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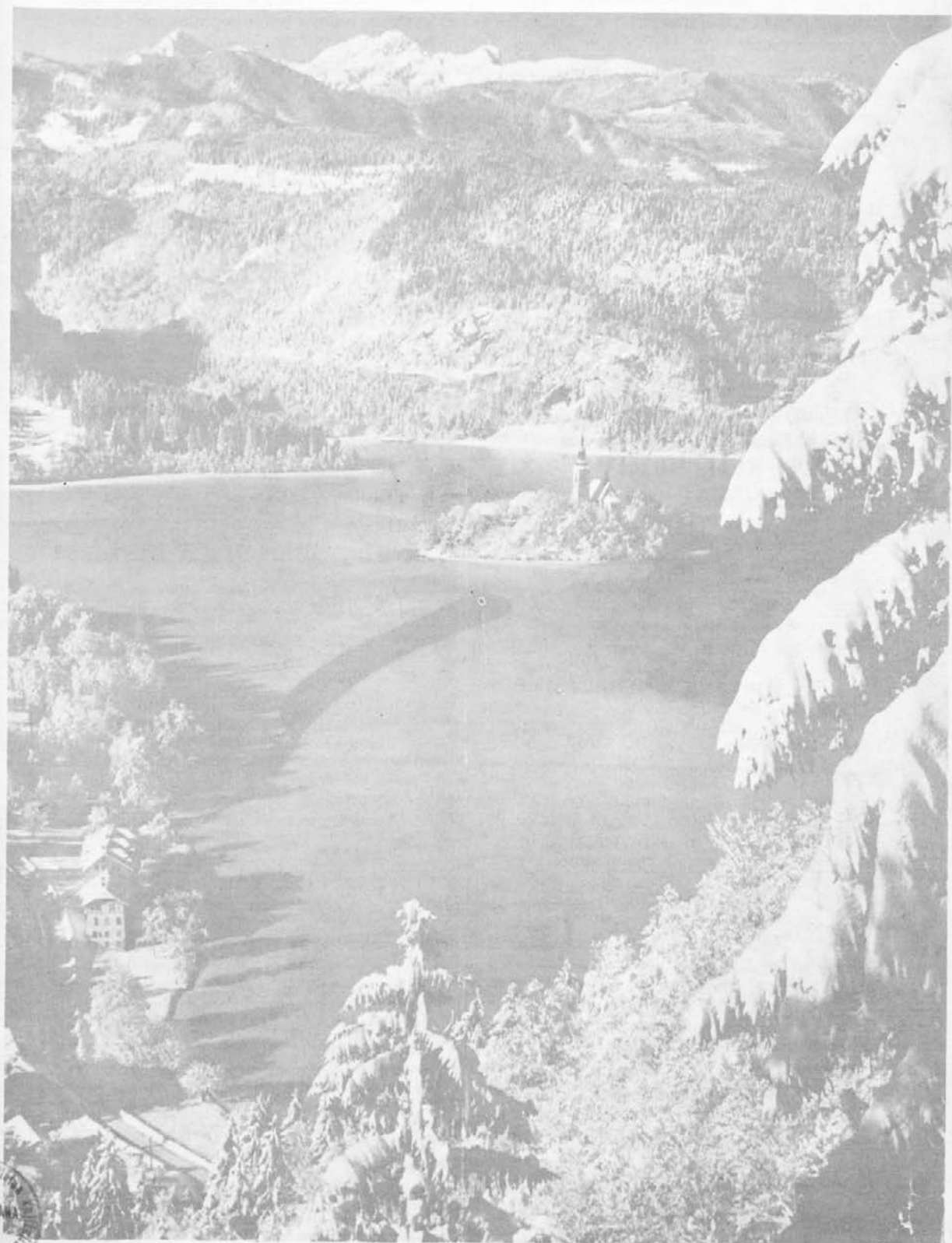


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY

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Jan. 18 — Mitzi Swaggard, Br. 6, Barberton, Ohio
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A NEW YEAR — A NEW DECADE

by Fr. David Stalzer

Assistant Pastor, St. John the Baptist Church,
Winfield, Illinois

It was New Year's Day, 1863, a bright sunny day. Washington, D.C. was full of activity as diplomats from far and wide came to attend a reception and to view the signing of an important document in U.S. history.

As the group gathered around the desk of the President, he told them that, "I never in my life, felt more certain that I was doing right, than I do in signing this paper." Slowly and seriously he read again the lines of the famous document. With special emphasis he repeated these words:

"... all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, henceforth, and forever free..."

He took a firmer grasp of the pen and with body and soul signed his name — "Abraham Lincoln".

President Lincoln had signed the famous "Emancipation Proclamation", the statement that all people of America were free regardless of race or color. This was the official end to all slavery! All people are now free!

As we begin a new year and a new decade — the 80's, let us sign our own "Emancipation Proclamation". As Christians we have been freed from all sin and evil. St. Paul tells us that we are slaves no longer because we are in Christ. The Spirit of God living within us! We need to show through our daily living that no one nor anything holds us in chains and bondage. For some it maybe the chains of unkindnesses, gossip, jealousy, greed, slander, laziness or pride. We must work to break these chains of evil and sin and live in the freedom that God has so willed for us.

Christ Jesus through his life, death and resurrection has signed with his own blood our personal "Emancipation Proclamation"; therefore let us be slaves no longer.

President's Message

The beginning of a New Year is always filled with hope and the need to start a clean slate with new ideas and suggestions. Look to your members and officers for suggestions; then get rid of the winter doldrums.

A vote of thanks to the outgoing officers who have worked diligently with their branches. I am sure you will continue to offer your assistance and experience when needed. To the new officers, I extend my best wishes for a successful term, filled with co-operation from your branch members. A few weeks ago, I visited the National Office with questions regarding the present campaign and was encouraged to learn that it is going pretty well. But that should not be enough. Our members before us, who founded this great organization, had many trying times and yet gave their best efforts to enlarge the membership. We still have a great number of ladies working unselfishly. There is a need to be endowed with some of the great zeal of Marie Priland, Bara Kramer, Kate Triller and Albina Novak, to cite a few. Let's try to emulate them. We have much potential all around us. I am proud of you who have enrolled new members so far.

Next month is February, the month of St. Valentine. A party to celebrate is always welcome. Invite your friends, so they may see first-hand how much you get out of the S.W.U. It cannot hurt to try, remember: "Nothing ventured, nothing gained".



The S.W.U. Bowling Tournament will be held in Joliet at the Rivals Lanes on March 1 and 2nd. Why not try to get a team from our local branches? It is not too late. Another good idea: Why not a mother-daughter team? Or a sister team? It is a fine way to get together for recreation and fun all year round.

Branch 38 in Chisholm is celebrating their Golden Anniversary. I extend my heartiest congratulations for continued success. They must be doing something right to be together for such a long time.

To all members who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month, my best wishes. For our ailing members our hope is for better health. I am sure you all join me in a prayer for our deceased members, with the hope God will give them eternal peace. May God walk with you.

Mary Muller



SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION OF AMERICA

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES & BENEFITS

AGE	MONTHLY DUES	DEATH BENEFIT
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A Junior member may transfer to the Adult Department and acquire the rights of an adult member when she attains the age of 14 years. She will not be obligated to pay any assessment for two (2) years after her transfer if she has been a member in good standing since birth, or for one (1) year if she has been a member in good standing for at least ten (10) years.

GOLDEN AURORA

Our lodge celebration of the Golden Anniversary was on Sunday, Oct. 21, 1979. It was a beautiful Sunday and Mass sung by our Slovenian Choir was just so great. The church was filled with well-wishers praying for all our members, living and deceased. Father John Dolsina had beautiful words about our women and the society.

The church dining hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and centerpieces of gold, commemorating our 50th year. The complete turkey dinner with all the trimmings was just out of this world.

The speeches, too, were most interesting and to the point. Our president, Anna Rose Smolich, gave an interesting history of our lodge. Our two charter members, Mrs. Eli (Mary) Smolich and Mrs. John (Pauline) Plevell gave short talks. Mrs. Smolich spoke of all the problems she remembered them having at the start of the lodge, beginning with just a few members. Later, more ladies joined. Our Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ralph (Ann) Hodnik gave an interesting talk on how it all began. She recalled how Mrs. Marie Prislant gave them advice and counsel. There were 50 years of hard work.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Henry (Katherine) Hanka read several letters from members who could not be with us that day. All wished us the best of luck.

Fritz Mishmash entertained us with beautiful selections on his button box accordian.

Our ladies, dressed in beautiful national Slovenian costumes sang several Slovenian songs, accompanied by Anna Rose Smolich.

Slides from Slovenia were shown and Father Dolsina commented on the pictures.

Barbara Rosandich, National Auditor, presented our



Mrs. Eli Smolich (Mary), Mrs. John Rosandich (Barbara) and Mrs. John Plevell (Pauline) each receiving a gift from the SWU and Branch 35 at the recent anniversary celebration.

charter members with gifts from the organization; each received a beautiful wallet-purse and card from the SWU. Our president presented each with a gold chain with charm engraved 50 years from our lodge, No. 35.

Present at our guest table were several members 80 years of age and over, also, Angie Karish, past Minnesota Regional President.

Door prizes were won by Mrs. Marcella Servatka and Mrs. Rose Putzel of Ely. Members from Ely and Biwabik came to help us celebrate. Thanks to them.

Members of Mrs. Smolich's and Mrs. Plevell's families came to help them celebrate this great day, a day none of us will ever forget. God bless them all.

KATHERINE HANKA

"Oh, Ta Svet" must continue!

Reading Zarja, with page after page of tributes to mother, makes us glow with pride to know that she tried to and succeeded in touching all of us by passing on the great resolve she lived for.

We thank you for every comment in prose and poetry and the summary tribute by one of the Branches which said she "devoted her entire life to the Slovenian woman". And the touching thought of knowing that mother's picture was displayed with lighted candles in her memory.

What better final note than "Gor Čez Jezero" so beautifully sung by Ann Fandak at the graveside.

We know that mother aligned herself with a great race of women and we thank all of you for the many letters received with all your sympathies. We also express our gratitude in knowing that your demonstrations prove that all her efforts will continue to bear fruit.

Marie Prisland children:

Margaret
Hermine
Ted



The beautiful upper midwest as seen from the air was a sight enjoyed by travelers from Cleveland last May on their way to the Convention in Duluth.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF S.W.U.

Changes adopted at the 18th National Convention held at Duluth, Minnesota, May 20-23, 1979.

9.02 An assessment will be paid on or prior to the first day of the month covered by the payment. The regular monthly assessments are as follows:

- a) Adult Dept. Class A: \$.80
- b) Adult Dept. Class B: \$1.05
- c) Adult Dept. Class A over 75 years of age: \$.45
- d) Adult Dept. Class B over 75 years of age: \$.60
- e) Associate Dept. Class A: \$.80
- f) Associate Dept. Class B: \$1.05
- g) Junior Dept.: \$.20
- h) Social Dept.: \$.65

3.03 Change to **21st birthday** as limit for junior membership. Delete second sentence from pp. 3.03 to read: Juniors: **Children and young adults of either sex up to age 18.**

4.09 First sentence change: **Any Adult Dept. member is eligible to be a delegate or alternate to the National Convention if she is at least 18 years of age, a United States citizen, of the Catholic faith and a member in good standing.** Fourth sentence change: **To be elected as a delegate or alternate, an individual member must receive a majority of the votes cast during her branch's delegate and alternate elections.**

7.01 Fifth sentence change: **Auditors will be eligible to serve one term in each of the offices as 3rd, 2nd or 1st Auditor. No more than two terms will be served by any other elected officer except National Secretary, National Editor and Scholarship Committee Chairman.**

13.01 First sentence change: **An annual meeting must be held by each branch in the month of October or November or December for the purpose of electing branch officers.**

The above reprint of the new By-laws is intended for those who wish to clip it out for the By-law book which has extra sheets for this purpose.

Best wishes for the New Year



Good luck, good health, and happiness in the new year of 1980 to Corinne, our Editor, to all the National Officers, and Officers and Members of each branch across the country!

Beginning with this new year, it is a perfect time to really give our officers full support with the new plans to be carried out throughout the year, hoping that new ideas have been suggested and will be tried.

A suggestion for something to do at monthly meetings to attract new members could be craft demonstrations, cooking and sewing. Many of our women are so gifted in these lines that it would be good to teach the younger generations. You know, it is hard to make strudels, poticas and flancate if you have never seen them made. Invite a guest to those demonstrations and they may become welcomed new members.

ALBINA UEHLEIN
Womens' Activity Director

COMBINED BRANCHES OF OHIO

Our last meeting of the year 1979 was held at our regular meeting place. Absent was Mary Bostian who is not feeling up to par. Glad to see Frances Sietz back and Ann Markovich who were both ill. Albina Uehlein, National Women's Activities Director has attended our last two meetings; missed her this time, however. Also, thanks to National Auditor, Irene Jagodnik for attending.

Branches present were 10,14,21,25,32,42,47 and 50. We dispensed with regular reports of the branches due to election of officers and other important subjects.

Frances Sietz gave a very good report on the Cotillion Ball that dealt with their plans for the near future and the financial report. The Cotillion Ball has donated \$500 to
Please turn

the Scholarship Fund and will donate \$500 to the Old Age Home on Neff Road. They believe in charity and we are all very happy.

Due to many functions that go on every month in Cleveland and Euclid, we have also postponed our State Convention and will try to have it in early spring.

We proceeded on with the election of officers for 1980. The officers stayed the same, president, Sophie Magayna, No. 10, vice-president, Vera Bajec, No. 14, financial secretary and treasurer, Stella Dancull, No. 21, recording secretary, Josephine Comenshek, No. 32, Auditors, Ann Tercek No. 50 and Mary Lou Prhne No. 42.

I would like to thank all the officers for the past year, for all work and efforts. Hope we can all work together for 1980. Thanks to all the branches for attending the meetings - we learned a lot from one another. Thanks to all the ladies for the goodies for our Christmas Dinner which we all enjoyed. A Happy and Blessed New Year to all.

SOPHIE MAGAYNA
Regional President

Thanks, Br. 32!



A donation of \$25 was sent to the ZARJA Publisher's Fund from Euclid, Ohio Br. 32. Our hearty thanks and wishes for the best New Year! EDITOR

SLOVENIAN HERITAGE DAY

On Sunday, June 22, 1980, The Slovenian Women's Union of America under the direction of Joliet Branch No. 20 will hold the third Midwest Slovenian Heritage Day at St. Joseph Park in Joliet, Illinois.

The past two Heritage Days have been great successes because of the hard work and unified efforts of our members and friends. We are hoping that this year will be no exception. We need your cooperation and good will.

If you have something to offer and share with hundreds of other people who desire to preserve our Slovenian Heritage, why not come forward. Maybe it's an exhibit, articles of hand-craft, memorabilia of your local branch or community. Do you play an accordion or button box? Then why not come and entertain us with your melodious sounds. We need you.

Whatever you decide upon, be sure to decide to come to Heritage Day 1980. Why not get a group together and come to Joliet for the weekend.

We promise you a very entertaining, educational, and enjoyable weekend.

Help support and preserve our Slovenian Heritage by coming to Joliet on Sunday, June 22, 1980.

For more information contact: General Chairman, Fr. David Stalzer, OS 233 Church Street, Winfield, Illinois 60190. Phone 312 — 668-0918.

ACTIVITIES

NO. 1, SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

Plans were made at our November meeting for the Christmas dinner-meeting to be held at Johnnys Supper Club and we hoped there would be a good number present.

It was decided on various matters brought up, to be held for discussion at the annual meeting.

The meeting was then closed with a prayer which included for all the sick members and those departed from us.

Our two hostesses Ruth Sheck and Anne Modiz, served dessert and coffee, which we all enjoyed and expressed our thanks to them.

We extended our congratulations to our treasurer Dorothy Brezonik and to her husband John on their 30th wedding anniversary and wishing them good health and God's Blessings!

January meeting will be dispensed.

A very Happy and Blessed New Year is our wish to each and everyone.

MARGARET FISCHER
Reporter

NO. 2, CHICAGO, IL.

January, the first month of the New Year and we, the officers, wish

you a healthy and blessed year.

Our Penny Social in November was well-attended with members and friends from the suburbs as well as our regulars. Cakes were donated along with some of the prizes. A sincere thank you from all.

The children's Christmas Party was well planned by the appointed committee. A skit was played by the girls from Nazareth Academy with a sing-a-long. A special visit from "Felix, the Clown" who entertained the children throughout the afternoon was especially entertaining. Felix is a police officer from the 10th District and with the permission of the Commander and his supervisors, volunteered to come to perform his acts. The children and adults all had a great time with Santa Claus making his grand entrance into the hall to distribute the gifts to the youngsters. Compliments were received on the decorating and seating arrangements along with praise for all the entertainment, food and gifts. "Thank you", to the committee headed by our Secretary, Jean Zubeck for a job well done. A special thank-you also to Ray Nusko and his son, David for helping with the lights and ceiling decorations, the reindeer and sleigh.

Now for a few words of praise for

our sunshine ladies. Ann Mladic, who was in charge of the Penny Social and did a fine job there, too, has been mailing out the birthday cards to members throughout the year. What a beautiful "day brightener" it is to receive a card from Anne. Frances Zibert, our second Sunshine Lady, has been sending cards to the sick members and visiting them in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes bringing little gifts and her sunny smile to wish them a speedy recovery. Our thanks to them. Let us know of a member who is ill, so a little cheer can be sent her way.

Remember our sister, Jennie Merlak, in your prayers. She, along with our other departed sisters, should remain in our thoughts and prayers.

January is the birthday month for many members. Our sincere wishes to you all. Hope to see you January 10th.

ANN SCIESZKA

NO. 10, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Hello, ladies! I'm back on the list again, never thought that I'd get so many calls because there haven't been any articles in ZARJA for a couple of months. Anyway, to bring

A letter from our Home Office

The new year is an occasion to look back and review our organization's highlights of the past year. Among these are the golden anniversaries celebrated by many branches. A superb event was our tri-ennial convention in Duluth, which was an occasion for renewing acquaintances, making new friends and setting up new goals to help our growth.

Growth involves the branch officers and very specially the secretaries. To all our hard-working members we are most grateful for our organization's survival. Growth also involves membership for which a campaign, the 3 Ms, is happily on its way. To make it truly successful at least one new member from every branch would be a good sign of growth.

Growth involves our finances for which a most unpopular decision was made at the convention. As your personal living expenses have gone up, so have the "living expenses" of your organization. Your understanding and patience in the matter of dues is necessary for our financial stability.

Sadness has touched our Zveza by the death of our spiritual director Rev. Claude Okorn and our foundress and past national president Marie Priland. Both will be truly missed for their inspiration, encouragement and vision.

Now, we close the 70s and enter a new decade. Our late foundress always planned Zveza's growth. In her memory let us carry on her work and continue the preservation of our ethnic heritage. Be a part of Zveza's growth in the 80s!

*Olga Ancel, National Secretary
Mary Marolt, National Treasurer*

you up to date, don't forget the raise in your dues payments, everybody pays 25 cents more a month, for 1980. That's not a very nice way for me to greet you in 1980, but that's the way it goes!

To all the ladies who attended our wonderful Bazaar, thank you. You were all swell. The ladies who so generously donated all those home made articles, thank you. And, also to all the ladies who donated all those nice baked goods. You know, our President, Ann Markovich was the big strudel maker. She showed us how to make it, and it turned out very well. We are quite proud of her. Mrs. Komidar entered the Hat Contest, but she did not wear the hat - it was a prize winner, anyway. The big winner in the Hat Contest was our Louise Fabec. Congratulations, Lojzka! The other winner was Millie Lipnos of Br. 42. The whole Bazaar was a big success, we will have to do it again.

Our meeting in November was well-attended, after our regular order of business we had election of officers and for 1980 the officers will remain the same. President is Ann Markovich, vice-president, Frances Zagar, secretary-treasurer, Sophie Magayna, recording secretary, Rezka Terraccioli, auditors Mary Kokal and Frances Zagar.

At the start of the year we extend thanks to all who attended the funerals in the past year, and speaking of funerals, we lost member

Maria Paynich who resided at the Old Age Home. We felt really bad about Marie; there was no funeral or anything, she was just laid to rest. There will be a Mass for Marie from all of us. Hope she rests in peace. We will all remember her in our prayers.

On the sick list we have Marie Benevol who is at Charity Hospital. We are wishing her a speedy recovery and hope good health returns to her quickly. In the same hospital is Eugene March, her son-in-law, a wonderful person. We wish him the best, too.

The holidays are all around us, and the white stuff is coming, too. Hope you all stay healthy and take good care of yourselves. Wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year 1980. With lots of love to you all.

SOPHIE MAGAYNA

NO. 12, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Thanks to the goodness of Jo Wilhelm, I was able to be present at our November meeting as I am still recuperating and am unable to drive.

When I walked into the hall it was great to get such a big reception, and I was grateful for the chance to personally thank everyone for the prayers, good wishes and flowers that kept coming to wish me well. It all helped a lot and once again it proves that it pays to have friends and our Slovenian lodge on your side.

All officers were present this time and reports were all well received. The upcoming spring card party was discussed with April being the favored month. Watch for our future announcements and in the meantime, if you have anything for a prize, either door or table, remember, save it for us.

The Christmas luncheon was also discussed and it promised to be a very good affair. As usual, the same folks seem to come up with their help and suggestions.

The Ethnic Village opening in December at the Museum was also discussed with several having received their invitations for the formal private opening before the public weekend opening. It's really a worthwhile sight and we do have a Slovenian house there for all to see!

Our Nursing Home members, too, will be remembered with visits and treats. Mrs. Plesko will bake a strudel and Sophie Stampfel will make a potica cake, so that the members get a taste of their homeland festival foods. Evelyn Laurich also volunteered to fix candy bags and we will be purchasing some fruit for each one. Hope I can drive to do the chauffeuring and visiting along with Frances Plesko and Sophie and anyone else who wants to go along to make their Christmas a little more pleasant.

The chicken from No. 43's card party was won by Mrs. Udovich for her Thanksgiving as well as other

prizes donated by members. The tables were all beautiful as reminders of the holiday, done by Jo Wilhelm and our luncheon was certainly one to be "thankful for", most of it donated by the birthday girls, Mary Starich, Theresa Sukys and Frances Plesko.

Prayers were said for Rose Alpner, Angeline Fon who passed away. Our sympathy to their families. God rest their souls.

Thanks to Father Jerome for making coffee for the ladies who attended the Mass for all living and departed members on the last Sunday in October. That was a very welcome treat and appreciated by all.

Remember, your dues all go up 25 cents a month beginning January, 1980. That means for all members! Juniors are only accepted until their 18th birthday and afterward they can transfer to the adult. We need these Juniors and more!

Try to get someone to join us as our oldsters are really reducing the membership.

Happy Holidays to all!

MARY DEZMAN

NO. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Branch 13 was honored with a visit from Supreme President Mary "Mayme" Muller. It was the first visit from any Supreme Officer in many years. Mayme Muller charmed all the ladies with her wonderful personality. A lovely corsage was presented by President, Jo Aiuto. The ladies prepared a lovely luncheon with potica and all the trimmings. With lunch over, community singing was enjoyed by all. It was a day that will live in the memories of our ladies for a long time to come. Come back again, Mayme, our welcome mat is always out for you. Thanks, too, to all the ladies who worked to make this day a real success. I regret I was not able to attend due to a previous appointment but the reports I received were indeed a compliment, to our fine Supreme President.

Once again we announce the death of one of our old time members, Margaret Krsak. In my youth this lovely lady came to the Slovenian Hall despite her busy days, and always talked about our Heritage so lovingly that it instilled a great pride in me. Margaret worked in City Government for years and introduced many an aspiring politician on our Hill. Her life was dedicated to the improvement of all Slavs, and this is why She will long be remembered. Sleep, Lovely Lady, you have well deserved your place in HEAVEN.

Financial Secretary, Michelle Seril, daughter to President Jo Aiuto was married at the Church of the Nativity to Dennis Twers. It was one of the loveliest weddings it has been my pleasure to attend. The happiness we all felt for this lovely couple could be felt by all. Michele looked like a little dresden doll in her ecru chiffon dress with matching head piece, of course her size 3 figure complimented her dress to the fullest. Denny being 6 ft. tall just added to the smallness of Michele. Mamma Jo Aiuto looked like a bride herself in lovely pale pink. The church was so lovely in all white flowers and the Seven Hills where we all enjoyed a sit-down dinner was decorated in autumn mums. Altho it rained a little on her wedding day, it did not dampen the joy that reigned supreme for Denny and Michele. Happiness and a good life to two dear people. It is said when it rains on a bride it is the tears she will never shed. This is our wish for you, dear Michele.

Happy New Year to all from Branch 13, Hope Santa filled your stockings with all the good things you could wish for.

FRAN E. CHIDO

NO 16, SOUTH CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November was the month for election of new officers. We will greet 1980 with the same roster as all the officers were unanimously re-elected. Congratulations on a fine job in the past and good luck in the future.

A note of thanks was read from Father Leonard Bogolin for our gift in honor of his 45th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

President Marge Prebil led the members in a memorial prayer for Frances Kaczmarczyk. A thank you note was received from her family in appreciation of our participation at the funeral and a donation was given in her memory to be used for the children's Christmas party.

Welcome to new members Elsie Grunhard and Betty Nattarelli who were present at our November meeting and to juvenile member, Erin Whalen.

The members voted in favor of changing our games party from March to September.

At the social following the meeting "Happy Birthday" was sung to Jean Franko, Emma Kralj and Tina Martin. Birthday greetings were also sent to Katie Triller who celebrated her 91st birthday and to Zora Yurkas who was recently hospitalized. Our wish for a speedy recovery is sent to Michael Karl who is recovering from injuries suffered in an accident.

There will be no meeting in January. See you all on February 14, 1980.

MARGE SPRETNJAK,
Reporter

NO. 20, JOLIET, ILL.

At the January 20th meeting, officers will be installed, refreshments and "B" to follow. Members who pay the 1980 dues by March 1st will be eligible for winning a year's free dues. So, hurry up, you may be the lucky one!

A \$10.00 gift was presented to the Trinity School Day Care Center for the mentally retarded children. Marie Malnerick asked that members bring old jewelry for the school as students create bejeweled items for re-sale.

Christmas Party Thank You's to: Anne Fandak for leading us in caroling, Mary Lee Planinsek, Santa Claus, Diane Hrubos and Jackie Farkus, Angels organizing Junior Party, Theresa Schmidberger and Mrs. Klainsek making Santa's surprise gifts (Santa Lapels for the Juniors and Potholders for the Adults) and thanks to all bakers of delicious goodies and those who assisted.

Our sincere sympathies to Dolores Zbacnik on the death of her husband, Ludwig. May he rest in peace.

Officers and members met at St. Joseph Church on Dec. 16th for a special commemorative mass offered for our Union on the 53rd anniversary and our late Founder, Marie Priland.

The Heritage Day Committee reported the event will take place next June and commence with a 4 pm Mass at St. Joseph Church. Entertainment will be centered at the Park with exhibits and demonstrations. Tickets of \$5 will be given to members to help pay the expenses.

Thanks to Margaret Stalzer who treated all of us with delicious pumpkin squares. The Halloween Party at the home of Agnes Lovati was a success. Judy and Kathy Lovati organized games and later lunch was served. The party was attended by 14 juniors and many mothers.

Members running for Parish Council of St. Joseph Church include Marge Gasperich, Mary Mihelich, Marie Malnarich, Jonita Ruth and Mary Lou Golf. Good luck to all.

ZARJA—THE DAWN

Sincere congratulations to Kate and Steve Kness on their 50th wedding anniversary. Also, to Frank and Bernice Suski on their 40th. The Suskis are managers of the American Slovenian Home for over 20 years and take care of all entertainments there. Both couples were married by Msgr. M.J. Butala.

Hope that Helen Pluth and Louise Dobezyk and our sentinel Theresa Muhich as well as our pastor, Rev. Trpin have completely recovered from their illnesses.

A blessed, happy and healthy New Year to all. Make a promise to attend at least 6 meetings in the new year. God bless you all.

JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC

NO. 23, ELY, MN.

The November meeting of the SWU was held on Nov. 6 in the Parish Hall. First order of business was the election of officers for 1980. The following officers were elected:

President: Margie Preshiren, Vice - Pres: Rose Pucel, Recording Sec: Angela Mobilia, Financial Sec: Barbara Rosandich, Auditors: Mary Starkovich, Mary Zgonc and Mary Deyak, Reporter: Darlene Nemanich.

A special thanks to Rose Pucel, Mary Folio and Theresa Koschak, outgoing officers, for a job well done.

THANK YOU, MOLLY ZUPANCICH! Molly has been reciting the rosary (as leader) at wake services of our deceased members for many years and her dedication should not go unnoticed.

Our sincere sympathy to the families of Agnes Skraba, Angela Champa (recent deceased members) and to member, Mary Folio, who lost her husband.


The Zveza and Dawn Club held a Joint Christmas Party on Dec. 11 at the Parish Hall. The banquet was catered by Kentucky Fried Chicken. After the social hour and lovely meal, the group joined together in the singing of Christmas carols. During the singing a secret visitor arrived, SANTA CLAUS. A surprise to all. (Note: The Zveza and Dawn Clubs each donated \$ 25.00 so that each member got a little surprise from the jolly old man).

A short meeting of the Dawn Club was held to select new officers for 1980. All the present officers were re-elected for another year. They are: Pres; Angela Mobilia, Vice-Pres; Jan Erchul, Treas. Sally Davidson. Sec. Julia Zgonc, Auditors: Molly Marolt and Emma Pucel, Sunshine Lady: Mary Starkovich.

JANUARY 1980

Best Wishes for the New Year

from the National Officers



Antonia
 Mary Muller
 Anna Pachak
 Mary Tomsic
 Anne M. Kompare
 Olga Quel
 Anna Mrazek
 Tjka Magajna
 Fr. Charles P. Zorba
 Blagoslovljeno Novo leto!
 Daria Buzarja
 Marion W. Marold
 Irene S. Jagodnik
 Frances Simionich
 Nikola Babovic
 Victoria Botec
 Rose Leoff
 Corinne Ledoran
 F. Charles P. Zorba
 Nemice Duke
 Aldene Hadler
 Anna L. Horvath
 Nico
 Lucille Smith
 Anita Ruth

and ZARJA printing staff

SPECIAL PROJECT: In August of 1980, the City of Ely has been selected by the National American Legion to host the National Baseball Tournament. This is a great honor for our city and its people. As part of the week's celebration, there will be a large parade. Our union voted unanimously to participate in the parade with our own Slovenian Float. This project should be fun for all our members plus we will be sharing our Slovenian Heritage with others.

We hope that all of you have had a Merry Christmas and will have a joyous and blessed New Year.

Reporter

DARLENE NEMANICH

NO. 24, LA SALLE, IL.

Best Wishes for the New Year to all. May 1980 be good to all of us.

We had a very enjoyable Christmas party following a short business meeting in December. Everyone brought goodies to pass and everything was delicious. The surplus was sold and a nice sum was realized for our treasury.

Fannie Kobilek had been hospitalized but is feeling better now and was able to attend our meeting.

Justine Anglavar had surgery after Thanksgiving. We wish her a speedy recovery; she was missed at our Christmas party. We remember you in our prayers at each meeting.

Our sympathy to Anne Serri and Josephine Spayer. Their mother Mrs. Mary Miklavcic passed away recently and to Theresa Knafelc whose daughter, Lorraine Momeny of Hinsdale passed away after a long illness. May God grant their souls eternal rest!

We will elect our new officers at our January meeting. Once again please try to attend our meetings. We meet on the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the La Salle Catholic School Library. We have a very nice group of ladies who attend regularly and I find myself looking forward to each meeting.

ANNE MARIE WANGLER

NO. 26, PITTSBURGH, PA.

A "Hello" to all our sick, aged and shut-ins. We the officers, would like to wish all our members throughout the U.S.A., a Happy, Healthful and Prosperous New Year.

Our monthly meetings since

September have brought in an attendance of between 40 to 50 members which is great! Keep up the good work, ladies! As in previous years, there will be no business meetings during the months of January and February. Our first meeting of the year 1980 will be on the 3rd Tuesday of March.

To the family of our Founder, Marie Prislund, we would like to extend our sympathy. She will be remembered in our prayers. Our condolences to members, Angeline Veselic and Josephine Jergel on the death of their husbands, Nick and John. May all their souls rest in peace.

Election of officers took place at the November meeting. The same officers were asked to stay in office and voted in by the majority of members. They all accepted. The officers wish to thank all of you for such confidence in a "body of women".

The Christmas Party was held Dec. 18th and a hot dinner was served. Delicious baked goods were donated by December birthday girls and also other members. An enjoyable evening was this affair.

May God bless all of you and don't forget that we'll see you in March. Bring a new member with you.

HELENE CESNIK
Recording Secretary

NO. 32, EUCLID, OHIO

Our meeting in Nov. had a very nice group of ladies. We had a new member present, Maria Rossman. Welcome to our branch. Our president opened the meeting with prayer and she and our sunshine lady reported having sent get well cards to Helen Kovacevich who had surgery, also to Rose Brezec, Christine Vrech, and Mary Drenik also at Euclid General Hospital after a fall and broken hip. We pray that soon they will recover and be well again.

We congratulate George Voinovich for winning as Mayor of Cleveland.

We thank Corinne for the nice pictures in ZARJA for our 50th Anniversary. It was very timely. (You are most welcome. C.)

We also thank the Sudars for printing all the ticket with their compliments. May God bless them.

Wedding Bells! David Vincent DiAmico, son of Mr. & Mrs. Vincent DiAmico married Pamela Ann

Gonas Nov. 24th at St. Williams's church, reception at Rechar Hall. Congratulations to the young couple and parents. May God bless them.

Joseph Eppick, brother of Edward, Alma's husband, passed away. Our condolences to them. May he rest in peace.

The committee came up with new officers for 1980. They are: Pres. Hermine Strainer, Vice-Pres. Ceal Znidar, Sec'y Josephine Comenshek, Treas. Ann Cooke, Rec. Sec'y Phyllis DiAmico and ZARJA Reporter. Auditors, Marilyn Frech and Barb ara Baron. Hostesses no longer can carry on, how about some volunteers?

Our secretary wishes that the members remember the dues for 1980. Some did not see it in ZARJA. Class A used to pay \$7.20 increased to \$10.20 per year. Class A over 75 years used to pay \$3 per year, increased to \$6. Class B used to pay \$10.20 per year increased to \$13.10 a year and Class B over 75, used to pay \$4.80, increased to \$7.80 per year. Social members used to pay \$5 per year and now pay \$8 a year. Juniors up to age 18 only used to pay \$1.20 per year now pay \$2.40 per year. Adult membership has been increased .25 per month all Classes and Juniors are paying .20 more per month. Juniors must transfer to adult classes at age 18 or policy is no longer effective. This increase must be paid as of January, 1, 1980.

Our Christmas party report will be given next month.

In closing, I wish to thank you all and wish you a very happy New Year. This is my last report as we will have a good recording secretary, Phyllis DiAmico. To Corinne, thanks a million for all you did, especially for our 50th Anniversary. May God bless you and stay healthy - if you have your health you have everything! (Thank you, too, Ann. C.)

A. TEKAVEC

NO. 50, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Our November meeting was opened by President Ann Tercek. It was well - attended with 109 members present. Loretta Hlapse was a guest, and later became a member; also Mary Farenik transferred from No. 49.

Had election of officers and they are: President Ann Tercek, Vice President Dorothy Winter, Recording Secretary Ann Winter, Secretary - Treasurer Irene

Jagodnik, Auditors Frances Marold and Marie Dolinar. Sentinel is Ann Kristoff and Reporter Vera Mateyka.

The members re-elected the same slate of officers because they are doing such a fabulous job!

Cadets, please call Ann Tercek or Ann Winter, those of you that can make it, for Installation of Officers at the January meeting.

Meeting will be held same time and same place, and with the New Year now we thank all the members for all their generous donations and for attending the meetings so faithfully last year, and I'm sure we will have a great year again.

Our generous donations will be sent out again to the Slovenian Home for the Aged on Neff Rd., Holy Family Cancer Home, Mary Mavec Home, Hattie Lartham Foundation and Rose Mary Home for Crippled Children and of course, our own Slovenian Women's Union Scholarship fund.

We want to thank our members and members of their families for their generous donations this past year in the sum of \$950.

It was announced at this meeting that the date is all set our Cotillion Deb Ball for April 1981. This is a great event, so start thinking about it you young ladies.

Rose Zuzek's son Joseph recently got married out-of-town; the newly weds came to Cleveland Nov. 24th. for a reception here in their honor.

Sophie Volcensek and husband going to Florida. Sylvia Vegney's granddaughter coming fro Christmas from Las Vegas. Carole Traven now has a second granddaughter; they are Jill and Amy. Lou and Izanec have a new granddaughter, Judy Lyn. Ann Kristoff, Vickie Pianeecki, Mary Petric and brother are celebrating their father's birthday, he was 96 years young Dec. 5th. He is still very active. Happy Birthday.

Congratulations to our members with Wedding Anniversaries: Ann Winter 38 years, Mary Vukcevic 41, Josephine Siewiorek 32, Ruth Kolenc 32, and Kathryn Dush 46.

Sick members - Get Well Toni Turek, Mary Grdina, Mary Champa, Hermine Prevesk, Marie Powell, Mary Pike and Jean Gearcar. Sympathies - to Stella Pajor - husband John passed away; Millie Pike's brother in law John Pike, and Mollie Mauer's brother died. May they rest in peace.

Have A Happy and Safe New Year. Your Reporter,

VERA MATEYKA



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THE IMMIGRANT

Ivanka from Hotedršica

Part I

Seventy-five years ago sounds like such a long time, but when I look back on my life, it seems to have flown by so quickly — too quickly. I can hardly believe that I am now a “stara mama” (grandmother), because youthful days in my homeland of beautiful rolling hills and forests are just as vivid to me now as when they happened years ago.

Hotedršica, located near the large Slovenian cities of Ljubljana, Postojna, and Skofja Loka, was populated with about 3,000 people, mostly farmers, although there were some wood carvers that made fine furniture and also produced the big wooden tubs in which people washed their clothes.

The village also claimed a shoemaker, one butcher, three food markets, and four gostlinas (tavern-restaurant). There was also a fire station and two policemen from Logatec who would come through once a day to break up fights, which seldom occurred.

The closest hospital was in Ljubljana, and the doctor was in Logatec, about a 45-minute drive by horse and wagon. The village midwife assisted at the birth of babies which relieved the doctor of such responsibilities. Most of the common sicknesses, such as coughing, headache, colds, cramps, etc., were treated within the home by mother who nursed us with her herbal teas. The magic of such medical practices was passed on by word of mouth through generations of families.

Flowers, leaves or roots, depending on the plant, were collected, washed, and then dried on the top of the little stove in the corner of the kitchen. During the drying process, we were treated to the delicate fragrance of the herbs. When they were reduced in size after the moisture had evaporated, they were packed in glass jars and set on the shelf for future use in the form of hot tea.

Hotedršica had only one school where youngsters were instructed in the rudiments of learning from grades one to eight. Hardly anyone continued beyond the point of an elementary education; therefore, a gymnasium (high school) was unnecessary. Students who were interested in furthering their education usually sought living accommodations and education in Ljubljana. Even though we attended a public school, a priest from one of the two Catholic churches in the village came to the school every Thursday to instruct us in catechism.

A large hall for community events was also an important part of our village. At one end of the spacious room was a raised stage which accommodated singing, theatrical, and Tamburitza (dance orchestra using ethnic stringed instruments) groups who either rehearsed or performed for concerts, dances, or plays during the year. I belonged to all of these groups, and it was such a wonderful part of my youthful life in Hotedršica.

I was born August 29, 1903. My parents, Alois and Marija Brus, owed one of the four gostlinas in town. At that time, the gostlina was a combination restaurant, tavern, and local gathering place for the residents of Hotedršica and the nearby villages. Nearly everyone in this small town was a farmer, and on weekends people from miles around would gather at our gostlina for a night of socializing and dancing with music provided by a



Hotedršica

Lime was burned inside of this wooden structure.



Ivanka is standing in the second row, the first person. She is wearing a white pearl necklace. Everyone is dressed in narodna noša. This appears to be a festive occasion sponsored by the firemen. The sign in the rear says, “Cold and Hot Food”.

local buttonbox musician. Oh, those were happy times for myself, my four brothers and four sisters. But there was also “delo” (work) for all of us because owning a business was quite demanding, in addition to taking care of the chickens, pigs, cows, and the garden which supplied our family with food the year round. The season for growing crops was longer than in the State of Wisconsin. Crops, such as potatoes, cabbage, and beans, were planted in March, and with the dry pleasant weather, which lasted until October, we were able to eat vegetables from the garden a good six months. Quite a bit of snow fell in winter, but November to February was not as harsh or bitter as at my Wisconsin home.

Gobe (mushrooms) abounded in the woods surrounding our village. The brown skinned mushrooms were gathered in the fall, cleaned, sliced, dried, and then stored in jars for the winter. We also ate them fresh. As the mushrooms crinkled from lack of moisture, the pleasing aroma filled the air and wetted our appetites for the soups and gravies which would be savored by these tasty strips. The Slovenian mushrooms were so much more flavourful than the ones we bought in American stores.

Holydays and holidays were very special times for our family because of the traditional customs which were observed on each occasion. I recall a good number of them. Let's start with Christmas when my brothers would go into a nearby forest and select a tree of just the right proportions for our house; then they would chop it down and haul it home with our horse and wagon. What excitement there was when the boys proudly displayed the tree after taking it off the cart. Sometimes they had to shake all the snow or drops of ice from the branches before bringing it inside. Aroma of sweet pine filled the

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warm room and brought excitement to all of us — especially my sisters and me who had prepared apples, cookies, and paper flowers for decorations. My brothers secured the tree in its wooden frame and we began to trim the limbs, placing each decoration in just the right spot. Then for days we enjoyed the colorful tree on display and helped ourselves to the edible decorations which tasted so good.

The Easter season boasted its own special customs. The day before Ash Wednesday was called "Pust," a time for celebration before each long Lenten fast, and the last opportunity to eat meat until Easter Sunday. These festivities, similar to Mardi Gras, were highlighted by music, dancing, and tasty food such as krofe (donuts), potica (nut roll), and ham. The time between Ash Wednesday and Easter was one of prayer, penance, and fasting, and was in no way interrupted by celebration in any form. This time of mortification heightened the arrival of Easter Sunday with all its unique customs; let me tell you about some of them. The "Butara" was made in a bush-like fashion from pussywillows and other branches; oranges were hung from the limbs. On Holy Saturday, the Butara would be taken to church and blessed by the priest who sprinkled holy water over its branches. When we returned home, our Butara was ignited and burned, filling the house with "Holy Smoke."

We girls were assigned the task of preparing a large basket filled with ham, "zelodec" (a spicy thick sausage), and "potica" (nut roll), which was also taken to church for a blessing. When the Lenten fast was over, my mother cut a piece of each of the blessed foods for everyone in the family. This was the manner in which we began our celebration of the Easter holiday.

May 1st, the day set aside to pay tribute to Slovenian workers, was similar to the American "Labor Day," and observed with a picnic which was attended by people from nearby countries. Large horse-drawn wagons would travel throughout nearby villages, pick people up and

transport them to the picnic grounds. A pine tree was placed in each corner of the wagon. To this day I have never heard of the significance of this custom, other than for decorative purposes. This occasion provided men and women the opportunity to wear their native dress. It wasn't necessary to ask a stranger, "From where do you come, friend?" because the native outfit reflected his area.

What a time this was for festivities. I always looked forward to hearing the harmonika (button box accordion) and to participate in the folk dancing. The picnickers could always rely on tasting certain foods, like "walnut potica" (nut roll) filled with sugar, spices, and ground walnuts, along with "spehova potica" which was made in a similar fashion, but filled with bits of bacon or pork crumbings. Another specialty was "flancete" or crisp and flaky fried pastries. Of course, there was plenty of "vino and pivo" (wine and beer), and for those who didn't indulge in alcoholic beverages, "Malinen Sok" a concentrated raspberry juice diluted with seltzer or water.

September was wine festival time and, following the harvesting of grapes, there was merriment which lasted three days and nights. Črnomelj usually had a very large festival because of the many vineyards.

November 1st was another special day, even though rather sad by nature. It was similar to the American Memorial Day on May 30th. The graves of friends and relatives, along with soldiers who had died for their country, were weeded and arranged attractively with wreaths and flowers. A candle which burned through the night was placed on the grave. It was a beautiful picture in the evening to see the many illuminated candles cast their glow on the stone markers and flicker with the rustle of the wind in the trees. This was the honor and respect that we paid to those who were dear, departed but not forgotten.

To be continued

NO. 40, LORAIN, OHIO

Happy New Year! Our November meeting was well-attended, election of officers taking place with Albina Uehlein conducting a very orderly election. However, our slate was not complete, so the names will be listed later.

Birthday girls served a nice dessert lunch and they were: Mary Matos, Mary Kurjan, Carolyn Pandy and Albina Uehlein. Happy birthday to all.

Congratulations to Angela Kozjan on being named "Woman of the Year" by the Lorain Slovenian Home and to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gulich on their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Get well wishes to Alice Rutar and Pauline Strong; hurry and get well.

Our sincerest sympathy to the family of Johanna Znidarsic; she is survived by daughters Mrs. Joseph Yankovich and Mrs. Joseph Grum, also five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, three brothers and a sister. Her husband, Martin, passed

away in 1969. May she rest in peace.

An open house was held for Reverend Father Joseph Yelenc, Tor, on the completion of his doctorate in biology at Pennsylvania State University. He is assistant professor of biology at St. Francis College in Loretto, Pa. His proud parents are Anthony and Jean Yelenc. Congratulations!

At the start of a new year with my husband of many years at my side, the words of this poem tell it so much better than I can:

*Grow old along with me
The best is yet to be
The last of life for which the
first was made.*

MARY PLOSZAJ

NO. 41, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Members: The officers and myself want to wish all our members Happy Holidays and may the "New Year" give you Health and Happiness each new day.

Get well wishes to all our sick members especially Anna Fabian in

Florida. Happy Birthday to you—especially Ursula Janezic who turned 75 years young. May God bless you all.

We welcome our new social member, Josephine Hirter to our branch.

See you at the meeting on January 15th at Waterloo Hall at 1:30 p.m. Dues will be collected. Your reporter,

VALERIA FORTUNA

NO. 42, MAPLE HGTS., OHIO

Hello, ladies! Happy New Year! Hope you all stay healthy and have a prosperous new year!

Our birthday ladies for the month are Antonia Legan who is 91 years young, Camille Loa, Lillian Hrovat, Beth Ann Harr, Karen Gruden and Kelly Gaines.

Our November meeting (election nite) was well-attended. Our officers are Millie Lipnos, our President, Marge Roznik, Vice-President, Cilka Hocevar, Treasurer, Yours Truly, Secretary and Donna Stubljer our

MINNESOTA MEMBERS TAKE NOTE!

Recording Secretary.
Congratulations, ladies! Our next meeting is in February.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Pauline Hribar, our charter member. We'll miss her. Also, to Mary Ann Filipis, our sympathy on the loss of her brother, Edward in Minnesota. May they rest in peace.

Congratulations to new grandmas: Frances Tomsic on her 3rd grandson, Marge Roznik on her first granddaughter. The new mother of our branch is Ann Tomsic, Frances' daughter-in-law who had her third son.

Yours truly and Lou are in Florida right now so I could say, I'm remembering all of you. We are staying in Englewood, near Sarasota. So, until next month, stay well.

Reminder: Cilka Hocvar is doing the dues collecting during my absence, so for information and payments, please call her at 663-6584. She'll be at the SNH on the 25th of the month, too.

MARY LOU PRHNE

NO. 52, KITZVILLE, MINN.

We held our meeting at the Rac on the first Wed. of the month again. We had a wonderful turn-out tho the weather was just terrible. We had our first winter snow storm, plus rain, to make the roads treacherous for driving. We did have a discussion on our holiday party and made all plans for one of the most unusual events. This year we took a bus to Pine Beach at Side Lake. If it turns out successfully, maybe we can do it again.

We have very sick members, sisters Laura Mancuso and Josephine Oswald who is in the General Hospital. We wish them Gods speed to a rapid recovery and pray that they and all others in our Zveza families will be well.

We ended our meeting with prayers led by president, Rose Trombly and commenced with an enjoyable social time with delicious lunch served by our hostesses Genevieve Zidarich, Mildred Barbatto, Laura Mancuso, and Theresa Montcalm. Cards were also played and honors to sisters Grace Carozza and Ann Mansfield. Smear-Margaret Kochevar, Jenny Crea, Hi; Ann Roberts and Gert Kochevar, Low. Bridge-Julia Mancuso and Mildred Barbatto. Door Prize was also won by Julia Mancuso. We had a delightful evening.

In Minnesota, on the Mesabi Iron Range, we have seen what American spirit backed by Slovenian industry can do, to bring from the land the element, iron, which has shaped the course of American history and the economy.

When we return there for our 19th National Convention in 1982, the Slovenian Women's Union wishes to leave a lasting tribute to the Slovenian pioneers, workers in the Mines and Communities, who are to be credited with an amazing contribution to our country.

Heading a committee to research the proper form for this tribute are the National Secretary and National Treasurer who have taken the initiative and called together the National Board members of the American Slovenian Catholic Union and American Fraternal Union who have members in Minnesota.

Now chaired pro tem by Rev. David Stalzer, the committee will set up a project that all three organizations will co-sponsor and that may be dedicated in 1982.

Your cooperation and constructive suggestions will be needed and appreciated.

For the generations to come, visitors to the Iron Range must know what an impact the Slovenian miner has made to the gigantic industry and it will be our opportunity to tell them. Let's all join in this project!

Editor

May God bless you all and keep you in the best of health. We wish you a very Happy New Year and will be looking forward to seeing you often in 1980.

GERTRUDE KOICHEVAR

NO. 54, WARREN, OHIO

Our branch will not be having a meeting in the new year of 1980 until February. I will inform you in the next report where we will hold it.

Our deepest sympathy to the Tomsich and Laurich families on the loss of Mrs. Mary Tomsich, age 79 who was our member for many years. She had been ill for a long time and spent her time in a nursing home and every few months she would have to be hospitalized. Our members paid their last respects to her and attended the funeral. Our president, Josephine Kassan read the SWU prayers.

Vacationing with her niece, Jo Kassan, is her aunt, Agnes Repovz, from Renton, Washington. Also along for the vacation with her is Anna Lausch.

Still hospitalized is our good and faithful member, Mary Waltko; she is undergoing many tests and not feeling too good at this time. We are all praying for Mary to hurry up and come home! And, all well again!

Agnes Repovz is also Mary's aunt and it's doing Mary a lot of good to see her and visit with her.

Welcome to two new adult members, Anne Marie O'Block and her sister, Linda Ann O'Block. Both were juvenile members. It's nice to

have them continue with our branch.

Happy New Year to all and I hope we see peace, good health and prosperity in 1980.

JOANNE PONIKVAR
Reporter

NO. 56, HIBBING, MINN.

Greetings to all from Br. 56, Hibbing, Minnesota! We met on Tuesday Nov. 13th with President, Rose Maras presiding. Routine business was taken care of and plans made for our combined Christmas dinner and election of officers were discussed.

Our prayers are for Sophie Garmaker who is reported to be ill.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses. Cards were then played ending an enjoyable evening.

At this time I would like to wish everyone in the Slovenian Women's Union a very Happy New Year and may God be with you always!

Respectfully submitted,
MARY MICHELETTI

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POTS & PANS and PASTIME

Have you ever served a casserole for breakfast? Elizabeth Smolnikar of Duluth, Minn., Br. No. 33, suggests

BREAKFAST CASSEROLE which includes the sausage and eggs plus hash browns. The men particularly will enjoy it. The **EASY BEEF STEW** from Frances Maxwell of Chicago, Ill., is nutritious, easy to prepare and very tasty. Faye Clapacs-Starman of Cleveland, Ohio, Br. No. 14 offers another version of the popular beef stroganoff entitled, **LAZYMANS BEEF STROGANOFF**. It's excellent over noodles. Mary Ivanich of Joliet, Ill., Br. No. 20, shares her delightful and colorful **PINEAPPLE FLUFF** which doubles as a salad or dessert. The unique **SPINACH BALLS** from Rosemary Orenchuk, Br. 59, Burgettstown, Pa., provide good conversation because they are different and delicious. (My husband enjoyed them). These can be served as a vegetable or as an hors d'oeuvre.

LAZYMANS BEEF STROGANOFF

No water or seasoning added. Serve on noodles.

- 2 1/2 pounds beef stew meat (chuck or ground steak cut into stripes).
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of onion soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup

Thoroughly blend the soups together. Pour over beef in a baking pan. Bake 2 hours at 350 degrees, covered, or until tender.

CROCK POT METHOD:

Pour in crock pot. Cook 8 to 12 hours, slow. Excellent. serves 8.

PINEAPPLE FLUFF

DELICIOUS!

- 1 20-ounce can crushed pineapple
- 1 3-3/4 ounce pistachio instant pudding (use in powdered form)
- 3/4 cup colored miniature marshmallows
- 1 4-oz. size carton Cool Whip.

EASY BEEF STEW

No last minute preparations. Make its own gravy.

- 2 pounds beef stew meat
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 onion, sliced thin
- About 5 carrots, cut up
- 4 or 5 potatoes, diced
- 3 tablespoons tapioca
- 2 1/2 cups V8 juice

Put meat one layer high in bottom of casserole or flat pan (roasting pan). Sprinkle with salt, pepper and sugar. Top with vegetables. Sprinkle with tapioca. Pour V8 Juice over all. Cover with lid or use aluminum foil pressed on tightly. Bake in 250 degree oven for 4 hours. Do not stir. Serves 8.

SPINACH BALLS

If you serve these as a vegetable you may want the balls a little larger than for an hors d'oeuvre — (about an inch in size; serve warm.)

- 2 10-ounce packages frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 3/4 cup melted shortening
- 2 cups Peppridge Farms Stuffing
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt

Stir well as you add each ingredient. Chill 1/2 hour. Shape into balls. Bake on greased cookie sheet at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes.

(I have already given this recipe to several women who enjoyed these at a cocktail party and didn't have the recipe).

BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 pound pork sausage or patties
- 12 ounce frozen Hash Browns
- 6 eggs beaten
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon salt or as desired
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper or as desired (probably some in sausage)
- 1/3 cup grated cheddar cheese

Saute the onion and green pepper in the butter. In another pan brown the sausage. Add the potatoes. Mix sausage and potatoes with the onion and green pepper. Beat eggs, milk,

In large bowl mix thoroughly the pineapple with juice and pistachio pudding. Add the marshmallows and fold in the Cool Whip. Put into a 9 x 13 size pan and refrigerate overnight.

salt and pepper. Stir into meat mixture. Pour into a deep 9 x 10 pan and sprinkle with the grated cheese. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 30 minutes (be sure center is cooked). Set for 5 minutes. Serve, if desired, with heated Cheddar Cheese Soup over top. Serves 6.

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Recently an article in a leading magazine listed the following rules for a longer, healthier and happier life:

1. Eat breakfast
2. Don't eat between meals
3. Don't smoke cigarettes
4. Stay within 10% of your proper weight
5. Exercise regularly
6. Don't drink to excess
7. Sleep seven to eight hours a night.

The article pointed out that you're more likely to be healthier if you follow all seven rules than if you follow only six, and so forth. And what's more, a seventy-year-old person who follows all seven is apt to be just as healthy as a forty-year old person who follows only one or two.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fondly,
Hermine

NO. 57, NILES, OHIO

The November meeting was held at the home of our president, Frances Yerman and there were twenty-five members present. We also welcomed a new member Mildred Bako. Also attending the meeting was our Wyoming member Frances Mollis. She and her husband Mike are spending some time in our part of the country.

Final plans were made for the Christmas party, December 12. Each member was to bring a gift for the gift exchange.

Election of officers was held and there is no change this year. Remaining in office are Frances Yerman as president, Viola Logar vice president, Virginia Zevkovich as secretary, Mary Molar recording secretart, Mary Strah treasurer, Virginia Filipan, Elizabeth Havaich, and Frances Stanes as auditors and Ann Pease as reporter.

Games were played and the prizes were won by Millie Bako, Mary Strah, and Mary Molar. A delightful lunch was served by Jane Logar, Frances Yerman, and Ann Hostinsky.

**Just a thought—
To attain the highest good
Of true man and womanhood,
Simply do your honest best
God with joy will do the rest.**

ANN PEASE

Our branch is saddened by the death of a good member, Rose Gruber who died on Nov. 10th in the Weirton West Virginia Convalescent Center. She lived in our town for 67 years. Surviving are a son, Edward, six daughters, Rose Herda, Mary Thornburg, Margaret Rencheck, Louise Ozenbaugh, Dorothy Dalesio and Virginia Montequin who is our member of Br. 59. There are also 15 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren and a brother. Our deepest sympathy to the family and may she rest in peace.

ROSEMARY ORENCHUK

NO. 71, STRABANE, PA.

November meeting on the 8th opened with prayer by our Vice-President, Alice Stanizewski because our President was not feeling well. Hope she will be much better soon.

We all wish to express our sympathy to the Prislend family on the loss of their mother and our Founder, Marie Prislend. She was loved by all who knew her. In her memory, \$20 was sent from our Branch for the SWU Scholarship Fund.

We had a luncheon served at our meeting and a few gifts too - a very nice evening. But a few days later, we had two faithful members pass away.

Mary Cadiz died on Nov. 11th and Elizabeth (Libby) Grosso on Nov. 13th. They both were wonderful members and worked hard for our branch some years ago. We send our sympathy to their families and loved ones. We will not forget them in our prayers. Libby's two sisters, Helen Meny and Anna Smerdel are our members.

We also decided at the meeting to send a \$1.00 gift to all our junior members, as some are young men and women.

Wishes to all our members and friends for a blessed 1980 New Year. God bless you all from Br. 71.

LUCILLE SMITH

NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO

The evening of October 31st twenty — three members and friends gathered at The Sweden House for a delicious dinner, and then went on to the Front Row Theater where the famous "Tony Orlando" was appearing in person. Everyone enjoyed the dinner, and also the show.



MARY BOSTJANCIC

who passed away September 13, 1976.

"We have loved her during life...

let us not forget her in death."

St. Ambrose

She is sadly missed by daughter, Lucille Smith and family and daughter-in-law, Agnes Bostjancic and family.

Strabane, Pa.

During the month of October each year, we plan a "night on the town" so to speak, and it gives everyone more time on a social basis to get together for a good time.

Glad to hear that member Ann Yane and husband Jack were able to take a trip to Nevada, and that Louise Epley and Daughter — in — law Jeannette Epley spent two lovely weeks touring Scotland where they visited friends and also toured England.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to member Louise Majercik and relatives, due to the recent death of Louise's beloved husband Joseph. Mr. Majercik admired our lodge very much and was always interested in our charitable projects. He was a very friendly person and shall be missed by everyone. May he rest in peace!

We also wish to convey our sympathy to Edward and Sophia Goga due to the recent death of Mr. Goga's beloved brother, John Goga. May he rest in peace!

We all hope that everyone keeps well during these wintery months coming up, and that this winter will not be a severe one.

MILDRED D. ROBERTS
Reporting Secretary

Mary Mihelich and Mary Christiancy were co-hostesses for our Nov. 18 meeting. Present officers were retained for another year of service. Georgene Pearson was nominated our mother of the year, 1980. The meeting ended with a delightful lunch served by Mary C.

On Dec. 2, 1979 members gathered at the Krain Hall for their annual Christmas potluck. Fun and fellowship were had by all. Santa paid his usual visit and the youngsters were delighted with a visit and dance by "Frosty"; played by our Jr. member Marti Sleigh. Gary Dime provided several hours of wonderful music appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be March 23, 1980 at the Kovecevic home and husbands are encouraged to come, too.

Wishing you all a wonderful blessed new year.

DOROTHY SLEIGH,
Reporter

NO. 81, KEEWATIN, MINN.

Our October meeting was held at Fr. Frederick Hall and was well attended. Molly Boben presided in the absence of our president, Josephine Kapla. Correspondence from the Home Office with reference to a site for a monument or tribute to the Slovenian miners was read. The increase in dues also was discussed.

We were notified of the death of Marie Prislend, organizer of Zveza. Group will donate toward the Living Candle in her memory.

Secretary, Antoinette Di Iorio read the minutes of the previous meeting. The treasurer, Ann Dickovich gave the financial report. Plans were made for the Christmas party on Dec. 5th. Molly Boben was in charge of reservations at a suitable place. The members were to be contacted personally.

In November, we also had a mass offered for our deceased members.

The group decided to give Christmas gifts to its members in nursing homes.

Lunch was served by the hostesses, Mary Michelich, Anne Michelich, Blanche Laurich and Sophie Michelich.

MARY MICHELICH
Reporter

NO. 85, DEPUE, ILL.

Never thought I'd be writing so soon with sad news.

Another charter member has gone, sister Mary Zugich, 88 years old, went to her eternal reward on Nov. 4th, 1979. The funeral Mass was concelebrated by Rev. John Weishar, Rev. Bernard Horzen, OSB, Rev. Edward Bawiec and Rev. Koloman Kassovic at St. Mary's church.

Surviving are a son, John, of Ann Arbor, Mich. and daughter, Mary (John) Maloney of Normal, Ill. To them our deepest sympathy.

Honorary Pallbearers were members of the societies of which she was a member. We shall pray for her eternal peace.

FRANCES MACHEK

NO. 92, GUNNISON, COLO.

Frances and Rose were the hostesses for our November meeting on the 15th. We all met at Frances' home for dinner and enjoyed a delicious meal. We all really ate more than our share! So, we were stuffed when president, Denise called the meeting to order. It was opened with prayer and roll call by Frieda was as follows: Denise Malensek, Fran Austin, Margaret Depew, Frieda Forcier, Ann Malensek, Margaret Malensek, Josephine Krizmanich, Rose Carricato, Frances Guerrieri and Fern White. Last Minutes by Fried were read and approved. Treasurer's report read by Margaret and approved. Old business was our Christmas Dinner. In October we had agreed to have a dinner but since then, found out that the charity ball was to be the same night. So, we postponed it until the 14th of December and it was to be a pot luck at the home of Margaret Depew. We expected to have a wonderful time.

New business: Fran Austin, the nursing home representative will ask about a date to have a birthday party at the home. She also reported they are in need of foam pillows, rides to town, beauty shop supplies, scissors with plastic handles, indoor garden tools, new and used Christmas cards, bulletin boards, ash trays, and of course, visits are always appreciated. Anyone having any of these items and wishing to donate them will be able to call Fran or bring them to the meeting. We will appreciate your help.

We will decide on a money-making project at the Jan. meeting on the 15th at Frieda's at 7 o'clock. We will also have election of officers then. Mystery box donated by Margaret Malensek was won by Frances. Rose and Frances made a dusting mitt for each one of us. Again, thank you for the delicious meal to our hostesses and to Frances for having us in her home, especially since her husband was in the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We closed with prayer after which cards were played. Wishes to all for a very blessed New Year.

FERN WHITE
Reporter

NO. 95, SO. CHICAGO, ILL.

It was genuinely heartwarming to see 58 members attend our November Meeting. Happy to report that the wheels are turning in our branch with the following new enrollment. Helen Santy enrolled by Evelyn Driscoll, Lou Goldina, Louis Chereso, and Betty Markusic enrolled by Helen Golich who didn't hesitate to approach these ladies to join our group, and Gertude Grupka, a social member, enrolled by Rose Winters. Welcome to our branch!

Sylvia Vukodinovich gave a full report on the Christmas Party, and read the following letters: A thank you card by Hermine Dicke for the donation of \$25 to the Scholarship fund for Mrs. Pris!and; from Mary Alkovich that she will make restitution on her dues, and be a full-fledged member again; and, from Olga Krmpotich and hubby who have retired and are now making their home in Arkansas (Happy years of easy living, Olga and hubby!); from Mary Kostecka who sends her warm greetings, and still not able to get around; from Ann Polancic who expresses her thanks for the special prayers offered during her illness. We are sorry to hear that Ann's hubby Rudy suffered a massive coronary, and brother Fred Burich with pneumonia. To them and all our members who are ailing, please pray for their quick recovery.

Amelia Cuzella, Chairlady of our nominating committee: Mary Ann Toporis, and Helen Price presented the slate of officers for the coming year. They did their best to delegate the election, but nobody responded, so they returned the same slate of officers and auditors. I wish to thank Amelia Cuzella and her committee for the time and effort they put in selecting the officers, it was delivered in a most gracious manner.

After the business session and all reports given we had our once a year booklet project and the lucky winners are:

Inez Carnavacciola, Jan Bercich, Mary Ann Toporis, Rose Ballock, Sophie Barbich, Helen Price, Marge Doherty, Stephanie Magnavite, Rose Winters, Martha Stampar, Turkey Winners: Helen Santy won two: and Marge Simunic.

A special thanks to Evelyn Driscoll Chairlady, for her loyal and faithful way she has prepared the booklets, to Helen Golich, Sylvia Vukodinovich, Mildred Poropat for their helping hands, last but not least to all of you with renewed thanks and appreciation for your valued support. Cash by: \$5 — Mary Kahn, Rose Winters, Marge Doherty, \$3 — Marge Innis, and Kate Musa, \$2 — Mary Zelenika, Helen Yuratovac, Mary Duich, and Fran Seabloom. Prizes by Mary Ann Sambol.

Thanksgiving Table was prepared by the following hostesses: Dolores Hennelly, Lou Nosich, Mary Ann Toporis, Helen Price, and Emma Yergovich. Goodies by: Fran Seabloom, Sophie Barbich, Dolores Hennelly, Marge Simunic, Lou Nosich, Mary Ann Toporis, and Helen Price. January Birthdays: Manda Yergovich, Bernice Morrison, Vica Rukavina, Antonia Mrkobrada (Neb), Ann Sertich, Sophie Barbich, Amelia Cuzella, Helen Zefferro, Helen Spelich, Helen Yuratovac, and Catherine Rosandich.

There will be no meeting in January, but do attend our February meeting when games will be played. Have a healthy and happy New Year!

MARY KOVACEVICH

We were saddened by the news of the death of one of our beloved members, Mary Kovacevich who was 89 years old in October. She was a native of Split, Yugoslavia, who lived in Chicago and was our loyal member for many years, and retired to live out her days in Allegan, Mich.

She was a devoted wife to Anton and a dedicated mother to John, (Eve) Emil, Joseph (Lorraine), Ann (ED) Kerkowski, Matilda (Edmond) Roche, Jenny and Anthony (Patricia) Grandmother of 18: 15 Great grand children. Four sisters and one brother in Yugoslavia. She also was member of the Third Order of St. Francis. Our gratitude to Amelia Cuzella who always took care of all her needs to our branch. Despite her illness in her later years, she lived a fine, wonderful and useful life, blessed with a warm family who always kept in touch with me.

I am sure if anyone deserves a reward beyond this world Mrs. Mary Kovacevich deserves it fully. We fondly say farewell to a fine lady.

The officers and members join me in extending to her husband, Anton and family our heartfelt sympathy, and pray that in the years that lie ahead of them that the good Lord will sustain them and give them peace and health.

MILDRED JAMES

NO. 100, FONTANA, CAL.

Election time for officers has come and gone. We have a complete new line of officials with the exception of our very competent secretary, Rosemary Mlakar and yours truly.

Heading the list is President, Ann Kapel, Vice-President is Nellie Phillips, Marie Arneson is Rec. Secretary; Auditors are Ann Logo and Elizabeth Marinovich. If our new officers endeavor to partake in their duty to Zveza, to equal half the effort that was performed by our former heads, then you can be assured that we are going to have one heck of a good, healthy branch. These ladies seem dedicated to our organization and we will work with them to our fullest capability.

Ladies, it's not too early to prepare for our rummage sale now. As you go through your closets and garages, put aside the articles that have out-worn their use to you. In that manner, you will be prepared in advance with no last minute rush. This event will be successful only with your full cooperation. So, get busy, pitch in and pitch out!

We are losing the presence but not the membership of Mary Terese Proznick. She is moving to Northern Calif. We wish her all things good in her new home.

Mary Burnach's husband, Marko, is now a resident of the Laurel Conv. Hospital. There is no trust that he'll ever return home. We offer the Burnach family wishes and prayers that the ordeal of illness will not cause undue stress and worry.

I visited Mary Kebe, the manager of the Slovene Rest Home, it pleases me to report. She is looking and feeling better. We talked of many things and especially about Josie Susel. The Home doesn't seem the same to me since her demise. I looked for her happy face and listened for her hearty laugh and when it wasn't forthcoming, a depression settled on me and also the

50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Seabloom were honored by their children and grandchildren, their family and friends, with Rev. Eugene Petrovich, OFM, pastor of Sacred Heart Croatian church offering the blessing as principal celebrant, at their recent 50th anniversary. They followed the mass with a dinner at Vogel's Restaurant in Whiting, Ind. The couple was married on June 29th at the same church to which they have been loyal members. Marrying them was Rev. Bono Andretich. They are the proud parents of a daughter, Rochelle (Ronald) Halsen and a son, Theodore (Joyce). They have two grandsons, Ronald and Randall Halsen and a granddaughter, Carolyn Seabloom.

Frances Seabloom is the daughter of the late John and Mary Andretic; sisters are Mary P. Nicksic, Mildred Poropat (our sec'y) and a brother, John. Theodore has a brother, Emil

knowledge that a grand person passed through my life whom I shall never see or hear again.

Talk about vacations! The Mayor and his wife, Celia went to Australia for theirs! Wow! How far away from home can you get? Celia was telling me about the great time they had in that country "down under". I understand there are a lot of Slovenians there. I wasn't impressed when Celia was telling about her good time, in fact, I was rather put out because they didn't bring me back a gift - a live kangaroo at least! I have plenty of room on my back half acre and Frank could have come over daily to feed it. In that manner, I would have enjoyed the leaping animal, plus the fact that a good looking man would come over daily. Oh, well! Such is life! We've got to take lessons from the antics of the kangaroo - ups and downs!

Birthday greetings and many returns are wished to the following celebrants: Jean Kurilich, Mary Lou Videgar, Christine Filips and my darling brother, Al.

Hope your holidays were beautifully memorable. God bless you all.

EDITH DRAWENEK

and sister, Julia McGee. Frances has been a member of Br. 95 for many years and always has been an enthusiastic supporter of all our projects. Her faith and loyalty are her greatest assets.

We salute Frances and Theodore as they reach the golden milestone of their lives and wish both of them long years of health and continued joy and contentment in the midst of their wonderful family.

Note from the writer: It is never pleasant to be the recipient of criticism, especially when it comes from people I try to please. I would like to call your attention in the areas where I have been misjudged in the last article that I have written. I hope that these very same people will judge my total performance in all my articles that I write.

Unfortunately, when a story doesn't turn out in print the way it was conceived in the mind, I must accept criticism, sometimes the permanence of the printed words is self-destructing in seconds. My apologies to the Seabloom family.

MILDRED JAMES

NO. 103, WASHINGTON D.C.

SATURDAY, October 6th proved to be a very eventful day in Our Nation's Capital with the arrival of His Holiness Pope John Paul II.

The once in a lifetime opportunity of seeing this wonderful man was realized by many members of our Slovenian community by either an invitation to scheduled events or attending Mass on Sunday at the National Mall which is a beautiful place and the pride of our city.

Little did we know that the date chosen for our Annual Fall Dance would be in conflict with this evening of bustling excitement.

Although our crowd was somewhat smaller, we are pleased to say that as a result of the Pope's visit, we were honored by the attendance of the following distinguished guests who were in Washington for the day:

Our esteemed Senator Frank J. Lausche and his lovely, vivacious wife, Jane, the National President of the KSKJ, Mr. Edward Kucic and the National Secretary of KSKJ, Mr. Robert Kosmerl, also, Dr. Stefan Falez of Rome, Italy, traveling with the Pope's entourage and Mr. Mate

Resman, the noted Slovenian lawyer from Cleveland.

We appreciate their taking time to join us and adding so much to the sociability of the evening. Special thanks to all members who participated in any way to help make it a success.

Many thanks to the Antolin family for baking the delicious strudels for 150 people and driving 80 miles to deliver them!

Again, we wish to thank John Underwood for the donation of the lovely carnations in memory of his mother, Matilda Podboresek, our beloved late member. These were used by Nika Kovacic to make our lovely table decorations.

Mr. Anthony Terselic, is to be thanked for his generosity in giving us so many of his begonia plants in assorted shades to be used for our prizes. Also, those who gave other assorted prizes.

"Heinrich and his Rheinlanders" continued to play until our guests departed. Thus, ended another evening of good eating and good fellowship which always blend well together.

MONTHLY MEETING REPORT

Sunday, November 4th the sun shone brightly and we were pleased to have many of our members arrive at the meeting. Elections were held and our roster of officers remains the same for the coming year.

Alenka Richardson and Betty Cesnik are the new hostesses. Father Raymond Wadas remains our Spiritual Advisor. Sincere congratulations to the same officers who have served with devotion and loyalty over a period of years.

We are proud to announce that Betty Cesnik has been elected chairman of the Falls Church School Board for the coming year. This is a distinct honor as the area is a very competitive one. She has been active in many civic and professional organizations. We know that this appointment is dear to her heart and wish her well.

Following our meeting, we were served delicious brownies and coffee by Angela Daly, one of our newer members.

Our best wishes to all in 1980. May it be a peaceful one.

FREDA H. MICHELITCH
President

NO. 105, DETROIT, MICH.

Dear Members, there were only a dozen of us attending our Nov. meeting on a beautiful, warm, sunny afternoon. What a wonderful visit and informative session we had. Please ladies, try your very best to attend our meetings. We should have at least 20 or more attending to make it really successful, don't you agree?

Our hostesses are A-1 and our need for ideas and innovations for activities in the New Year will be greater than in the past. So, let's get a move on and do more and get involved. We need you at least for a few hours once a month. Please.

Erna Bombeck, I have an idea for your next book: "Rushed Dressing", pantyhose on backwards, slip with shoulder straps strangling the underarms and hem, lace still showing, windblown, to look natural without hair spray, after brushing and combing, "Wrinkles-away" caked and looking like a skin rash, nail polish, smeared - get the picture? This is how I looked for our meeting. Funny no one seemed to mention it or mind how I looked. Just as long as I was there. So, ladies, in our fast-paced life-style of today, why not try your best to outdo me and my 20 minute bath and dressing time, ok?

Our next meeting was held at the lovely tudor home of our President, Pauline Adamic who is a very busy person. What a hostess she is, curry cheese dip with fresh vegetables, hot rolls, her luscious apple strudel and coffee. Pauline opened the meeting with prayer and read the minutes of our Oct. meeting. Pat Emerson, read the financial report and informed us that Dec. 11th was the date for our Christmas party at Mr. F's - a letter was to be sent to each member on this. Pat also read a letter from Alice Becker our Mother of the Year. All of us missed not having her at the "big night out". We had a "toast" to Alice, tho and thank her for her generous kitty donation. Thanks also for the open invitation to visit you in her new home in Bellair. God's blessings to you and your beautiful family. If ever possible, please visit us, too. What a superb story you told about your doll-house. What very fortunate granddaughters•but they are dolls, themselves. Congratulations to you as Mother and Grandmother, Alice, you deserve it all.

Pat also read a letter from Marie

In Memoriam V BLAG SPOMIN

- 2 — Mathilda Sever
- 5 — Anna Gazvoda
- 6 — Jennie Rozman
- 10 — Marie Paynich
- 12 — Rose Alpner
Angela Fon
Anna Prebezich
Mary Starich
- 13 — Margaret Krask
- 14 — Amalia Povirk
- 15 — Julia Gorenc
- 16 — Frances Kaczmarczyk
- 17 — Stephania Hvala
- 25 — Mary Bratkovich
Helen Juranko
Jennie Suhadolnik
- 37 — Rose Cerne
- 41 — Nellie M. Pintar
Lynn Ann Stranke
- 42 — Pauline Hribar
- 47 — Anna Kresevic
- 67 — Mary Brodesko
Mary Kinkela
- 71 — Elizabeth Grosso
- 85 — Mary Zughich
- 95 — Mary Kovacevich
Barbara Sambol

May they rest in peace.



Dye; hoping she would attend our Christmas party and meet us in a really festive mood. Your projects are great, so we were looking forward to hearing about them and maybe, to cooperate with some during the winter months.

Our hostesses had two door prizes, first won by Ann Pobanz, a lovely set of coasters and second to Jennie Bole, a tiny daisy night light to shine for her. Frances Hostnick donated once again, this time a ceramic grater she had made. Donna Medina was the fortunate winner. Frances, our kitty and ladies are very grateful to you. God bless you.

Each of us in Detroit send our wishes for a very Happy New Year to all Zveza members. Love and contentment to all. Our very fondest birthday wishes to lovely ladies as follows:

November, Margaret Healy, Frances Ursic, Frances Hostnick, Joanne Stroka, Marie Vihtelic; December, Kathryn Petrich, Ann Lindich and Stephanie Hometz. God grant you good health, happiness and most of all, love.

Smile and be happy.

KATHERINE MIHELIC

SREČNO NOVO LETO!

S temi besedami pozdravimo vsakega znanca, ki ga srečamo prve dni novega leta - tudi za 1980. Svojim prijateljem smo poslali kartice z iskrenimi voščili. Kaj pa mislimo z besedo sreča? Veliko! Prav gotovo: varno življenje v svojem okolju, udobje, dobro hrano, čedno obleko, denar, iskrene prijatelje. Žena si želi dobrega in zvestega moža, mati pa hvaležno, brihtne in docela pridne otroke. Katera izmed nas ima vse to, je res srečna. K tem zunanjim stvarim se pridružijo tudi notranje dobrine: zadovoljstvo, blažen mir v srcu, vesplošna ljubezen do ljudi in Boga.

V zadnjih 50 letih je svet neverjetno napredoval. Imamo moderno, zaradi velikega tehničnega napredka udobno življenje. Ženi pomagajo v kuhinji vsemogoči gospodinjski stroji, velikanske razdalje z avti premagamo v nekaj urah, če hočemo, z avijoni obkrožimo ves svet v nekaj dneh. Zvečer se vsedemo pred TV aparat in zremo vse novice vesoljne zemlje. Pa vendar? Ali je svet pri vsem napredku res srečen? Še nikoli ni bilo toliko kriminala - tatvin, ropov, umorov, posilstev; še nikoli toliko razporok in nesrečnih družin, še nikoli toliko stritih src žena in mater. Kaj je vzrok vsemu temu? Največje države se blazno oborožujejo, bore se za prvenstvo, za oblast na tem svetu. Pravijo, da Boga ni in naj bo torej človek namesto njega. In tako pri vsem blagostanju trepečemo pred novo vojno. Že nekaj let s strahom prestopamo preg novega leta.

Kako preprosto so nekoč živeli naši predniki. Imeli so, kar so potrebovali in nič več. S trdim vsakdanjim življenjem so si služili kruh, zvečer pa mirno legali k počitku. Verovali so v Boga in sprejemali vsakdanji križ vsak dan znova na svoja ramena. Praznovali so kar tri svete večere: **Božič**, rojstvo božjega Deteta; **Novo leto**, pričetek neznanega, a z veliko vero v božjo pomoč; praznik **Svetih treh kraljev**, ko so z belo kredo na vrata zaznamovali tri križe in tri črke: G in M in B. Pred vsakim svetim večerom verne slovenske družine kropijo in kadijo po hiši. Najslovesnejši in seveda najlepši je prvi sveti večer z jaslicami v kotu, katere so z veliko skrbjo postavili otroci pod nadzorstvom najstarejšega fanta. Šele v zadnjih desetletjih se je po kmečkih družinah razširila navada božičnega drevesa. Maša-polnočnica s slovenskim pritrkavanjem farnih zvonov, ubranim petjem božičnih

pesmi domačega zbora ter veličastno latinsko mašo je bilo doživetje, katerega nosimo vsi neizbrisno v svojih srcih. Drugi sveti večer je bil priprava na novo leto in slovo od starega. Udeležba maše vsaj enega člana družine na zadnji dan leta, je bila najlepša zahvala za preteklost in najlepša prošnja za prihodnost. Ta večer imenovan tudi Silvestrov večer je smatrala mladina za svojega, ko se je s petjem, šalami in plesom poslovila od starega leta. Ponekad so tudi imeli navado, da so obdarili drug drugega ter se vsakemu zahvalili za vse dobro tekom leta. Navada je bila, da so na dan Novega leta ostali člani družine doma. Zelo so pazili na to, da je bil tisti dan v hiši največji red, dobra hrana, lepo ponašanje — brez krega, kajti "kakor prvi dan bo vsak dan celega leta."

Kaj so mislili povedati naši starši in predniki z zaznamovanimi tremi križi na vratih pred praznikom Treh

modrih? Nihče jih ni smel zbrisati, le čas jih je uničil. Pisatelj Franc Finžgar je takole razložil: Prvi je namenjen gospodarju in gospodinjji. Noben gospodar in oče, nobena žena in mati in ne družina ne gre skozi življenje razen s križem na rami. V težkih trenutkih naj iščejo vsi moč s križa. Drugi križ je namenjen pastirjem, poslom, malenu človeku, tudi delavcu; ljudem z vero in brez imenitosti. Če se jim njihove oči ne bodo ozirale na križ, bodo težko prenesli težave dela in podrejenosti. Tretji križ je namenjen učenim in modrim. Trije kralji so bili zvezdoslovci; vidili so zvezdo in so šli na pot. Našli so božje Dete, ga molili in mu darovali zlata, kadila in mire. Zadnja postaja vsakega človeka tudi učenega in modrega je križ in z njim — Bog.

Vsem čitateljicam **SREČNO NOVO LETO!**

Ana Gaber



ŠT. 10, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Drage članice; najprej vas vse lepo pozdravljam. Ne zamerite mi, da se tako malo oglašam v našem listu, mogoče se bom v bodoče kaj poboljšala.

Dne 16. septembra so iMele klevelandske podružnice bazar na Holmes ave. v Slovenskem domu, sodelovalo je 10 podružnic. Naše slovenske žene so pokazale svoja ročna dela in kako imajo pridne in spretno roke.

Ga. Ani Markovič, preds. št. 10, je

tudi lepo pokazala kako se napravi dober jabolčni štrudelj, ker veliko naših ljudi morda ne znajo, ker niso imeli prilike se naučiti kako se pripravi ta odlična domača dobrota. Ga. Frances Zajc je po mikrofону napovedovala in naša tajnica ga. Zofi Magajna ji je pomagala.

Članice so prinesle precej peciva in tudi zelo okusni domači krofi so se prodajali.

Vsem članicam, ki ste kjerkoli pomagale, se vam v imenu podružnice najlepše zahvalim. Enako tudi tistim, ki ste darovale, še

posebej ge. Ani Markovič, ge. Komidar, ge. Zofi Magajna, Joyce Lenasi in sestra Fay Moro, gdč. Ales Struna in ga. Štefančič.

Vsem članicam, ki so v oktobru in novembru praznovalle svoje rojstne dneve, želimo veliko zdravih let, da bi se še dolgo udeleževale naših sestankov.

Preds. Ani Markovič se je na bazarju hudo prehladila in dobila pljučnico. Njej in tajnici Zofi Magajna velja naša iskrena zahvala, da sta vse tako lepo uredile za bazar.

Včeraj dne 18. nov. smo imele sejo. Udeležba je bila kar lepa, 22 članic se je zbralo. Po dolgem času je prišla tudi ga. Čebular in njena hčerka. Tudi ona je bila zelo bolna, žal nismo vedili. Bog jih živi vse skupaj še mnogo let. Imele smo volitve odbora za prihodnje leto. Ostalo je vse po starem. Naša predsednica je bila izvoljena sedaj že 20-tič, kar je lepa doba. Pošaljimo ji iskrene čestitke, da bi ostala še mnoga leta med nami.

Naša zadnja seja v tem letu je bila 16. dec. združena z letno božičnico.

Zelo nas je pretresla novica o smrti naše najbolj aktivne in slavne žene ge. Marie Prisländ. Ona je tako lepo opisovala resnične domače dogodke in življenje ljudi po svetu. Jaz sem vedno najprej pričitala njene lepe dopise v Zarji.

V imenu naše podružnice vse članice izrekamo globoko sožalje njeni celi žalujoči družini. Blagi ženi pa naj bo Bog bogat plačnik za vse njeno delo in trud.

Želim Vam vsem skupaj srečno Novo leto 1980.

TEREZIJA FERRACCIOLI,
zapisnikarica

ŠT. 20, JOLIET, ILLINOIS

Upam, da ste vse članice lepo praznovalle Zahvalni dan v krogu vaših družin. Tudi Božični prazniki so za nami. Bilo je toliko priprav, pa vse hitro mine.

V tem času so bile v bolnici: Theresa Bobzyk in Theresa Muhich. Upam, da sta obe med tem časom že okrevale.

Prejele smo zahvalno pismo Trinity šole za naš dar \$10 v korist zaostalih otrok. Marie Malnerich priporoča darove za to šolo.

14 mladinskih članic in 9 mater se je udeležilo Halloween party pri tajnici Agnes Lovati dne 6. okt. Judy in Kathy Lovati sta organizirale igre za ta večer. Sledil je okusni prigrizak in vsi nazvoči so prejeli dobitek.

Iskrene čestitke Kate in Steve Kness ob njuni 50 letnici poroke. Iskrena voščila za hitro ozdravljenje tudi Helen Pluth in našemu župniku, Rev. Tadej Trpin, ki se je vrnil iz

tretje obletnice smrti mojega ljubega sina

BOGOMIRJA RICKA ŠUŠTERIČA

**Oh, kako gre hitro čas naprej,
ko Tebe več med nami ni;
toda v naših srcih in molitvah,
z nami vedno si.**

**Tri leta so minula odkar si naz
zapustil,
trpljenja Tvojega je konec,
ker to še čaka nas.
Res je pusto in težko, odkar za
vedno si vzel slovo.**

**Naj Tebe lepše sonce sije
in lepša zarja sveti,
saj ljubil si Jezusa
vse Tvoje življenje.**

**Tvoja žalujoča mama,
KATARINA ŠUŠTERIČ,
bratje in sestre
ter sorodniki tukaj v
Ameriki in v lepi Sloveniji,
katero si zelo ljubil.**



bolnišnice po operaciji. Bog dan vsem bolnim ljubega zdravja.

Globoko sožalje izrekamo Dolores Zbacnik ob izgubi soproga.

Dne 16. dec. smo imele sv. mašo v cerkvi Sv. Jožefa v spomin ustanoviteljice, Mrs. Marie Prisländ, ki nas je zapustila v septembru. Zveza je bila ustanovljena dne 19. decembra pred 53 leti. Po maši smo imele letno božičnico in izmenjavo daril ter mladinski člani so bili obdarjeni.

Kegljaška turneja se bo vršila dne 1. in 2. marca na Rivals kegljišču.

Maša za Heritage dan bo v soboto dne 21. junija ob 4 popoldne. Ta popoldan bodo tudi razna razvedrila in dobitki. Vsaka članica bo dobila 5 vstopnic kar bo pomagalo pri kritju stroškov.

Iskrena hvala Mrs. Stalzer za okusne pumpkin squares.

Pridite na sejo. Nadalje sporočam, da sta slavila 40 letnico poroke naša dobro poznana Bernice in Frank Suski. Frank je oskrbnik Slovenskega doma že 9 let in Bernice, naša zvesta članica mu pridno pomaga, da skrbita za vse goste doma. Obema želimo še mnogo let zdravja in dobre volje. Poročil ju je naš Msgr. Butala. Čestitke!

(Na st. 19)

ZAHVALA DAROVALCEM ZA CERKEV V PREDGRADU

Berkeley, Cal. - mnogi ameriški Slovenci so širokogrudno darovali za popravilo cerkve v Predgradu. Ljubljanski pomožni škof Stanislav Lenič jo je ponovno blagoslovil, ko so bila dela končana.

Za vse darovalce naj omenim zahvalo iz pisma g. škofa:

Predgrajska crkev je sedaj zares lepa, kakor kakšna škofovska cerkev, katedrala je. Imeli smo zelo lep dan, sonce nam je svetilo, ljudje so napolnili cerkev. Velike zasloge imate vsi, ki ste pomagali posebno pa še Vaš sin, ki je dal vso pobudo. Naj mu bo tudi to všteto med dobra dela, za katera je že prejel plačilo od Boga.

Vas, vse Vaše in vse drage Slovence lepo pozdravljam in blagoslavljam!

STANISLAV LENIČ, škof

Meta Štaudohar mi je tudi poročila o veliki slavnosti posvetitve cerkve. G. škof je v svojem govoru v zelo lepih besedah, ki so vsem pričujočim izvabile solze v oči obrazložil, da si je pokojni profesor Bogomil Šuštaršič postavil lep spomenik na katerega smo ponosni vsi in ki nebo ostal nepoplačan pri Bogu. Kako veseli bi bili mi vsi danes ako bi ga lahko pozdravili danes tukaj, ampak Bog je imel drugače namene. Prepričan sem, da pokojni Bogomil gleda na nas sedaj ob strani nebeškega očeta. Prepričan sem, je dejal g. škof, da sliši našo zahvalo, saj brez njega bi bila danes še ruševina, sedaj pa je v ponos svojemu kraju in naši krščanski veri.

Ni bilo človeka, ki si ne bi bil brisal solz. Maša je bila darovana v blagor njegove duše in vsi ljudje so glasno in razločno molili za njega. Mislim, da je radko kdo na svetu počaščen tako, kakor je bil počaščen Vaš pokojni sin. Srečna mati, ki je rodila tako plemenitega sina, je vzkljnila marsikdo!

Tudi podpisana se prisrčno zahvalim vsem za darove. Vse članice Slovenske ženske zveza iskreno pozdravljam.

KATARINA ŠUŠTERIČ

ZARJA—THE DAWN

ŠKOF BLAGOSLOVIL OBNOVLJENO FARNO CERKEV



SLOVENSKI OTROCI v narodnih nošah poklanjajo škofu prevzv. Joseph Imesch šopek nageljnov v pozdrav. Ob škofu je Fr. Joseph, OFM, pomožni župnik Sv. Jožefa in Fr. Atanazij, OFM, župnik Sv. Štefana.

Joliet, Ill. Skozi vse poletje in jesen je bila cerkev Sv. Jožefa v popravilih. Že zgodaj spomladi se je delo spretnih pleskarjev pričelo z postavljanjem zidarskega odra. Vse vkrižem in vprek je bilo raztreseno po cerkvi. Konca ni kazalo. Toda kmalu so bile zakrite vse razpoke in obledene stene. Prebarvali so cerkev z bolj nežno svetlo barvo z rumenozlatimi vzorci. Postavili so nove luči in preproge. Kar je najlepše v tem svetišču, je novi marmornat oltar. Zanj so zbrali veliko vsoto denarja sami farani v spomin pokojnemu župniku Romanu Malavasiču.

V nedeljo 11. novembra je bil Blagoslovljeni dan oltarja in obnove cerkve. Sam škof Joseph L. Imesch se je udeležil sv. maše. Bil je lep toda zelo mrzel dan. Iz šole se je v cerkev procesija vila. Krissy Cepon, Stan Markun, Mike Mavec in Loraine Ruth so v narodnih nošah podali škofu rdeče nageljne. Pavel Rozman je nato škofu zaželel dobrodošlico med farane Sv. Jožefa in razložil pomen slovenskega šopka nageljnov. Sv. mašo je daroval škof Joseph L. Imesch. Prisostovali so: Msgr. M. J.

iskreno sožalje čla. Amelia Granich-DeFranco, ki je izgubila soproga Josepha DeFranco. Bil je veteran Ameriške vojske v svetovni vojni in član Ameriške Legije št. 5. Zapušča več sinov in hčera. Naj v miru počiva.

Voščim vsem članicam in družinam Veselo in srečno ter zdravo Novo leto 1980, da se vidimo na sejah in razmotrivamo kar je v dobrobit naših članic.

Pozdrav,
JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC

SLOVENSKI PUŠELJC ZA ŠKOFA

Butala, Fr. Joseph Purpora, O.F.M., Fr. Kaffer, Fr. Atanazij, O.F.M. in Fr. Stefanich. Na žalost župnik Fr. Tadej Trpin se ni mogel udeležiti te slovesnosti. Ravno v tistih dneh je moral ostati v bolnišnici. Bralca sta bila Diane Hrubos in Pavel Rozman. Pela sta dva cerkvena zbora. Zbor pod vodstvom Tonija Rozmana je prepeval v slovenskem, angleškem in latinskem jeziku. Novi zbor je pa v angleščini pel obhajilne pesmi.

Po končanem Bogoslužju je predsednik cerkvenega zbora John Lukancic v najlepših besedah

pozdravil prevzvišanega škofa. Obenem je omenjal pokojnega župnika Romana Malavasiča. Ves njegov trud, skrb in delo pri tej cerkvi. Kako še vedno med nami živi in ne bo nikoli pozabljen. Marsikomu so bile solze v očeh. Želel je naj bi še v naprej bili zložni drug z drugim ljudje, naj bi si pomagali v stiskah in potrebah, pozabili naj bi vseh nesporazumov in neprijetnosti, da bomo kod ena katoliška družina drug z drugim se še dolgo zatekali v zavetišče slovenske cerkve. Fr. Tadeju pa veliko zdravja želimo.

LILIJANA CEPON

V BLAG SPOMIN Anna Kreševič

ŠT. 47, GARFIELD HTS., OHIO

Leto 1980 se poslavlja od nas. Pri vseh težkočah, ki so nas spremljale skozi to leto, bo leto kmalu zatonilo.

Pri naši podr. smo v novembru izgubile članico Anno Kreševič. Zelo jo bomo pogrešale pri podružnici, kakor tudi kot osebno prijateljico.



ANNA KREŠEVIČ

Meni je zelo žal, ker se nisem mogla udeležiti pogreba in jo zadnjič videti ko je ležala na mrtvaškem odru. Teško mi je pri srcu od njeni izgubi. Ne morem misliti, da je ni več med nami. Bog ji daj večni mir in pokoj. Naše sožalje možu Leo Kreševič ter hčerki Anni Harsh in družini, katero je tako nepričakovano zapustila. Njen zadnji zemski dom je na pokopališču vseh svetnikov, Northfield, Ohio.

Naša SZZ v tem letu žaluje izgubo naše ustanoviteljice, Mrs. Marie Prislant in duhovnega svetovalca Rev. Klavdij Okorna. Družini ge. Prislant naše iskreno sožalje. Upamo, do bo organizacija napredovala nemoteno v njen spomin še mnogo let.

Voščim vsem blagoslovljene praznike in srečno novo leto 1980. Ta voščila pošiljam našim članicam in vsem, ki ste pod okriljem SZZ.

Rada bi bolj obširno pisala, pa mi je težko pisati, ker sem pod zdravniško oskrbo že čez leto dni. Zelo pogrešam naše seje.

Tajnica Mary Tauchar kar dobro dela, kakor tudi ostale odbornice.

Bog Vam daj zdravja, da boste nadaljavale še mnogo vrsto let.

Pozdrave in voščila za Božične praznike vsem pri SZZ.

JENNIE PUGELY

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DRESS?

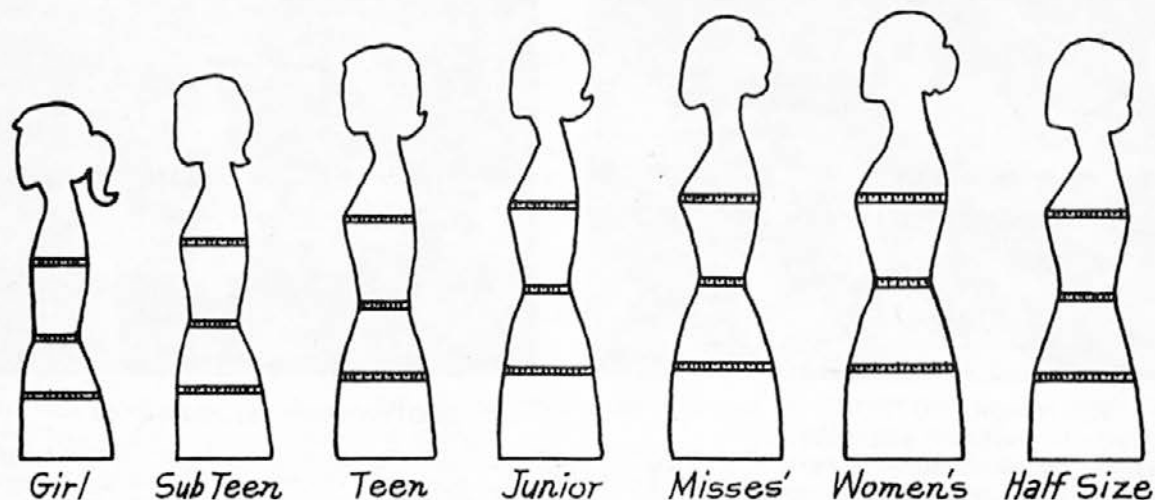


Fig. 1—Patterns come in many different types as well as sizes.

Whatever your reasons for sewing, you'll enjoy it more and save money if you learn to sew well. It's practice and attention to details and techniques that makes the expert seamstress.

Choose your pattern with care. Will the design be becoming to you? Will it be comfortable to wear? Should the material be soft or crisp?

How many pieces are there in the blouse, the skirt? Pick out a pattern that is the right size for your type of figure and you will have fewer fitting problems.

Patterns come in many different types as well as sizes. You may find such listings as "teen size, junior, half size, misses size and petite". (See figure 1)

Ask the saleslady to explain the differences in these types of patterns.

To get your correct pattern size: 1) Take snug measurements around your bust and waistline. 2) Take a fairly loose hip measurement, 7 inches to 9 inches below the waist. 3) Take back waist length measurement from the prominent bone at the base of your neck to the waistline. (Figure 2)

Compare these measurements with the ones on the pattern envelope. If the measurements do not exactly match those of any pattern size, choose the size that will give you the best fit in the blouse, since it is usually easier to adjust the skirt pattern than the blouse pattern. If your measurements call for an in-between size, for instance a size 35 inch bust, buy the next smaller size pattern and alter it by one inch at the waistline. Buying the next larger size pattern usually involves changes at the neckline, shoulder width, armhole and sleeve.

Next month: Checking your pattern pieces for size, cutting and marking your fabric.

FRANCES SIETZ

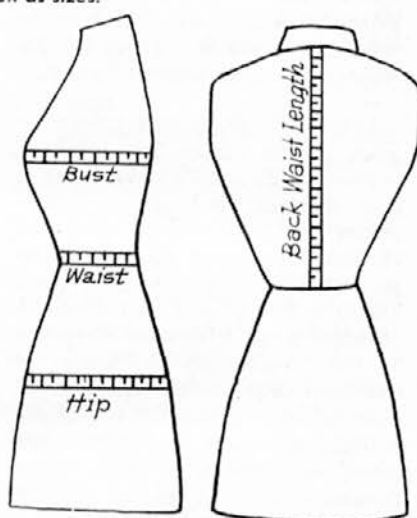


Fig. 2—To get your correct pattern size, take bust, waist, hip, and back waist length measurements.

Greetings from your Youth Director:

By the time you read this, the year 1979 will be past and we will be embarking on a brand new year — 1980. I would like to wish each and everyone of you a very happy, healthy and peaceful year. To our young members, I hope it is a year full of love, hope and bright promise. For the Slovenian Women's Union, I hope it is a year of real growth and renewed interest in our heritage, culture, and dedication in carrying on the work of our organization set forth by our pioneers.

If we all work together and each one of us put in a little effort, I'm sure we can not only boost our youth membership but really make them feel they are a part of our organization. Let's set aside a small portion of our meetings for youth participation. Make it a point to find out their special talents and ask them to perform for us. They need this kind of exposure or encouragement. Ask them to help make decorations for a special meetings. There are many other ways we can include them in our meetings without taking away from our own pleasures.

Be sure to include their names in the monthly reports whenever they have participated in any way and have their pictures published in the Zarja. They'll love it. Please feel free to share with me any ideas you might have in regard to our youth membership. Your help will be much appreciated by me. My God Bless You All.

Anna L. Hodnik

ATTENTION JUNIORS!
 Tell us what you'd like to learn about!
 Have you a special desire to learn more about
 cooking, sewing or some other skill? Write in and
 tell us. Your Youth Director would like to know
 and help.

"FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART"



FELIX MEETS SANTA

Br. 2, Chicago Juniors had their annual Christmas party on Dec. 1st and enjoyed themselves immensely! They were enthralled by the comical presence of "Felix, the Clown" who not only entertained them by his magical tricks with balloons, but by his games that tested their skills. Nazareth Academy girls also presented a short skit and then came Santa Clause with all his presents! Children under the age of 10 each received a gift and even the teen-agers were in for some lucky prizes.

On this photo we see the "palsy-walsy" Christmas characters!

(Photo: Steven Hozzian)



I Promise To....

Hi Boys and Girls,

First off, I'd like to wish you and all your friends and families a good year in 1980.

January marks the start of a new year so you may hear some talk of making New Year resolutions.

A New Year resolution is a promise one makes to one's self that will make one a better person. Sometimes the resolution is to give up something like biting one's fingernails or smoking. Other times it's to do something, like make one's bed every morning without being told.

From past experience and observations I have found that the vast majority of resolutions are broken or forgotten about before January is over with. (Some people don't make it to the second of January, yet alone the 31st.)

I think the main reason for this is because some people get carried away with making their resolutions and end up with a list so long it could fill up an entire roll of paper towel. These folks list so many items that they forget everything. If they don't forget they become extremely frustrated and give up.

May I suggest that if you're going to participate in this custom of making resolutions, you make only one resolution. You'll have the best results if you pick one item and stick to it.

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We welcome to our Scholarship Committee two new members: **Mary Muller**, our newly elected National President from Chicago, Ill. and our newly elected Youth Director, **Anna Hodnik**, from Aurora, Minn.

Sincerely,

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

**Mary Muller, Olga Ancel, Mary Bostian
 Anna Hodnik, Rose Kraemer, Irene Odorizzi
 Hermine Dicke, Chairman**

My dad is living proof to this system. He's picked one thing and never has come back on this resolution. Yep, for as long as I've known my dad, (which is all my life) I can honestly say I've never seen him milk a rattle snake, play elephant polo, wrestle alligators, hunt pink pandas...

Yours until next month,

DAVY

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