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Liberty's promise of hope, opportunity, peace shines forth today as it has for 100 years, enlightening the way for future generations.

(Photo courtesy National Park Service, Statue of Liberty National Monument)

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Aug. 3 - PICNIC IN THE PARK, Br. 42, Maple Hgts.,
OH
Aug. 19 - PICNIC AT BRIARDALE, Knuth Community
Center, Br. 50, Cleveland, OH, Pot-luck, 6:00
p.m.
Aug. 27 - LUNCHEON MEETING, Br. 35, Aurora, MN
at 12:00 noon, Mary Ann's Supper Club
Sep. 14 - COLORADO STATE CONVENTION & 60th
ANNIVERSARY, Br. 3, Pueblo, CO
Sep. 14 - MINNESOTA STATE DAY, Br. 56, Hibbing,
MN, Mass at noon, Immaculate Conception
church followed by dinner at Moose Hall.
Registration, 9 a.m.
Sep. 28 - 60th ANNIVERSARY, STATE CON-
VENTION, Br. 1, Sheboygan, WI
Oct. 5 - ILL.-IND. STATE CONVENTION, Brs. 85
and 89 co-hosting, at Oglesby and LaSalle, IL.
Oct. 15 - MASS AT ST. CHRISTINE'S CHURCH, 7:00
p.m. for Living and Deceased members;
meeting following, Br. 32, Euclid, OH
Oct. 26 - OHIO STATE CONVENTION and 55th
ANNIVERSARY, Br. 50, Cleveland, OH.
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church on
Holmes Ave.; Convention meeting after Mass
and Dinner at 3:00, SND, Holmes Ave.
Nov. 2 - ANNUAL CARD PARTY, Br. 43, Milwaukee,
WI
Dec. 17 - CHRISTMAS PARTY, 7:00 p.m. at Rechar's
Hall, Br. 32, Euclid, OH

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Presents

Zveza Day in Lemont

at St. Mary's Seminary
1400 Main Street
Lemont, Illinois

Holy Mass at Grotto, 11:00 a.m.
Picnic on the grounds after Mass.

Every welcome, please join us.!

- July 23 Alouise Eply, Br. 73, Warrensville Hgts., OH
Aug. 2 Mary Satkovich, Br. 97, Cairnbrook, PA
Aug. 13 Moreen Spencer, Br. 13, San Francisco, CA
Aug. 14 Helen Strukel, Br. 23, Ely, MN
Aug. 16 Frances Ulle, Br. 68, Fairport Hbr., OH
Aug. 20 Donna Tomc, Br. 14, Euclid, OH
Aug. 22 Mary Kernz, Br. 89, Oglesby, IL
Aug. 22 Mildred Poropat, Br. 95, So, Chicago, IL

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LET'S GIVE A HAND TO AMERICAN PATRIOTISM

Being an American means being free...epitomized in the Statue of Liberty who stands as a testimony of the freedom of her people, of their democratic system, of people who know what it means not to be oppressed, intimidated, repressed, terrorized, thrown on the edge of the social sphere by a government or form of it. The Lady of Liberty does not only reign over her people but above all, challenges them and everything in her domain. Her's is a watchful presence over the events taking place everywhere in the world. Ultimately, the whole world looks to America for the solution to its many dilemmas, its problems, the world searches for truth and justice here under Lady Liberty's magnificent shoulders.

Just looking at her and you feel her energy - her commitment. You know that she is your intervenor, your protector. Her message demands that you believe in the equality of all men and the right to freedom and justice under God. She challenges us to live that message that is brilliantly symbolized in her open arms.

Many of our forefathers remember seeing her when they came to our shores as poor, timid immigrants, full of hope and eager to find their new lives. Did they feel the blessedness of freedom and receive the inspiration she imparts - to be worthy of this blessing? There is no doubt that Lady Liberty called to them in welcome and gave them her approval.

Her majestic figure spoke to them eloquently: "Here you are - here you can stay, free, unfettered. I give you new life with great opportunity."

And, to whom has Lady Liberty lifted her flame of light? What is it she wishes to say to us? That a man who is free must be proud - that in the arena of a man's life he must be a man of the times, not a dreamer of the past, that he must look to the future, always to a better future and find there, his destiny.

It is all in her name.

The restoration process for the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island brings a re-awakening of patriotism to all American- Slovenians, too. They are sentimental in this respect as we hear from our fine member, Jennie Femc, of Cleveland, Ohio.

She lived in Pennsylvania for many years during her childhood and remembers taking lunch to her father who worked in a stone quarry at Forest City. He told her about the work the men were doing to prepare stone for a government project in New York. From the *Forest City News* we learned the facts that indeed, prove her memory true!

In the August 11, 1898 NEWS, appeared the news item as follows: "Contractor Frank Carlucci has secured a big contract from the government to supply cut stone to be used in the erection of the Ellis Island Landing Station in New York harbor. The stone will be taken from the Forest City quarry."

We are all so proud of her father and all the men who worked with him, most of them Slovenian immigrants. Ellis Island is now being restored and will be re-dedicated next year after modernization and rehabilitation for other uses. But, the memory of those historic times and realization remains of how the immigration of Europeans to our American shores, many of them our own grandparents and great grandparents, made America what it is and brings home the importance of preserving all the "relics", whether they be structures or personal memorabilia.

Jennie also recalls that during the 12 year period when she lived in New York, she took all visitors to see the Statue of Liberty and was always impressed and grateful for the gift of American freedom which The Lady represents.

How clear and definite memory becomes when we can look with our own eyes on these reminders of the past.

Podajte še vi roko svobodi

Biti v Ameriki in biti svoboden, sta dva nerazdružena elementa; oboje pa je povzeto v kipu svobode, ki mogočno kraljuje in kipeče oznanja, da tod žive ljudje svobode, ljudje demokracije, ljudje, ki bolj vedo kaj pomeni biti prost in svoboden kot kaj pomeni biti preganjan, zatiran in vržen na rob družbenega dogajanja ali celo izvržen iz družbe.

Gospa svoboda pa ni samo princesa, ki kraljuje na obstoječim, ampak je predvsem izziv vsemu kar se dogaja pod njenim mogočnim okriljem in na rahlo celo bdi nad svetovnim dogajanjem, saj se končno vse razrešuje v Ameriki in kje zadobiva svetovno dogajanje svoje poravnane možnosti močnejše uresničene kot to ravno v Ameriki.

Vsakdo, ki je kdajkoli zrl v njeno mogočno postavo, je ob njej občutil nekaj silnega, nekaj kar ga je navdajalo z veličastno obveznostjo, da bo hranil in čuval sporočilo, ki ga posreduje — v naročju svobode ste vsi enaki, še več, vsi poklicani da to enakost oznanjete in širite, da podpirate vse

kar tako blesteče izkazuje prednost odprtim rokam srečne bodočnosti.

So vse to doživljali ljudje, ki so prihajali v njeno okrilje, da bi zaživel bolj sproščeno, oziroma človeka vredno življenje? Ni dvoma, da je temu treba priti. Gospa svoboda jim je klicala v pozdrav in dobrodošlico, gospa svoboda jih je potrjevala v njihovi učenosti, ki so jo pridobili — njena knjiga je vedno govorila in še govori, da je tisti, ki si je pridobil umetnost katere že koli smeri, tu poklican, da jo uresniči; svoboda je namreč tista, ki bo vedno dajala pogum, podlago in impulz tekmovalnosti na osnovi katere bo spoznana prava modrost.

In le čemu je njena plamenica dvignjena tako visoko? Kaj pa če hoče opozoriti, da je človek svobode vedno tudi človek ponosa, da je vedno v areni življenja, da je vedno na prizorišču sedanjosti in da se ne izgublja v zasanjani preteklosti, ampak gleda naprej, vedno naprej, saj je vendar gospej svoboda ime.

A REMINDER

In May of this year, Fr. Blase Chemazar, our Superior, Fr. Vendelin Spendov, Guardian of Lemont, Illinois Slovenian Custody and I were called to attend the Franciscan Provincial Chapter in Ljubljana. It was good to be back in Slovenia again. This gathering was at Brezje. At the end of our meetings, a special event took place. We are reminded every year that on the vigil of the feast of "Marija Pomagaj", May 24th, to light a candle in our homes. This year, hundreds of pilgrims gathered at Brezje to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia when a resolution was made among Slovenian people, for a special worldwide ceremonious observance. On the vigil, May 23rd, at 7:30 p.m., the Most Rev. Šušter, Archbishop of Ljubljana, was the main celebrant and all three of us

from Lemont were concelebrants at Mass, after which there was a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. It was dark when we came out of the church and people had lighted candles in their hands. Archbishop Šušter, in his talk, underlined the importance of our fidelity to our tradition. In Slovenia we find not only the beauty in nature, but our heritage makes us proud and at the same time obligates us to pass on this beauty of our customs and our spiritual heritage to the next generation. These were the thoughts of the bishop. Then, at 10 o'clock in the evening the same day only the "three Americans" were concelebrants at Mass and at Midnight, the Provincial of Slovenian Franciscans, Fr. Michael Vovk, said his Mass.

It was very impressive to see so many gathered around the Blessed Virgin on this occasion; it was uplifting to listen to the songs echoing thru the church. Moments as these we see the rich heritage of our land, the faith of our people, the song of Slovene hearts and the natural beauty of Slovenia.

COMMUNITY MOURNS LOSS OF MARY HUTAR



ELY, MN - Miss Mary Hutar, recognized throughout the Iron Range of Minnesota for her abilities as a choir director and music choreographer, passed away May 5th, 1986. The funeral was on Friday, May 9th with the church filled with relatives and friends who will miss her very much. She suffered for 8 months before the good Lord took her to His heavenly kingdom. The sanctuary at St. Anthony's church was filled with priests who concelebrated the Mass of the Resurrection for our dear Mary. She was recognized by the choirs of St. Anthony's for 50 years as organist and choir director and for her 50 years as the housekeeper at the rectory.

Her beautiful singing voice and her tremendous abilities in the field of music gained for her a reputation far and wide. She often appeared on programs in Chisholm with her groups and directed community sings with her sister, accomplished musician, Catherine Merhar. Of recent memory is her visit to Chicago-Lemont for the SWU Christian Women's Conference when she led everyone in song at every event. Even at a local restaurant, she and the fifty Minnesota members in attendance sang so heartily that the entire restaurant joined in the singing and applauded after every song. Such was our Mary, always full of life and ready and willing to bring happiness to others.

Her musical career began when she was in her teens. Her talents blossomed forth when her father, John Hutar, Sr., purchased an old pump organ from the late Msgr. Joseph F. Buh, a former Ely pastor and one of the great missionaries in Minnesota's pioneering history. Mr.

Hutar thought that perhaps the organ would be of some value to his family of seven active children. Mary assumed the leadership and within a few months, the "Hutar Choir" was formed. This was a highly talented, exceptionally musical family. Mary learned to play the organ and the hymns, classics and Slovenian folk songs burst forth with new vitality. She began to play the organ in the church a year later and continued in that capacity for 44 years. She started out to help in the rectory for about six months when she was 18 years old and she ably continued in that capacity, saying that it just never occurred to her to leave.

In addition to the many household duties that are prevalent in a very busy parish, Mary found time to develop her voice and instrumental abilities at Villa Scholastica. She studied constantly and was an avid reader. She found time to direct and participate in community concerts and plays, to direct the choirs of the church and the community, to play for all of the services in church and to bake cookies for the hungry little children who had a habit of knocking at the back door, knowing that the cooky jar was brimming with delicious treats for them.

The blending of beautiful voices for the various choirs did not just happen. Mary was a teacher, a disciplinarian, a strict but understanding musician. With her there were no excuses for skipping choir practice and her product of choir performance was unexcelled.

She was a busy, vivacious songbird and community worker and also a member of many fraternal and civic organizations in Ely and the area. Her responsibilities with the rectory and choirs would exhaust almost anyone, but with Mary, there were always extra "golden" moments to help others and to bring a "song to their hearts."

Mary was awarded the Music and Drama Community Service Award and was a member of the AFU, VFW Auxiliary, Slovenian Women's Union Br. 23, Men's Chorus, Ladies' Octet and organist for 50 years. She taught the Girl Scouts and other teenage girls Slovenian folksongs and was head of the Memories program at the Ely Nursing Home.

We extend our sympathies to all of Mary's friends and join them in praying that God gives Mary many happy musical rainbows in her eternal home.

(This report was taken partially from a newspaper story sent to us by her beloved sister, Catherine.)

TRIBUTE TO THE SLOVENIAN MINERS AND LABORERS

After almost seven years of working and waiting, the Tribute (Memorial) to the Slovenian Miner and Laborer will be formally dedicated on Friday, August 1st, 1986 at Iron World, U.S.A. in Chisholm, Minnesota.

At 3:00 p.m. there will be a band concert presented by the Slovenian Band from Cleveland, Ohio followed by the dedication ceremonies at 4:30 p.m. The local committee has a very interesting and inspiring program prepared.

The next day, Iron World U.S.A. is sponsoring Slav Day at the Center featuring all kinds of foods and entertainment in the Slavic tradition.

Now is the time to make plans to spend some vacation days amidst the beauty of the Iron Range of Minnesota. There are adequate motels in the area. You may check with your local travel agent for arrangements.

We hope that many S.W.U. members and friends will take part in the dedication festivities.

This Tribute to our Slovenian Miner and Laborer recognizes and shows the appreciation and pride that we have in the honesty, integrity and contributions that our Slovenian people made to America. We respect the past, honor the present while we look to the future of the working person. Miner, steel-worker, farmer, teacher, businessperson, tradesman, housewife and student, all doing a work that secures a future of hope and promise for those willing to exercise their talents and potential.

This is what our Slovenian men and women did in the past and what we do now.

For this we give Tribute to the Slovenian Miner and Laborer.

Hope to see many of you on Friday, August 1st at 4:30 p.m. at Iron World, U.S.A. in Chisholm, Minnesota.

Fraternally,

*Fr. David Stalzer,
Co-ordinating Chairperson
Branch 20, Joliet, Illinois*

SLOVENIAN MINERS and LABORERS TRIBUTE REPORT January 1 to June 1, 1986

Slovenian Women's Union	\$3,482.00
American Slovenian Catholic Union	3,085.00
Slovene National Benefit Society	1,990.00
American Fraternal Union	1,125.00
American Mutual Life Association of Ohio	630.00
Western Slavonic Association	585.00
Progressive Slovene Women	200.00
Sloga	155.00
Organization-Businesses	3,010.00
Individuals	8,108.00
\$100.00	
Anton and Jennie (Span) Skul, Joliet, IL	\$50.00
Bob and Kim Rossi (Total \$100.00)	Morgantown, West Virginia
\$10.00	
Tony Jamnik, Kankakee, IL	
Memoriams	9,735.00
\$100.00	
Rose Baher from son Robert, Joliet, IL	
Alex and Jennie Plut from Family	Joliet, IL
Interest	1,390.26
\$35.01	
Total January 1, 1986	\$33,100.25
Additional contributions	395.01
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Total June 1, 1986	\$33,495.26

CORRECTION on report appearing in March 1986 ZARJA:

Memoriam for Josephine Kerzich given by daughter Josephine Schmidt and sons Joseph and Frank Kerzich. Milwaukee, WI.

A LEGACY OF LOVE

Our mother, Mary Podrzaj, lost her valiant battle with life on the 1st of March, 1986. We, her family, miss her very much as do all her friends and acquaintances.

She was a long-time member of Br. 1, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Her grandson, David, in a recent letter, wrote: "Grandma was a most kind and caring person and always set a good example for me to live by."

Mom's patience, attitude and utmost courage during her last years in a wheelchair was very touching to watch.

The attendance at the funeral was a living tribute to Mom for all the love she shared with others.

We pray that God will reward her in Heaven for the good life she'd always led.

Rest in peace, Mom.

Daughters and families,
*Mary A. Podrzaj
Florence and Tom Guenther
Val and David Guenther
Mary and Mark Spoden
Tommy Spoden*



Mary Podrzaj

1986 S.W.U. SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

It is a real pleasure to announce the 1986 Scholarship Winners. Since of \$1000 was contributed in memorial gifts honoring Mary Bostian, past national president and over \$1000 honoring Josephine Erjavec, past national auditor and secretary, two additional scholarships are offered this year (five are annually awarded).

The Scholarship Winners are outstanding high school graduating seniors worth of our recognition and awards. We congratulate them for their achievements and wish them much success and happiness in their chosen careers. They are:



Nancy Diane

1. Nancy Diane Tusek is the winner of the Mary Bostian Scholarship. A member since birth, she is enrolled in Br. 50, Cleveland, Ohio and is the daughter of Albert and Dorothy Tusek, 10080 Hickory Ridge Dr., Brecksville. Her major field of study will be Business/Marketing with Psychology as a minor at Baldwin Wallace College. A member of the National Honor Society, a Spanish language student teacher at a local elementary school and active in Youth in Government for 2 years, Nancy is worthy of this award and honor.

2. Mary Susan Mihelich receives the Josephine Erjavec Scholarship. She is a member of Br. 20, Joliet, Illinois and is the daughter of Rudolph and Sue Mihelich. Mary plans to attend the University of Illinois, majoring in Advertising. Being on the A-Honor Roll since a freshman, a member of the National Honor Society, French Honor Society and the Student Council; co-chairman of Project Graduation, active in her parish and branch and in award winner for her optical art design qualifies her for his special scholarship.

3. Teresa Mary Mlakar, a member since birth of Br. 100, and daughter of Rosemary J. Mlakar, 16560 Orange Way, Fontana, California, she will major in Engineering at the California State Polytechnic University. She has received recognition for her ability by qualifying for the California Scholastic Federation, receiving an academic gold metal; a member of Student Council, president of the Zonta Service Club, active in her church's Youth Group, volunteer Candy Stripper at Loma Linda University Medical Center, a contributor to the youth section of ZARJA, acting Historian for Br. 100, Teresa is deserving of a 1986 Scholarship.

4. Lori Ann Gorup, a member since birth of Br. 26, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, she resides at 8 Wilson Drive, Carmel, Indiana, and is the daughter of Jerry and Sharon Gorup. She has been accepted at Purdue University to major in Veterinary Medicine. A National Honor Society member, very active in the Performing Arts Department, a flag bearer of the Carmel Marching Band and a singer in the top-rated Carmel Ambassador's Choir, Lori has worked for over a year in a kennel to obtain a minimum of 2000 kennel hours and 1000 hours working experience with a veterinarian required to be accepted in the School of Veterinary Medicine.

5. Jeanette M. Hiti, daughter of Frank and Mary Jane Hiti, 26530 Breckenridge Dr., Euclid, Ohio is a member of Br. 14, was a member of the S.W.U. Twirlettes for nine years. At Kent State University, Jeanette will major in Journalism. She plays the button box accordion, performs as a vocalist at various events within the Slovenian community, graduated from St. Mary's Slovenian School in 1982 before attending the local high school, received music honor award and ranked high in Honors British Literature.



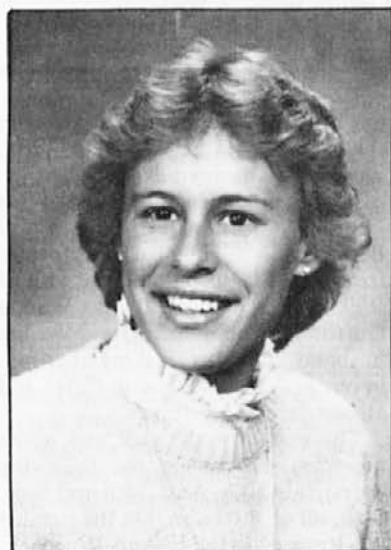
Mary Susan



Teresa Mary



Lori Ann



Jeanette



Marie



Michael

6. Marie Drobnick of 13326 Schreiber Rd., Valley View, Ohio is the daughter of Kenneth and Mary Ann Drobnick, is a member of Br. 47 for 16 years. At Bowling Green University she will major in Fashion Design/Merchandising. Her Senior Class Advisor writes: "Marie Drobnick has had a wide array of leadership experiences that have developed her into a dynamic leader; she is one of our highest quality students". An accomplished violinist and vocalist, Marie also participated in the Drama Club, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Student Council and volunteered at the Jennings Home for the Aged; served as a lifeguard at the

school's pool, received Bright Future Award and the Regional Scholastic Art Award.

7. Michael Miller, a member since birth of Br. 3, Pueblo, Colorado is the son of Marcia Ann Pachak Miller (father deceased) living at 513 Hackberry Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Electrical Engineering is his major to be pursued at the University of Colorado. Drum Major of the Widefield Marching Band, 1st chair Trumpet for four years, playing in Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, he lettered in Music three years. He averaged an "A" in the highest math and sciences classes available.

President's Message

Best wishes for a healthy and happy summer to all. If you are taking a trip or going to some special place, let us hear from you so we may read and enjoy the afterglow. We need to have more such as the article our editor wrote, on her climb to Triglav, in April Zarja. The pictures were most interesting, especially to those of us who are not able to get away. This was truly an adventure they shall not forget.

Many areas are planning State Conventions within the next few months. Since our National Convention next year is the end of State Presidents terms of office, the meetings will be a good time to give some thought to the selection of new officers in 1987. It is important to have ladies who are potential leaders, interested in promoting the SWU interest and future policies. We have many new officers and new members and I am sure good leaders can be found. Because branches are far apart in some cases, each branch should look for possibilities in their own group. Some of our present State representatives have expressed a desire to be replaced. I would ask all of our members to give it some thought; let me know how you feel about this.

The articles in Zarja by our National Officers and branch reporters interest me; more so, because now I

have time to peruse them more thoroughly. Some of our groups have family participation, very important these days when many parents are involved in their children's activities. Let's invite them to SWU and perhaps give members more incentive to attend meetings and in some cases, enjoy some interesting programs each month. Ladies, read the articles and notice the branches that have growing attendance because something is always going on.

I have received a letter from Marion Marolt, our National Auditor, saying she is much improved and looking forward to again participating in branch activity. She is our diligent president of Br. 17. Also, a letter from Anna Pachak informs us that her interest in SWU is strong and unwavering despite her failing health. God bless you both.

We wish the very best to our celebrating members and friends; better health and a bright future for our ailing.

Our prayers for our deceased members and friends are constant, asking the Lord to keep them safe in His Heavenly abode.

May God Walk With You.

Mary Muller

ACTIVITIES

NO. 1, SHEBOYGAN, WI

On Sunday, May 18th, a Mass for the living and deceased members of Br. 1 was said by Father Fale, followed by a social for our Member of the Year, Pat Uraynar. Our president, Ruth Sheck presented Pat with a spray of red carnations and Pat introduced her family and friends to the members.

Several Slovenian songs were sung by Pat's friends from the Sts. Cyril and Methodius choir. A delicious meal followed.

Prayers were said for Josephine Jakel who passed away in April. Our sympathy to her husband and family.

Congratulations to Paul Maurin and Julie Gruenke who were scholarship winners in 1982. Both graduated May 10th from the University of Wisconsin with Bachelor of Business degrees. Good luck to both.

Speedy recovery to Eddie Scheck, husband of our president, Ruth.

Plans were made for our annual card party to be held in September.

State Convention will be Sept. 28th at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church. Coffee and registration at Father Cherne Hall from 8-9 a.m.; meeting at 9 a.m. followed by Mass at 11:30 a.m. Our Banquet will follow in Father Cherne Hall. Each branch will be receiving more details shortly. There will be no meeting in July but an important one in August. See you there.

DOROTHY BREZONIK

NO. 2, CHICAGO, IL

Our April meeting opened with prayer, with all the officers present and the hall filled with members and guests. We welcomed Jennie Worth as a new member. Congratulations,

On March 23rd, 16 members attended a 'B' party sponsored by Br. 16 in South Chicago. We had a special mini-police bus and our driver was Wayne Sepich, better known as Santa Claus at holiday time. The ladies enjoyed the visit.

In May we celebrated our Mother of the Year and Crowning of the Blessed Virgin at St. Stephen's Church. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Kalist and his homily was beautiful. The Singing Litany of the Blessed Virgin concluded the church

services. Fran Morison, our chosen Mother, was beautiful and did us proud to have chosen her. A delicious meal was served in the hall, cooked by our own local good cooks, the best ever. Thanks to our lovely chair-lady, Ann Sarn.

Vice-president, Mary Lauretig, welcomed all members and guests at the celebration, among them were our Sisters and Rev. Fathers, also Nat'l Secretary, Olga Ancel and Nat'l Treasurer, Sylvia Vukodinovich. Members of Br. 20 Joliet and a bus full of members from Br. 16. Present also were Fran's personal friends from Evanston, Mr. & Mrs. Ardet.

The 75 year old members all received gifts, precious moment's bells. Omitted in the last ZARJA were Christine Pirman and Helen Semonik, also 75 years. Our thanks to all workers, volunteers and the donors of baked goods and gifts. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful decorations and the program. There were 256 in attendance.

P.S. Our thanks also to Sr. Cindy (also our member) for the great job at the organ which made the singing more enjoyable.

July 20th is our picnic in Lemont. Workers are needed, also prizes and baked goods. Most of all, your attendance with families and friends. Come and spend the day and have a good time. There will be clowns, music and a lot of games for children and adults alike.

It saddens us that our Fr. Vendelin will be leaving St. Stephen's. He will be taking a position in Lemont. Best of luck, Fr. and "thank you" for all you've done. May God bless you in your new assignment. You'll be greatly missed.

Our good friend, Fr. Wall, is celebrating his 40th year in the priesthood. Congratulations, Fr. Wall.

Irene Carter became a great grandmother for the 15th time. That makes 15 of each for her - grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Our friend, Gertrude Vath, lost

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*Happy Birthday!*  
to my confirmational  
godmother  
**OLGA ANCEL**  
from Irene Odorizzi

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her husband. Gertrude is a donor to the branch with her crocheted gifts. Our prayers and sympathy to her.

We are saddened at the time of this writing, at the death of Carol Berryman, daughter of our former treasurer, Lil Putzell and the wife of Rick. Our sympathy also to Wanda Gurtowski on the loss of her husband, Leo. Let us remember him in our prayers along with Carol and all our deceased sisters.

The mass for the sick and ailing members will be on the following dates: July 10th, Aug. 14th and Sept. 11th, all at 8:00 a.m. On the sick list are Frances Wright, Ann Kosmach, Mary Redensek and "Bo" Zubeck, husband of Jean. Pray for them and all the shut-ins and those in nursing homes.

John Zefran has been named to the B Honor Roll at Loris College, Dubuque, Iowa. Congratulations, John. Marilyn Zefran received a scholarship to the National Foundation of Funeral Service in Evanston. The scholarship is from the Schmidt Bartlett Funeral Home of Milwaukee. 14 Scholarships are given annually. We're proud to hear the good news of a sister member.

Jennie Kovacic and husband, Frank, celebrated their 40th Anniversary with a surprise party in their honor; also a visit from sister Joannie Starman from California.

Agnes and Louie Kovacic celebrated with a surprise 75th birthday party for Agnes. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary from all of us.

Have a nice vacation to all travelers and a safe return home. Congratulations to all graduates. May the Lord keep us all safe and in the palm of His hand. See you in September.

ANN SCIESZKA

NO. 3, PUEBLO, CO

Our April meeting was held on Wednesday, April 2nd at 1:00 p.m. and there were nineteen members present.

Ann Spelich, Secretary, presided as Frances Skull, our President, was absent.

The meeting was opened with prayers and after reports were given we discussed our Mother's Day party. It was then held May 7th at St. Mary's Church Hall. Rose Ursick, Woman of the Year from our branch, is very deserving of this

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honor. Congratulations, Rose!

We also had a discussion about the State Convention. It will be held in Pueblo, Sept. 14th and we will also celebrate the 60th Anniversary of SWU in Pueblo.

No sick were reported. Meeting adjourned and "B" was played.

Our May party and last meeting until fall was held Wed. May 7th with a very good attendance.

Frances Skull, Pres., opened the meeting with prayers. Reports were given and approved.

Prayers were said for our deceased member, Christina Bradish. Our condolences are given to her family.

Another member, Mary Klune of Leadville, passed away May 18th. We give our condolences to her family.

Sick member reported was Mary Deniro. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our "Woman of the Year", Rose Ursick, was honored and presented with a gift. Congratulations, Rose!

A discussion was held about the State Convention which will be held in Pueblo, Sept. 14th at which time we will also celebrate the 60th Anniversary of S.W.U. in Pueblo. All branches are invited. Let's make an effort to attend.

Have a good summer!

PAULINE PAUCHICK

NO. 12, MILWAUKEE, WI

The membership in attendance at our meetings surely is very heartwarming. It won't be long before the hall won't be large enough for our meetings!

Stavia opened the meeting in place of Frances Plesko who was in the hospital recuperating from surgery. Happy to hear she is doing well!

We also want to remember Frances Dragan and Marie Brekan in our prayers for good recovery and health.

All reports were given and accepted as read.

The card party was discussed making sure all our "good workers" and donors would know what was expected of them and as usual they were all in accord with their assignments.

A tour to Door County was discussed as well as May, in honor of Mary Kiel, Mother of the Year. Happy Birthday was sung for the women who were presented with a flower made by Alma Hoelzer.

Stavia led the prayer again to close the meeting. Numerous door prizes were donated as usual which were given during our "lunch break"

after which we played our usual games.

The day of our card party was a perfect day and the large crowd proved it! We are so grateful, too, for the signs Tony Starich made as well as all the help he and Mary gave, taking care of all the cards and ticket sales and collections. Matt Dobersek also was a big help with pick-ups and deliveries as well as man power. Leona Zigman had charge of prizes with Mary Kiel to help, Olga Fredericks and Ann Grambow with bakery, Evelyn Laurich and Mitze Anzur with the lunch. Thank you, helpers and players.

May was the month we honored the Mother of the Year, Mary Kiel, a very deserving member who has gone through a lot of personal sacrifice and heartbreak with the illness of her husband, Ed. Her Slovenian heritage proved itself with her bravery and making the most of her problems - never letting them get her down. She never refuses to be of service to her organizations and we are proud of her!

Glad to see the hall full again for the occasion. All officers were present except Frances Plesko, our Honorary President who is out of the hospital now and doing very well at home.

Reports were all read and accepted. The Junior Picnic was planned for June 26th. There will be a tour on July 16th and payment will have to be paid in advance. Mary Kiel is in charge.

Stavia ended the meeting with prayer and we went on with the prizes before the dinner. Mary Kiel made a needlepoint with a rain-cap for each one who attended. Her money corsage was made by Alma Hoelzer and a special gift was given by Stavia. The nicely decorated cake was baked by Evelyn Laurich and as always, the ladies donated more baked goods and salads.

Tony Starich treated us all to candy for his and Mary's 49th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

M. DEZMAN

NO. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Daffodils, that come before the swallow dares, and take the winds of March with beauty.

Shakespeare.....

It has been some time since our branch has had an article written in Zarja so there is a lot of news to catch up on. Our past reporter, Poldica Podgornik, has been in ill

health - we send her get well wishes. We miss not seeing her and her lovely articles in Slovenian as well as in English. It is such a privilege to have a bi-lingual reporter. Get well soon, Poldica!

Officers for 1986 are, President, Josephine Aiuto, Vice-President, Anna Fabian, Financial Secretary, Moreen Spencer, Recording Secretary, Eve Turcina, Treasurer, Michele Twers, Auditors Virginia Sustarich and Anne Sustarich. These are a group of dedicated women and we applaud them.

Our Spring Luncheon was held at the Slovenian Hall. We had a very successful turn-out. Our persevering president, Josephine, did her usual excellent job in organizing a delightful afternoon. Mention to a special member, Beverly Jackson, who made a beautiful afghan and photo album for our game. Beverly is a contribution member and we are so fortunate to have her. "Thanks" to all the members who brought gifts for this event.

Our featured event was the Mother of the Year celebration. It was on Sunday, May 4th at 9:30 a.m. mass at the Church of the Nativity and immediately following Mass, off to Brunch at Lehr's Greenhouse. The Honored Mother was Ann Vercelli. Congratulations to Ann and her family. We wish her a wonderful reign as our special Mother of the Year. A happy belated Mother's Day to all of our members of Slovenian Women's Union.

Congratulations to our auditor, Virginia Sustarich, on the birth of a grandson named Jess. Congratulations to our recording secretary, Eva Turcina, on the birth of a granddaughter. These ladies had extra cause to celebrate Mother's Day this year. We are very happy for them.

Our branch has had five deceased members since December, 1984: Marie Spolyar of Sunnyvale, California died December of 1984; she was 101 years old and a member of Zveza for forty years and a nurse for sixty years! Katherine Susterich of Berkeley died February 24th, 1985. She was a member of Br. 93 in Brooklyn, New York and transferred to San Francisco many years ago. She lived with her daughter, Anna Sustarich, who is also a member of our lodge. Katherine is also survived by sons. Jacqueline Sullivan, a 17 year member, died May 1, 1985. She is survived by her father, Christopher; her late mother, Sophie, was a long-time member and well-known on the "hill". Antonette Donat died May 18, 1985 and was a 35 year member, living in San Jose

and survived by husband, John and family. Mary (Mayme) Springer, a 50 year member, died July 20, 1985 at Gravenstein Convalescent Hospital, Sebastopol, California, survived by a lovely family, including her sister, Christine Schwegel, of Rhode Island St. Our sympathy to all the families and may they rest in peace. They will be remembered in our prayers.

On behalf of our members, Br. 13 sent a donation of \$10.00 to the Slovenian Miners and Laborers Memorial, Chisholm, Minnesota. The contribution will help erect a memorial at the Iron Range Interpretative Center.

Our dear member, Agnes Kamnik, a 50 year member, will celebrate her 97th birthday August 20, 1986. Happy Birthday, Agnes! You are an inspiration to us! BRAVO!!!

Albina Grimsich of Monte Sereno, California transferred to Br. 13 here from Chicago. A big welcome from us! We are delighted to welcome a new member, Mary Mirkovich. We are proud to have these ladies part of our lodge.

Let's help to make our financial secretary's job a little lighter by paying dues on time and checking to see if the beneficiaries are up to date on your policies.

We need to increase our membership. Bring a friend to the meetings and socials. Help to make our branch strong. Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 12:00 noon at the Slovenian Hall. Hope to see a large group at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
JACQUELINE LOWE

NO. 14, EUCLID, OH

We always look forward to our Mother's Day Dinner which this year was very special to me since yours truly was feted as "Woman of the Year". It turned out to be a successful evening despite the fact that nature didn't cooperate with heavy rain. Nevertheless, we had a large crowd. My guest was my sister, Helen Morel, who was touched by the warm reception she received

from everyone. The hall was breathtaking...with the tables festooned in lavender and pink...with crystal candlesticks and vases bulging with fragrant purple lilacs supplied by Ileana Collins' husband, Jay. A gorgeous sight, indeed!

A delicious chicken dinner with all the trimmings was prepared by Milka Krulc along with Fran Erzen and Rose Rodgers and many others pitching in to make their specially baked goodies which made this a gourmet meal. Thanks to one and all for making this such a memorable evening for me! God bless!

Our youngest guests were daughters of member, Verica Draksic, Anita and Irene, who are prospective members. We'll be delighted to have you join us!

Congratulations once again to Mary Strazisar (Arrowhead) on becoming a great-grandmother again with the birth of a baby girl, Melissa, to Mary's granddaughter, Denise Burger. Proud grandparents are Lud and Fran Grill. Best wishes to all!

Members of our Branch also send our congratulations to our Slovenian Radio Program host, Tony Petkovsek, who celebrated the 25th anniversary of continuous broadcasting on May 18th with a banquet attended by his Radio Club members and other volunteer workers, sponsors all of whom were special guests. Others attending were organization representatives, musicians, civic leaders, clergy from Slovenian parishes with Bishop Pevce who gave the invocation, plus the general public. It was truly a happy occasion for all. May Tony have 25 and 25 more years of continued broadcasting our kind of music!

Congratulations also to members of No. 73 of Warrensville who just celebrated their Golden 50th! Best wishes!

Get well to members Jennie Vidovic who is recuperating at home after surgery and Vickie Lindic who was also hospitalized. Speedy recovery to Jennie and Vickie and all of our ill members. Hope to see you all at our upcoming meetings.

This has also be a sad month for

our lodge. We've lost many lovely, dedicated members: Molly (Amalia) Legat, who was our last charter member and past president many years ago - condolences to Jennie Fitzthum, her daughter; Mary Dolsak, beloved by the entire community for all her dedicated work - condolences to Marty Perdan; Mary Koljat, who knitted all the booties for our ill members; also deceased are Jennie Lenarcic and Ann Perko. Martha Koren, our President, lost her dear father who resided in Penns. Vera Draksic flew to Slovenia upon the death of her beloved father. We pray that our Dear Lord and our Sympathetic Mother guide our faithful members into Paradise, and give strength and comfort to their families. We know we'll never forget them.

There will be no meeting in July...so we wish all of you a safe and happy Independence Day Holiday!

ALICE KUCHAR

NO. 16, SOUTH CHICAGO, IL

May 8th, 1986 was our "Mother of the Year" dinner for Ann Ksiazek. There were 26 immediate family members in attendance. Ann and four of her grandchildren filed in procession around the hall and ultimately crowned the Blessed Virgin. The members all sang "Bring Flowers of the Rarest".

A prayer for the sick was said by Betty Nattarelli and a yellow rose presented. A prayer for the deceased members was said by Dolores O'Brien and a white rose presented.

A petition by the entire membership was made by each in attendance placing a rose at the feet of the Blessed Virgin, while singing "On This Day, Oh Beautiful Mother", "Mother Dear, Oh Pray For Me", and of course, our beautiful "Angelsko Češčenje".

"Hail, Holy Queen" was sung for the presentation of a bouquet to our celebrant. Mary Rago accompanied all on the piano. Thank you, Mary.

Mary Kublich, Gladys Buck, Bernice Jarkovich and Mary Soldo

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celebrated birthdays with goodies from the members and a delicious catered dinner by "Eli".

One of Ann's daughters and a son each read a letter and poem telling of their love for their mother. Mary Ellen Ksiazek, daughter of Ann, won the door prize for the evening.

A Mother or Woman of the Year has been chosen each year since 1962. Out of 36 honorees, we still have 20 with us.

Little Alissa Josephine was born March 26th to Joyce (Blasovich) Black. Congratulations to Mom, Dad, Sister, Brother and Granddad, John.

Member, Mary (Yaki) Stepien was hospitalized for cataract surgery and Frances Grotkowski is very ill. Please remember them in your prayers.

Congratulations to Stephanie and Joe Golob on their 50th Wedding Anniversary in June. Congratulations also, Stephie, on winning another baking contest! This time it was second place in the Daily Calumet Cooking Contest.

Our group of 20 members went to Frances Morison's Mother of the Year Dinner at St. Stephen's parish. I'm sorry I could not attend but John and I were in Pueblo West, CO, visiting our grandson, Christopher. They all enjoyed the beautiful church service, decorations and food. The group from Br. 16 had a mini-bus and a young man, Stan Slasarski, to drive them. Stephie Golob treated everyone with a sample of her winning bakery recipe.

Romaine O'Brien, our well-known and honored Angel of Mercy during the month of May's Nursing Week, donated a book on nursing to the Calumet City, IL Library. Mary Rago's grandchildren, Joey Whalen and Paul Matushek, have been accepted at Mt. Carmel High School. The East Side Heritage group sponsored a dinner in May. Fred Klobucar and Ed Kucic were panelists in a question and answer period. Ed has been elected Vice-President of the group. There were many people attending that had been born and raised in this area and are still residents. Among them are many Slovenes.

John and I had the pleasure of witnessing a Heritage Day in Pueblo, CO. I met Fran Skull of Br. 3 who was busy selling delicious homemade goodies such as strudels, poticas, flancete and sausage. The men were playing the accordians and concertinas. Real foot tapping music! Their sign read: "Slovenians are Happy People" and truly, they are! Of all the nationalities represented,

In Loving Memory



It is with sadness that I report the death of Anna Buck on March 28, 1986, after a lengthy illness. She was the beloved mother of Gladys and Jack Buck, grandmother of Barbara Ireland and had one great grandson, Jason.

Mrs. Buck, nee Kompere, was born on July 21, 1894, in Metlika, Slovenia. She married Jacob Buck at St. George's church on Jan. 18, 1918. Her husband passed away on May 1, 1979.

Ann joined Branch 16 on June 16, 1932 and was a loyal member all of these 54 years. She opened her home

to gatherings of the cadets and all the auditor's meetings were held there. Anna always made the coffee and a big sunshine cake for refreshments at our meetings. After she could no longer attend meetings, she would prepare the big pot of coffee for her daughter, Gladys, to deliver. She was an excellent seamstress and donated many hand-made items for prizes as well as contributing generously toward all events sponsored by the SWU.

In May of 1953 the members elected her Mother of the Year. In 1982 she was honored as a 50 year member and presented with a gift from the Home Office. Anna held the office of Treasurer for 34 years until it was necessary for her to resign due to illness in 1978.

In addition to caring for her mother, Gladys, our secretary, also took on the job of Treasurer.

Many members recited the Rosary at Anna's wake at the Kompere Funeral Home. Honorary pallbearers who accompanied her to Holy Cross cemetery were Mary Krznaric, Ana Lustig, Phyllis Perko, Marge Prebil, Sylvia Spretnjak and Fran Zupancic.

"Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace! Amen."

MARGE SPRETNJAK

in our opinion they were the best. The music was so captivating!

Have a beautiful and blessed summer.

FRAN B. ZUPANCIC

NO. 17, WEST ALLIS, WI

Now that spring has come and the winter is but a memory, we welcome summer with all its outdoor activities such as family gatherings, barbecues, picnics or just visiting with friends and enjoying the great outdoors - a lovely time of year. Which brings me to relate the well deserved vacation of our president, Marion Marolt who with her son, Ray, his wife, Linda and Linda's family flew to sunny Florida. They toured DisneyWorld, visited the Epcot Center, enjoyed the Sea World and did loads of sightseeing. The sunny weather must have agreed with them as they came home with beautiful tans (quite a contrast to my white-ness!). Due to the fact that Marion was out of state and secretary, Joan Yaklich had a commitment on May 18th, we postponed our celebration honoring

Mother of the Year, Ann Gasparic and we will hold this celebration on Sunday, Oct. 19th in conjunction with our big event of the year. Those who wish to make this a great, memorable day for Ann, please make your reservations by called president, Marion Marolt at 327-3871 or secretary, Joan Yaklich at 281-8983 and please, if I may do a bit of begging, remember that some goodies and bakery will be most welcome. Thanks in advance.

The month of April sure had its ups and downs. Our very active member and avid bowler suffered a heart attack April 3rd and gave us a good scare. But with the fine care of her devoted husband (nurse and friend) she is doing quite well. Many of her activities have been curtailed but she is slowly coming around and attends meetings when she can. Rose, keep up the good work and regain your strength. I'm sure you will be able to resume your activities on a limited basis.

On April 18th Frank Vertcnik passed away. He was the brother of our Mother of the Year, Ann Gasparic. Sincere condolences to the Vertcnik and Gasparic families.

On April 10th I had the pleasure of attending the Slovenian Folk-tale, "The Escapades of Kurent" at Pitman Theatre of Alverno College. Our prominent Slovenian dancer and choreographer, Isabelle Kralj, staged this wonderful show and did a superb performance as did the entire cast. A most enjoyable presentation for all. On Sunday, June 29th the Uspeh organization held a picnic and we all planned on attending. Three great bands were scheduled, the Badger Button Box, Jeff Winard and Hank Magayne for dancing. The "YUGO" car was to be on display then and I'm sure many curious people attended just to see the car!

Those attending State Day on Sept. 28th in Sheboygan, please contact the president or secretary for reservations. Members, please note: Our secretary has a new address: Joan Yaklich, 2419 West Tripoli Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53221, tel. 281-8983.

Have a happy and safe summer.

FRAN PIWONI,
Recording Secretary

NO. 20, JOLIET, IL.

Congratulations, Father David Stalzer, Br. 20's Spiritual Director for the past 10 years, on your appointment as Pastor of St. Mary Nativity Parish in Joliet. We're very proud of you and your new appointment! Father Stalzer was appointed by Joliet's Bishop, Joseph Imesch, to succeed Rev. A.J. Sinsky, who is retiring. He will assume his new position on July 1st. Father Stalzer was ordained in 1974, by Bishop Romeo Blanchette, 2nd Bishop of Joliet, at the Cathedral of St. Raymond, after attending Lewis University, Quincy College and St. Thomas Seminary in Denver. His first assignment was to Holy Trinity Parish in Westmont, the next 3 1/2 years were spent at his home parish of St. Joseph's in Joliet from where he went to St. John's Parish in Winfield for 18 months before being sent to St. Dennis in Lockport as associate pastor for the past 6 years.

Father should be right at home at St. Mary's; it's part of his old neighborhood. He lived within blocks of the church as a youth. His mother, Margaret, still lives in the homestead on Hutchins near Hickory. His father, John, who worked in the steel mills, is deceased; he has two sisters and one brother. Father was chosen as Slovenian Man of the Year by the Chicago Slovenian Radio Club three years ago. His activities in the KSKJ are numerous and of course, with Br. 20 S.W.U.,

he has been our mentor. He encouraged and worked with us in all our undertakings: the Grape Festival dances, Heritage Days, Baraga Days, the dinner-dance for the Statue of Liberty Fund. His intense interest and hard work for the Slovenian Miners Memorial which will reach its culmination with the dedication on Aug. 1st and the latest event, the Hands Across America campaign. At our last meeting, as a small token of recognition, president, Mildred Pucel, presented him with a red carnation boutonniere. His new job will be a challenge, one in which he will succeed!

Sunday, May 18th, 1986, Msgr. M.J. Butala celebrated his 65th anniversary in the priesthood with 200 invited guests at a 1 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's church and a dinner and program in the park hall. Msgr. is a product of St. Joseph's. He was a member of the first graduating class; he celebrated his first mass here after ordination by Cardinal Mundelein at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago in 1921. He was an assistant here before spending 9 years as pastor at Mother of God parish in Waukegan, IL. He served at St. Joseph's as pastor for 35 years before retiring in 1973. In 1950 he received the title of Right Reverend Monsignor from Pope Pius XII. Through his efforts, we have the parish park and baseball field with bleachers and lights. As an avid sports fan, he was active in athletic programs including the St. Joseph Little League, KSKJ Baseball and basketball, CYO and park district activities. "Take care of the children, the rest of the parish will take care of itself"! As pastor emeritus, he continues to serve by being active with the parish seniors group.

Our Woman of the Year celebration took place on May 20th on the meeting night at the park hall. Our Honoree was Mary Anzelc; we had a beautiful turnout of 75 members, friends and family. In conjunction with the party, we also celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Brezje. On display was a beautiful picture of Marija Pomagaj which belonged to Fr. Zeleznikar and was donated to the Heritage Museum. Beautiful flowers and candles flanked the picture. Mary lit the candles, Ann Fandak sang Slovenian hymns and Father David Stalzer read the prayers. Father David also paid tribute to past honorees since 1951 when the program was initiated. Mildred Pucel, president, presented Mary with a corsage and introduced her daughter, Janet, who paid tribute to her mother as did her two children. Erin and Michael. Mary

Marolt read an article entitled "Valiant Woman." We then had a buffet dinner, with many different dishes made by members, to enhance the fried chicken. Mary received many gifts and cards from family and friends. Family members who were able to attend were: husband, John, son, Michael, daughter, Janet, grandchildren, Erin and Michael, brothers, Frank, Alex and wife, Delores, Bob and wife, Pat, sisters-in-law, Theresa Papesh, Betty Corp, Matilda Tadey and Gen Gorc. It was an enjoyable evening for a special person.

We offer congratulations to Marge Grayhack and Mary Michelich on their new appointments. Marge has become of member of the Hall of Fame, representing St. Joseph's Senior Parishioners at an induction ceremony at the Joliet Bicentennial Park Theatre and Mary Michelich was installed as Auxiliary President of Cantigny Post 367, VFW.

Sunday, May 25th was Hands Across America Day - did you have a chance to participate? We had 7 busloads leave the Joliet area to meet and take our places on Rt. 45 between Mokena and Frankfort, IL. KSKJ and the Joliet Catholic Charities furnished the buses for the ride. Joe Ambrose, 90 years old and Joliet's World War One Doughboy, participated by wearing his uniform. Also in patriotic attire was Mary Ivanich, who represented the Statue of Liberty with a crown and gold drape across her shoulder, - also the property of Mr. Ambrose. On the return trip, the KSKJ people enjoyed a tailgate party.

Diane Kalcic, who has been secretary for 40 years to Father Al Sinsky, will be leaving her office when Father retires on July 1st. Diane will be moving to the St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center in Romeoville, to continue handling the paper work for the diocesan cemetery operations. Hope you like the new neighborhood, Diane!

Belated birthday greetings to our former and honorary president, Emma Planinsek, who celebrated her 87th. She served Br. 20 as president for 46 years.

Get well wishes to our members, Loretta Fuchs, Eleanor Bayuk, Josephine Buchar, Theresa Sepich, Molly Gregorich, Theresa Juricic and Evelyn Gregory. Hope your recovery is speedy.

We have several births to report. Mayme Fedo is a great-grandma again with the birth of a baby boy to her granddaughter, Diane Ryzer. A baby boy for Kathy Jo and Darin

Raddatz. A girl, Katelyn, for Frederick and Susan Hofer and a boy for Nancy and George Beutal. Special blessings to the new parents and babies.

Roman Possedi, a member of Br. 20, will be celebrating 40 years in the music business with a huge celebration on Sept. 28th at the Contessa Del Mar in Alsip, IL. Reservations were to be made by May 1st, but I'm sure there might be a few tickets still available. He is having talented entertainers coming in from several different locations, including Father Perkovich and the Joe Cvek orchestra from Minnesota for a Polka Mass, Al Barrastelli from Lorain, Ohio, Al Markic, Frankie Kramer and Frankie Sperich, Button Box, Zeek, Charlie and Tim Srnick, Pol Kate All Stars and Dave Wretschko, all from Cleveland, Ohio. Also planned is a Lake Michigan Cruise and an appearance by Frankie Yankovic. Jonita Ruth is the local coordinator for reservations. Roman and his orchestra will be playing for our Grape Festival dance on Oct. 4th.

Much happiness to recent newlyweds, Andrew McIntosh and Andrea Bebej, Betty Corp and John Burkhardt and Carol Kroviac Dozak. May your new lives together be everything you planned.

Celebrating 35th wedding anniversary are John and Dorothy Koncar. They are planning a coastal trip to California to celebrate.

Condolences to Peter (Benny) and Theresa Papesh and Mary Jane Vargo on the death of their brother and brother-in-law, Joseph Papesh; to Marie Malnarick on the death of her sister-in-law, Harriet Metesh; to Dolores Plut on the death of her brother, Anthony Papesh and to Theresa Papesh, his mother; and to Kathy Kramerich on the death of her mother-in-law, Eleanor Zulich Kramerich.

Zveza Day is July 20th in Lemont. We will have bus service if enough people need it, at least 20 persons. The bus will leave St. Joseph's church about 9 a.m. and make a pick-up stop at Rivals. Round trip is \$4.00. Call Mary Ivanich, 722-6298 for your bus reservation. This is picnic time - come join us!

National Convention plans are taking shape. Convention headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn, the dates are May 14-17, 1987. More details will be following as soon as they are confirmed.

We have two members who deserve an honorable mention for the recognition they received recently, namely Olga Ancel and Mildred Pucel, who were awarded

the Golden Heart Award for having each donated 3 gallons of blood to the blood bank. That's something special!

One of our young members, Mary Michelich, graduating from St. Francis Academy this year, has the distinct honor of being one of the first to promote a "Project Graduation" party in Joliet. She became interested in the idea after attending a seminar at the University of Illinois; she co-chaired the event to "are to be Different" for the Academy and Joliet Catholic High School. 220 graduates attended the all night drug and alcohol-free party, enjoying a DJ, a "Dunk the Deans" competition, pie-eating contest, movies and tables full of food. This undertaking was so special it rated full page coverage by the Chicago Tribune!

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Those of you who have made reservations for the trip to Chisholm, Minnesota know we'll be leaving Joliet on Thursday, July 31st at 8:30 a.m. We are looking forward to an impressive dedication ceremony at the Slovenian Miners and Laborers Memorial and visiting the Iron Range.

We have no meeting during the summer months, so we won't get together again until Sept. 16th...unless, you come to Zveza Day or make the trip to Minnesota! I'll be looking for news items to keep in touch. Call me if you have something you would like to share.

Happy Summer!

HELEN PLUT

NO. 21, CLEVELAND, OH

Here it is April stepping into May. Weather changes almost daily in Cleveland. Notes of song birds. Buds of future fruits and leaves. Promises of fair weather and rising temperatures as the lake warms to the sun. Let's invite the sunshine in.

Open the drapes. Hear the song. Look for the robin and her nest. Life is anew with the season.

We surely wish to recognize our members in their struggle to maintain health without pain and strength as age progresses.

Edith Cimperman recently experienced eye surgery for cataract removal. We wish her wellness. We were sincerely empathetic upon learning that Tony, Ella Prisel's son, died after a period of illness, untimely to say the least. Anna Jesenko recently had an accident at home becoming hospitalized; now recuperating at her daughter's home. Strange things happen to us unexpectedly. Thank God each day for no pain or discomfort.

This is the year, ladies! Members were invited to celebrate Mother's Day on May 15th at Danny's.

All fifty-year members were acknowledged that day. The list below will surprise some of us. Time has lapsed and we forget 50 years has gone by. It was pleasant visiting with each other again. We congratulate:

Frances Cimperman, Edith Cimperman, Mary Estanek, Mary Gustincic, Mary Hosta, Anne Hanchette, Marie Hosta, Mary Jesen, Anna Kosak, Helen Konkoy, Theresa Lach, Josephine Mlakar, Josephine Oblak, Ella Prisel, Mollie Strle, Frances Skoda, Mary Steyer, Mary Sinkovic, Alice Vidmar, Josephine Weiss, Anne Zalar, Emma Zupan, Alice Zema.

Respectfully,

HELEN KOZELY KONKOY

NO. 22, BRADLEY, IL

Just a dot on the map of Illinois, that's Bradley, but the comings and goings this Spring from this little burg were like fingers reaching across the country. Helen and Joe Sebastiani thought a motor trip to Orlando, Florida in April would initiate their celebration of forty years of marriage. Congratulations, and may the best be yet to come!

Mollie McIntyre flew to El Paso, Texas to give grandmotherly assurance to her granddaughter who is expecting and Doreene Althaus chose the beautiful month of May to travel Carolina-way to visit her son who transferred with the A.O. Smith Corp. which is gradually saying goodbye to Kankakee. Too bad! While Mary and Leo Rittmanic were enroute to Ft. Collins in Colorado to share in the joys of their grandson's graduation, Mayme Drassler of Sun City, Arizona, was packing for her annual flight to Bradley. She left behind blooming cacti. "Just

beautiful", says Mayme, but she enjoys her long stay here with family and many old friends. Welcome back, Mayme! Michigan is represented in this cross-country trekking in the person of Gen Heriford, who is visiting her sisters, Mary Rittmanic and Marge Planton.

We did manage to have our meeting on April 22, when Doreene Althaus, Ann LaMontagne and Mollie McIntyre shared their hospitality. We planned and duly executed the Woman of the Year observance with dinner at Bradley Gardens on May 6th. To our honoree, Anna LaMontagne, congratulations and heartfelt wishes for good health and peace. We salute you as "Woman of All Seasons", for that you are in the hearts of your family and friends. Anna Jamnik was at the dinner; it was good that she was able to join us.

Recognition also went to Mary Rittmanic, our Slovenska "artiest" who was honored along with other artists at a public reception at Olivet Nazarene College in early May. Mary had three paintings on display at the exhibition of their works in the Larsen Fine Arts Center on the campus. Three cheers, Mary, **pa nazdravje!**

The Slovenian picnic will be held in August. Watch for the official announcement in the mail.

Well, the Lady of Liberty has a new face-life to the tune of mighty millions, but better still would be a march to the beat of old-fashioned moral values! God bless everyone!

EMMA LUSTIG
Reporter

NO. 23, ELY, MN

Meeting called to order on March 3rd by president, Ann Saari saying opening prayer. Also, prayer said for Ann Tekavec who passed away. Letter read from Rose Maras to try to get new members. Letter from the Ely Chamber of Commerce was read asking if we wanted to take part in the Blueberry Festival. Matter was tabled. Mother's Day Banquet was held May 5th at the church hall. We invited Rose Maras, Tory Bobenc and Ann Hodnik, our National Officers. A motion was made to give social members some benefits as SWU members. Ann Zgonc and Anna Slogar passed away. They were two of our older members. 40 women were present at the meeting. Rose Pucel and Jean Polyner won door prizes. "B" was played after delicious salads and crackers served. Lunch committee was Ann Lunka, Rose Novak, Marge Gornick, M.

Debeltz, J. Novak, M. Tmaljovnich and Mrs. Prijatelj. Dawn Club met on March 10th and 37 were present. Mary Zgonc won the door prize. On the sick list were Julie Hegfars and Mary Skufsea.

On April 7th, 53 were present. Ann Saari called the meeting to order. Secretary and Treasurer's report given. Letters from J. Russ and Chimzar family were read. Katarina Chimzar passed away. Also one of our oldest members. SWU will celebrate 60 years in December. Zup's were to cater the banquet on May 5th. After adjourning, Paulette Gilbert gave a demonstration on cake decorating. Very interesting. Cake was given away. Olga Feroni won it. Lunch committee was P. Ferderber, K. Garni, A. Skradski, F. Pengal, M. Zgonc, M. Starkovich, M. Tkalcic. Sandwiches, pickles, nuts, mints served. Paulette Gilbert is the daughter of Pauline Ferderber. Door prizes won by Marge Skubitz and Mary Gotchnik. Gert Masnik, who works for a travel agency, told about some trips she thought would interest members. "B" was played. I'll be in California bowling in May at the WIBC. Hoping to have a nice trip and enjoy nice weather. Will miss the Mother's Day Banquet but sub-reporter will take notes of it.

KRIS GARNI

NO. 24, LA SALLE, IL

Fourteen members were in attendance at a noon dinner at the Maples Supper Club on Thursday, May 22. This dinner took place instead of our annual Mother of the Year Dinner. A very enjoyable time was had by all. Emma Shimkus came to the dinner after selling poppies for Memorial Day all morning in downtown La Salle. Emma is kept very busy with her duties as an officer and member in the American Legion and the VFW Auxiliaries, La Salle Women's Club, K.S.K.J. and church organizations. We younger members envy her energy and zest for life.

Matilda Swietek is recovering nicely from a cataract operation and was with us for dinner. Barbara Cass has been a patient at IVC Hospital and hopefully, is improving at this writing. Remember our sick and shut-in members with a visit or card and your prayers.

Our spiritual advisor, Rev. James J. Swaner, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, June 1st at the 11:00 Mass. The guest homilist for this mass was the Rev. Edward Flannery, retired from the ar-

chdiocese of Chicago, who was the assistant at St. Odilo Church in Berwyn in 1961 and preached the homily at Father Swaner's first mass. A reception was held in the La Salle Catholic School, Resurrection Bldg. immediately after mass. We congratulate Father on this happy occasion and hope God will grant him many more years of good health in His service. We at Resurrection would like to celebrate his Golden Jubilee with him!

Congratulations are in order for Teresa Wellner whose daughter, Julie, was the recipient of a four year KSKJ scholarship. Julie has always been an outstanding student and we are all proud of her.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Until then, relax and enjoy the lazy days of summer.

ANNE M. WANGLER
Reporter

NO. 25, CLEVELAND, OH

Whenever we meet with the ladies who attended the party at Sterle's for our Mother of the Year event, we always agree, we had a good time. It was like a big happy family affair. Our honoree, Mary Jean Turk, our spiritual leader a beloved pastor of St. Vitus parish, Rev. Jože Božnar, were entertaining at all the tables; nobody was left out. Mary Jane Timko, daughter of the honoree, presented a beautiful brooch to her mother as a memento of the day and a little recognition for all the love she received thru the years. Once again, we have to say: "It was a great day"!

In every life a little rain must fall. Usually it always leaves a lot of sorrow in a lot of families. Our deepest and sincere sympathy to Sylvia Plymness-Mihevc on the loss of her husband, William H. Mary Vana Zidan and Jennie Laurich also departed from this world. To their families we are saying, deepest sympathy.

In July and August we will not have meetings. We will start again in September on the second Tuesday.


A very happy birthday to Leslie Telich, who has the day of celebration on July 3rd. Danica Chemas will cut the cake on Aug. 8th and of course, to all the ladies who are enjoying their days in these two months: "Happy, happy day and God bless you all".

Enjoy the summer. Duck the sun a little and rain, also. Just play it safe. Summer breezes to you on all the hot days.

CIRILA KRMAVNER

ZARJA—THE DAWN

Pots and Pans



Dear ladies: I hope you will enjoy these excellent recipes. Mary Frangesch of Br. No. 43 who has taught Slovenian cooking in Milwaukee for many years, shares two delicious recipes: HAM LOAVES and SNOWBALL POTATOES. Ann Tercek, president of Br. No. 50, adds an interesting and delightful vegetable: ZUCCHINI ROUNDS while Mary Taucher of Br. No. 4, secretary-treasurer, of Garfield Heights, O give us her HUNGARIAN NUT TORTE, "our favorite birthday cake."

Affectionately,
Hermine

NO. 32, EUCLID, OH

Well, spring has finally arrived. The Twirlettes have started the season of parades. The Junior division, (ages 10-14) of the group took 1st place and the juvenile division (ages 10 and under) took 2nd. It was the first parade of the year at Chardon Maple Festival in Chardon, Ohio. The girls twirled both Saturday and Sunday, April 5th and 6th. They are directed by Jim Mathis and Marty Zadnorozay. Their teacher, Mary D'Amico Gentile, has been a Branch 32 member for 20 years. The next parade they were planning to enter was May 5th in Willoughby. Thru the summer there will be at least 25 parades, some of them out of state. Everyone is certainly proud of these children.

Congratulations to John and Angie Zust of Euclid who were married 50 years ago on May 16th. They have three daughters, 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Josephine Novak was hospitalized and her sons, John and Kenneth from Minneapolis, Minnesota were

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HAM LOAVES

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| 1 ¹ / ₄ pounds ground ham | 1 ¹ / ₂ cups graham cracker crumbs |
| 1 pound ground pork | 1 egg |
| 1/2 pound ground beef | 1 cup milk |
| | Salt and pepper, to taste |

Mix ingredients thoroughly (works best with hand) and form 24 small loaves using a 1/3 cup measuring cup per loaf. Fit into ungreased 9 x 13-inch pan. (May be mixed day before and refrigerated). Sauce:

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| 1 can (10 ¹ / ₂ ounces) tomato soup | 1 cup brown sugar |
| 1 teaspoon dry mustard | 1/3 cup cider vinegar |

Mix well and pour over loaves just before baking. Bake one hour at 350°.

SNOWBALL POTATOES

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| 10 potatoes, size of small egg | 1 cup fine bread crumbs |
| 1/4 cup melted butter or margarine | 1 teaspoon salt |

Peel potatoes, wash and dry. Then roll in melted butter, and in crumbs. Sprinkle with salt. Put on baking sheet and bake for one hour at 350°.

Mary: "I like to use red salad or any baking potatoes."

ZUCCHINI ROUNDS

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| 1/2 cup Bisquick | 1 clove garlic or 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt |
| 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese | 2 beaten eggs |
| 1/8 teaspoon pepper | 2 cups unpeeled, shredded zucchini, drained |

Stir together dry ingredients. Stir in eggs. Fold in zucchini. Fry by rounded large tablespoonfuls batter in heated skillet until lightly browned on both sides and cooked throughout, about 10 minutes.

HUNGARIAN NUT TORTE

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| 7 eggs, separated | 1/2 cup cake flour |
| 1 cup sugar | 1/2 teaspoon baking powder |
| 1 tablespoon water | 1 pinch salt |
| 1/2 teaspoon vanilla | 1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts |

Grease well two 10-inch cake pans. Beat egg yolks; add sugar and beat well. Add water and vanilla, continue beating until thick and lemon colored, about 5 minutes. Add flour sifted with baking powder and salt. Mix well. Mix in ground nuts by hand. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into batter. Pour into cake pans. Bake 350° for 30 to 40 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Whipped Cream Frosting:

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| 1/2 cup milk | 1/2 cup sweet butter or margarine |
| 3 1/2 tablespoons flour | 1/2 cup sugar |
| | 1 teaspoon vanilla |

Cook together milk and flour until thick. Cool. Place butter, sugar and vanilla in a bowl and beat until thick like cream, about 20 minutes in electric mixer. Put cooked white sauce into mixture and beat 10 minutes longer. Spread on between layers, top and side of cake.

Mary: "I always double frosting for the 10-inch cake."

Affectionately,
Hermine

Ooops! Sorry!

Mother of the Year, Sophie Garmaker, br. 56, Hibbing, MN, has been happy married for 60 years this year and we extend our heartfelt congratulations! We hope she will celebrate this occasion with great joy and forgive the error in her life story in May issue!

EDITOR

No. 32:

here with her. Also in the hospital was Ann Rossman. She always helps with our dinners and makes potatoe salad when we need it.

Jean Drenser spent time with her daughter and son-in-law in Miami, Fl. Josephine Skabar had a profitable 5 day visit in Las Vegas, Nev. Phyllis D'Amico, daughter, Mary Gentle and granddaughters, Katy and Vicky, went to see her mother in Newark, Del. at the end of April for an early Mother's Day visit. Phyllis' youngest daughter, Danielle D'Amico, a senior and applicant for a SWU scholarship, was inducted in the National Honor Society at Euclid High School with Gov. Richard F. Celeste doing the distinguished presentation for the 58 honorees.

Our financial secretary, Josephine Comenshek is asking that members please pay their dues if they have not done so for the year.

Get well wishes to all the sick members.

JOHANNA WEGLARZ

NO. 33, DULUTH, MN

At April 4th meeting, Rene Doble turned in \$36 from knife sales. Great gifts!

Swim Party April 25th had 50 having a great time!

Plans are being made for a bake sale for November election.

Rose Maras, Minnesota State President, was to come to our June meeting. Mary Karich gave another strudel demonstration.

Marie Garafalo missed \$25 attendance prize and Helen Budmir missed out on \$5.

In March, Helen Mosack and Josie Rzatkovich showed slides. April program was Dodie Skull with "tips" on cake decorating. The beautifully decorated cake was given off with proceeds of \$28 added to the \$20 received in donations at the start of "living memorial" for Delores Heski. Anyone wishing to contribute can do so through this reporter or Ruth Boben or Thyra Rukavina, chairmen. We ask prayers for Delores Heski, Madeline Abbott, Dolores Dineau and Mary Giacomini.

Our trip to Winnipeg is August 14th. \$170 for three nights at Charter House Hotel. Contact Emily.

Emily Skull was honored as our Mother of the Year on May 8th. Her husband, John, son, Gerald, his wife, Carla, daughter, Susan, and four grandsons were in attendance.

Josie Ratkovich, as mistress of ceremonies, read a tribute to Emily and Carla added a few thoughts from her family. A program by the Claudia Eskola Dancers was enjoyed by all. The "Penny Social" netted \$85.25.

We were especially pleased to have Delores Heski join us to honor Emily. We know it took an extreme effort for her to be there due to very poor health. We are working on a "living memorial" for Delores and will let everyone know what she decides will be her choice.

A big "thank you" again to Renee Doble who turned in \$79.95 from sale of the knives.

Cash gifts to our branch were received. \$10.00 from Mary Bucar. Amelia Thomas gave \$25.00 to be used for funeral flowers. We are very appreciative.

Julia LeBrasseur missed \$25.00 and Carolyn Shermock won \$10.00 attendance prize.

Sunnie Spehar was to be "Queen of the Month" at the June 4 meeting. Prayers for Mildred Olson and other members and families who have been ill.

Our sympathy and prayers to Fran Blatnik on the death of her sister, Mary Hutar of Ely and to Sunnie (Wm) Spehar on the death of her mother at 97.

Congratulations to Bess and Lyle Kenyon who celebrated their 50th Anniversary on May 18th.

"Happy Summer" and God be with each and every one of you.

LOISM. PELANDER,
Reporter

NO. 34, SOUDAN, MN

Branch 34 outdid themselves this year in the celebration honoring me as their Mother of the Year. It will be hard to beat!

Starting with a delicious chicken dinner, prepared by our members, the evening progressed into something very special. Our National Auditor, Victoria Bobence was mistress of ceremonies and things just moved along. She read the article she had written about me in the ZARJA, then there were comments, followed by a complete surprise visit by my brother, Jack, who sang, accompanied by Tony Poderzay on the accordion and

joined in by the rest, a parody of my life, starting with childhood to the present time. Emma Betourne, my sister and member of Br. 34, and another member, Helen Adkisson, used their heads to think up the words — it was hilarious!

We had a most impressive candle lighting ceremony, all of us, one at a time, got up and told everyone our mother's name, how many children there were in the family, then proceed to light a votiv candle which surrounded a statue of the Blessed Virgin. A beautiful fresh bouquet of flowers which had been given to me by my family, the Pavliches, was also by the statue. For the 40 people present 236 children were counted in their families!

Fr. LaPatka, our parish priest, showed a video tape on the apparitions taking place at Medjugorje, Croatia. Father will be leaving soon for a trip there and we are most anxious to have him return to tell us about it personally.

We welcomed our special guests, Rose Maras, Regional President, Kathy Knuth, Secretary, Anna Hodnik, National Youth Director. We appreciated their presence and their messages to us.

Another surprise waiting for me that night was having my sister, Agnes and daughter Terese, also members of our branch, appear just before Mass! They drove up from St. Paul for the occasion.

My daughter, Monica, and my granddaughter, Gina Pustovar of Hibbing, were also present, which meant a great deal to me. My children presented me with a lovely silk flower centerpiece which was used at the head table.

I could never thank each and every one enough for this honor, the testimonies, the gifts I received, the planning and working for the dinner, the decorating and the program which made it so successful and a time I will never forget.

Another big event in our parish was on Saturday, May 24, when we honored Our Lady of Brezje with an Ethnic Mass, which our priest prefers to call it. Our branch and the KSKJ lodge participated in this together. I served as the Reader, the Poderzay Brothers played their accordians, Dennis Erchul, former parishioner and now of Duluth, played the organ, Diane Childs led us in the singing, Helen Adkisson and Jean Driscoll, officers of the KSKJ and Victoria Bobence representing the SWU, brought up the offertory gifts. Our Blessed Mother's statue was placed in the sanctuary with a bouquet of red carnations at her feet. After the mass, coffee and apple

Greetings from Your Youth Director ANNA HODNIK

May has been a busy month with Mother of the Year parties, graduations and First Holy Communions. It was also the month when we were busy selecting the S.W.U. scholarship winners. All the entrant's resumé's were excellent and it was difficult picking the winners. But I felt both the winners and the losers will succeed in achieving their goals because scholastically they were in the upper one third of their class and all were active in church and community and also, most had some part time job. This makes for a well-rounded student whose potential is the best. I want to extend my heartiest congratulations to all who applied.

It was a nice surprise to have Fr. John Petrich officiate at the Holy Mass when my granddaughter, Allyson

potica was served to all. Nick Tekautz led us in singing Slovenian songs, again accompanied by Tony, Tom and Leonard Poderzay. In closing, Sophie Spolar led the group in the recitation of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin in Slovenian, Mary Gornick led us in prayer in Slovenian and we all then sang, Češčena si, Marija. An added delight was Fr. LaPatka playing his concertina for us. It was a great time and everyone enjoyed it - some said they would like to have this every month!

Our branch has now recessed for the summer but we are reminded to attend the dedication of the Slovenian Miners and Laborers Tribute on August 1st at Iron World in Chisholm. We will try to be there in our Slovenian costumes to join in the festivities. Also, we are to keep in mind the Minnesota Day planned for Sunday, September 14th in Hibbing. Give me a call if you plan to attend.

Have a good summer, everyone!

ADELIN MUSTONEN
Reporter

NO. 35, AURORA, MN

The celebration honoring our Mother of the Year, Gudy Luther, was held on Sunday, April 27th at the Holy Rosary Church Hall. Fifty-five members of Gudy's and Bob's families were in attendance.

Anna Hodnik was Mistress of Ceremonies. She began by telling us a few facts about our organization. President, Anna Rose Smolich presented Gudy and her husband with a corsage and boutonniere and later in the program, presented to our Mother of the Year the book: FOOTSTEPS THRU TIME.

The program was then turned over to granddaughter, Nancy Martinetto. Nancy gave us a history of Gudy's life and introduced the members of the family, their spouses and children. Family members were

Ferris, made her First Holy Communion. Father Petrich received one of the scholarships offered by the Slovenian Women's Union a few years ago. Wouldn't it be nice if our organization could find more young men and women to become priests and nuns? The Catholic Church is in dire need of religious vocations. It would be nice if all our membership would add this intention to our daily prayer list.

I attended a meeting of all the branches in Minnesota where plans were made for the dedication of the Slovenian Miners and Laborers Memorial. We are hoping many of you will plan to be there for this event. It will be a very memorable day and we want to thank Fr. David Stalzer who first recognized the need for this memorial and spearheaded the project and fund raising. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness and dedication.

ANNA M. HODNIK

called upon to tell of their special memories of grandmother and mother. Several of them shared their stories, some amusing, some touching.

A few lodge members who have known her through the years shared some of their special thoughts.

Our Festival Singers and soloist did a beautiful job of singing appropriate songs for Mothers.

A delicious lunch was served by hostesses with help from family and friends. They were: Betty Orazem, Helen Zupancic, Carol Ferris, Mary Landgren and Connie Menart. The buffet table was decorated with fresh flowers in shades of pink and rose. It was a special party for a special person and so nice to see all the relatives gathered together.

See you at the August 27th luncheon-meeting.

DOROTHY CEGLAR,
Recording Sec'y

NO. 38, CHISHOLM, MN

Great month of May! The month that we honor our Mothers and Women of the Year! A luncheon was held at the Slovenian Home on May 4th honoring the Woman of the Year. It was a beautiful day and the attendance was great. The tables were decorated beautifully with colored pussy-willows, pink, napkins and pastel hall decorations. The luncheon consisted of champagne punch, Chicken Supreme, relishes, salad, Strawberry Shortcake for dessert. Head table was decorated with pots of geraniums which were then used as door prizes and given to the oldest mothers present.

The program was fantastic. Ann Nusich was chairperson for the program and did a wonderful job. The singers in their Slovenian costumes really added something to the program. Mike Laurich, our president's son, did a lovely job

playing his accordian. We all had a nice time. Thanks to all who came and many thanks to Jennie and her crew, to Ann Nusich for the lovely program, to the gals who made the lovely corsages, to Mike Laurich and to all who came and participated.

We will not meet until September so Br. 38 wishes all our sisters a wonderful summer and see you then. God bless.

ROSE NIEMI

NO. 39, BIWABIK, MN

Hi, Sisters! Our membership was busy again preparing dinners and desserts for skiers entering the Pepsi Cup Challenge Cross Country Ski Race held in Biwabik on May 7th. St. John's social hall was the sight of the combined effort of the three local churches in preparing and serving the skiers and spectators. It's so nice to see all denominations working so well together. Everyone enjoyed the ethnic foods and festivities. Now that the snow is gone and we've said our good-byes go the skiers till next year, our members will begin preparing again for our gala 4th of July celebration. It seems here in Northeastern Minnesota we have two seasons - winter and the 4th of July!

The ladies of Br. 39 helped host a surprise coffee social after Mass on March 25th honoring our supportive pastor, Father Jim Hayden, on his 42nd anniversary to the priesthood. A gift was presented to him from the branch as well as the parish. Congratulations, Father; we think you are great!

It was decided at our February meeting to begin fund-raising activities to establish a "slush-fund" for donations to various community groups. Our first event was a "B" party held at St. John's on April 13th. Members donated bars, cookies and cupcakes that were sold that evening. Good work, ladies.

Donations have been sent to the local PTSA and to the National Ethnic Campaign for Restoration of the Statue of Liberty.

Condolences were sent to Marge Dewhurst on the loss of her sister, and to Rosemary Ribich on the loss of her brother, Mark Sertich. Our sympathy to their families.

On May 4th, 38 members of the Branch attended a dinner at the Rustic Rock Inn in Eveleth. The social hour began at noon and dinner was served at 1:00 p.m. Katherine Stebley, our honored Mother of the Year, was our guest for the dinner. She was presented with a beautiful corsage and a gift. Congratulations, Katty, we're happy to have you as our Mother of the Year. Our "over age 80" members were also guests of the Branch for dinner.

On Mother's Day, members joined together for the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's. The Slovenian Women's Union colorful banner was displayed on the altar and our Mother of the Year, Katherine Stebley, along with the officers of the Branch, brought the gifts to the altar.

Have a good summer, ladies. See you at Zveza Day.

ROSEMARY RIBICH

NO. 40, LORAIN, OH

Our April meeting was well attended with 17 members present and after business matters were taken care of, we sang Happy Birthday to our birthday girls: Angela Kozjan, 85 years young, Genevieve Wenzel and Tricia Russ. A delicious dessert lunch was served.

Door prize donated by Kathy Russ was won by Angie Martin.

Thanks to Mary Koziura for her generous donation to our Treasury. Good recovery to Angie Zgonc after surgery.

For Joe and Mary Matos, an unforgettable pleasure - the marriage of their grandson, Capt. Douglas Yurovich and Donna Marie Mortimer, in Austin Town, Ohio on April 5th. It was a lovely military wedding, crossed swords and everything! Douglas is a F-4 pilot in the U.S. Marines and is stationed at Beaufort, S.C. where they will make their home after honeymooning in St. Thomas. A lot of happiness to the newlyweds.

Now for our May meeting and our special gathering to honor our Mother of the Year, Agnes Tomazin. On May 8th we gathered at German's Villa on the Lake for our dinner, a lovely place and good food, and very good company: 18 members and 3 guests which included Agnes'

daughters, Francie and Sylvia Amolsch and daughter-in-law, Joyce. Agnes looked lovely in a red and white outfit and a corsage to match. She was so happy. After reading of poems, gifts were presented. May you always be as happy, Agnes, as you were that evening. God love you and may your reign be happy.

Then our meeting on May 14th. Very few present but business conducted as usual. Birthday girls were Jean A. Balogh and Alice Rutar. Door prize was donated by Jean and won by Annette Sertaric. Many thanks to all who donated prizes and Agnes Tomazin for baking.

On the sick list is Mary Hocesvar. Hurry and get better!

Now it's time again for the International Festival herein Lorain, a time of great planning and a good time - with the naming of the International Princess, representing the various nationalities in our community. This year, the Slovenian princess is Dawn Marie Glavan, granddaughter of our own Joe and Molly Glavan. She is sponsored by the Slovenian Heritage Association and Helen Urbas. Dawn Marie graduated in June from Marion L. Steele High School in Amherst. She is very happy about her Slovenian heritage - by the way, her favorite food is Rižot! Good luck, Dawn Marie, and may you be our International Princess this year!

At the May crowning at St. Anthony's church we saw our newest member, Tricia Russ, placing the flower crown on the statue of the Blessed Mother. There was a four picture spread in the daily paper. Tricia is a very active young lady in our school and church. Her parents are Bob and Kathy Russ, also a member, and she is the granddaughter of the late Frances Russ, a member for many years.

I will close with this little verse:

TIME

Time is

Too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice.

But for those who love, Time is Eternity.

MARY PLOSZAJ

Happy June Birthday!
ALBINA ULLE
From your sister, Irene!

Cleveland, Ohio

NO. 41, CLEVELAND, OH

Start with a beautiful day which began with a truly most inspiring mass by Fr. Victor Tomc, assisted by songs from a choir that was joyful and brought back happy memories - add the loving support of all the branches of the Slovenian Women's Union and the true caring support of family and friends and you have the background of the most deserving tribute of appreciation and praise that was held on May 18th to honor a lovely lady, our dear Cecelia Wolf. Also honored were eight 50 year members who were remembered with lovely corsages and were given 50 year Zveza pins. They are Julia Tavzel who was escorted by her son from Texas, Josephine Fier, Antonia Ogrin, Anna Skok, Marion Rolih, Katherine Gregorincich, Frances Karis who was unable to attend but her family came to accept her 50 year honors for her. Josephine Bonach also could not be there but her tribute was sent to her. She sent in a generous donation to the branch. A thank-you to her!

We were especially touched that Katherine Gregorincich was present. She suffered a sad tragedy. In a recent auto accident in Indiana her grandson was injured and his wife and two children were killed. Everyone extended their deepest sympathy to her. It was all of these honorees who did so much to build the strong foundation of the S.W.U. and our congratulations to all of them.

Tony Boltezar was there in honor of his mother, Mary Boltezar, our oldest member who entered into rest on May 9th at the age of 102 years. Past President, Amelia Oswald and her husband and family were there. Her daughter, Wilma, came from Rochester, N.Y. to share this day. Jean Krizman, sister of our founder, Albina Novak, was present. Jean is the President of the Slovenian National Art Guild and is on the Board of the Slovene Home for the Aged. Tony Sturm, President of Waterloo Slovene Home also paid tribute to Cele. Marie Shaver brought a gift from the Slovene Home for Aged as did Alma Lazar who represented the Progressive Slovene Women of America. National S.W.U. Board Member, Irene Jagodnik, was present with 23 members and President, Ann Tereck of Br. 50. Ann is also State President of Ohio-Michigan and she honored Cecelia and gave words of praise from the S.W.U.. Our dear Teta Bohinc, Justine Prhne and Steffie Zorman and many of Cele's relatives were present.

CUTTING THE COST OF SUMMER VACATION



For those of you who are currently making vacation plans and wish to make this trip economical, read on! If you already have a vacation planned or have returned from one feeling rejuvenated, use these tips in the future or tell someone else about them.

People have a tendency to either want to do what is the popular or "in season" activity, or to take the less traveled path and go to a ski resort in mid-summer. I enjoy one or the other as long as there are bargain possibilities.

If you want to save about 50 per cent of what you would pay in winter on airfare and hotel rates, take a summer trip to the Caribbean. The difference in temperature will be unnoticeable, and you could come back with more cash left over than expected.

If your perfect idea of vacation is to be active outdoors in hiking, boating, biking, swimming and tennis activities, a ski resort will offer lower room rates in summer. This is an advantage if you hate mobs of people; just relax and soak in the peaceful serenity of nature. If you plan to be vacationing near a national park, investigate hotels run by the National Park Service which offer lower hotel rates, but remember to make reservations well in advance.

If you travel with children under 18, look for hotels and motels which offer special deals for people with children. Also investigate bed and breakfast places; they are a growing business in the U.S.

The most economical accommodations of course, are with family and friends while you are away, so stay in touch with people from other localities.

If you don't mind booking a vacation two weeks or less in advance, there are bargains on cruises and airline seats which can be sold to you for less, a week or so before departure. Additionally, scan classified ads for people selling discount air tickets. There are honest individuals who are members of "frequent flyer programs" willing to sell you their less expensive tickets.

Research the possibility of fly-drive packages where you buy an airline ticket and rent a car for free or less.

If you are not interested or have a tight schedule, there is no need to venture far from home. Take day trips to places that you have not had the time to visit in the past.

There are boundless possibilities to cut your travel costs. My favorite way of attaining information is to browse through travel manuals in book stores, or to visit the local library and study travel guides. Another alternative is to visit several travel agents and ask questions; they are usually filled with suggestions and ideas since good agents are experienced travelers themselves.

Talk to people who have traveled to places you would like to visit. An accumulation of facts and advice on traveling will be beneficial to your personal travel experience.

A happy summer to all!

A message of congratulations and love came from Jos. Klemencic and his wife, Irene, with regrets that they could not share this day with their favorite aunt. Their daughter was graduating from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

Cecelia Wolf has worked diligently to keep Br. 41 active. When a partial list of the many offices she has held was read, it was noted that many positions were not just for one semester, but for many years. She is active in church, in cultural groups and singing societies, and has been with a number of women's auxiliaries that required hard work as do her many secretarial offices. She is a serene person and to be with her is a pleasure. Her willing help to Slovene Home for the Aged for

many years has helped them attain the enviable position they enjoy.

A special thank you to all the branches, Nos. 50,10,14,32 who so willingly support one another and to all who were present and made this wonderful tribute to Cecelia Wolf possible. To her sister, Justine Prhne, who accomplished so much in correlating everything, Thank You! She is without doubt one of the finest Secretary-Treasurers in the whole organization! To our patient husbands, John Prhne and Sutton Girod, who always help so much, our thanks. For the printing of the tickets, a thank you to Zele Funeral Homes. And last, but not least, a big Thank you to Mary Frank and Mary Furlan and their girls for the wonderful dinner that we en-

njoyed.

To Mollie Brodnik and her family we extend our sympathy on the loss of her mother, Louise Raddell, who died in her 88th year after a long illness. On May 9th, Mary Boltezar entered into rest. She is survived by a son, Tony, and grandchildren and families. To the bereaved family we extend our sympathy and prayers. We were happy to see Theresa Mihevc looking so well after surgery.

To Cecelia Wolf we all extend wishes for the best of health and much happiness for many more years!!

Meetings til the end of the year will be in September and November.

JUSTINE GIROD, Pres.

Learn Slovenian!

I was invited to the dinner party honoring Mother of the Year, Adeline Mustonen of Br. 34, Soudan, MN. It was a wonderful celebration for a beautiful and dedicated mother.

Sophie Spolar, a member of Br. 34, contributed this lovely prayer for our column this month. Thank you, Sophie, for sharing it with us.

My aunt and uncle, Mary and Peter Spolar, adopted me when I was 3 months old. They taught me the Slovenian language, prayers and all of the customs of their homeland. When I saw this prayer in the KSKJ Glasilo newspaper, it brought back many fond memories of my late adoptive parents. Because my uncle taught me to say this prayer every night before I went to bed, and I know many others of Slovenian descent know it, too, I think it would be nice to have you print it in the ZARJA-THE DAWN.

Sophie Spolar

In English

We show devotion by praying to our Guardian Angels:

*"Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light, to guard, to rule, to guide. AMEN."*

In Slovenian

Našim angelom varuhom izkazujemo zaupanje in hvaležnost, ko jih vsak dan v molitvi prosimo:

*"Sveti angel varuh moj,
bodi vedno ti z menoj,
stoj mi noč in dan ob strani,
vsega hudega me brani."*



Anita Vovk, (right) with husband, Frank and Mary Ann Nanti

55th Anniversary of Br. 50

On October 26, 1986, in conjunction with the Ohio-Michigan Station Convention, Br. 50, Cleveland, Ohio, will observe the 55th Anniversary of its founding.

There will be a Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church on Holmes Avenue followed by the Convention Meeting at the Church Hall. At 3 p.m., a Dinner will be served at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue.

All Branches, please keep this date in mind and plan on attending. We welcome you and look forward to this memorable event.

Ann Tercek, Regional President

MEET ANITA VOVK, OUR SLOVENIAN LANGUAGE TEACHER

"Dober dan!"

"Knjiga je črna!"

"To je prvi tečaj slovenščine!"

These phrases echoed through the improvised classroom in Antia Vovka's home in Aurora, Minnesota, each Wednesday morning from October through May. They flowed, sometimes not too fluently, from the mouths of the members of Anita's beginners' Slovenian language class.

Anita, a member of Br. 35 and wife of Frank Vovk, is of Italian descent, but she fell in love with all things Slovenian on her visits with her husband's family in Slovenia. She prepares Frank's favorite Slovenian foods expertly, sings in the Slovenian Choir at Holy Rosary Church and is knowledgeable about many customs and arts, being the owner of a large collection of Slovenian artifacts. She is also becoming proficient in the language, having studied for five years with Mrs. Ann Tushar of Gilbert, Minn. In fact, Anita has become the chief correspondent in the family, writing to and translating the letters that come from Frank's family in Slovenia. Frank's mother says she wouldn't hear any news if it weren't for Anita!

So good-hearted as she is, Anita volunteered to share her knowledge with us, some of her SWU sisters. Some of us had just returned from Slovenia and were anxious to be able to correspond with relatives we met there. Some students are planning trips and others of us simply have an interest in learning the language of our forefathers.

In addition to the language lessons, some of the class time is given over to discussion of the customs, history, current way of life, etc. in Slovenia. The highlight of the year was the last class meeting a luncheon to which were invited guest speakers to share their experiences in the post WWII years in Slovenia. We learned so much from them! We feel we are really learning to appreciate our Slovenian heritage as we know more about our "second country".

Every session was a joy and we look forward to next year's classes.

Najlepša hvala, Anita! Si dobra učiteljica!

Your class:

Barbara Kalar, Sylvia Berggren
Anne Mismash, Vida Marinsek
Marcy Koski, Theresa McGauley

BOWLING TOURNEY SHOTS!



Singles Event winner was Carol Brandt from Br. 17, West Allis and Doubles winners were the pair: Agnes Fennig and Barbara Kozlevchar.



Our youngest SWU bowler at the Midwest Bowling Tournament held in Milwaukee in March was Gene Rae Guiffre of Br. 43, Milwaukee, a member of the DELOPST DYANAMOS. She is seen here on the left with the oldest bowler at the event, Ann Kobe, a member of Br. 20, Joliet. She bowled with the BRANCH 20 TEAM.



Midwest Bowling Association officers, Shirley Melissa and Lillian Putzell, both veteran bowlers, and top scorers at every tournament.



HERE ARE THE RESULTS OF THE S.W.U. MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNEY held in Milwaukee, Wi. on March 15 & 16, 1986

TEAMS

1. Schaff Funeral Home	West Allis	2599	\$90.00 & trophy
2. Merichka's Restaurant	Joliet	2568	70.00
3. S.W.U. Br. 20	Joliet	2562	43.50

DOUBLES

1. B. Kozlevchar — A. Fennig	West Allis	114	25.00 & trophy
2. A. Krizan — L. Hartman	West Allis	1084	18.00
3. S. Willms — G. Kuske	West Allis	1067	12.00

SINGLES

1. C. Brandt	West Allis	610	15.00 & trophy
2. D. Vertnik	West Allis West Allis	587	14.00
3. S. Willms	West Allis	563	13.00
4. A. Krizan		553	12.00

ALL EVENTS

1. D. Vertnik	West Allis	1660	13.00 & trophy
2. L. Hartman	West Allis	1654	10.00
3. A. Fennig	West Allis	1626	9.00
4. B. Kozlevchar	West Allis	1621	8.00

I hope everyone had a good time. Congratulations to the winners!

Lie Putzell, Sec.

The successful tourney was hosted by Br. 43. Energetic president, Doris Frahm, and efficient secretary, Rose Kraemer, made sure things were well in hand.

Our April meeting was well attended. Greetings to the July birthday ladies, Mary Kay Gruden, Madelaine Milakovic, Marguerite Repka, Josie Gruden, Jeane Legan, Mary Danicic, Anne Keglovic, Amy Buehner, Ellen Kastelic and Ann Perko. August birthday greetings to Betty Ann Harr, Mary Lou Prhne, Jane Szymkowski, Anna Dragonic, Suzanne Gaines, Mary Fink and Gabrielle Gruden. Happy to hear that Theresa Filipis is doing fine after her stay at Marymount Hospital. Albie Mrocza also is home after her stay at Marymount. To all our sick, prayers are with you for a speedy recovery.

Anna Dragonic spent two and a half months in Florida with her daughter, Wilma. Congratulations to Eugene and Veda Vercek. They became grandparents for the ninth time. Their daughter-in-law, Lisa and son, Eugene Jr.'s son was born April 7th at Marymount Hospital. This was their first child. Our member, Lillian Sadowski, and husband, Ed traveled to Reseda, California to their first grandchild's christening, a darling baby girl. Jean Offutt traveled with her son, Christopher, and the Trinity High School Band when they performed at Epcot Center and DisneyWorld in Florida. Chris has been playing the drums for six years.

Our member, Edna Scott's son, David, married Julie Benito on April 12th. Congratulations!

Welcome to a new junior member, Katie Marie, daughter of Lynn Kossakowski.

Our Mother of the Year party honoring a lovely lady, Anna Rezin, was enjoyed by all. The grand prize was won by Jean Rogel. Other prize winners were Agnes Zagar, Karen Lockard, Rosemary Pozarelle, Mary Filipis, Helen Prudic, Ruth Romito, Finn Stavec, Marilyn Lonardo, Helen Perko, Kelly Gaines, A. Huth and Lillian Sadowski. Special thanks to super sales person, Ann Perko.

We are planning a trip to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine on Sept. 21st, Slovenian Day. Let Marge Church or Millie Lipnos know if you are interested in going - call as soon as possible.

Just a reminder, set aside August 3rd for the Picnic in the Park.

DONNA STUBLJER

NO. 43, MILWAUKEE, WI

The April meeting was short and snappy. We made our donation to

I would like to share with all of you a brief description of the most wonderful woman in my life. Too many years, triumphs, and failures have passed without my voice rising to praise the one person who knew me long before I knew myself.

It may be that just becoming a mother has opened my eyes to the thousands of minor sacrifices which must have been endured to keep our family happy. I don't know even now if I could have supplied the courage and stability that was given by my mother through the deaths of my brother and father.

I do see my mother every day, although thousands of miles separate us. I see her in my memories and through myself, as I begin to guide my own family in our long journey through life. I hear her voice when I say things and see her actions as I move. All these things guide my life and my family in a direction which I know has been tread before by a powerful and thoughtful woman in her never tiring and unselfish quest of family. I can only hope that my quest will direct my family as truly. The task is now mine, for I have passed the time of student. I am honored and proud to have had the training I did by not just a Mother of the Year, but a Mother of Many Years and Generations to Come.

THANK YOU, MOM.

Love, Denise

the Statue of Liberty and completed all the details for the Mother of the Year. It was also decided that no meeting be held in June, July or August. The annual Poultry Card Party is the next event, on Sunday, November 2nd at 1 p.m. at John's Hall, 35th and Lincoln. We will need donations of door prizes and gift prizes. Pick up something during the summer months and bring it to the meeting.

On April 27th Krisi Heatherly received her first Holy Communion at St. Augustine's Church. Krisi is the great-granddaughter of Vickie Sporis and the granddaughter of Dolores Talaska. Congratulations Krisi, family and relatives.

Matilda Simeic was visiting friends in Florida. Chris Kokalj and husband, Vince, are touring the southwest part of the country. They have friends to visit in Arizona, Colorado, Texas and will also be doing some sight-seeing. The Sterbenzes spent a week up north getting their cottage ready for the summer. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Dovnik on the recent marriage of their daughter. Welcome to our new members, Josephine Zahn and Mary Schulz. Janine Jason from Sunnyvale, California spent a week visiting her grandmother, Mary Martino and aunt Caroline Jackowski. The weather was a little too cold for Janine in Milwaukee. Get well wishes to all our sick and shut-ins. John Spek was hospitalized but is now at home.

The May meeting was short and snappy as most of our business was completed. We elected our delegate who is Mary Martino for the State Convention in Sheboygan. Mrs.

Pasler's 100 birthday at the Pfister Hotel was just marvelous. She had about 100 guests and greeted all and also reminisced old times with them. A jolly, happy and lovable person. A luscious meal was served and after the dinner, a short program followed. Her family, three daughters and a son, spoke and the grandchildren and great grandchildren played the piano, violin and read poems. A grand evening was spent. Mrs. Pasler, keep up your recipe for good health.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Kotar who are great-grandparents for the first time. Their granddaughter, Debbie and her husband, Terry Demoj, had a baby boy they named Kyle John.

It's time to recognize the youth in our branch as they are outstanding. Amanda DeWitt graduated from Glen Park Middle School and is enrolled in New Berlin West High. Gina Rae Giuffre has been a member since birth, graduated from the 8th grade at St. Mathew's in Oak Creek with honors. She received a \$300.00 scholarship from St. Mathews Home and School. She was one of the two people to receive the president's physical fitness award. Kyle Mary Kraemer, also a member since birth, graduated from St. Mary's Academy and she will enter MATC in Milwaukee in September. David Walsh of Greendale is also a member graduating from Greendale High he will enter U.W. in Madison. David's honors include National Home Society, Varsity Basketball (3 years), captain 1st Team, All Conference A.V. Poll Honorable Mention, all state voted Most Valuable Player and varsity tennis (2 years).

To all these students our heartiest congratulations for now and in the future. Keep up the good work. To all our sick and shut-in members, a speedy recovery. Get well wishes to Jim Verbick on his recent surgery. Mary Musich will be in Seattle visiting friends for several weeks. Don't do too much craft work, Mary -- relax.

R.K.

NO. 47, GARFIELD HTS., OH

Congratulations to our Mother of the Year. Ann Mareda was honored by Br. 47 with a lovely dinner held on May 4th at the Asterhurst Restaurant in Walton Hills. Mary Mundson, our president, presented her with a lovely corsage and a gift certificate. As in previous years, each member brought a small gift for our honoree, all beautifully wrapped. After dinner, Ann opened her gifts and we continued socializing. Forty-five of us were present.

Congratulations to Br. 73, Warrensville Hts., on their 50th anniversary on April 6th which was held with a Mass at St. Jude's church, followed by dinner at Vincencian Hall on Broadway.

Congratulations are in order also to Ann and Frank Mareda whose grandson, Robert, was united in marriage to Michelle Freidman on April 19th at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. May you both enjoy many happy years together. On May 19th, Ann and Frank became great grandparents for the first time to a bouncing baby boy, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz., named James Robert. Mother, Debbie and baby are doing fine. Delores and Joseph Hrovat's first grandchild was born Nov. 12 and is named Sydney Monique Hrovat, also making Agnes Zagar, one more time, a great grandmother. Agnes was visiting her daughter, Ludmilla, in Phoenix, Arizona this summer. She has 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren in Phoenix. While visiting her grandson, Dale, he introduced Agnes to his boss. Conversing about different subjects, also about St. Laurence Church's 85th Anniversary August 10th, she mentioned their need for new drapes behind the altar. Being a long-time member of the Altar Society, Agnes said she wanted to get the ball rolling so they could have the drapes for this occasion. Before she knew it, Dale's boss donated \$50 to the cause and then, from family and friends came more donations so St. Laurence will have the new drapes for their special day. Many thanks to Agnes Zagar who really got the ball rolling and to all

who contributed to the cause. Agnes is a 54 year member of our S.W.U.

Diane Dorchak became engaged to Anthony Fonaro and will be married Nov. 1st at St. Joseph church in Mantua. Olga and Al Dorchak were visiting Al's mother in Phoenix while she is having eye surgery. Mary Vlcek is home from the hospital and on the road to recovery. Antoinette Janders is recuperating from foot surgery. Happy birthday to June and July ladies, Frances Bricel, Antonia Brne, Mary Frank, Elsie Lavrencic, Mary Skul, Theresa Spellacy, Mary Kociancic, Julia Mezgec, Gloria Novak.

Sincere sympathy to Margaret Bizjak and family on the loss of her brother, Frank Basa; also to Julie Mezgec for the loss on her angel grandson, Andrew Mezgec. May they rest in peace.

No meetings in the summer months, next one is Sept. 14th at one o'clock, SNH, Maple Hts. Important, on the agenda: the biggie for the year is the Grape Festival (Vinska Trgatev) and bake sale in October - date not yet set. Will let you know as soon as I know. See you in Sept. Have a safe summer.

MARY TAUCHER

NO. 50, CLEVELAND, OH

Instead of honoring our Mother of the Year at the May meeting we honored her, Loretta Hlabse, at a dinner at Teddi's with 88 ladies attending. Anne Ryavec suggested and organized the dinner party but because of conflicting dates couldn't attend so our president took over the honors. Mary Petrovic played Slovene songs on her button box - a surprise to us all. She played well and we sang along. Enjoyed the dinner and service and the music and hopefully we will make it an annual affair. Thanks, Anne.

Br. 50 in great numbers attended Br. 41's Mass at St. Mary's and dinner at the Waterloo home for Celia Wolf, another Mother of the Year. Justine Girod paid an excellent tribute to Celia. Fr. Urbanija, from Argentina, and a second cousin of Mary Beck, celebrated the Slovene Mass which was also a graduation celebration for the Slovene School class.

New members initiated in April were Carla Rosa, Mildred Zimmerman, Helen Zak, Jean Brodник, Honey Vogel, Violet Morancheck, Mildred Richard and Helen Palmer. We're glad to have you.

Sympathy cards sent to Betty DeNardo whose brother, Allan A. Sedmak, passed away. Sorry, Tony

and Francie Sedmak! Also to Mary Budas whose brother-in-law died and to Mary Beth Weybrecht whose father-in-law passed away. Alice Debeljack also lost her brother. Matt Oberstar, and Ella Skoda's sister, Mary Kromar, died after living 4 years in a San Antonio nursing home. Our sympathy also to Rose Zallar whose sister, Hedwig Bickel, died. She was Justine Zak's sister-in-law; and to Josephine Arko whose brother, John Ratar, died and to Olga Samsa whose brother, Emil Maty, died in Erie, Pa. Our member, Angela Krall died - services were private.

Our ailing members are Angie Cesteric, Ann Skeebe who hurt her shoulder, Bertha Vidmar, Frances Marold and Mary Dolinar. Glad you enjoy our ZARJA.

Wanda Golobic is alive and well - it was her sister that died! I'm sorry for the transposition of names in the last article. In fact, Wanda and her husband, Tony, traveled to Colorado Springs to visit son and family and attend their granddaughter's First Communion; also attended granddaughter, Ann Marie Bauer's graduation from Villa Angela. Your many friends, Wanda, are happy you are still with us! Had questions and phone calls galore!

Anne Glavic spent a few weeks touring Arizona with her sister-in-law, Florence. They drove through pre-historic Indian reservations, picturesque National Parks, the famous Missions in Tucson and viewed the Grand Canyon from all directions and enjoyed scenery and mountains. Ann and Dorothy Winter took the trip to Vancouver to see the Expo 86. "Pep" Greben and Gertrude Laurich went to Las Vegas. Hope the one-arm-bandis didn't break you! Yours truly and husband, Frank, visited 7 cousins in Galveston, Texas and vicinity, a gift trip from our son, Roger.

Maria and Jackie Podmore, daughters of Marge and granddaughters of the late Louise Krizman, will be traveling, too. Maria, an R.N. at Hillcrest Hospital will be visiting friends in Florida and Jackie has moved to San Antonio, Texas where she will be working for a year. Rose and Pat McHugh traveled to California to see a granddaughter graduate from Cal State North Ridge College, a class of 5000 students and 20,000 "well-wishers" attended. Huge, eh? Then they stopped at Naperville, Illinois to watch another granddaughter receive her 1st Communion and another to become engaged. Everything happens in threes, Rose. Mary Hrovat drove down to Columbia, So. Carolina,

with grandson, Brad Hrovat and wife as Brad was best man for his brother, Brett Hrovat, who was married at St. Joseph Church with reception at Marriott Hotel following the ceremony.

Andy Jagodnik of Bolton, Mass. made the Nat'l Honor Roll at St. John's Catholic School and also rowed in a scull race between his school and Tabor. I bet the grandparents got some good movies of the event.

Glad to hear Marilyn and Gregory Legan bought a home in Euclid recently and that they think it's better than renting an apartment.

Renee Lousin was named to the fall semester Dean's List at John Carroll University. Congratulations to all.

Facts: Many of us rode "Lolly the Trolley" in downtown Cleveland and it was enjoyed and is a "must see" recommendation. See the "flats", Ohio City, know about our buildings, statues and parks...an eye opener with a good tour guide.

Have you seen the *Splasher Cloths'* book compiled by the Slovenian Art Guild? Worth buying to know more about our history and crafts. It's easy reading. Many of our members helped in this project, too.

August 19th is the Pot-Luck Picnic at Briardale as usual - it's the third Tuesday - at 6:00 p.m. You know, ants are very busy creatures but never too busy to attend picnics. We are fooling them by being inside at the Briardale Club House, rain or shine. Come!

Oct. 26th is the date of our 55th Anniversary Mass is at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. State Convention in the lunch room and dinner at Holmes Ave. Slovenian Home at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited - see you there.

Happy 51st anniversary to Fran and Charles Kikel, Rose and Pat McHugh and a happy 50th to my brother, Stan Laurich and wife, Jennie. Forty of us helped celebrate in style. We were bussed to the Holiday Inn in Randall Mall for brunch. Very nice. Many more to all.

Ladies, pay your dues! See you at the picnic and in September for our first meeting - 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Have a nice summer and travel in the U.S.A.

VERA SEBENIK
Reporter

NO. 52, KITZVILLE, MN

April Report

Dear sisters, our summer meetings are drawing to a close. We have just one more and then, vacations will be

"Congratulations"! Carolyn Budan!



A lovely member for 24 years, is our songbird, Carolyn Budan, a member of Br. 50, Cleveland, Ohio. She attends most of the meetings and is generous as can be!

As a member of the famed "Glasbena Matica" chorus Carolyn has been singing with them for over 50 years. She has a beautiful soprano voice and has sung many leading roles in their operas and operettas. Of course, there have been many brides and grooms that selected Carolyn to add joy to their wedding services with her beautiful renditions of sacred hymns. For funerals, Carolyn just knows what songs will make the occasion solemn and beautiful.

Carolyn plays the button box accordion and enjoys the fun of this peppy kind of music.

All her working years, Carolyn has been affiliated with Banks and Savings institutions, presently is still working part time at the Citizens Federal Bank where she is a receptionist and employee the last 28 years.

Branch 50 is honored to have such a talented, beautiful member. May God give her every fulfillment and the best of health for many years to come!

Ann J. Tercek

here. We would like to get a few new members as our branch is getting smaller and smaller. We have lost so many and mourn their loss. We wish they eternal rest. May their souls and all souls of our faithful departed rest in peace.

We had a little discussion on the Regional Convention which will be in Hibbing this year. We hope and pray that you will all be well and able

to attend. It will be held on the second Sunday in September. We then concluded our meeting with prayer by our president, Rose Trombly.

For the social of the evening hostesses were sisters, Muriel Sabbatini, Phyllis Pavich, Alice Baratto and Dorothy Ban. A delicious lunch was served and then, cards played with honors as follows: in Smear to Millie Barbatto, Ann Roberts, Gertrude Kochevar, Margaret Kochevar (who also won the door prize); Bridge winners were Julia Mancuso, Ceclia Palitano. The evening was very delightful. It was great seeing some new faces. Please come again - you are always welcome!

We wish to take time to wish all our sick members Gods speed to a rapid recovery.

May Report

We held our last meeting of the year in May. We hope and pray that you will be with us again this fall. Our recording secretary was absent as she had other commitments. Reading of the Minutes were postponed until the next meeting. Sister Mildred Barbatto took the Minutes of the May meeting.

We had a few new faces at the meeting: Katy Dolinich, Ann Nadeau, Lu Strom, Josephine Yeshe, Ann Knezovich. This is their yearly visit. It was a great turn-out. We also had a guest, Rosy Maras, our Regional President, who spoke on the coming state meeting in Hibbing. She is so jolly, it's a pleasure to have her join us.

It's vacation time again and hope and pray that you will all have a safe summer vacation.

We concluded our meeting with prayers led by our president and then the social of the evening consisting of fun and games and good refreshments. Hostesses were Lu Strom, Ann Knezovich, Celia Palitano and Josephine Yeshe. Cards were played with honors in Smear to sisters, Margaret Kochevar, Jennie Crea, Rose Trombly and Ann Nadeau; Bridge honors to sisters Ann Tool and Mildred Barbatto. Door prize winner was sister Ann Knezovich. It was a very delightful evening.

It is time to sign off. Hope you all have a very nice summer and we will be looking for you in the fall. Meetings will resume in September on the First Wednesday of the month at the Kochevar residence. Drive safely for the life you save may be your own. May God bless you all and keep you in the best of health until we meet again.

Yours truly,

GERTRUDE KOHEVAR

ZARJA—THE DAWN

"FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART"



ALLYSON FERRIS, granddaughter of National Youth Director, Anna L. Hodnik, and a junior member of Br. 35, Aurora, Minnesota, made her First Holy Communion at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Hoyt Lakes, Minn. on April 6th. Allyson was also given the honor of placing the crown of flowers on the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the May Crowning Ceremony, in honor of Mother's Day.

4th GENERATION SLOVENIAN GIRLS OF WILLARD, WISCONSIN



Cousins, Kim, Kyra, Heather and Denise are darling girls who belong to the Volovsek family of Willard,

Wisconsin and they love wearing their native costumes at any occasion.

Kim is the daughter of Richard and Barbara Volovsek, Kyra is the daughter of Ronald and Mary Volovsek, Heather belongs to Richard and Barbara Volovsek and Denise is the daughter of Edward and Linda Volovsek. Kim and Heather are sisters.

All the girls are great granddaughters of Anna Volovsek, charter member of Br. 102 who is a young 92 and grand nieces of Mary Staut, Mother of the Year of Br. 102, Willard.

Willard, a small farming community, has many activities connected with the Slovenian population and adhere to their traditions and customs tenaciously. LOVE is really in every Slovenian there, as the little girls show on their decorative buttons.

They were taught to sing four Slovenian folksongs by their grand aunt, Mary Staut and have performed during this last summer at local and community affairs, even winning an award at the county fair. Needless to say, the family is proud of them.



MATTHEW RAYMOND ZAGORC, was born March 8th, 1986 to parents, Sherrie and Raymond Zagorc. His grandmother is Sophie Zagorc of Br. 50, Cleveland, Ohio. All three generations are members of the branch. Congratulations!



MATTHEW ANDREW ROSA, was born March 31st, 1982 and is now four years old. His parents are Keith and Carla Rosa and proud grandmother is Cecelia Bleekman. The three generations in this family are members of Br. 50, Cleveland.

NO. 54, WARREN, OH

Our Mother-Daughter luncheon was a lovely affair and well attended. Hosting the afternoon were Jo Kassin and Millie Pallock. Our Mother of the Year, Margaret Racher, received a corsage from the group. Her two daughters were there to help her celebrate. The tables were decorated with pink geraniums which were then given as prizes and Millie Pallock made beautiful brandy snifters with lavender and pink flowers which graced the tables as favors.

For our next meeting we are planning to have a picnic at Helen Kohl's farm in Geneva, Ohio. Sounds like fun. You'll be contacted about it.

She has beautiful grape vineyards and it is a lovely, restful place.

We're going to our son Phil's wedding and it will be in New Jersey. We are all excited about it and expect to have a great time. He and Donna are a swell couple and we wish them all the best that life can hold.

Our deepest sympathy to Millie Pallock on the death of her brother recently. We all send our prayers to her and his family.

Back from Minnesota is Vic Zuga. She and Frank visited their daughter, Karen, who is a professor at the University of Minnesota. Vic's grandson, Kurt Jackson, graduated from Warren Western Reserve High School with high honors. He was salutarian of his class. We congratulate the proud grandparents and parents.

Have a safe summer and vacation.

JOANNE PONIKVAR,
Secretary-Treasurer

NO. 55, GIRARD, OH

Our Mother's Day party was very lovely. Our Lady of the Year was Gala Jhoss and her guests were her three sisters, Frances Banish, Isabell Miller, Johanna Lepor, her brother Rudy Zimmerman and wife, Gwen and brother, Martin Zimmerman and wife, Jean, a niece, Janette Loew, and her children, Jamie and Michael and a friend, Elsie White. We had a lovely turn-out of 40 and all were happy to see each other there.

Our president, Mary Selak, and her family, Louise Catterlin, Gay Mikulich, Sam and Martha Ambrose, all went to the Bahamas for a week. They had a really nice time even though they are a little poorer now than when they left here.

Ladies having birthdays in June were Marie Cvetnik, Anna Racic,

Marian Cigolle and Milka Kregar. July's are Maria Selak, Anna Kalan and Nancy Dombrosky, and in August, Barbara Komlanc and Margaret Tripoti. Our Junior members having birthdays this summer are: June, Seth Gordon and July, Alexis Ambrose. I don't know all the junior members' birthdays but I will make it my business to find out as soon as possible.

I'll close for now wishing everyone a blessed and healthy summer.

Love,

ROSEMARY

NO. 56, HIBBING, MN

Our April meeting was opened with a prayer by the president. Reports were read and accepted. A letter on a trip to Slovenia was read and anyone interested can contact Rose Maras. The trip will be from Sept. 3rd to 17th or 24th. The Range Polka Club has a doing on the same day as our Minn. Day and Mary Massich was asked to have it changed by the group. A letter promoting new members and asking all lodges to have some celebration for the 60th Anniversary of SWU on Dec. 19th, 1986. More on this later.

A thank you was received from Tony Selvo for remembering him while he was sick. The committee for Mother of the Year party was named and Anne Satovich was the chairman.

April birthdays were recognized, Anne Satovich being the only one present. Happy Birthday was sung. Anne became a 50 year member this year and was presented a 50 year pin by Secretary Elizabeth Spolar. Years surely do fly by. Mary Sikich was special prize winner. Since our last meeting we have lost a true and loyal member, namely, Manda Butorac. She was a very loyal member and did her work as long as she could. She loved to be among us. We will miss her. She would have been a 50 year member in 1987. To her family we extend our deepest sympathy and may she rest in peace. The charter was draped in her memory and a prayer concluded the meeting.

Lunch was served by hostesses, Mary Massich, Ann Voiovich and Rose Vukich. Cards were played and winners were Ann Pintar, Mary Sikich and Amelia Domen. Best wishes to all and a speedy recovery to the sick.

The May meeting was opened by a prayer. Reports were read and accepted. A letter was received telling about the dedication of the Miners and Laborers Memorial sponsored by the Slovenian people

which will be on August 1st, 1986 in Chisholm. They would like as many Slovenians there as possible. There will be a charge at the gate.

Tickets for prizes were on hand for members to sell for the state convention. Banquet tickets were donated by Homer Bar and carried their ad. Sandy Matezevich was reported sick. Emma Petrich received her 50 year pin. It was nice to see Mary Putzel at our meeting. Thanks, Carol, for bringing her. The president asked that all donations of gifts for the state convention be brought to the August meeting. Also, thanks to the Range Polka Club for changing their date which coincided with our station convention date of Sept. 24th.

Birthdays were recognized for May, June and July - Happy Birthday to all!

Sophie Garmaker, our Mother of the Year, was presented a corsage and gift from the branch. Special prize winner was Mary Drobnick.

Our meeting was closed with a prayer remembering Mary Hutar of Ely and Julia Prosnik of Chicago, daughter of our member, Emma Kozak. May they rest in peace.

A delicious lunch was served in honor of the Mother of the Year with tables decorated with spring flowers. Cards were played and winners were Mary Babich, Mary Magajna and Barbara Dosen.

Hope to see you all at our Minnesota Day, Sept. 14th. God bless you all.

ANNE SATOVICH
Reporter

NO. 57, NILES, OH

On April 8th we met at the home of our president, Frances Yerman for our meeting with a fair attendance. We hope to see more members at the meetings as the weather now is nice and we only meet once a month. So, do try to come out and help us discuss and plan for future meetings. At our meeting we completed our plans for the Mother's Day luncheon on May 1st.

We had some very sad news to report at the meeting as we had lost one of our members, Rose Spirko, a long-time member. She is survived by a son and his family. Our sympathy goes out to them.

We also received a new member to our club; she is Rebecca, daughter of Nancy Zevkovich Lambert. We just got word that Nancy gave birth to a sister for Rebecca who we hope will also become a member soon.

Jerry Spoljaric is now home after having hip surgery. Ladies, give her a

call and let her know you are thinking of her. Nancy Segreto was also in the hospital. Our get-well wishes go out to all our sick members and wishes to them for a speedy recovery. Kindly let us know if anyone is on the sick list as there are times when we do not hear about them. We do like to keep in touch and pray for a speedy recovery to all.

Our meeting was closed with playing "B" and were served a delightful lunch by Mary Young, Carol Naley and Phyllis Muccio.

Our May meeting was our Mother's Day Luncheon held at the El Rio at 1 p.m. with 20 members present. Later we held a short meeting honoring our Mother of the Year, Frances Racher.

We decided not to have a meeting in the months of June and July as some of our members will be away on vacation and many will have graduations and weddings to attend. We will meet again in August with a Covered Dish Picnic at the home of our president, Frances Yerman.

We each received lovely favors made by a friend. We played games and everyone went home with a gift.

Birthdays celebrated in May were Jane Logar and Frances Yerman. See you all at the picnic.

Good luck to all.

FRANCES STANEC

NO. 59, BURGERTTSTOWN, PA

Hello to all! Is the summer keeping you busy? Having cookouts, escaping on a get-away vacation or just enjoying the sunshine?

Our April meeting was held at the home of Mary Dvorsak with 17 members attending. Mary is recuperating from a recent illness. She enjoyed our visit. Thanks for having us. Mary and her daughter, Betty, gave 2 special prizes that were won by Frances Korosec and Jennie Ferbezar. 15 members came to the May meeting. The special was won by Ann Secan and given to Rosemary.

Hilda, Genia, Elsie and Jennie enjoyed the performance of Charley Pride's "Country Trivia" at the Jamboree U.S.A. in Wheeling, W. Va. A Cape May seashore vacation was taken by Frances K., Jennie, Elsie and Genia. They enjoyed a 5 day stay. Fran M., Evelyn and Thelma went by bus to Bellview, Ohio to see the Mother of Sorrowful Shrine. Kimberlee and friends went to Cedar Point in Ohio, Jamboree in the Hills in Wheeling and to Detroit, Michigan. As you see, some of our members enjoyed a summer time vacation.

How was your 4th? Did you start off with a picnic for family and friends and ended it with fireworks?

Stay well and happy.

ROSEMARY

NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE HTS., OH

The good ole summertime is rapidly growing to a close. Did you do all the things you planned to do this year? It's almost time to start thinking about raking leaves and starting Christmas projects.

Our fiftieth jubilee, now a thing of the past, was so beautiful. The day, though interrupted by a rain storm, was delightfully cool and pleasant. Our anniversary mass was well attended. A tribute to Branch 73 made everyone aware of our strong Christian ties and our recognition of sisterhood. All the glory of Easter Sunday was still present on the altar, adding to our joy.

The dinner that followed was delicious. A special thank you to Ann DeNallo and her crew for a job well done. The music, furnished by Buddy Herak and his Tamburitzans, gave a special aire to our celebration. And, our members, our loyal, beautiful members! We could not have accomplished it all without you. Our sister lodges who joined us in celebration, THANK YOU! And our gratitude to all the branches who took time to send notes of congratulations and encouragement.

We were privileged to present eight fifty year pins for membership. We are sorry all of these members could not be with us - you missed a wonderful celebration. Our prayers were with you.

Twenty-eight deceased members were remembered in a brief, touching memorial. God keep you in His care for all you did in the years you served.

A highlight of the day was recognition of Jack and Ann Yane on their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Ann is our past-president. Their daughters, Gloria and Pat, along with their spouses were also in attendance at the Mass and dinner. Our best wishes to the Yanes for continued good health.

OUR SYMPATHY: to Bernice Blatnik on the passing of her uncle, John Micklaus. John was also the brother of the late Mox Micklaus, our music man. To Ann Modic on the demise of her 34 year old son-in-law. To Joe and Jean Fortuna on the loss of his mother, Mary.

CONGRATULATIONS: Sorrow mixed with joy - we offer our best wishes to the Fortunas whose daughter, Jane Marie, was married

May 24th at St. John Nepomocene church to Philip DeMattia. To Kathryn Papez, now great grandma to a new great granddaughter, Morgan Ashby - another baby to love to pieces! To Betty and Bill Drnak whose daughter, Mary Lou was promoted to the rank of Major at a ceremony in the Penatgon. You have every right to be proud. To Florence and Andy Duale, Florida residents, who will return to Ohio to celebrate their Fiftieth Anniversary on August 24th. To Pete and Kay Yuratovac who will mark 45 years of marriage. To Frances Cazin on being our other of the Year and thank you to her two daughters who attended our meeting to surprise their mother, and to her grandson who kept us all in conversation.

August 31st, my husband, Steve, and I will mark 40 years of marriage. It is hard to put into words all that we have to be thankful for. For myself, I am grateful for a husband who is a good cook, an excellent shopper, an understanding father, for a husband who has been at my side thru many trials and tribulations, who has seen me thru many personal problems, who has been with me "in sickness and in health", who gives me encouragement (with a sprinkling of criticism) and without whom I could not accomplish all the things that I manage to undertake. I love you, much!

Don't forget our cookout, August 25th at the Eply Residence. Fun starts at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish - meat, salad, bakery, vegetable - your choice - for the buffet. See you then.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN MAJERCIK

NO. 8L, KEEWATIN, MN

Our Mother of the Year celebration was held on May 4th and according to the decision of a previous meeting, instead of honoring one member, we honored all the members as most of them were previously honored as "Mothers of the Year".

The members attended the 10:30 Mass in a group. It was celebrated by Father Thomas Foster. The organist and soloist was Mary Spolarich who sang "Angelsko Češčenje". A delicious breakfast catered by members of the Senior Citizens was served to the members at the Senior Citizen Center. The tables were decorated with bouquets of spring flowers. Josie Kapla decorated a cake for the special occasion.

Guests at the breakfast were: Father Thomas Foster, Mrs. Rose Maras, Minnesota President of

S.W.U. and Mrs. Lois Neff.

A short meeting was held afterward at which time a letter from the Home Office was read urging all the branches to send delegates to the dedication of the Miners Memorial in Chisholm August 1st. President, Josie Kapla attended a meeting of all presidents in Eveleth for the combined Minnesota branches to discuss this event to be held at Iron World U.S.A. Another item discussed was formulating new guidelines for future State Presidents to follow.

We hope you all have a pleasant and enjoyable summer.

Respectfully,

MARY MICHELICH

NO. 89, OGLESBY, IL

Our April 14th meeting was presided by Rose Ann Prey, president. The Mother-Daughter Banquet was discussed with Mary Kernz, Chr. and Rose Ann Prey, assisting her. The banquet was to be held at the Fireside on May 12th. Emma Foly, our treasurer, was chosen for our Mother of the Year and she was honored at the Banquet.

Anna Krancic celebrated her 93rd birthday this month. Our Sunshine Chr. Helen Komater celebrated a birthday, too. Happy Birthday!

A few of our members have been sick. Hope they are on the mend. Angie Nico and Frances Rolando had the flu and Frances Gorisek injured her foot. Hope to see you all soon, ladies.

Anne Batty, Rose Kellett and Pamela Skoporc served refreshments and awarded all present with gifts.

Our Mother and Daughter banquet was held on May 12th at The Fireside in Oglesby. The members and guests all enjoyed the festivities. Emma Foly was honored as our Mother of the Year and Rose Ann Prey presented her with a lovely bouquet of red carnations. Frances Gorisek led the members and guests in song. All of the songs honored Mothers. Flowers were presented to the oldest mothers who were Irene Peterlin and Josephine Morrison. The youngest mothers were Holly Foly and Lorene Munson.

Birthday wishes were given to Fran Morrison and Rena Rygalski, guests of our members.

Our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Denis Mackessy, spoke on the Slovenian heritage and how proud we should be of our immigrant parents who, through hardships, still kept their faith strong.

"B" was enjoyed and prizes were awarded to all winners. The list being

too long, we are unable to have all the names in this report.

See you soon.

EUNICE KOMATER

NO. 92, GUNNISON, CO

Spring has finally come to Gunnison and with it, many activities that keep us all busy. The Mother's Day luncheon, honoring Barbara "Bunny" Spritzer, was on May 4th, a week before Mother's Day so you could spend the day with your families.

Fran Austin hosted a luncheon at a Chinese restaurant for the officers and me. Rita Bartelli and Audrey McKnight were in attendance for further discussion of plans for the luncheon. Other business was also discussed. Thanks, Fran, for your generosity.

We were saddened this past week by the deaths of Margaret Depew's infant grandson and Evelyn Mraule's mother, Mary Sedmak. Our sympathies and prayers are extended to the families.

Elsie Massaro and I did not attend the last meeting because we had gone to Nucla to an Altar and Rosary district meeting with Father Vendenberg. Betty Stefanic did the reporting for me. During the meeting our future meetings were finalized for hostesses. We congratulate Bunny on her selection as Mother of the Year. She has five children and is active in other organizations as well. She is a hard working, talented person, but above all is a caring person. She is an example of mothers looking younger every year.

The mystery box was won by Betty Stefanic. It was donated by Elsie Massaro. The high score went to Frances Guerrieri and the low score to Betty Stefanic. Refreshments were served by Audrey McKnight and Beth Weaver. Thank you, Audrey, for the use of your beautiful home.

The Gunnison River Inn was the setting for the Mother's Day Luncheon on May 4th at 1:00 p.m. Fran Austin, president, worked hard in getting the luncheon set up; it was beautifully done. Elsie Massaro and Fern White took care of the door prizes and checking in the members and guests. Twenty-one members and guests were present. Rose Carricato and Frances Guerrieri made the nut cups.

Fran Austin introduced the officers; then each member introduced herself and her guest and Margaret Malensek offered the opening prayer. After the meal, Linda Mikus crowned the Mother of the Year,

Bunny Spritzer. The crown, covered with yellow daisies, was created by Audrey McKnight. A corsage was also presented to Bunny.

A reading entitled, **Mother** was read by Audrey McKnight and several taped Slovenian songs were played by Frances Somrak. Although we didn't understand all of the words, the music was enjoyed by all. Fran read a letter from Frieda Forcier who was unable to be with us this year. Unfortunately, she was called to Seattle because of her mother's illness. Maybe next time. The door prizes were given out and Bunny was presented with the tulip centerpiece which was made by Fran Austin.

Fran thanked us for our attendance and we planned to get together in June, in spite of the many activities that come up in summer. Thanks to all the members for making this a memorable affair.

FRANCES SOMRAK

NO. 95, CHICAGO, IL

Before we enter into the summertime and all of us scatter to our various summertime places and activities, I just want all of our members to note that we will no longer have our meetings in the evening, starting Wednesday, Sept. 10th. From then on, our meetings will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon. The change was made at our April meeting with 34 members attending. Mark your calendars now.

We also welcomed two new members, Josephine Bruzdinski and Mary Michalek.

Hostesses and goodies by: Lottie Brkljicich, Mary Nuzda, Bernice Morrison, Julie Hansen, Annie Brkljicich, Helen Golich and Ann Granich. Mary Brozynski was our winner of the yearly dues. I would like to add that Mary has always performed with seriousness, attended our meetings regularly and has a deep concern for the welfare of our branch. Congratulations, Mary!

In conclusion, I want to thank all of you very much for your outstanding response on the time change for our meetings and may we continue to grow in membership and also inspire others who are not members as yet to come and join us.

Have a fun and safe summer. PEACE!

Rose Winters

It is with deep regret that I announce the death of a member, Rose Winters. Despite her illness she was a dedicated wife to her husband,

Rudolph, a woman who loved to be with her family. The character of the life she lived might be summed up in a few words: sincerity, earnestness and loyalty. Her genial personality and the generous instincts of this fine woman will be missed not only by her husband and her family but by all of us in the branch. All of us extend to Rudolph and family, our deepest sympathy.

MILDRED JAMES

NO. 102, WILLARD, WI

After a lingering illness, we lost Elsie Perko, a valued member of our group. She was 63 and lived in Willard. The SWU said the Rosary at her wake. Elsie was a devoted and tireless worker and will leave a gap that cannot be filled.

In spite of our severe winter the Valentine Party was well-attended and a happy group shared a pot-luck meal, a Valentine exchange, the usual social hour with games.

Farmers in the area are still trying to salvage the corn that remains in the wet fields while ladies' thoughts and hands are turning to house-cleaning and gardening.

A goodly variety of seedlings, bulbs and house plants swelled our treasury by fifty dollars and fifty cents at our plant sale at the parish center on May 4th, following a pot-luck meal at noon attended by twenty-six members. Prizes were won by Helen Perko (hand-woven rug), Ida Plautz (butterflies), Jean Govek (heart-shaped pin) and Jo Bayuk (bag of walnuts).

An honored, long-term member, Mrs. Anna Volovsek, now has forty-two grandchildren and seventy-five great grandchildren!

Our group has been saddened by the loss of a valued member, Elsie Perko, who died recently following a lingering illness. Her faithful attendance and help are missed by all of us.

No final decision has been made on the plans to make a Slovenian quilt containing fifty-two embroidered blocks. Discussion led by Pres. Jo Artac was tabled until later.

Respectfully submitted,
BETTY SCHAREN BROCK,

Secretary and
JOSEPHINE ARTAC,
President

NO. 105, DETROIT, MI

Our Mother of the Year luncheon was very successful. There were twenty-seven members and friends in

In Memoriam V BLAG SPOMIN

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| 1—Josephine Jakel—53-yr member
75-yrs old | 28—Mary Shute—57-yr member
90-yrs old |
| 3—Christine Bradish—81-yrs old
32-yr member | 29—Mary Ostanek—45-yr member
90-yrs old |
| 10—Mary Hraster (mother)
57-yr member — 101-yrs old | 31—Antoinette Lucich—48-yr mem-
ber
89-yrs old |
| 10—Mary Hraster (daughter)
57-yr member — 79-yrs old | 33—Marie Evans—26-yr member
74-yrs old |
| 10—Mary Matoh—84-yrs old
34-yr member | 38—Agnes Mustar — 59-yr member
91-yrs old |
| 10—Frances Zager—47-yr member
75-yrs old | 41—Mary Boltezar—52-yr member
99-yrs old |
| 14—Mary Dolsak—59-yr member
77-yrs old | 41—Louise Raddell—58-yr member
89-yrs old |
| 14—Mary Koljat—52-yr member
84-yrs old | 50—Angela Krall—55-yr member
98-yrs old — Charter br. 49 |
| 14—Jennie Lenarcic—58-yr member
89-yrs old | 56—Manda Butorac—49-yr member
80-yrs old |
| 15—Albina Arko—47-yr member
65-yrs old | 57—Rose Spirko—48-yr member
91-yrs old |
| 15—Mary Fortuna—49-yr member
84-yrs old | 64—Cvetka Jurisic—47-yr member
86-yrs old |
| 16—Agnes Vranicar—50-yr member
82-yrs old | 68—Jennie Mohorcic—50-yr mem-
ber
85-yrs old |
| 17—Louise Meyer—24-yr member
73-yrs old | 71—Frances Tomsic—49-yr member
90-yrs old |
| 23—Katherine Chizmar—54-yr
96-yrs old member | 90—Mildred Demsher—47-yr mem-
ber
79-yrs old |
| 23—Anna Zgonc—57-yr
100-yrs old member | 90—Anna Triebisch—47-yr member
94-yrs old |
| 25—Mary Vana—41-yr member
84-yrs old | 95—Doris Cuzella—29-yr member
64-yrs old |
| 26—Frances Balkovec—57-yr mem-
ber
98-yrs old | 95—Rose Winters—16-yr member
74-yrs old |
| 26—Gloria Skoff—34-yr member
57-yrs old | 102—Elsie Perko—19-yr member
63-yrs old |

attendance. Marie, our Mother of the Year, her son and his fiance and her daughter, also Marie's mother, Ann Lindich, all enjoyed themselves very much.

We had as our special guests Theresa and John Smoltz. We owe this lovely couple so much for their generosity to our Club. May God bless them with the best in life.

We were happy to see Ann McGee, Sophia, Catherine Musick and

Noreen. Everyone enjoyed the meal and the service was good. Our waitress had her work cut out for her and she was so cheerful and very efficient.

Our June meeting was at the home of Ann Lindich and we hoped to see many members in attendance.

Happy birthday to our members during the summer months. May our members everywhere have a healthy, happy and safe summer. May God keep watch over one and all.

ANN POBANZ

Drage članice. Smo že v najlepšem mesecu maju, ko to pišem. Res je lepa in kratka zelena pomlad. Vsak se je veselil; res, koliko je lepega v naravi. Stvarnik božji to vsako leto čudovito ponovi. Če pomislijo tega, mislijo vse drugače. Ni več pesnikov ali poetov, ki bi slavili Boga kot nekdanj. Svet in narodi so postali vsi drugačni, sovraštva je preveč, ljubezni pa premalo. Ni ljubezni do narave, do ljudi in ne do Boga. Kaj je danes s tem brezsrčnim svetom. Narava se ne spremeni, ona vedno ohranja svojo naravno lepoto. Ona nam daje svoje iz leta v leto, pa tudi vzame, kar je njenega. Letos nam je ugrabila dva dobro poznani članici in še nekaj drugih.

Ti dve sta nam bili zelo blizu: ga. Marija Hrastar je dopolnila lepo starost preko sto let. Druga Fani Žagar je preminula po dolgi bolezni in nato "strok". Ona je bila sestra od Zofi Magajna in Bini Zimerman. Pri naši podružnici je bila več let podpredsednica, prav do svoje bolezni. Zbolela je in so jo odpeljali v Nursing Home. Bili sta nekaj časa skupaj z mamo Hrastar, nakar so jo premestili drugam. Kmalu nas je zapustila. V jeseni je tudi umrla njena mama Antonija Baraga. Hitro sta "poklicali" ena drugo, da sta sedaj zopet skupaj - tam, kamor nas vseh pelje pot.

Turški kralj Atila in kraljica Vida

Kralj Atila, Hunov veliki voj, Beneške ugleda ravnine. Pohotnost do njih se užge mu takoj, zamikajo brž ga skomine.

In Atila reče in zelmlja bobni, vse trese se plan valovita. To niso potresi podzemskih moči, to konj so hunskih kopita.

Pred kraljico Vido prijaše Atilov sel:
"Predaj se kraljica nam, sama ti rada, če ne ti kralj glavico mlado bo vzela in narod tvoj ti pogina od glada."

"Gladu in pesjanov se jaz ne bojim, tu vzemi za dar si meh žita. K vojakom povrni se spet, če vojska še vaša ni sita.

Kolikor hrani ta meh zrn, toliko vreč žita še imamo, po tajnih donašajo nam ga poteh. Ali mi se vam ne podamo.

Se Atila prestraši, nazaj spet beži.

Pobira mlade fantiče za janičarje mi.

Pustoši, požiga, mori, vse kar pride v njegove dlani.

PO SPOMINU

Preteklo je že več sto let, odkar je slovenski narod turške sužnosti otet.

Gradili cerkve so nekdanj po hribih in gradove po strminah, da lažje so se drhali turški stavili v bran.

Nekoč, tako pravi neka povest, so prišli na Notranjsko pri Cerknici v Begunje Turki. Tam je stala cerkev sv. Jerneja in pred njo je rasla stara lipa. V tej votli lipi je bilo gnezdo sršenov. Vaščani so se Turkom postavili v bran in se skrili za cerkvenim obzidjem. Turki so jih napadli in najbolj korajžni so zlezli na staro lipo in razdražili srdite sršene. V rojih so obkolili Turke in jih neusmiljemo začeli pikati. S tem so napodili Turke v beg in kristjani so bili rešeni. Pravijo, da so Turki tem sršenom rekli "hude Jernejeve muhe".

Vse lepo pozdravlja,

T. FERRACCILO

ŠT. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco je izšel iz dežja in neviht. Zdi se kot bolnik, ki ga mučejo bolečine, da ne more ne brati, pisati ali celo moliti. Ako posije sonce, se olajšajo tudi bolečine bolnemu. Moj namen se je zjavit vsem, ki so se me spomnili v moji bolezni z nešteti karticami in z darili.

Posebno se zahvalim organistu, ženi Šimenčevih, mojim pevcem - zlasti moji sestrični Ani Judnich za vso njeno skrbno ljubezen. Zaman ne pravijo, da je ena dobrotla več kot milijon.

Bridka izguba moža Jonita in težka operacija je prizadela njo na veliko, a ona vse nosi hrabro in pogumno. Vedno je njena prva misel, kako bi pomagala temu ali onemu v potrebi. Hvala tudi plemeniti družini Gregorin. Tončka in ona sta veliko, veliko storila za mene in mojega sina Milana. Ne bom nikdar pozabila. Bog jim poplačaj z zdravjem - tem resnično krščanskim ljudem. Njihova hčerka Sonja se je pred kratkim poročila. Častimo ji prav iz srca. Družini Gregorin se je rodilo pet otrok: trije fantje in dve dekleti. Steve, lep mlad fant bi moral ministrirati pri sv. maši neko nedeljo, pa ga ni bilo. Gospod John so nato povedeli, da Stevita ne bo, ker se je smrtno ponestrčil. Vse nas je močno zadelo - kaj pa ubogi starši?

Tudi dr. Ravnikovi družini se moram zahvaliti za izredno zanimanje in darila ob moji bolezni. Hvala tudi Angeli Gospodarich, naši upokojeni učiteljici za njena prelepa pisma s slikami pomladnih cvetlic. Vse je povezala z lepimi verzmi in stihmi v prelepi slovenščini. Angela je prava umetnica v risanju in sestavljanju verzov v njeni učiteljski karijeri. Naj bi ji vsaj Slovenci priznali talent - njej, slovenski učiteljici.

Pred tednom so imele sestre "lunch" ali južno za članice. Povabljene so se zelo pohvalile z dobro postrežbo. Tu gre hvala naši predsednici Josephine Aiuto, ki že veliko let vodi Zvezo.

Vse tiste, ki niso znale za "our Mother's Day Breakfast," zajterk je bil v Lehrs Green House na sam Materinski dan. Gotovo se je vsem dopadlo v tem Havajskem raju.

Iz domovine mi pišejo, da je Vlado Klemencič postal minister za Jugoslovanske finance. Vlado je sin moje prijateljice Mire Klemenčič. Ivan, njegov oče je bil tu pred leti kot Judnichev gost. Predaval je po Kanadskih univ. kot gozdni inženir. Profesor Klemencič je umrl že leta 1978.

BOGASTVO NAŠE ZEMLJE

Vsem Slovencem, ki so bili rojeni v Sloveniji, ali pa so šli na obisk v "stari kraj", kot pravijo, slika slovenske zemlje jim ostane za vedno v spominu. Zadnji mesec sam imel zopet priliko, da sem obiskal svojo rojstno vas. Prec ko stopiš v bližino svoje rojstne vasi, nešteto spominov preleti tvoje srce. In ko greš v svojih spominah nazaj, hvaležnost napolni tvoje srce, hvaležnost do Boga, da si sin, hči, slovenske zemlje. Nešteto cerkva in kapelic in križev krasi slovensko zemljo in priča o veri naših prednikov, ki so vse to postavili. Nehote se rodi želja, da bi tudi drugi poznali to duhovno lepoto.

Prav tukaj lahko veliko naredimo kot članice Slovenske Ženske Zveze. Namen naše Zveze je, da

najprej napojimo svoje srce z lepoto slovenske zemlje in duhovnim bogastvom naših prednikov. In potem, da posredujemo to lepoto in bogastvo naše zemlje, naše pesmi, naše vere tudi drugim, posebno ljudem slovenskega porekla. Tako hočemo pokazati celemu svetu, da četudi smo majhen narod, smo bogati po svoji veri in tradiciji. V zgodovini zadnjega stoletja so mnogi Slovenci iskali svoj dom v "Novem Svetu" in s tem ustanovili svoje družine v Ameriki. Kot je naravno, otroci bodo otroci svojega okolja, to se pravi, da bodo hodili v angleške šole, brali angleške knjige in podobno. A prav tem otrokom bi starši morali vsejati v srce ljubezen do domovine in jezika naših prednikov; pokazati jim vrednost nauka, ki so nas učili naši starši, in tako jih usposobiti za življenje, ki večkrat ni lahko. Bog je obogatil Slovence z mnogimi darovi; rabimo jih zase, da tako obogatimo svojo lastno življensko pot, in istočasno olajšamo življenje ljudem, ko so nam blizu in dragi.



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POLDICA PODGORNIK

ŠT. 25, CLEVELAND, OH

Večeri se. Mrak lega na zemljo. Ob tem času, ob koncu dneva je lepo se vsesti na klopico ali stopničko in se zastremeti v nebesni obok. Mesec sedi tam sredi temne modrine, kakor bi dejal: "No, kdaj boste pa ve zvezdic prižgale svoje očiščene lučke." In res, čimdlje strmiš tja v globoko daljavo, vedno več zvezdic in poti vesolja je vidno tvojim očem. Skrbi izginejo in človek je ob temu trenutku zajet v veličino vesolja, nečesa svetega in mogočnega.

ČASTNA MATI PODR. 25

Poizkusite drage žene kdaj to enostavno terapijo. Boste videle kako lep in poceni užitek je to.

Pet velikih Sterletovih miz je bilo zasedenih od žena, ko so prišle pozdraviti in počastiti mater leta Mary Jean Turk. Navzoča je bila tudi njena hčerka Mary Jane Timko, ki je podarila svoji mami krasno "broško" za njen dan in v zahvalo za njeno ljubezen. Imele pa smo tudi našega dragega, dobrega Pastirja šsentviške župnije in našega duhovnega vodja g. Jožeta Božnarja. Kombinacija g. Božnarja, Mary Jean, Mary Jane in nas vseh je vscvetela v prijetno in pristrčno popodalsko slavje.

Navček nam je naznanil, da se je kruta smrt ustavila parkrat med nami. Naj bo božja sodba mila možu Sylvije Plymesser, Williamu, kakor tudi Mary Vana Zidan in Jennie Laurich. Naj uživajo večni mir. Njihovim družinam pa izrekamo naše globoko sožalje.

Imamo še nekaj, precej, je boljše povedano srečk. Kupite jih, morda boste imele srečo.

Julija in avgusta ne bomo imele sej, torej, se vidimo drugi tork v septembru.

Kupice nalijmo in na zdravje ga izpijmo vseh žena, ki obhajajo v teh mesecih svoje rojstne dneve. Tretjega julija ga obhaja Leslie Telich in osmega avgusta pa Danica Chemas. Torej na zdravje. Za druge pa ne vem in zato nemorem zapisati njihovih imen. Pošiljam vsem rožnati pozdrav lepega poletna - malo vročega, a nobene stvar ni popolna.

CIRILA KRMAVNER



Mary Jean Turk

ŠT. 68, FAIRPORT HBR., OH

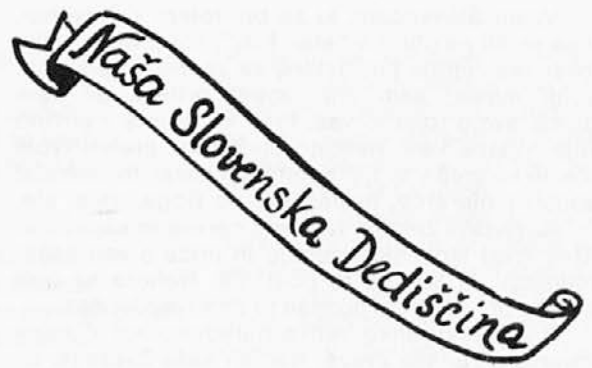
Na aprilski seji na tretjo sredo v mesecu se je še kar prilično članic zbralo v našem slov. klubu v Fairportu. Tako, da vsaj enkrat na mesec pridemo skupaj iz naše podružnice. Seveda le starejše, mlajše pa imajo svoja pota. Sejo je pričela predsednica Rozi Bradač. V molitvi smo se spomnile tudi pokojne Jennie Mohorčič. Prvo so uradnice prečitale poročila prejšnje seje. Nato se je razmotrivalo o majniškem Party. Določeno je bilo za Pot Luck Dinner, v počastitev matere leta 1986. V nadaljnjem obravnavanju je tajnica predlagala, da bi bilo lepo, da se zbere nekaj denarja za Marijino slovensko kapelo v



Mary Ivanich, članica št. 20 — v Jolietu, navdušena slovenskih starih izdelkov — ročno delo pridnih Belokranjic, je preskrbela prte, brisače itd. Za raztavo v muzeju gl. uradu "Slovenske dediščine". Vse prikazane fotografije in opisi so njen dar, katerega je prejela od svoje sorodnice. Najlepša hvala, Mary, da smo lahko tudi objavili v Zarji.

ANA GABER

ŠT. 2, Chicago, IL



POT LANU DO PLATNA

Ljudske šege in navade dandanes izgubljajo nekdanjo moč in priljubljenost po vseh predelih zemlje, kjer živi slovenski narod. Tovarne ali fabrike so izrinile stari način dela po domovih. Stroj je z enim zamahom strl staro vaško življenje ter ga prenesel v današnji čas. Spomnimo se na nekdanje košnje, setve in žetve, mlatve, preje, teritve in drugo.

Precej starih običajev se je ohranilo do danes v Belikrajini. Marsikje bomo še videli kolovrate in stave; nekdanj so sami izdelali platno za svoje letne bele obleke in še za brisače ali rjuhe. Starejše žene se prav gotovo še spomnijo na prekrasne njive, kjer je pomladi cvetel modri lan. Ponekod so sejali tudi konopljo, katera je služila za torbe in vreče.

Teritev ali priprava lanu v vrednost platna je med jesenskimi opravili posebno slovela - smatrali so jo za praznično opravilo. Na jesen so lan poruvali, ga povezali v šope in spravili domov. S posebnimi glavniki so od stebelva odstranili glavice, katerih seme so stisnili v laneno olge. Laneno stebelvo so razprostrli po travnikih, da se je uležalo in zmehčalo. Uležano stebelvo se zopet povezali v šope in ga spavili pod streho, da se je posušilo in čakalo na teritev. Iz lanenih in konopljenih stebel so s teritvijo dobili nežna vlakna ali predivo, ko so ga terice nato okrtale v prejo, ko so jo dalje predice na kolovratu spredle v niti in še dalje niti tkalec stkal v platno. Koliko dela od jeseni preko zime in še dalje na pomlad na sonce.

Teritve so se začele pozno v jeseni, ko je bilo delo na poljih že opravljeno. Vabili so žene-terice od blizu in daleč. Njihovo število se je ravnalo po tem, koliko lanu je imela hiša. Zaposlili so do deset ali več. Ponos gospodinje je bil, da so ji terice natrle čimveč prediva za preskrbo s domačim platnom. Po dobrem zajtrku so terice zelo zgodaj v jutro odšle na delo zunaj vasi. Gospodar je pripravil vse potrebno in prva terica je ves dan nadzorovala delo. Daleč naokoli se je razlegal ropot trlic in smeh teric. Najveselejši je bil zadnji večer z dobro večerjo in veselim smehom in plesom.



PREDICA s kolovratom. S spretnimi rokami iz prediva suka nit, ki se navija na klopčič.



ČEBER ali škaf za žehto (pranje). štrene iz prediva so rjavkaste. Položi jih na dnu čebra, na vrhu pa rjuho, v kateri je pepel iz bukovega lesa. Nato vse obliva toliko časa, da postanejo štrene bele.



TRLICE - lesene priprave za teritev. Zene-terice drobijo ali tarejo steblovje lanu, a ločijo predivo in pezdil, ki pada na tla.



MOTOVILO, na katero predica navija nit s klopčiča v štreno.



GARNIK je priprava, na kateri se suše štrene. Ta se vrti in žena navija niti na klopčiče. Niti so pripravljene za tkanje **PLATNA** - za rjuhe ali brisače. **STATVE** ali tkalski stol služi za tkanje. To delo so opravljali samo možje - tkalci; na statvah danes možje ali žene tkejo vse različne **PREPROGE**.

SREČANJE

Washingtonu. Vsota denarja se je nabrala in tajnica je odposlala. Gostiteljica te seje je bila Rozi Bradač, in postregla z odličnim pecivom. In o balincanju: tudi ženske hočemo imeti čez poletje eno balinišče rezervirano ob večerih, kot vsako leto. Katere imate Ameriško Domovino, ste gotovo čitale opis - **Teči za življenje**. Le par vrstic bom povzela iz tega dopisa. Da rekreacija podaljšuje življenje. Delavni ljude lahko pričakujejo, da bodo živeli leto ali dve dle kot neaktivni sodržavljeni. Opisal je Dr. Ralph Paffenbarger iz medicinske fakultete. Za vsako uro telesne aktivnosti, lahko pričakujete, da boste to uro dle živeli - pa še kakšno uro, ali dve zraven. Torej le pridružite se k našemu poletnemu balincanju.

Zadnje slovo Jennie Mohorčič. Pogrebno sv. mašo je opravil Rev. J. Capelleti. V pogrebnem zavodu smo se zbrale članice S.Ž.Z. pol ure poprej, da smo odmolile rožni venec za dušni pokoj članice Jennie Mohorčič. To je bilo na Veliki ponedeljek. Pokropilo jo je preko 200 njenih prijateljev, znancev in sorodnikov. Prišlo se je posloviti iz Clevelanda tudi večje število članice Zveze.

Poleg številnih vencev ob njeni krsti so visele tudi zastave od društva upokojencev iz Fairporta in prav tako tudi zastava iz Rechar Hall, Euclid Slov. upokojencev, kakor tudi od Slov. Dobrodelne Zveze, (AMLA). Pokopana je na Riverside pokopališču poleg prvega moža Toneta Satej.

Tudi k mašni daritvi se je udeležilo veliko število ljudi. Lep pomemben govor v cerkvi je spregovoril Rev. J. Capelleti. In kako je lepo zadonela na koru pesem, **Marija pomagaj nam (sleherni čas)**. Zapela jo je Mary Shetina, ona je ženka od Johna Shetina.

Po končanem pogrebnem opravilu smo bili povabljeni na pogrebščino v H. Zalarjev restavrant. Sin Jennie Mohorčič, Tony Satej in njegova žena Carol sta vse potrebno naročila za to gostijo. Ob takih žalostnih slučajih se srečamo s prijatelji in znanci, ki se z nekaterimi ne vidimo po več let.

Na drugo sredo 9. aprila se je vršila seja od Slov. upokojencev. Zbralo se nas je 82 članov. Lepo število, kar precej novih članov se nam je pridružilo. In to iz odaljenih krajev. Predsednik Vik Melle, tajnik George Rakar, sta

*Nekoč sem korakal čez travnike sam,
prišla mi naproti je kot vila iz sanj.
Prijazna ljubezen ji je sijala iz oči,
sem dahnil: oh, kako krasna si deklica ti.*

*Ves zmeden nisem našel besed,
oh, kako naj njo vprašam — prebijem ta led?
"Kam greš?" je vprašala — "Se ti mudi?"
Sem odgovoril veselo: "Grem tja, kamor greš ti."*

*Bila sva srečna — ah, mladost čudna je stvar.
Sva hodila skup srečna — kot bila bi par.
Je kukavica pele v gozdu: Ku-ku,
počasi hodita, ne mudi se domu."*

*Z njo bi korakal do konca sveta.
"S teboj bi korakal na višine neba."
Naenkrat je rekla: "Sedaj te pustim,
ker pozna sem že — domov jaz hitim..."*

*Sem prijel jo za roko, vprašal jo še:
"Ako bila bi moja, le moja dekle?"
Z bridkim nasmehom odgovor mi da:
da ne more bit' moja, kar ima že moža.*

Mary Murn

bila prav židane volje, ob taki lepi udeležbi teh mladostnih nasmejanih obrazov. Kvoto članov smo povečali od 100 na 125 članov in baje je že napoljena. Več stvari se je obravnavalo. V glavnem pa je potekala debata o majniškem izletu za v Michigan. Predsednik Vik in tajnik George sta pripravila za to dva autobusa. Za to popoldansko sejo so v kuhinji pripravile sendviče i kavo z pecivom.

Na operacijo srca se je moral podati Stanko Modic, in to 21. aprila. Upamo in želimo mu hitrega okrevanja. Stanko je sin naše članice Mary Modic.

In prav tako je moral hitro na operacijo srca, moj svak Rudy Klammer (on je brat mojega moža) na 11. aprila. Operacija je dobro uspela. Sedaj okleva na domu v oskrbi skrbne žene Tonči. Želimo mu, da se bo kmalu počutil kot prerojen in užival

mirni pokoj med svojimi dragimi.

Rojstnega praznovanja so se veselile naše članice v juniju sledeče: Anna Jakopin, Elsie Horvath, Maryann Krecesn, Carol Satej, Ursula Tottin, Anne Willoughby in Cristine Zalar.

In v juliju so zagledale luč sveta: Kristina Ludvik, Albina Mahner in Irene Nosse. Vsem zgoraj imenovanim kličemo in želimo še dolg vrsto let, da se boste še in še veselile življanje med svojimi dragimi.

Še nekaj domislic:

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- 2) Kdor se na tujo pomoč zanaša, v situ vodo prenaša.
- 3) Bog pomaga vsakomur od nas s tem, kar imamo
- 4) Kdor rad potrpi, si rože sadi.

Vsem čitateljem ZARJE dosti zabave in božjega blagoslova kjerkoli se boste veselili.

Vam želi,

JULKA KLAMMER

"SLOVENSKA PESEM" Picnic

V nedeljo, 13. julija prireja zbor "Slovenska Pesem" piknik v St. Joseph Park (Theodore & Raynor Sts.) v Jolietu, Illinois. Vabimo vse iz bližnje in daljne okolice, da se piknika udeleže. Jedača in pijača bo pripravljena že opoldan in bo na razpolago do pozne noči. Od 5-h naprej bo prosta zabava ob poskočnih zvokih Ron Krameric orkestra. Obiskovalci bodo tudi lahko igrali razne srečolovske igre. St. Joseph Park je jolietško športno središče z odlično opremljenimi igrišči za odbojko, nogomet ali baseball. Tako bo piknik nudil zabavo prav tako mlajšim kot starejšim in pravzato obisk toplo priporočamo vsem in vsakemu posebej.

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