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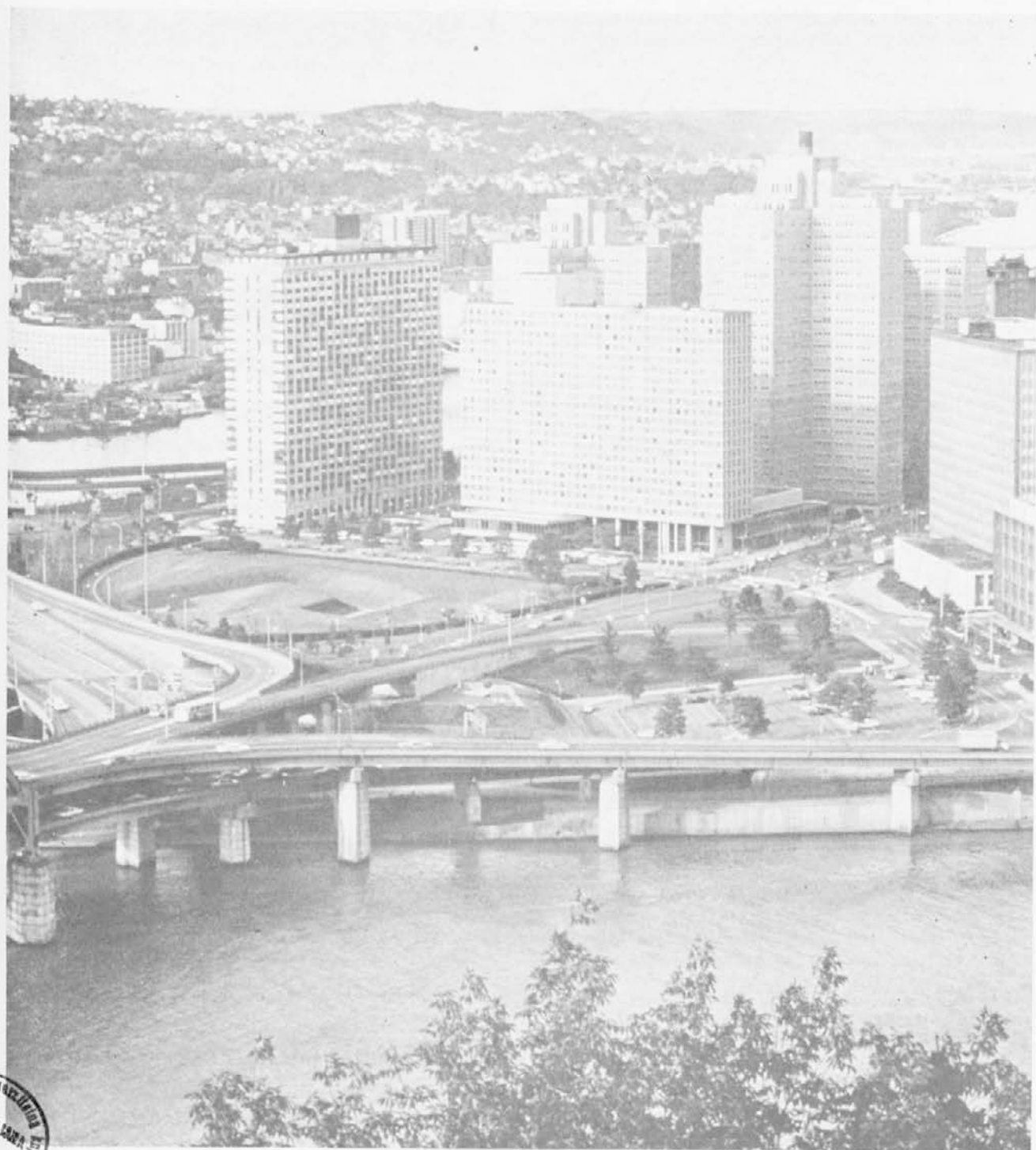
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY

National Officers:

- Feb. 5 — ROSE KRAEMER, State President of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wis.
Feb. 17 — FANIKA, HUMAR, National Secretary, Chicago, Illinois.
Feb. 24 — OLGA MESOJEDEC, State President of Colorado-Kans.-Mo., Pueblo, Colo.

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- Feb. 8 — Mary Kuzma, Br. 88, Johnstown, Pa.
Feb. 15 — Rose Maras, Br. 56, Hibbing, Minn.
Feb. 19 — Sophie Sorcan, Br. 90, Bridgeville, Pa.
Feb. 24 — Mary Oberch, Br. 85, DePue, Ill.

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- Feb. 1 — Margaret Fischer, Br. 1, Sheboygan, Wis.
Feb. 2 — Mary Christian, Br. 80, Mocrn Run, Pa.
Feb. 15 — Anna Kerkovich, Br. 93, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Feb. 17 — Stefania Plese, Br. 74, Ambridge, Pa.
Feb. 18 — Frances Bradach, Br. 35, Aurora, Minn.
Feb. 14 — Matilda Cigolle, Br. 55, Girard, Ohio

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

- March 7 — ANNIVERSARY PARTY, Br. 96, Universal, Pa.
April 10-11 — MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNEY, Br. 17, West Allis, Wis.
April 25 — 40TH ANNIVERSARY MASS, Br. 73, Warrensville Hgts., O.
June 12 — DEBUTANTE COTILLION, Cleveland, Ohio.
May 23-26 — 17th NATIONAL S.W.U. CONVENTION, Br. 26, Pittsburgh, Pa.
October 21 — MISC. CARD PARTY, Br. 17, West Allis, Wis.

ON THE COVER . . .

On the beautiful Golden Triangle where three rivers, the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio flow together, stands the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, site of the 17th National Slovenian Women's Union convention this May. The hostess branch, No. 26, is the largest among the 18 Pennsylvania branches and 14 that are located near the metropolitan Pittsburgh area. We hope to see many of our members attending the Convention from near and far.



The Combined Branches of Cleveland announce . . .

Debutante Cotillion Ball — June 12, 1976

to be held at the Slovenian National Home
6417 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

All unmarried young ladies from the age of 16 who are members of the S.W.U., are eligible to be presented at the fifth Slovenian Debutante Ball to be held under the auspices of the Combined Branches of Cleveland. Please fill out the bottom portion of this announcement and send to Mrs. Fran Sietz, 308 Richmond Rd., Richmond Hgts., Ohio 44124 at your earliest convenience.

I wish to be presented as a Slovenian Debutante:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Age: _____ Branch no.: _____

Is your mother a member of S.W.U.? _____ Grandmother a member? _____

For further information write or call Mrs. Sietz at (216) 261-2856.

ON OUR WAY TO A PRODUCTIVE YEAR 1976!

Much is on the calendar for the S.W.U. this Spring and Summer: the S.W.U. National Convention which is coming up May 24, 1976, in Pittsburgh, Pa.; the 50th Anniversary of our organization, which was founded by our Marie Prislund; and Cleveland's fourth Cotillion Ball, June 12. Plans and preparations are now under way for all these occasions.

By now branches throughout the States have selected delegates for the Convention. Let's hope that each delegate was selected for her abilities and qualifications to help our S.W.U. continue to prosper. We need a new big build-up; so check, just why was your delegate selected.

Is she ready to work on the membership campaign in her branch to present a birthday present of members (young adults and juniors) to the convention? Do her family and relatives belong to the S.W.U.? Is she ready to help along on all projects her branch is active in? Does she show respect to her sister members so harmony always prevails? Does your delegate come well-prepared to know all the facts on what to do at a convention? Will your delegate be able to express her viewpoints on behalf of our organization? Is she concerned about the decisions made at a convention and asks questions on all she does not understand? Would she be able and ready to take an executive office? After the convention will she start a youth group to be active — a Junior group to participate in all civil affairs?

This may sound like a lot of work, but that is the job of a good delegate. She was selected to help keep our S.W.U. going strong and each member must help her. We need each other's help and suggestions. If we don't hang together, we'll most assuredly hang alone. Solutions aren't easy to come by; but if we work together, we'll succeed.

Our parents were diligent workers; but somehow, somewhere, we have failed in signing up our second and third generations of Slovenes to be members. Goodness knows we have tried to keep our Slovenian Heritage and Culture alive. What is wrong? Seems like grandmother signed up her children and grandchildren and paid their dues. After our Senior members pass away, the families leave the S.W.U. no matter how we approach them. They just won't listen. All the branches go all out in respect of our departed members; praying at their wake and attending the Funeral Mass. The families of departed members all thank us graciously; but they won't keep on with the S.W.U. or won't join.

I wonder if members read my articles in the Zarja

on how to keep their branch active. I've tried to instill all the good things that can happen if you are a S.W.U. member. Ladies who can attend the meetings every month, we bless them; members who can't attend, we try to understand, too.

Recognition should be given to all our diligent members who have kept an office for over 20 years. Make it a big day. This way all the family will want to be present; then maybe a good speaker or a S.W.U. Promoter could get a large group to join. Set a date each year to recognize active workers; this makes good publicity for our S.W.U. Our Juvenile members; oh, how they want to be active; but it's amazing, how no one wants to work with youngsters. We try to get leaders but no one wishes to donate two hours of her time a week. The little girls go for baton twirling and Slovenian dancing here in Cleveland. Due to illness and worry, our good leader, Mrs. Antonia Zabukovec, had to give up but we were lucky to have Mrs. Koren take her place. God bless her.

So now to all our members — please ask your daughters, grandchildren and relatives to join S.W.U. for our Golden Jubilee Campaign. By doing this we will reach our goal. Fees are small, \$10.20 or 7.20 a year. This includes a burial benefit and our wonderful "Zarja" magazine. **Children signed up as members pay only \$1.20 a year until they reach the age of 21.** So please make it easy for yourself — sign up your respective families — that's all you have to do.

On Dec. 5th, I attended Branch 41's Forty-fifth Anniversary. It was a pleasant affair thanks to all the work done by Jane Kaplan, Secretary of 41, and President, Rose Puzder, to make this a successful event. On Dec. 13, the Combined Juniors' Christmas Party was a very happy time. The children were kept busy every minute and loved it very much. It was a pleasure to witness their joy and it made one feel young again.

Congratulations to Branches celebrating Anniversaries in February. Thanks to the gracious ladies who organized all these branches:

Branch No. 67, Bessemer Penna — Feb. 2, 1936

Branch No. 68, Fairport Harbor, Ohio — Feb. 12, 1936

Who will be your Valentine Queen at the February meeting?

Best wishes to all our sick members; God bless you with good health. Happy Birthday to all our celebrants for February.

MARY BOSTIAN.



GOLDEN EMBLEM MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Sign up a member this month!

Campaign closes March 31, 1976!

Cash prizes for all workers plus mementos in gold and silver for the top campaigners!

WHAT A MEMBER OF ZVEZA SAYS...

"I was a member of our local branch for 7 years before attending my first meeting — altho I looked forward to my issue of Zarja each month! Now I see what I've been missing!"

BIBLE MONTH

February is the month of the Holy Bible. On this month we are in a special way urged to read the Bible and apply it to daily life.

The Bible is reportedly the world's "best seller". It is available in most languages and can be obtained as a deluxe edition or in paperback. It makes a very good gift and it is seldom thrown away. Its pages are good places to mark down memorable dates. No home that calls itself Christian is without a copy of "The good book." And yet if we are asked: "do you read the Bible?" most of us would have to answer with an embarrassed and guilty "No".

Catholics have not been known for reading the Bible, but it is not surprising. Most of us can still remember when there was only one "approved" version for Catholics and we were cautioned that individual interpretation was a protestant "idea". We were not familiar with the Scriptures because even in our church services, the same passages heard were repeated each year. We studied the Bible as "history", not as the source of inspiration and truth for our lives. It may have been the best seller, but it was the least read.

However, the situation today is that Catholics are discovering the Bible. In the revised celebration of the Sacraments, the Word of God plays a prominent role. The entire first part of the Mass, called the Liturgy of the Word, is nothing but reading from Sacred Scripture. These readings are arranged in a three year cycle using both the old and the new Testament. The three readings for each Sunday and major feasts are selected in such a way as to most often reflect meaning on one another. Even the name of the sermon has been changed to "The

Homily" to emphasize its purpose, relating the reading to our lives today. Catholics who attend Mass each week are hearing, understanding and appreciating more of the Word of God in Scripture.

This is not to say that the reading of the Bible by Catholic individuals and families is spreading like wildfire. But it is catching on. The many excellent editions of the bible in modern-day translations, with introductory and explanatory comments, are making the Word of God in Scripture more intelligible to the nonscholar. Gradually, we are finding a place for the bible not only in our homes but in our lives.

BRANCHES 16 & 72 MERGE

I had the pleasure of attending the November meeting of Branch No. 72 which was to be the last meeting of this group of ladies from Pullman. It was decided at this meeting to dissolve Branch No. 72 effective with November of 1975 and as of December 1975 they will become members of Branch No. 16 in South Chicago. We welcome them to our branch and hope they will be as happy with us as they were during the many years of their membership in Branch No. 72.

I would like to thank the ladies and especially Marge Vrhovnik for the opportunity of attending their meeting and to offer my assistance in effecting this transfer. We will look forward to meeting you at a future meeting or perhaps one of our future affairs.

If there is any other assistance I can offer as your State President, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

ANA LUSTIG,
Illinois-Indiana State President.

ACTIVITIES

No. 1, SHEBOYGAN, WISC.

The officers were pleased to see a large group present at the Christmas dinner meeting at the Flamingo Supper Club.

Letters from the national officers, Mrs. Mary Bostian and Mrs. Fanika Humar were read, also from our State President, Rose Kraemer and discussed. The secretary read an eleven month financial report. It was voted on to hold our annual card party in spring and omit the bake sale this year. All present officers were voted in unanimously for year 1976 and were installed by Mrs. Marie Prislund.

Following the meeting, Christmas dinner was served. A thank you to the telephone committee for contacting members and to Anna Modez for taking care of the reservations.

We had three fine musician entertainers who were: Mesdames Olga Saye and Janet Maurin accompanied by Paul Maurin they also directed Community singing of Christmas Carols. We hope you all had an enjoyable time and a nice visit with each other.

Our deep sympathy to the Remshak

and Louis Schlegel families. May your loved ones rest in Peace.

Meeting date: February 15, 1976.
Happy Valentine's Day!

MARGARET FISCHER,
Secretary.

No. 6, BARBERTON, OHIO

Happy New Year to all! Our Dec. meeting was very enjoyable with a little party held after the meeting. Our new officers for 1976 are:

Pres., Jeanette Killoran, Vice-pres., Romana Keonig, Treas., Mitzi Swagard, Rec., Sec'y, Frances Spice and Reporters, Marie Kurk and Mitzi Swagard.

Mother of the Year is Mary Lauter. Also the best wishes to her. Happy she is on the road to recovery after a knee operation at the Cleveland Clinic in November. Our prayers for your recovery and health, Mary.

God bless you all. Sincerely,

MITZI.

No. 10, CLEVELAND, OHIO

A very happy and healthy new year to all our members. Here we are, the beginning of 1976. Boy, are the years flying by!

We had a very nice meeting in December. Election of officers remained the same. President is Anna Markovich, Vice-Pres., Frances Zagar, Sec'y Treas., Sophie Magayna, 315 E. 284th St., Willowick, Ohio 44094, Recording Sec'y, Sophie, Auditors, Frances Zagar and Alice Struna. Our meetings are cut to six a year: Jan., March, May, September, November and December. Summer months of June, July and August, no meetings. Our By-laws stay much the same. We donate to St. Mary's Church on Holmes Ave. for Easter and Christmas. We have a Mass said for all living Mothers for Mother's Day. The meetings are held every Second Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

A nice greeting letter was read from National President, Mary Bostian. She sends her wishes to all of you for a happy and healthy 1976. We are having our 50th anniversary of Zveza. Please sign up a new member. The

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older ladies are dying and we need more members to keep going. Wishes were also received from Corinne Leskovar and Fanika Humar, National Officers.

It's the beginning of a new year and your dues will have to be paid. Everything is the same. \$3 for ladies over 75 years; \$7.20 for Class A members and \$10.20 for Class B members. Some of you still owe me the \$1.20 for 1975 due to increase of dues. Please be sure to include this with your 1976 payments. I collect dues on the 25th of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave. or send it to my home.

We are getting ready for our Convention in Pittsburgh this coming May.

Happy birthday to all who are celebrating and to our ailing members. We pray that all our sick members will receive the blessing of good health. Best wishes to all of you.

SOPHIE MAGAYNA,
Secretary.

No. 12, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Hope your holidays were as good as ours. We had a very good attendance at the Christmas meeting and party and enjoyed a nice setting for the occasion. Upon entering, it gave everyone a good, happy feeling.

Got started on time as we had a lot of extra business to get over with. All reports were read and accepted and the unfinished business was discussed and election of officers took place with the members present refusing to accept our president's declination to accept office again, as well as the other officers. As the group felt we had a good thing going and wanted to keep it that way the end result was that a unanimous ballot was placed for all officers to remain as is, as well as the hall meeting place and time. Our only change is that our Mother of the Year for 1976 will be Evelyn Laurich.

A special thank you was given to the twins, Jo Wilhelm and Anne Meier for their beautiful and appropriate settings at each meeting. The tables and trim were always so attractively done. A very well deserve "fee" to cover some of their expenses which they wanted to refuse, was presented to them as we felt it necessary to help cover their expenses as it was always done for our enjoyment!

It was also suggested by Stavia to put all names into a box for an attendance prize at each meeting but you must be here for in order to receive the month's prize. So, make it your business to be at each meeting and help us to decide future

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MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT



April 10-11, 1976

Kuglitch's Lanes, 4401 W. Greenfield

W. Milwaukee, Wis.

When bowlers get together it's always exciting and fun. First, we have a lot of physical activity and sport and secondly, the sociability and friendship of "pals" from around the bowling circuit is great! We hope that this tourney will be the best ever!

The committee of Br. 17, hostesses for the event, have been working hard to set up the accommodations and activities for the weekend of April 10-11

Rooms are now reserved for you at the Woods View Inn, 5501 N. National, W. Milwaukee, Wis. 53214, telephone 414-671-6400. The rates are Single (doub'e bed) \$14; Twin or Double, \$18; Triple (two double beds) \$20; Quadruple (two doub'e beds) \$24 and Quintuple (two double beds plus roll-a-way-bed) \$30. This gives you a chance to pick your own kind of accommodations. When writing in for the rooms, please state how many and the names for each room. Add 4% tax to all room rates.

A social evening is being planned for you on Saturday night right after bowling at Kuglitsch's.

A VERY WARM WELCOME to all our bowlers and guests! Come to Milwaukee April 10-11th!

MARION MAROLT, Director,
MIDWEST BOWLING ASSN.

A TRIBUTE TO "MOM" JOSEPHINE SUSTERSIC

I just wish to write a few words about my "mom". Dear "mom" was so happy to be a long-time member of Br. 10 Slovenian Women's Union and she couldn't wait for her Zarja magazine each month. I remember how she loved Albina Novak, our late National Secretary. We always went to see the performances of the Drill Teams and other events in Collinwood that Mrs. Novak was in charge of. They knew each other long having come from nearby villages in Slovenia, my mom from Globelj near Sodražica. Mom is gone now, too. May they rest in peace.

My mother was not as active as some, but she was so very dedicated to her large family. She reared 8 children during g very hard times and depressions and strikes. Mom was a real homemaker and baked and served to make ends meet. She also had many operations and was bent over with severe arthritis for the last 25 years, besides having a bad heart and Parkinson's disease which caused her to speak only in a whisper. But, she had a sharp mind to the very end. She was a total invalid for four years and we took care of her at home.

Mom's funeral mass was beautiful. Mr. John Rigler played and sang "V nebesih sem doma", "Rožmarin", "Kje je moj mili dom" and "Česčena si Marija" in Slovenian and in English. The Beatitudes, "Sweetly we rest on thy Sacred Heart, and "The Bells of St. Mary's". The mass was in English so that all the grandchildren could understand and her grandsons were the pallbearers. One of them is judicial candidate Ronald Suster, who also had the Reading at mass. May she rest in peace, Amen.

Three sons preceded her in death and these deaths made her very very sad as they were so sudden, all from heart attacks. Those of us who survive are Josephine Turner, Frances Mohorcic, Rose Invalvi, Victor and Yours Truly. There are 16 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren who mourn their dear grandma.

Mom came to live in America 70 years ago and died at the age of 88 years. God grant her eternal and sweet peace. She was one in a million!

VIRGINIA SUSTERSICH.

events and enjoy all this gala atmosphere and lunch. It's your social club and it's what you're paying for. You won't go away disappointed.

Our annual Christmas visit to the members in the Nursing Homes was also discussed. Mrs. Plesko and I visited 12 members in 9 different homes, the other two we sent the money as they were too far for us to go and we didn't want to forget them!

The meeting adjourned with prayer and we all sat down to a nice Christmas setting and enjoyed a very good meal, Chicken was bought from Kentucky Fried House, very close to our hall and the wine was donated by Mary White, strudel by Olga Fredericks, potica by Agnes Morrow, cookies by Gertrude Schunk and Mrs. A. Pipan, date bars by Evelyn Laurich, cranberry sauce by Sophie Stampfel, potato salad by Christine Bojance, dream cake by Mrs. Alpner, red wine by Stavia Dobersek as well as soap and candle for our prizes; coffee as a prize was donated by Mary Starich who also brought the jello mold. Fannie Seston donated whiskey that we decided to save for another occasion. We certainly do have a very fine, generous group for which we are very grateful.

Much time was spent eating and talking, we even sang some carols and Happy Birthday for the girls celebrating. Sophie Stampful led the singing. We're lucky to have her and her knowledge of Slovenian songs which she leads so well. Good work, Sophie, and thanks for the nice Christmas corsage you surprised me with. Gifts were passed out according to number and we all left in a happy satisfied mood. Thank you all for your help!

MARY DEZMAN.

No. 17, WEST ALLIS, WISC.

I hope all of your dreams came true during the Christmas holidays!

Our annual meeting took place on Sunday, December 21, 1975 with a large attendance. The meeting opened with prayer by yours truly. The regular business of the month and the year were taken care of.

The decision was made that tickets received from headquarters be distributed to the members as all proceeds go into our treasury for the expenses of a delegate for the coming convention.

It was also decided that this coming year we shall hold only 1 misc. card party, and that will be for the St. Mary's Church. It will be held on Thursday, October 21, 1976 at 7:30

p.m. at St. Mary's Auditorium, So. 60th. & W. Madison. Cake and coffee will be served. Donation of prizes of all kinds are gratefully acceptable. Please bring them to any monthly meeting or on the evening of the event.

The officers were re-elected and Miss Josephine Imperl will be the Woman-of-the-Year. In 1951, her mother, Mrs. Frances Imperl was our first Mother of the Year, and as our Jo is beloved by everyone who is always helping someone, we decided that she should have this honor. Congratulations, Jo!

Meetings will be held every 3rd. Sunday of the month with the exception of June, July, and August at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church Hall. Please use the rear door and proceed to the lower level. A \$1.00 yearly donation towards the treasury and 10¢ for each death of a member is assessed. A \$3.00 gift will be given to a member if hospitalized for 1 week. \$10.00 will be given for assess, scholarship, or your favorite charity for a deceased member. After the business meeting a social gathering was held with exchange of gifts and distribution of children's Christmas gifts.

The Mid West Bowling Tournament is coming up on April 10 & 11, 1976 at Kuglitch's 4401 W. Greenfield Ave. Milwaukee, Wisc. Br. No. 17 will be the hostess branch. Mrs. Patt Kitt donated a beautiful afghan and the officers and members are contributing prizes that will be given to the lucky winners at this event. We will also be in need of score markers. If interested, please call Marie Floryan or yours truly. A social evening will be held on Saturday, April 10 after bowling at Kuglitch's for members and bowlers. Any food donations will be appreciated.

The campaign for new members is coming to an end, and we are looking for new members, so S.W.U. will be on top. I am sure that there are still ladies in each locale that can be contacted. So let's not stop looking, but keep on trying to find just one more. The welcome mat is extended to Emily Stubler, a new social member.

To the shut-ins and I just received word that Frances Miklich, Dousman, Wisc. and Mary Kastner are in the hospital, we extended our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Please remember them your prayers.

Reminder: Those in arrears please bring your dues up to date!

Another year has rolled by again and I wish at this time to thank each one of the officers and members in making the past year a successful one. I am grateful to all of you for your wonderful co-operation you had

given me. May God bestow upon you good health and much happiness for many more years.

MARION M. MAROLT,
Pres.

No. 20, JOLIET, ILL.

At the Meeting in December, the president, Emma Planinsek announced the passing of our faithful, sincere and active member and former officer, Anna Mahkovec who died at the age of 88 years. She is survived by six sons and three daughters, who are our members for a long time, Anne, Helen Dufour and Jo Goran, a long-time captain of the Joliet Championship Cadets. Jo and her mother were both hard working vice-presidents of our branch. We will never forget our Anna Mahkovec. The president prayed for her soul as all members stood in silence and Millie Pucel read the "memoriam" in her honor which brought tears into our eyes. Although sick for many years, she was active in many ways and gave us her advice. She was always a good member. May God give her heavenly reward.

For a Christmas gift, the branch donated \$25 to our church. Secretary, Olga Ancel mentioned that near our Marija Pomagaj chapel there will be installed an oil painting of Bishop Frederik Baraga which will cost \$60. She urged the members to donate this sum for the picture since other societies already have contributed to the inscription plaques placed under various glass pictures in church. Her suggestion was approved.

Members ill at this time include He'en Pluth of Elizabeth St., Caroline Gregory and Jo Sumic. All these received get well cards signed by the members.

Olga also read the greetings of National President Mary Bostian, Secretary Fanika Humar and Editor Corinne Leskovar which were received for the annual meeting. They are appealing to us to be active and work for new members in the new membership campaign in honor of the 50th anniversary of our Zveza and in time for the National Convention to be held this May in Pittsburgh, Pa. It was announced by the president that we also are host to the State Convention of Ill. Ind. this year in Joliet in the fall.

Since we still have members who are in arrears with their dues, it was suggested that everyone please pay up this month. This gives the secretary extra work and she does not like to cancel anyone.

The hostesses for the Feb. meeting are M. Trautman and Marie Mal-

Celebration of Christmas love

No. 16, CHICAGO, ILL.

The December meeting was a memorable one as it was combined with our Christmas party. We were honored to have as our guests, Father Claude Okorn, our spiritual director and Fathers Leonard Bogolin and Miroslav Vulich, all from St. George's Church.

Ann Lustig, in her role as 'Miss Holly' again worked hard to make the party a success. She presented each lady with a colorful hand crocheted Christmas Bell which they could proudly wear all evening and throughout the Christmas season. Cocktail hour was followed by a delicious family style dinner eaten by candlelight. We remembered to sing 'Happy Birthday' to Ann Masacchio, Ann Novak and Sylvia Spretnjak while we ate their homebaked desserts. A big Thank You to the other members who also donated pastry. The after dinner mints in the Christmas favor made by Sylvia Spretnjak also satisfied that sweet tooth.

Since we have no January meeting, a brief business meeting was held. A letter was read from Mary Bostian, National President, urging us to enroll new members in the Golden Emblem campaign in honor of SWU's 50th Anniversary. A games party is again being planned for early in March and the committee was asked to have a date ready at our February meeting. A surprise announcement was made that Branch No. 72 of Pullman, Illinois was merging with our Branch. Marge Vrhovnik was present at our party and received a big round of applause. Welcome, ladies!

Earlier this year, Josephine Blasovich and Pauline Klobucar were elected to work on the project of selecting the 1975 Woman of the Year. Along with their committee members, Mary Brebrick and Marge and Sylvia Spretnjak, they announced that Gladys Buck, our secretary for 33



Gladys Buck, recipient of "Woman of the Year—1975" title and Katie Triller, Honorary President of Br. No. 16, surrounded by committee members, Pauline Klobucar, Sylvia Spretnjak, Josephine Blasovich and Mary Brebrick.

years; for March, Mary Ivanich and Jo Mlakar and for April, Emma Nosse and Ann Sternisha.

Election of officers was the next item on the agenda. All old officers were elected to stay except the treasurer's position which went to Mary Marolt. The members gave the honor of honorary treasurer, to Jo Sumic.

Installation of officers was held with Msgr. M.J. Butala doing the installing. The president ended the meeting by asking us to come to the meetings faithfully in the year ahead. Meeting closed with prayer.

Lunch was served and Santa Claus gave out presents to the following, Jonita Ruth, Emma Nosse, Agnes

Verbisher, Helen Dufour, Jo Goman, Mary Ivanich, Theresa Marentich, Theresa Muhich, Frances Botarri and Frances Stonich, Sec'y Olga and Yours truly declined our gifts. Thank you very much.

Wishes for a healthy and happy new year to all.

JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC.



Anna Lustig in her role as "Miss Holly" with guests, Fathers Claude Okorn, Leonard Bogolin and Miroslav Vulich, at Branch No. 16 Christmas party.

years was given this honor. She is well-known and loved by all our members since she is present at all meetings and very active in all our functions from the sad ones of attending wakes and funerals to our happy celebrations of anniversaries and conventions, our Christmas parties and fund raising affairs. Gladys spends much of her own time keeping in personal touch with members who are unable to attend meetings and takes a special interest in them. Her pleasing personality and cheerful outlook lend great moral support to the other members in the successful performance of their duties. Pauline Klobucar read a glowing testimonial to her and presented her with two silver charms appropriately engraved. All present autographed a souvenir booklet prepared by Sylvia Spretnjak. Congratulations, Gladys!

At this time the committee also took the opportunity to give Katie Triller the title of Honorary President of Branch No. 16. Katie resigned as President in 1972 after 35 years in office. For the next three years she served as our Vice-president, resigning at our 1975 election. Katie claims she is slowing down but regularly attends our meetings and activities where we still consult her and depend upon her memories and years of experience to guide us. Katie was presented with a beautiful Chrysanthemum plant as a token of our regard for her.

The Christmas party continued with the singing of Christmas carols in English and Slovenian accompanied by Jean Franko on the organ. Many ladies received a door prize and others were lucky at the games party. We'll meet again at our regular meeting nite on February 12th.

MARGE SPRETNJAK,
Reporter.

THE IMMIGRANT

Maria from Podsreda

Many of my friends and my children have requested that I try to recall the highlights of my life so they could enjoy reading and sharing these stories with their children. A person does a lot of living in 83 years, but I shall only mention some of the most memorable incidents from my youth to the present.

I came from a family of eleven children, four of whom died before I was even born. Two of my sisters, Annie and Mary, died from diphtheria on the same day, one in the morning and the other in the evening. Even today I still wonder how six of us could have survived since we were almost always home alone, without supervision.

My father, being a shoemaker, was away from home a great deal, going from village to village making new shoes and repairing old ones. At times he would stay about a week or more at each home where he would custom-make shoes for the entire family. Besides this profession, he also made willow baskets which were used to carry produce from the farms. He was also very experienced in making thatched roofs from rye straw. These roofs were not only beautiful to look at, but were practical and lasted for at least thirty years.

My mother worked at a neighboring farm, and took care of our home, in addition to being a mid-wife. Many times she was called away from home for two or three hours at a time. After assisting a young mother with the birth of her baby, she would often times take the infant to the church to be christened the very day of its birth. You can see what a busy mother we had, and how often our parents were away from home, while we three children were left on our own. My older brothers, George and John, had the responsibility of overseeing the cattle as they grazed. My older sister, Juliana, was married and lived in the neighboring parish of Pisecah.

One of my early recollections was when I was about 3½ years old. My mother took me with her to visit my godmother, Barbara Chernelic. We followed the path from our house, through the field, and then up the mountain through the woods. At the

top of the steep hill was a flat stretch of farm land, rich with grain, and the home of my godmother. I was too young at the time to recall the reason for our visit, but was impressed that my godmother gave me a piece of bread. A few days later I was left in the house by myself, Frank and Michael were playing outdoors, and even at that early age, I remember how beautiful the morning sunshine was that warmed the side of the mountains. I was lonely in the house by myself, and, remembering the delicious piece of bread, ambled along the familiar path to visit my godmother. I felt so proud strolling along through the woods all by myself. I was very tired by the time I had



reached the top of the hill, so I sat down to rest and enjoy the lovely view ahead of me, along with the thought that I would soon see my godmother. When I arrived at the house and walked through the door, my godmother appeared to be surprised to see me and immediately asked, "Where is your mother?" I only shook my head and indicated that she wasn't with me. Quickly, she stepped into the next room to get a piece of bread for me, then told me to go directly home to my mother. Of course, I immediately left for home, clutching the piece of bread tightly in my hand, and feeling

Wonderful stories of our members in this continuing series inspire us to appreciate the Slovenian contribution to America's cultural and economic wealth. Send your historic material to Irene for a future column.

very satisfied that my trip had been a success. On the way home, I tasted a little of the bread, but saved the rest to share with my brothers. Needless to say, they were frantic when they realized that I was nowhere to be found, and searched everywhere for me. After that scare, it wasn't possible that a few bites of bread would have made them forget that incident, and thereafter they looked after their younger sister more carefully.

When I was six years old, the schoolmaster notified us that it was time for me to start school. My parents were concerned, not only because of my frail size, but because the school was one and a half hours away; therefore, my education was postponed until the following year. Mother felt that I would never manage to trudge through the deep winter snow because of my size, so I was tutored at home from the first grade book. When I started school the following year, I could already read many words.

Confirmation, at the age of 12, was another big event in my life. The parish priest came to the country school of Pisecah once a week to teach us catechism. For this special occasion, I chose for my godmother Ernestine Bregar who is German. My mother had worked for her at "Stranjsken Castle." Since my godmother could only speak German, the Slovenian cook became the interpreter. Later, Ernestine Bregar took me to live with her in the castle so that I could go to school in Podsreda with her three daughters. The hour-long walk from the castle to school took us along a winding path, through the forest and across three streams within the valleys. Returning home was more difficult since it was up hill, and so it took us one and a half hours before we returned to the castle.

The castle, with walls a meter thick, was built high on the top of a rocky mountain. On one sloping side, steps were built in the rocky walls which led to the upper living quarters. A little lower were the caretaker's quarters of Anton Bregar and my godmother. Beneath these quarters were the stables for the animals, and nearby the rooms for the caretakers

of the livestock. Water came from a mountain spring and was piped into the kitchen where it flowed continually. From the kitchen it flowed on down to where the livestock were kept, and then continued down the mountain side. This was quite a modern convenience for the help.

I remember that the upper rooms in the castle were huge, spacious rooms reserved only for the royalty when they visited from Vienna, which was usually about once a year. The castle was owned by Prince Windeschgraetz and his wife. When he arrived, a flag was raised so that everyone would know the prince was in residence. There was much hustle and bustle in the household in preparation for the arrival of the prince and his entourage. The castle was cleaned from top to bottom, and the sofas and ottomans were freshly covered with silk. The finest silver, with handles of deer horns, were polished, and the linens were readied for the big event. I was expected to help in the kitchen and with some of the housework, and was also sent on errands, either for groceries, or to my Uncle Frank Jagric to bring back his exceptionally delicious homemade wine. I was also expected to care for my godmother's six young children, and at times to watch the prince's cattle in the pasture. I will never forget an incident which occurred one day while I was in the pasture watching the cattle. A big ox took after me, and with his strong horns tossed me in the air with such force that I finally landed on a hill where I sat stunned. Had I landed within the grazing cattle, the shock of my arrival would have caused them to stampede and trample me in fright. It was at this precise moment that I decided this work was not for me, and that it was time to move on to another job.

In 1908, my cousin, Ursula Golder, who worked for a Baroness in Graz, Austria, came to visit. I begged her to take me back with her, which she did. I worked there for three years, until I was offered a position to work for the Grofica Vera Jelacic who lived in the Villa near Zaprešić. They had a large estate consisting of the Villa, homes for the workers, and the vineyards. Wine was plentiful since they made their own wine from the grapes of the vineyards; therefore, every day each worker in the Villa received a bottle of wine. The Grofica's lame sister, Anka, also lived with her. She was unable to walk up the stairs, so the butlers carried her whenever the occasion demanded. Vera's uncle was the Governor of Zagreb, and a large bronze statue of him, sitting on a horse, was placed in the center of

the city of Zagreb. She often went to visit him in her carriage pulled by the finest horses. During the severe winter months, she moved to her Villa in Zagreb. Each lady had her own personal maid. I recall there were two butlers who served the food; one would take the food up the stairs, and the other butler would take it to the dining room table. On formal occasions when there were guests, the butlers wore uniforms with white gloves. The cook would prepare two separate meals, one for the Grofica, and the other for the servants. The staff ate meals at 12 noon and 6:00 P.M., and the Grofica at 2:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. I had a big job just washing dishes.

Then one day I received a letter from my brother, John, who was in America. He told me about his friend who had worked with him in the mines, and also served with him in the Austrian Army. John thought that he would make me a good husband. I wrote to my mother asking for advice. She said the decision was up to me. The Grofica did not want me to go, and indicated that she would not release me from my employment; however, my mother and brother Frank came for me in Zagreb and we returned home where I helped in the fields until Fall when I would go to America.

My future husband sent me my ticket, as well as an extra \$100.00 which was needed upon my arrival at Ellis Island. Every immigrant was expected to have a certain amount of money so that he or she would not arrive in America penniless and become a burden. In October 1912, I arrived in Madrid, Iowa. When the train pulled away, I stood alone as all the other travelers had left the station. Finally, a gentleman approached me, "Are you Mary?" he said. I didn't know what to say as I was accustomed to the name "Maria". I only stood there and remained silent. He turned away and walked into the next waiting room to join my brother who was shy in approaching me because he didn't recognize me as a young woman, who was dressed in fine clothes and a large stylish hat. The two men began to discuss what to do. I overheard my brother say, "This must be her," and my future husband said, "It must be her since her luggage is Austrian."

As they returned from the other room, I was heading in their direction. As we approached my brother recognized me, then all three of us laughed heartily. We took a taxi to the home of Frank and Rose Droblich where we were all to stay temporarily. The next day was spent in looking around the area which was at its peak

with autumn color and dry crackling leaves. It was quite a change from the lovely greenery which I had left behind in Slovenia such a short time ago. That evening, friends came to visit and we had an enjoyable time singing nostalgic songs along with refreshments. These were hard working people, but after a home-cooked supper, they would forget how tired they were and everyone would have a wonderful time. Our songs are now stilled, for most of our friends are now deceased but not forgotten. We still remember them well; now there are no more songs, only the rumble of automobiles along the road.

One of the most enjoyable times that I will never forget was the 4th of July picnic we had in Dallas. We bought a young pig from a farmer, and one of the men in our group prepared the pig on a spit. We carried it to the woods where a fire was built, and it was slowly roasted till dusk. All our friends came to join us, bringing drinks which we sipped in between the songs which we sang until the leaves trembled on the trees. These were happy times for everyone. I'm sure that our songs could be heard even at a distance. Late that evening, after the pig was roasted, the men carried it to our home. Our friends followed, and the pig disappeared quickly. Then there was more singing until the next day:

Vesela družba, veseli ljude,
smo peli in vriskal ju-hu-hu,
tok' včasih je lušno b'lu.

This was the last picnic our group enjoyed together, because soon they all began to move to other places. Most of our friends went to California, and in 1920, we moved to Woodward, Iowa, where we had a big garden, chickens, eggs, etc. There was always plenty of food. Here, we raised our four children, Tony, William, Amalya, and Matilda.

During WW II, our oldest son became a Navy Officer. His first assignment was in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in August 1941. Tony was in the midst of the Japanese attack on December 7th, and miraculously escaped injury even though his ship, the USS California, was bombed and many of his fellow officers were killed, when a bomb exploded 10 feet from where he was standing.

Our next son, William, was an Air Force Flight Officer and piloted Gliders during WW II. During one mission, when he was flying troops between France and England, bad weather forced him to land in the English Channel. All the men were saved and he barely escaped with his own life. He was awarded the Air Medal for this heroic act.

My first daughter, Amalya, attend-

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ed Business College in Des Moines, and worked in a doctor's office before entering government work for the FBI. She married and resigned her position to care for her six children. She is presently working with the State Department in Washington, D.C.

Matilda, my youngest daughter, also attended Business College in Des Moines, and then entered the government service. Presently she is working for the Air Force at the Pentagon in Washington, D. C., and has earned recognition for her efficient and dedicated work on a number of occasions.

In March 1964, my son William died of a heart attack and in October

1968, my husband, Anton, was hit by an automobile and killed instantly. Thus, I remain alone at home in Woodward.

You have read only a few highlights of my early life in Slovenia and in America. I have many fond memories of my homeland; however, after sixty-three years in America, I have grown to love this country where many good times will be remembered, despite the hard work that made this good life here possible.

I want to extend my very best wishes to all the Slovenians who have also made America their homeland.

MARY AUSICH,
Woodward, Iowa.

BRANCH MOURNS THEIR MEMBER

Mrs. Mary (John) Uranich, 78, formerly of LaSalle, Ill. died early the morning of Friday, January 2, 1976 in Orlando, Fla. Funeral services were conducted Monday, Jan. 5th from the Shimkus-Helmer Funeral Home in La Salle to St. Vincent's Cemetery.

Mrs. Uranich was born in Gomela Gorna, Slovenia, Yugoslavia, May 7, 1897. Her parents were Joseph and Mary Borsec Gorenc. She married John Uranich and lived in LaSalle for 55 years until moving to Florida eight years ago.

She was the beloved mother of a large family. One son, Henry, passed away previously. She is survived by husband, John, two sons, Gerald of Orlando, John of LaSalle, and five daughters, Delores Bruder of Genoa, Marjorie Strong, and Mary Bozik of Orlando, Theresa Cigolle of Phoenix, Ariz. and Antoinette Garcia of Beverly Hills, Cal. There are 20 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. A sister, Antonia Homan of LaSalle, two sisters and two brothers in Slovenia also survive.

Her funeral service was memorable. Fr. Fitzsimmons delivered a beautiful sermon. Joseph Piletic and the organist Theresa Rogel Wellner were the singers.

Pallbearers were Frank Diamond, Herman Petelin, Joe Lukosus, George, Bob and Larry Uranich. Hon. pallbearers from the Slovenian Women's Union were Nellie Mochnik (Vice-Pres.), Theresa Savnik (Sec'y-Treas.), Mary Piletic, (Rec. Secy and Reporter), Mary Gornik and Emma Shimkus (Trustees) and Gail Hoffman.

We are in sorrow for the loss of our dear member, and dear mother of this fine family. To John Uranich, and all members of the family, our deepest sympathy.

MEMBERS OF BR. 24.

NEW BOWLERS INVITED

No. 20, JOLIET, ILL. BOWLING NEWS

Our Christmas party was held at Bron's Res. and Lounge in New Lenox. Our Pres. Mary Mihelich opened the meeting with a prayer.

I am sure every one had a very good time. The tables looked just beautiful. Christmas decorations were made and donated by Marge Gasparich, Millie Briski, and Jo Mlakar.

Games were played, decorations and center pieces, ornaments and door prizes were awarded to the winners.

Jo Sumic was unable to be with us. Jo we really missed you but are remembering you in our prayers.

Also, our member bowler Ann Stofko has been on the sick list. We hope and pray she'll be with us soon.

Girls, now a few lines about our S.W.U. bowling tourney which will be held April 10th and 11th in Milwaukee, Wis.

If you are interested to get on a team, will you please call Sec. Marj

Wajchert, Pres. M. Mihelich or Olga Ancel as soon as possible.

Bowling News 4 Man Teams:

	Won	Lost
1.—Merichka's Res.	31	20
2.—North West Club	27½	23½
3.—Slov. Home	25	26
4.—Fred C. Dames	24	27
5.—Crow's Nest	23	28
6.—Tezak Fun. Home	22½	28½

Girls who received patches for their 200 games were: Jo Mlakar 200, Marj. Wachert 200, and Betty Lakotich 200. Good bowling, Girls; Hope you keep it up!

Splits picked up by: B. Plankar 3-7-10 and 5-8; B. Pluth 5-10 and 4-5; K. Putrich 5-10 and 5-8-10; M. Wajchert 5-7 and 6-7-10; M. Rudman 7-3-10, 4-5-10; L. Anderson 3-7-10; M. Ellena 4-5-10; A. Kobe 2-7 M. Gasparich 4-5; A. Starnisha 5-7 and 4-7.

This is it for now Girls, until next time, may God be willing.

Your Reporter **MARY RUDMAN.**

No. 32, EUCLID, OHIO

Happy New Year to all and here's report on our Dec. meeting which is the big annual meeting every year, with election of officers and a Christmas party. It was all a huge success with the attendance just great. We got a new member, Vida Fink. She is the mother of a priest and we are so happy to have her. Our vice-president sent get well cards to two sick members, Toni Skvarca and Antonia Mochilnikar. We wish them a speedy recovery and we hope Toni is back home recuperating. Let's pray for the sick. To all our aged in nursing homes, including Margaret Jamnik,

who just recently went to a Home, may the Christ Child Bless them and answer their prayers. Instead of exchanging gifts this year our president asked if we'd help out our children, the Baton Twirlers, who also are in need financially. This was a fine gesture.

Now for election of officers. We have a new president Alma Eppick. Vice-President is Ceal Znidar, Secretary is Josephine Comenshek, Treasurer is Ann Cooke, Rec. Sec'y Anne Tekavec also reporter for Zarja. Auditors are Barbara Baron and Marilyn Freck. Hostesses are Mary Batic and Eleanor Jeran. Mother of the Year 1976 will be Mary Golobic.

Our meeting was short, hostesses having a very delicious luncheon donated by our good hearted members and desserts were in big supply. Meanwhile, the Baton Twirlers performed for us and they were so good and cute. Our president had gifts for them and we sang Christmas Carols. We had wonderful cooperation in cleaning up and door prizes were also given out to many. That's fun! So, ended another year. Our National President is relieved at least of this one job. She still has enough to do and we should give her a good applause for working so faithfully for the organization. Thanks to all who

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"TRY A LITTLE HARDER THIS MONTH"!

Dear Members of All Branches,

During this Bi-Centennial Year of 1976, our towns, villages and cities will be celebrating the foundation of this great Nation.

We too, of the Slovenian Women's Union, have an obligation not only to the foundation, but also the preservation of "our own" great heritage — that of the Slovenian culture. Now is the time for each of us to put forth a little effort and start recruiting our younger generation for membership into our great organization. Many of our dedicated and hard-working older members have passed away, leaving a void which must be filled in order

that our organization may carry on in the fine tradition it has in the past. New members can bring new ideas and a new strength which we need!

So, I am asking each member of each branch to try a little harder to bring up its membership. Mothers can call on their daughters, they in turn can call on their friends!

I urge you all to go forth with determination to make this the best year ever for new membership!

Good Luck!

Sincerely, **BARBARA ROSANDICH,**
NATIONAL AUDITOR

donated all the food, door prizes, etc. May God reward you all. See you at the next meeting. Stay healthy and have a happy new year.

A. TEKAVEC,
Rec. Sec'y.

No. 33, DULUTH, MINN.

I'm happy to announce that at our December meeting our officers have agreed to another term of office. Good luck, gals! A job well done now and in the future. It was decided the meetings will continue to be held the 1st Wed. of the month, same time, same place. The Penny Social was also held and as always was a huge success.

The Jr. members had their Christmas party and everyone had a very good time.

Get well wishes go out to Bess Kenyon, who had major surgery. Also to Lorraine Mlodoznic who is on the road to recovery and Betty Picconatto, Mary Skender and Emily Skull are still on the sick list. Whoever else is ill our wishes for a speedy recovery.

I'm happy to announce that Ann Strukel has been elected to be our "Mother of the Year" more on that later.

Remember now with the New Year the dues should be paid and kept in good standing. I believe that a dollar extra is to be added for the funeral fund.

See you at the next meeting. Hello and best wishes to all the members, especially to those in nursing homes and also the shut-ins.

MARY CHEPELNIK.

No. 38, CHISHOLM, MINN.

MEETING NEWS

On the coldest day of the year, January 7, the S.W.U. of Chisholm, Minnesota, Branch No. 38, installed new officers for the bicentennial year of 1976. The officers were elected at the last general meeting on December 3, 1975.

The president's gavel is now in the firm hold of Mrs. Jennie Adamic Samsa. Jennie was vice-president in 1975, but since the death of Frances Hren, she has been acting president.

The new vice-president is Mrs. Ann McAlpine.

Mrs. Anna Trdan who had been the financial secretary for 32 years, and who had asked to be relieved of her duties, turned over the financial register to Mrs. Sylvia Russ, the new financial secretary.

Recording secretary Mrs. Frances Bizal gave records to Mrs. Ann Nusich, the new secretary. Auditors Mrs. Frances Schaefer and Mrs. Lucille Palcich remained in that capacity.

The impressive installation ceremonies took place before a short business meeting. The new officers pledged constant vigilance and performance of their duties in the manner which others have done in the past.

The auditors report was then given, accepted, and placed on file. Mrs. Trdan was given a round of applause and thanked for her 32 years of hard work for this organization. She promised to remain an active member.

The membership voted on having a special meeting on February 12 at which time a delegate will be chosen to attend the National Convention in Pittsburg in May. The lunch committee for the Valentine meeting will be Mrs. Mary Cvar and Mrs. Galij Fannell.

ANN NUSICH,
Rec. Sec'y.

No. 39, BIWABIK, MINN.

Wishes to every member of the S.W.U. a very Happy New Year. And, happy birthday to Ann Krogar, our branch president. Have a wonderful day. We wish you all the best now and in the future.

Dec. 14th we held our annual Christmas party and as always, a gala affair. As I always say, our members are the best cooks, bakers, table decorators and our president, Ann, sees that everything is high class the best. The dinner was turkey with all the

trimmings. Everyone did their share. Cathy Steblay roasted the beautiful turkey and the rest took care of the salads, vegetables, bakery etc. Cathy also donated the bottle for refreshments.

Father Carey shared the dinner with us and said Grace, then asked if one of our members would pray in Slovenian. Mrs. Johanna Zalar obliged and did a wonderful job.

After the lovely dinner, our oldest members were introduced, namely, (all over 80 years) Mmes. Pauline Topolka, Ana Spehar, Agnes Seskar. But the way Mrs. Seskar was celebrating her 84th birthday. Looking at her one would never guess her age, she must have had a good life, congratulations! Mrs. Johanna Zallar, Mrs. Mary Krall, wish them all the best of health for many, many years. Then came the distribution of gifts and many ohhs and ahhs were heard in the hall. It really was a happy hour, smiles speaking for themselves. Louise Nisen donated one of the door prizes, Johanna Zallar won it, a letter opener with silver handle. Thanks, Louise, for your Christmas spirit.

After cleaning up, we held our short meeting, the main topic of which was the coming of our 46th anniversary of Br. 39 that will be this month of February. The president outlined all that will have to be done this year including the big State Convention in September. Donation was made to our church and another to the White Community Patio Fund.

All officers were elected to remain for another year. Mary Berknes was chosen as the Mother of the Year and Ann Kostelez and Cathy Galatek were to be hostesses for January. "B" Was played — that is one game that all join in on and laughter rings our for some of these gifts are super and always a big surprise. We then had dessert and coffee, very delicious and prettily served. Our Ann Krogar made the wonder cake, never tasted it before and it was a delight. All in all, everyone went home happy and content at having a wonderful day — a

Everyone enjoyed this anniversary



Br. 41, Cleveland, Ohio has very energetic officers and members who planned a gala 45th anniversary luncheon in December. Everyone who was there enjoyed it immensely. The photos show, president, Rose Pujzdar and secretary, Jane Kaplan with Santa Claus and the other photo was taken of part of the group of 96 ladies representing Br. 41 and other Cleveland branches. Many more years to Br. 41!

good feeling meeting most of our members again. Mary Karish, Anna Ahlin, Mrs. Anton Ahlin, Johanna Gerzina, Margaret Poster, Mrs. Sarich, Mrs. Creen and Mrs. Vodnich were not able to attend but our thoughts were with them as always.

Get out and visit the shut in members and the lonely. Boya Pavacich is recovering nicely after the accident. It was nice to see her at our party. Speedy recovery to all who are ill and handicapped.

Thank you to members from other states who remember me with cards. Happy to receive them. God bless you all.

ANGIE KARISH,
Rec. Sec'y.

No. 40, LORAIN, OHIO

Our meeting was held on Dec. 10th and was our annual Christmas Party. How lovely everything looked with our decorated tree and all the beautifully wrapped gifts under it.

All the tables were also decorated — it was truly a festive occasion and to top it off, the food was delicious. Thanks to our chicken preparation group, Angie Zgonc, Frances Russ and Johanna Tomazic, the Birthday girls, Albina Uehlein, Mary Tomazic, Ann Udovich and Mary Matos for baked goods and Rose Cerne for her bottle of cheer. And, to all of the rest of our members who contributed to make the buffet supper a total success, our thanks.

We were most happy to have our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Paul Krajnik,

pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church as our guest. He started the evening with a prayer and a toast to all our good members for health in the coming joyous season. Many, many thanks.

After our social activities, eating, toasting, and gift exchange, we had a business meeting. Financial report was read. We have a total enrollment of 103 adults and 1 child. Let's work and try to bring in some new members to the meetings. We had 38 at our Christmas meeting. Let's try for that number at every meeting. What fun that would be!

We also elected Rose Knezetic as Mother of the Year. Congratulations, Rose. We made a fine choice. You are truly a lovely person and fine member.

To our members who are ill, a speedy recovery and good health in the new year.

Our sincerest sympathy to Jean Balogh and Antonia Udovich on the loss of mother and sister, Johanna Znidarsic. May her soul rest in peace.

It's a dismal day today but it will also be a time to say Happy Valentine's Day to you all and perhaps the sun will be shining when you read this wish. A Happy, little Valentine will surely make you smile.

MARY PLOSZAJ.

No. 41, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Hello Ladies! We wish you a healthy and happy new year — many happy birthdays — and a big Valentine to all members.

Our meetings have been changed to the **second Sunday of the month** — we hope to see all the members come to meet the new officers. Do come and say to hello to us so that we know that you care.

Please notify your secretary if you have a change of address right away. Again thanks to all our little angels, big angels and super angels for helping make our 45th anniversary a success. It shows that you care about our lodge.

Rose Pujzdar is our Mother of the Year.

Mary Jerman, charter member of No. 18 was hospitalized for 3 weeks in Geauga County Hospital. Our prayers to her for a quick recovery.

Please send you dues only to Jane Kaplan, your secretary, so you can get proper credit. Class A is 7.20 a year; Class B is 10.20 a year; Class A over 75 is 3.00; Class B over 75 is \$4.80.

We lost a 90 year old member Dec. 19th, Frances Kriznik. May she rest in peace.

To all the angels who send me a **stampEd envelope or stamps** for return of their dues books — a **big thank you.**

These ladies donated to our treasury: Dorothy Ferra, Mary Perpar, Louise Simoncic and Mary Radell. A big thank you for your kindness.

May we all be blessed with good health for the rest of the year.

JANE KAPLAN,
secretary.

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Capsules

"THIS CAN'T GO ON!"

said the Vice-President Nelson A. Rockefeller not long ago. "Too much charity will destroy this country!"

This comes from programs which are all too well meaning, all designed to protect the whole World. If we destroy the basic system which gives us strength... then we have destroyed our society."

One of the problems in this country is that we want to help those in need. If we add to this some political instincts, it sometimes causes people to promise more than they can deliver."

I think this nation has overpromised and overspent and now we are in financial trouble. The federal government has a deficit of over 60 billion dollars, maybe 70 billion coming up. This can't go on!"

Daniel Lambro in his book "The Federal Rathole" says that we could save 25 billion dollars a year by sensibly phasing out some federal programs and foreign aid.

1. Federal Advisory Boards, Committees and Councils could be eliminated 22,000 public citizens sit on these Boards and Panels directed and run by 4000 federal agents. The list of these Committees include a Plant Variety Board, a Dance Advisory Panel, a Personality Research Committee and committee on deodorants and laxatives. Current cost, 42 million per year.

2. Federal Movie Making. The government is making films on all from toothbrushes to soybeans. There are 585 dental films including 12 on how to brush your teeth. Current minimum cost, 65 million a year.

3. Economic Development Administration. Last year the Congress received a 57 page report from the Commerce Department and Office of Management and Budget which said that this administration was ineffective and mismanaged in its attempt to combat unemployment. Congress ignored the report and extended the agency for another two years. Cost, 395 million per year.

4. National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities. This agency sounds noble, but in a time of severe debts, can we afford it? And should taxpayers' money be spent on theatrical productions which few Americans would pay to see like a "Silent Opera". Current cost 148 million.

5. Military Servants. Pentagon regulations allow 500 generals and admirals to use enlisted service men as servants, social secretaries, cooks, waiters, errand boys, grocery shoppers, baby sitters, chauffeurs, bartenders, lawnkeepers. Cost, 5 million per year.

6. International Development Association. How would you like to borrow million of dollars and have 50 years to pay the money back, interest free? These are the terms under which the American World Bank International Association has approved billions of dollars in credit to 68 nations. The loan fund is raised by 25 countries, with Uncle Sam providing one third of the money. Many countries accept the funds and then lend them out to other countries at the prevailing interest rate. Cost to America per year, 375 million.

7. Government travel Costs. The government is spending over 2 billion a year on traveling. Even the Social Security has spent 19 million on traveling. Traveling for what?

Adding to the above America's loan on just give-aways since 1946 as reported by the BUSINESS WEEK magazine Oct. 13, 1975, is as follows: The Greece 4 billion, to India 9 billion, to Turkey 6 billion, to Latin America 3 billion, to France 8 billion, to Germany 5 billion, to Italy 5 billion, to England 8 billion, to Yugoslavia 2½ billion.

When we continue pouring our money all over the world receiving hatred and antagonism in return, isn't it high time to tell the Congress that the road to popularity and re-election is not to say "yes" to every demand for every increase in all existing programs plus agreeing to new ones. Only a wave of public sentiment can give Congress the nerve to say "No more!" Let's write a strong letter to our representatives in Washington to STOP SPENDING AND SAVE! Zveza's national convention Resolution committee shall prepare and present the proper letter.

THANK YOU, BR. 41

On Friday, Dec. 5th, about 125 members of the Cleveland area branches joined Br. 41 to celebrate their 45th anniversary. It was a luncheon held at the Celebrity Room where the atmosphere was wonderful. Everyone had a good time, the food was marvelous and the members took home many prizes. This grand occasion was made possible thru the combined efforts of Br. 41's president, Rose Pujzdar and secretary, Jane Kaplan. Thanks to them for all their generosity of spirit and time.

The S.W.U. has done much to promote a love for our Slovenian heritage and this affair was another one of the times its members could enjoy the fruits of their labor.

FRAN SIETZ.



No. 42, MAPLE HGTS., OHIO

A beautiful crowd at our Christmas Party on Dec. 16th. I think we all had a nice time and our dinner was delicious, cooked by our member, Ann Draganic.

Our officers were the same except for our new President, who is Frances Glavic. Mrs. Kastelic, we are sorry you didn't accept. We understand she is going to do a lot of traveling and it'll keep her busy. We thank her for being our president so many years. As for Frances Glavic, we are also proud to say she was elected as our Mother of the Year for 1976, too. We congratulate her "doubly"! Best wishes to all our officers and good luck in the new year.

A new grandmother here was our Mary Ann Kastelic Filip. Her daughter, Mary Ann and husband, Edward Kramer had a baby girl, Kelly Frances. Congratulations to the whole family. She was born Oct. 27th.

Wishes to all members, especially those who are ill. Fin Stavec, we're glad you are feeling better.

To our Feb. birthday gals, best wishes: Carol Ann Kastelic, her daughter, Lisa, Nicholetta Lerchbacher, Lillian Sadowski and Joanne Kosak.

Beth Ann Harr, belated wishes to you, too. Sorry I left your name out last month. See you all at the Feb. 17th meeting.

MARY LOU PRHNE.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND CONTINUES TO BE WELL-SUPPORTED!

Dear Contributors:

The Scholarship Committee deeply appreciates your liberal donations and support of the Scholarship Fund. This worthwhile endeavor is possible only through your generosity.

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Thank you again for your financial support.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMINE DICKE, Sec.

S.W.U. Scholarship Committee.

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Your donations to the scholarship Fund will go toward strengthening the future world in the expansion of education to our own members and their families.

You are giving to yourself when you give to the S.W.U. Scholarship Fund!

Dearest sisters. It has been quite a little while since we've written but due to the holidays and our Christmas party, it seems the time just passed us by. The Christmas party was held at Bowser's at which time there was an exchange of gifts. Even due to the storm and bad weather there was a nice turn out. There was election of officers and all remained the same: sisters, Rose Trombly, president, Marge Andrican, vice-president, Virginia Krak, secretary-treasurer, Dorothy Russo, recording secretary and auditors, Ann Roberts, Jennie Crea and Margaret Kochevar. Our Mother of the Year was also chosen and we all congratulate sister Pauline Germ who will honor us this year. She is an outstanding member — the mother of three, a son Joe is deceased and her two daughters are Ann and Mary. She has five grandchildren and still finds time to be active in programs for the aged plus crocheting and sewing which she does so well. She participates in everything that is good for our branch. Whenever she is called upon, she always gives a helping hand. We all pray that the good Lord will bless her in all her good deeds. Pauline, our hats off to you! Keep on going. We need a lot more like you.

We know that there are a lot of mothers who also deserve this honor and hope that you will all be named Mother of the Year at some time in the future. This year we have chosen Pauline. There aren't enough words in the world to be said about mothers and not enough tributes that could be handed out to our mothers. May God bless them all and keep them in the best of health.

We are again holding our meetings at the Little Grove and on the first Wednesday of the month. It was a big surprise to see so many of our members venturing out on our coldest night of the year when temperatures dropped to 35 degrees below zero — and the wind was blowing and we had to really bundle up. But it was a nice turn out and we hope that next month there will be a lot more for we will be holding a White Elephant and all are asked to bring the articles. Please bring along a friend, too. This will make it even more profitable for us and we might entice a few new members which we need very badly.

Thank you cards were read from our honored members, Rose Chiodi who has retired from her secretarial job and has been awarded a gift and Josephine Oswald who also retired from office after holding the presidency for 35 years. Yours truly is still among the active having held one

SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Scholarship Committee wishes to again announce that if you are interested in applying for a Slovenian Women's Union scholarship please write as soon as possible for application information to Mrs. Hermine Dicke; 3717 Council Crest, Madison, Wis. 53711. All application information is to be mailed by April 15th. Four \$300.00 scholarship will be awarded.

Eligibility requirements are:

- 1.—Applicant must be a graduating high school senior intending further education in an accredited college, university or technical Institute.
- 2.—Applicant must be a member of the Slovenian Women's Union for at least three years preceding application.

Exceptions are:

- 1.—Only one scholarship can ever be granted to members of any one family.
- 2.—Only one scholarship can be granted to applicants of the same Branch during any particular year.
- 3.—No Branch can receive a scholarship for two successive years.

Scholarships will be awarded to the four applicants in need of financial assistance with the highest scholastic record. The Scholarship Committee will review the application information and academic reports for final approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Scholarship Committee.
HERMINE DICKE, Sec.

office or another for many years and still going strong!

Thus, sister Rose Trombly, president, led the concluding prayer and it brought our evening to the social aspects. Cards were played and honors to the following sisters: Smear, Jennie Crea, Ann Roberts, Frances Jerkovich and Joann Eidal, Bridge, Virginia Krak, Rose Trombly, Angeline Russo and Pauline Germ. Door prize was also won by sister Virginia Krak.

A delicious lunch was served by our hostess sisters Rose Trombly, Dorothy Russ, Marge Andrican, Virginia Krak, thus bringing a very cold but delightful evening to a close. So, we will be looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting on the first Wed. of the month.

May God bless you all and keep you in the best of health until we meet again. Yours truly,

GERTRUDE KOICHEVAR.

No. 54, WARREN, OHIO

Our Christmas dinner was a lovely party. We went the Italian route and had a delicious menu planned by our members even to the red wine before dinner. It was at our president, Josephine Kassan's home, all gaily decorated for the holidays. We had a good turnout and Josie is a great hostess. Besides the gift exchange, we all wrote Christmas cards to our shut-in members and had a short business meeting. All the while, beautiful Slovenian music was playing in the background over the stereo with Mr. Slak's band. It was all very nice. Chosen as our Mother of the Year is Mary Zuga, a faithful member for many years and never

misses a meeting anymore. We will honor her in May at our annual luncheon. Also in May we will have a Mass for all of us and our deceased members at St. James. This date will be announced later.

Our officers are the same as last year. Pres. Josie Kassan, Vice-Pres. Mary Waltko, Sec.-Treas. Joanne Ponikvar and Rec. Sec. Ann Savor. We made a good amount from our money-maker for which the prizes were all donated by our members and especially a lovely pillow was given by Stefka Lukacic. She is slowly on the mend after surgery. We set up our meeting dates and they are as follows: Feb. 17th at Mayme Sporich's, April, Mary Zuga's May, luncheon, June, picnic at Anne Savor's, September, Joanne Ponikvar's, November Josephine Kassan's and December, at the home of Betty Vadas. Mark these dates down and be sure to come. Each month on the third Tuesday.

Our sympathy to Betty Vadas on the loss of her father, Mr. Medick.

Wedding bells will be ringing this year for Margaret Racher's granddaughter, Pat Zuga, an R.N. in March and Mary Zuga's son, Gary, in July.

Happy New Year to all and we wish everyone a good Bicentennial year of 1976.

JOANNE PONIKVAR.

No. 54, WARREN, OHIO

Here it is, the beginning of a new year. Let us try to make '76 a better year for our membership and treasury.

We had a beautiful Christmas meeting at the home of our president Josephine Kassan. The table was laden

with the goodies and refreshments. All enjoyed the delicacies that each member brought. After dinner, the members sat down and joined in the meeting. Several of our members are on the sick list and cards were sent to them.

I want to congratulate Mrs. Mary Zuga who was voted as our Mother of the Year.

The meeting this month is on Feb. 17th. It will be held at Mayme Sporich's 226 Eastland S.E., Warren. Be sure to mark the meeting dates, 3rd Tuesday, on your calendar for 1976. Good health and a good year to all.

ANN SAVOR,
Reporter.

No. 55, GIRARD, OHIO

From the branch No. 55, we hope that all members from all the branches if the Slovenian Women's Union had one of the most joyous holidays.

Our Christmas Party was celebrated at the Slovenian Home with a very nice turnout. It was a covered dish style dinner. Our tables were decorated beautifully and there was food galore. Everything was so delicious, you couldn't resist anything. We had a few guests present with us and we hope they may consider joining us as new members. Being that we had such a good attendance at the party, we thought it was a very good time to elect the Mother of the Year of 1976. Mary Selak was selected by the majority. Congratulations, Mary. I know you will serve your duties well as Mother of the Year.

In November, election of officers were held with the same officers elected as last year. They are, President, Mary Macek, Vice-President, Marija Cvetnic, Sec'y-Treas. Mary Kristin, Recording Sec'y and Reporter, Frances Hribar, Auditors, Sophie Kren and Marie Cvetnic.

And, now for some news and happenings. Veronica and Ed Dolsak became grandparents again as their son and daughter-in-law, Mary Ann, who reside in Jacksonville, Florida welcomed a bouncing baby boy, their second. He has been named Frank Steven. Congratulations to the baby's parents and grandparents. Veronica and Ed spent two weeks vacationing in Miami visiting another son, Chuck and his wife, Marsha and children, Adam and Kristin. Another vacationer visiting sunny Florida was Jo Perusek, visiting her sister and son, also Frank and Wilma Macek and family motored to Cocoa Beach to spend the Christmas holidays as did Tillie Cigolle and her daughter, Sister Jean, spending the holidays with a son and brother and family. Sophie Kren spent one month in Boulder, Colorado visiting

SANTA CLAUS HAD A GOOD TIME, TOO



Cleveland Juniors frolicked at the party.

Santa Claus came to town in Cleveland Ohio on Dec. 13th to the Slovenian Women's Union combined branches Junior Christmas party which was held at the St. Clair Recreation Center. A lot of games, singing, dancing, drawing contest and marching parades entertained the children. They trimmed the tree with cutouts made of colored paper. The games consisted of tumbling on large mats, blowing up balloons, and dancing Indians. It ended with the presentation of a beautiful daughter, Pat and son-in-law, Rick Harper and family.

We have several members on the sick list but they are now at home recuperating. Sophie Cekuta was hospitalized for six weeks as a result of an injury to her leg while on a hay ride. Her sister was in the hospital with pneumonia but is doing very well now. Nancy Dombrosky is doing fairly well. She has been in and out of the hospital several time after having heart surgery. Mary Selak has had her share of sickness, too, as her sister, brother-in-law, brother and grand-daughter all had major surgery during the past year. We wish them all a speedy recovery and hope it will be the end of all sickness in her family. Sorry to hear about Mary Svesko who had a bad fall down her cellar steps. Fortunately though, she wasn't badly hurt. Get well quick, Mary; you are missed at the meetings.

Virginia Bestic had an operation on her hand in a hospital in Columbus. Nettie Juvancic was injured in a fall at her home.

Happy birthday to all who are celebrating in February and belated wishes to the January celebrants. Don't forget, ladies, we would like to see more of you attending the meetings. You always have an enjoyable evening when you come. See you at the next meeting.

FRANCES HRIBAR.

ful Nativity Scene by the children enacting the roles of Mary, Joseph and Angels and then, refreshments which everyone felt were just grand.

A group of girls dressed in Slovenian outfits did the "Pork-Chop" (pok šotiš) dance — also a very active slide step dance. The cowboy girl dance was gay with a lot of action. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Ann Dudek who went all out to teach these youngsters to do such marvelous dances. Our twirling baton group also did a very good demonstration under the direction of their capable teacher, Miss Sue Urankar who has since her younger years been an active member in the art of baton twirling. She was also one of our 1974 Debutants and in June is going to graduate from Ursuline Academy with hopes of attending college in the fall. She did a good job with the youngsters all these months and when she goes, she will be missed by all of us.

Mrs. Antoinette Zabukovec who had to give up being the director of our Junior Groups will be succeeded by Mrs. Koren (Br. 32). Thank you, Tonchi, for all the years you have helped our juniors and thank you, Mrs. Koren for accepting the job of keeping our groups together for the next few years. We admire both of you ladies and wish there were more mothers like you to help along with our youngsters. God bless you.

Santa Claus was a very kind person and we wish to thank Mrs. D'Amico who invited him to personally stop in at our party.

The luncheon was good — a big thank you to the mothers for their cooperation and donations.

Our Twirlettes and Slovenian Dancers are being invited to various places which they they love very much. In fact, it brought 5 new junior members into the group after they saw our active girls and wanted to join. We hope that all the mothers will

take time to see that their daughters do join the S.W.U. and it will always be a rewarding venture and will keep us all young at heart!

Br. 25 will now start a junior group at the Recreation Center under the direction of Ann Pizem Maver. All you have to do is call her for information. Her number is 881-2025. Mrs. Chris Zivoder sec'y of Br. 25 will also be happy if you call her about enrolling your youngsters in the junior department. She is at 881-9816. Glad to hear that Br. 25 is going to begin this new activity for their young members.

A big thank you to all the kind ladies who helped keep things in order and took care of the refreshments — also brought along cookies and kool-aid and ice cream. They were Chris Zivoder, Ann Maver of Br. 25, Mary Bostian, Ann Dudek and Mrs. Koren of Br. 32, Jo Sieworek. Ernestine Jevac, Donna Seitz Bischof of Br. 50. We are working on a new project, to raise money to charter a bus for the junior group of Cleveland to attend and perform at the S.W.U. National Convention in Pittsburgh next May.

FRAN SIETZ.

WELCOME, KIMBERLY ANN!

Baby Kimberley Ann was born Jan. 4th to Donna and Ralph Bischof of Cleveland, Ohio and her grandmother is Fran Sietz. Mommy Donna was actively involved in the Christmas Party for the junior members a month before and has been on many committees for the various activities for younger members including the three Cleveland Cotillions. She was also a S.W.U. Scholarship Winner in 1966. You can believe, Kim was just a few hours old when grandma already signed her up as a new member!

No. 56, HIBBING, MINN

The holiday season is now over and the new year is with us. As we go into the year 1976 we recall the various incidents and activities that occurred in our local branch No. 56 during the past year. Some of the events produced heart-ache — some were joyful and very productive, while others were rather negative in a sense of just seeming to be a natural procedure.

The saddest of these happenings was the lose of six members who were called to their Eternal Home, namely, Marie Valeri, Katharine De

Petro, Kathrine Musech, Tillie Tomlanovich, Angelo Chicoratch, and Marie Sikich. We miss our friends very much. They have left a considerable gap on our membership. There are those of us who suffered a personal loss — who, during the recent holiday church services hummed the tune of "Silent Night — Holy Night" with sadness of heart and eyes flooded with tears!

The productive and joyful events held by our branch proved to be "just that". Namely — the lovely May social honoring our chosen mother of the year, Mrs. Frank (Mary) Puhek. Our successful Minnesota "Zveza" Day convention held in September which provided the opportunity to greet and meet many friends — old and new. Last but not least, our gala Christmas party with a record of 45 attendance. Surely these successful events prove that fraternal sister-hood exists within our local branch.

Not so productive, however, was the fact that our efforts failed in enrolling new members with insurance. This obviously is not good. Possibly caused by concentration applied to hosting the state convention. During the past year Mrs. Anna Janesich formerly of Ely br. No. 23 transferred to our local No. 56. Mrs. Edward Koehler (Millissa) was the only one who accepted all requirements of insured membership. Knowing the need of new members for the future success of our branch, it goes without saying that co-operation is the essence in the success of any venture. Let this venture be an "all out membership drive in 1976". This task is formidable but not impossible. Our regular meetings for the ensuing year begin on Feb. 10th. It is hopeful that discussions in this direction will begin at that time.

Again, I take this privilege to wish every member in "Zveza" a joyous and prosperous new year.

A. SELVO,
Pub, Chmn.

No. 57, NILES, OHIO

On Oct. 18th several members of our branch had the honor of attending the most beautiful wedding of Charlotte Vinosky and Jack Rah. Everyone had such a grand time. Charlotte is the daughter of Mary Vinosky and the granddaughter of Jennie Loger, one of our oldest members. She joined when our branch was first started.

November came along and it was time for elections so once again the same officers were elected. We sure know now that we must be o.k. Thank

you, girls. Also at the Nov. meeting we had 2 lovely door prizes donated by Jane Logar; they were crocheted hanging baskets made by her mother, Mrs. Lapinsky. One went to Mary Strah and the other to Viola Logar.

We welcome a new member, a social member, Carmella Warzolla. On the sick list we had Virginia Filipan and Virginia Zevkovich. They are coming along fine now.

The Christmas party was held at the Living Room and we had a wonderful turn out. It was a very nice place to go. Several guests were present and door prizes were a crocheted pillow donated by Julia Jacob and given to Mary Strah, a hanging basket donated by Jane Loger and given to Mary Vinosky, a hand-embroidered apron donated by Mary Moler and given to Jean Pasquale. Mary Strah made pop corn balls for favors and Frances Yer-man gave the candy canes.

Hope to see a nice turnout at the meeting next month. Girls, try to get some new members. Also, all those who owe dues for 1975 are urged to send or bring in your money.

Wishing all those sick a get well wish and here's hoping that everyone has a happy and prosperous new year. See you at the next meeting.

MARY MOLER.

No. 59, BURGETTSTOWN, PA.

Our branch meets the first Tuesday of each month with about 22 members in attendance. After the meeting, games are played and we are served a light snack by the committee. On Dec. 9, 1975 at Fallen Timbers in Midway, Pa., 23 members attended the Christmas dinner. A full course meal of shrimp, chicken and roast beef was served. After the delicious meal, games were played. Due to the cold weather, January's meeting had 14 members in attendance and one guest. Our Secretary, Virginia Bendick read several letters of correspondence she received. The report for 1975 was read by our treasurer, Rosemary Orenchuk. One of our members, Hilda Gavazzi, is in the hospital and we all hope she recovers and is home soon.

It was voted that the same officers will serve another year. They are, President, Frances Korosec, Vice-president, Louise Paskutius, Secretary, Virginia Bendick, Recording secretary, Hilda Mongequin, Treasurer and Reporter, Rosemary Orenchuk. To all of you, from all of us, we wish you a healthy, happy Bicentennial Year, 1976.

ROSEMARY ORENCHUK,
Reporter.

Hermine Prisland Dicke:
3717 Council Crest
Madison, Wis. 53711

POTS & PANS and PASTIME

Mrs. Julia Zak, member of Branch No. 32, Euclid, Ohio, is a master baker. For two years she has demonstrated the techniques of making strudel and delicate FRENCH PASTRY at organizations, schools (home economics classes), church groups and in private homes. She writes: "French Pastry is it! I'd serve it to the Queen of England or the President, and they'd love it".

FRENCH PASTRY

DOUGH: For STRUDEL and "CLAWS"

- 2 sticks of vegetable oleo
- 2 cups flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cream of tartar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cold water

Have oleo and water cold so dough isn't sticky. Do not cream the oleo nor mix into the flour as for pie dough; do not use any whip or beater to mix. Cut the oleo into about 16 to 18 slices from each stick. In a bowl sift the flour and cream of tartar; add the oleo slices and cold water. Mix all the ingredients together lightly with a spoon and keep mixing until it forms a mass. It should look lumpy. Don't mind if oleo stays in pieces while working. Pat down flat on a well floured board or pastry cloth then roll out to a 14 x 20 inch size. Fold the pastry lengthwise into thirds overlapping the 2 sides over the middle third then fold crosswise into thirds as before. Roll out again to 14 x 20 inches (the repeated rolling makes flakiness). Fold as before into thirds lengthwise and crosswise. Pat down and wrap the folded dough in plastic or aluminum foil and let it rest in refrigerator for at least one hour before using. Cut into four strips and roll each strip on floured board to 10 x 15 inches which will make one small strudel. The dough must stay soft-not hard. Dough can be used one hour after refrigeration or in a week. If not used cut into the four strips, wrap in plastic or aluminum foil and freeze.

CHEESE FILLING:

- For one 10 x 15 inch strudel
- 4 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup granulated sugar
 - 1 egg yolk
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 tablespoon (heaping) of crushed graham crackers

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Beat all ingredients together except crumbs. Spread the filling lengthwise down middle on center third of dough. Sprinkle graham cracker crumbs over filling. Take one unfilled third (or side) and lap over the filled middle third; then take the remaining third of unfilled dough and lay it over the top. Flip the strudel over and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in 400 degrees preheated oven for 20 minutes (high heat helps puffiness). When cool dust with powdered sugar before cutting into desired widths.
Note:—4 strudels will call for 16 ounces of creamed cheese and four times other ingredients.

APPLE FILLING:

Prepare dough same as for CHEESE FILLING.

- For each 10 x 15 inch strudel dough use:
- 3 to 4 apples, sugared
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup bread crumbs, browned in butter
 - Cinnamon
 - 1 tablespoon butter, melted

Drain juice from 3 large or 4 small apples that have been peeled, sliced and sugared the day before or use your own recipe for strudel filling. Add browned bread crumbs to drained apples. Spread over middle third of dough. Sprinkle with cinnamon and drizzle with melted butter. Overlap sides. Flip strudel over and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Brush top with milk and sprinkle with sugar before baking in preheated 400 degree oven for 20 minutes.

NUT FILLING:

For four strips 4 x 30 inches to make "CLAWS"

- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk
- 1 tablespoon butter
- $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups finely ground walnuts, packed
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon granulated sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla

Bring milk to a boil. Add butter. When melted add nuts, cinnamon, sugar and vanilla. If too dry add a little more milk. Down one of the 4 x 30 inch strips spread $\frac{1}{4}$ th of the

filling lengthwise on middle third. Then take one unfilled third of dough and lay over the filled dough. Then take the other side of unfilled dough and lay it over the top. Before baking cut the dough into 10—3 inch piece. With knife or pastry cutter make three $\frac{1}{2}$ inch slits into the folded edge of each piece. When baked this will give the appearance of CLAWS. Brush top with beaten egg. Flip claw upside-down onto a dish of sugar. Turn right side up and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 20 minutes in 400 degree oven.

FRUIT SQUARES

Mrs. Mary Bostian, President of the Slovenian Women's Union, sent me her favorite, FRUIT SQUARES, which the National Board members enjoyed and highly recommended.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ pound butter, room temperature
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour

Blend well all ingredients in a bowl with a spoon until smooth. Press $\frac{3}{4}$ of dough on bottom of a greased $15\frac{1}{2}$ by $10\frac{1}{2}$ inch pan or jelly roll pan. Spread with ready-to-use fruit pie filling or any preserves. Drop remaining dough from a teaspoon on top of filling and spread carefully. Bake 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until top begins to brown. When cold cut into squares.

— 1776 —

In her Bicentennial "HOUSEHOLD HINTS" column, the popular HELOISE writes: "We now have unlimited kinds of products to help us with our housework that our counterparts in 1776 wouldn't have believed possible. But even in modern times some of the old sayings and remedies still hold true". A cookbook from the 18th century says to 'clear as you go'. Wash cooking utensils as soon as the food is emptied out of them. Also from the same source is a very good bit of advice on how to keep well. "Don't eat what you do not need just to avoid throwing it away." She advises: "Don't be wasteful, but ask yourself, 'Is it better off in the garbage can or on the hips?'"

She further adds: "A home is where your hat is hung and someone loves you. 'Let's not over forget to say 'grace'."

Happy Valentine's Day,
With love,
HERMINE.

ZARJA—THE DAWN

No. 73, WARRENSVILLE, HGTS., OHIO

Our deepest sympathy to Mr. Leon Chase and children due to the death of their beloved wife and mother — Irene Chase, December 5, 1975. Irene was a faithful member of the Slovenian Women's Union for thirteen years, and was made "Mother of the Year" in 1974 which made her very happy at that time. Irene had been ill for some time, but seriously so approximately one year, yet always had a bright outlook on life, always stating that things could be worse. She came from a large family, and was born and raised in the Warrensville area, also living most of her married life in this area, and was a faithful member of St. Jude's Church. A large group of her sister members said the Rosary at the funeral home, and many attended the funeral. Her family, and everyone who knew her, will miss her very much, but with her strong belief in God we all know that the doors of Heaven were immediately opened for her. May she rest in eternal peace!

We had a nice note of appreciation from the family who received our Thanksgiving basket, and many thanks to all the members who donated food and money to make this project a success.

Sorry to hear that Margarit Franchini was hospitalized recently, and am happy to hear that she is home now convalescing.

After our annual Christmas Party and Pot Luck Dinner held the first Monday in December, which was a huge success, election of officers took place and the results are as follows: Kay Yuratovac, President; Ann Fike, Vice President; Louise Epley, Secretary; Agnes Walters, Treasurer; Gloria Dusek, Recording Secretary. Yours truly, Mildred Roberts will continue on as Reporting Secretary. Some games were played then to round out the evening's fun.

I understand that are some dues still outstanding for the year 1975, and 1976 dues are upon us, so please get in contact with our Secretary, Louise Epley.

I want to remind our members again of our 40th Anniversary Mass to be held at St. Jude's Church, Warrensville Heights, Ohio, on Sunday April 25th at 10:00 A.M.

A healthy and happy new year to all the members of Branch No. 73, as well as all the members of all the branches everywhere.

MILDRED D. ROBERTS,
Reporting Secretary.

No. 81 KEEWATIN, MINN.

We held our annual Christmas dinner. Slovenian and Croatian songs and carols were played. Card "B" was enjoyed by the members.

A short meeting at which time the selection of the Mother of the Year was held and the election of officers was discussed. The next meeting is this month, Feb. 25th.

MARY MICHELICH,
Reporter.

No. 95, So. CHICAGO, ILL.

Our holiday season went into full swing when 75 members attended our Christmas Party at the Sabre Room in Hickory Hills, Splendid is the word! Entertainment was the keynote with the fabulously lavish holidays show featuring the beautiful and talented Sabrette Dancers, their lovely vocalist Karen Woycheck entertaining with Christmas Songs, oriental dancing by Leila, Johnny Phillips, who warmed everybody's heart with his songs. Adding a light touch to the holiday show was comedian, Jack Kenney, and Christmas comes "down home" with country western vocalist, Rich Wagner. Santa dropped off his bag of surprises early for our members with this wonderful show and an excellent dinner neatly tied into one big package, beautifully balanced, part serious, and part "wow". We hope to do it again in the near future. I also would like to express to all of you my great appreciation for your cooperation and your attendance at all of our affairs.

A blessed birthday to the following celebrating in February: Mary Brozynski, Louise Dolan, Ann Hlacer, Benedicto Marino, Sylvia Mitchell, Ann Velcich, Helen Zec, Julie Hansen, Rose Mary Cacich, (belated Birthday) Carrie Plebanski, and Sylvia Vukadinovich.

Cash was donated by Marge Doherty (\$1). Thank you Marge!

In conclusion, get well wishes to all of our shut-ins, and may the peace of God be with us and remain with us always.

MILDRED JAMES.

No. 100, FONTANA, CALIF.

A Healthy New Year is wished to all by the members of Branch No. 100, Fontana, California, and we all hope and pray that our Lord bestow upon you and those whom you love so dearly, HIS choicest blessings throughout the year of 1976.

On January 2nd our meeting commenced with prayer by President Mary Jasina. It was delightful to see so

many members in attendance for the first meeting of the year after all the hectic holidays and, as always, there is the problem in the health department. The meeting terminated with prayer by Recording Secretary, Dorothy Petrich. Incidentally, I simply must take this opportunity to reiterate, once again, that Sister Petrich was re-elected as Recording Secretary for 1976.

It is my contention that the re-election of these devoted and tireless workers is greatly worthy of mention in view of the fact that it had been reported in December 1975. These women, as well as others in the branch, are not only devoted, conscientious and tireless workers, they are in many ways, what I chose to call, unsung workers. As time moves along, I shall endeavor to render unto all that which is rightfully due them. It is of utmost importance to consider that which is being done by some of the members, which, at times, goes unnoticed and/or simultaneously taken for granted. The behind-the-scenes work oftentimes is colorless but nevertheless an integral part of the system.

I do not wish to advocate praise, nor do I condone praise, but in all sincerity there are exceptions whereby hard-earned word of praise is completely, wholly, and totally in order. Too often we tend to sing praises of our members in a eulogy.

Re-elected for 1976: President, Mary Jasina, devoted and tireless worker; Vice-Pres., Jean Kurlich, this precious soul is constantly working and she is a fabulous cook; Financial Sec., Mary Omatis, diligent and proficient in her category; and Rec. Sec., Dorothy Petrich, capable of taking notes as rapidly in long hand as a secretary in shorthand. Sister Petrich has an infectious smile; keep smiling, Dottie!

At our first meeting of the New Year our newly elected reporter, Marija Verlich, was installed by President Mary Jasina. In view of the fact that all officers were re-elected, with the exception of Reporter Sister Edith Drawenek, I wish to elucidate upon her inability to accept the post. Sister Drawenek's mother is confined in a rest home and her daughter is ailing.

Our beloved Julia Vlasic was chosen "Mother of the Year." Sister Vlasic, who prefers anonymity, but who never fails to do her utmost when called upon, appeared to accept this honor in a state of shock. It was pleasantly humorous to observe the stunned look on her countenance. Our Julia is a precious soul and we all love her. Congratulations, Julia, you are most deserving.

On December 4th, of last year, we held our Pot Luck Dinner! I am happy

Begin life together

Leann Bradac daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bradac of Bedford Heights (Mary Bradac member of branch 101) became the wife of Mr. John P. Zdanski, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Zdanski of Cleveland, Ohio. Saturday September 13, 1975. They exchanged vows at a Nuptial Mass at Holy Trinity Church in Bedford Heights, officiated by Father Minich, our Spiritual Advisor. The Best Man was Mike Erchel, the Maid of Honor, Gail Mancini and the party included four brides maids and four ushers. One of the bridesmaids was cousin, Vicki Matjasic. Junior attendants were the brides's niece and nephew Cindy and Jerry Sibits. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and now are residing in Warrensville Heights. John is with the Cleveland Police Department and Leann is head of payroll at the Halex Company. Felicitations!



Mr. & Mrs. John P. Zdanski.

to report that this dinner was, indeed, a very successful affair; it was well-planned, well-prepared, and well-attended. There was plenty of good food, nut bread and strudel; our gals are excellent cooks and you have to go a long way to surpass them, and they saw to it that this would be a memorable occasion. We have, in our midst, some very unusual and talented personalities.

We were greatly honored by the presence of beloved Rev. Francis Horvath and he said the Grace before we partook of the delicious food.

It is of great importance that I mention how lovely our gals were that evening; some of the ladies were attired in beautiful gowns and pertinent accessories. I could not help but observe the beauty and loveliness of the occasion. You know, all God's creations are beautiful!

There were many birthdays in the month of December 1975 and, to all, we wish God's blessings and pray that good health will be their constant companion throughout the year: Julia Kukman, Julia Vlasic, Jean Kurilich, Louise Pieri, Christine Filips, Bernie Stromgren, Walter and Melissa Jasina (beautiful grand-children of Pres. Mary Jasina); Frances Pavsek, Cynthia Conley and Mary Ercek.

To our members who are ailing, Louise Pieri and Mary Rek, we pray that very soon you will both be well and back in our midst. God Bless!

Food For Thought: Would you like to even the score with your enemy? Forgive Them! There is nothing that angers one more than to be forgiven when one is working very hard at trying to hurt, torment and punish another. Try it! Forgiving is good for you and the enemy both spiritually and bodily. In fact, Our Lord said that if we do not forgive then HE and we cannot be friends!

May the Year of 1976 be kind to you! It is wise to remember that

things happen for a purpose. Unfortunately, we fail to comprehend this as we are too earthly. **Remember always that GOD KNOWS WHAT HE IS ALL ABOUT!**

M. VERLICH.

No. 101, BEDFORD HEIGHTS, O.

First meeting of 1976 was held at the new Bedford Heights City Hall on January 8th. Agnes Pederi, '75 Vice President, called the meeting to order in the absence of pres., Rosalie Brown. Agnes swore in the new officers, after which they took over the meeting. New President, Betty Matjasic, brought up discussion on a charity donation for '75 and that we were open for suggestions. Discussion lead to donating a gift to Holy Trinity Church in the name of the police officer that was slain, William Prochaska. Also, to check on another charitable cause. More information on these matters will be discussed at next meeting and then our decision will be voted upon.

We received a letter from our sister branch in Pittsburgh, as everyone else did. We were requested to help with the selling of tickets and also purchase an ad in the program of the convention. We all voted against, since we are not a large group, and we are not allowed to send a de'egate to the convention. It is our feeling that no matter what the membership of the branch every branch should be represented. Since we were asked to support the national convention we should be allowed to be represented.

(Ed. Note: Every branch is represented by a delegate to the National Convention however, those with membership of less than 100 at the close of the year previous to the convention are consoled with other nearby branches having unsufficient membership for their own delegates. These consolidated branches elect their own

representative. Please refer to the By-Laws, Article 17, also reprinted in December, 1975 ZARJA. The National Convention is conducted without any additional expense to the membership, however, the Hostess Branch is asking for cooperation and assistance in order to provide a more pleasant and enjoyable event for those attending.)

Our Mother of the Year vote was taken, nominations were Mildred Hetzel, Agnes Pederi and Florence Mirtel. In the absence of Rosalie Brown, last year's Mother of the Year, Betty Matjasic, (president) will take care of the secret ballots and the arrangements for the Mother of the Year.

Much to our regret, Rosalie Brown has resigned her membership to our branch for personal seasons. We'd like to thank her for her years of service and her friendship. We hope that someday she'll be able to rejoin us.

We are selling cards and note paper for our project for the next couple of months. If anyone is interested in purchasing any of the lovely cards, please contact Ritamarie Mertle for the catalog.

Our hostesses for January were Helen Jurek and Agnes Pederi. Thank you ladies, the goodies were yummy!

Visiting daughter Janice Morgan for the holidays was Mary Mertle, down south in El Paso, Texas. During her stay Mary visited Mexico and enjoyed shopping for bargains there. Her trip was very restful since she was suffering from bronchitis. Mary said the weather was cold while she was there and she experienced a sand storm.

A sad note when Dorothy Kastelic mentioned her son John was very ill, so ladies let's include him in your prayers. Let's hope John will have a speedy recovery.

Mildred Hetzel, our Secretary, is still on the recuperating list, we certainly hope she will be well very soon.

Happy Birthday to Agnes Pederi on

February 27th, wishing you a happy day and many many more.

A verse shared: YESTERDAY... TODAY and TOMORROW... There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is YESTERDAY with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. YESTERDAY has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back YESTERDAY. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. YESTERDAY is gone. The other day we should not worry about is TOMORROW with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. TOMORROW is also beyond our immediate control. TOMORROW'S sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds — but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake on TOMORROW, for it is as yet unborn. This leaves only one day — TODAY. Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities — YESTERDAY and TOMORROW that we break down. It is not the experience of TODAY that drives men mad — it is the remorse or bitterness for something which happened YESTERDAY and the dread of what TOMORROW may bring... LET US, THEREFORE, LIVE BUT ONE DAY AT A TIME...

Till the next time... Have a nice day... every day...

RITAMARIE MERTLE,
Your Roving Reporter.

No. 102, WILLARD, WIS.

Our December meeting and combined Christmas party was attended by twenty five members. The evening started with a brief meeting and we selected our Mother of the Year. Congratulations Mrs. William Bayuk, an honor well deserved. Our next meeting will be held Feb. 14th.

Afterward, we all enjoyed the social hour. Holidays always mean pot luck lunch, so the evening ended with an assortment of delicious foods to enjoy.

We send New Year's greetings to Mrs. Antonia Champa of Cleveland, Ohio.

We were saddened these past months over the deaths of Paul Snedic, brother of Anna Horvat and Mary Djubenski and James Hill, husband of Jackie (Koschak) and son-in-law of

See you at the February meeting.

ELSIE PERKO,
Reporter.

Mary Koscak.

FINANCIAL REPORT — FINANČNO POROČILO

DECEMBER, 1975

Br. No.	Amount	Adult:	Jr.	Re.:					
1	\$121.80	177	63		83	7.35	15	—	
2	297.10	418	189		84	32.90	37	2	fx
3	171.85	259	119		85	35.70	35	—	c
4	—	10	—	a	86	11.30	19	—	
5	—	76	10	a	88	23.05	42	3	ex
6	54.10	99	15		89	31.30	61	19	
7	48.20	82	25		90	15.00	34	—	
8	14.70	36	—		91	—	40	5	b
9	—	20	—	b	92	24.10	30	15	
10	259.80	259	17	c	93	19.70	44	3	
12	67.20	137	53		94	4.60	5	—	
13	62.25	102	29		95	240.40	163	11	c
14	158.50	270	41		96	26.00	43	—	
15	83.55	148	2		97	6.50	12	—	
16	112.70	162	62		99	3.90	11	—	
17	96.55	150	107		100	40.95	49	17	
19	50.35	85	8		101	28.25	34	12	
20	216.80	358	110		102	—	34	2	b
21	57.55	106	48		103	—	22	17	b
22	19.90	15	—	d	105	—	29	6	x
23	124.95	216	29		106	15.45	24	—	ex
24	60.50	111	22						
25	300.35	497	124						
26	87.65	132	29						
27	—	34	2	xxxx					
28	44.40	65	27						
29	9.75	20	2						
30	—	50	—						
31	38.00	70	19						
32	123.10	185	53						
33	129.45	176	114						
34	22.75	35	4						
35	31.40	45	28						
37	—	15	—	xxx					
38	50.34	95	—						
39	25.10	43	46						
40	64.25	103	1						
41	56.85	132	12						
42	31.20	53	2						
43	307.45	198	125	c					
45	21.70	39	11						
46	15.75	31	3						
47	69.50	103	41						
50	240.85	310	53						
52	36.10	50	16						
54	30.60	47	31	e					
55	36.95	58	18						
56	48.10	85	4						
57	33.10	52	13						
59	—	26	—						
61	—	5	1						
62	—	20	—						
63	—	71	9	x					
64	—	35	—	b					
65	40.20	35	18	c					
66	32.85	48	14	e					
67	48.40	67	7						
68	39.25	54	23						
70	—	13	—	b					
71	62.35	109	37						
72	7.15	17	—						
73	65.70	101	62						
74	—	26	1	b					
77	18.45	34	18						
79	—	36	17	b					
80	—	12	—	xx					
81	16.15	28	1						

Total: 4,829.99 7,544 2,058

Remarks: Letter x is time months unpaid dues. Pd. in Nov. a; Pd. to Dec. b; Nov. & Dec. c; Dec. & Jan. 76 d; Nov. pd. e; Oct. Nov. f.

December Income — dohodki

Assessment:	\$4,829.99
Interest:	1,512.50
Rent:	135.00
Miscell.	12.00
Books sold:	639.75

\$7,129.24

Books asset: 639.75

Clear income: Dec. 75 **\$6,489.49**

DISBURSEMENTS — STROŠKI
DECEMBER 1975

Death claim pd. zavarov. pl	\$ 900.00
Salaries — plače	926.82
Administration	805.00
Gas — plin	28.93
Social Security	71.66
Withholding tax	266.56
Zarja Dec. Issue	2,038.26
Office supplies	18.83
Postage & teleph	105.42
Maintenance	35.00
Donations	128.00
Total:	\$5,324.48

Naj počivajo v miru!

Mary Planinšek	Br. 1
Anna Morovich	Br. 13
Rose Rupert	Br. 14
Ursula Uleplic	Br. 15
Anna Mahkovec	Br. 20
Tillie Artac	Br. 20
Anna Zilko	Br. 33
Louise Kernmawner	Br. 35
Mary Svazich	Br. 89

FANIKA HUMAR,
Sec.



Odbornice in članice podružnice št. 1, Sheboygan, Wis.

To leto slavi Zveza svoj zlati jubilej in podružnice, ki so bile prve v podpori dela, zaslužijo posebno pozornost in smo ponosne, da jih počastimo. Prve dve podružnici, ki sta bile ustanovljene dne 19. dec., 1926, sta bile podr. št. 1 in 2. Sheboygan, mesto naše ustanoviteljice, je prejel številko 1. Skozi leta, je podružnica napredovala in uspešno služila članstvu in naselbini.

Odbornice št. 1, za leto 1926, ki so pomešane med članicami: Preds., Mary Godez, podpreds. Teresa Zagozen, taj. Jane Gorenz, blag. Margaret Fischer, zapis. Anna Modiz in nadzornice: Marie Prisland, Agnes Gergisch in Mary Zahn. Rediteljica Mary Rafolt.

Proslava 50 letnice ustanovitve se bo vršila v tem letu.

Čestitamo vztrajnemu delu za skupni blagor pol stoletja, ali eno četrtno ameriške 200 letnice!

DOPISI

št. 10, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Srečno in zdravo novo leto, želim vsem našim članicam po celi državi. Naša glavna seja v decembru, je bila še kar lepo obiskana. Imele smo volitve odbora za leto 1976 in ostal je ves prejšnji odbor. Preds. Anna Markovich, podpreds. Frances Zagar, taj. in blagajničarka Sophie Magayna, 315 E. 284 St., Willowick, 0,44094. Zapisničarica tudi Sophie. Nadzornice: Alice Struna in Frances Zagar. Pravila ostanejo tudi po starem. Za Velikonoč in za Božič damo darilo cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete na Holmes Ave. Za Materinski dan imamo skupno sv. mašo za vse matere. Seje se bodo vršile vsaki drugi mesec: Jan. marec, maj, (junija-julija in avgusta so počitnice), nato nadaljujemo v sept, nov. in de-

cembru — vedno na drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob dveh popoldne.

Na seji je bilo prebrano voščilno pismo naše gl. preds. Mary Bostian. Posebno priporoča kampanjo za nove članice ob 50 letnici ustanovitve Zveze. Bomo res zelo vesele, če boste pridobile vsaj po eno novo članico. Voščila smo tudi prejele od glavnega odbora iz Chicaga: Fanka Humar in Corinne Leskovar.

Sedaj smo zopet v novem letu in treba bo plačati asesment. Jih je še nekaj, ki niso poravnale za leto 1975, zato vas prosim, dajte mi poslati kar po pošti. Ene so tudi dolžne \$1.20 od zadnjega leta. Asesment ostane po starem. \$3.00 za članice, če ste že 75 let stare, druge pa \$7.20 in ene pa po \$10.20. Letos bomo zopet imele konvencijo in to bo v Pittsburghu, Pa. Boste že več brale o tem.

Vsem bolnim sestram želim ljubega

zdravja, da bi v večjem številu prihajale na seje.

Lepe pozdrave vsem članicam.

SOPHIE MAGAYNA,
tajnica.

št. 14, EUCLID, OHIO

Naše seje dne 5. januarja se je udeležilo še kar lepo število članic, čeprav je bilo bolj slabo vreme.

V tem času je precej članic obolelo: Marian Globokar hčerka, Jennie Vidovic, Mary Koljat, Mrs. Smrdel, Mrs. Gabrenja, Jenie Erzen, Mrs. Vehovec, Mrs. Poje in Rozi Mikovic. Vse omenjene so bile obiskane po obeh Mary Stražišar. Bolnice so bile zelo vesele in so jima naročile, da nam pošljejo najlepše pozdrave in božična voščila, predvsem pa mnogo zdravja v Novem letu. Molimo za njihovo zdravje.

(Nadaljevanje na str. 22)

Zlato-jubilejna članska kampanja Slovenske Ženske Zveze

Sedaj je v teku velika članska kampanja, ki bo zaključena pred 17-to redno KONVENCIJO v maju 1976 v Pittsburghu, Pa.

Poleg denarnih nagrad za pridne delavke, boste prejele tudi ZNAK S.ŽZ!

Naša gl. preds. MARY BOSTJAN, je na čelu te kampanje in rezultati bodo razglašeni na velikem konvencnem banketu v Pittsburghu. Vse na delo!

OH, TA SVET



Dve pesniški duši

Vse preveč se ravnamo po reku: — Izpred oči, iz spomina... Veliko smo med nami imeli Slovencev, ki smo jih ljubili in spoštovali radi njih doprinosa slovenski narodnosti, pa jih javnost kar malo pozablja. Naj danes omenim le dva:

Meseca aprila bomo slavili rojstni dan velikega Slovenca, pesnika, pevca, skladatelja in prijatelja g. Ivana Zorman.

Bil je Zvezin iskren prijatelj takoj od pričetka, ko je Zveza bila še v povojih in je vsaka dobra beseda bila injekcija korajžje in navdušenja za mlado organizacijo.

Pozneje je lastnoročno spisal in uredil 32 slovenskih pesmic, ki so bile v ZARJI objavljene nato pa izdane v knjižici SLOVENSKE MELODIJE. Spisal in uglasbil je tudi Zvezino himno, ki se ga s spoštovanjem spominja vsakikat, ko je zapeta.

G. Zorman je bil izreden človek. Zavedal se je svojega talenta a priznanja ni pričakoval. Izlil je svojo umetniško dušo s tem, da je služil svojemu narodu v pesmih, ki jih je narodu poklonil z željo, da jih ohrani še poznejšim rodom, nekaj tudi vsled tega, da pokaže mladim Slovincem, da je tudi mala Slovenija, pridjala košček k napredku Amerike.

Hvaležni slovenski clevelandčani so mu 29. septembra 1957 postavili spomenik v Jugoslovanskem vrtu v Clevelandu. Naša Zveza pa je v njegov spomin poklonila eno štipendijo (šolnino).

G. Zorman je izdal 6 knjižic svojih pesmi ter v angleščino prevedel več pesmi slovenskih pesnikov Gregorčiča in Prešerna.

Primerina je njegova pesem, ki jo objavljam v njegov spomin.

Ko mene več ne bo...

Pomlad bo spet na svet dahnila,
zemljo z zelenjem okrasila;
spet kos zapel bo z mokrih vej,
spet svet bo vstal iz živih mej.
O bratje, spomnite se me tedaj
Nerad pozabljen bil bi vekomaj.
Kot nekdanj boste se družili,
spomine s pesmijo budili
na nepozabni rodni krov,
na kras slovenskih polj, bregov.
Ko v pesmi zadehtel bo rožmarin,
še mene naj objame vaš spomin.
Ko bodo termnih slutenj sile
večer življenja vam težile
in sredi hrupnega sveta
največ bo trnja krog srca,
o, naj moj duh pri vas bo tisti čas,
z besedo žlahtno naj tolaži vas.
Vi mladci naši! Ob pozni uri,
ko se odpro ljubezni duri,
ko blagrovala tiha noč
bo vaših vzdihov sladko moč,
domislite se name vsaj za hip,
v spomin en srčni dajte mi utrip.

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Rev. Alexander Urankar, OFM je nameraval svoje pesmi knjižno izdati, pa ga je nenadna smrt prehitela v najlepši moški dobi. Kot župnik slovenske fare Sv. Štefana v Chicagu je preminul 9. februarja 1958, star komaj 55 let.

Č.g. Urankar je bil Zvezin prijatelj takoj od pričetka. Kot urednik mesečnika AVE MARIA je Zvezo takoj ob rojstvu pozdravil ter ji želel lepo bodočnost. Razen AMERIKANSKEGA SLOVENCA, ki je bil naše glasilo, niso ostali slovenski listi niti z besedico omenili rojstva prve ženske slovenske organizacije v Ameriki.

Father Urankar je bil Zvezin duhovni svetovalec od leta 1952 do svoje smrti. Član Prijateljskega krožka je bji od leta 1944, torej takoj od pričetka. Kot duhovni svetovalec je v ZARJI objavljajal krasno pisane članke, da je brati jih bil pravi užitek. Iz njegovih člankov je odsevala ljubezen in spoštovanje do žene-matere. Sleherni utrip njegovega velikega pesniškega srca je bil posevečen ljubezni do domovine, ljubezni do ameriške Slovenije in ljubezni do slovenskega naroda.

Rev. Urankar je bil rojen v Mariboru, glavnem mestu naše lepe Štajerske. Gotovo je nanj vplivala krasna pokrajina, da je pričel pesniti že v rani mladosti. V ZARJI je priobčil nekaj svojih ljubkih pesmic, ki so izražale njegovo mehko dušo. Naj navedem le eno, ki govori o njegovi dragi mami:

Vsa leta sem prešteval solze bridke,
ki si jih —mamica —iztočila, ko sem del slovo.
Kot jagode sem zbiral jih na zlate nitke,
jih spravljajal v svojo srčno kamrico.
Kako jo ljubim, to slovensko mamo!
Čeprav jezikov tujih nič ne zna.
Čeprav ne ve, kaj bi s sveta reklamo,
a božji jezik mišlosti pozna.

Zelo pohvalno je od čikaške podružnice, ki se že skori 18 let vsako leto na Zvezin dan v Lemontu spomni Fathra Alexandra ter njegov grob okraji s cvetjem in blagim spominom nas vseh.

Oba naša prijatelja, g. Zorman in Rev. Urankar, bosta ostala vedno v svežem in hvaležnem spominu, morda ne v javnosti, v naših srcih pa neprestano.



V tem mesecu dne 9. februarja poteka 18 let od prrane smrti bivšega zvezinega duh, svetovaleca in slovenskega pesnika p. Aleksander Urankar.

V zadnjem mesecu je umrla Mrs. Rozi Rupret, naša res dobra članica. Dokler je mogla, je redno prihajala na seje in je tudi mnogo prispevala za društvo. Naj ji Bog poplača vsa njena dobra dela. Ostalim pa naše sožalje.

V zadnjem mesecu se je poročila Miss Marica Bajek, hčerka naše tajnice. Želimo ji vso srečo na njeni življenski poti. Mavec šola in Holy Family so se lepo pismeno zahvalile za dar ko smo nabrale na glavni seji in jim izročile.

Mrs. Štrukel je tudi pisala nam za Božič in nam voščila vesele praznike in srečno Novo leto. Ona je bila naša bivša predsednica, žal je sedaj bolj bolehná. Hvala Mrs. Štrukel in prejmite of vseh članic lepe pozdrave.

Ta večer so darovale: Mrs. Dolšak, Mrs. Plut, Mrs. Gabrenja, Mrs. Gačnik, Mrs. Resnik, Mrs. Čebul, Mrs. Kušar. Bog naj vam da zdravje in sreče, da bi še naprej tako lepo skrbele za društvo.

ANTONIJA ŠUŠTAR, por.

št. 17, WEST ALLIS, WIS.

Na glavni seji v decembru, smo zopet enoglasno izvolile dosedanji izvrstni odbor. Hvala dekleta, da ste vso skrb in delo za Zvezo, tako velikodušno sprejele.

Seja je bila dobro obiskana ter smo uredile mnogo stvari za podružnico in Zvezo. O teh sklepih bomo drugič bolj podrobno poročale. Hvala odboru za okusni lunch, ki so ga servirale po seji in smo tako leto 1975 zaključile v dobrem razpoloženju.

Pogumno glejmo v bodočnost tega leta ter glejmo, da bomo res napredovale vsaj toliko kot smo zadnje leto in pa še veliko več.

Udeležujte se sej, da ukrenemo kar ni bilo mogoče na glavni seji.

Sedaj pa želim vsem bolnim članicam hitrega zdravja ter sestram širom USA blagoslovljeno Novo leto 1976.

MARY MURN.

št. 20, JOLIET, ILL.

Naša seja v dec. je bila zanimiva. Navzoče so bile vse odbornice, razen naše dolgoletne blagajničarke, Jo Sumic, ki še vedno boleha.

Preds. Emma Planinsek je poročala, da smo zopet izgubile dolgoletno članico in vestno delavko pri podr. Anna Mahkovec iz Broadway. Bila je na bolniški listi več let. Vseeno se je vedno zanimala za delovanje podr. Dosegla je lepo starost 88 let in bila je pri polni zavesti do zadnjega. Pri podr. je bila večletna podpredsednica in delavna v vseh ozirih. Za njo žalujejo tri hčerke naše članice in sicer Anne, Helen Dufour in Jo Goran, ki je bila kapitanka več let pri kadetkah

Preminula je vzorna članica



Mrs. Mary Uranich

Članstvo podr. št. 24 je v globoki žalosti prejelo obvestilo, da je dne 2. januarja, 1976 v Orlando, Florida za vedno zatisnila svoje oči zvesta dolgoletna članica, MRS. MARY URANICH. Pogreb se je vršil iz Shimkus-Helmer pogrebnega zavoda v cerkev Sv. Roka. Pogrebne obrede je opravil Rev. Richard Fitzimons na pokopališču St. Vincent.

Blaga pokojnica je bila rojena v vasi Gomela Gora v Sloveniji dne 7.

in jih je privedla do zmage v raznih tekmah ob času konvencij. Vse njene hčerke so bile osebno na tej seji, ko je bil čitan "častni spomin" naši dobri članici in bivši podpreds., Anni Mahkovec. Besedilo v njen spomin je brala Millie Pucel, kar nam je zvalo solze v oči. Preds. pa je zmolila za pokoj njene duše in se zahvalila vsem članicam, ki so jo prišle pokropiti in jo pospremile na zadnji poti. Naj ji sveti večna luč in naj prejme večno plačilo na onem svetu. Pri nas bo pa njeno mesto prazno.

Dalje je bilo poročano, da je že dalje časa bolana Helen Pluth iz Eliz. St., Karolina Gregorich in Jo Sumic. Vsem smo poslale kartice z najboljšimi željami, kar so vse navzoče podpisale.

Dalje se je poslala kartica s čestitkami za 50 letnico Zveze, njeni ustanoviteljici Mrs. Priland, z željo, da ostane še mnogo, mnogo let pri dobrem zdravju.

Taj. prečita pisma in željo za uspeh pri novi kampanji 50 letnice podr. od preds. Mary Bostjan, gl. taj. Fanike Humar in urednice Corinne Leskovar. Vse omenjajo našo prihodnjo konvencijo, ki se bo vršila v maju letos. Državna konvencija za Ill. in Ind. se bo letos vršila v Jolietu.

Članice, ki dolgujete na prispevkih pri podr., se prosí, da poravnate svoje

maja, 1897. Njeni starši so bili Joseph in Mary Borsec Gorenc. Poročila je Johna Uranich in je 55 let živela v LaSalle do njene preselitve v Fla. pred 8 leti.

Za njo žalujejo, mož John, sinova Gerald v Orlando in John iz LaSalle ter 5 hčera: Delores Bruder iz Genoe, Marjorie Strong in Mary Bozik iz Orlando, Theresa Cigolle iz Phoenix, Ariz. ter Antoinette Garcia iz Beverly Hills, Cal. Imela je tudi 20 vnukov in 11 pra-vnukov, eno sestro v La Sallu ter 2 sestre in 2 brata v Sloveniji.

Njen pogreb bo ostal mnogim v nepozabnem spominu. Fr. Fitzimons je imel krasni poslovilni govor. Joseph Piletic in organistka Theresa Rogel Wellner sta pela. Pogrebci so bili: Frank Diamond, Herman Petelin, Joe Lukosus, George, Bob in Larry Uranich. Častne pogrebnece za Slovensko Žensko Zvezo so bile: Nellie Mochnik (podpreds.), Theresa Savnik (taj.-blag.), Mary Piletic (zapis. in por.), Mary Gornik in Emma Shimkus (nadz.) ter Gail Hoffman.

Vsem naj velja prisrčna zahvala vse družine in podružnice.

Naj bo blagi ženi, materi in stari materi lahka ameriška gruda!

Žalujoči soprog John in vsa žalujoča družina naj sprejme naše globoko sožalje.

ČLANSTVO ŠT. 24.

dolgove, da ne bo treba taj. pisati in opominjati.

Taj. Olga Ancel omenja, da bi bilo lepo, da naša podr. plača sliko škofa Barage, ki bo obešena v naši kapelici Mariji Pomagaj in stane le \$60. Poroča, da imajo razna društva svoje napise nad oknom v cerkvi in bi bilo lepo, da bi tudi naša podr. imela svojo sliko. Vse-stransko sprejeto.

Odobri se tudi dar za cerkev v božičnem času v znesku \$25.

Gostiteljice pri sejah bodo to leto: za febr. Mrs. Trautman in Marie Malnerich. Za marec Mary Ivanich in Josephine Mlakar, za april Emma Nosse in Ann Sternisha.

Odbor za leto 1976 je po večini stari z izjemo Jo. Sumic, ki je bila izvoljena za častno blagajničarko in Mary Marolt je nova blag.

Miklavž je obdaril naslednje: Olga Ancel, ki je odklonila darilo, Emma Nosse, Agnes Verbischer, Jonita Ruth, Helen Dufour, Jo Goran, Milli Pucel, Mary Ivanich, Theresa Marentich, Theresa Muhich, Frances Stonich, Jo Erjavec, ki je odklonila darilo in Frances Bottari.

Ob zaključku preds. vošči vsem lepe in zdrave praznike, da se drugo leto zdrave snidemo.

Naš duhovni svetovalec Msgr. M. J. Butala zapriseže novi odbor za leto 1976.

MESEC SV. PISMA

Mesec februar je sv. Cerkev določila za branje sv. pisma. Želi, da se ljudje poslužujejo te knjige zaradi tega, ker je to božja beseda.

Sv. pismo je najbolj razširjena knjiga na svetu. Pravijo, da je prevedena na dva tisoč jezikov in narečij. Če vprašamo, zakaj je ta knjiga najbolj razširjena in čitana, moramo odgovoriti, da zato, ker je življenska knjiga, ki odgovarja na vsa vprašanja človeškega življenja in to v vseh časih. Ni zbirka predpisov ampak knjiga načel, nad vse važnih.

Predvsem postavlja človeka v pravilen odnos do najvišjega bitja, do Boga.

Ta knjiga vsebuje načela, ki so temelj človeškega sožitja, ki urejajo odnose med ljudmi. Je to knjiga, ki daje človeku tolažbo in oporo v trpljenju, v preiskušnjah življenja in zlasti v smrti.

Svojo neizčrpno in večno veljavo in življenjsko močrost ima sv. pismo od tod, ker je božja knjiga, pisana po navdihnjenju sv. Duha. Zato je njena vsebina vedno sodobna, pred tisoč leti enako kakor pred sto leti ali danes.

Središče vseh knjig sv. pisma je Kristus, učlovečena Modrost božja. Sv. pismo. stare zaveze pripravlja nanj,

nova zaveza pa opisuje njegovo življenje, nauk in odrešilno delo.

Sveta naloga širiti božjo besedo čim širšemu krogu bralcev je še posebej nujna danes. Kljub vsemu materialnemu napredku, človek se še vedno bori s starimi problemi, kako urediti svoje življenje za slavo božjo, za dobrobit sočloveka in za zveličanje svoje duše. Nove prestave sv. pisma in nova preureja branja sv. pisma, da človeku večjo možnost za branje sv. pisma in za premišljevanje o njegovi vsebini, o živi božji besedi. Na straneh sv. pisma človek spoznava božji glas in poslušamo poslanico globokega pomena za vsakega izmed nas. V moči sv. pisma sv. Duh širi svojo luč in toplino vsem ljudem, naj se nahajajo v kakršnem koli zgodovinskem ali družabnem položaju.

Katoličani v prejšnjih časih niso bili dovolj prežeti z mislijo kako velikega pomena je sv. pismo. V zadnjem času sv. cerkev zelo želi in močno povdarja potrebo po branju sv. pisma. Misel o branju sv. pisma in njegovi potrebi vedno bolj prodira kakor tudi zavest, da je treba živeti po besedah sv. pisma. Poglobimo še bolj to zavest.

Piknik za otroke bo v juliju na vrtu Olge Ancel.

Seja se zaključila z molitvijo, nakar je bilo postreženo s prigrizkom.

JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC.

št. 21, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Na letni seji so bile izvoljene vse uradnice, ki so vodile podr. doslej. Seje so vsako prvo sredo v mesecu ob 7:30 zvečer v Slovenskem Domu, 4583 W. 130 St. Zasluzna članica za Materniski dan je Marie Stevens, ki je pravkar z možem slavila lepo 45 letnico zakona. Obema prisrčne čestitke in želje, da bi zdrava dočakala 50 letnico. Žal se Marie sedaj nahaja v bolnici, zadela jo je kap, toda se sedaj bolje počuti. V St. John's bolnici se nahaja tudi Josephine Weise, naša častna blagajničarka. Vesele bodo, če jima pošljete kartico.

Naše sožalje Mr. in Mrs. Martin Hosta ob izgubi sina Danny. Enako Christine Lunder, ki žaluje za možem Louis ter Ella Pultz za soprogom Frankom. Naj blagi pokojni počivajo v miru!

Prastara mati je postala Pauline Stepic. Čestitke na vse strani!

Naša preds. Rose Kosko ima dve sestre resno bolne in jima želimo ljubelega zdravlja.

Naše vrle članice so "žene leta" od domov: Marie Pivek za West Park Home in Mary Estanek za Denison Home. Obe zaslužita to priznanje!

Sedaj pa še prijazno opozorilo; če dolgujete za asesment, prosim, da pošljete priloženo kuverto z znamko, da vam tajnica pošlje nazaj knjižico. To je v korist Zveze.

Nastopilo je Novo leto. Želim vsem srečo in zdravje, ki je največje bogastvo.

ANNA JESENKO.

št. 24, LASALLE, ILL.

Drage članice: Na prvi seji v tem letu, smo imele lepo udeležbo. Poročane so bile žalostne novice, da je umrla splošno poznana in priljubljena Mary Uranich. Poslovile smo se od nje z molitvijo in jo pospremimo na zadnji poti. Žalujemočemu možu, otrokom ter bratom in sestram tudi v Sloveniji izrekamo naše iskreno sožalje. Naj blagi pokojnici sveti večna luč.

Preds. Mary Grams bere pismo gl. tajnice Fanike Humar z voščili za uspešno delo naprej. Hvala Faniki in tudi mi želimo, da bi se zdravje njenemu možu izboljšalo. Tudi Olgi Ancel se lepo zahvalimo za njeno lepo sporočilo. Prejele smo paket z listki po 50¢ za lepe dobitek; vse gre v korist podružnice za vsenarodno konvencijo, ki bo v Pittsburghu v maju. Sezite pridno po njih in sreča vas čaka. Oglasite se pri tajnici, ki ima knjige.

Vabljeni ste vse sestre, da pridete v lepem številu na naše seje, ki se vršijo prvo nedeljo v mesecu: febr., marca, aprila in maja, 1976.

Plačajte svoje mesečne prispevke in kupite listke, za kar se Vam že v naprej zahvalimo, da pomagate pri dobri stvari.

Vsem članicam naše Zveze, voščimo srečno, zdravo, mimo in ljubezni polno leto 1976. Morda se v maju vidimo na Zvezini konvenciji v Penna.

Še enkrat vas prosim, da pridete prvo nedeljo v dvorano Sv. Roka ob 2 uri pop. Če vam pa ni mogoče

priti, pa prosim, pošljite tajnici po pošti, da vam ni treba hoditi na njen dom, ker se ne počuti dobro. Hvala za upoštevanje.

Sporočamo, da je morala naša čla. Katarina Spitzmiller zopet v St. Mary's bolnišnico. Želimo njej in vsem, ki bolehajo hitro ozdravljenje.

Še enkrat z našo zahvalo želim vsem mnogo milosti za dobroto in lepo pozdravlja, Vaša.

MICI-MARY PILETIČ.

št. 40, LORAIN, OHIO

Hitro nam je minilo leto, pa smo zopet eno leto starejše.

Pri naši podr. smo imele volitve odbora že v mesecu novembru, ker imamo na decembski seji več stvari za ukrepati. Volitev odbora je šla še kar hitro naprej, toda pri nominaciji za predsednico, se ni nobena hotela prigrasiti. Tako mi ni preostalo drugega, da sem zopet prevzela še za eno leto. Naša podpredsednica mi je obljubila, če bom jaz zadržana, da me bo že ona namestovala in tako je ostal ves prejšnji odbor.

V decembru pa smo imele prav lepo udeležbo članic in tudi naš novi župnik Fr. Paul Krajnik so bili med nami. Imele smo najprej večerjo, potem smo pele božične pesmi in Father so imeli lep nagovor. Najlepša hvala Fathru in vsem, ki ste prišli in vas vabimo še za naprej, da bi večkrat prišli med nas.

Lepa hvala našim kuharicam, ki so nam pripravile dobro večerjo. Enako za dobro kapljico, katero nam je postregala Rosi Černe in tudi vsem, ki so prinesle vsake sorte pecivo, da smo se res odlično imele.

Sedaj pa moram omeniti, da to leto slavimo 50 letnico naše dične Slovenske Ženske Zveze. To je res lepo, da smo že toliko let skupaj, da slišimo ena od druge kako se nam godi. Že 48 let imamo naše glasilo, priljubljeno Zarjo. V vseh teh letih se je že mnogo stvari spremenilo. Ko sem jaz začela, še ni bilo nobenega angleškega dopisa v Zarji, sedaj pa je vedno manj v slovenskem delu. Priporočala bi, da katera zna slovensko, naj le še kaj napiše y naš list.

V tem času ni več med nami mnogo naših dobrih članic, ki so odšle v večnost. Jaz sem začela pri Zvezi leta 1930.

Iskreno sožalje izrekam Mrs. Marie Prislund ob izgubi dobrega moža.

Vsem gl. odbornicam voščim zdravo Novo leto in našim članicam v tem letu dosti zdravja in veselja. Bolnim sestram pa hitro ozdravitev.

AGNES JANCAR,
predsednica.

št. 41, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Pozdrav vsem članicam! Želim vam zdravo in srečno novo leto mnogo veselih rojstnih dnevov in srečni Valentinov dan vsem!

Naše seje se bodo odslej vršile **drugo nedeljo v mesecu**. Upam, da bodo vse članice prišle na prihodnjo sejo in spoznale nove odbornice. Pridite med nas, da bomo vedele, da se zanimamo za društvo.

Prosim, da mi sporočite takoj, kadar menjate naslov. Še nekrat naša prisrčna zahvala vsem malim in velikim angelčkom, ki so pomagali k lepemu uspehu naše 45 letnice. Vaše sodelovanje je dokaz, da vam je podružnica res pri srcu.

Rose Pujzdar je bila izvoljena za Zasluzno mater leta. Čestitke!

Mary Jerman, so-ustanoviteljica št. 18, se je morala podati v bolnišnico. Bila je 3 tedne v Geauga County bolnišnici: Molimo za njeno hitro okrevanje.

Prosim, da pošljete vašo članarino vaši tajnici, Jane Kaplan, da boste prejele točni kredit. Assessment v razredu A je \$7.20 letno, v razredu B je \$10.20 na leto in razred A za nad 75 letne je samo \$3; v razredu B nad 75 letne članice je \$4.80.

Izgubile smo našo 90 letno članico, Frances Kriznik, ki je preminula dne 19. dec. Naj počiva v miru božjem.

Velika zahvala vsem dobrim sestram, ki mi obenem z njihovimi članskimi knjižicami pošljejo tudi **znamke**, ali pa **kuverte s poštnino**.

Naslednje sestre so darovale v našo blagajno: Dorothy Ferra, Mary Perpar, Louise Simoncic in Mary Radell. Prisrčna zahvala vsem za vašo prijaznost.

Daj Bog, da bi bile vse blagoslovljene z dobrim zdravjem vse leto!

JANE KAPLAN, tajnica.

"FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART"

HI BOYS AND GIRLS

"Cupid sent His piercing Dart
Straight into my Beating Heart.
To his Duty always True
Now he flies to Aim at You!"

About the middle of the 18th century, the history of American valentines begins. They were simple sketches, while others were tasteful and artistic.

Prior to the colonial times, fathers were responsible for the marriages of their sons and daughters. In Colonial America boys and girls usually married the mates their parents chose for them. Courtship was mainly polite and chaperoned visits, calls and occasional outings, with parents allowing more freedom to their marriageable children. Old customs were changing and through the 1800's most American girls were free to choose their husbands.

Twelve years ago Regina made her debut this month and during that

first year each of her children were introduced. Our eldest son Joseph was then described as one who "enjoys all outdoor life, which may include baseball and football with his cousins and neighborhood kids, golf, tennis, fishing, canoeing, swimming and water skiing. He is a great fan of every type of sport, rooting loudly for his favorite teams — the Chicago Cubs and Bears. His school days find him greatly preoccupied with his books with Math of special interest. His loves include home, school, music, sweets, peaceful atmosphere and his own room."

Our third daughter Carita was especially remembered in her babyhood for her "prettily dimpled cheeks and her patience in awaiting her turn for attention. Today she is at times an exasperatingly exacting girl — a place for everything and everything in its place. Conscientious and helpful she teases, pouts, appreciates, quarrels and makes up, befriends and loves. An avid reader she mostly enjoys mysteries and biographies. Her aim in life at present is to teach about God. Her favorite pupil is her younger pre-school sister."

The years flew by and our household was busy between the last two Christmas seasons, with a trip to Europe enjoyed in between **two very** important days. The sewing machines stitched up the gowns, invitations and thank-you notes were personally designed, prayers and songs were of their own choosing.

The color schemes of the first wedding were white and dark green, while those of the second were ivory, gold, brown and orange, carried out in the floral arrangements, decorations and even the tablecloths at the reception.

Snow greeted us the morning of Saturday, December, 28, 1974 and ended sometime during the day. At the noon ceremony in the Mount Carmel Chapel, Rev. Victor Lopez officiated at the ceremony of love of Joe and Lupe (from Maria Guadalupe). Members of the wedding party gave the readings. The server was Andy, brother of the groom, organist and flutist were, Rosanne Ruth and Marie Ancel, cousin and sister of the groom, friends of the family were the singers and guitarists, and Judy Mravle was the soloist.

Lupe's dress, hood and long cape were made of a jersey-knit while her bridesmaids wore dark green polyester crepe. All carried white and red no-

QUOTES FROM "QUOTE":

Told by the teacher she should learn a new word every day, the little girl perked up when she heard the word "extinct" on TV. She asked her mother what it meant.

"Well, it's like this," the mother replied. "If all the people in the world disappeared, you could say the human race is extinct."

The daughter thought a moment and then asked, "But who would I say it to?"

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Man blames fate for other accidents, but feels personally responsible when he makes a hole in one.

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A man took his small son to the hospital to see the family's newest arrival. The boy stood in front of the large nursery window and peered in at the babies. Noticing that two of the cribs were empty, he exclaimed, "Look, Daddy, they have two more traps set."

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A chap who spent most of Sunday in front of his TV watching one football game after another finally fell asleep and spent the night in his chair. When his wife arose in the morning, she was afraid that he would be late to work. "Get up, dear," she said. "It's 20 to 7." In an instant, the man was fully awake. "In whose favor?" he asked.

A sample of St. Valentine's work



LUPE and JOE

segays. The bride and groom were escorted to the altar by their parents. Among their attendants were Carita Ancel, sister of the groom and Baldemar Reyes, brother of the bride. The reception in the parish park hall included a visit from Santa Claus and the breaking of a pinata.

A skiing trip to Colorado was followed by residency in Rockdale. The bride returned to classes at Joliet Junior College working toward her goal of a degree in bilingual education. The groom is the chief of Environmental Health for Will County, having received a master's degree in Environmental Engineering from Notre Dame University.

A very warm and sunny day was Saturday, October 11. At the two o'clock Ceremony in St. Joseph's church Carita became the bride of Scott T. Girman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Girman, 8420 Parrish Place, Highland. Assistant pastor Rev. David Stalzer officiated. Her godmother and aunt, Ann Stefanic gave one of the readings, while his godfather and uncle, James Girman gave the other. The bride's cousin Rosanne Ruth was

the organist, her sister the flutist and Joyce Walczak the soloist.

Carie's dress of polyester crepe, bridesmaids dresses of satin-crepe were complemented by baskets filled with artificial colorful fall corn flowers.

The bride and groom were escorted to the altar by their parents. Marie was her sister's maid of honor; bridesmaids included Heidi Girman, sister of the groom and Nadine Ancel Damitz, her older sister. The bridegroom chose Andy Ancel, brother of the bride, as his bestman. Ushers were his Notre Dame classmates including the bride's brother Joe. The reception was held at St. Joseph's park hall.

A delayed honeymoon was a visit to her sister and brother-in-law in

CARITA and SCOTT

Baton Rouge, La. Carie, a Slovenian Women's Union scholarship winner, attended Loyola University and is presently completing her studies at Circle Campus in Chicago. Scott received his master's degree from Notre Dame in Environmental Engineering and is an employee of Greley and Hanson, Consulting Engineers, Chicago. The newlyweds reside in Berwyn.

Our family was not decreased by two but actually it was increased and enriched by fine and loving daughter-in-law and son-in-law and their families. My husband Ed and I pray that God bless our newlyweds with His choicest blessings. And may the peace of Christ dwell always in their hearts and in their homes.

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