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Val the 'Polka Gal' Now on WATJ Radio

by Linda Cimperman

New time, new location, for the vibrant and vigorous talent of Northeast Ohio's "Val the Polka Gal!" Nine until noon, every Saturday morning, Val Pawlowski's high energy polka program will be heard on Chardon's radio station 1560 AM WATJ, which predominantly broadcasts to Geauga and Lake counties, and also reaches parts of Cuyahoga, Ashtabula, Trumbull Portage and Summit Counties, as well as over the Pennsylvania line, in addition to broadcasting 24 hours per day around the world on the Internet at www.watj.com

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If you know Val, you already know to anticipate a morning shake-up and wake-up by her enthusiastic and friendly style, featuring the liveliest and best music she can find to get you up and keep you moving, with the WATJ weekday format,

which features memorable songs from the 30s through the 90s.

WATJ's General Manager, Al Markic, Business Manager, Florence Gragor and our family of radio announcers and staff are real excited and happy about welcoming Val Pawlowski to 1560 AM, WATJ.

Among Val's previous awards and trophies is a plaque in recognition of her contribution to polka promotion, awarded by the Polka Hall of Fame in 1997.

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Val adds, "Don't forget the donuts!"



How do we ensure the future generations will be able to enjoy the delicious taste of raised doughnuts (krofe)? You show them at a young age just as the St. Mary's (Collinwood) Slovenian School did on Saturday, Feb. 13 in the school auditorium. Teaching the traditional Slovenian culinary arts are Marie Sedmak, left, and Ann Nemeč.



Slovenian String Concert at St. Mary's

On Friday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., the String Orchestra from the Music School, Ljubljana Vič-Rudnik, Slovenia, will perform a concert in St. Mary's (Collinwood) Church.

This talented group of 35 young musicians, promise a very memorable concert. A free will offering will be taken at the concert.

Kres seeks dancers

Attention parents of children in kindergarten through eighth grade: If you are interested in having your child perform in the Kres 45th anniversary performance on Saturday, September 11, please contact Nadia Domanko at (440) 944-9780



Taking part in the Slovenian National Home's formal reception in the newly renovated Diemer Mansion off St. Clair Ave. at Addison Road on Friday, March 5, are left to right Thomas Celestina, Slovenian Consulate in Cleveland Tone Gogala, Cleveland Councilman in Ward 13, Joseph Cimperman, and Emilee's Beauty Salon owner and Perry News correspondent, Emilee Jenko.

Š may not be Slovenian but ž or č are

A font vendor from Finland is selling fonts of the world for PC. These include

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Everyone of the 28 Latin typefaces includes the šumnik š, but no other šumnik. And the same is true for Microsoft's adaptation of ASCII (American Standard for Coded Information Interchange).

Accented characters of C and Z include a slanted short line for the C, and a dot for the Z; but no hakelija, as we know it. This indicates to me that possibly the character š is not of Slovenian origin; but the other two šumnike may very well be.

--Henry Stalzer

Jim's Journal
By Jim Debevec



The Ides of March have successfully passed without leaving much of an impression on folks – except if you happened to be Julius Caesar. In which case it wasn't much of a good day.

Anyhow, March is supposed to bring hints of fading winter, and with it thoughts of spring things such as lettuce, flowers and baseball.

March is also famous for its winds. Here is a true story about the windy month.

Returning from the Navy after the Second World War, my brother Ralph brought me a present. It was a giant kite with a big picture of a Japanese Zero warplane painted boldly across the entire surface. It was used by the Navy for target practice.

The kite was a monster. It was about five feet high and weighed about 20 pounds more than me. It had to be guided by *two* ropes. With the double lines and the heavy kite, we had a difficult time getting it into the air. As a matter of fact, we tried for about 10 years to get that darn kite to fly, but never succeeded.

Then one windy March afternoon, my pal John Turek had an idea. "Why don't you drive the convertible with the top down, and I'll kneel in the back seat, hold the kite up and when you get enough speed and the wind is blowing hard, I'll let it go and we'll watch it take off."

Well, there you are. What the heck; it sounded like a good idea to me.

We went over to Humphrey's field across from Euclid Beach Park and brought along the monster kite. The steering ropes were coiled on a rotating device on a box which my brother Bob had invented for that very purpose.

John held the kite facing the back and I stepped on the gas. Sure enough, the kite

took off straight up into the air for about 20 feet, changed directions and dived right back at us like a Kamakazi dive-bomber, missed, but smashed into the field.

Feeling the compilation of 10-years of frustration, we did the logical thing and walked away from the aeronautical project. We left it there.

To this very day you can drive by Humphrey's field and if you look closely you will see a big red circle sticking in the air. It's the remnants of a canvas Japanese Zero whose flight time was zero.

John and I discarded the kite strings for wedding bands, married wonderful women and lived happily ever after, often dreaming of that stupid kite that for some reason refused to fly.

We meet next Thursday to reminisce about our ill-fated project. Who knows; maybe after a few drinks along with Joe Baskovic and Al Orehek, our American ingenuity will figure out how we can get a second kite off the ground before the calming breezes of summer come along and ruin our yet unfulfilled chance of redemption. *

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The Apple Strudel Reception

By Rudy Flis

I have a story for you. It happened in Germany, in the summer of 1953. Our outfit was on maneuvers, spread out all over the German countryside. I was riding in the back of the jeep, my sergeant was in front with the driver. We were traveling along a riverbank, when we stopped.

The sergeant got out of the jeep and walked over to the riverbank where a woman and a very young boy were standing. Their conversation was in German. As they spoke, I couldn't help noticing how dirty and grimy the woman and child looked to me.

She told the sergeant that she, her husband and son fled from their Communist country. They lived by the riverbank and her husband was in the town trying to find work. She had the look of helplessness on her face and in her eyes. It was a look I've never seen before, nor will I ever forget.

It was apparent hunger was no stranger to this family. We had a can of C-rations with us, which we gave to the woman. Words cannot describe the expression of delight on her face as she accepted the can of C-rations from the sergeant.

She was no beggar. This young family put all they

possessed in life, on the line to live in freedom. Can you understand that? They had absolutely nothing. In my way of thinking, these were people of courage and character. I also feel they had strong ties with God, or how else could they go on?

But the sad side of this story is some of us not understanding their plight, referred to the refugees as "Dumb DP's. Not kind, nor smart, was it?"

Why this story now? A story 45 years old? Read on.

My cousin Lucy Romih, a parishioner of St. Mary's in Collinwood, mentioned to me that Marie Dular (my Slovenian language teacher) had just celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary.

The first night of class this semester, I walked up to Marie and wished her and hers a happy fiftieth wedding anniversary. The second night of class I asked Marie "Where were you married, Marie?" Her reply was, "In Austria, in a refugee camp."

"Wow," I thought. "I finally have met a person who experienced the hopelessness of that young woman and boy on the river camp." It is nice to know some made it to the U.S.A. Then I asked Marie another question, "Where did you meet your husband?" She replied, "In the refugee camp."

Marie also relived her wedding day for me. This is how she described that most special day. "Milan and I went to the chapel for our wedding Mass. My father and a friend were the witnesses. After Mass we went back to the barracks." And the reception? Their wedding reception consisted of sharing an apple strudel with their friends.

At their wedding Mass, Milan and Marie Dular made a vow before God, and they kept it. Then back at the barracks, "their home," to enjoy some delicious strudel. Can you imagine you or me doing that?

It was a simple wedding Mass, virtually no reception, and yet Milan and Marie Dular have managed to stretch it into 50 years of marriage. In contrast, today some folks spend \$20,000 on a wedding day and the marriage lasts a year. Milan and Marie are a prime example of successfully living up to a sacred commitment before God. We salute them.

And the woman and young boy on the riverbank? I pray they fared as well as Milan and Marie.

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Newburgh Pensioners Meet

The next Newburgh-Maple Hts. Pensioners Club meeting will be on Wednesday, March 24 at noon in the Slovenian National Home, 3563 East 80th Street off Union Avenue. Our attendance prize will be \$5.

We will have a Memorial Mass on Sunday, April 18 at St. Lawrence Church at 10 a.m. This Mass is for all deceased members and members of the Newburgh-Maple Hts. Pensioners Club. After Mass we will have a breakfast at the Slovenian National Home on East 80th.

Tickets are \$6 and must be purchased no later than April 11. For tickets call Dick Galla at 440-234-9833.

Our April meeting will be on Wednesday, April 28 at noon in the Slovenian National Home off Union Ave.

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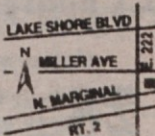
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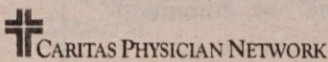


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On the menu will be a choice of breaded boneless chicken breast or roast pork with liver dumpling and noodle soup, mashed potatoes, rice, vegetable, salad, bread, dessert, and coffee, tea, or milk.

Serving continues from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

The event will be part of the American Slovenian Catholic Union, KSKJ, Matching Funds Program. The Matching Funds will go to St. Vitus Parish and will be used for the parish seniors housing project. The Altar Society and Holy Name Society will also make a donation for this cause.

For tickets and further information, call evenings at 881-9586. Tickets will also be available at the St. Vitus Rectory, members of the above organizations, and at the door.

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'America's Polka King' Title Stays With Frankie Yankovic

By Tony Petkovsek

The *Polka News* publication reports that the organization Europe-America United has proclaimed, in a resolution, that the title "America's Polka King" will be for all time associated with Frankie Yankovic to the exclusion of all others; that the title be laid to rest with the memory of Frankie Yankovic; and that this resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

The Slovenian trailblazer who was originally crowned with the title of "America's Polka King" in a battle of the bands contest in Milwaukee in 1948; and whereas Elvis Presley will always be known and remembered as the "King of Rock and Roll," so, too, Frankie Yankovic will always be remembered as "America's Polka King."

Yankovic passed away on October 14, 1998 at the age of 83 and Public TV's documentary on him will be shown once again in Cleveland on Friday, March 19 at 9 p.m. in which his nephew, Bob Kravos, will appear live with his award winning band and also his wife Ida, from

Greensburg, Pennsylvania will also be interviewed. The documentary will also be telecast on Saturday, March 20 at 7 p.m. on WVIZ channel 25.

Meanwhile the Grammy people at NARAS - the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences has listed Yankovic's "Just Because Polka" on Columbia Records in the era of 1948-49 in its Music Hall of Fame. The *Cleveland Free Times* newspaper presented Ida Yankovic with its ethnic award of the year for Frankie's great contributions.

By the way the Awards Show XI of the Cleveland-style Polka Hall of Fame is being shown on the community channels of cable TV in Euclid, Lake county and Cleveland currently, which also includes a tribute to Yankovic that I did as chairman of the Polka Foundation.

St. Clair Slovenian Home 75th Celebration

Despite a snowstorm which hit the area on the weekend of Slovenian National Home's 75th Anniversary on March 6 and 7, there was a good turnout for the

polka program on that Saturday with nine different polka groups entertaining including "Janez and Lojze," Jeff Pecon and Lou Trebar.

Sunday's concert Program featured six of our area's singing societies and the Kres Slovenian Folk Dancers.

The hard-working Board of Directors headed by Bob Hopkins, president, also staged a reception in the "original" Slovenian Home building, built in 1875 as the Diemer Mansion, and established as the first Slovenian Home in 1914, 10 years before the construction and opening of the block-long structure between East 64th and Addison road on St. Clair Ave.

Looks like this could be a fine location for special receptions in the future, complimenting the completely refurbished largest Slovenian Home complex surrounding it.

This new generation of volunteer board members has a noticeable enthusiasm in working for the cause of the Hall and we commend them for it.

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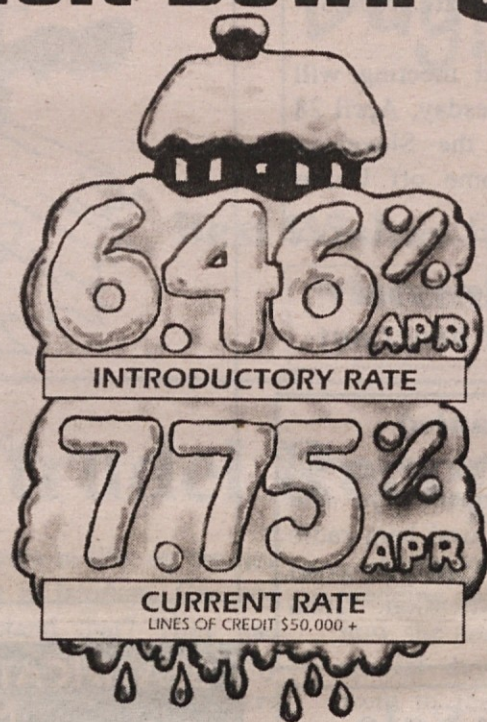
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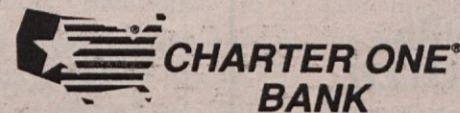
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- 3 cups broccoli flowerets
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 4 cups reduced-fat (2%) milk
- 4 ounces Swiss cheese, shredded (1 cup)
- 1 can (12 ounces) chunk light tuna in water, drained and flaked
- 2 medium tomatoes, cut into ¼-inch thick slices

1. -- Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. In large saucepot, cook pasta in *boiling salted water* 5 minutes, add broccoli to pasta and cook another 5 minutes or until broccoli is tender and pasta is al dente. Drain well and return to saucepot; set aside.

2. -- Meanwhile, in 3-quart saucepan, melt margarine or butter over low heat. Stir in flour, salt, and pepper until blended and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Gradually stir in milk; increase heat to medium-high and cook, stirring occasionally, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil 1 minute, stirring frequently. Remove saucepan from heat and stir in ½ cup cheese until blended.

3. -- Add cheese sauce and tuna to pasta and broccoli in saucepot; toss until evenly mixed. Transfer mixture to shallow 3½-quart casserole or 13" by 9" glass baking dish. Arrange tomato slices on top, overlapping if necessary. Sprinkle with remaining ½ cup cheese.

4. -- Cover baking dish with foil and bake 20 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Makes 6 main-dish servings.

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Slovenia launched its first 10-year Euro-denominated bond on Friday, priced at 86 basis points over the equivalent German bonds. The issue was lead-managed by Credit Suisse First Boston and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter.

Slovenia is the only country from former communist east Europe with an investment grade single A credit rating from the leading international rating agencies.

It is the most developed country from the region, with a GDP per capita last year of \$9,921, which is already close to the level of the poorest members of the European Union.

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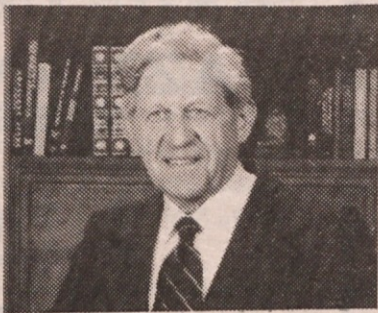
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With deep sadness in our hearts, and in complete submission to the will of our Creator, we announce the passing of our dearly beloved husband, father, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and great uncle

Charles A. Tercek

He entered into rest on January 3, 1999 at the Slovene Home for the Aged on Neff Road.

Our dear loved one was born on Oct. 17, 1909 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was the son of Luke and Johana Tercek of E. 156 St. and Holmes Ave. He was the brother of Jennie Skerl, "Ursuline" Sister Mary Luke, O.S.U., Amelia Habjan and Josephine Reagan. His deceased brothers are Luke, John, and Joseph.

Charlie enlisted in the military in World War II. He served in the Army Field Artillery in Germany, France and Belgium. Before leaving the military Charlie played trumpet in the 421st Army Force Services Band. He loved music and played in many orchestras and brass bands. He also played in the New York Central Railroad Company Band, where he was employed as a store clerk for 49 years. His late wife, Mary, and son Charlie are deceased.

In 1975 he married Ann Hocesvar and has lived in Euclid the last 23 years.

Charlie was very Slovenian heritage minded and was proud to have played in the band at the opening of the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair in 1924 and the opening celebration of the Slovenian Collinwood Home in 1919.

He sang all his years in St. Mary's Slovenian choir, Glasbena Matica, and Slovan, a men's choral group in Euclid, and his last love was with the Slovenian Society Brass Band, which is now St. Mary's Brass Band. His fraternal lodges were St. Joseph No. 169 K.S.K.J. and Eastern Stars No. 51 A.M.L.A.

He was a member of St. Mary's Holy Name Society, St. Mary's Senior Citizens, Euclid Pensioners, Club Ljubljana, and Holmes Avenue Pensioners. He was an alumnus of St. Mary's School in Collinwood.

Services were held on Thursday, January 7, 1999 from the Dan Cosic Funeral Home on Chardon Road. A Mass of the Resurrection was said at St. Mary's Church on Holmes Ave., and burial followed at Calvary Cemetery.

We are especially grateful to Rev. John Kumse pastor of St. Mary's in Collinwood for celebration of the funeral Mass, his beautiful homily, and for the recitation of the rosary at the funeral home, and for prayers at gravesite. We are also grateful to Rev. Victor Tomc who was the co-celebrant at the funeral Mass. - Special thanks are extended to representatives who gave farewell addresses from their groups: Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nemeč - Lodge No. 169 KSKJ, Mr. Rudy Knez - St. Mary's Choir, Cecilia Dolgan, directing the Glasbena Matica choral group, and the Holy Name Society for recitation of the Rosary.

Our deepest appreciation is extended to all members of organizations, (especially the Ursuline Sisters), who came to pray in such large numbers and paid final homage to our loved one in spite of the terribly cold weather.

May God bless every one of you a hundred fold for your visits, get well cards, floral pieces, Mass offerings, charitable contributions in his memory, and for the many expressions of sympathy. We thank Rudy Knez, organist and all the singers in the choir, for the beautiful singing at the funeral Mass, and to our many friends who attended the services and accompanied our beloved Charlie to his final resting place at Calvary Cemetery. Our deepest gratitude to the six men who served as pall-bearers. Our thanks to Sophie Mazi for the fine luncheon she and her staff prepared at the Euclid Society Home on Recher Avenue in Euclid.

A million thanks to Dan Cosic and his staff for their countless courtesies and careful attention to all the funeral details. Lastly, we thank the Slovene Home for the Aged for the good loving care they gave to our beloved Charlie.

A card of thanks was sent to all who especially remembered us and our loved one. If by chance we missed someone, please accept our apology and may this public notice serve as a special thanks to you.

*God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put his arms around him
And said, "Come with Me."*

*With tearful eyes, we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away
Although we loved him dearly
We couldn't make him stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the very "BEST."*

Sadly missed by:
Ann J. Tercek - Wife
Nancy Mramor and Joan Podmore,
Stepdaughters
Four step-granddaughters
2 step-grandsons
3 step-great-grandsons
1 step-great-granddaughter
Sisters; Jennie Skerl, and
Sister Mary Luke "Ursuline Sister" OSU
Amelia Habjan
Josephine Reagan
Brother-in-law Albert Reagan
Deceased: Luke Tercek, John and Joseph
Many nieces and nephews, and
remaining relatives here and in Europe.

March 18, 1999, Cleveland, Ohio

Coming Events

Sunday, March 21
Federation of Slovenian National Homes banquet saluting honorees at Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue.

Sunday, March 28
KSKJ Lodges 25 and 162, St. Vitus Altar Society and St. Vitus Holy Name Society co-sponsor Breaded Chicken or Pork Dinner in auditorium from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Donation is \$10 adults and \$5 children. This matching funds project will be donated to parish seniors housing project. For tickets call 881-9586 or at St. Vitus rectory.

April 5 - 11
Slovenian Ski Trip to Aspen & Snowmass, Colorado \$825. In Cleveland call Marjan Kosem at (440) 942-

2919; Toronto call (416) 922-1161; New York call (718) 424-2711 weeknights; anywhere else call Sue Harbauer Lee at 1-888-453-2SKI.

Sunday, April 11
Super Button Box Bash 17 at Slovenian Society Home, Euclid, Ohio from 1 to 9 p.m. Circle 2 Slovenian Junior Chorus.

Saturday, April 17
Primorski Klub dinner-dance at Slovenian National Home, St. Clair, 6:30 p.m. Music by Stan Mejač Orchestra. Donation \$19.

Sunday, April 18
Holmes Avenue Pensioners Spring Dinner-Dance at Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave. Dinner served at 2 p.m. Music by Dan Peters Orch.

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**- Vesti iz Slovenije -****Zunanji minister Boris Frlec v
Washingtonu - Beseda tudi o obisku
predsednika Clintona junija letos**

Včerajšnje *Delo* je objavilo poročilo nje-
govega newyorškega dopisnika Vesa Stoja-
nova, ki sledi povzeto od *Delo faxa*, prav
tako od včeraj:

“Slovenski zunanji minister Boris Frlec
se bo danes (tj. 17. marca, op. ur. AD) v
Washingtonu srečal z ameriško državno se-
kretarko Madeleine Albright. S pogovorom
bo zaključil dvodnevni obisk v ameriški
prestolnici, ki se je začel včeraj, ko se je
najprej srečal s Tomom Neumanom iz Ju-
dovskega inštituta za nacionalno varnost,
popoldne pa še s kongresnikom slovenskega
rodu Jamesom Oberstarom, senatorjema
Georgeom Voinovichem in Billom Rothom
ter Stephenom Flanaganom, pomočnikom
šefa sveta za nacionalno varnost odgovor-
nim za Srednjo Evropo.

Na vseh teh pogovorih je bila prevladu-
joča tema slovenska kandidatura za Nato,
saj sta denimo prav senatorja Roth in Voi-
novich velika zagovornika, da bi Nato na
aprilskem vrhunskem srečanju v Washingto-
nu, Slovenijo formalno povabil k začetku
pogajanj o včlanitvi.

Frlec bi se moral po prvotnem načrtu z
Albrightovo srečati že včeraj, vendar so v
State Departmentu tik pred zdajci prestavili
sestanek za en dan. Zaradi česar se ne ve,
menda zaradi nenadnih neodločljivih obve-
znosti ameriške državne sekretarke, povsem
neuradno pa krožijo govorice, da so Ame-
ričani zelo jezni, ker so iz slovenskega zu-
nanjega ministrstva pricurjale informacije o
točnem datumu Clintonovega obiska v Slo-
veniji (20. in 21. junij), ki jih je *Delo* ob-
javilo pred tremi dnevi. Po prvotnem nač-
rtu naj bi Albrightova Frleca uradno sezna-
nila s podrobnim načrtom Clintonovega
obiska Sloveniji prav med njunim sedanjim
washingtonskim srečanjem.”

**Na slovenskem obrambnem ministrstvu ne
pričakujejo letošnjega povabila za včlanitev
v Nato - Vojska še ni pripravljena**

V torek je bila na obrambnem ministr-
stvu tiskovna konferenca, na katerem je be-
seda tekla o raznih perečih vprašanjih, med
drugimi tudi o morebitni pridružitvi Slove-
nije Natovi zvezi. O tem je govoril Bogdan
Koprivnikar, državni sekretar na ministrstvu,
ki je pristojen za vojaške zadeve. Priznal
je, da so možnosti, da bi bila Slovenija
aprila letos na srečanju na vrhu Nato dr-
žav v Washingtonu povabljeni članstvu,
zelo majhne. Pojasnil je, da med zagotavl-
janjem pogojev za vstop v Nato treba pri-
lagoditi predvsem oborožene sile. Te mora-
jo dobiti obseg in strukturo, je nadaljeval
Koprivnikar, ki bosta zagotavljala ustrezno
raven nacionalne obrambe in izvajanje na-
log, kot jih predvideva Nato. Pripomnil je:

“Vedno bolj je jasno, da na vrhu Nata
v Washingtonu ne bodo razpravljali o na-
daljnji širitvi. Na zasedanju se sicer lahko
še marsikaj zgodi, vendar smo do tega bolj
skeptični.”

**Srbski patriarh Pavle obiskal Slovenijo in
se srečal z državnim in cerkvenim vrhom**

Na obisku v Sloveniji ta teden je patri-
arh srbske pravoslavne cerkve Pavle, ki se
je v ponedeljek srečal tako s predsednikom
vlade dr. Janezom Drnovškom in predsemi-
kom Slovenije Milanom Kučanom. Prav ta-
ko je patriarha sprejel slovenski metropolit
in ljubljanski nadškof dr. Franc Rode. Kot
poročila torkovo *Delo*, so bili vsi sestanki za
zaprtimi vrati, nato pa pravi poročilo:

“Po sporočilih za javnost sodeč so bile
glavne teme pogovorov razmere v Srbiji in
na Kosovu, iskanje možnosti za miren iz-
hod iz krize, sodelovanje med Slovenijo in
Jugoslavijo, življenje slovenskih državljanov
srbske narodnosti v Sloveniji in poživitev
ekumenskega sodelovanja med Cerkvami.



V zadnjem času razne organizacije in tudi politične stranke, ki so sodelovale v demo-
kratizaciji in nato osamosvojitvi Slovenije praznujejo svoje desetletnice. Najnovejša med
njimi so Slovenski krščanski demokrati. Poprejšnjo sredo, 10. marca, so s slavnostno
sejo zaznamovali 10. obletnico ustanovitve. Slavnostna seja je potekala v prostorih Slo-
venske maticе, kjer je bila ustanovljena predhodnica stranke, slavnostni govornik je bil
strankin predsednik Lojze Peterle. V svoji analizi razmer na Slovenskem je Peterle dej-
al, da politično prizorišče še vedno obvladujejo stare sile, ki tudi zavirajo nekatere
nujne spremembe. Kot odgovor na to stanje je obljubil: “Zato si bo SKD prizadevala
za ponovno strnitev političnih sil, ki nimajo težav z razumevanjem vrednot, v katerih
korenini nova Evropa, pa naj gre za združevanje ali zavezujoče povezave.”

Iz Clevelanda in okolice**Dobrodelno kosilo—**

DNIJ pri sv. Vidu, Ol-
tarno društvo pri tej fari in
KSKJ društvu št. 25 in 162,
vabijo na kosilo, ki bo na
cvetno nedeljo, 28. marca, v
šolski dvorani pri sv. Vidu.
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otroke \$5. V družabni šoli
bo kosilo pripravljeno za
vzeti domov oz. take-out.
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gradnji stanovanjskega bloka
za starejše farane. Vstopnice
dobite pri članih zgoraj o-
menjenih organizacij ali v
dvorani na dan kosila. Vse-
kakor pa pridite!

Sestanek—

Klub upokojencev Slove-
nske pristave bo imel redni
mesečni sestanek v sredo,
24. marca pop. ob 1.30 v
Slov. domu na Holmes Ave.

Seji—

Podr. št. 10 SZZ ima se-
jo v sredo, 24. marca, ob
1h pop., v Slov. domu na
Holmes Ave. Članice lepo
vabljenе.

Klub upokojencev v Nev-
burgu-Maple Hts. ima sejo
v sredo, 24. marca, ob 12.
uri v Slov. narodnem domu
na E. 80 St.

Novi grobovi**Norbert N. Skok**

Dne 13. marca je umrl
74 let stari Norbert N.
Skok iz Northfielda, vdovec
po Rose Mary, roj. Stech,
oče Marylin Scheuerman,
Joyce Gezymalla in Elaine
Ridgway, 7-krat stari oče, 2-
krat prastari oče, veteran 2.
svetovne vojne. Pogreb je
bil 16. marca s sv. mašo v
cerkvi St. Barnabas s pokop-
pom na Vernih duš pokop-
pališču.

Dorothy A. Jeric

Umrla je Dorothy A. Je-
ric, rojena Haschak, mati
Williamia in Joan Marie Ba-
ca, 2-krat stara mati, sestra
Johna. Pogreb je bil 17.
marca v oskrbi Fortunovega
zavoda s pokopom na Vseh
svetnikov pokopališču.

Victoria Klemencic

Dne 12. marca je umrla
90 let stara Victoria Kle-
mencic, rojena Urbancic,
vdova po Franku, mati Lilli-
an Pugel in Amy Klemen-
cic, 3-krat stara mati, 5-krat
prastara mati, 1-krat prapra-
stara mati, sestra že pok.
Joseph. Olge Kausek, Rose
Sajovec, Amy Mayer, Fran-
(dalje na str. 12)

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V soboto, 10. aprila, bo
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mu na Holmes Ave., ki ga
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“Na tankem ledu”—

Dramsko društvo Lilija
vabi na predstavo veseloigre
“Na tankem ledu” in sicer
v nedeljo, 11. aprila pop.
ob 3.30 v Slov. domu na
Holmes Avenue.

Darovi—

Slomškov odbor se lepo
zahvaljuje dobrotnikom, ki
so darovali za Slomškovo
beatifikacijo. Po \$100: ga.
Minka Slak, ga. Ana Vider-
gar; po \$50: g. in ga. Frank
Kuhelj, ga. Francka
Hočevan, g. in ga. David
Kushner; \$25: ga. Katica
Drev. Ker bo morala Cer-
kev doma veliko izdatkov
plačati sama, skuša odbor
po svojih močeh prispevati
in prosi za sodelovanje.
Vsak najmanjši dar bo hval-
ežno sprejet. Darove bo
odbor poslal škofu dr. Fran-
cu Krambergerju.

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porna jednota (SNFI) bo 9.
aprila s slavnostnim banke-
tom v Imperialu, Pa., pra-
znovala 95. obletnico svoje
ustanovitve. Slavnostna go-
vornika bosta slovenski vele-
poslanik dr. Dimitrij Rupel
in bivši kongresnik ter tudi
bivši podpredsednik SNPJ
Dennis Eckart. Čestitamo!

Spominski dar—

Ga. Olga Kalar, Euclid,
O., je darovala \$16 v po-
moč našemu listu, v spomin
moža Ludvika, ter dodala
nekaj lepih pohvalnih besed.
Najlepša hvala!

V tiskovni sklad—

Josef Lah, Cleveland, O.,
je daroval \$20 v tiskovni
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tako \$20 g. in ga. Frank
Zalar z Richmond Hts., O.
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Spreobrnjenje – klic posamezniku in družbi

Rafko Valenčič

Greh in krivda, priznanje in izpoved, sprava in odpuščanje niso besede, ki bi bile današnjemu času blizu. Postale so mu tje.

Čemu govoriti o grehu in krivdi, če gre za dejanja, ki po mnenju nekaterih izvirajo iz človeških danosti: iz dednih zasnov in značaja, odvisna naj bi bila od časa in kraja rojstva, od okolja in drugih življenjskih okoliščin? Ali naj se današnji človek, obremenjen s toliko skrbmi, obremenjuje še z občutkom krivde, ki mu bo grenil življenje?

Ali nista priznanje slabosti -- ce sploh so slabosti? – in njihova izpoved odveč, če je človek sam sebi odrečenik, če sam sebi zadošča in odrešenja sploh ne potrebuje? Čemu priznanje grešnosti pred drugim, ki je samo človek?

Sprava in odpuščanje pa sta tako razvrednotena, da je o njima bolje molčati. Postala sta politični kategoriji in predmet strankarskega obračunavanja. Njun moralni in zgodovinski pomen je izbrisan.

Naštevanje pomislov bi lahko še nadaljevali; ne bi jim tako hitro prišli do kraja. Tudi ne bi bilo v prid našemu razmišljanju.

Današnji človek, veren ali neveren, živi v ozračju, ki je moralne kategorije postavilo na glavo ali pa jih je zavrglo. Toda, ali je zato človek bolj srečen in zadovoljen? Ali je v takšnem miselnem svetu in življenjskem ozračju dosegel tisto osebo in družbeno sovzvočje, za katero si prizadeva? Ali so razmerja med ljudmi res tako kakovostna, da izpolnjujejo naša pričakovanja?

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Nič bolje se ne godi narodu in družbi, ki ju bremenijo nezaceljene rane vojne in povojne preteklosti. Kakor da tega še ni dovolj, se danes množijo nove krivice in nasprotja, iz katerih se rojeva še globlje nezaupanje – do političnih strank, ki vidijo le lastno korist in niso sposobne dialoga, zaradi bogatenja tistih, ki so bili že doslej privilegirani, in osiromašenja drugih, ki brez uspeha iščejo svoje pravice in poravnava storjenih krivic. Mar našete in druge osebe in

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Ko smo se jih nagledali, je zamolklo spregovoril: "Jaz sem grenka Smrt". ...

Predstava se je začela.

Tony je vabil na oder pevce in vsako skupino predstavljajal po uveljavljenem ameriškem protokolu. Vsi obstoječi zbori so prišli in s ponosom na slavje ter z zavzetostjo za slovensko pesem odpeli vsak svoj program. Imel sem vtis, da jih je občinstvo vsrkalo.

Iz spomoina pa nisem mogel pregnati Ančenka. Spet je bil tu s koso in s svojo dolgo vrsto. Nekatere med njimi sem spoznal: Feigel, Hudovernik, Pirc, Zakrajšek, Gornik, Eršte, Debevec, Grdina, Tavčar, Oman, Zorman, Šubel, Plut, Bradach, Gorše, Lempl, Jontez, Kaferle, Šabec, Kern, Lausche, Rogelj, Grill, slejko, Zakrajškova, Turkmanova, Wapotich, Košnik, Kolarič, Zupan, Turk, Jakopič, Mauser, Resnik, Poljšak... Napolnili bodo balkon.

Omogočili so nam to 75-letno slavje. Prav je, da se jih ob praznovanju spomnimo.

F. K.

narodove rane, ki preprečujejo osebno rast in delo za narodov blagor, ne potrebujejo odrešenja? Odrešenje pa izhaja iz spoznanja in priznanja, ki mu sledi obžalovanje in odpuščanje kot dar božje ljubezni, le-ta pa se izraža tudi prek človeške ljubezni in odpuščanja.

V pripravi na leto 2000 je letošnje leto posvečeno Bogu, usmiljenemu Očetu. "Družbi brez očeta", kakor jo imenujejo, želi na poseben način približati podobo dobrega in usmiljenega Očeta, pa tudi nujnosti osebne in občestvene spreobrnjenja. Papež Janez Pavel II. nas je to pot opozoril na dve stvari.

Prvič: Leto 1999 naj bo za verujoče leto "vrnitve v Očetovo hišo", ki jo čudovito ponazarja prilika o izgubljenem sinu (prim. Lk 15). V tej priliki lahko vsak prepozna sebe in človeštvo. Greh je ne samo v zavračanju božje ljubezni, marveč tudi v zanikanju lastnega dostojanstva. To spoznanje je hkrati klic k spreobrnjenju in vrnitvi, ki se porajata iz zavesti, da je božja dobrota večja od naše nezvestobe. Pristno spreobrnjenje obsega tako "negativni vidik osvoboditve od greha, kot tudi pozitivni vidik izbire dobrega" (V zarji tretjega tisočletja, 50), pri čemer ima nenadomestljivo vlogo zakrament pokore, katerega vrednost naj bi kristjani v tem letu znova odkrili.

(dalje na str. 10)

Ukrepi za nastanitev beguncev s Kosova

V Slovenijo prihaja čedalje več ilegalnih prebežnikov iz raznih držav, med katerimi so najbolj številni Albanci s Kosova. Njihovo natančno število ni znano. Beguncev iz južne srbske pokrajine slovenske oblasti ne vračajo, ker so na Kosovu politične razmere kritične in zlasti prebivalci albanske narodnosti v stalni življenjski nevarnosti. Zato ostajajo v Sloveniji, toda njihov status ni jasno določen.

Do trideset dni po prijemu morajo prebiti v prehodnih domovih za tujce, potem pa lahko ostajajo na prostosti. Mnogi med njimi poskušajo spet čez državno mejo, da bi prišli v Italijo oz. Avstrijo, od koder marsikdo poskuša doseči kakšno drugo zahodno državo. Slovenski obmejni organi so lani obravnavali skoraj 500 ilegalnih prebežnikov s Kosova, v januarju letos pa še 880.

Slovenska vlada je spriču takšnega stanja sprejela razne ukrepe za omejevanje nezakonitih preseljevanj. Z ilegalnimi prebežniki se bo odslej ukvarjalo kar sedem ministrstev in tudi urad za priseljevanje in begunce. Posebno skrb bodo namenili nastaniti, oskrbi in šolanju beguncev s Kosova.

Kar zadeva nadzorovanje državne meje, naj povemo, da so predstavniki ministrstva za notranje zadeve Slovenije in Uprave za notranje zadeve v Novi Gorici zanikali trditev novogoriškega župana Črtomirja Špacapan glade narave poostrene nadzorstva nad državno mejo.

Italijanski helikopter, ki je v nedeljo, 14. februarja, zvečer z žarometi osvetljeval mejno območje in marsikoga vznemiril, je namreč izvajal nadzorstvo v skladu s sporazumom in dobrim sodelovanjem med slovenskimi in italijanskimi varnostnimi organi na Goriškem, kar ne pomeni, "da bo ta naša meja spet postala železna zavesa".

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rešeni problemi s Hrvaško Sloveniji škodujejo

"Varovali bi južno mejo, a niti ne vedo, kje je"

Bruselj (Delo, 10.3.1999) - Kako neki bo Slovenija članica (Evropske) Unije lahko varovala južno mejo schengenskega območja? Če ne ve, kje poteka? Med dialogom s slovenskimi veleposlaniki po Evropski komisiji poudarila direktorica v generalni direkciji za odnose z evropskimi in novimi neodvisnimi državami (IA) Catherine Day ter tako opozorila na neurejene odnose kandidatke s sosednjo Hrvaško. A to še ni bilo

Po pričevanju udeležencev seminarja o notranjem trgu, evropskih zadevah in širitvi, ga je za slovenske diplomate priredil urad za izmenjavo informacij o tehnični moči (Taix), je Dayjeva, ki je tokrat menda izginil čajni nasmešek, ob naštetih neresenih zadev (jedrnska elektrarna, dolg Ljubljanske banke, meja in prototrgovinski sporazum s Hrvaško) pripomnila, "kako boste imeti urejene odnose s Hrvaško, ko pa niti mednarodna meja ni določena". Na nujnost tega dogovora opozarja le Catherine Day, temveč tudi novembra poročilo o napredku povenije pri približevanju, ki zahteva "zboljšanje nadzora na mejah, to pa vključuje problem določitve mejne črte s Hrvaško". In danje je za Bruselj "ključni element, saj gre za prijetno zunanjo mejo - Evropske unije".

BLAG SPOMIN

Prve obletnice smrti očega moža, našega očeta in starega očeta



Emil Goršek

ujoka žena Marija
nova Anthony in Gregory
anaha Dianne
vnukinje - Stephanie,
Victoria in Katherine.

Morebitne napetosti in probleme, ki utegnejo nastati s "premikom" zunanje meje od Karavank na Kolpo, bi lahko blažili z malo-obmejnimi sporazumi, kakršne je Avstrija med pripravami na vstop v Unijo sklenila s sosedami (s Slovenijo vred).

Tudi slovenska država je že podpisala podobne dogovore, vendar najpomembnejšega med njimi, ki ureja sodelovanje s Hrvaško, državni zbor še ni ratificiral. Zato pa je vlada v Ljubljani pri oblikovanju pogajalskih izhodišč za zunanje gospodarske odnose pohitela s prošnjo, naj ji Unija dovoli, da še deset let po vstopu ohrani ugodnejši trgovinski režim s tremi državami, ki so nastale iz nekdanje SFRJ (poleg Hrvaške tudi BiH in Makedonija).

Potem ko je Slovenija, ki ima s Hrvati sklenjen prototrgovinski sporazum, ta pa je v nasprotju s pravili skupne trgovinske politike v EU, napovedala, da si bo prizadevala doseči desetletno prehodno obdobje, je očitno dala zgled Madžarski, ki je z argumentom, če to lahko stori Ljubljana, lahko tudi mi, oznanila sklenitev enakega dogovora med Budimpešto in Zagrebom.

Avditorij veleposlanikov je najbolj zanimalo, zakaj v Bruslju tako odločno vztrajajo pri zapiranju brezcarinskih prodajal na slovenskih mejnih prehodih. Dayjeva je pojasnila, da so te trgovine na kopenskih mejah, Slovenija pa je z evropskim sporazumom, ki je pričel veljati 1. februarja letos, pred ratifikacijo tega akta pa je vseboval isto določbo tudi začasni sporazum (iz leta 1997), privolila, da bo pred julijem 1998 pričela izvajati priporočilo sveta za carinsko sodelovanje (iz leta 1960), po katerem naj bi te prodajalne odpirali le še v pristaniščih in letališčih.

Pri razlagi obveznosti, ki izvirajo iz obeh sporazumov, se slovenska in bruseljska stran razlikujeta, vendar je Catherine Day jasno povedala veleposlanikom, da interpretacija Unije prevlada nad mnenjem kandidatke. Sploh pa je, pristavlja, problem s slovenskimi brezca-

Tudi v Sloveniji se pripravljajo na volitve

Krščanski demokrati vneto na delu

CLEVELAND, O. - Čeprav bodo zvezne volitve v naši deželi šele prihodnje leto jeseni, so javna občila polna poročil o kandidatih tako za predsednika ZDA kot za državne guvernerje in pomembne člane Kongresa.

Tudi v Sloveniji bodo državne volitve šele novembra prihodnje leto, če seveda ne pride kaj vmes, pa vendar o njih že živahno razpravljajo. Glavna razprava je posvečena volivnemu zakonu. V preteklosti so volili v državni zbor po sorazmernem načelu, pri prihodnjih volitvah naj bi veljal večinski način, kot ga poznamo v naši deželi.

Pri večinskem načinu volitev se potegujejo za zaupanje volivcev v prvem krogu kandidatje vseh strank, ki so vključene v volivni boj, v zadnjem krogu pa tista dva kandidata, ki sta dobila v prvem krogu največ glasov. Pri tem se oba kandidata prizadevata za pridobitev volivcev strank, katerih kandidat ni prišel v drugi volivni krog.

Pri sorazmernih volitvah se potegujejo za zaupanje volivcev tako stranke kot kandidati. Stranke predložijo svoje kandidatne liste, s katerih potem določajo poslance na temelju skupnega števila glasov, ki so jih stranke dobile. Stranka, ki ni dosegla določenega števila glasov, ne dobi nobenega poslanca. Ti glasovi se razdelijo med stranke, ki so dobile dovolj glasov za vstop v državni zbor.

Med obema čistima načini volitev so možne razne povezave; tako je mogoče čisti večinski način dopolniti z vključitvijo oziroma povezavo s sorazmernim.

rinskimi trgovinami nastal tedaj, ko sta ga sprožili Avstrija in Italija.

"Diplomatski predstavniki imajo v pridružitvenem procesu čedalje pomembnejšo vlogo," je po seminarju v organizaciji Taixea poudaril minister za evropske zadeve Igor Bavčar in menil, da je bruseljski posvet "uspešen in izredno koristen". Vodja ožje pogajalske skupine dr. Janez Potočnik je veleposlanikom Slovenije predstavil, kako je s pristopnimi pogajanci, sestel pa se je še z

V državnem zboru v Ljubljani sedaj razpravljajo o novem volivnem načinu, ker je ustavno sodišče odločilo, da mora ta (državni zbor) upoštevati večinsko načelo, ker je to stališče prevladalo pri ljudskem glasovanju. Pomladne stranke zagovarjajo večinski način, kot ga zahteva odločitev ustavnega sodišča, Drnovškovi liberalni demokrati in prenovitelji (nekdanji komunisti) se temu upirajo in zahtevajo celo ponovno razpravo o tem pred ustavnim sodiščem.

V javnosti prevladuje mnenje, da bi pri novih volitvah po večinskem načinu zmagale pomladanske stranke (Krščanski demokrati, Socialni demokrati in Ljudska stranka). Za tako zmago bi bilo po splošni sodbi potrebno tesno sodelovanje omenjenih strank pred volivnim bojem in prav posebno še med njimi. Do take povezave med njimi še ni prišlo in potreben bo napor ter razumevanje za njo pri vseh strankah, ki sicer vsaj javno priznavajo potrebo po tesni povezavi in sodelovanju za dosego skupnega cilja - zmage demokratičnih sil.

Krščanski demokrati v državnem zboru na splošno sodelujejo s socialnimi demokrati. Ko so prejšnji mesec glasovali o nezaupnici notranjemu ministru, so se krščanskim demokratom in socialnim demokratom pridružili še poslanci Ljudske stranke, ki je sicer v Drnovškovi vladi, in prevladali. Drnovškov notranji minister je moral iti, ko so proti njemu glasovali celo nekateri "prenovitelji".

glavnim pogajalcem za Slovenijo Jaimejem Garcio Lombarderom.

Božo Mašanović

Vse stranke v Sloveniji pripravljajo načrte za svoj volivni boj v jeseni prihodnje leto, četudi ne vedo, kakšen bo novi volivni zakon. Obstoja nevarnost, da bi nasprotniki novega volivnega zakona, temelječega na večinskem načelu, sprejem tega zavlačali tako dolgo, da bi morali prihodnje volitve izvesti še po starem zakonu.

Pomladne stranke se zavedajo te nevarnosti in se zato skrbno pripravljajo na vse možnosti. Krščanski demokrati, ki so se pri zadnjih volitvah v državni zbor leta 1996 slabo odrezali, so dobili nov pogum po uspehu na občinskih volitvah, ko so dobili 12,35% glasov napram 9,62% leta 1996.

Lojze Peterle in drugi člani vodstva SKD pozivajo članstvo stranke, naj se odločno lotijo dela med svojimi sosedi v vaseh, trgih in mestnih naseljih. Uspeh pri zadnjih občinskih volitvah naj bo pobuda za še večji napor, za večjo vneto pri delu za širitev strankinega programa, za pravno, socialno pravično in resnično demokratično Slovenijo. "Treba je iti od človeka do človeka, ne smemo in ne moremo se utruditi pri delu za boljšo in lepšo bodočnost svoje domovine", poudarjajo vodniki SKD.

Slovenski krščanski demokrati smo organizirani tudi v tej deželi, naš smoter je podpirati napore rojakov v Sloveniji za boljšo in lepšo bodočnost. Vabimo vse, ki delijo z nami ta smoter, da se nam pridružijo. Čim več nas bo, močnejši bo naš glas, večji bo tudi njegov učinek.

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V Zavodu sv. Stanislava, kjer živi upokojeni ljubljanski nadškof in metropolit dr. Alojzij Šuštar, ima mir, da se lahko predaja leposlovju in filozofiji, ki ji je namenil svojo akademsko ljubezen.

Karina Cunder

Izrazit intelektualec, kari-zmatik, diplomat. Tako so komentatorji označili doktorja Alojzija Šuštarja, ko je bil leta 1980 posvečen za ljubljanskega nadškofa in metropolita.

Najvidnejša osebnost slovenske Cerkve je bil sedemnajst let. To je leto več, kot jih je na tem položaju povprečno preživelo njegovih 31 predhodnikov od leta 1462, ko se je začela zgodovina ljubljanske škofije.

Spoštovanje Slovencev si je pridobil z ljubeznivim dostojanstvom, miroljubnostjo in željo, da bi v dialogu namesto čustev prevladoval razum.

Pred dvema letoma se je dr. Šuštar upokojil in odtlej je njegovo glavno delo branje, študij in molitev. V Zavodu sv. Stanislava, kjer živi, ima mir, da se lahko predajala leposlovju in filozofiji, ki ji je namenil svojo akademsko ljubezen.

"V nedeljo, 6. aprila pred dvema letoma, je bil posvečen novi ljubljanski nadškof dr. Franc Rode. Drugi dan sem škofijo predal svojemu nasledniku, že teden prej sem se odselil iz nadškofijskega ordinata. Večino knjig, ki sem jih imel, sem dal teološki fakulteti in škofijski klasični gimnaziji, s seboj sem jih vzel zelo malo," začne pripoved dr. Šuštar.

Pogled po prostorni dnevnici sobi njegovega stanovanja v tretjem zavodu zavoda poišče ostanek knjig in res jih ni prav dosti. Nekaj je nemških naslovov, leksikonov, le na pisalni mizi je odprto Sveto pismo in na njem listek s številkami, ki so videti kot oznake odlomkov, ki bi jih želel še enkrat prebrati in premisliti. Sredi sobe kraljuje udobna, moderna sedežna garnitura, za njo pa prostrana vitrina s spominki z vseh koncev sveta, od miniaturnega indijanskega totema do glineta vrčka iz Jeruzalema.

"Pogled skozi okno je lepši, kot je bil v nadškofijskem ordinariatu. Tam sem živel med samimi zidovi. Skozi okno zdaj vidim del Šentvida in hrbi nad njim. Pod zavodom je velik park, ki pa je bil včasih še večji, nedaleč od hiše je spelala železnica, na drugi strani hiše pa je vojašnica," pojasnjuje dr. Šuštar zgradbo orjaškega zavoda, ki se dotika polj na obrobju Šentvida.

Vrveža nikdar ne zmanjka. Skozi glavni vhod, ki ga označujejo bela okovana vrata, se pride v dvorano in kapelo nad njo, na drugi strani hiše se v šolo drenja - jo dijaki škofijske klasične gimnazije, v kletnih prostorih imata sedež radio Ognjišče in TV3.

"Razmišljal sem, kam bi se mogel umakniti v pokoj. Najprej sem mislil na Stično, kamor je šel tudi nadškof Jeglič, potem pa so mi ponudili, naj pridem v Šentvid, kjer je bilo pripravljeno lepo stanovanje, prav v tistem delu, kjer je med svojim obiskom stanoval tudi papež Janez Pavel II. Tu sem zelo zadovoljen in imam mirno življenje, pa

SPREOBRNENJE

(nadaljevanje s str. 10)

Drugič: Letošnjo postno poslanico, naslovljeno vernim nevernim, posameznikom in ustanovam, je papež Janez vel II. naslovil z besedami "Gospod bo pripravil gostijo vse narode". Spreobrnjenje se mora uresničiti tudi na lokalni, mednarodni in svetovni ravni - politični in gospodarski. Klic k solidarnosti z revnimi, osamljenimi, žrtvami vojne, ljudmi na robu družbe, pravična razdelitev zemeljskih dobrin, odpisanje dolgov revnim deželam - vse to so stvari, kjer mora sodobna družba doživeti svoje spreobrnjenje. Pri tem ima vsak posameznik svoj delež.

Tudi Cerkev, vesoljna in krajevna, je potrebna občestva, ki priznava in spreobrnjenja. Ko priznava zgodovinske napake, ko se zaveda svoje grešnosti zaradi grešnosti svojih članov, daje družbi zgled za priznanje in spreobrnjenje. To naj da na poseben način "znamenje in orodje za novo zvezo z Bogom in za edinstvo človeškega rodu" (Dogmatična konstitucija o Cerkvi, 1).

Družina, 7. marca 1999

tudi dobro oskrbo. V zavodu sta dve redovnici šolski sestri, pri meni pa je že od leta 1980 sestra Mira Rožanc, ki je zelo skrbna. Ona mi tudi piše pisma v vseh jezikih in sprejema telefonske klice."

"Vsak večer si ogledam dnevnik"

Dr. Šuštar se težko pogovarja z ljudmi, saj je izgubil sluh. Vzelo mu ga je cepčenje proti malariji pred leti, ko je šel na obisk k našim misijonarjem v Afriko in na Madagaskar. "Skušajo mi pomagati z aparati, a ni veliko pomoči. Kjer pa želim, da še kaj pomagam, rad ustrezem, kolikor morem," pravi.

Odhod v Škofovo zavode je bil zanj velika sprememba. Zdaj nima več odgovornosti, kakor jih je imel prej, pravi. "Življenje še vedno spremljam po časopisih,

na televiziji si vsak dan ogledam dnevnik. K razmišljanju me najbolj spodbuja položaj na svetu, ko je toliko vojn, trpljenja in krivice, nedolžnih žrtv. Veliko med revnimi in bogatimi.

V Sloveniji me zelo zanimajo zadane politični položaji, zni prepričanja med strankami, pa tudi veliko nepoštenost. Zdi se, da je prehod v novo demokracijo zelo težavna. Vznemirjajo me napadi na Cerkev, na nadškofa Rode. Večkrat se čudim, zakaj se ne skrenemo in nepoštenost poročanju.

Veliko razmišljam tudi o mladini, v kakšnem položaju je zdaj, v kakšni šoli je, to primerjamo z drugimi državami. Precej sem potoval po Evropi in drugod, spoznavam mladino in šole. Želim, da bi se tudi pri nas oblikovala boljše."

Zanimivo je, da je dr. Šuštar že kot dijak nosil zvezdico. Z zdajšnjim Zavodom sv. Stanislava, saj je bila v isti stavbi, je bila tudi prva slovenska gimnazija. Dr. Šuštar jo je obiskoval osem let, od leta 1930 do 1940.

"Imeli smo izvrstne profesorje. Posebej se spominjam velikega slavista Antona Breznika, profesor francosčine in slovenščine prof. Jakoba Šolarja, prof. Franška Jereta, ki je sodeloval pri prevodu Svetega pisma in bil profesor grščine in latinščine, prof. Matija Staneta, velikega skladatelja, prof. Staneta Kregarja, nega slovenskega slikarstva, so mu zdaj v zavodu ustvarili tudi galerijo."

Tudi njegovi prostori so okusno, prav nič pompozno opremljeni z umetniškimi slikami; nekaj je modnih avtorjev, nekaj jih že patino časa. Na delovni mizi je le ena slika, njegove mame.

"Na otroštvo imam lepe spomine," pravi dr. Šuštar, ki se je rodil leta 1920 na Grmadi blizu njegova na Dolenjskem. Njegovo življenje je bilo trdo, bila je velika družina, saj nas

(dalje na str. 11)

V BLAG SPOMIN

47. OBLETNICE SMRTI NAŠEGA LJUBLJENEGA IN NEPOZABNEGA OČETA IN STAREGA OČETA



JAMES DEBEVEC

ki je v Gospodu zaspal 6. marca 1952.

Minilo je že 47 let, odkar si se ločil od nas; kako otožno je življenje, ker Te več med nami ni.

Čas beži, a rane nam ne celi, spomini dnevno nam hite - k Tebi - dragemu očetu, te nove nam odpirajo solze.

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V LJUBEČ SPOMIN

11. OBLETNICE NAŠEGA LJUBLJENEGA OČETA, STAREGA OČETA, TASTA, BRATA IN STRICA



ALOJZ FERLINC

roj. 15. junija 1927
umrl 16. marca 1988

*In še in še in vedno bolj
prši sneg, naletava
in sam sem sredi večnih polj
in noga se mi pogrezava.
Kje tihi si mi dom,
ti sreča moja prava?...*
*Nocoj kedaj te videl bom
ti sreča moja prava?...*
*Prostrane dalje mrak molči,
prši sneg, zamrzava...
ah, v srce, zdi se, naletava.*

Jos. Murn-Aleksandrov

Žalujoči ostali:

Christine Bartolotta, hčerka
Robert Bartolotta, zet
Matthew, vnuk; Jill, vnukinja
ter sorodstvo v Sloveniji.

Cleveland, Ohio, 18. marca 1999



V blag spomin

OB 50. OBLETNICI, ODKAR JE V GOSPODU PREMINUL NAŠ LJUBLJENI OČE IN STARI OČE

Louis Cimperman

Izdihnil je svojo plemenito dušo dne 22. marca 1949.

*H grobu Vašem, dragi oče,
v duhu danes spet hitimo;
ni drugače nam mogoče,
blag na Vas imamo spomin.*

Žalujoči:

sin: Louis
hčerka Rose
snaha: Mary
vnuki in vnukinje

Cleveland, Ohio, 18. marca 1999.

KANADSKA DOMOVINA

Zlata poroka pri Lenarčičevih v Torontu



LENARČIČEVA DRUŽINA - OB PRAZNOVANJU 50. OBLETNICE POROKE.
 Spredaj: sin Edward, Jože Lenarčič, vnukinja Danielle, Francka Lenarčič, vnuk Justin; v sredini: vnuk Adam, vnukinja Jessica, snaha Barbara; zadaj: sin Marko, vnukinja Jillian, snaha Monica, sin Karol, hčerka Dorothy. Odsotna snaha Fiona in zet Jamie.

BOLTON, Ont. - V nedeljo, 28. februarja, sta ga. Frances in g. Jože Lenarčič v krogu svoje družine in prijateljev praznovala njuno 50. obletnico poroke. Častno in izredno okusno kosilo in praznovanje tega zlatega jubileja je bilo v slovenski restavraciji Linden v Etobicoke, Toronto, nato se je praznovanje nadaljevalo doma pri Lenarčičevih.

Oba slavljence sta bila rojena v Nadanjem selu, v Šmihelski župniji, pri Pivki, Slovenija. Leta 1948 sta zapustila rojstni kraji in odšla v svet, "s trebuhom za kruhom", kot radi pravimo. Poročila sta se 1. marca 1949 v begunskem taborišču Ferno, Ancona, v Italiji.

Ga. Lenarčič je bila med prvimi Slovenkami, ki so po drugi svetovni vojni z ladjo priplule v Halifax, Nova Škotska, leta 1949, pot pa nadaljevale z vlakom do Ottawe, Ontario. V tem mestu so se zaposlile kot služkinje pri kanadskih družinah. Njihova mesečna plača je bila \$35.

G. Jože Lenarčič je prišel v Kanado deset mesecev pozneje. V tistih časih je bila v Kanadi velika brezposelnost in tako je bilo treba za preživetje. G. Lenarčič se je počutil srečnega, da je dobil zaposlitev na pokopališču, kjer je med drugim moral tudi kopati grobove.

Leta 1950 sta se slavljence preselila iz Ottawe v Toronto. Potom slovenskega poznanstva se je g. Lenarčič zaposlil pri podjetju Planter's Peanuts v Torontu

in je tu ostal zaposlen vse do upokojitve. Njegova soproga Frances je pa svoj čas posvetila družini ter vzgoji štirih otrok. Ti so Edward, Karol, Marko in Dorothy.

Družina Lenarčič je bila ena prvih članov Slovenskega letovišča pri Boltonu, Ontario. Tako kakor vsi ostali pionirji tega koščka slovenske zemlje v Kanadi, so tudi Lenarčičevi pričeli taboriti v šotoru, na slamnatih posteljah. Sedaj imajo ob "trajlorju" malo hišico, kjer še vedno preživljajo mnogo lepih poletnih časov. G. Lenarčič je na letovišču poznan kot "oče" in njegova vila je zgrajena na prostoru, ki je imenuje "očetovo naselje".

Svojo obljubo soprogi Francki: "bod' moja, bod' moja, ti bom lešnikov dal", je Jože z lahkoto izpolnjeval, saj so se pri podjetju Planter's vendarle ukvarjali v glavnem z raznovrstnimi lešniki!

"Oče" Jože še vedno z veseljem balina, se šali, de-

batira in prepeva. Oba slavljence sta namreč zelo dobra pevca. G. Jože je že v svojih mladih letih bil pevec pri šmihelskem pevskem zboru. Slovenske pesmi so prepevali tudi tiste težke čase, ko je bilo slovensko petje strogo prepovedano s strani italijanskih fašističnih okupatorjev. Sedaj se pa iz "očetovega naselja" poleg raznih slovenskih pesmi tudi večkrat sliši letoviška himna:

*Domovina, domovina,
mili moj slovenski kraj.*

*Bog ve, katera bo ravnina
grob dejala mi nekdanj.*

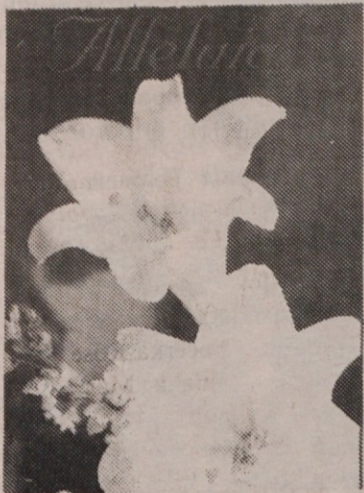
Razume se pa, da vse to ne gre kar tako na suho. Pod zelenim javorom Jože vedno z veseljem ponuja kak kozarček ali dva vinca domačega.

Draga slavljence, v imenu vajinih prijateljev, v imenu Slovenskega letovišča, v svojem in v Elsinem imenu, vama ob tej zlati obletnici poroke iskreno čestitam in vama želimo še mnogo zdravih in veselih let skupnega življenja. Naj končam s temi besedami:

*Nadanjci po svetu
Nadanjci doma
Zavedni Slovenci
Veselega Srca!*

Bog živi in srečno!

Stane Kranjc



Upokojeni nadškof dr. A. Šuštar

(nadaljevanje s str. 10)

bilo deset otrok in sem bil prvi od njih. Zdaj so žive še tri sestre.

Imeli smo zelo dobro vzgojo. Otroških let in osnovne šole ter vsega, kar sem takrat doživel, se rad spominjam, kljub vsem težavam. Tudi na škofovske zavode, kjer sem obiskoval gimnazijo, imel zelo lepe spomine.

Posebno lepi časi so bili v Rimu, kamor sem leta 1941 nepričakovano odšel na študij in tam ostal do leta 1949. Študiral sem na papeški univerzi Gregorijani. V Rimu sem bil leta 1946 posvečen v duhovnika in sem obhajal novo mašo brez mojih domačih; samo sporočil sem jim, da sem jo imel." se spominja dr. Šuštar.

Po Rimu je odšel v Švico, kjer je imel razne službe, najprej kot dušni pastir, potem kot profesor filozofije na gimnaziji, nazadnje kot profesor moralke in ravnatelj bogoslovnega seminarija v Churu. Kot škofov vikar v Churu je postajal tajnik sveta evropskih škofovskih konferenc, ki jih je približno 35.

"Tako sem imel priložnost za razna srečanja po vsem svetu. Posebnega pomena je bilo ekumensko delo. V tistem času sem se tudi osebno spoznal s sedanjim ruskim patriarhom Aleksejem II., s katerim sva se potem sestala v Rusiji.

Moja služba je prinesla veliko potovanj, rad sem odzval tudi na vabila za predavanja v različnih krajih. V Švici je bilo delo lepo in Švicarji so me lepo sprejeli, čeprav so drugače do tujcev bolj zadržani. Ljudje so po vojni namreč z vseh strani hoteli priti v Švico, ker ni bila vpletena vanjo. Dobil sem švicarsko državljanstvo, a sem se vedno želel vrniti domov."

(nadaljevanje in konec prihodnjič)

KOLENDAR

društvenih prireditev

MAREC

21. - Federacija slovenskih narodnih domov prireja "Mož in žena leta" banket v SND na St. Clair Ave.

28. Kosilo pri župniji Sv. Vida s serviranjem od 11. dop. do 1. pop. Kosilo prirejajo DNIJ in tri KSKJ društva v korist župnije.

APRIL

5. do 11. - Newyorški Slovenci organizirajo smučarski izlet v Aspen, Kolo.

10. - Tabor DSPB priredi družabni večer v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. Pričetek ob 7. uri. Po večerji ples, igrajo Veseli godci.

11. - Dramsko društvo Lilija uprizori burko v treh dejanjih "Na tankem ledu" v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. s pričetkom pop. ob 3.30.

11. - Kr. št. 2 SNPJ priredi vsakoletno polka zabavo, v SDD na Recherjevi, od 1. pop. do 9. zv.

17. - Primorski klub priredi "Primorski večer" v SND na St. Clairju.

23. - Koncert 35-članskega orkestra Glasbene šole Ljubljane Vič-Rudnik v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete. Pričetek ob 7.30 zv. Brezplačno. Po koncertu sprejem v šolski dvorani.

24. - Slovenska šola pri Sv. Vidu priredi materinsko proslavo, v farni dvorani, s pričetkom ob 6.30 zv.

24. - Pevski zbor Zarja ima spomladanski koncert združen z večerjo in plesom. Serviranje večerje od 5. do 6.30 zv., koncert ob 7. uri, nato ples.

MAJ

19. - Slovenska šola pri Mariji Vnebovzeti priredi materinsko proslavo po sv. maši ob 10. uri.

22. - Pevski zbor Korontan poda svoj vsakoletni koncert v SND na St. Clair Ave. Pričetek ob 7. uri zv. Igra ansambel Staneta Mejača.

30. - Društvo SPB prireja spominsko sv. mašo pri Lurški Materi božji na Chardon Rd. Pričetek ob 12. uri opoldne.

JUNIJ

19., 20. - Tabor DSPB priredi Spominsko proslavo, na Slovenski pristavi.

JULIJ

11. - Misijonska Znamkarska Akcija ima piknik na Slovenski pristavi. Začetek s sv. mašo ob 12. uri.

25. - Slovenska šola pri Sv. Vidu prireja piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

AVGUST

1. - Letni piknik Kluba upokojencev Slovenske pristave.

15. - Poletni piknik župnije Marije Vnebovzete na Slovenski pristavi. Sv. maša ob 12. opoldne, sledi kosilo, za ples igrajo Veseli Godci.

SEPTEMBER

11. - Folklorna skupina Kres praznuje 45. obletnico v SND na St. Clair Ave. Pričetek ob 7. zv.

12. - Oltarno društvo sv. Vida priredi kosilo v dvorani sv. Vida.

26. - Društvo SPB organizira romanje k Žalostni Materi božji v Frank, Ohio. Sv. maša opoldne, druge pobožnosti ob pol treh.

OKTOBER

3. - Oltarno društvo fare Marije Vnebovzete ima kosilo v šolski jedilnici.

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

1272. Pismo dolgoletne misijonarke sr. Marija Frančišek Novak objavljam

v celoti. Je izredno zanimivo in sem prepričana, da bo z veseljemčitano. Objavljen je tudi njen naslov, če se bo kdo zaželel pisati njej osebno. Dve zelo zanimivi fotografiji, ki ju je poslala sr. Frančiška, sta objavljeni desno na tej strani. Sedaj pa k pismu:

5. januarja 1999
Ursuline Community –
Regina Coeli
166 Charoen Prathet Road
Chiang Mai 50000, Thailand

Draga gpč. Sonja in vsi misijonski prijatelji in dobrotniki!

Najprej srečno in blagoslovljeno novo leto 1999 Vam in vsem misijonskim prijateljem in dobrotnikom preko Ameriške Domovine. Pozna sem z voščili, saj smo v nedeljo tu že praznovali Gospodovo Razglasenje, veliki misijonski praznik!. Ge. Marici Lavriša sem se že zahvalila takoj po sprejemu pisma, voščil in čeka za 533 dolarjev za naše najbolj pereče misijonske potrebe. Bog tisočero povrni dobrotnikom in še posebno vam, ki nam njihove darove posredujete. V molitvi se vas vseh vsak dan hvaležno spominjam.

Upam, da ste dobro okrevali po nesreči lanskega leta? Ali nameravate spet obiskati domovino, za katero bo to leto posebno pomembno zaradi beatifikacije škofa Slomška v navzočnosti svetega očeta? To bo šele jeseni, na pragu Svetega leta 2000.

Kako hitro so šla mimo leta od prve svetovne vojne, preko druge, ki je bila za domovino in za svet še bolj usodna kot prva in prav do danes, ko se bližamo tretjemu tisočletju! Kralj na Tajskem, priljubljeni Phumibol Adulyadej, bo dopolnil 72 let, to je šest krogov, ciklov življenja. Moja malenkost pa kar sedem krogov po prazniku sv. Ane julija, starost prerokinje Ane v Lukovem evangeliju. Nisem mislila, da bom sirota po očetu, ki je padel v prvi svetovni vojni, dočkala tako starost! Edini brat je padel žrtev komunistične revolucije v Kočevskem rogu 1945, uboga mama vdova pa je dočkala visoko starost 92 let in pol v Trnovem v Ljubljani.

Saj veste, da je v jugovzhodni Aziji zdaj velika gospodarska, finančna in še posebno moralna kriza, ki je posebno prizadela Indonezijo in tudi Malezijo. Začela pa se je na Tajskem julija 1997. Vzrok: prehter materialni napredek in pohlepnost bogatih na ceno ubožnih... Kralj se zelo trudi, da pomaga z nasveti, uči in svari na avdiencah, po radiu in televiziji. Katoliška cerkev, dasi maloštevilna, komaj pol odstotka od 60 milijonov prebivalcev, ima svoj vpliv zlasti preko šol in vzgojnega, pa tudi socialnega dela z ubogim.

Tu v Regina Coeli, v severni nekdanji prestolici Chiangmai, je v šoli nad 2000 učenk, v domu za gorska dekleta, ki nam jih misijonarji pošljejo v vzgojo, pa 50. Te gredo v večerno šolo na faro, da se pripravijo na izpite.

V Regina Coeli imamo pa dnevno sv. mašo, za katero pride priletni francoski misijonar Betharramske družbe (blizu Lurda je njihova glavna hiša) in gorska dekleta tako lepo pojejo navadno v tajščini, enkrat na teden pa v njihovem narečju. Potem jih učim verouk in popoldne angleščino, ki je obvezna in jim povzroča precej težav, nič manj ali pa še več kot tajščina, ki je tudi tako drugačna od njihovega gorskega narečja.

V skupnosti Regina Coeli nas je 15: šest priletnih misijonark, dve nad 90-letni, imamo dve ljubeznivi tajski juvenistki in eno samo novinko. Molimo za naraščaj, ki se pripravlja, a je zaprek veliko. Na bližnjem katoliškem pokopališču počiva že kar osem uršulinskih sester, sedem misijonark in moja so-novinka, ki je vstopila v Mater Dei v Bangkoku in sprejela redovno formacijo na Francoskem in Angleškem prav kot jaz.

Pridite kaj na obisk na Daljni Vzhod! Boste dobrodošli kot je bil spomladi l.

MALI OGLASI

NAPRODAJ

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Zgoraj: Sr. Frančiška fotografirana z gorskimi učenkami v prazničnih oblekah, januarja 1999. Spodaj: Druga fotografija sr. Frančiške skupaj s članicami Marijine Legije in mladim župnikom v Chianguaiju na Tajskem.



1951 pokojni misijonski garč g. Karol Wolbang in Janez Kopač, ko sta se vračala – izgnana – iz Rdeče Kitajske, in potem veliki misijonski prijatelj Vinko Zaletel, nekdanj trnovski kaplan v Ljubljani sredi vojnih strahot, potem župnik na Koroškem in obiskovalec misijonarjev v Aziji in Afriki.

Leta 1985 sva pa imeli s pokojno M. Ksaverijo Pirc obisk njenega nečaka in žene. Lani v začetku maja je bil pa tu novinar od Ognjišča Tine Mamić z nevesto. Njegov pogovor z menoj je bil objavljen v oktobrski številki Ognjišča.

Če Vam ta daljni obisk ne bo mogoč, pa se me spomnite, ko spet obiščete domovino, zlasti če bo to v času beatifikacije in obiska sv. očeta.

Lepo se zahvalim vsem misijonskim prijateljem za molitev, darove in za Ameriško Domovino. Tako rada bi vse do kraja prebrala, pa mi vedno manjka časa.

S prošnjo za molitev in obljubo hvaležne molitve Vas in vse prijatelje, dobrotnike hvaležno, božično pozdravljam

Sr. Frančiška Novak

Na kraju bi želela še objaviti zelo prirčno pismo dr. Alojzija Šuštarja, ljubljanskega nadškofa v pokoju, pisano 6. januarja 1999:

“Draga g. Ferjanova, iskreno se Vam zahvaljujem za Vaše pismo, ki ste mi ga pisali 16. decembra 1998, in veliki dar za Škofove zavode. Prilagam potr-

dilo, ki ste ga želeli nazaj. Obenem pa Vam prilagam za vse dobrotnike pisma in še letno poročilo Megaron, da bi gali dobrotnikom. Tudi za vse vas bom opravil sv. mašo v zahvalo, da si toliko prizadevate za zbiranje darov.

Želim vam obilo božjega blagoslova in vas vse prirčno pozdravljam,

dr. Alojzij Šuštar,
škof v pokoju,
Naslov: Štula 23,
1210 Ljubljana-Šentvid”

Pa še drugič kaj o misijonarjih.

Molimo drug za drugega, tako ostanemo vedno povezani v molitvi in z Bogom. Še hvaležen spomladanski pozdrav!

Sonja Ferjan

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NOVI GROBOVI

(nadaljevanje s str. 7)

ka in Henryja. Pogrebna sv. maša je bila 15. marca v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete s pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču. Darovi v pokojničin spomin Slovenskemu domu za ostarele, 18621 Neff Rd., Cleveland, OH 44119 ali župniji Marije Vnebovzete so priporočeni.

Sophie Tomazic

Umrila je 98 let stara Sophie Tomazic, rojena Wailand, vdova po Antonu, mati Raymonda in Dorothy Tomazic, sestra že pok. Franka, Josepha, Johna, Mary Raddell, Matilde Milocik in Frances Erzen. Pogreb je bil 13. marca.

Philip Mocilnikar

Umril je 77 let stari Philip Mocilnikar iz Kirtlanda, vdovec po Lillian, oče Linde Colman in Phyllis Gibson, 4-krat stari oče, 2-krat prastari oče, brat že pok. Helen Katchman, Ann Harmon in Franka. Pogreb je bil 13. marca s pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Anna S. Muhic

Umrila je 90 let stara Anna S. Muhic, rojena Samsa, vdova po Franku Lunderju in Franku Muhicu, mati Dorothy Basile, sestra Edwarda, Catherline Wilson ter že pok. Victorja, Karla Rose Janowitz in Elizabeth. 2-krat stara mati in 1-krat prastara mati. Pogreb je bil 13. marca s pokopom na Lakewood Park pokopališču.

Josephine J. Turk

Dne 9. marca je umrla Josephine J. Turk, rojena Yert, vdova po Josephu, mati Richarda, Raymonda in Joann Kelley, 10-krat stara mati, 1-krat prastara mati. Pogreb je bil 13. marca s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Felicite in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Pristanišče Koper dobro posluje

V koprskem pristanišču to je pri družbi Luka, ugotavljajo, da so v letošnjem januarju pretovorili 825.783 ton blaga, kar je veliko več kot v lanskem januarju. Pozitivno je, da je tovor 18,7% višji od načrtovane nega in da se tudi za naslednje mesece napoveduje gost pomorski promet.

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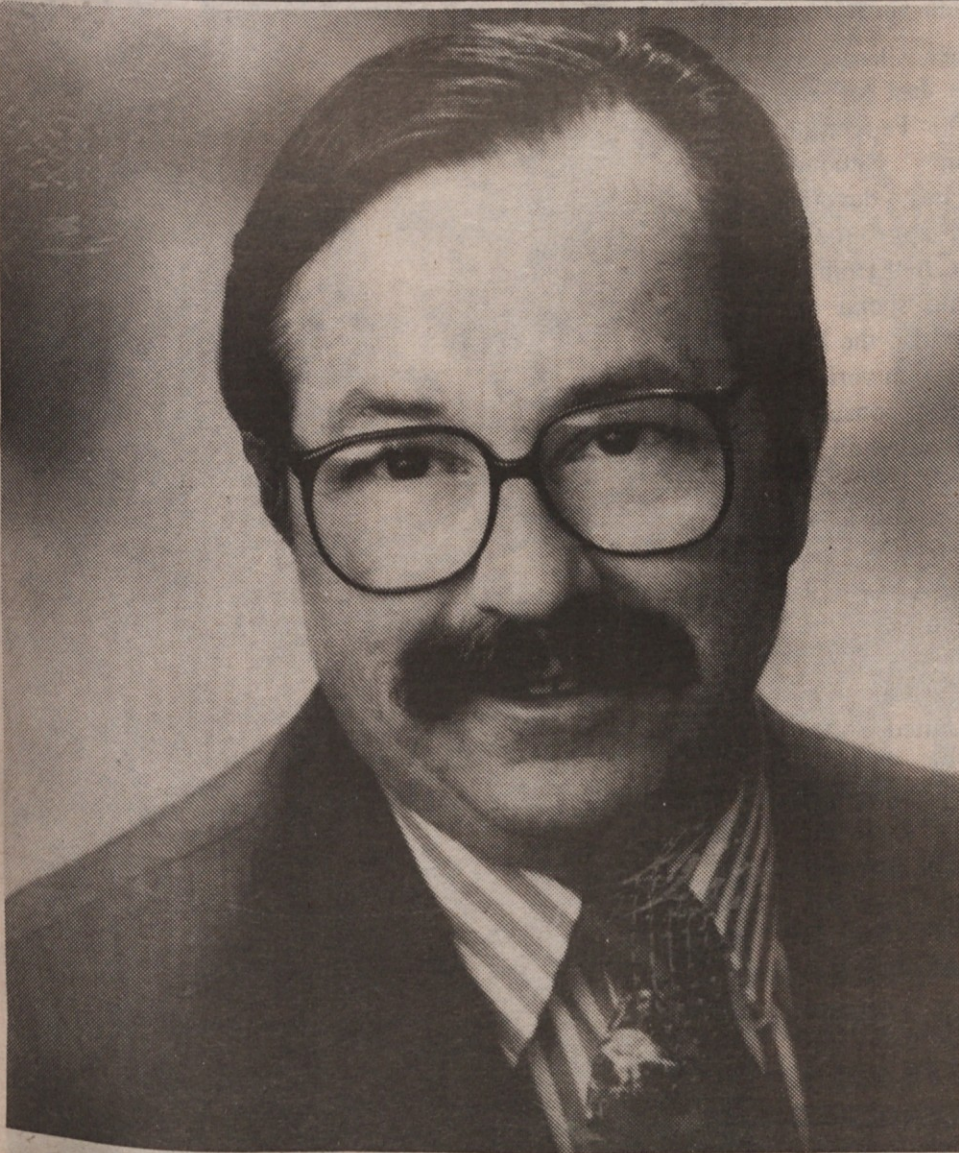
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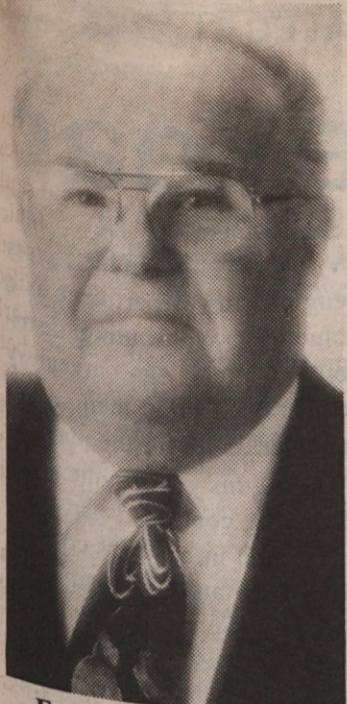
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PATRICIA ANN IPAVEC CLARKE



Frank Renusi - Lorain



Rose Bradack - Fairport



Joseph Tomazic - W. Park



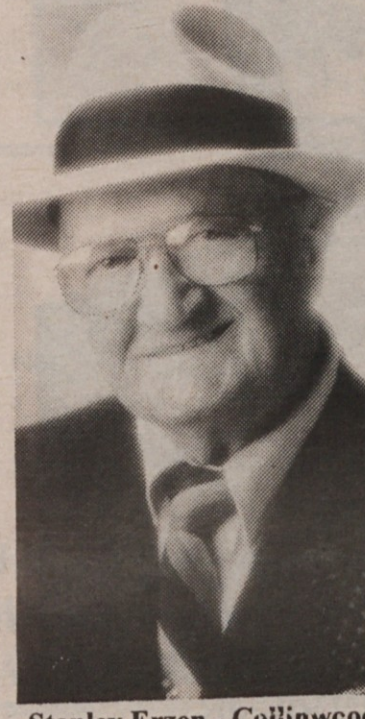
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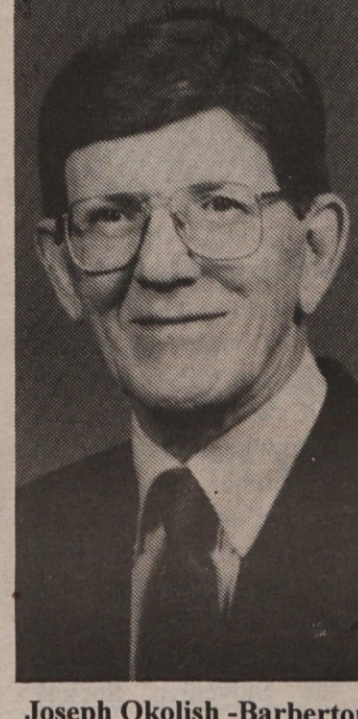
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St. Clair.....	A11
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Workmen's.....	B4



Stanley Erzen - Collinwood



Emilee Jenko - St. Clair



Joseph Okolish - Barberton



Katie Kawczynski - Newb.

Kudos to Patricia Ipavec Clarke

Patricia Ann Ipavec Clarke is the daughter of Charles and Ruth Ipavec and has been a life-long resident of Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Early on she became interested in participating in Slovene community events, accompanying her mother and father, who also enjoyed the Company of their Slovenian friends.

Patricia's roots in the Cleveland Slovenian community started many years before her birth. Her grandparents, Frank and Antonia Ipavec operated a tavern and restaurant on St. Clair Avenue at E. 43 Street. Then, along with her father, when he returned from service in the United States Marine Corps in World War II, a Packard agency in Euclid, Ohio, followed by operating the Double Eagle Bottling Co. just one block from the Slovenian National Home (St. Clair) at 6517 St. Clair Avenue.

Patricia has always lived within the parish of St. Ann's Catholic Church, where she received her primary education, and where she and her family are parishioners. A graduate of Beaumont High School, she then attended St. Louis University, earning a B.A. degree.

Patricia had the privilege of performing with SNPJ Junior Chorus Circle 2, which gave

her an opportunity to participate in Slovenian activities and other community functions. It was then that she developed an affinity and love for the beautiful Slovenian Homes, lodge halls, and summer recreational facilities that Slovenes have created. She is currently a share certificate holder in many of the Slovenian national homes.

Besides attending functions at all of the member Homes of this Federation and the picnic grounds of our fraternal, she always tries to visit Slovenian facilities in other areas in the United States and Canada. On her visit to Argentina she visited all seven of the Slovenian Homes in Buenos Aires, and made many friends in the Slovene community.

Patricia's brother, Charles Thomas Ipavec, and his two daughters, Susan and Christina, have also embraced Slovene community activities. Charles has served as an alternate trustee of the Slovenian National Home (St. Clair) for the last four years, and for the monthly raffle, held the last Wednesday of each month, he can be found serving behind the bar and welcoming all of the patrons.

Susan started with SNPJ Circle 2 in 1990 and is still a

member. She is in the ninth grade at Beaumont High School. Christina also started with Circle 2 in 1990, but is now on a sabbatical due to her commitment to participate in many productions of the Heights Youth Theater.

Patricia's father, Charles F. Ipavec, is the last of the founders of The Federation of Slovenian National Homes. He has devoted much time, on a pro bono basis, to assist the Homes, the fraternal and social organizations, and also the Republic of Slovenia, in various legal and business consultations. Her mother, Ruth E. Ipavec, has always encouraged the entire family in all of their activities, and especially their Slovenian community activities.

Her father's family is primarily in Slovenia, with groups in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Argentina. She has met all of her thirty cousins, including the two who live in Australia when they visited Cleveland. She hopes to visit them in Australia in the near future.

During her five visits to Slovenia she spent many delightful days with her cousins and their children, and also renewed her relationships with the many native Slovenians she met throughout

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PATRICIA ANN IPAVEC CLARKE

Joe Petric Jr. Is Man of the Year

The Federation of Slovenian National Homes has bestowed upon another fellow Slovenian its annual service award to Joseph F. Petric, Jr., an activist in the community who has joined many of his peers to perpetuate the heritage and culture of the Slovenian nationality throughout the metropolitan area of Cleveland.

Hands on determination and spirit have been an example to those who he has joined to promote the attributes of ethnic nationality. His whole life has been fueled by many individuals, sustaining the drive to serve the cause, to learn, and to cherish the relationships, a gift most valued by him. A meaningful experience focused all these qualities, during his term as president of the Federation of Slovenian National Homes, as he welcomed Milan Kucan, the newly elected President of the Republic of Slovenia, at a breakfast meeting with local city representatives and fellow Slovenians.

A second generation member of the Petric family, Joseph Gasper Frank Petric, Jr.,

son of Mary Frances (nee Mlakar) and Joseph Louis Petric, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, had his beginnings in the heart of the industrial area of the Slovenian community, on E. 67 Street and St. Clair Avenue. The entire Mlakar and Petric families were parishioners of St. Vitus Catholic Church.

Residing in the St. Clair community, Joe began his education at the parish school, never realizing as he traveled back and forth from school, past the Slovenian National Home, that he would one day have connections to the Home and the Slovenian community.

After the birth of his sister, Jo-Ann Marie, the family migrated to the suburbs, moving to the city of Euclid, where his mother's family, the Mlakars, originally resided in the early twenties. It was a new beginning, yet the same ethnic environment surrounded their new home on North Vine. At the west end of the street was what was then called the American Yugoslav Center, now known as the Slovenian Society

Home. An industrial area was to the east, this in addition to that old familiar, friendly sound of the train whistle that had followed them from the St. Clair area.

Joe continued his education at the new parish school of St. Christine, where he is

currently a parishioner for 47 years, then on to St. Joseph High School until 1962. Later he began working at Zagar, Inc. as a stock clerk, working his way up to the sales engineering department as sales order coordinator.

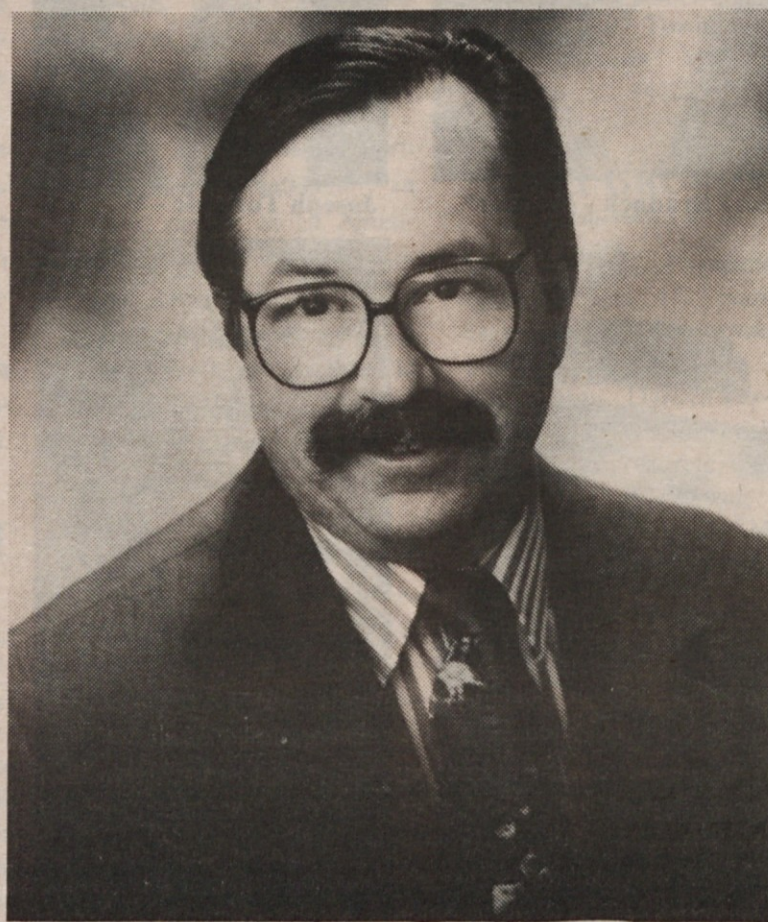
After a few years, he began

employment at TRW, Inc., Valve Division, in the factory engineering department as a blueprint and routing distribution clerk, an inventory controller, and then as a planner/buyer for the plant.

During his years in the workforce, he continued part-time education in business courses at Kent State University Extension School, Cleveland State University, and company-related educational courses and seminars in purchasing and quality control.

Currently, Joe is an elected full time officer with The American Mutual Life Association (AMLA), a Slovenian fraternal benefit society domiciled in the State of Ohio. He is serving his second four year term as Secretary/Treasurer, after completing the last two years of the retiring secretary.

Joe has two loves: his work and his artistic talent from his mother and grandfather, Gaspar Mlakar, who was a self-employed painter/wallpaper hanger, whose hand-painted floral ceiling designs



JOSEPH F. PETRIC JR.

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Clarke

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the years. Each trip was a beautiful experience.

In 1984 Patricia was elected to the board of trustees of the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue. She was given the assignment to be a representative to the Federation of Slovenian National Homes, serving two-year terms each as Second Vice President, First Vice President, and President.

During her administration as president, the Federation was successful in admitting the Slovenian Independent Society Home of Barberton, Ohio, as a member. She is now completing another year as Second Vice President. For the past fourteen years she has participated in the presentation of the Slovene of the Year Awards Banquet program.

Knowing the importance of having young Slovenians as member of our fraternal, her four daughters, Elizabeth, Patricia, Katherine, and Shannon, have all been enrolled in AMLA's Cerknjško Jezero No. 59, KSKJ Our Lady of Fatima No. 255, and SNPJ Spartans No. 576, as is our Slovene Woman of the Year 1999.

Elizabeth and Shannon have joined Circle 2, as will Katherine next year and Shannon the year after, to follow in the footsteps of their mother and cousins. Her husband, Townsend, a native of Newport, Rhode Island, has been very helpful and understanding in the time she devotes to the Slovenian activities.

Patricia has been very supportive of the Friends of the Slovenian National Home in all of the organization's fund raising activities. Through her inspirational efforts and management, she accomplished a contribution in excess of seven thousand dollars for the renovation of the Gaspari curtain on the occasion of the 50th wedding anniversary of her parents in 1993.

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And the Beat Goes on CONGRATULATIONS, MOMMY

**Patricia A. Ipavec Clarke,
Woman of the Year 1999**



**Patricia Wagner and Elizabeth
Sutheland Clarke**

**Circle Number 2 S.N.P.J.
Cecilia V. Dolgan, Director Leading
Our Children Into the 21st Century**

Congratulations and Best Wishes
Slovenian Man of the Year 1999
JOSEPH F. PETRIC
And All Honorees

The Ipavec Clarke Family

Congratulations and Best Wishes
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Patricia A. Ipavec Clarke

Love, Your Good Friends,
Gaye G. Weigand
Wendy N. Weigand
Susan M. Weigand
Kristen E. Weigand
Kathryn A. Weigand

Congratulations and Best Wishes
Slovenian Woman of the Year 1999
Patricia A. Ipavec Clarke,

**Love,
Ginnene Bucci**

Shamrocks and Sheillelachs
We're tippin' our hat to you,
It's a great day for the Irish
and the Slovenians, too!

LOVE

Marie Lavelle LoPresti
(Ursuline Grad '42)
Patricia Ann LoPresti
Frances LoPresti Koral

ST. ANN
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Congratulations and Best Wishes
Slovenian woman of the Year 1999
Patricia A. Ipavec Clarke
Alumni - Parishioner -

*Congratulations and
Best Wishes*
**PATRICIA A. IPAVEC
CLARKE**

Slovenian Woman of the Year 1999

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Sean and
Lizbeth Parker Gallop

**Saint
Louis
University**



Congratulations Alumni

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of the year 1999**

**PATRICIA A. IPAVEC
CLARKE**



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To Our Mommy

The Slovenian Woman
of the Year 1999

PATRICIA A. IPAVEC CLARKE

WE ALL LOVE YOU!



THE QUARTET

Elizabeth, Patricia, Katherine, Shannon,
and Daddy, too!!!

Clarke

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She now encourages everyone to make a contribution to "Friends" in the current drive to raise funds for the extensive renovations being undertaken by the Home.

She still has fond memories of the day that the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair celebrated its 50th anniversary. In the parade she carried the heavy musical staff identifying SNPJ Circle 2 for what seemed like miles and miles down St. Clair Avenue on a cold day in March at the tender age of twelve.

Patricia is a lifetime member of the Friends of the Slovenian National Home, St. Clair Ave., and the Polka Hall of Fame. She is also a member of the Slovenian Cultural Gardens, the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation, St. Louis University Alumni Association, Beaumont Alumni Association, and the Gesu Women's Guild.

Marija Pomagaj

*Our Lady of
Brezje*

Pray for us

*Congratulations
and Best Wishes*

to Our Aunt and Sister

Patricia A. Ipavec Clarke

Slovenian Woman of the Year 1999

WE LOVE YOU,



**Susan Erica Ipavec
Christina Patricia Ipavec
Charles T. Ipavec**



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**Frank 1893 - 1962
Antonia 1896 - 1983**

*In Loving
Memory*

*V Blag
Spomin*

*In liebevolle
Erinnerung*



WAGNER

**Alfred 1893 - 1962
Louise 1896 - 1974**

Parents - Grandparents - Great-Grandparents
Charles F. and Ruth W. Ipavec
Charles T. Ipavec
Susan Erica and Christina Patricia Ipavec
Townsend S. and Patricia A. Ipavec Clarke
Elizabeth Sutherland and Patricia Wagner
Katherine Townsend and Shannon Bryan Clarke

**Congratulations and Best Wishes
to Our Daughter**

Patricia A. Ipavec Clarke
Slovenian Woman of the Year 1999



LOVE

Mom and Dad
Ruth and Charles Ipavec

**Congratulations and Best Wishes
to Slovenian Woman of the Year 1999**
Patricia A. Ipavec Clarke



The Santino Family

Ann, Bill, Patrick, Brian, Daniel
and the entire Cleary clan



Thanks for the Memories...

Federation Updates 1998

MARCH, 1998

The 39th annual dinner and 37th annual Slovenes of the Year awards banquet sponsored by the Federation of Slovenian National Homes was held at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, where the Slovenian community honored eleven women and men from the various Slovenian National Homes throughout the northeastern Ohio area.

(Historian's Footnote: This is the Federation's thirty-ninth annual dinner and the thirty-seventh annual year that recognition is awarded to a main honoree; this noted for a better perspective of historical fact from actual Federation meeting minutes.)

The West Park Slovenian

Joe Petric

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graced many area homes. His mother assisted and had studied interior decorating at a local trade school.

Joe's talent was encouraged in grade school at St. Christine and continued at St. Joe's, with numerous awards won in the Regional National Scholastic Art Competition in Cleveland and in New York, in the Cleveland Catholic May Show, in the Cleveland Advertising Club Ad Contest, and in the Newman Art Contest. One of his silk screen designs, titled "Wise Men," was selected as a cornerstone piece for the beginning of a religious art exhibit at the Jesuit Retreat House in Parma, Ohio.

Joe attended part-time study at the Cleveland Institute of Art and the Cooper School of Art. His talent has been used in various projects in the Slovenian community, from record album covers for SNPJ Circle 2 and Zarja Singing Society, to stage designs for concerts, musicals and operettas, special souvenir booklets, and the layout and design of Zarja Singing Society's "Two Traditional Slovenian Customs". Also, he contributes his talent for the annual awards banquet of the Federation. He enjoys bonsai and has designed a natural landscape environment around his entire residence.

The dedicated membership of the Slovenian Society Home has shown Joe, during his own thirty-nine years of membership, the meaning of what love is in every Slovenian. Their time, talent, and monetary donations were made and shared with everyone. The common bond, our

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Home, located on W. 130 St. in Cleveland, was the 1998 host Home; coordinating arrangements were Home representatives Joseph Lach, Ruth Lach, Theresa Krisby, and the members of the Board of Directors.

The Federation's annual meeting took place on Tuesday evening, March 24, 1998 at the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd. in Cleveland. President Patricia A. Ipavec Clarke presided over the meeting, which was called to order at 8:05 p.m. after a light buffet prepared and served by the Home's Ladies Auxiliary.

President Pat Ipavec Clarke complimented the host Home for the excellent cooperation received for the 1998 annual Awards banquet. The delicious home-style dinner was enjoyed by over 500 attendees and was prepared by Julia Zalar and her staff.

Again, our banquet decorations continue to enhance this event and have been tastefully executed to achieve an ambiance fitting the occasion by Mary Blatnik and Joseph F. Petric, Jr. We thank them for their many years of artistic service.

Mrs. Clarke expressed her personal appreciation to fellow officers and representatives for their spirit of cooperation and team efforts during her two terms of office. Patricia Ipavec Clarke was the third woman to have been elected president, serving two consecutive terms.

Roll call and bimonthly reports followed from the Slovenian Home representatives, with comments of satisfaction about the banquet.

The last order of business for the evening was the election of the new roster of officers for 1998: President, **(Continued on page C9)**



**When Irish Eyes are Smiling All
The World is Bright and Gay, in
the Lilt of Irish Laughter You
Can Hear Tracy Healy Say,**



"Congratulations

Patricia A. Ipavec Clarke
Slovenian Woman of the Year 1999
and All of the Honorees."

**Congratulations Slovenian
Woman of the Year 1999**

Patricia A. Ipavec Clarke
and All Honorees

Beaumont School

3301 N. Park Blvd.
Cleveland Hts., OH 44118

Joe Petric

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Slovenian heritage, kept people together working for one thing, the perpetuation of the Home on Recher Avenue in Euclid.

The Executive Secretary of the Federation of Slovenian Homes, Charles Ipavec, stated during a Federation meeting that "it does not matter how much an individual contributes to a Slovenian Home, as long as what has been contributed has helped the continuation of that Home for another day, another week, another year, or for that lifetime."

This devotion motivated Joe. He treasures the many insights which have guided him through the years serving on the board of directors as a house chairman, audit chairman, vice president, and president. His personal contributions and hands on experience touched every part of the Home's operation and physical structure, especially the planters and welcome sign greeting the patrons, and the last project being the renovation design of the upper hall. He was honored by his Home in 1975 as its Man of the Year recipient.

The meaning of ethnic heritage was reinforced by his membership in various organizations within the Home, such as: the dramatic club Naša Zvezda; Slovan Men's Chorus; the Musical Arts Associations, Klub Društev, charter member and president of Friends of Slovenian

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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL HONOREES!

Joseph F. Petric, Jr.
Federation Historian

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Federation Slovenian Man of the Year

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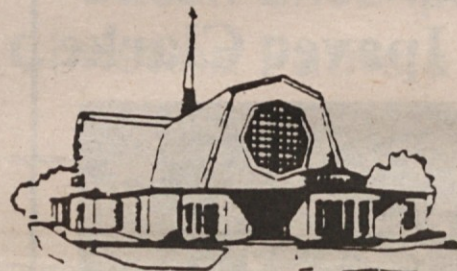


CONGRATUALTIONS!
THIRD DEGREE KNIGHT

Joseph F. Petric, Jr.
Federation Slovenian Man of the Year

Pro- Life Memorial Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, May 2, 1999 - 9:30A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.
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Federation Man of the Year



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Gasper Mlakar
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Grandparents

Joseph Louis Petric
Mary Frances Mlakar Petric
Parents

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Stanley Harting
Aunt & Uncle

John Petric
Uncle
Frank Germ
Uncle

Lillian Mlakar Pianecky
Aunt
Anthony D'Amico
Uncle

with loving thoughts of you.....,
Your Family

**CHEERS!
HARRY**

Annie, Ethel
Esther

**Congratulations
Best Wishes
Man of the Year
1999**

**HARRY
BRULE**

SWU Branch #14
Officers and
Members

**Congratulations
HARRY**

Bob
and
Dorothy
Lamm

**Congratulations
HARRY**

Klub
Ljubljana

**Congratulations
Joe Petric**

Past President
Of The
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Directors
Slovenian
Society
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LUCK
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AWARD
WINNERS!**

FROM THE

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**Harry Brule
Joe Petric
Stan Erzen**

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Our Own Honoree - Harry Brule*

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**CONGRATULATIONS
HARRY**

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**1999 Board of Directors
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**Congratulates Our
Lodge President
Joseph F. Petric, Jr.**

Federation Slovenian
Man of the Year

FROM

**LODGE OFFICERS
and MEMBERSHIP**

**MAN OF THE YEAR
HARRY BRULE
Slovenian Society Home**

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Jennie Mramor
John Yakos
John Goryance
Chris Hammond
Bill Kovach
Greg Minniear
Sharon Durdella
John & Anna Adams
Joe Wojtila
Phil Yan Sr.
Lou Lozar
Ray Kosten
Josie Arko
Dorothy & Henry Kapel
Steve & Shirley Valencic
Stan Erzen

Euclid Taps Harry Brule

Harry Brule was born on August 23, 1917 in the Collinwood area, near the Commodore Theatre. He was the youngest son of Mary (Laurich) and Joseph Brulc. He had two brothers, both of whom are now deceased: Joseph and Frank.

Harry's grandparents, Joseph and Mary Trotar, emigrated to America from Zuzemberk, Slovenia, in the early 1900's. His mother followed them to America in 1910, at the early age of 14. At the tender age of four, Harry's mother and father separated and he was sent to live with his grandparents, the Trotars, who lived at E. 200 St. and Miller Ave.

At that time, Euclid was only a village and had sandstone sidewalks, but no paved streets. Harry recalls losing several shoes in the depths of the mud after a spring rain.

His last name really was spelled Brulc, but when his parents registered him for school, the registrar mistook the "c" for an "e" and so all his records were listed under the name of Harry Brule. Neither Harry nor his parents ever corrected this mistake, and so Harry kept that name.

He never knew any English as a young child, but was versed in both German and Slovenian. He attended Roosevelt Elementary School and many times had to wear a sign saying "Dummy" because he could not speak English. To this day, Harry understands the Slovenian language, but cannot speak it.

He also attended Memorial Elementary School, where more than 175 children and some adults lost their lives in a tragic fire in 1908. From there he went on to Collinwood High School. Because he moved back and forth from his grandparents' home to his mother's, he lost too many days in school and so was held back several grades.

As a young boy, Harry and his brothers attended the Sokols for about six months, which was run by Lou Azelli.

Harry quit school when in the 9th grade and at age 16 went to work to help his mother pay the mortgage on the house. His mother worked various odd jobs to make ends meet. At one time she was employed as a laborer for the railroad. She married again, to Jim Kusar.

Harry worked for a time as a caddie at Manikiki golf course.

When he was 17, he tried to enlist in the C.C.C. (Civilian Conservation Corps). This

was a program begun by President Roosevelt to help relieve the unemployment problem in the United States. You had to be 18 in order to sign up, so Harry lied about his age. He worked in the CCC for over a year, in Jackson, Ohio, in the southern part of the state. The Corps reforested various areas, fought soil erosion, and built a few roads. After about a year, when he was about to be promoted to be a group leader, his mother wrote to him stating that there were two jobs waiting for him back in Cleveland.

Harry left the CCC and applied for the first job; he did not get it because a person had to be at least 21. He applied for the second job, and again the age requirement was at least 21. In 1935, he decided he would join the Navy, but his mother talked him out of it.

Harry and a friend then applied for a job at Chase, Brass & Copper on Babbitt Road, but there were over 200 applicants also applying. Harry again lied about his age and this time was hired.

Just during this time the Social Security Act became effective and Harry feared his real age would be discovered and he would lose his job for lying about his age. But the government stepped in and issued an edict that the new Social Security Act would not affect a person's job status however he got the job.

Harry played a prominent part in the organization of the union at Chase, Brass & Copper Co. He is a charter member of the union, known as Club 1228.

As World War II was raging in Europe, Harry got married to Marie Mervar at St. Jerome Church. They were married by Father Hammer. Fr. Hammer knew Harry because he was his caddie many times at the golf course.

Harry and Marie did not have any children until after the war. They moved to the St. Clair area, around E. 67 St. Although Harry attended some affairs and dances at the St. Clair Slovenian National Home, he always returned to the Waterloo Workmen's Home, because he felt that was more home to him.

In fact, it was like his second home.

On December 7, 1941, Harry, his wife and another couple were dining out at Chin's Chinese Restaurant when a news flash came on the radio describing the



HARRY BRULE

Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. All four were so upset they had to leave and return home.

The very next day Harry told his wife that he was going to enlist in the service. She was not too happy about this and said that if he enlisted, she would divorce him. The draft board called his number fourteen months later. During those fourteen months many of his friends who had children were being called up. Harry had no children and yet was not called. He would visit the draft board on a regular basis and ask that they draft him.

After boot camp at the San Diego Marine Base, every man had a choice of where he wanted to be assigned. Harry wanted to become a paratrooper. But again he was turned down. No married men were assigned in the amphibious corps, the radar corps, or as paratroopers.

He had to take a test prior to making his choice. He scored 115 with only a 9th grade education. This surprised the sergeant, who stated that a score of 110 was required to enter officer's school.

Harry recalled that when he was in the CCC the cooks were never hungry. So he opted to become a cook and was assigned to the 1st Marine Air Wing. Even in junior

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It's
COOL
To Be
SLOVENIAN!

Častitike and
Congratulations

Patricia
Ipavec
Clarke

Živio, Slovenci -
Here's to You!

The Dolgans
Cecilia, Bob,
Ann and Bob
Willoughby Hills, Ohio

Best Wishes and
Continued Success to
Joe Petric

Circle 2 SNPJ
Cecilia Dolgan, Director
Agnes Turk,
Assistant Director

Congratulations
To Our

Harry Brule
and
All Honorees

Progressive
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Officers and members
of Circle 3

Best Wishes
to All
On Your Award
For The Year
1999

Euclid
Slovenian
Men's
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Congratulations
Stan Erzen

YOUR
FRIENDS
at

Recher
Club Room

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Home

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Congratulations to
Harry and
All Honorees

Officers and
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Man of the Year

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WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Patricia Ipavec Clarke

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&
All Honorees



Congratulations
and
Best Wishes

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Joe Petric

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Society Home, Inc.; a coordinator of the annual men's golf tournament, and a board liaison to the reorganized Ladies Auxiliary. Also, as a member of the Zarja Singing Society, he had the opportunity during 1976 to participate in the chorus's three week concert tour in Slovenia.

He holds membership in the following fraternal lodges: AFU Napredok No. 132; SNPJ Loyalites 156; AMLA Slovenski Dom No. 6, currently serving for the past thirteen years; and a Third Degree Knight of Immaculate Council 3767 of the Knights of Columbus.

Joe participated in the Slovenian community as a member of the United Slovenian Society, the Cleveland-Ljubljana Sister Cities Committee, a trustee of the Slovene Home for the Aged, a board member of the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation, a recording secretary of the Alliance of Slovenian Americans, a representative on the United Americans for Slovenia ad

hoc committee, served on the Cleveland Bishop Baraga Days ad hoc committee, coordinating banquet decorations for the fiftieth annual meeting of the Bishop Baraga Association, and participated as a lector in the special liturgy celebration at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on the occasion of Bishop Baraga Days representing St. Vitus Church, and especially as a representative and officer of the Federation of Slovenian National Homes, serving two consecutive terms as corresponding secretary, 2nd vice president, 1st vice president, executive secretary, president, and currently as co-historian and coordinator of the special tabloid edition, now in its twentieth year.

His efforts assisted Charles Ipavec to initiate and confirm new membership of the Slovene Center in Barberton, Ohio. During his officer term as president, he encouraged the Federation to sponsor a picnic held at St. Joseph's Fam on White Road that

proved profitable and, more importantly, fostered teamwork and build community among the Slovenians.

This spirit of serving first touched him at the parish community of St. Christine Church in Euclid, when he approached the assistant pastor, Reverend Pizmot, with a suggestion on how he would design decorations for the newly dedicated church for the season of Christmas.

With the help of his family and relatives, hand-cut material was assembled into twelve poinsettia sprays measuring twenty feet by four foot sections, encircling the perimeter of the church sanctuary, plus other seasonal floral plants. It has been thirty years since that

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I was a trustee on the board of the St. Clair Business Association. I currently work in the afternoon for The Perry Home and St. Clair Business Associations. Every month I write a column for the Perry Home Newspaper, which is a local community paper. I was active in the Ward 13 Democratic Club. I still work every election day.

I am also active in many other organizations, such as the St. Vitus Altar and Rosary Society and the Catholic War Vets Ladies Auxiliary. I also assist as a hostess every year at St. Nicholas Night with Bishop Pevec. I am also involved with the St. Clair Pensioners and the Cleveland Cultural Garden Foundation.

Along with all of this, I am involved in many Slovenian

organizations. I am the vice president of the American Slovene Club, the treasurer of the Slovene Home for the Aged Auxiliary and the chair of its bingo events. Also, I serve as historian of the Slovenian American National Art Guild; president of Lodge 4 St. Anne's of AMLA and the lodge's youth coordinator; a member of Branch 25 of the Slovenian Women's Union; reporter for Zarja, and the United Slovenian Society. I am also a member of Friends of the Slovenian National Home, Inc.

I am very appreciative of being selected as Woman of the Year by the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue. I hope I will be deserving of the title in the future. I would like to thank all my son Rikk for being so supportive over the years. A special thank you goes to all my family and friends. Thank you with all my heart, and God Bless!

My parents, Leopold and Julia Jenko, were born in beautiful Yugoslavia. My father was born in Ljubljana and my mother in Novo Mesto. My brother Milan, who is deceased, and I were both born and raised on Kildeer Avenue off East 185 Street. My pride and joy, my son Rikk, was born in Lynwood, California, in 1964.

I attended Oliver Hazard Perry Grade School and John Hay High School, where I studied Business Administration. Later I attended the American Beauty College School of Cosmetology.

My first taste of belonging to an organization was being a member of the St. Vitus Christian Mothers Club. That was back in 1969, when my son Rikk entered kindergarten. The Mothers Club was a great organization with many wonderful people. Such camaraderie! My feeling about any organization is to be an active member and contributing in any way possible, not just as a silent member.

Joe Petric

(Continued from page 10) idea was suggested and now it has blossomed into a liturgical art form where Joe is the chairman of the Arts & Environment Committee, enhancing every season and special liturgy.

Joe's leadership qualities with hands on accomplishments have been recognized by fellow parishioners, who have elected him to their parish council. He is currently serving his second consecutive two-year term, the prior and current year as president of the parish Pastoral Council, and as a liaison councilor on the Liturgy Commission.

Also, Joe is an appointed member to the parish Financial Council. He serves as an usher and greeter at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass. He is an active member of the Holy Name Society and recently assisted with decorations and served as an usher at the Eucharist Congress held at the Cleveland Convention Center and sponsored by the Deaneries of the Holy Name Society of the Cleveland diocese.

Commentary

During the many facets of my life, building relationships, learning experiences, hands on endeavors, and serving the community, all this had its early beginnings when my parents brought me into this world by sharing

their love, sharing their values, and sharing their Catholic faith that has centered my life. Each facet has strengthened the core of my beliefs. I

will always cherish and remember my parents for this, especially on this day. My sister, Jo-Ann Marie, has also experienced these traits and has been supportive and helpful in many projects, and I thank her.

To the Federation of Slovenian National Homes: You

have honored my father's name and our entire family and relatives. This award has placed me among many highly profiled individuals from the Slovenian community, and in the annals of the Federation forever. I gra-

ciously thank you. It is also an honor to co-share this award with Patricia Ipavec Clarke, Woman of the Year, and all the 1999 Slovenian Home honorees. Congratulations, for on this special day we celebrate together—and God bless each of you!

Harry Brule

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high school he signed up for cooking classes because he was always hungry and they got to eat what they cooked. So he was sent to school to learn to become a cook in the service.

When he finished his schooling he was sent to Pendelton Air Base in Honolulu. From there he was shipped to Midway Island, where he had a close call and almost lost his life due to the error of our own servicemen. He was crossing the airstrip and was daydreaming about home and didn't pay attention. The planes were coming in and one pilot came in on the wrong runway right at Harry. At the last moment the pilot saw him and took off again.

The second close call came in the Philippines. Our pilots would practice attacking, but were supposed to put the lock on their guns. One pilot forgot to do this and as Harry was about to enter the galley, he was grazed in the head by a bullet. The bullet ended up in the heel of a shoe under a bed in the barracks.

After three years of service

in the Marines, Harry was honorably discharged and returned home. His wife had several miscarriages in subsequent years, however, and Diane remains his only child. He was married to Marie for 14 years, until she died of cancer.

In 1942, Harry was hired at Addressograph-Multigraph Co. and was employed there for over 40 years. He was active in the machinist's union there.

In 1956, he married for a second time, to Mary Legan. She and her husband and Harry and his wife knew each other for many years. They often went out together. When Mary's husband died and so did Harry's, they began to date and eventually married. Mary had daughter named Irene, who became his stepdaughter.

Harry owned some property in Chesterland and began building homes there. He, his wife, daughter and stepdaughter lived there for only a month or so. Mary did not like being so far away from the city and so they moved

back to the Euclid area. The Slovenian Society Home then became their second home. The family participated in the various activities at the hall.

Mary began having various problems with her heart, and after four heart surgeries she passed away. Her illness kept Harry from being more active in the various ethnic lodges to which he belonged.

He retired from Addressograph-Multigraph in 1982; he began there in October 1942.

Organizations to which he belongs include: Euclid Democratic Club; Club Ljubljana; AMLA, SNPJ Lodge 158 Loyalties; Senior Citizen's Coalition; Slovenian Pensioners Club of Euclid, and serving as representative to the Federation of Slovenian Pensioners Club (he also serves as an auditor for the Federation), and he has been a certificate holder at the Slovenian Society Home for many years.

Harry's daughter Diane graduated from Kent State University with a degree in Education and has taught in the Euclid school system. Although she was married, she had no children. She

adopted a boy named David, who had some learning disabilities, and now works for the county with children who have learning disabilities.

Stepdaughter Irene studied nursing at Mt. Sinai and also worked at this hospital.

Harry is very active in the Slovenian Pensioners Club of Euclid and has been reading the eulogies for our deceased members for the last twelve years.

He can be seen at most of the activities held at Recher Hall and attends most of the Slovenian affairs throughout the community. He was never able to participate in these events earlier in his life because he worked nights. The illnesses of both of his wives also kept him from being more active.

Harry Brule gives his all to every club to which he belongs; you can count on him to lend a helping hand at the many club activities. He has contributed countless hours for the good and welfare of the various groups. He offers his heartfelt thanks to the members of the Slovenian Society Home for bestowing this honor upon him.

Joseph E. Okolish Bowled Perfect Game in Barberton

One could say that Joseph E. Okolish—the Barberton Slovene Center Man of the Year—had a lust for life. A gifted athlete, he was an outstanding golfer and bowler and was the first person to have bowled a 300 game at the Slovene Center Lanes. But his interests covered a wider area, including history, dance and theater, and an abiding love for the Slovenian language and culture.

Sadly, he passed away on November 22, 1998 following a lengthy battle with cancer—a battle in which he demonstrated great personal courage and determination and his deep commitment to family, relatives and friends. He was 76 years old.

Mr. Okolish was born November 20, 1922 in Barberton, one of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Okolish. Two older brothers—Tony and Frank—are deceased. Sister Margaret (Johr) Naiser and brother Robert (Kathleen) reside in Barberton.

He graduated from Barberton High School in 1940 and shortly thereafter joined the U.S. Army. He participated in the landing in Normandy and in the Battle of the Bulge, where he received the Bronze Star for valor.

In 1946, he married Helen Rose Satina and together they raised two children—Larry and Carolyn. Larry fondly remembers his father's love of the theater. "When we were still quite young, he took us to New York to see a Broadway play. It left an indelible impression on both of us—something we have never forgotten.

A deeply religious and quiet-spoken man, Mr. Okolish respected all cultures and was a strong supporter of universal social justice. He was well read and especially enjoyed the history of the Civil War and World War II.

He made three trips to Slovenia, the most recent being this past June, when he spent two weeks visiting relatives and touring the country. Among the highlights of the trip was a visit to the Pleterje Carthusian Monastery and a climb to the top of Sneznik Mountain, this despite his illness. He kept a meticulous diary of the trip, so that his children and grandchildren would better understand the people, beauty and culture of Slovenia.

Mr. Okolish represented the best of his Slovenian heritage—dedication to family



JOSEPH E. OKOLISH

and friends and his church, and an abiding love for Slovenia. He, along with his parents, Anton and Jennie, and his sister and brothers, was always diligent in maintaining their cultural heritage. Mr. Okolish made sure his children were exposed to their heritage, especially at family gatherings. This is a tradition that continues today within his family.

Mr. Okolish was a member of Barberton Sacred Heart Church; KSKJ Lodge 110; AFU St. Martin's Lodge 44; and the Knights of Columbus Lodge 1617. In addition to his wife and children, he leaves eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Okolish was employed at the Pittsburgh Plate & Glass Company (PPG) before joining the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in 1951, where he was employed for the next 37 years as a pipe-fitter.

It was during those years that he developed an interest in folk dance. He became associated with the Akron-Barberton Folk Dancers and

the Akron Tamburitza Ensemble, performing at various cultural events, nursing homes and malls. That association continued until his untimely death.

At the same time, Mr. Okolish played a prominent role at the Slovene Center, where he was a member of the Slovenian Independent Society Home for most of his life. He attended most meetings and was a member of the Marketing Committee, where he contributed ideas for improving the lodge's various business operations. He was among the organizers and a determined and dedicated ticket seller for a series of dinners recognizing the special contributions of lodge members. "Dad especially enjoyed visiting members and reminiscing about old times in Barberton," Larry says.

In 1959, Mr. Okolish's wife unexpectedly died. Six years later he married the former Helen Janos. The couple had a daughter, Lisa. Helen had two children—William and Jeannie—from a previous marriage.

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We resided on Addison Rd. in the St. Clair Slovenian community and I went to East Madison school until the 6th grade, after which I went to East High on Wade Park Avenue. After a few months we moved to the Collinwood area and so I went to Collinwood High. We moved in May and so I went to Collinwood only until the next month, June.

At the age of 15 and while in the seventh grade, I quit school and two days later took a job at Kuhlman Street Car Co., in their wood mill.

I belong to Loyalites Lodge 158 of SNPJ and Kras Lodge 8 of AMLA; I am also a parishioner at St. Mary's Church on Holmes Ave.

I am a member for 46 years of the Lodge 15 of the Fraternal Order of Police Associates, which I serve currently as a trustee.

Also, I am now a member of the board of directors of the Collinwood Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue, and have also served many times in years past. I was present at the grand opening of the hall in August, 1924.

Over the years I have donated many hours of volunteer work for my neighbors and friends, and I continue to help at Skufca Trophies a few hours a day.

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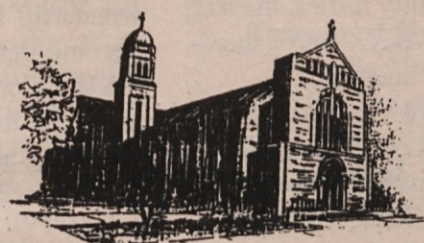
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**I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks
to my colleagues on the Board of Directors
at the Collinwood Slovenian Home for
the honor of “Man of the Year.”**

--Stan Erzen

Workmen's Chooses Celeste Frollo

Looking at what she has done and the hours and energy she has given to volunteer work, Celeste Frollo still does not see it as being all that much.

And while she is honored to be the Woman of the Year from the Slovenian Workmen's Home, to be honest, doing anything less with her life would have left her feeling unfulfilled. "Looking back over my life, it seems like I have always been involved in something," she says.

The oldest of the four children of Bill and Louise Kozely, Celeste started her first job at age 13 working behind the soda fountain at Standard Drug. She was a freshman at Collinwood High School, where she would watch a classmate named George Voinovich eventually become mayor of Cleveland, then governor and a senator from Ohio.

Celeste's goals in life were not as lofty as those of the one-time president of her class—though she will admit that having her 45th class reunion at the governor's mansion in Columbus was pretty cool. Instead, the shy but diligent woman who likes to read and cook worked mostly behind the scenes, never leaving the Collinwood school district.

Celeste has been president of the Slovenian Workmen's Home since 1996. Before that, she was vice president for three years and a trustee since 1990. She has chaired or co-chaired many activities at SWH as well, including the bimonthly raffles, the hall rental agency, and shareholder file keeping.

She is also vice president of AMLA's Lodge Kras No. 8, past president of the SWH ladies auxiliary, corresponding secretary for the Federa-

tion of Slovenian National Homes, and a member of SNPJ No. 147 lodge Vodnikov Venec, PSWA Circle 1, Slovenian Women's Union Branch 14, Waterloo Pensioners, Holmes Avenue Pensioners, and the Waterloo Balina Club. She has also worked at the SWH Friday fish fry for the past 10 years.

Her Slovenian heritage has always been a source of pride for Celeste. But it was not until 1990, when her children were grown and off on their own, that she became deeply active in the Cleveland-area Slovenian community. Until then, most of her time was spent with and around her own family. "I've made wonderful friends since I've become actively involved at SWH. Compared to what many of these people do, I am a rank amateur in the area of volunteerism," she comments.

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CELESTE FROLLO

Slovenian Workmen's Home Enjoyed A Very Good 1998

The annual meeting of the certificate holders of the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road, was held January 24, 1999. Celeste Frollo was nominated and then elected to chair the meeting.

Thanks to the efforts of the board of trustees and the Ladies' Auxiliary, the hall showed a profit in all areas.

Hall rentals showed a tremendous gain, this due to the efforts of Celeste Frollo and Ken Kleinhenz, Sr. Many hours are spent in showing and booking the hall. Celeste and Ken are available on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The bimonthly raffles and spaghetti dinners, chaired by Vice President Dorothy Gorjup, were very successful. Dorothy thanked everyone for their help and cooperation, especially Martha Meglich, who chairs our very successful bake sale.

In addition to the board, the following friends are there to assist in any way: Adolph & Josie Kapla, John Maurich, Sophie Matuch, Martha Meglich, and Jeanne Urbancek.

The main fund raiser for 1999 will be the gala New Year's Eve celebration; it is now in the planning stage.

House Committee Chairman, along with his crew of Joe Frollo, Al Marinch, Al Meglich, Fred Nevar, Ralph Urbancek, and Harold Volpe devote many volunteer hours to repairs and various projects. Ralph has great carpenter

try skills and is willing to put them to good use in tackling any project. Thanks, Ralph, for all the improvements you have made.

Due to the diligent efforts and financial expertise of Ken Kleinhenz, along with a very generous donation from the Ladies' Auxiliary, the loans from SNPJ and AMLA that were taken out in 1993 to purchase the property, have now been paid in full.

Pat Nevar, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, indicated they had a very good year. She thanked the ladies who volunteer for the Friday Fish Frys, as well as the public for its continued support. This is a big undertaking and Pat and Fred Nevar need to be recognized for their comparative shopping, which entails many hours and has contributed greatly to the profits.

Major improvements included the upgrading of the rest rooms, paving of the parking lot, new lights installed in the parking area, and a new alarm system.

We would also like to thank all the people for their gener-

ous donations throughout the year. A sizeable donation from a trust fund set up by the late Josephine Turkman was greatly appreciated. This money was used toward the purchase of a new copy machine.

The Woman of the Year from SWH is our own very dedicated president, Celeste Frollo. Under Celeste's leadership, the hall has flourished and many improvements and changes for the better have been made. Congratulations, Celeste, you are truly deserving of this award!

To all the 1998 board members: Millie Bradac, Celeste Frollo, Joe Frollo, Eleanor Godec, Don Gorjup, Dorothy Gorjup, Ken Kleinhenz, Al Marinch, Grace Marinch, Al Meglich, Fred Nevar, Pat Nevar, Joyce Plemel, Ralph Urbancek, and Harold Volpe—thanks for the many hours, hard work and cooperation. These 15 members will serve on the 1999 board, as well as JoAnn Heinz, who is an alternate.

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Celeste Frollo

Celeste began working for Ohio Bell in 1955 as a service representative. When she took a leave of absence to

have her first child, Mary Jo, in 1966, she was an office supervisor. Thirteen years later, when her son Joe Jr. was nine, Celeste returned to Ohio Bell for a "supposed short term part time" stint. One thing led to another and when she retired in 1993 she was writing training manuals for all company service representatives.

When she was not driving her children around town, either to baseball practice or Girl Scout camping weekends, she found time to be president of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mother's club and co-leader of her daughter's Girl Scout troop. She was the first female president of North East Cleveland Little League and the youth baseball organization's first recipient of its Diane Pierce Volunteer Award in 1989.

Her husband of 39 years, Joe, was often involved in coaching or some other aspect of the organizations they shared. "Through it all, my husband has been very supportive. Many times he would patiently fix himself a sandwich for supper because I was busy all day doing some kind of volunteer work."

But what makes her proudest of all is the foundation of success she was able to give to her children. Celeste and her husband Joe, both of whom have always stressed education first, put their children through Catholic grade and high schools and watched both graduate from college. Both are now married. Her daughter Mary Jo and her husband Dan Sustar live in Avon and have two children, Jason and Madison, and are expecting a third child in July. Son Joe Jr. and his wife Andrea live in Altoona, Pa.

Through it all, Celeste has been willing to volunteer because it's what she does. And as her mother Louise did before her, she is always willing to pass on a little bit of Slovenian hospitality wherever she can, even to those who aren't Slovenian.

"My son and his wife were going to see her family in Indianapolis for Christmas this year. All of my son's in-laws really liked the liver dumpling soup they had at their wedding reception," Celeste said. "So I gave Joe and Andrea a few quarts to take with them to add to their Christmas dinner. They are Irish and had never had Slovenian wedding soup before. Now Joe says that every time he sees them, they rave about how good it was."

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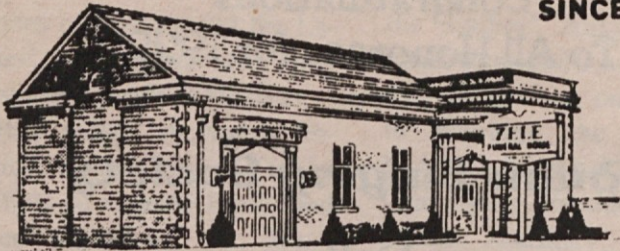
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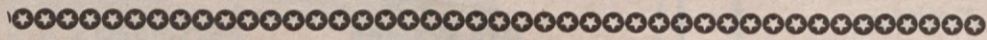
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Katie attended St. Lawrence Elementary and Transfiguration Elementary Schools. She graduated from Transfiguration in June, 1978. She graduated from Holy Name High School in June, 1982, and then attended Cleveland State University for one year.

Katie worked at the Central Market throughout high school. She worked selling dairy products and meats for Leitch's Dairy. In 1983, she started working for the Food Division of the Cleveland Board of Education. She worked her way up from a general prep to the assistant manager. She presently holds this position at Jane Addams Business School. Katie and her sister Jean also run a catering business, known as KJ Catering.

In the summer of 1980, Katie met Mark A. Kawczynski. They met through the C.Y.O. at St. Lawrence Church. They played softball on a coed softball team. They dated and were married at St. Lawrence Church on October 19, 1984. Their wedding reception was held at the Slovenian National Home on E. 80 Street.

Mark is employed by Bennett/Dover Home Remodelers. Katie and Mark have five girls. Rebecca (Becky) attends Parma Senior High and is in the 10th grade. Judith (Judy) is in the eighth grade at St. John Nepomucene School. Kaitlin is in the 4th

grade at St. John Nepomucene. Sarah and Christine, who are twins, don't attend school yet but they do go to Parmadale Day Care, which they consider school.

The Kawczynski family resides in Parma, Ohio, after just recently purchasing a home there.

Katie has been involved in the Slovenian culture all her life. She is a lifelong member of AMLA, KSKJ, and SNPJ. She is the youth coordinator for Lodge Bled No. 20 of AMLA. She has participated in bowling tournaments for AMLA and KSKJ. She has also taken part in many functions at the AMLA Recreation Center.

Katie has been attending various functions at the E. 80 St. Slovenian Home since she was a child. She was introduced to the "Nash" by her parents and grandparents. Her grandfather was one of the founders of the Nash. He was Anton Pelko.

Katie's mother, Anna Mae Mannion, has been on the board of the Nash for a very long time. Anna Mae currently is the financial secretary for the Nash. Katie is the secretary for the Youth Bowling league on Saturday mornings and can be seen at the many functions of the Nash. She always helps out wherever she can. She is almost always in the kitchen and she used to bartend for the clubroom. Katie, in short, is always willing to help.

Katie follows in the footsteps of a few family members when it comes to being honored as the hall's Slovenian Man or Woman of the Year. Her mother has been the Woman of the Year for the E. 80 St. Slovenian Home as well as the Slovenian Woman of the Year for the

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"Rose has served on the board of directors as an auditor and contributed much time and energy to it. Her greatest contribution over the years, however, has been twofold—one as a leader and guardian of our kitchen facility and, perhaps even more importantly, her pen-chant for telling-it-like-it-is when it came to the betterment of our organization," President Sajm says. She had refused the board's efforts to recognize her contributions to the Club in past years. "We didn't ask this year," said Sajm, "we just said we were going to do it and if she didn't show up she would miss the party."

Rose served on the board of directors for several years as an auditor and, in addition, took control of kitchen activities for various events. Then, in the mid-eighties, she got heavily involved in preparing the Friday night fish fries, which were such a success. That was an ongoing effort that lasted almost a decade.

Although she has "retired for about the third time"



ROSE BRADACK

from her board and kitchen pitch in when an event is duties, she is still ready to taking place, serving and

providing baked goods.

Her dedication to getting involved in and preserving her Slovenian heritage is not limited to her Club activities. She is also active in Grand River Valley Lodge 30 of AMLA, having only recently given up her long-held post

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Rose Bradack

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as chief auditor. She can always be found working the Lodge's Memorial Day Polka Bash picnic at the AMLA Recreation Center.

Rose is also a member of Circle 1 of the Progressive Slovene Women of America at the Waterloo Slovenian Home and very active in its holiday potica baking project. She is also a member of the Fairport Slovenian Club Pensioners Club and the Pensioners Club of St. Mary Church in Mentor.

She has been a member of St. Mary Church in Mentor for some 55 years and worked in its school cafeteria for more than ten years. Always active, it was a job she took after she retired from Reliance Electric & Engineering Co. in 1983, where she worked for about ten years.

Rose was born in Cleveland, one of eight children, to Frank and Gertrude Dusa. She is the only one who survives. She attended Nottingham and St. Jerome grade schools, Oliver Hazard Perry Junior High, and Jane Adams Vocational School.

She married Stanley Bradack June 24, 1939. They were married for 48 years before he passed away. In

1943, the couple moved to Mentor, where she still lives on Plains Road.

Rose and Stan were childless, but chose to raise a nephew, Donald Dusa, whose mother had died when he was five years old. Don was graduated from Mentor High School in 1950, joined the Air Force and served in Korea. He went on to earn a master's degree in aeronautical engineering by attending John Carroll University and Wayne University in Michigan. He married in 1956. The couple had seven children and 11 grandchildren. They live in Cincinnati. "I love them all, but I must admit that at age 83 sometimes I get my fill of children," chuckles Rose.

She still thinks of "the lovely three weeks Stan and I spent in Slovenia. I'd love to go back again, but I will not fly anymore," she says.

Although she is "retired" from active participation at the Club, she never misses an event and can be seen often still helping out in the kitchen, always ready to give a helping hand. On Sundays she can often be seen sitting in the corner with other old-timers engaged in a friendly game of pinochle. She also still enjoys crocheting.



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Covering the balinca courts highlight a banner year at Fairport Slovenian Club

The year of the cover-up. That is how one could characterize activity at the American-Slovenian Club in Fairport. A project discussed for many years was finally undertaken and completed; the balina courts at the Club were covered thus allowing play except for the severest of rain storms.

Board member John Grzely drew up the plans, supplied the trencher, and headed up the project. He was assisted by Joe Meglen, another board member. The work was all volunteered by both regular and social members of the Club that showed up weekend after weekend until the job was done.

The project was financed by donations from various organizations, including Andy Cashen, Madison building material supplier, who donated concrete. A fee has been added to the balina summer league participants which will defray the entire cost of the material.

"It was truly heartwarming to see so many of the

members, both regular and many social, show up week after week," John Grzely told the Board. Several times Andy Pillar headed up a group to prepare spaghetti lunches for the workers. "It was just like the old days when the founders were toiling to build the Club rooms back in the 1950s," Grzely said.

The idea of covered courts already paid dividends. Following completion of the traditional summer balina league sponsored by the Club which sees balina competition nightly, a second, eight-team league ran through the Fall. "It got a little chilly a couple of nights," says Lou Grzely, financial secretary who initiated the abbreviated league, "but it wasn't bad and everyone seemed to have a good time."

About the same time Frank Sajn, Club president, headed up a major renovation at the rental home on the Club grounds. It included a complete repainting of the inside, refinishing of the kitchen, and other repairs.

The year before, a new roof was put on the house and new windows will be included in the current renovation.

In the past year, other improvements have been accomplished by the Board. A new beer cooler was purchased for the bar room. Two new refrigerators have been installed. Most recent improvement included the installation of another air-cleaning system to reduce the amount of smoke in the Club room. New carpeting was also installed in the Club rooms.

In addition, arrangements are underway to expand the parking area to accommodate more cars.

"All these improvements are made possible by the continued support and volunteerism of the members and the ever-increasing patronage of the bar room. Our membership continues to grow and we are doing better than at any time in the past," says Frank Sajn.

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FRANK RENUSI

Lorain Gets Frank

Frank Renusi was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on December 8, 1931, the son of Frank and Catherine Renusi. He has a sister, Mary Ann Matesick, nieces Mary Matesick and Stephany Zegarac, and also three grand-nephews and one grand-niece.

Frank joined the Board of Directors of the Lorain Slovenian Home in 1987 and has been a conscientious, hardworking and committed member ever since. He has served as chairman of our Entertainment Committee since 1988. He contacts and negotiates contracts with musical groups for our affairs.

He also prepares a calendar of events every year, setting dates for steak dinner dances, jam sessions, Jazz on Pearl,

the annual picnic, the annual Nite at the Races, annual clambake, annual steak dinner and barnyard, and the annual Christmas dinner. It is a total of sixteen events, for 15 of which he must negotiate contracts with musical groups.

In addition, he arranges seating and sets up the club-room and the ballroom for these events. He arranges for the printing of tickets and programs and does all the publicity for these events.

Frank is of Austro-Hungarian descent and grew up in a family that loved Slovenian style accordion music. He plays the accordion for our Young Slovenian Dancers and for the annual picnic at

SS. Cyril & Methodius Church in Lorain.

Frank lived on W. 41 St., off Lorain Avenue, in Cleveland. He and his family moved to Avon in 1944. He graduated from Avon High School in 1949. He was involved in fast pitch softball and basketball in Elyria and Lorain leagues from 1950 to 1964. He coached football for 13 years and basketball for 15 years at St. Mary's School in Avon.

He served in the U.S. Navy in 1956-1957. He played on the Navy softball team that won the Norfolk Naval District championship, and he also played in the All-Service finals.

Frank was employed by Ridge Tool Co. 1954-1958, before and after his military service. He then worked for the U.S. Postal Service from 1958 until he retired in 1993.

Frank is a member of St. Mary's Church in Avon; is an usher at Sunday mass, and is a member of the church's Holy Name Society. He is a past president of the Senior Catholic Youth Organization and served on its board through the 1980's. He is a member of the Lorain AM-VETS Post #47.

Frank is personable, pleasant, always keeps his cool, and is a valuable member of the Lorain Slovenian Home. He is very deserving of this honor.



FRANK RENUSI

Lorain Slovenian Home Celebrates Diamond Year

We celebrated the 75th anniversary of our Lorain Slovenian Home on October 24, 1998, with a lovely dinner dance - pleasant people, delicious food and good music. The speakers were the Mayor of Lorain, Joseph Koziura, Anthony Mannion, President of the Federation of Slovenian Homes, and also Charles Ipavec, Legal Counsel to the Federation.

The decorations were beautiful and everyone enjoyed the affair. All members of the Board of Directors were involved in preparations for the event, as were the Women's Auxiliary and many volunteers. We were very pleased with the success of the event.

With steak dinner dances, weekly fish fries, jam sessions, Jazz on Pearl, annual clambake, annual Nite at the Races, annual picnic and the annual Christmas dinner dance, the Board sponsors 16 events a year. This keeps us well occupied. Board members also serve as hosts at the

fish fries, and also as cashiers. Most of our affairs are very well attended.

Our fish fry dinners are very well attended, and we are gaining the reputation of having the best fish in town. Our fish fry supervisor, Joan Rogers, and her crew do a very good job.

Our club manager, Sue Kosco, does a great job sponsoring several dinners throughout the year; has hot dogs and beer nights, and taco nights. She also sponsors a Slovenian Golf League. Sue has been able to draw in a younger group of social members.

Our Women's Auxiliary is always very supportive by holding strudel and other bake sales during the year to raise funds which are used to purchase equipment and supplies for the kitchen, and to assist in paying for larger purchases.

Along with the usual repairs, we have installed a new door at the main en-

trance to the building, new windows were installed in the ballroom, and also new drapes. The ballroom and surrounding areas were painted.

So, on the whole, we did fairly well in 1998. Another 75 years? Well, that's a big question!



JOSEPH TOMAZIC

West Park Hall Has A Good Joe

I was born in Cleveland, Ohio on January 3, 1942. My father Joe was born in Cleveland and my mother Sarah was born in Croatia. I have two sisters: Beverly, the oldest, and my little sister, Joan.

When I was young, my father would take me to the Slovenian hall. He played cards and drank, while I would eat pig's feet and play games. I remember the balina court outside the hall.

I belonged to the SDZ (now AMLA) lodge and remember the pig roasts at Puritas Springs Park. I went to all the Christmas parties, where we got popcorn balls and candy canes at the hall. My mother Sarah and my aunts, Anna Kosak, Mary Mismas, and Cecil Katherin, would cater weddings at the hall and also have fish fries on Friday nights. They were very good cooks and we would get the leftovers.

I went to Annunciation School for grade school and graduated from John Marshall High School in June,

1960. While I was in high school, I worked at Konkoy Hardware, owned by John and Helen Konkoy. Every night when I went home in the winter, Helen's mother, Grandma Kozely, used to give me a glass of hot cinnamon wine. She said it was cold outside and this would warm me up.

After I graduated, I worked in a shop for eight years. I was in the National Guard from 1963 to 1969. In 1969 I opened my own business, right next door to Konkoy Hardware. It was called Joe's Sunoco, Joe's Amoco, and now it is Joe's Automotive.

I have sponsored many bowling leagues at the West 130 Recreation, owned by Helen Hosta. Also many of the teams of the West 130 St. Tri League. During my years here I have put many kids to work. I have been here for thirty years and don't plan on leaving.

Joseph R. Tomazic Jr.

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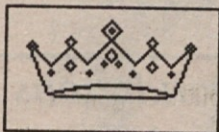
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Katie

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Federation of Slovenian National Homes.

Katie's brother, Anthony (Tony) Mannion, was the Man of the Year for the hall and is currently president of the Federation. Her aunt, Ruth Ross, also was a Woman of the Year for the hall.

Katie is proud to be able to follow in their footsteps. She tries to instill this same feeling of pride in her own children.

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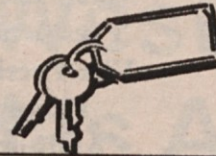
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APRIL, 1998

Easter greetings from the Federation of Slovenian National Homes were placed in the American Home Publishing Company's special holiday issue.

JULY, 1998

The Federation of Slovenian National Homes participated with fellow Slovenians the world over to celebrate the 100th anniversary of American Home Publishing Company's establishment. The 100th volume - 26th issue, was a special edition dedicated to people who sustained the Ameriška Domovina.

The Federation and its affiliate members have supported this weekly newspaper with the special tabloid edition for the annual awards banquet and events held throughout the many years of existence. A special greeting was placed in this commemorative issue. Congratulations to Jim and Madeline Debevec for your media coverage of Slovenian Homes events.

SEPTEMBER, 1998

The fiftieth national Baraga Days meeting took place in Cleveland on the 5th and 6th of this month. An ad hoc committee was chaired by Mr. & Mrs. James V. Debevec, owners and publishers of the American Home Publishing Company. The 1985

Federation Woman of the Year, Julia Zalar, catered the formal banquet of over five hundred guests at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue.

Former Federation Man of the Year, Most Rev. A. Edward Pevec, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, co-celebrated Mass with Dr. Franc Rode, Archbishop of Ljubljana, and fellow area Slovenian priests at St. Vitus Church, and with Most Rev. Anthony M. Pilla, Bishop of Cleveland, at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Federation Historian Joseph F. Petric, Jr. was the banquet decorator and served as a lector for the liturgy at the cathedral.

The Greater Cleveland Knights of Columbus Luncheon Club jointly honored Bishop Pevec and Most Rev. A. James Quinn as "Catholic Man of the Year" at Landerhaven in Mayfield Hts., on September 30.

The Federation of Slovenian National Homes was instrumental for initiating contacts with the former government officials of Slovenia, Yugoslavia, to establish a Consulate in Cleveland. They were successful with their negotiations and many bridges of relationships were built.

After the motherland became known as the Republic of Slovenia, a local retired Cleveland State University Professor of Economics was named as Honorary Consul of Slovenia in Cleveland. This was Dr. Karl B. Bonutti, a stranger to no one. Dr. Bonutti served the community well, as well as the Republic of Slovenia. His diplomatic expertise was recognized by government officials in Slovenia and he was summoned to that country. Confirmation followed shortly thereafter that Dr. Bonutti was appointed as Ambassador of Slovenia to the Vatican. His nomination was accepted by Pope John Paul II. We are very happy about this appointment because we have a friend in Rome, one of our community's distinguished fellow Slovenians.

OCTOBER, 1998

October 14 was a sad day for all polka lovers. Frank Yankovic, long reigning Polka King, expired at his home in New Port Richey, Florida. He was 83. Mr. Yankovic was the 1969 Federation Man of the Year. His love of polka music and its promotion world wide will live forever in the hearts of everyone his happy music touched. Frank came home to

Cleveland, where his interment took place. National and local news media covered the funeral, which took place at St. Mary of the Assumption Church on Holmes Avenue in the Collinwood area. Frank, we will never forget you - Just Because!

On Saturday evening, October 24, the Lorain Slovenian Club, located at 3114 Pearl Avenue in Lorain, celebrated its 75th anniversary with a gala dinner dance attended by more than 250 members, friends and representatives of the Federation. Helen Urbas, a director of the Home and longtime recording secretary of the Federation, thanked everyone for their support.

NOVEMBER, 1998

The Federation purchased tickets to Tony Petkovsek's Thanksgiving Polka Party '98, as well as did the member Homes. We are very grateful to Tony for his media coverage and attendance at many events held at various Homes during the year, especially the personal coverage of the annual Federation banquet and interviews of the main honorees.

DECEMBER, 1998

The Federation promoted and participated in a reception sponsored by Cleveland State University for Slovenian artists Ivan and Irene Jurjevic, who specialize in Slovene folk painting on glass. Their exhibit was called Windows to Heaven and was open from December 4 to 19, 1998.

An invitation was received from the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation to attend the St. Nicholas feast celebration at Borromeo Seminary with Most Rev. A. Edward Pevec. The Federation made a \$100 donation to the bishop's recommended Food Shelter charity, and its representatives participated in the Mass and reception that followed.

Traditional Slovene Christmas carols were sung by the Glasbena Matica chorus to a gathering of more than 300 people. Past President Patricia A. Ipavec Clarke, her husband Townsend, and their children, along with grandparents Charles and Ruth Ipavec represented the Federation. Other representatives attended and gave organizational and personal offerings, too.

The Federation placed its annual Christmas season greetings to the community as well as its affiliate members in the American Home publication.

At the close of every year, we gather for our annual Christmas party. It was hosted by President Anthony Mannion at the Newburgh Slovenian National Home No. 2 on E. 80 Street, where an enjoyable holiday supper celebrating the season was had, and the 1999 class of honorees for Slovenians of the Year was introduced.

The following individuals were introduced that evening: Federation Woman of the Year - Patricia Ipavec Clarke; Federation Man of the Year - Joseph F. Petric, Jr.; West Park - Joseph R. Tomazic, Jr.; East 80th - Katie Kawczynski; St. Clair - Emilee J. Jenko; Slovenian Society Home, Recher Ave. - Harry H. Brule; Slovenian Workmen's Home, Waterloo - Celeste Frolo; Lorain - Frank Renusi; Fairport Harbor - Rose Bradack; Collinwood - Stanley J. Erzen; Barberton - Joseph Okolish. A standing ovation was given to all the honorees.

Before the conclusion of the festivities, the annual Christmas collection to the Slovene Home for the Aged began. This is done in lieu of a holiday gift exchange, which has been the traditional practice, with a matching gift amount from the Federation.

JANUARY, 1999

On January 6, George V. Voinovich, 1974 Federation Man of the Year, was sworn in as a United States Senator from Ohio by Vice President Al Gore in the Senate Chamber of the United States Capitol. The only other Slovenian in the past who was Slovenian was Frank J. Lausche, who like Voinovich was a former Cleveland Mayor and Ohio Governor.

Federation Past President Patricia Ipavec Clarke and Executive Secretary Charles Ipavec attended the ceremony along with Tony Petkovsek, 1967 Federation Man of the Year, and Joey Tomsick, a previous award honoree. They were joined by other well wishers from the Slovenian community. Congratulations, Senator Voinovich!

Every year for the past 19 years, including this edition, the Federation has coordinated the talents of writing and salesmanship of advertising space for the Special Edition tabloid, which updates the history of each Slovenian Home and Honoree of their choice. Many hours are exhausted in composition exploiting the volunteer hours which have helped to save by now mil-



lions of dollar for our Slovenian Homes, plus the many organizations, individuals, and the business community who support and believe in our institutions by purchasing the various size ads expressing best regards to all.

We must not forget the team effort of the American home staff, who labor laying out the columns of copy and ads to achieve a quality product for the Federation of Slovenian National Homes to be proud of, and acknowledge the coordination of details to all editors from each Home with Madeline and James V. Debevec and Federation Historian Joseph F. Petric, Jr.

Please, if you do not have a subscription to the American Home, why not sign up today and give your support to the best Slovenian weekly in town. Don't forget to patronize our advertisers; they support us annually in this edition.

We acknowledge the media for coverage of this important event, especially, on the radio: Tony Petkovsek, Ed Bucar, and Paul Lavrishia; the newspaper coverage: Our Voice (AMLA), Glasilo (KSKJ), Prosveta (SNPJ), plus the local newspapers in the metropolitan communities of Cleveland.

Before concluding, we acknowledge the host Home of this 1999 banquet: the Slovenian Home Society of Collinwood.

Let us pause for a moment and remember all of our dear members who have gone before us and who have left behind their individual marks of accomplishment, which have sustained their respective Slovenian Homes during their time on earth. It is a legacy for future generations who will do the same through the example of sacrifice and belief in these institutions called Slovenian National Homes.

Another episode has been written and another episode begun to record the endless story about the Federation of Slovenian National Homes and the Slovenian people.

Na svidenje!

**It's COOL
To Be
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Newburgh's Big 80th

AMERICAN HOME FEDERATION SECTION, MARCH 1999

The germ of the idea to have a HOME actually started in 1917. A meeting chaired by Joseph Blatnik was held May 27, 1917 at Mike Plute's hall on E. 81 Street. The purpose was to discuss the need for a hall to served the people in the fast-growing community of NEWBURGH. Many residents of Newburgh, along with representatives of several fraternal lodges, were present at that first meeting.

The group decided to act. A vote was taken in favor of building a new hall. The first board of directors was elected to spearhead the movement.

The first board included John Lekan, president; John Andolsek, secretary; Joseph Vercek, treasurer; and Jacob Resnik, recording secretary.

No time was wasted in getting the ball rolling. A name was selected: SLOVENSKI NARODNI DOM. Incorporation papers were filed on July 24 and the first certificates were issued by November 16, 1917.

The first shareholders meeting was held in January of 1918 and an official board of directors was elected. A year later, in January of 1919, land was purchased at the present site, 3563 E. 80 Street. The cornerstone was placed on October 19, 1919, and the sponsors christening the building were Jacob Jancher ("boter") and Mary Kuznik ("botra").

What a dream these founders had. And with hard work their dream became a reality!

The "Eightieth Anniversary Celebration will be the weekend of November 5, 6 and 7 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). This will be a great celebration in Newburgh!

The year 1998 was a year to behold. The task of surviving was overwhelming. The board of directors, along with the many volunteers, worked very hard at keeping the Home alive. A great many dinners were held in the Clubroom, all of them very well attended. 50-50 raffles, a daily pay-off lottery held three times a year, rummage sales, polka bashes, Mother's Day breakfast, Woman of the Year, Clambake, all were necessary and helped defray the costs of maintaining the Home.

The bowling alley leagues are down. Moonlight bowling events are held by the Club itself, by AMLA Lodge 20, Laurentian Athletic Club, and several families have parties and bowling. United Parcel Service has several



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functions throughout the year utilizing the bowling lanes and clubroom.

The Youth Bowling League is held on Saturday mornings. Katie Kawczynski, our Lady of the Year for 1999, is secretary of the league.

In fact, you will find our Slovenian Lady of the Year along with her five daughters volunteering their services at all of the special events that are held throughout the year. The youngsters feel very much at home and consider the hall their NASH. As young as they are, they have many fond memories. Too bad it won't be available to them as they become adults. Katie really deserves the honor of being Newburgh's Slovenian Woman of the Year.

How proud her grandparents Tony and Anna Pelko would be of Katie, just as her family is, including her aunts and uncles and cousins.

The rentals of the Hall are very good. They include weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties, dances, after proms, etc. These revenues really are a tremendous help.

This January sadness again struck our home. Josephine (Vercek) Sever passed away after a long illness. Josephine (Sophie) was a very staunch supporter of the Nash. She and her sister Eleanor and cousin Hattie were known as the "Birdie" ladies, as they made the best Birdies (Slovenian: Ptičke) around. These were made for picnics, bowling tournaments, parties, bake sales - they were everywhere.

Mrs. Sever (I always called her that) working in the kitchen at the Nash catering many, many functions. She never could say NO and she never tired. And after working in the kitchen, you would always see her having a dance or two. Mrs. Sever was a former member of the board of directors, along with her husband Frank and their daughters Sienna and Lois. All of the Sever family were on the board at one time or another.

We know that Mrs. Sever is up in the beyond reunited with her friends and loved ones, organizing something,

and looking down on us and praying for us. Hvala lepa, Sophie.

Also in January tragedy struck the Nash itself. During the cold blizzard of January 4, 1999, a pipe burst in the main hall and caused much water damage to the main hall floor and to the downstairs bowling alleys. Bids are out now and we're waiting for the final evaluation from the insurance company. It is a great problem - what a way to start off the new year!

Our next FISH FRY will be March 26, next Friday, in the clubroom. Music will be by Wayne Tomsic. Serving will be from 5:30 to 8:00. Wall-eye or Shrimp or Pierogies. The donation is \$7.00. For reservations, call 341-6136.

Following events are:

- POLKA BASH
Sunday, May 2
- Mother's Day Breakfast
Sunday, May 9
- Slovenian Woman
of the Year
Sunday, May 23
- Rummage Sale,
July 6, 7 and 8
- Night at the Races
September 11
- Clambake
Sunday, October 24
- Eightieth on E. 80th
November 5, 6 and 7

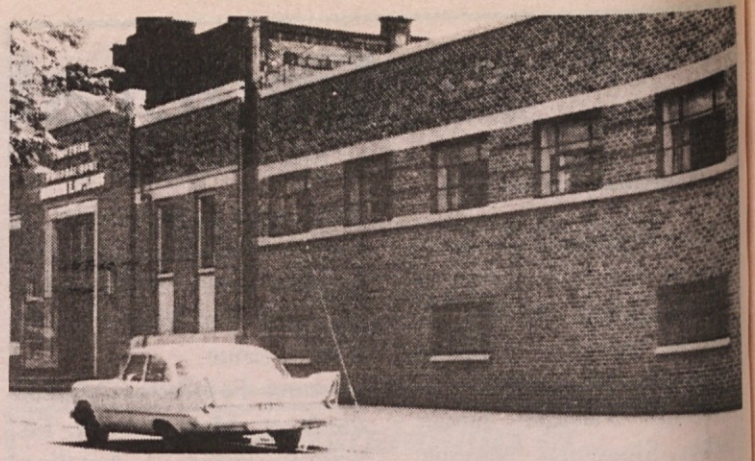
We have many other events throughout the year; keep watching the American Home and listening to Tony Petkovsek.

See you on Sunday, March 21, at the Federation of Slovenian National Homes annual banquet honoring the Federation's Slovenian Man of the Year Joseph F. Petric, Jr. and the Slovenian Woman of the Year Patricia Ipavec Clarke. Two very deserving people. Also the honorees from all of the halls, who are very important to their respective institutions. Congratulations to each and every one of them!

The Slovenian Home is your Home away from home. When was your last visit Home?

Na svidenje,

Anna Mae Mannion



Designs of Plečnik resurface in Slov.

by Michael Z. Wise
Progressive Architecture
March, 1994

The late Slovenian architect who inspired Post-Modernists a decade ago emerges as a symbol for his newly independent homeland.

Nearly half a century after Yugoslav Communists shelved architect Jože Plečnik's plan for a cone-shaped Slovene parliament, the bizarre design has been resurrected - on paper, at least. The image of his monumental building now adorns Slovenian postage stamps and appears in section on banknotes issued by the tiny country that broke with the rest of Yugoslavia in 1991.

Meanwhile, when Slovenian diplomats moved into a new consulate in midtown Manhattan this past September, they sought a distinctive way of decorating the reception area. Two Plečnik-designed lamp-posts taken from one of his newly restored bridges in the Slovene capital of Ljubljana provided the solution.

The symbolic attention being accorded Plečnik in the two-year-old independent state represents a rare convergence of culture and politics; a posthumous triumph for an eccentric figure who sought to use the beauty and grandeur of architecture to instill in his countrymen a sense of their own dignity.

The Slovenes' rediscovery of Plečnik follows a series of exhibitions of his work that have traveled through Western Europe and the United States over the last decade. A student of the Viennese *fin-de-siècle* master Otto Wagner, Plečnik emerged to forge his own idiom based on deep knowledge of the classical past.

The architect's model of the parliament, dubbed by Plečnik a "Cathedral of Freedom," has become the centerpiece of the new Architectural Museum of Slovenia in Ljubljana. "The rediscovery of his plans for a Slovene parliament became a symbol for a common Slovene home," said Culture Minister Serglj Pelhan in an interview.

Several of Plečnik's buildings in Ljubljana have recently been restored, including the Three Bridges at the heart of the city and Zale, the complex of 14 funeral chapels built

alongside the main cemetery and entered through a propyleum recalling Palladio.

Mayor Jože Strgar says the city plans to construct a covered bridge over the Ljubljanica River according to Plečnik's designs, next year.

In 1947 Plečnik designed the parliament building to house the National Assembly of Slovenia, then part of Communist Yugoslavia.

The design found some admirers, but according to the current vice president of the Slovene National Assembly, Lev Kreft, such a grandiose structure would have alarmed federalist leader Marshal Tito, and the Slovene leadership shrank from following through. A more humble building in white and green marble, with bronze sculptures of workers and socialist realist murals, was built in 1956.

Plečnik died in 1957 after lamenting that he was "fading into the dusk," replaced by a new generation of Modernists who admired the prevailing international style.

"They wanted to hide his example," Peter Krečič, director of the architectural museum, said of the Communist authorities. "But young people were curious about his work. Because he was rejected he became even more of a legend."

When independence was achieved after a 10-day battle against Yugoslav federal forces, an unofficial congress of emigré Slovenes met in June, 1991 and urged that the moment had arrived for the parliament building to be realized.

"The idea still lives," said Krečič. But Slovenian officials give little sign that it will become a reality amid current budgetary restraints.

Culture Minister Pelhan said the existing parliament suits Slovenia's needs at the present. "Our primary concern is that Plečnik's buildings be preserved as part of our heritage," he said. Krečič suggests that perhaps it does not really matter whether the cone-topped parliament ever looms over Ljubljana. "We should not turn it in to a Tower of Babel with all of its ambitions and pain," he said.

Thanks to Paul Lavrishko, formerly of WKTU for submitting this interesting article.

CULTURE

A Way of Life at Slovenian Homes



The Singing Society Jadran is a long valued member of the cultural family at the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road.



BUTTON BOXERS like the ones from Lorain (left) and Fairport (bottom left) are regular performers at area Slovenian Homes. The Lorain Slovenian Accordionists Assn. holds an annual jam session each spring, in addition to appearing throughout western Ohio and eastern Pennsylvania. The Fairport Ensemble, formerly known as the Fairport Button Box Players, recently cut its first album and performs at the Fairport American-Slovenian Club every other Thursday. It also appears each Wednesday at the Swiss Haus in Madison. Other Slovenian Home button box groups include the Holmes Avenue Buttonaires from Collinwood; the Maple Heights Button Box Club; the West Park Button Box Players; and the newly-formed Euclid Slovenian Society Home Button Box Players. Pay the Homes a visit soon and enjoy the music of the button boxers.



At the Slovenian Society Home, Cecelia Valencic Dolgan, one of the most popular Slovenian-American singers, is a regular guest with her SNPJ Circle 2 Youth Choir. The group recently performed in Florida and hold its annual concert at the Euclid Home. Cecelia is pictured performing at a benefit for the Slovene Home for the Aged.

In Memory of
Senator Frank J. Lausche



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