANN SAVOR

NO. 59, BURGETTSTOWN, PA.

April meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer by our pres., Frances Korosec to the 22 members who attended. We congratulate two of our officers, Virginia Bendick, secretary for 30 years of service and Hilda Montequin, recording secretary, for 27 years of service. They both received a nice ladies Pocket Secretary — Purses, for their duties well-performed.

A beautiful crocheted pillow made by Mary Ferbezar was awarded to a lucky person, Tommy Paskutius. Another lucky winner was Jennie Ferbezar who went home with a "pig in a poke" prize, brought to the meeting by Catherine Ferbezar and also, the special prize that Louise Paskutius brought in.

On May 21st, Our Lady of Lourdes Church will be the scene of a special Mass for all deceased members of our branch. Let's all have the members attend.

Come one, come all to the 5th annual Nationality Day to be held June 19th at the Community Park in Burgettstown. Our Slovenian booth will have klobase/kraut, cabbage rolls,

cabbage and dumplings, fried chicken and for that sweet tooth, poticas, potica cakes, home made breads and apple strudel. Happy Birthday to these members, June: Maureen Batnich; July: Mary Ferbezar and Carol Batnich. After an hour of playing games, cake, jello and coffee was served by the committee. Keep in mind, warmer weather is coming and the grass, trees and flowers are coming back to life. That will keep us busy outdoors.

OBITUARY

Mitzi Lawrence and Hilda Montequin of Br. 59 were saddened at the loss of their eldest brother, Tony Louder, 68, of Burgettstown on April 8th. He was also an uncle to yours truly. He died of a heart attack. Tony was born in Edna, Pa. on May 14, 1908, the son of the late Anthony and Mary Louder. He was the owner and operator of Louder's Restaurant in Burgettstown since 1937.

Surviving are his widow, Mary, sons Chuck and John and a daughter, Mrs. John (Rita) Colpo; brothers Emil and Edward and 5 grandchildren. Two brothers, Joseph (Pepe) and Rudy are deceased. May he rest in peace.

ROSEMARY ORENCHUK
Reporter

NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE HIGHTS., O.

MEMBERS PLEASE TAKE NOTE that our 41st anniversary with Mass and Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, May 29, 1977 at 10:00 A.M. instead of the April 17, 1977 date as previously reported. The Mass will be celebrated at the same church as reported, that of St. Jude's, Warrensville Heights, Ohio. There was a slight mixup somewhere along the line, and we are sorry this happened, but most all members attend church anyway, and we hope that this change will not adversely affect anyone's plans.

Much health and happiness in your new home in Novelty, Ohio, Maryann Pikus and family, and since the town you are now living in isn't that far from Warrensville Heights, we hope to see you at our meetings as often as is possible.

Congratulations are in order to a recently married couple, Mr. and Mrs. William Grof (member Josephine Valich). The bride is the daughter of Charter Member Josephine Kapel, and grand-daughter of Charter Member Sophia Maurer.

We are always glad when it is time to write our monthly report when there is no hospitalizations, surgery and sickness to report, but I am sorry to write that the following all underwent surgery, and they

are as follows: Margarita Franchini's husband and son; Kay Yuravac's father; member Elsie Liska; member Josephine Turk; member Antonia Vorisek; as well as member Evelyn Majercik. We are glad to hear that all are out of the hospital recuperating and doing nicely. Ann Rogel has left the nursing home she was in after her hospitalization, and is at home now recuperating which we were all happy to hear.

As a group, we would like to convey our happiness and joy to Antonia Vorisek's entire family when her beloved brother Captain Leo Keglovic of the Warrensville Heights, Ohio Police Department, was released after being held hostage for almost forty-eight hours. The extreme worry that Leo's wife and children went through, as well as all the brothers and sisters on both sides of the family and their children, only proves that through their faith in God, prayers, novenas, and many many rosaries, Leo's life was saved. I have lived next door to the Keglovics for over twenty-one years and always found him to be a highly dedicated man to his immediate family, relatives, neighbors, as well as being everyone's friend, devoted to his church and religion, and also dedicated and devoted to his work and the other officers he worked with in the Police Department. Call it faith, a miracle, extreme loyalty, but let's say that God must have guided our beloved President Carter in doing his part to help free Captain Keglovic, and may God bless our President and guide him in and with the heavy load he will have on his shoulders during the remaining time of his term in office. Sometimes when things look the darkest, it seems like faith always shines through.

MILDRED D. ROBERTS,
Reporting Secretary

NO. 79, ENUMCLAW, WASH.

Hostess for the March 13, 1977 Meeting was Anna Anderson. There were 12 members present. Yvonne Davis of Auburn was a guest for the afternoon.

In the absence of Mary Mihelich, our president, Mary Bratovich presided over the meeting. Opening prayers were offered for the speedy recovery of our worthy president, who was hospitalized 5 days ago with bronchitis. It was reported that she is feeling better already.

April and May will be busy months for our lodge members. April 24, 1977 started the events off royally. There was a dinner at the Country Inn in Enumclaw, Wn. Those attending met at Dorothy Sleight's. This

was well-attended last year too, and enjoyed very much.

The announcement was made that all members of Local 79 are invited to the golden wedding celebration of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Bazzar of Wilkeson, Wn. This will be held the afternoon of May 15, 1977 in the Eagles Hall there.

There will be a dinner dance May 22, 1977 at the V.F.W. Hall in Enumclaw and will start at 1:30 P.M. This is always a big success and a real fun event. We're looking forward to the continued cooperation and effort put forth by so many of our members who make it all worthwhile.

It was noted that our local church has no piano and there seems to be need of one more and more often. The suggestion was made that our lodge donate a piano or money toward the purchase of one. Dorothy Sleight and Helen Chacata were appointed to investigate and see what was available.

There was no definite date set for the fall meeting. It is scheduled to be held at Mary Mihelich's and members will be notified of the date later.

DOROTHY SLEIGH
Reporter

NO. 89, OGLESBY, ILL.

After a two month vacation, a nice group of ladies showed up for the meeting. Bowling was one of the main topics as we only have one team entered this year. So also our 75th anniversary of our city was discussed. Mary Ann Cenkar suggested having a float for the Slovenian participation. There will be more on this at our next meeting.

Our Slovenian Heritage Class is doing quite well from what I hear. Mother's Day plans will be made at the next meeting, too.

It surely feels good to have such nice weather and see the sun shining. I'm certain everyone is waiting to get in their gardens, be it flowers or vegetables.

Get well cards were sent to Antoinette Muhich, Mrs. Hobneck and also a sympathy card to Frances Meglich, our president, who lost her brother, Dr. Grill of Chicago. We are so sorry. We will remember him in our prayers.

St. Patrick's theme was used on the tables in March which were really pretty. Yours truly won the door prize — green booties made by Mary Kernz. I love them. Games were played and prizes awarded. Hope to have more next month. God bless you all.

CAROLINE A. DAWSON

NO. 92, GUNNISON, COLO.

Our January meeting was held in the home of Fern White. Election of officers was postponed because of the small number of members present. We did draw secret pal names for the year. The Mystery Box was won by Fern White, donated by Margaret Malensek.

Our February meeting was held in the home of Josephine Krizmanich. We are all great saddened by the passing of our sister member, Mary (Mrs. Matt) Kapushion on Jan. 27th. She was born on July 23, 1914 at Crested Butte, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mike Ochko. Her marriage to Matt Kapushion took place on November 14, 1931. They were blessed with three sons and one daughter. After the closing of the Crested Butte mines, they moved to Glenwood Springs, and then returned to Crested Butte upon retirement. She is survived by her husband, Matt, children, Arnold, Donald, Matthew and Mary Jane, six grand children and many nephews and nieces. She was a loyal member of Slovenian Women's Union since her acceptance on May 4, 1952. Funeral Mass was attended by members Ann Malensek, Margaret Malensek, Denise Malensek, Josephine Krizmanich and Rose Carricato.

Our election of officers was held in February. Addie Crofts is president. We're sure she'll do a wonderful job. Fern White was reelected as vice-president, a post she serves well. Denise Malensek was selected Secretary since our long time secretary, Myrna Krizmanich is planning to move away. Margaret Malensek was re-elected treasurer; she has kept our books in order a long time. Josephine Krizmanich was re-elected Sargeant at Arms and Ann Malensek, Rose Carricato and Frances Guerrieri to their jobs as auditors. Fern White will also serve as our reporter.

DENISE MALENSEK

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The meeting for Br. 92 was held at the home of Margaret Malensek in April. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month. Margaret and Ann Malensek were the hostesses. Our president, Addie Crofts opened the meeting with a reading from the bible. Roll Call was with each member reading a scripture in each of the member's native language. Being Holy Week, all the members enjoyed this meeting and the way our president suggested the procedure, being related to the holy days. A committee was appointed in regard to our Mother's Day Dinner. After the Mystery Box was opened, with Margaret

being the lucky winner, the president closed the meeting after which we enjoyed refreshments.

FERN WHITE
Reporter

NO. 96, SO. CHICAGO, ILL.

Despite the cold, 34 members bundled against the chill of the air and attended our March meeting. The meeting was hectic and exciting, because we had a lot of catching up to do. We defined our goals, analyzed many of our policies for the better, and returned to face the year with enthusiasm and determination. To bring you up to date, Emma Yergovich asked to be relieved of her duties in the kitchen. The members passed a resolution that the birthday gals will assume the responsibilities of the kitchen each month.

Emma, we thank you for the many years of making the coffee and your devotion to our branch. We shall miss you.

After the business session we had on our program Ms. Irish Feeley from American Airlines who presented a program on scarves, she showed our ladies how scarves can tie your wardrobe together in a multitude of unique looks. Our ladies enjoyed this presentation.

When the business portion of our meeting ended, we enjoyed a table decorated in a St. Patrick theme and hard-to-resist-goodies donated by Ann Pave, Fran Seabloom, Evelyn Driscoll, Bernice Morrison, Ann Granich, Manda Dosen, and Lucille Nosich who also served as hostesses. Attendance prize was won by Mildred Poropat. My thanks to Alice Kropel for the many prizes she donated. On our sick list we have Mrs. Cecelia Isek and sorry to announce that she has been hospitalized. We await prayerfully your quick return to good health Mrs. Isek, I am happy to hear that Rose Ballock is on the mend after a fall on an icy pavement when she broke her arm. To all of our members who are ailing, God-speed for a quick recovery.

Our condolences to Ann Laski and Diane Wojnovich on the loss of their beloved father. Our congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Steve Starcevic on the marriage of their Grandson, Michael Steven Ninkovich to Deborah Ann Bukovac, my grandniece. They were united in marriage on February fifth in Holy Ghost Church in South Holland. We wish them health and happiness life can bring to this happy couple.

Cash donated by the following: \$5-Marge Krmpotic and Helen Zeffiro, \$2-Manda Jergovich, Lucille Svalina, Mary Nicksic, and Regina

Buchanan, \$3-Marge Simunic, \$1.80-Lucy Sarich (Tex.) \$1-Vickie Tomich, Marie and Helen Zeffiro. My sincere thanks for your generous donations.

Happy Birthday to the following celebrating in May: Eva Cora, Lucille Svalina, Mary Barsevac, Julie Twohig, Cathy Hanson, Mayme Holmes, Catherine Rosandich and Francis Radosevic.

I would like to make a small personal comment if I may. It was a pleasure for me to attend the dedication of our new Home Office on March 6th. In Joliet, With me to enjoy the day's activities were Mr. & Mrs. John Poropat, and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kompare and their son, Atty. Bernard Kompare. I had hoped that there would have been more of our members attending this grand affair. This is great! These were the words and sentiments expressed most often during the day. Reference was being made, of course, to Fr. David Stalzer for his inspiring sermon and St. Joseph's church choir for their beautiful hymns sung throughout the Mass. The dinner was excellent, the show was delightful, and it seems that all in attendance had a great time. A special nod to Br. 20 who worked so hard to make this a superb affair, and for their courtesy toward everybody who attended. I am sure that our organization is in good hands, and that they will meet with intelligence and courage the challenges before them.

In conclusion: On May 8 all of us in our own special way will celebrate Mother's Day. May I earnestly ask for your remembrance of those beloved deceased members, who during the years have walked side by side to guide us in every way as fonders and active members whose efforts to our branch will long be remembered.

I would also like to extend a special greeting to all mother's of our branch for their loyalty and continued service to our branch. Happy Mother's Day!

MILDRED JAMES

NO. 96, UNIVERSAL, PA.

Dear members. The March meeting was very enjoyable with many members present. We had a large number of prizes which netted a nice amount for the treasury. We hope that you will come again and invite you to bring prizes for the next party which is June 26th at the Slovenian Center Club at 2 p.m.

We sadly announce the loss of our dear member, Mary Rusnak Sochoka. She was 86 years young at the time of her death, Feb. 20th. She lived in an old age home. We were always sad to observe how our older people must suffer with illness. The funeral

rites were said at St. John church in Unity, and she was buried in Verona. The funeral was very large. We extend our sympathy to the family and pray that our dear member rests in peace.

We wishes our all members good health and send our sincere greetings to one and all.

PAULA KOKAL

NO. 103, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The meeting on April 3rd was held at the home of our secretary, Mary Mejac. Letters concerning the restoration of Ellis Island were passed around for signature by the members. These letters were addressed to the President, plus senators and other public officials. It is hoped that other branches have already sent similar letters, or will do so very soon. The flood of letters by all branches at the same time will surely be impressive.

Our business meeting was taken up primarily with plans for the Mothers' Day program in May, and our participation in the Northern Virginia Folk Festival on May 14th. After the meeting, the ladies made noodles, using noodle machines — a very fascinating operation. The noodles will be packaged and sold at the festival.

We wish to extend our very best wishes to all the mothers for Mothers' Day, and it is hoped that everyone will have a very safe and happy spring and summer.

MATILDA AUSICH

NO. 105, DETROIT, MICH.

Our March meeting held at the home of Helen Troha, was called to order by president, Pauline Adamic with prayer. Jennie Bole read the Minutes of our February meeting. A thank you from Gail Simon... our deepest sympathy to you and your family, Gail. Your husband will be remembered in our prayers.

We discussed our Mother's Day Dinner. Plans are to have it at the Kingsley Inn., May 10th. We will meet at 7 p.m. in the lobby. Please phone Jennie Bole or Alice Sheets as soon as possible for reservations.

Lovely Pat Emerson is our selected Mother for this year. Ann Pobanz made a motion to pay for our dinners with donations from members who donated to our kitty this past year. I seconded the motion. Liquid refreshments will be paid by each individual.

We welcome our new member, Frances Madronich with open arms. May you enjoy many happy years with us. We would like more members to attend our meetings as we

BARAGA DAY TOUR... CLEVELAND TO LEMONT

At its recent committee meeting the Cleveland Chapter of the Bishop Baraga Association drew up its tentative plans for this year's Baraga Day celebration in Lemont, Illinois. The Slovenian Franciscan Fathers of the monastery and the sisters of the convent are playing hosts this year in cooperation with the Chicago chapter of the association. The latest information on the special Baraga Day pilgrimage to Lemont from Cleveland includes the following:

1.—Two buses with a capacity of 43 passengers each have been ordered from the O. D. Anderson Company.

2.—Fifty rooms (double occupancy) have been reserved from the Holiday Inn on Route 83 (about 3 miles from Lemont) for 2 nights.

3.—The package deal will include a buffet dinner and incidentals including a tip for the bus driver.

4.—Package deal totals \$70.00 and will include light refreshments on the bus itself. There will be no time out for lunch, but stops will be made at several comfort stations on the way.

5.—The buses will leave from St. Mary's Church on Holmes Ave. at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning, Sept. 3rd, 1977.

6.—Buses will stop at St. Vitus Church on Glass Avenue to pick up the remaining passengers at 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning, Sept. 3rd, 1977.

7.—Mrs. Kokal will act as hostess

for the Saint Mary's group. Mrs. Košnik will act as hostess for the Saint Vitus group. Miss Polutnik will act as hostess for the Lorain group.

8.—Joseph Zelle will show his documentary film, "Baragaland", time to be determined.

9.—On the return trip, buses will leave Lemont or Holiday Inn after breakfast on Monday morning, Sept. 5th., 1977 about 8 a.m. bound for Saint Stephen's Church in Chicago. A special mass will be said for the pilgrims at Saint Stephen's Church followed by a tour of the city of Chicago. The buses should leave for Cleveland around 9:00 a.m.

10.—Arrival in Cleveland is estimated at 5 or 6 p.m., Cleveland time.

11.—Josephine Trunk (IV 1-5004), Frances Nemanich (261-4728), and Dorothy Urankar (531-2522) will handle all reservations. Reservations may also be made with Jože Vrtačnik (521-4728).

12.—Checks should be sent to Rev. Victor Tomc, Pastor, Saint Mary's Church, 15519 Holmes Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44110 (761-7740).

13.—Further details can also be obtained from Rev. Joseph Boznar, Saint Vitus Church, 6019 Glass Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, 44103, (361-2624).

Joseph Zelle, pres., Bishop Baraga Association, Cleveland chapter, 1227 Addison Road, Cleveland, Ohio, 44103. (431-6437).

always have such a great time together. Don't we? It is hard to understand why only a dozen of us attempt to attend. Please try, ladies, as our get-togethers are held every other month and our hostesses are the very best for making us feel welcome in their homes.

Steffie Hometz, our prayers and hopes are with you. May your operation be a complete success. We want you well and your smiling face with us as soon as possible. God bless you.

Fulvia Rosa and her husband will be leaving us this fall to move to Glendale, Arizona. What can we say but how much we will miss you. We appreciate all that you have done for our group... all the hours of work and love you extended through the years. May you both enjoy good health, happiness and sunshine for years to come.

We adjourned our meeting, had the door prize — made by none other than Fulvia, a lovely pitcher and

bowl, won by our branch new member, Frances Madronich. Beginners luck, right?

Helen, our hostess, served a delicious meal of chop suey, tossed salad, strawberry shortcake and coffee, besides punch, chips, nuts, etc. before our meeting. You are a lovely hostess and our apologies for getting lost and being a little late in arriving. The door prize was appreciated.

Pauline Adamic was leaving April 26th for California to attend her sister's wedding. Happy and safe trip, Pauline.

Our next meeting will be held at Ann McGee's on June 26th at 12:30 p.m. Hope to see you all there.

Happy birthday to Alice Sheets and Fulvia Rosa from all of us.

May each and every member of Zveza enjoy Mother's Day and a happy springtime. May God keep you in His care always. Love,

KATHERINE MIHELICH

OH, TA SVET



"Slovenska kri ne s'fali..."

je glasno izrekla neka Slovenka stoječa na stopnicah slovenske cerkve v Jolietu opazujoč čez cesto glavni urad Slovenske ženske Zveze.

Da, kdo bi si predstavljal pred 50 leti, ko so nam prerokovali, da bo Zveza "muha enodnevnica", da bi ta mlada, mala organizacija kdaj lastovala tako mogočno poslopje za svoj glavni urad. Da, slovenska kri ne s'fali!

Urad je bil odprt, ko je mestni župan (prebivalcev 95.000) proglasil teden od 6-12 marca "Slovenski teden". Mnogo hiš trgovin na glavni cesti je nosilo napis "Slovenian Women's Union", kar mi je silno ugajalo.

In urad? Praktično, moderno in prostorno urejeno! Vse barve se vjemajo, kar napravi prijeten vtis. Nad 300 ljudi je urad obiskalo v nedeljo 6. marca. Isto število v cerkvi, na kosilu in programu.—Prihodnji dan je bil pričetek zborovanja glavnega odbora. Ker mi zdravje ne dopušča, sem se udeležila zborovanja le en dan, da smo uredile najvažnejše. Odbornice so bile vse navdušene nad novim uradom. Upam, da bodo naše "dekleta" kot jih nazivljam v bodoče z novo močjo in navdušenjem delale za Zvezo. Z hvaležnostjo smo pozdravile prijatelja Jožeta Erjavca, ki se je poleg drugih posebno trudil z delom za novi urad. Zdaj gre vsak večer pogledati, če je vse zaklenjeno od spredaj in zadaj. Kdo drug bi se toliko trudil? Lepa hvala, Jože!

Zborovanje smo končale stoječ v krogu držeče se za roko in prepevale: "Me se imamo rade, rade, rade, rade; me se imamo rade, prav zares!"

Zvezin sinček

Ko sem v zadnji ZARJI videla sliko Jozefine Erjavce z njenim sinčkom sem se spomnila tistih časov.

Znano nam je bilo, da Jozefina pričakuje porast k družini in seja glavnega odbora se je bližala. Da bi ne bilo kaj narobe, sem kot predsednica Josie vprašala, kdaj želi imati sejo. "Kot je v pravih" je odgovorila. Da ima še dva tedna za čakati, je rekel zdravnik. Tako je šlo naznanilo vsem odbornicam naj se javijo 16. januarja za zasedanje. Večer pred sejo je Jozefina povedala, da bomo pri njej imele kosilo, da ne bo treba njej iti v restavracijo. Vse ima pripravljeno za kosilo.

Drugo jutro Jožefine ni bilo več doma. Bila je v bolnišnici in porodila krepkega sinčka. Najprvo smo se kregale, ker je naročila fantka in ne deklico, ki bi bila nova članica, a videč da pri Erjavčevih imajo že tri deklice, torej bo en fantiček ravno prav.

Olga je povedala, da ima vse pripravljeno za kosilo. Me smo hotele iti v restavracijo, a kaj bodo z pripravljenimi jedili. Urednica, Albina Novak, se je takoj ponudila, da bo ona kuhala s pomočjo domačih deklet. Tako se je zgodilo! Kako so kuhale ne morem povedati, ker so vsakega že pred vrati s kuhalnico odgnale, ki bi hotel kaj v kuhinjo pogledati. Kosilo je bilo skuhano in servirano. Poklicale smo očeta "šetina" naj bo naš gost. (Jože je bil pri ženi v bolnišnici) Mr. Šetina je prišel, pogledal Albino držečo kuhalnico ter takoj odšel. Mislile smo, da smo se mu zamerile, ko se končno le predstavi,

lepo obrit, v novi srajci in kravati, češ, ko je videl kake kuharice imamo, seje moral ženskam na čast lepše urediti.

Po kosilu se je Mary Lenich, nadzornica, ponudila, da bo posodo pomila, Mary Otoničar, nadzornica, in Jozefina Muster, blagajničarka, sta posodo brisali, Mary Tomažin, nadzornica, je posodo v omaro devala. Albina in jaz sva pa lepo "čičkali". Med delom so pričele peti, da je odmevalo od vseh sten. Tako prijaznega kosila nismo še nikdar imele. To je povzročil mali Ronnie, ki je zdaj že odličan bankir. Mnogo let smo ga klicale "Zvezin sinček."

Iz domovine

Televizija v Sloveniji, Leta 1962 so prešteli 25 rodbin in izmed njih je le ena imela televizijski aparat. Pet let pozneje je vsako tretje gospodinjstvo imelo televizijo. Leta 1976 na slovenskem skoro ni hiše kjer bi ne bilo televizije. Najnovejši so barvni televizijski aparati, ki pomenijo "boljši" standard.

Leta 1962 je med postrošnimi predmeti bil prvi avtomobil. Zdaj ga je prekosila televizija. Ljudje nimajo več časa poslušati pametne govore, nimajo časa za branje knjig, ne za koncerte in predstave. Spremenil se je celo značaj nekdanje klasične kavarne. Ljudje več ne prihajajo da bi sedli k čašici kave, vzeli v roke časopis ali ilustracijo ter se v miru pogovorili s prijatelji. Ni časa! Doma je na sporedu televizijska oddaja, ki je ne smejo zamuditi. V kavarni je le, če je tam televizija. — Isto je v Ameriki. Vsaka pivnica in tudi nekatere velike trgovine imajo televizijo, kadar se kaj posebnega godi športne igre, itd. In kaj se iz teh učimo? Nekaj programov je res dobrih, večina pa je takih, da niso vredne elektrike, ki jo zanje potrošimo. Posebno kriminalne oddaje mladini ugajajo, kar gotovo ni v njih dobro vzgojo.

Dimnik

V Mariboru so na gradbenem centru podelili 18tim študentom dimnikarsko diplomu. To šolo, ki je edina v Jugoslaviji so ustanovili pred dvema leti, da bi nadomestili ukinjene mojsterske izpite in da bi kvalificirani dimnikarji boljše znali, kako dimnik očistiti.

V domovini verujejo, da srečati dimnikarja, pomeni srečo. Tako mi je prijatelj pred vrtnitvijo v Ameriko podal majčkan dimnikar, da bom imela srečo na potovanju. Dimnikarček je lušten in me na polici še vedno varuje nesreče na potovanju.

Neki Srb, ki je bil dalj časa v Amerki se je vrnil v domačo vas, ter takoj sezidal lepo hišo z opeko in pristavil dimnik. Njegova vas in hiše v njej pa dimnikov niso imele, zato se je povratnik tem bolj postavil s svojo hišo in dimnikom. A to se je kaznovalo. Ko je prišel dacar in videl dimnik je lastniku takoj zaračunal zelo visok hišni davek. To je lastnika tako razdražil, da je dimnik takoj porušil. — Kam gre dim iz tamošnjih kuhinj? Iz posebne luknje na strani kuhinje se dviga naravnost v nebo.



Vsem Zvezinim materam srečno obhajanje materinskega dneva. Naj Bog blagoslovi Vas in Vaše družine.

ČASTNIM MATERAM, POZDRAV!

Mary Kochevar

PODR. 3, PUEBLO, COLO.

Letos smo izvolile za našo najbolj zaslužno mater leta, našo pionirko MARY KOICHEVAR iz Puebla. Mrs. Kochevar je bila rojena v vasi Gaberje v Sloveniji dne 27. jan., 1897 ter je prišla v Ameriko dne 27. jan 1921 kot dekle pod njenim dekliškim imenom Kerns in se je v kratkem času poročila z Matt Kochevarjem, ki je preminul že pred 15 leti. V zakonu sta imela 12 otrok od katerih še živi 10, dva sta umrla v rani mladosti. Prav ponosna je na svoje vnuke, ki jih ima 23 ter 8 pra-vnukov.

Naša Slovenska Ženska Zveza ji je posebno pri srcu ter vedno rada pomaga, posebno rada daruje in speče okusne pecivo za prireditve. Čeprav ni bila odbornica, vendar je zvesta članica že mnoga leta, kakor tudi njena hčerka Ann. Spekla je že mnogo



Mary Kochevar

orehovitih potic in jih darovala za naše socials in druge priložnosti. Prav spretna je tudi v kvačanju.

9 njenih otrok je poročenih: Frank, Mary Jamnik, Rose Zupancic, Frances Ondovchik, Rudy, Richard, Elsie Mortimer, Pat Moore, Shirley Scott in Miss Anne Kochevar.

Vsa podr. je ponosna na svojo zaslužno mater ter ji želi še mnogo let zdravja in zadovoljnega življenja. Ob priliki njene 79 letnice rojstva dne 22. avg. se je zbrala vsa družina na party in njeni mali vnučki so ji pomagali pihnuti 79 svečk na torti. Bog jo blagoslovi!

Mrs. Kochevar posebno rada opravlja vsa dela pri hiši in obdeluje rože na vrtu. Verno pomaga tudi pri naši cerkvi, čisti, pere oltarne prte in drugo. Bog živi vrlo mater!

Best wishes for a happy Mother's Day, Mrs. Kochevar!

FRANCES SIMONICH, taj.

Nika B. Kovacic

PODR. 103, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Podr. št. 103 v federalni prestolici, je izvolila za zaslužno mater leta, Niko B. Kovačič, ki živi v Silver Spring, Md. Ga. Kovačič je bila rojena v Tržiču na Gorenskem v Sloveniji, dne 4. dec. 1936. V Ameriko je prišla leta 1958 in se je še istega leta dne 27. sept. poročila s poznanim kulturnim delavcem Erikom Kovačič, ki je zaposlen v Kongresni knjižnici. Njeno dekliško ime je bilo Pogačar. V zakonu je bila rojena hčerka Bernardka.

Njeno posebno zanimanje je likovna in kulinarčna umetnost, slovenska folklor, branje dobrega tiska, ročna dela, izleti v naravo.

Pri podr. je aktivna od ustanovitve, saj je ena izmed so-ustanoviteljic podr. št. 103 ter 3 leta pod-predsednica podr.

Z iskrenimi čestitkami, želimo naši častni materi še mnogo sreče in blagoslova v krogu njene drage družine in pri delu za napredek slovenstva v Ameriki!

Poročilo o naši letošnji zaslužni materi podr., bomo najlepše zaklju-



Nika B. Kovacic

čili z besedami in lepimi mislimi naše slavljenke:

"V naši družini ima slovenska dediščina posebno mesto. Ves dom in naša srca izražajo slovensko vzgojo. Ne moremo si misliti, da bi kdo v naši družini govoril, molil ali pel v kakem drugem jeziku kot slovenskem. V prostem času rada berem, težko mi je samo, ker nimam časa za vse knjige, katere bi rada prebrala. Zrasla sem pod prelepimi Kamniškimi planinami, ki so celo leto pokrite v belino. Nanje ne morem pozabiti in slovenstvo živi v meni ne samo v spominu nanje, ampak tudi v vsakdanjem življenju in delu v novi domovini."

Materna ljubezen

V dolini tih hišica mala,
notri prebiva mamica draga,
poje mu uspavanke in pesmice mile,
Molitvice prve ga Mati učila,
V zibelki ziblje detece malo,
angelu varuhu priporočila;
V srcu toplota ljubezni ji tli,
varuj ga, čuvaj do konca mojih dni,
Pri hišici mali je vrtec zeleni,
s cvetočimi vrtnicami ves okrašen.
V lončkih na oknih je nagelj duhteči,
ker materina roka ga nežno goji.

FRANCES ZIBERT

Val Mervar

PODR. 47, GARFIELD HGTS, O.

Naša podružnica je izvolila sestro Val Mervar za častno mater leta. Ona je ustanovna članica podr. in redna članica že 46 let. Nekaj let je bila tudi v nadzornem odboru. Leta 1936 ko smo blagoslovile prvo zastavo, je bila v svatih kot tova-

rišica zastavi ter pomagala nam je kadarkoli smo imele večje prireditve.

Posebno je posvetila čas za vzgojo svoje družine, trem hčerkam in dragemu soprogu Anthony-ju.

Ko so se hčerke poročile, sta z veseljem obiskovala in ljubila mladi naraščaj.

Nenadno je prišla bolezen, ki je pretrgala nit življenja soprogu, očetu in staremu očetu. Neizprosna smrt se ne ozira kako bo tužno in žalost-

no za družino. Tako mora sedaj mati imeti vso sama. Posebno ko je njena mama že več let bolna. Zanj posveti vso pozornost in ji ljubeznivo streže. Ker je polno dela pri hiši, zato ji ne preostaja preveč časa za druge aktivnosti.

Upamo, da bo naši častni materi, bodočnost prinesla vesele in srečne dni še na mnoga leta. Tebi Val in Tvojim družinam naj Bog podeli svoj blagoslov. Živela! Članice smo vesele, da Te imamo v našem krogu!

Sprejmi naš pozdrav in Tvoja mama, kateri želimo ljubega zdravja!

JENNIE PUGEL

DOPISI

FODR. 10, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Pošiljam voščilo za veseli MATERNI DAN vsem našim članicam po vsej državi. Želim, da boste vse blagoslovljene z zdravjem in da boste lepo obhajale svoj dan v krogu vaših dragih. Če ne bi bilo mater in starih mater, ne bi imele danes Slovenske ženske Zveze, zato kličemo vsem: "Živijo, še na mnoga leta!"

Naša podružnica je izbrala častno mater leta, našo zelo dobro članico, MARY KOROSK. Ona je zelo pridna in rada pomaga pri društvih, poje pri Dawn pevski skupini in smo vesele, ko rada prihaja na seje. Čestitke od podružnice in upamo, da bo tudi v bodoče redno prihajala na seje.

V marcu smo imele kar lepo sejo. Navzoče so bile tudi Joyce LaNassi in sestra Fay Moro, ki sta dvojčke in smo ju bile zelo vesele, kakor tudi čla. Mary Podlogar in njena mati Anne Tomsich. Dobrodošle članice in upamo, da se še mnogokrat vidimo na sejah.

Čla. Jennie Koren je dne 5. marca praznovala svoj častivredni 93 letni rojstni dan. Članice smo jo počastile v Starostnem domu na Neff Rd. Prinesle smo torto in svečke, katere je Jennie vse ugasnila, nakar smo ji zapele "Happy birthday" ter se malo pogovorile v lepi domači družbi.

Našim bolnim članicam, posebno Mary Jerkich in Emme Sedey, ki sta bile v bolnišnici, želimo ljubo zdravje. Spomnimo se jih v naših molitvah.

Lep pozdrav vsem skupaj.

SOPHIE MAGAYNA, tajnica

PODR. 14, EUCLID, OHIO

Dne 5. aprila nas je več članic potovalo iz Euclida z upokjenci v Ravenu, Ohio na kosilo in k udeležbi lepe pevske igre "Oklahoma". Imele smo se res prijetno. Vrnelo smo se ob času za sejo, samo udeležba je bila bolj slaba zaradi zimskega vremena. Prebranih je bilo več zahvalnih kartic od bolanih članic, ki so

PODR. 2, CHICAGO, ILL.

Vse članice ste vlijudno vabljeni na našo redno proslavo MATERINSKEGA DNEVA v četrtek dne 12. maja. Pričetek s sv. mašo ob 7:30 zvečer v slovenski cerkvi Sv. Štefana. Po maši bo domača družabnost v spodnji dvorani. Počastili bomo letošnjo zaslužno mater podružnice, KATIE TUZAK. Vedno prijazni Mrs. Tuzak prisrčno čestitamo k izvolitvi in ji želimo še mnogo veselih in srečnih let v krogu njene družine in vnukov. ODBOR

Slovesna blagoslovitev zvezinega doma



Msgr. Butala ob asistenci našega duha, svetovalca g. Fr. Okorna in ob prisotnosti glavnih odbornic in prijateljev blagoslovlja prostore novega gl. urada v Jolietu.

se zahvalile za obiske. Našima dvema bolnima članicama Helen Collins in Martina Hribar, želimo hitrega zdravljenja, kakor tudi vsem drugim bolanim sestram, katerih imen ne vem.

Prav dobro smo se tudi imele na banketu podružnice št. 10 SZZ.

Na seji smo ukrepale glede prirreditve 23. oktobra, 1977, da bomo kar najboljše postregle našim gostom.

Upam, da pridete v lepem številu na prihodnjo sejo, ker julija ne bo seje, ker gremo na počitnice. Tajnica bo vesela če poravnate članarino, da ji ne bo treba opominjati.

Pozdrav vsem članicam po Ameriki.

MARY ISKRA, poročevalka

PODR. 20, JOLIET, ILL.

Slavnost blagoslovitve in otvoritve novega Zvezinega glavnega urada na čikaški cesti, je kar najlepše uspela. Naše članice so že tedne pridno delale, da je vse poteklo z velikim uspehom.

Dne 6. marca so že zgodaj v jutru prihajali ljudje iz Jolietu in drugih krajev, da sami vidijo dom naše Zveze. Prisrčna zahvala velja našemu monsignorju M. J. Butala za blagoslovitev urada ob 11 uri dop. in našemu duhovnemu svetovalcu, Rev.

Okorn, ki je daroval slovesno sv. mašo ob asistenci msgr. Butala in pom. župnika, Rev. David Staltzer.

Bili smo veseli videti v naši sredi v domu naše gl. odbornice, ki so prihiteli, da z nami praznujejo ta slovesni dan. Iz Chicaga sta prišle gl. podpredsednica Nežka Gaber in urednica Corinne Leskovar. Iz Clevelanda je prišla gl. preds. Mary Bostjan v spremstvu Frances Seitz, mladinska direktorica in Sophie Magayna, drž. preds. za Ohio. Navzoče so bile nadzornice Marion Marolt in Ann Kompore iz So. Chicaga s soporogom in sinom Bernard Kompore, odvetnikom. Iz west Allis je prišla Marie Florjan s spremstvom. Iz So. Chicaga je pripeljal posebni bus in z avtomobili so prišli iz raznih nasebin: Chicago, LaSalle, Oglesby, Peru, Ottawa, Colorado in Cleveland.

Navzoči so bili odborniki raznih društev in gl. odborniki KSKJ, Ed Kucic, gl. preds., Robert Kosmerl, gl. taj., Rudy Pucel, Ed Ansel, Dr. Lud Leskovar iz Chicaga in drugi. Počastili so naš mestni predstavnik sodnik Buchar, mestni nadzornik Val Galle in prijatelji, dalje Mr. in Mrs. John Jevitz, Mr. in Mrs. Frank Vranicar ter zastopstvo AFU in drugih organizacij.

MATI JE ČUDEZ // p. Klavdij Okorn, ofm

Do'go sem razmišljal, kaj naj napišem o materi za materinski dan. Iz razmišljanja me je zbudil članek, ki sem ga zasledil v slovenskem verskem listu Družina. Podaja odlomek iz zapuščine Stanka Cankarja. Članek je tako sodoben kakor je bil pred dolgimi leti, ko ga je napisal Stanko Cankar. Povzet je iz njegove knjige Pogovori. Takole opisuje svoje gledanje na mater.

Mati je čudež od vseh naravnih lepote najbolj preprosta pa obenem skoraj ne razumljiva. Materi je od Boga dano, da otroka skriva pred najhujšimi preizkušnjami in viharji. Zato poskuša včasih tudi nemogoče stvari. Pri nas doma je bilo kljub tesnemu stanovanju vedno prostora za mnogo ljudi. Materinska dobrotnost vsak dom zelo poveča. Mati mora človeka varovati pred tisoč nevarnostmi. Svojega otroka mora vsak dan skrivati. S telesom in dušo ga mora varovati pred sovražniki, ki jim samo njena materinska ljubezen ve pravo ime. Varuje ga pred soncem in vodo, pred nožem in vilicami, pred strupom in živalmi. Včasih tudi pred domačimi ljudmi, celo pred samo seboj. Stati mora na straži pred besedo in smehom, pred šalo in resnico, pred družčino in samoto. To je pač najtežja pastirska služba na svetu. Mene

je morala moja mati varovati tudi pred revščino. Ob njej sem spoznal da revščina ni tako teško breme ako imaš mater. Brez kruha vsaj nekaj časa prebiješ, brez ljubezni in materinega razumevanja pa si v enem samem dnevu kakor človek, ki so mu vsi pomrli.

Pravzaprav se redko vracam na svoj dom. To je nekakšen tih dogovor med menoj in materjo. Odkar me je poslala v svet, ve, da ne sme biti na poti mojemu delu. Za to oddaljenost me je vzgajala. Sama je tako redko razsipala z nežnimi besedami in z zatrjevanjem ljubezni. Hotela je, da bi vso njeno dobrotnost bral iz njenega življenja.

Z besedami smo jo težko prevarali, pa naj smo še tako spretno spredli svoj zagovor. Brala je iz zakritih globin srca, da smo s svojimi praznimi besedami kar prenehali. Mislim, da jo tudi danes bolj zanima naše življenje kakor pa naša pisma. Vedno znova se sprašuje, kakšni smo pač pred očmi božje dobrote. Vesela je, če sliši kaj pohvalnega o katerem svojih otrok.

Za ta božji čudež moramo biti hvaležni in to tudi povedati svoji materi.

Bog blagoslovi vse matere za njihov dan.

Zelo lepo je bilo videti našo mladino, fante in dekleta v narodnih nošah, ki so korakali v procesiji v cerkev na čelu naše gl. odbornice v narodnih nošah: urednica Corinne Leskovar, Nežka Gaber, Millie Pucel, Jonita Ruth in hčerka Loraine, ki je nosila narodno nošo prineseno od stare mame iz Ljubljane in vodstvo prejšnjih kadetk gl. taj. Olga Ancel in Marie Malnarich. Bil je izredno lep pogled na procesijo pod vodstvom maršala Stanley Marolta, mestnega odbornika in soproga gl. blagajničarke Mary Marolt. G. pom. župnik Rev. David Stalzer je imel zelo pomenljivo pridigo in pevski zbor pod vodstvom Tony Rozman je krasno prepeval med mašo.

Po cerkvenem opravilu je bilo servirano okusno kosilo v parku Sv. Jožefa, nakar je stoloravnateljica, Mary Marolt vodila lep program. Pozdravila je vse navzoče, naša preds. Emma Planinsek in naš okrajni judge, Robert Buchar je izvrstno povdaril v svojem govoru kaj pomeni biti Slovenec in kaj so Slovenci doprinesli naši novi deželi. Žel je veliko odobravanje vseh. Drugi govorniki so bili: Msgr. Butala, duh, vodja Zveze, Rev. Okorn, gl. preds. KSKJ Ed Kucic in več drugih. Vsi so želi pohvalo.

Na pevskem programu so nastopile članice s krasnimi glasovi: Ann Fandek, Joyce Walczak, Anna Mae Lukancic, katere je na klavir spremljala Judy Mravle in na harmonike je igral sin članice Eme Nosse, Gary.

Prečitana je bila proklamacija našega župana Norman Keck in odbornikov.

Po programu so nastopili naši mladi plesalci v narodnih nošah in želi prisrčno odobravanje za njihove slo-

venske ljudske ples. Za splošni ples je ogradil Kramerich orkester.

Hvala vsem za številno udeležbo, žal smo pogrešali našo ustanoviteljico in častno preds. Marie Priland, ki ni mogla priti na to slavnost, toda se je udeležila seje naslednjega dne.

Vse članice in prijatelji ste vabljeni na sejo dne 15. maja ob pol drugi uri, ko boste videli filmske slike otvoritve Zveznega doma ter posnetke iz zadnje konvencije v Pittsburghu. Pridite in ne zamudite te priložnosti.

Na seji je bilo tudi poročano o smrti Anna Kuzma, ki je bila bolana več let. Ona je mati naše prejšnje kadetke Bernice Kostelc in zapuščila še eno hčerko in moža Johna. Pokopana je bila iz naše cerkve na farno pokopališče Sv. Jožefa.

Umrli je tudi mož naše čla. (Rose Roj. Gregorash), Michael A. Marjaševich v starosti 64 let. Bil je vojni veteran druge vojne v zračnih silah. Prejel je bronast križ in več drugih odlikovanj. Pri US Steel je delal 36 let.

Naj pokojna počivata v miru: Iskreno sožalje žalujočim ostalim.

V bolnišnici sta bile Mrs. Kolar in Mrs. Mary Heintz. Joyce Vicich je rodila zalo punčko. Mnogo sreče!

Za našo slavnost so darovale: potice Fran Capitano, Judy Lovati, Rose Boback, Rose Tabler, Mary Fedo, Mary Mance, Olga Ancel, Emma Planinsek, Margaret Stalzer, cookies pa Mary Ivanich, Emma Nosse, Dorothy Koncar, Agnes Trautman, Theresa Matentich, Lillian Berge, Ann Sternisha in Bertha Hofer.

visoko starost 91 let. Dočakala je Dobitke sta prejele Mary Ivanich in Millie Pucel, darovale so: Louise

Šega in Josephine Erjavec.

Po seji je bil serviran prigrizek za kar so darovale Emma Planinsek in Olga Ancel.

Vse najlepše pozdravlja in želi vesel Materni dan ter pridite na sejo dne 15. maja.

JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC

PODR. 21, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Umrli je čla. MARY ZEITZ, ki je bila ustanovna članica pri podr. št. 53, nato smo prestopile vse k št. 21. Bila je zvesta članica in dočakala je tudi, da je njen vnuk postal zdravnik Stepanek, eden pa duhovnik Zeitz. K večnemu počitku je bila položena dne 30. marca. Naše iskreno sožalje preostali družini.

ANNA JESENKO

PODR. 24, LA SALLE, ILL.

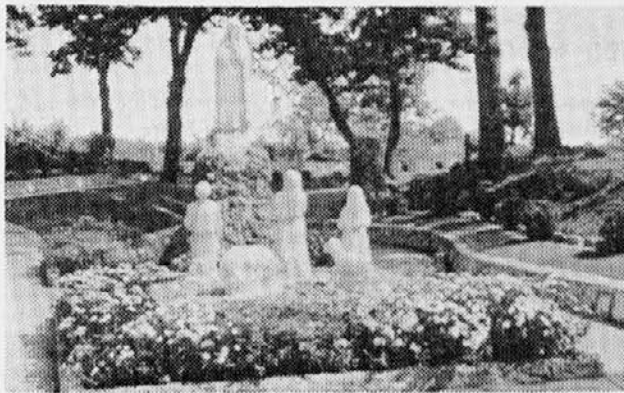
Upam, da ste vse lepo obhajale Velikonočne praznike.

Sporočam, da je bolana čla. Antoinette Tonča Ferenčak, ki je bila 2 meseca v bolnišnici v LaSalle in se sedaj zdravi doma. Po nesreči se je hudo poparila, kakor je poročala na seji ses. Anna Lushina. Bog ji daj zdravja. Molimo, da bo mirno prenašala trpljenje.

Čla. Antonia Jakse je bila v bolnišnici v LaSalle za en mesec. Sedaj se zdravi na domu. Bog jo živi!

Mati Mary Knap, ki je dnevno šla k sv. maši in obhajilu, je pred kratkim dobila strock in se zdravi pri najmlajši hčerki v Cherry, Ill. Hvala Bogu, da ji gre na boljše.

Naša 89 letna Anna Kešik je 3 tedne v špitalu v LaSalle, dobila je strock. Dobra mati hčerki, Veseli jo.



DOLINA ROŽNEGA VENCA

Lepi LEMONTSKI hribček bo letos zopet obiskan od romarjev iz vseh krajev. Posebno ste vsi vabljeni na ZVEZIN DAN, v nedeljo dne 17. julija in na BARAGOVE DNEVE, 3. in 4. sept. Posebni busi bodo pripeljali obiskovalce iz vse Amerike. Prijave sprejema v Clevelandu za Zvezin Dan, gl. preds. Mary Bostian in za Baragove dneve, Jos. Zelle, Frances Nemanich in Josephine Trunk.

kadar jo pridejo sestre obiskati in se zahvali za obiske. Bog jo ne bo pozabil!

Članice, obiskujte bolne sestre!

V nursing domu v LaSalle se nahajajo: Mrs. Catarina Spitzmiller, Mrs. Teresa Terselic, in na novo Mrs. Anna Frankovic. V Peru domu za ostarele je Mrs. Jennie Krultz. Vsem želimo ljubo zdravje in božji blagoslov!

Članice, ne pozabite čitati v Zarji vabilo na SLOVENSKI DAN, ki bo v nedeljo dne 12. junija v Jolietu. To bo dan veselja za vse Slovence in njihove družine. Vsi ste lepo vabljeni, da se nam pridružite v dnevih starega izročila HERITAGE DAY. Bo mnogo lepega slovenskega petja in vesele godbe, seveda tudi najboljša slovenska jedila ne bodo manjkala. Na prodaj bodo plošče, kakor tudi heklane stvari. Videli bomo slovenske ljudske pesalce v narodnih nošah, kako se tudi naša mladina zanima za slovensko stvar. Bo tudi umetniška razstava. Preveč bi bilo vse navesti, zato samo pridite in nobenemu ne bo žal. Imele bomo bus, morda celo dva, toda dajte sporočiti naši preds. Mary Gramc, 223-6137, da Vam rezervira mesto, ali pa odbornicam. Na veselo svidenje v Jolietu!

MARY MICI PILETIČ zapis.

PODR. 26, PITTSBURGH, PA.

Mesec maj je tukaj. To je najlepši mesec leta, saj je posvečen naši nebeški Materi Mariji. Tudi zemeljske matere so pokaščene v tem mesecu. Pri naši podružnici smo izbrale zelo dobro in pridno mater, ki je tudi pomožna tajnica, Helena ČESNIK. Vsa čast Tebi, Helen in Bog Ti daj zdravja!

Tudi moram poročati žalostno vest, da smo 19. marca izgubile dobro članico, Mary Jaketič, ki je mnoga leta

vedno redno prihajala na seje in je bila vesela med sestrami dokler ji je zdravje dopuščalo. Zadnje čase je bila bolna in sedaj je rešena trpljenja ter uživa večno plačilo, saj je vzgojila veliko družino, šest sinov in dve hčeri. V vojnem času je bilo vseh šest sinov pri vojaki in hvala Bogu vsi so prišli zdravi domov. Naši sestre želimo mirni počitek, naj ji bo lahka gruda. Družini naše globoko sožalje.

Na naši prvi seji dne 15. marca, je bila velika udeležba 59 članic in smo ukrepale v korist podružnice. Bilo je odobreno, da bomo imele luncheon dne 10. maja ob 12:30 v Slovenskem Domu na 57 cesti. Po kosilu bo pokrivanje števil v korist naši blagajni, zato prosim, da članice pridete in pripeljete svoje prijatelje.

Najlepši pozdrav gl. odboru in vsem članicam širom Amerike. Vesel Materinski dan, da bi ga vse praznovala v zdravju in veselju. Za pokojne pa molimo naj v miru počivajo.

Lepo pozdravlja vse,

ANNA TRONTEL

PODR. 47, GARFIELD HGTS., OHIO

Dne 27. febr. se je vršil Vse-slovenski dan v S.N.D. v Maple Hts., O. Prireditelj se je vršila pod pokroviteljstvom SND in društva so bila povabljeni k sodelovanju. Tudi naša podr. je imela svojo stojnico. Zato se je največ potrudila naša letošnja častna mati, Anna Harsh in njena mati Anna Kreševic in pomagala jima je Julia Mezgec. Zbrale so raznovrstne predmete, prinesene iz Slovenije. Kar lepo je bilo za pogledati. Ves SND je izgledal kot muzej in po stenah so bile izobešene razne slike.

SND, podr. št. 42 iz Maple Hts. ter naša podr. smo imele pečivo na prodaj. Resnica je, da je domače pečivo najboljšo, kar se je pokazalo, da

je šlo vse hitro izpod rok. Hvala lepa vsem, ki ste prinesle pečivo in to so: Jennie Praznik, Mary Mundson, Anna Kreševič, Elsie Gazdecki, Val Mervar, Jo Lea, Antoinette Janders, Olga Dorchak, Lillian Smith, Mary Sholar, Stefania Mahnich, Julia (Bartel) Mezgec, Antonio Rolih, Agnes Zagar, Mary Lovrencic in Jennie Pugely.

Predmete za stojnico so darovale: Jennie Segulin, Frances Mauer, Malika Stautihar, Mary Sholar, Stefania Mahnich, Rose Ban, Antoinette Janders in Jennie Firem. Mesto predmetov, pa so darovale v denarju: Mary Vlcek, Jennie Gerk, Mary Fabjančič, Antonia Dolinar, Frances Persin, Mary Prosen, Jennie Mezgec, Angela Magavec, Christina Ferenchak, Mary Frank, Jennie Firem, Rosele Shuster, Victoria Williams, Anna Marada, Rose Kočevar, Katherine Jurichak, Jennie Zupančič. Prav lepa hvala vsem skupaj z željo, da bi imele še več posnemovalk.

Žal moram poročati tudi žalostne novice. V tem letu so odšle po večno plačilo sestre Mary Jelarčič v Arizoni, ki je umrla dne 10. jan. Zapustila je dva sinova Anthony v Parmu in Roland, ki je major v ameriški vojaški službi v Calif. — Zapustila nas je tudi Carole Mauser, ki je preminula 18. febr. Zapuščala sina Johna z družino v Garfield Hts. in hčer Carol, Mrs. Wm. Baker v Brecksville, O. Pok. je bila ustanoviteljica podr., uradnica, zapisničarka in blagajničarka v začetku delovanja podr. Potem je delala v May Co. do upokojitve. Bolehala je kake 4 leta in podlegla sladkorni bolezni. Naj obe blage pok. počivata v božjem miru in večna luč naj jima sveti. Ohranjen jima bo blag spomin. Obe sta bile dobre članice in z dobrimi deli sta pomagale podr. Preostalim iskreno sožalje.

Bolnim članicam želimo ljubelega zdravja. Vsem, ki ste obhajale rojstne dneve v tem letu, želimo še mnogo srečnih let zdravja in sreče.

Prihodnja seja bo 1. maja. Črez poletje ne bo seje. Če bo kaj važnega bom sporočila za poletna meseca, julij in avgust v Zarji. Prosim vse, ki še niste poravnale ases, za leto 77, da to storite čimprej.

Dobrodošla nova čla. Miss Elsie M. Lavrenčič.

Želim, da bi pridobile nove članice, da bi vsaj nadomestile vrzeli, ki nam jih napravi smrtna kosa.

Pozdrav vsem članicam!

JENNIE PUGELY, taj.

PODR. 77, N.S. PITTSBURGH, PA.

Zima nas kar noče zapustiti, kake 3 mesece ga je prav pošteno lomila na vse strani. Pa je končno le za nami. Menda nam je priloženo, da

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No. 71, STRABANE, PA.

Pres.: Mary Tomsic, 431 Chartiers
Sec'y.: Lucille Smith, 37 Latimer Ave.
15363.
Meeting: 2nd Wed., K.S.K.J., 7 P.M.

No. 73, CLEVELAND, OHIO (P.O. WARRENSVILLE HGTS.)

Pres.: Kay Yuratovac, 19511 Sumpter
Rd, Cleveland O, 44128
Sec'y.: Louise Epley, 20294 Emery
St, Cleveland O, 44128
Treas.: Agnes Walters 24717 Emery
St, Cleveland O, 44128
Meeting: 1st Monday, at Epley's.

No. 74, AMBRIDGE, PA.

Pres.: Mary Habich, 160 Maplewood
Sec'y. and Treas.: Stephanie Plese,
151 Merchant St.
Meeting: Second Sunday, Slov. Audit.

No. 77, PITTSBURG, PA.

Pres.: Betty Ann Murphey, 1612 Walz
St, 15212
Sec'y.: Minka Chrnat, 937 Haslage
Ave, 15212
Treas.: Elizabeth Conway
Meeting: Twice a Year: May and
Dec, at 910 Chestnut St.

No. 79 ENUMCLAW, WASH.

Pres.: Mary Mihelich, 1730 Hillcrest
98022
Sec'y. and Treas.: Anna Anderson
309 Rainier Ave, 98022
Meeting: Usually every 3 months.
Member's homes.

No. 80, MOON RUN, PA.

Pres.: Ann Petanovich, Steubenville
Pike, McKees Rocks, Pa, 15136
Sec'y.: Mary Christian, 23 McCor-
mack Rd, 15136
Meeting: No. regular meetings.

No. 81, KEEWATIN, MINN.

Pres.: Antonia Mestnice, 55753
Sec'y.: Mary Chural, 55753
Treas.: Ann Dickovich, Box 388, 55753
Meeting: 4th Wed, Every other
month, Member's homes.

No. 83, CROSBY, MINN.

Pres.: Frances Vidmar, 20-4th St, N.
W, 56441
Sec'y.: Louise Puchreiter, 403 4th St.
N.E, 56441
Treas.: Mary Deblock, Riverton Rt.,
Ironton 56441
Meeting: 1st. Mon, Member's Homes.

No. 84, RIDGEWOOD, N.Y.

Pres.: Bernetta Mische, 58-17 70th
Ave, Ridgewood, N.Y, 11227
Sec'y. and Treas.: Evelyn Barrese,
72-62 51st. Dr, Woodside N.Y,
11377
Meeting: 4 times a year, at Pres.
Home.

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Box 206, 61322
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Linsmeyer Hall.

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15902
Sec'y.: Jennie Stusek, 541 Russell
Ave, 15902
Treas.: Mary Zupan, 546 Forest Ave,
15902
Meeting: 2nd Mon, 7:30 P.M. Dickin-
son House.

No. 89, OGLESBY, ILL.

Pres.: Frances Meglich, 321 Maple
Ave, 61348
Sec'y.: Mary Kernz, 125 E, 3rd St,
61348
Treas.: Emma Foly, Tonica, Ill,
61370
Meeting: 2nd Monday, 7:30 P.M.
Dickinson House.

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Meeting: 2nd Tues, Sec'y Home, Mar,
May, Sept, and Dec.

se radi pritožujemo čez vreme, pa vendar vse prenesemo, če smo le zdravi in če imamo kaj veselja do življenja, ki je tako kratko! Vse prehitro se staramo, saj pregovor pravi, da je človeško življenje kakor rosa, pihne veter in rose ni več.

Zopet smo v cvetočem mesecu maju, ko homo praznovali obletnico naše podr. Vse ste prošene, da se udeležite te prireditve, ki bo 11. maja zvečer v St. Mary's Lyceum, 910 Chestnut St.

Seja bo kratka in po seji se bomo malo zabavale. Počastile bomo tudi častno mater, Mary Zupank, ki je bila enoglasno izvoljena, saj je že veliko delala in pomagala ter rada prihaja na naše prireditve. Le še tako naprej, Mary in naše čestitke!

Tega večera bomo tudi počastile vse matere podr. žive in mrtve. Ako pomislimo koliko dobrih slovenskih mater je že leglo v grob. Skoro sleherni je bila mučenica, ko je de-

lala in garala od jutra do večera. Skrbna in usmiljena je bila naša mati. Veliko trpljenja je doprinesla samo, da je bila družina srečna in zdrava. V njenem srcu je bila želja, da bi se njenim otrokom bolje godilo kot se je njej. Bila je kakor svetnica na zemlji. Da, to je bila naša dobrodelna mati. Počastimo jo s toplo in iskreno besedo, ona ne pričakuje darila; ona si želi naše navzočnosti, pa bo srečna na njen praznik.

Imamo tudi več članic, ki so bolj pri slabem zdravju. Želim, da bi kmalu popolnoma okrevale in da bi se udeležile naše majske prireditve, ki bo 11. maja. Naj Vas Bog blagoslovi!

MINKA CHR NAT, tajnica

PODR. 96, UNIVERSAL, PA.

Drage članice: Seja v marcu je bila dobro obiskana in smo se prav lepo imele. Bilo je veliko daril za

naše igre, kar je prineslo lep dobiček v našo blagajno. Ravno tako želim, da bi vse članice kaj prinesle za naše igre, ki bodo 26. junija, 1977.

Žal moram poročati žalostno novice, da smo izgubile našo drago članico: Mary Rusnak Sochoka, ki je dosegla častljivo starost 86 let. Umrla je dne 20. febr. v domu za ostarele. Je žalostno videti, kako nekateri stari ljudje trpijo v bolnišnici. Ko se človek postara bi moral biti dober in vesel, pa samo trpimo! Sv. maša za blago pokojnico je bila v cerkvi Sv. Janeza na Unify. Pokopali so jo v Verona pokopališču. Bila je velika udeležba. Naj v miru počiva! Sorodnikom izrekamo naše sožalje.

Seja bo dne 26. junija v Slovenian Cente Clubu ob 2 uri pop.

Molimo za umrle članice. Vsem bolnim pa želimo ljubega zdravja. Pozdravlja,

PAULA KOKAL, preds.

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No. 96, UNIVERSAL, PA.

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No. 97, CAIRNBROOK, PA.

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Pres.: Victoria Volk, 243 Larch Ave. 60126
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From the Youth Board:

THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH!

Now that spring is here, more time will be spent outdoors. Here is a good game that could be used at Junior Parties.

PUSH PIGGY TO THE MARKET

This game is for two teams. There should be at least four players on each team.

Mark a starting line with a stick or chalk. Ten or fifteen feet away mark a goal or (market) line. Give each team an empty bottle and a three foot stick. Blow a whistle or say "on your mark get set, 'Go'". At this signal the first player in line on each team starts to roll the bottle or "piggy" to the market line with the stick, holding one hand behind his back at all times.

As soon as a player reaches the market line, he must turn around and push the piggy back to the starting line. Then he gives the stick to the next player on his team. The game is won when all of the players on one of the teams have pushed their team's piggy to and from market. If a player makes the piggy hop or removes his hand from behind his back, he must return to the starting line and begin all over again.

Hope you enjoy Push Piggy to Market.

Since Mother's Day is recognized this month, it would be nice to have a Mother's Day Tea Party. Junior members should plan a tea party with four mothers invited or more. This doesn't have to be right on Mother's Day; it could be a day before or after. The Juniors prepare the tea and have some cake or cookies. You could also make small

sandwiches. Set the table properly with napkins, cups and saucers, silver, sugar cream, and lemon slices. Have a jolly time visiting with your Moms.

Please write in to the Editor of the Dawn magazine and let all the Juniors know what you did.

APPLE PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES

For juniors to cook without a store. Here is what you need:

- 4 slices of bread
- Butter or margarine softened
- 1 Apple
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup peanut butter
- grater
- small bowl
- vegetable peeler
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup measuring cup
- table fork
- wooden cutting board

Here is what you do:

- 1 Spread butter lightly on one side of bread
- 2 Place grater over small bowl
- 3 Wash and dry 1 small apple. Remove stem and core with vegetable peeler. Leave apple whole to make grating easier. Grate carefully.
- 4 Fill $\frac{1}{2}$ cup with peanut butter. Add to apple. Mix thoroughly with fork.
- 5 Spread filling on slice of bread. Top with bread. Makes enough for 3 or 4 sandwiches.

You may place sandwich on cutting board — cut in halves or into four small sandwiches. Delicious.

"FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART"

HI BOYS AND GIRLS

The month of May is set aside to honor one of the best kind of people, Mothers. They do many great things but the greatest is their love for us. However, what many do not know, are the rules that mothers follow in order to become the "perfect mother". Here are just a few. Do any of them sound familiar?

It seems that no matter how you look, you are cute. You could be the worse looking kid on your block and mother will tell you that you are her "cute little baby". Of course, you love the flattery even though you know it isn't true.

Then there's the unique way of waking you up in the morning for school. My mother would go to an early mass and then come upstairs to wake me up with her cold hands. And the worst part about it is that she would take those cold hands and place them on my neck. Boy-if that didn't get you up!

Mothers know exactly where everything is — most of the time. There's always the time that they send you on an errand to find something in another room.

"Will you please go into the dining room and get me that brown envelope?"

So you march in there, determined to find it. You search for half an hour but refuse to give in because you know that she'll come into the dining room and find it, very simply, right there under your nose. Finally you decide to humiliate yourself and admit that you can't find it.

"Mom, where's that envelope? I can't find it."

"It should be right there on the kitchen table."

"What? You said the Dining Room!"
"I did not. What would it be doing in the dining room?"

No point in arguing. You never have a tape recorder when you need one.

Another thing mothers are known for are their fantastic memory of their children's names. Now if you're the only child in the family then you may not experience this. But if you come from a family of six, like I do, then you know exactly what I mean. She'll want you but for some odd reason she can't remember your name. So, to solve her problem, she runs through the names of all the rest of her children until she comes upon the correct one. If you're lucky, she'll even throw in the dog's name.

A typical sentence of this would be—
"It's your turn to do the dishes, Joeeveranadineandycaritapixie-Marie!"

But no matter how many crazy things that mothers do, it will not equal to all the worrying they do about their children. That's a mother's specialty. Sometimes it seems that they worry too much, however we can always look on the brighter side — at least we know that someone's thinking of us!

I don't know if all these things are true of your mother but they are

S.W.U. JUNIOR PLEDGE

S—Slovenian Women's Union —I'm proud to belong

W—Working together

U—Use our abilities to preserve our heritage

J—Junior achievements all for SWU

Last month we learned how to make a bed. This month let's make a dresser scarf.

Here is a new way to make your own dresser scarf. You will be proud because you made it all by yourself. First, measure the width and length of the top of your dresser. Cut a piece of newspaper to the size you measured. Next, visit an upholstery shop in your neighborhood. They always have leather remnants which sometimes they throw away. Explain what you need to cover the top of your dresser. Choose a color you would like to match the colors of your bedroom or get a color as close to the wood grain of your dresser. Like beige, tan or even brown. Now, place your pattern over the leather, then trace with a pencil and cut away on the pencil line. If you don't wish to cover the whole top of your dresser, you can always cut off $\frac{1}{2}$ inch more. This way a part of the wood grain of your dresser will show. That's all. You can keep your dresser scarf clean with only a damp cloth. A dresser scarf helps to keep your dresser from getting scratched.

Now that you have a new scarf you will want to keep the top of your dresser neat. If you like to plan surprises for others, you might make a scarf for your mother for Mother's Day.

of mine. However, all mothers can be summed up with the words

Memories
I Ove
beauTiful
Helpful
spEcial
undeRstanding

Happy Mother's Day!

Your friend,
REGINA II

Did you enjoy making your scarf?
Does the color look well in your room?

How much did you spend for your dresser scarf?

Answer the above questions, and send your answers to:

The Youth Board Directors
26720 White Day Dr. No. 417F
Richmond Hts., Ohio 44143

PEN PAL CLUB

Dear Jimmy:

My name is Kathy Nusko and I am 10 years old. I live in Chicago, Ill, and am a member of Br. 2.

I am in the fourth grade at St. Stephen's school. In school I have a teacher instead of a Sister.

One of my favorite hobbies is reading. I have my own library card. My other hobbies are playing baseball, football, and basketball with my brothers. I have two sisters and four brothers but the fourth brother is a baby.

My biggest brother is a Boy Scout. My second brother is a Cub Scout. The Boy Scout Master is my dad and the Cub Scout Master is my dad's friend.

This spring I am going to teach one of my sisters how to ride a two wheeler bike.

For my second brother's Cub Scout project, he has to make up a game.

I would like to exchange a letters with you. I would like to become your Pen Pal.

KATHY NUSKO

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