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Here We Are Again! - Circle No. 7 PSWA

Cleveland-Collinwood, Ohio — It's time I got busy to let all the readers know of the news concerning our circle's members and activities. But first of all comes a big hearty thank you to everyone for everything during the time of illness—the first operation in December and the second in January. I hope it won't be too long before I'm completely well.

I'm sending my deepest gratitude to the wonderful members of our Circle No. 7 for their plants, cards and hankies of remembrance—to Justine Pretnar and Sophie Subel for their beautiful bouquet of flowers in a vase inscribed "Thinking of You"—to Stella Simic (my secret pal of last year), Joyce Plemel, Edith Zele, Sylvia Schneller, Esther Bohinc, Ann Gorjanc (who was kind enough to do ironing for me), Mitzi Vesel, Jean Prijatelj and Mary Vukcevic for their visits and gifts. To each member of our group "Thank You."

I'm grateful to my two doctors, Dr. C. W. Rotter and Dr. C. Waltz and the wonderful nurses at Euclid-Glenville Hospital. Incidentally, many of them are Slovenian, so we really had some nice chats in our own native tongue.

I'm so thankful to the Rev. Dillon of Beachland Presbyterian Church, their members and the Women's Association of Beachland Church for their prayers, bouquets of flowers and cards—and visits.

It was nice to receive cards and visits from the members of Oliver Hazard Perry School P.T.A. and from the nice neighbors we have on Windward Rd.

A sincere thank you to my mother, Mrs. Jennie Hrvatin and sister, Mrs. Sally Koffel for their wonderful help in taking care of our three youngsters and the home these past few months, and to my brother and his wife, and to the Desmonds for their visits from Columbus.

Deep appreciation to my good husband and children who have been so patient and just grand all this time. And to all the other people who called, prayed and visited and had thoughts of me while recuperating, I wish to express from my heart "Thank You."

Our member, Jean Prijatelj was in the hospital in December undergoing a major operation. It was at this time I really got to know a fine girl—full of hopes, cheer, laughs and prayers. After all we were bed partners for six days. It was a pleasure being with Jean—as sick as she was, to share her companionship. Remember, how hungry we were, Jean, especially at night and all the sick patients we got acquainted with, especially Tommy Dolenc and Bob Modic? Now we can really laugh about all the little incidents! It was a pleasure getting acquainted with Jean and her fine hubby, Joe and her daughters. I'm sure we'll share the friendship for always, dear Jean!

Mary Cichon and I met on January 12th when we were both admitted to the hospital—the second time for me. Mary underwent a major operation. We were on different floors and couldn't see each other. Mary is feeling much better, friends can visit her and cards are always a nice thought.

At this same date another member, Mary Zagar, in the next room to mine was ready to be discharged following observation. We're glad to report she went home in good spirits and health.

February's meeting and Val-

entine party were quite successful so I've been informed. Everyone brought "Pot Luck." The girls exchanged cards and gifts and had quite a gay time. To Jean Remic and Bunny Tolar, patients in the hospital for some time, the members sent cards and gifts.

Joyce Plemel is our delegate for the convention to be held in a few months. The alternate is Ann Gorjanc.

Any members wishing to buy or order greeting cards of any kind can contact Helen Tomazic at home or on regular meeting night.

Our annual bake sale will be held Saturday, March 26th at Butler's Store in Euclid. Let's all pitch in do our share of baking, girls!

Anna Cernich transferred from Circle No. 1 to our group in January. We welcome her and hope she'll bring her friends to our meetings.

I've looked high and low for the list of birthday and wedding anniversaries of our members, but somehow it has disappeared. I'll get another one compiled soon, so for the month of Febru-

ary and March to those celebrating I still send best wishes.

Another good friend, Sylvia Banko spent several days for observation in the hospital recently. She is now at home resting where her friends may visit her. My regards to Mrs. Anna Zele of Arbor Road, Euclid, Ohio, for a speedy recovery. I met Mrs. Zele in the hospital in January and we had some nice talks together. I'm sure she would appreciate visitors also. Another Slovenian woman, Mrs. Cigoj, formerly of Mohawk Avenue, underwent a serious operation in January. She is now coming along fine. How about sending her a card?

On March 23rd, Justine Pretnar will be our hostess for the evening of sewing session. Let's try to make it for 8:30 p. m.!

Our next regular meeting will be held **Wednesday, March 9th** at 8 p. m. at the Slovenian Home on Waterloo Road. Do plan to attend and perhaps bring a friend along. If all is well I'll be so very happy to attend and see the swell bunch of girls of our Circle No. 7 once again.

Sincerely,
Elsie M. Rudman,
Circle No. 7.

P. S. W. A. No. 9

Chicago has had just about enough of that lovely white snow and sub-zero weather, (anyone else complaining?) and we're all anxious to be able to set our feet on dry ground again, and go out once more without immediately turning a lovely shade of violet blue and having to doff a ton of wraps wherever we go about our business.

But even these freezing temperatures didn't keep our ladies from attending the Feb. 4th meeting and filling the hall as usual to capacity. It is simply amazing the fortitude these "gals" have! But we did miss Anna Jane Kolar, (who is down with a virus) and Angela Mezner, who is recovered from a severe cold. When two such right hands are absent, it is very quickly noticed by all.

At the January meeting our delegates to the May convention were elected, they were, namely Tončka Urbanz and Dorothy Sodnik. At the February meeting we elected our alternates. First alternate is Elizabeth Kure, second is Caroline Marcel. With these important steps taken care of, we are busily engaged in preparing for the convention. Therefore we ask all members to give thought to any suggestions you may feel will benefit our organization. We have just two more meetings left in which to discuss any and all important items concerning our group.

Our secretary reported on the results of our masquerade party, as did the various persons in charge of the different departments. We decided to definitely hold another such affair next year. At a special meeting held at the home of Mary Kukman, a committee was selected to rent a hall for this occasion also for our annual fall affair.

There were many February hostesses and donations of food and liquid refreshments were plentiful and delicious. We initiated our new 60 cup coffee maker and the matching utensils, (five pitchers for pouring and a huge pot with spigot for cooking anything else that is needed in great quantities). This really made a very impressive display.

Ann Kolar came in with an armload of white carnations, tinged in red. Each one was set into the edge of a big white stereofoam heart. In the center

of this big heart she had placed a corsage of white carnations, which was later presented to our guest speaker. The single carnations were presented to each birthday "gal." It is now also Ann's custom to disperse leftover flowers to any visitors or other special people present that evening, in this way Ann's big heart (her own true heart) makes a lot of people happy at every meeting. Ann also brought in a lovely red and silver Valentine box for our valentines which were passed out later in the evening. With all her work at home, attending to her husband and mom who are both ill, keeping up the floral business, Ann finds time to do these special heartwarming things for our group. Since our Anna Jane Kolar wasn't present, our new member Ella Mac Kovacic, took over the Valentine selling and the job was well done indeed!

Frances Rak donated Valentines to our group, Antoinette Bavdek and her friend Mrs. Abrams brought in a large bowl of the "best tasting ever" fruit salad. Now none of these three good ladies had birthdays in February, they just wanted to give us their own special kind of Valentine. That's the way our ladies are!! Oscar Godina, son of our member, Frances Godina came to the hall to give us a Postal Manual, a book of all kinds of postal information for which we are very grateful, because we always have need for this. Anyone can borrow this book from the Educational Committee. Thanks a lot Oscar for the gift!

With great pleasure we welcomed several guests at our meeting. Among these were: Sylvia Trojar Ericksen, who just recently made her mother Josephine Trojar a proud grandmother and Louise Muha a great grandmother, for Ronnie Ericksen is Louise's grandson.

Mary Andres' daughter Myra was home on a visit from Ohio University where just recently she was pledged to Kappa Delta Sorority. Mae Skala a very dear friend of long standing of the Sodnik family came to visit with us again. Mae comes every now and then to see the ladies about whom she hears so much every morning when we ride to work together. As an added pleasure we were very pleased to have Mr. Frank Zaitz, Prosveta editor

and Mr. I. Bostjancich, his assistant sit in on the lecture by our guest speaker, Mrs. Zelta Ferguson, is editor of the mail order section of the Sears Roebuck & Co. newspaper, The News-Graphic. I have had the pleasure of working with her on the News-Graphic for the past nine and half years, and have always found her a refreshing and interesting person to know. She also has acquired a deep interest in our group thru my enthusiastic accounts of our activities. She often expressed the desire to meet our ladies, but heretofore we could not conveniently arrange this. I was pleased when she agreed to speak to us, and with her sincere interest in people, her high educational background and her capabilities to adapt herself to any situation, she went over big. She enjoyed us as much as we did her.

The Andres' have really had a busy and diverting few weeks in the New Year. Mary has just recently served on jury duty and to top it all off, never an idle moment for her, she sold our cook book to a member of the jury. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dobrovolc of North Chicago, Illinois, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary January 22nd. Their community paper gave them a very nice writeup. In part it states, "a corsage and boutonniere of yellow tea roses and a television set were presented to them with other gifts by their children." They have six children and five grand-children. By the way, Mary's sister Steffie, is employed in the medical department at Sears in Chicago. To Mr. and Mrs. Dobrovolc our belated congratulations! This leads us into the news that we heard today, our Mrs. Mary Racic and her husband, of 808 N. Oakley in Chicago are also celebrating their 50th anniversary! It was announced on Ed Blatnik's Slovene radio program. To them also we extend sincere congratulations. Also we found out that our two sisters, Louise Robaus and Mary Andreas are disporting themselves in sunny California! What a smart thing to do to get away from all this cold and snow!

On the sad side, we were sorry to hear about Ann Cretnik, having to have surgery performed, altho' at this writing we understand that she is home from the hospital and getting along fine. Her address is 3904 W. 62nd Stret, Chicago 29, Ill.

Agnes Potofar is also sick. She resides at 2443 So. Ridgeway, Chicago 23. Sunshine Committee get busy! Mary Vertnik and Ann Fabian were two of the birthday "gals" who worked in the kitchen at our last meeting and seemed to be enjoying themselves very much working! But when at the close of the evening we heard of their own ill health and worries, we sat back and gasped! To you all we wish good health and speedy recovery from all your worries. And again we say: These Wonderful Women!!

Before closing this lengthy report, if anyone is looking for a "babuska" or a stuffed stocking monkey, left at our masquerade party, we have it safely put away for you. Ask any member to get it for you. Also we have had very exciting results from our secret pal club. A few have neglected to remember their pals for some reason. If you are one, remember your Pal!

Until again,
Dottie Sodnik.

Oglašajte v Enakopravnosti

SONČNI KOTIČEK



Konkurenca res je huda!

Prispeva: Ovinjarjeva

Od zapada glas prihaja: "Californija j' podoba raja, sonce sije, zime ni, kaj lepš'ga kdo si še želi?!"

Lepo je res v Floridi, drugodi, al' tac'ga kot tu se ne vidi povsodi. Nimate "jukalptusa," sekvoje, "redwooda." Hoditi k vam na oddih je časa zamuda!"

Od druge strani se zopet sliši: "Tam v vašem "raju" je večni "smog," suša, potresi, nebroj nadlog, ki so nesreča prav vsaki hiši."

Temu sledi še drugi refren: "Florida polna komarjev je hudih, krokodilov in kač klopotač in kdo ve, kak se še skrivava v močvirju rogač?!"

Jaz pa vam pravim:

Postavite vi na zadnje se tace vneti "sončni patrijotje" iz zapada ino juga! Recite: "Tako je in nič drugače!" Če ne bo za vas "In kveskate pace."

Pa špasa za danes naj bo dovolj na račun "sonca" in "večne pomladi." Resnično se zdi mi še najbolj kar pravi Steblaj, sekundira mu Ančka wiskonskih planjav, da vsi, prav vsi v Clevelandu med nami—bili bi radi.

Konec konca le še to: Povsod je lepo, kjer ima človek zaslužek, možička, otroke, zemljo!

Se bolj pa mu je pri srcu toplo, če sem in tja sreča brata, sestro v družbi zabavni, kjer pesmi pojo!

Zato se ne čudim, če sloves "metropole" se širi zelo. Zato le med nas in nikoli vam dolgčas ne bo!

Če pa sem ne morte priti S Progressivnimi spojite niti in delate bomo na to da raj in sonce povsod bo!

Veliki in važni dnevi za napredne slovenske žene in prijateljke širne Amerike
29. in 30. APRILA
ter 1. MAJA
v Clevelandu, Ohio
Pridite med nas!

Great and Important Days Ahead! April 29th, 30th & May 1st CONVENTION - BANQUET - PROGRAM in Cleveland, Ohio

Plan a spring visit or excursion to Cleveland the cultural "Mecca" of American Slovenians!

GREETINGS TO ALL!
MARY IVANUSCH

DELO ZA MIR...

(Nadaljevanje s 2. strani)

ki je s svojim vzgledom največ prispevala napram ideji za dosego miru na svetu.

Ker je obhajal dr. Schweitzer ravno pretekli mesec njegov rojstni dan, naj vam podamo o njem nekoliko podatkov. Rodom Nemeč, je bil rojen v Alzaciji. Najprej je dokončal študije kot bogoslovec in organist, toda ko je razmišljal kako bi to, kar se je naučil teologije, lahko čim uspešneje dejansko izvajal, se mu je porodila misel, da si pridobi še znanje zdravnika. Z vneemo se je posvetil študijam in v šestih letih je prejel naslov doktorja medicine na štrasburški univerzi.

Tako je bilo leta 1914, ob začetku prve svetovne vojne, ko se je kot 30-leten mlad mož podal v francosko ekvitorijalno Afriko. Tam se je popolnoma predal delu zdravljenja gobavcev. Od začetka je skušal delovati potom in s pomočjo cerkvenih krogov, toda ti so vrgli na pot njegovega humanitarnega podvzeta toliko ovir, da je to misel opustil in delal skozi vsa dolga leta popolnoma samostojno in brez vsake zveze s kakršnokoli cerkveno denominacijo.

Dr. Schweitzer se zdi, da je uresničil to, kar je skušal na starost zama doseči veliki ruski pisatelj, Leo Tolstoy, namreč se popolnoma posvetiti delu za in med preprostim ljudstvom. Kakor Tolstoy, Gandi in Lincoln, tako je tudi Schweitzer popolnoma ujan delu za navadnega človeka. Sredi džungle, brez vsakih modernih udobnosti in z najbolj skromnimi pripomočki in sredstvi dela, piše, in zdravi, ne iz kake želje po slavi ali priznanju, ampak iz želje, da pomaga svojemu bližnjemu, tistim, ki so pomoči najbolj potrebni. Je priprost in skromen mož, fizično močne nature, prijaznega obraza, močnih sivih brk in las ter nadvse simpatičnih oči. Na obiskovalca njegove takorekoč primitivno zgrajene bolnišnice sredi divjine, naredi utis svetniškega človeka. Njemu je vsako čašenje ali oboževanje odporno. Sploh ga vznemirja, ko se piše o njem po knjigah in revijah.

Kot organist je smatran kot največji eksponent skladatelja Bacha. Toda najbolj nam osvetli njegov značaj tole: Recimo, ko pride kak obiskovalec, si bo vzlic vsej njegovi zaposlenosti in delu vzel čas, da zaigra na gramofon njegovi hčerki na ljubo, ploščo ameriškega "jazza." On namreč meni, da naj ima vsak človek pravico do tistega, kar mu ugaja.

On pravi, da če je človek sam zdrav in srečen, naj to zdravje in srečo deli s tistimi, ki so manj srečni, da tako tudi oni dosežejo vsaj delec te sreče. Le na ta način razume on pomen vere, prave vere.

In kar je še zanimivo je naslednje: Lani je prejel Nobelovo nagrado za mir dasiravno on sploh ne piše, niti ne agitira za mir in sploh ne spada k nobeni tožadavni organizaciji. Vendar ga smatrajo, da je kot osebnost z njegovim delom živ vzgled, kako naj pride na svetu do miru.

Ko so ga vprašali, če so mu divjaki džungle hvaležni za njegovo delo in pomoč je odgovoril, da je mnogokrat užaloščen in razočaran. Kadar je trenutno slabe volje je priznal, da se ga tudi polasti misel, češ, da je vse zaman. Pa se zgodi, da pride k njemu divjak, kateremu je z operacijo rešil življenje in mu pomoli svilen nit rekoč: "Na, tu sem ti prinesel nazaj nit, s katero si mi zašil trebuh, da boš lahko še komu pomagal," pa ga takoj mine slaba volja.

Seveda se najdejo tudi ljudje, ki so obiskali njegovo bolniško kolonijo in ko vidijo, kako je v isti vse primitivno in revno v primeri z modernimi zavodi v svetu menijo, kaj je vendar tako velikega in posebnega v vsem tem. Toda to so plehki in plitvi ljudje, ki vidijo uspehe in veličino v površnih, bleščočih in pompoznih stvarih in osebah. Dr. Schweitzer pa je skromen v obleki in obnašanju, toda velik v dejanju. Je tih in pomemben simbol in obenem živ opomin in kažipot človeštvu, v kateri smeri leži njegova sreča—v delu, ljubezni in žrtvovanju za bližnjega, za brata, za sestro...

In v tem je zapopadeno jedro resnično prave vere.

