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A CORDIAL INVITATION...

*We extend a most cordial invitation to the members and friends of
Zveza to join us in commemorating our first*

Slovenian Heritage Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1977

JOLIET, ILLINOIS

Hostess: Br. 20 in observance of their 50th Anniversary

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Heritage Day represents a relevant and important contribution to the identification of our nationality in the national sense and for the personal fulfillment of each individual.

"Be a Proud Slovenian!"

is our motto — and we hope to see you there to show your colors!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JUNE

NATIONAL OFFICERS:

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June 8 — Jane Kaplan, Br. 41, Cleveland, Ohio

June 17 — Christine Meyer, Br. 86, Nashwauk, Minn.

June 22 — Johanna Bole, Br. 105, Detroit, Mich.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 12 — SLOVENIAN HERITAGE DAY, Joliet, Ill.

JUNE 19 — NATIONALITY DAY, Community Park, Br. 59, Burgettstown, Pa.

JUNE 26 — COMUNION BREAKFAST, Br. 50, Cleveland Ohio

JUNE 26 — GAMES PARTY, Br. 96, Universal, Pa.

OCT. 2 — ILLINOIS-INDIANA STATE CONVENTION, Br. 22, Bradley, Ill.

OCT. 9 — COLORADO STATE CONVENTION, Br. 3, Pueblo, Colo. (date changed from June 26th)

JUNIORS WILL DANCE!

The Youth Board was very happy to learn that the juniors of Br. 41 are going to hold a Junior Dance. Isn't this a wonderful way to get acquainted? Many things can happen after an affair like this. Follow up on all reports of Junior Activities of Sheboygan, Br. 1. If they have a successful affair, your branch can too. Of course, this involves parents also, because the juniors are just getting started and need lots of advice and help. I hear that Br. 2 in Chicago is planning a similar social affair.

Busy juniors and young adults never have time to let anyone get them into trouble — because they work along with good people who have only their best interests in mind. The S.W.U. is just the organization who wants to help all our members, young or old.

Write to the Youth Board, You have our address:

Youth Board Directors
c/o Frances Sietz
26520 White Way Dr. 217 F
Richmond Hgts., Ohio 44143

Will we hear from you?

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"PEN PALS"! FOR YOU!

This month, let's talk about our domestic pets. It's known that all over the world children love animals and birds.

Do you have a dog or cat or canary? How do you take care of your pets? Do you see to it that your pets have enough water and food? Are you kind to them?

Answer these four questions and send in the answers to the Pen Pal Club, c/o Editor of Zarja, 2032 W. Cermak Rd., Chicago, Ill. 60608. We hope to hear some fine reports from our Juniors about their pets. Who will respond the most, the boys or the girls? Let's hope you send in a nice letter for the Junior Page. Be sure you write to the Editor before July 1st.

Lots of luck and love to all our Juniors. Your Youth Board of S.W.U.

LET'S SPRING
AHEAD

WITH NEW MEMBERSHIPS!

President's Message // MARY BOSTIAN

June is a beautiful month. It brings us many significant celebrations, very interesting for the young and the old who look upon it with remembrances. Graduates receive acknowledgement for all their hard work and the proud parents join them with happiness. The boys and girls eagerly prepare for the prom or whatever social activity ends the school year. My best wishes and best of luck for a good future to each and everyone. No doubt some will be deserved scholarship winners.

I want to congratulate the individual winners and top branches of the Young at Heart Membership Campaign and all other hard workers who help with whatever is needed to keep our branches growing. My dear members, every bit counts. I want to assure you that it's important you not stop in this activity. We need replacements to keep our organization strong. Our new campaign is now on and it's called "LET'S SPRING AHEAD" to give you the idea that we are moving toward bigger and greater things.

Next months of July and August will be vacation times and many will go on tours as usual. I wish you all good luck and an enjoyable time. You will receive your ZARJA in one combined issue, July and August. Then comes September, and all the activities will again begin with renewed energy. Many branches will host the State meetings and some of our pioneer groups will be observing their Golden Anniversaries. Congratulations.

I wonder how many of you are enjoying reading the IMMIGRANT stories in our ZARJA. This is the true story of our people and how hard it was for them in the old days. I think it is especially valuable for the young people to read and then realize what times were like for our grandparents. It's not like today when you just go out and buy what your heart desires.

Thank God we have all these things.

I want to thank all the branches that have mailed in donations for the ZARJA Fund. Our Editor reported that several branches did this. Also we appreciate advertisements that can be made on a yearly basis or just one time. I know you all look forward to receiving your ZARJA each month and your help in financing it, is extremely welcome.

I want to remind you about the beautiful Ritual that Mrs. Prisland had in the Sept. 1976 issue which is to be used on those special occasions during the 50th anniversary celebrations of our branches. On June 21st Mrs. Prisland will have another birthday and one which we all join in wishing will be repeated many more times. God bless you, Mrs. Prisland, and keep you in His love.



Portrait of Marie Prisland was unveiled at the Home Office Grand Opening in March. This month, Mrs. Prisland celebrates her birthday on the 21st. We wish her all the blessings and love that come with a life of dedication to family, church and nationality.

On June 12th we hope to have the pleasure of seeing you all at Joliet for the first Slovenian Heritage Day of the S.W.U. I hope this will be another red-letter day for our organization and thank all who will participate.

A Happy Birthday to all celebrating this month and a speedy recovery to those who are ailing.

In conclusion, may I remind you that this is the half-year mark and secretaries will be anxious if your dues are not up to date. Take care of this at your earliest convenience.

Prize List For Midwest Bowling Tournament, March 26-27, 1977

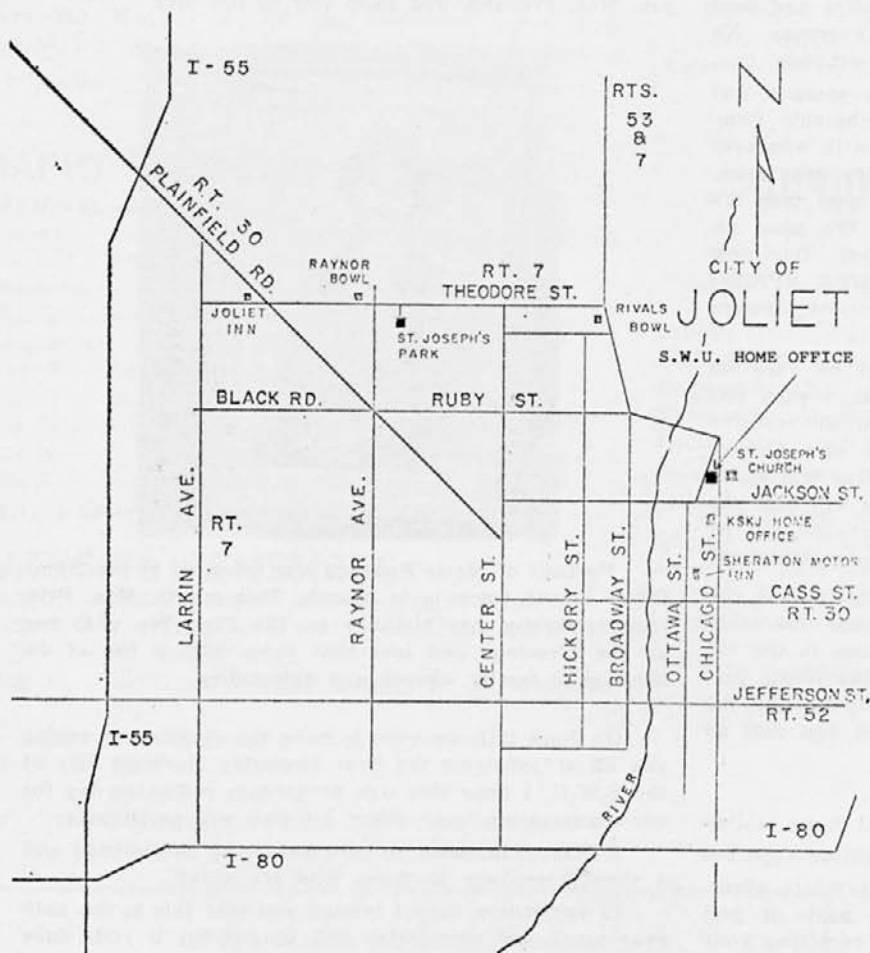
TEAMS										
1	Oglesby 89ers	Oglesby	2662	\$80.00 & trophies	4	Helen Fitzgerald	Chgo.	621	9.00	
2	Zefran Funeral H.	Chicago	2652	75.00	5	Judy Derlinga	Joliet	619	8.00	
3	Card Sharks	West Allis	2642	65.00	6	Pat Kitt	W. Allis	599	7.00	
4	S.W.U. Br. 2 Team 1	Chicago	2627	60.00	7	Helen Ruthenberg	W.A.	585	6.20	
DOUBLES										
1	Helen Fitzgerald		585		8	Kay Gasperic	W. Allis	573	6.00	
	Stella Gorka	Chicago	602	1187	25.00 & trophies	9	Lil Putzell	Chicago	571	5.00
2	Gen Kochevar		568		10	Marion Marolt	W. Allis	568	5.00	
	Vicki Bernickas	Joliet	581	1149	18.00	ALL EVENTS				
3	Toni Brant		569		1	Marge Gawlik	W. Allis	1809	14.00 & trophy	
	Lil Putzell	Chicago	574	1143	15.00	2	Julie Omahne	W. Allis	1788	13.00
4	Elsie Statkus		557		3	Marion Marolt	W. Allis	1769	12.00	
	Ann Vucko	Chicago	557	1114	13.00	4	Helen Fitzgerald	Chgo.	1758	11.00
5	Julie Omahne		581		5	Toni Brant	Chicago	1704	10.00	
	Janet Oman	West Allis	529	1110	12.20	6	Alice Salvino	Chicago	1694	8.00
SINGLES										
1	Marge Gawlik	W. Allis	716	14.00 & trophy	7	Ann Vucko	Chicago	1684	7.50	
2	Ann Gasperic	W. Allis	626	12.00	8	Barb Jacobowski	Chgo.	1684	7.50	
3	Julie Omahne	W. Allis	625	11.00	9	Stell Gorka	Chicago	1678	6.00	
					10	Elsie Statkus	Chicago	1672	5.00	

LIL PUTZEL
Secy Midwest Bowling Association

Slovenian Heritage Day Program

at St. Joseph's Park, Raynor & Theodore St., Joliet, Ill.

HOW TO GET TO JOLIET!



Opening Ceremonies:

Post of the Flags by the Color Guard of the American Legion, Post, 1080 with National Anthem sung by Helen Završnik.

Live Radio Broadcast at Noon over Radio Station WTAQ, 1300 kc. "Eddie Arnez Polka Program" featuring our guests:

FRANKIE YANKOVIC

ROMAN POSSEDI

RON KRAMERICH

KEN JURICIC

JANEZ ARKO

CHICAGO BUTTON
BOX BAND!

Continuous Program All Day:

LECTURE AND MOVIES BY: Slovenian Research Center of Cleveland, Ohio, Prof. & Mrs. Edie Gobetz; Stan Sustersic of Washington, D.C. and Joseph Zelle of Cleveland, Ohio and Kollander World Travel of Cleveland, Ohio.

INDIVIDUAL ENTERTAINERS and GROUPS: Slovenian Women's Union Baton Twirlers of Cleveland, France Preseren Singing Society of Chicago, Slovenian American Radio Club Folk Dancers of Chicago, St. Joseph's Slovenian School Children of Joliet, Slovenian Folk Dancers of Joliet, also, musicians: Benny Papesh, Frank Kovacic, Jimmy Mutz, Gary Nosse, Clare Yaggy, Tony Stimec!

DISPLAY BOOTHS BY: Branches 2, Chicago and 16, South Chicago, also Mmes. Emilija Razman-Bucik, Mary Foy's Lauretig, Frances Jasbec, Gizella Hozian, American Slovenian Catholic Union, Bishop Baraga Association, Kollander World Travel, Chicago Button Box Company, and Slovenian Arts and Crafts by members of Br. 20, Joliet.

FAVORITE SLOVENIAN FOODS:

Barbequed Lamb and Pig will be ready at noon — sandwiches of Slovenian klobase and barbequed beef, also, Walnut, Cheese and Apple Potica!

Games, Prizes, Something for Everyone!

And you will be able to buy Slovenian books, records, cookbooks, wine, souvenirs!

General Chairman: Irene Planinsek Odorizzi, S.W.U. Cultrual Heritage Officer; Co-ordinating Chairman, Rev. David Stalzer, Asst. Pastor of St. Joseph's Church assisted by officers and members of Br. 20 and S.W.U. Home Office.

PARTICIPANTS

MAKING IT
A GREAT
DAY!

The Ambassador of Slovenian Good Will in Cleveland, Tony Petkovsek heads the United Slovene Societies there and promotes cultural and community events on his daily radio program which emanates from his studio in the Kollander World Travel building on Cleveland's east side. Tony will bring Kollander's beautiful movie travelogue of Slovenia to Joliet and distribute information on vacation travel.



Tony is usually surrounded by beautiful girls and here he is with one, Mary Vorisek, a former S.W.U. Debutante and co-emcee with Tony at last year's Deb Ball in Cleveland. Mary is a surgical nurse in a Cleveland hospital.



WINE-MAKING DEMONSTRATION

MRS. HERMINE DICKE of Madison, Wisconsin and Mr. Ralph Pesh of Joliet will be on hand to explain the ways and means of home wine making, a favorite and very popular tradition among Slovenians the world over.



JOE UMECK

Founder of the Chicago group and former National S.N.P.J. National Secretary, Joe is one of the best button box experts in the country.

HANDWORK SKILLS

Members of the Joliet and Chicago areas who are skilled in handwork such as spinning thread, making bobbin lace and other laces, sewing, knitting and crocheting will bring their work for exhibit and are prepared to demonstrate these arts.



FRANCES JASBEC

Afghans and rugs are the specialties of Frances Jasbec, member of Br. 2 Chicago who will display some of her prized work at the Heritage Day Pavillion. The piece she is shown working on is a masterpiece garden design of colorful flowers.

SLIDES BY SUSTERSIC

Beautiful color slides of Slovenia will be shown by Stane Sustersic of Washington D.C., a director of the Voice of America broadcasts, Slovenian section. His showing will be a delightful addition to the Heritage Day program and educational and entertaining for all.

He is formerly from Girard, Ohio and plans to retire to Fontana, Cal. this year.

EMILIJA RAZMAN BUCIK

One of the most talented artists in the midwest, Emilija has generously allowed many of her paintings to grace the walls of the Home Office. Her portrait of Bishop Baraga was commissioned by St. Joseph's church last year. Her latest is the oil painting of Mrs. Marie Priland in Zveza's Home Office.

MARY FOYS LAURETIG

Another Chicago area artist is Mary F. Lauretig of Br. 2 who has delightful miniatures and Slovenian motifs in oil, water-color and pen that will be shown June 12th in Joliet.



RAY PODBOY

Ray is one of the members of the Slovenian Button Box ensemble recently winning the Men's Division in the contest held in Waukegan, Ill. attended by button box players from all over the U.S. Ray will also explain the unique features of the harmonika at the Slovenian Heritage Festival on June 12th.

THE IMMIGRANT

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Mitzi from Jesenice

I'm not going to tell my whole life story because I am old, already in my 90s, and to go back that far would take more pieces of paper than you have and more words than anyone would care to read. The part of my life which is the most vivid, centers around the early days in America when we immigrants worked very hard to get on our feet and make a living for ourselves and our families. That was the time the canal was being deepened and widened. We called it "the canal," but it really was the Desplaines River and it was quite important because it flowed into the Illinois River, and then on to the Mississippi. They wanted to make it deeper and bigger in order that more barges could go through the waterway, and so the men began to dig by hand. Can you imagine what that was like? They came home at night so dirty and exhausted; each man earned every cent that he made on that job.

"Digging the canal" was an around-the-clock job, with most of the digging being performed by the immigrants. There were two shifts, each twelve hours, seven days a week. Word got around about the jobs that were available and Slovenian men came from all over, even other states, to work on the canal. Men who were single or without their families needed lodging, so Boarding Houses sprang up quickly, especially among the immigrants. They became a "life saver" not only for me, but for many large families. Slovenian boarding houses also helped the single girls and men, newly arrived in America, who needed lodging and preferred to live in a home and eat food with which they were familiar.

I started taking in boarders by fixing up the large attic room. We put in three double beds, table, chest of drawers, and a small closet. The boarders also received laundry service and, if I say so myself, good home-cooked meals, from noodle soup to strudel, along with a lunch pail for work.

Mike, my husband, didn't have any trouble renting the rooms to four single young men from Kansas. They were nice fellows and talked about what nice arrangements they had at our house. Pretty soon four other men came who worked the night shift, and within a month I had ten star boarders using the big attic room. The beds were always in use and hardly had time to cool off, before they were used again. We didn't have to worry about what would happen on weekends with only three beds and 10 men, because the men worked every day of the week. Our house was small for fourteen people. There were four rooms downstairs — a kitchen, work room, and two bedrooms for my family. The big room upstairs was for the ten boarders.

Along with my own family of four, plus the ten boarders, I was cooking two big meals every day, and

filling eleven lunch pails, seven days a week. Then there was washing by hand, ironing, and cleaning for fourteen people. My two girls had to help before they went to school in the morning. When they came home in the afternoon, they put on work clothes and began to carry pails of water, from the hand pump which was located one block away and shared by all the neighbors. Every day the girls carried many, many pails of water for cooking, bathing, washing clothes, and drinking. It was a never ending job along with washing and drying breakfast and dinner dishes, helping with the laundry, and cleaning house. They complained because they didn't have



The care-worn face of an immigrant woman — like so many who have left a proud legacy to their succeeding generations.

any free time to play, but we needed the money to get ahead, and I couldn't do the work alone. When my girls graduated from grade school, they went to work in the Match Factory which was about a half-mile from our home, but they still helped with the boarders when they came home from work.

My day began at four o'clock in the morning, preparing breakfast and lunch pails for the men on the day shift. The aluminum buckets were two leveled, similar to a double boiler with a carrying handle on the top. Liquid was poured directly into the bottom of the pail, and food was kept in the top part. The men usually took tea or coffee to work, but before returning home, they would stop at the tavern and fill the pail with cold draft beer to drink with their dinner.

The men worked at hard physical labor and required three substantial meals each day. Breakfast was usually composed of a meal like polenta, liver stew, bread and coffee. Pork chops, ham or cheese, along with fruit and bread were usually lunch pail offerings. Cooking was a full time job in itself.

When we bought potatoes, flour or corn meal, it was usually in one hundred pound cloth sacks. The material was later washed, boiled, and sewn into slips, aprons, or dish cloths. A sack of potatoes cost about \$2.00. Cabbage was purchased for sauerkraut at two cents per pound and also in hundred pound lots. During the fall, we bought four or five bushels of turnips, cleaned, shredded and prepared them like sauerkraut. Farmers brought eggs into town, but many ladies had a few chickens cooped in the backyard for their daily needs. Smoked meat, sausages, soup, and beans were staples for the daily diet and were supplemented by other vegetables from the garden during the summer months.

When the day shift left for work, I started dinner for the men on the night shift, who would be coming home about 6:30 A.M. Then during the day came cleaning, mending, ironing, and washing, mostly dirty work clothes. By 4:00 P.M. it was time to prepare breakfast and lunch pails for the night shift who were beginning to awake. When the day crew came home, dinner was on the table.

Late evening hours were spent in baking bread. I would set the alarm clock, and sleep in the rocker next to the stove until the alarm rang, signaling me that the loaves were baked and ready to take out of the oven.

Washing clothes was hard work, with tubs of water, wringer, scrubbing board, and huge copper kettle for boiling the whites. During the winter we usually hung clothes to dry in the kitchen because the room was warmed by the cooking stove and they would dry more quickly in the kitchen than out of doors or in the basement. During warm months, the long lines of shirts, overalls, long johns, and socks waved in the summer breeze.

Sundays were a little more special. Somehow we ladies managed to walk two miles back and forth to church for the early Mass, saving the five cents it would have cost for streetcar fare. Before I reached the church, a large group of people were walking together and talk-

ing. This was especially good in the wintertime because most of the women went to the first Mass and it was still dark at that early hour. After church services, we would come home, take off our Sunday dresses, and start cooking. The men usually stayed home with the children and went to a later service.

In the afternoon, the boarders pooled their money and bought a "pony keg" of beer (about 4 gallons) which was delivered to the house and shared by everyone. Someone would have a button accordion and there was music and singing to help us forget our problems. We still wanted to remember the homeland. This country was only temporary for us; a place where we would work hard, save our money, and return to Slovenia in better financial state than when we left. There we could buy a home or a farm and resume a life which was started years before. But that's not the way it happened, because the majority of us stayed in America, bought homes, raised our families here, and before we knew it, we were calling the United States our home and Slovenia the "old" country.

I think that I remember those days the most because they were the busiest and the hardest ones. We put so much of our bodies and souls into living, that the memory of these early days could never be forgotten. Every day it was work, work, and more work. Never a vacation and very little sleep. Now everything is good. Hard years and boarders are only faded memories. The house has been paid for, and my husband and I have been retired for about twenty years. We are very old and know that now our days are numbered. We can't think ahead to the number of years which still remain, but are content to live each day as it comes. Our girls are married and we have the lives and the success of our grandchildren and great grandchildren to enjoy.

When I look back now, I wonder how we immigrants ever managed in those early days. Then I realize that we were able to suffer those hardships because we knew we had to stay. There was no future for us back home, only here in America. Thank God that we stayed!

—End—

NOTE TO ALL READERS:

Do you have a wedding picture of your parents? Grandparents? Would you like to have it published in ZARJA along with a special IMMIGRANT story highlighting the traditional wedding ceremonies?

Send the picture to Irene Odorizzi and after printing, it will be returned to you.

Additional stories are also requested for future articles. Don't wait to submit the interesting experiences of our immigrants. Mail them in or give them to me at the SLOVENIAN HERITAGE DAY festivities in Joliet on June 12th.

IRENE ODORIZZI
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Reston, Va, 22091

LET'S SPRING AHEAD!
And enroll new members in the Slovenian Women's Union
Campaign closes this month!

DAUGHTER'S CHOICE // Rev, Claude Okorn, O.F.M.

Nowadays the family unit is not as tied up as it used to be. Most of the families pursue the secular train of thought educating their children. Parents inspire their children to look for the most profitable profession in life. There is hardly any religious motivation any more. If a child desires to choose the religious profession, it is terribly opposed by the other members of the family. They try to put all kinds of obstacles on the road to religious profession. They try to block the decision of a young person if at all possible. Seldom you will find a family cooperating or encouraging the young men and women to pursue their profession and the desire of their hearts.

The following letter will show the proper sentiments and guidance in regard to the religious profession of a girl.

Dear Dianne:

You wanted to know how I and your mother felt. You told us you wanted to enter the convent. I think we were both pleased and surprised. We were not quite sure that we should approve. Mom and I talked it over, because we were not sure if we should encourage you or hold you back. It is not that we objected to your wanting to be a Sister. It was just that you were so young. How could you know your own mind? How could we be sure this wasn't just a girl's fancy that you would soon outgrow as most girls outgrow their dreams of being a cowgirl or an actress? It somehow didn't seem right to disrupt our family life and send you off to school, if in a year or two you would change your mind. If God is really calling you how can we possibly stand in your way? How could we face you, or more important, how could we face God, if we held you back and knew we have caused you to lose your vocation?

There was only one answer. You would have the chance to make that choice yourself.

So, now you are in school, Mom and I can only pray

that you will make the right decision. Only you and God can really decide, you know.

We would be very happy, if one of our girls actually did become a Sister. And, yet if you finally decide that God is not calling you, do not feel that you are letting us down or that you are a failure. God chooses whom He will, and we cannot question His will.

Remember, wherever you are, you will always be in our prayers.

Love,
Dad.

Fathers do have a great responsibility even though we seldom realize that. For their day may God bless them with special blessings.



Fr. Claude, followed by Msgr. M.J. Butala of St. Joseph's church pass through the crowd at the new Home Office during the Blessing Ceremonies in March. Our Youth Director, Fran Sietz is seen center left.



The beautiful Slovenian National Costume added color and distinction to the S.W.U. Grand Opening program. They were worn by National Vice-President Nežka Gaber, Br. 20 Vice-President Millie Pucel, and Editor, Corinne Leskovar seen here with National Auditor Anne M. Kompare, right. In the background are Mrs. Emma Kucic, member of Br. 16 and wife of the National President of KSKJ, left, and Dr. Ludwig A. Leskovar, Director of the Slovenian Radio Hour of Chicago, center.

ACTIVITIES

NO. 2, CHICAGO, ILL.

We honored our Mother of the Year last month by attending evening Mass with more than 100 members present. Our honoree: Kate Tuzak was accompanied by husband John and all of her children and grandchildren. It was a very moving time.

At the party later, we honored 12 of our 75 year old members (1976-1977) who were present, with gifts and congratulations. It was an evening of awards and surprises. The Committee also gifted the mother with the most children: Lil Putzell; most grandchildren: Irene Carter and Wanda Gurtowski; and most great-grandchildren: Ursula Krzysnik. Frances Zibert was honored for her many good-will missions on our behalf. Yours truly was also pleasantly surprised. Many, many members donated cakes and prizes for our games. Even plants on the tables, also donated, were given away as prizes. God love you.

GOOD NEWS!

At the beginning of May, secretarial and campaign award checks were sent. The 1976 checks for the secretaries were issued thus: 5¢ per member if the total membership as of December 31, 1976 decreased since the close of the preceding year and 10¢ per member if the total remained the same or increased. It was disheartening to have many secretaries lose their full award because of the loss of one member. Please cash all checks right away!

During the present campaign you could help your secretary to a full or better annual award by enrolling new members in your branch. Give it a try!

Writing out larger campaign award checks would be a joy. Therefore, I urge the members of small, medium and large-sized branches to enroll a few new members thus contributing to the happiness of the secretaries.

With the checks, the secretaries received from the Joliet Slovenian Heritage Day Committee tickets to help get the show of June 12 "on the road". Five prizes donated ought to be an inducement to purchase and sell them:

\$50.00 bond, a gift from Mrs. Marie Prisland

A large colorful afghan made by Mrs. Emma Planinsek

A lovely warm stole made by Mary Ivanich

A cuddly and prettily decorated pillow made by Mrs. Marie Malnerick

A beautiful ceramic owl nite-lite made by Mrs. Frances Bottari.

So, if you'll be unable to be come to Joliet on the 12th, by way of the tickets you will be a part of the day. Good luck!

OLGA ANCEL

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP, DUES AND BENEFITS

AGE	MONTHLY DUES	DEATH BENEFIT
CLASS A 14 yrs up to 51 yrs	55¢	\$100.00
CLASS B 14 yrs up to 61 yrs	80¢	14—30 yrs \$300.00
		31—40 yrs 250.00
		41—45 yrs 200.00
		46—56 yrs 150.00
		57—60 yrs 100.00
JUNIORS Birth to 18 years	10¢	\$100.00
A Junior member may join the adult group at 14 in either Class A or B, but may remain a junior up to 25 years of age.		
A junior member may transfer to the Adult Department and acquire the rights of an adult member when she attains the age of 14 years. She will not be obligated to pay any assessment for two (2) years after her transfer if she has been a member in good standing since birth, or for one (1) year if she has been a member in good standing for at least 10 years.		
75 Yr A 75 years to death	20¢	Death benefit same as at time of admission
75 Yr B 75 years to death	35¢	Death benefit same as at time of admission
SOCIAL 61 years and over	40¢	ZARJA Only — No Death Benefit

Our annual Zveza Day (July 17th) is approaching, therefore, we will make our plans at the June meeting. Please come and reassure us of your help. This is our BIG day and we will need everyone's co-operation.

Vacation time is approaching. Send us a card so that we may know what wonderful places you are visiting. Dreaming is half the fun.

Best wishes to our ailing members — we shall pray for your good health. Till next month...

MAYME MULLER

NO. 12, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Our April meeting certainly was a joy as we had our largest attendance to date this year and it certainly does please all the officers to see such loyalty and interest. Let's all keep it up!

Mrs. Plesko led us in our opening prayers in Slovenian and after the

ATTEND ZVEZA DAY IN LEMONT, ILL.

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1977

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roll call of officers, we proceeded with reports, this time leaving mine for the end as I had the extra report of our card party to give. It was well received by all.

CARD PARTY REPORT

It really is very gratifying to have the usual faithful donors. Strudels were baked by Olga Fredericks, Marie Brekkan and Mrs. Plesko, a carrot cake by Christine Bojance, doughnuts by Mrs. Potisk, Mrs. Ruppee and Mrs. Skusik which all helped to swell the Kitchen income. Brandy was donated by Stavia Dobersek, Mary Starich and Julia Pesec. This was used

for the bar and games, also bringing in a good income. Prizes for tables as well as door prizes were donated by Marie Brekkan, Olga Fredericks, Mary Starich, Sophie Stampfel, Mrs. White, Mrs. Udovich and Agnes Morrow as well as Jo Wilhelm and Stavia, of course!

With all these generous people, how could we miss having a successful party?

Not only do these women give a lot of their generosity but they keep their husbands working for us, especially Matt Dobersek who always takes over the bar for us while the

GOLDEN JUBILEE!

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Br. 10 of Slovenian Women's Union of America celebrated their Golden Anniversary on Sunday, March 27, 1977. Our branch was organized March 8, 1927 by Mary Glavan, Mary Sluga, Angela Orazem, Michaela Avsinl, Margareta Hafner, Michaela Rovere, Frances Valentic, Mary Vilar, Frances Snyder and Mary Babudar.

Our day was a very happy and memorable one. We celebrated this occasion with a High Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's church in Collinwood. About 100 ladies were present as we all marched into our pews decorated by golden bows. National President, Mary Bostian, National Youth Advisor, Frances Sietz, led us down the aisle. The celebrant of the mass was Father Louis Bratina, S.J. a Missionary Priest from Ajdovščina, Slovenia. The mass was for all our charter members who are no longer with us, all our departed members and all our living members.

The Banquet started at 4 o'clock at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave. We had 425 guests and members present. Our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Victor Tomc gave the invocation. A delicious meal was prepared by cook, Mrs. Julie Zalar and her staff.

The Program began with a beautiful performance by Carolyn Budan, singing the National Anthem. She was accompanied by Don and Rose Slogar, accordion and bass. She later returned to lend her splendid voice to a few more songs.

The Ritual by our Honorary President, Marie Prislant, Founder of the S.W.U. of America, was next in line. In it the past, present and future were given focus. The readings were by Sophie Magayna, Frances Zagar Vice-President of Br. 10 and Ann Markovich, president for 16 years. As each one of us lighted our candles, there was a quiet moment thru the hall. It was beautiful to see and we received a round of applause. It was really something nice for everyone to reflect for a moment on this grand anniversary.

President, Ann Markovich welcomed everyone in Slovenian. She introduced the 50 year members, 12 of them whom we were honoring that day. They are: Jennie Russ, Steffie Konclija, Bertha Colograss, Rose Bizily, Mary Avsec, Alice Struna, Jennie Batich, Louise Cebular, Frances Braddock, Kristina Cebon, Mary Zallar, Frances Martich. The last three ladies were not present because of sickness.

We were honored to have with us Mary Bostian, National President, as our guest speaker. She spoke for the National Board and later on presented gifts to all

our 50 years members from our organization. We extend our thanks to both National Officers present.

We also wish to extend a sincere "thank you" for the congratulatory cards and messages received from Marie Prislant, Honorary President, a beautiful letter from St. Clair Savings and Loan Association, E. 185th St. Branch, the Dawn Choral Group, 3rd National Auditor, Marion Marolt, Past National Vice-President, Marie A. Floryan, Combined Branches of Cleveland, plus individual cards from Branches 14, 32, 42, and 50. Thanks to Hon. State President, Ann Pachak of Pueblo, Colo.

We were very happy to see so many members with their husbands from the different branches with us. When I called on them, they all stood up. Present branches were 14, 21, 25, 32, 41, 47 and 50, and, of course, our own members of Br. 10. Thanks to all of you for making our anniversary such a success.

We had a beautiful 6 ft. golden cross made by Frances Sietz for a memorial to all departed charter members and those who have passed on these past 50 years. Two of our Golden Members held the cross on each side, Rose Bizily and Bertha Colograss. We also want to thank Frances and our two ladies, Fr. Tomc did us the honors with his prayers at this time. Thanks, Father.

Mitzi Globokar and Rosemary Marn of the Dawn Choral Club accompanied by accordion virtuoso, Vince Globokar, harmonized magnificently and drew a standing ovation. The superb male quartette SLOVAN, with Frank Ivancic, Matt Dolenc, Richie Strle and Joseph Penko outdid themselves with perfect harmonizing to the delight of each person in attendance. We want to thank Mr. Ivan Rigler, director of SLOVAN singing society for sending us the quartette and many thanks to the four singers. They are tops!

To help make everyone happy, Mary Kokal and I sang a cute comical Slovenian song which everyone enjoyed. Thanks, Mary, for the "Rožmarin in Nageljček."

Last but not least, thanks to Carole Traven for her work in making our signs and Frances Sietz for helping with the decorating. Thanks to our president, Ann Markovich for all the help and to our hostesses for their good work.

As our anniversary came to the end we enjoyed the lovely music of Duke Marsic and his "Veseli Slovenci" orchestra. It was a day for good feelings, good food, lovely program, excellent music and wonderful memories.

SOPHIE MAGAYNA,
Chairman

others set up and are graciously willing to help wherever needed for which we really are grateful. Thank you all!

If I missed anyone, I'm sorry as it's not intentional. I try not to miss anyone but I can't always be on the ball, as I have to keep my mind on the tickets and money.

We had several cash donations, but I was asked not to mention them so I must not break my promise. But, we do appreciate all the donations and help given us. It makes all the planning and chasing worthwhile and it proves to the officers what a genial, generous and willing group of members we have, proving again that the Slovenian spirit is still there.

The coming State Convention was reported on, but we still have work to do for that!

Heritage Day on June 12th at St. Joe's Park in Joliet, Ill, was suggested as being of our projects and we are seriously thinking of having this as our bus trip for the year, so anyone interested and not at the meeting must get in touch with your officers as we would like to get a bus full. I'm sure there will be enough for anyone to see as well as meeting our sister members from other branches and perhaps meeting more new ones. So, let's all get in the spirit and if you have anything to contribute, please don't hesitate!

The meeting ended with prayers in

English by President, Jo Wilhelm and we added another prayer for Angeline Pipan who is on the sick list and whom we all missed at the meeting. Remember her and anyone else you know who may be on the mend. It was good to see Fannie Seston back with us again, too, as she had several problems after her fall. Speedy recovery to all.

Once more, the twins, Jo and Anne, set a pleasing table but because of the large attendance, we had to add tables. The luncheon again was a good one with sausage, jello, potatoe salad, bean salad, as well as strudel and cake, donated by Olga, Stavia, Mary Starich and Sophie Stampfel and the doughnuts left from the card

PIONEER BRANCH 10 CELEBRATES A GREAT DAY!



Left to right, Rose Bizley (50 year member), Frances Zagar (vice-president), Ann Markovic, president, and Fr. Victor N. Tomc, Spiritual Advisor, enjoy a sumptuous meal prepared by Julie Zalar.



SOPHIE MAGAYNA, secretary of Branch No. 10 read telegrams of congratulations and was master of ceremonies. She was also chairman of the event.



MEMORIAL TRIBUTE: A prayer and song were said and sung for deceased members of Branch 10. Fr. Victor Tomc makes the sign of the cross and Mary Kokal lends her magnificent voice to the occasion, while Rose Bizily helps hold the cross. At right is national president, Mary Bostian.



YOUTH BOARD: Present and enjoying the festivities of the golden anniversary were (left to right) Jane Kaplan, president of the Youth Board, Madeline Debevec, publicity chairman, and Frances Sletz, national youth committee advisor. (Photos by Jim Debevec).

Party. How can one diet? With all this going on, I missed the birthday girls. I know we sang Happy Birthday or was it the wine???

We just couldn't end without the usual games especially with the good crowd.

God love you all.

MARY DEZMAN

NO. 14, EUCLID, OHIO

Our May meeting was a very well attended. This was to honor our Mother of the Year and also our three month birthday party.

The minutes were read and secretary and treasurer reports; the sunshine committee reported that they visited our ill members, namely, Mrs. Meklin and Eileen Collins.

Also on the sick list are Mrs. Koljat, who broke her arm and Marlene Fitzthum who had surgery recently. Mary Fakult's mother is also ill. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

After all the reports were made our president, Pauline Krall presented our Mother of the Year, Mollie Legat, a beautiful corsage of carnations. Mrs. Legat is one of our charter members and a very good member. Congratulations.

On May 28, 1977, Mrs. & Mrs. Mike Cesar celebrated their 50th. Wedding Anniversary. Mrs. Pauline Cesar was an officer of Br. 14 for a number of years. Congratulations and God Bless you both for many more years of wedded bliss.

A loaf of homemade bread (made

by Mrs. Baron) went to a lucky winner, Frances Plut, one of our excellent kitchen committee ladies.

Our meeting was a short one because our kitchen committee had a delicious luncheon ready for us. Vera Bajec roasted the fresh ham, it was very tasty. Thank you to the members who brought the bean salads, cole slaw, molded jello salad, liquid refreshments and the pastries for dessert. We sang "Happy Birthday" to the members who had birthdays during the last three months. We even played our "social" games after the tables were cleared. The luckiest lady of the evening was Mrs. Zuzek who won three times.

ANTOINETTE ZABUKOVEC,
Reporter

Brullas of Sheboygan enjoy tea time



Traditional Slovenian treats, pink tea, potica and apple strudel, were among the goodies served at the International Festival in Sheboygan, Wisconsin April 3rd at Lakeland College.

Members of the Slovenian Women's Union br. 1 prepared the baked goods for the Slovenian booth.

Mr. Joe Brulla graciously made the "pink tea" which was a big hit at the Festival. It's made with red wine, water, cinnamon, cloves, lemons and oranges, cooked to the right moment.

The picture was taken at the Brullas' home with daughter, Rogene Grabner doing the honors. Joe enjoys drinking the pink tea as well as making it! (Pink tea is one of the recipes in the new version of our cookbook, *Woman's Glory the Kitchen* to be on the market this summer!)

NO. 16, SOUTH CHICAGO, ILL.

At our April meeting we again had a good turnout of over 40 members. The auditors had held a meeting earlier in the month at the home of Secretary, Gladys Buck. Alvina Sreboth reported that all the records were found to be in order and read the financial statement for 1976.

A discussion took place on the advisability of buying new badges for the members to wear at our activities. A pamphlet was circulated showing various designs and it was decided to order a quantity of the sample chosen.

Marge Prebil read a beautiful letter in Slovenian from Josephine Kral thanking everyone for remembering her in their prayers and messages during her long illness.

In 1978 we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Branch. Anna Lustig gave a report on her progress in planning the celebration. The date has been set for April 30, 1978. The banquet will be at the Villa Cosenza at 10468 S. Indianapolis Blvd., just a short distance from St. George's Church. Mark the date, ladies, and plan to attend. Tickets will be around \$7.00.

Mary Crnokrak took care of the Sunshine Fund collection and the lucky 1st number was received by Sylvia Spretnjak who chose the delicious loaf of homemade bread baked by President, Marge Prebil. Marge, in turn, chose slippers, crocheted by Gloria Serapin. Ann Ksiazek received cash.

Vice-President, Helen Gornick, distributed greeting cards to be signed for our sick members and birthday celebrants. Ladies present to celebrate their birthdays were Mary Priesol, Alvina Sreboth, Violet Samin and Frances Wine. Birthday greetings were sent to Mary Borota who is in a nursing home and get well greetings were sent to Mrs. Marie Priland in Sheboygan, Wis.

A big Thank You to Mary Maricich, Mary Krznarich and Desa Pierce who took care of the kitchen chores and served the coffee and refreshments for the Social Hour.

Congratulations to Kathy and Tim Monahan on the birth of a new son on April 2nd, also to Grandma, Marge Prebil. The Monahans have recently moved back to the East Side and Kathy, Daniel and big brothers, Tim and Sean have all become members of SWU. Welcome!

Congratulations to Sandi Winters who recently won a trip to Hawaii. Sandi participated in the St. Francis De Sales "Keep on Dancing, Keep on Caring" dance-athon, held for the benefit of the retarded children in Illinois. She and her partner raised \$1735.00 by dancing 28½ hours.

MARGE SPRETNJAK

NO. 20, JOLIET, ILL.

Congratulations to Stanley Marolt, husband of our Nat'l Treasurer, who was re-elected as auditor to the Will County Board. Stan was also our parade marshal at the Grand Opening of the new Zveza Home. He is the son of Johanna Marolt.

Also, congratulations to our local secretary, Agnes Lovati, as the year's most prominent mother. Agnes is a hard working officer of the branch and we all appreciate her willingness to cooperate with the branch in all the affairs. We remember her as the daughter of Mary Schmidberger who passed on some years ago. She was also honored as the most prominent mother at Holy Rosary Church. Agnes' sisters and daughters are all our members.

Member, Josephine Karl was selected by the Council of Catholic Women as Mother of the Year of St. Joseph's church. Her daughter, Barbara, and grandchildren are all members of Br. 20. Congratulations!

Donna Strong had a baby boy, Andrew Thomas, who is an addition to the wonderful family. Her daughter is also a junior member.

A spaghetti dinner was served by St. Joseph's Parents Aid on April 6th. Chairmen were Rose Mary Kanopek and Jonita Ruth. It was very successful, held at St. Joseph's park. Also, a Garage Sale was held with chairman Alice Kraus and many Br. 20 members on the committee. Thanks to them for all the cooperation.

We wish a speedy recovery to Nancy Callaney, daughter of Mary and Stan Marolt. She suffered an accident at home.

We were happy to have St. Stephen's choir of Chicago here on Palm Sunday for a concert in church, under the direction of Rev. Vendelin Spendov. Organist was Alfred Fischinger. Their songs were beautiful and we all enjoyed them. Later they were the guests for a buffet at Ferdinand Hall served by some of our members.

At this time, we are busily preparing for the Heritage Day June 12th at the Park. Members from near and far are expected and we know everyone will enjoy this special day.

Welcome to all guests!

The uncle of our secretary passed away after a long illness. Albert Skul is survived by his sister, Agnes

A BRIDE, A GROOM, A HAPPY DAY!

St. Michael the Archangel Church, Forest City, Pa., was the setting for the recent wedding of Mary Ellen Scepita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scepita, and John A. Kern, son of Colonel (ret.) and Mrs. Theophilus Kern.

The Rev. Joseph Papka, St. Michael's Church, celebrated the nuptial mass, double ring ceremony.

Miss Nancy Ann Sever, cousin of the bride, was the maid of honor.

The bridesmaids were Mrs. Michael Goupit, and Miss Vincentia Grum. Robert Cronlund Kern, brother of the bridegroom, was bestman and Ushers, Keith Clark, and Atty. Girard Duffy completed the wedding party.

Following a wedding trip through the southern states, Mr. and Mrs. Kern are residing in San Antonio, Tex.

The bride is a graduate of Forest



MRS. JOHN A. KERN

City Regional High School and Binghamton, (N.Y.) General Hospital School of Nursing and attended Bro-

ome Community College, Binghamton, N.Y. She is presently attending San Antonio College, San Antonio, Tex. The bride is a registered nurse and a captain in the United States Air Force, stationed at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Base, San Antonio, Tex.

The groom is a graduate of Bryn Athen Academy, Bryn Athen, Pa., Pennsylvania State University, and George Washington Law School, Washington, D.C. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, presently attending the Judge Advocate General's School, University of Virginia and will be stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., as a captain in the United States Army.

Our new bride is a member of Br. 7 since birth. Her late grandmother was Mrs. Mary Sever. Aunts, Col. Josephine Sever and Miss Ann Sever, are members, too. To the beautiful bride and her chosen life's partner, we extend the best wishes of members and friends.

Lovati, five brothers, one aunt, Frances Ukovich and numerous relatives. May he rest in peace and our condolences to the family.

In the hospital were Katherine Kness, Mary Calle, Agnes Trautman, Justine Kaularick, Bernice Skinner and Lorraine Hrubus. We wish them all a quick recovery.

Hope to see you at our meeting and at Heritage Day.

JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC

NO. 22, BRADLEY, ILL.

It was very pleasant both outdoors and indoors when we were warmly welcomed by our hostesses, "Libbie" Kinder and her sister, Mollie Starasnich, on our meeting night, April 20th.

During the business meeting our president, Mary Rittmanic, read the letter of invitation for the Heritage Day festivities in Joliet. Our members expressed interest and hopes to attend this most interesting, eventful occasion.

Also, more discussion on the State Convention. The date was set for October 2nd. Arrangements are all falling in line and everything is looking good.

A get-well card was sent to Janet Ponikvar, who has been very ill. We wish her a speedy recovery and will look forward to seeing her at meetings soon.

Mollie McIntyre, who was recently wed, was presented with a gift.

Birthday greetings to Toni Legris in April; Corinne Hassett, Mary Rittmanic, Mayme Drassler in May; and Anna LaMontagne in June. Have no

regrets girls — you still have a lot of "get-up and go".

After the meeting games were played prizes won, and an irresistible lunch was served — we all forgot about calorie counting. Toni Legris won a very fascinating door prize, a piggy-back plant raised by Libbie in her domca green house with her green thumb.

We will have our next meeting June 21st at the home of Mary Rittmanic.

We have so many interesting and talented members:

Another member, Anna LaMontagne, and her husband, Bernard, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 12th. They were married by Father Darche in St. Joseph's Church. They were blessed with a son and have 2 grandchildren. The celebration will commence with a 12:30 p.m. mass followed by an open house at the Bradley Legion Hall from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Congratulations and many more years of happy togetherness to the very devoted and devout couple. Ann is a treasurer of our branch and a member for many years.

Mary Rittmanic won a blue ribbon with a gold medal for her oil painting in a local art show and is now qualified to enter the regional competition.

"Libbie" Kinder is busy making a lovely quilt which will be a prize. The proceeds will benefit the handicapped.

Toni Legris and husband are planning a flying two week trip to Alaska to visit many cities, visit friends,

and perhaps check out that pipeline!!

Francis Richards, husband of Ann, our past president, was portrayed in a most delightful article entitled, "The Neighbor Next Door" in our local paper. His job as custodian and bus driver at the high school keeps him in touch with all the students. There is a common bond between them of trust and understanding; therefore, they often seek him out for advice before their parents or counselors. He believes that listening and being sincere and honest with them has helped this good relationship. His success can be measured by happiness in everything he does and the gift of good common sense. To this dedicated father and all fathers everywhere, may your day, June 19th, be very fulfilling. We must all remember the motto, "Next to God, our parents."

MARGARET PLANTON
Reporter

NO. 24, LA SALLE, ILL.

As most of you know, we have lost our dear member, Ann Kesich, age 89. She lived a long life and was a good, happy, religious woman providing a home full of God's blessings and rewards. She had given God praise and glory, being a good mother and to the world, a good friend. Ann Kesich welcomed friends, neighbors, strangers, always was delightful. Friendship, kindness, welcome was her motto. One daughter, Lucille, whom she adopted as an infant, was her pride and joy. While her husband was alive, Mrs. Kesich had worked

for Fitch's Laundry and after he died, the fulfillment had been tripled when her daughter blessed her with a good son-in-law and a grandson.

The funeral for Mrs. Kesich was on April 27th with the Rev. Ned Lurich of St. George Eastern Orthodox Church in Joliet, Ill. officiating. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery in La Salle.

Mrs. Kesich was born Jan. 9, 1888 in Slovenia and was married to her late husband in Chicago in 1913. She was a member of St. George's church in Joliet, and other organizations. She made her home with her daughter in Tonica, Ill. Pallbearers were members of Br. 24, Mmes. Mary Gornik, Fannie Piletic, Ann Serri, Matilda Swietek, Yours Truly and a special friend, Mrs. Mildred McCloud. Our sympathy to the family.

Remember, everyone is welcome to join us for the bus trip to Joliet for the Slovenian Heritage Day June 12th. Do not delay. Call Mary Gramc, 815-1-6137. See you then.

MARY MICI PILETIC

NO. 32, EUCLID, OHIO

Our April meeting had a nice attendance with a guest from Eveleth, Minn. introduced by Mary Drobnick. Our Vice-President sent get-well cards to Josephine Kromar, who had eye surgery and three members who were reported in March and are now much better. Best of health to all.

Sympathy cards went to our member, Mrs. Mesojedec whose husband passed away and to Marion Ursic who also lost her husband. May they rest in peace. Let us pray for them. Also sympathy to Marge Kovacevich whose sister, Kay Glasney passed on. Rest in peace.

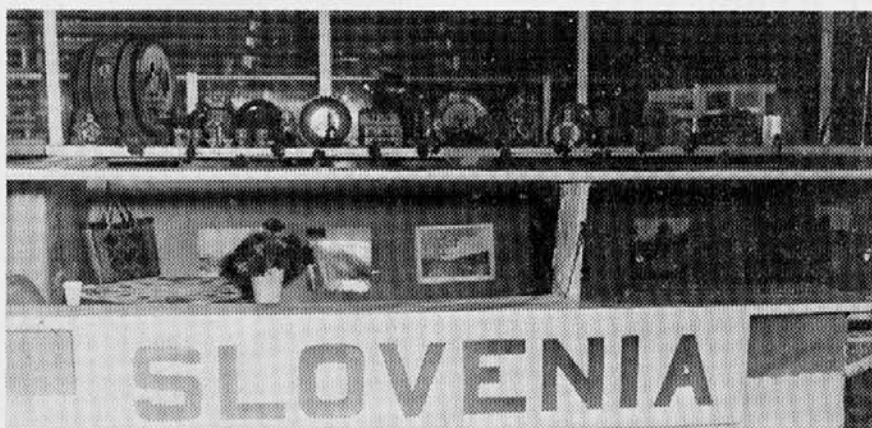
Secretary praised Sandy Koren, our instructor of the Baton Twirlers, for working so hard. She got 6 Class A members, namely: Eleanor Zernik, Natasa Piscopo, Barbara Grzincic, Judith Smith, Carol A. Semick and Tannya Mullen and 6 juniors, Paula Zernik, Veronica Piscopo, Kim Grzincic, Dawn Grzincic, Victor L. Semick and Rebeca Mullen. Kathy Cook is now a B member. Thanks, Sandy, and God bless you.

We will visit the 3 members living at the Neff Rd. nursing home in the near future. Frances Korencic will be 90 years young July 8th. We will plan at our June meeting.

National President still had seats available for the bus to Joliet for Slovenian Heritage Day, June 12th. After the meeting, hostess served tea and pastry, thanks to the generous ladies that baked.

Graduations are coming up. Ann Rossman's oldest grandson is gradu-

A Heritage Activity in Minnesota



The Slovenian Women's Union Branch No. 38 of Chisholm, Minnesota participated in a Heritage activity on April 23, 1977, in conjunction with the International Yugoslav Heritage Conference which was sponsored by the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

The conference was devoted to exploration and discussion of the Yugoslav Heritage in the United States. Scholars from Yugoslavia and from the United States participated in the 3-day symposium. A book is being compiled from all the papers which were presented and it will be kept in the library at Duluth.

A banquet culminated the events and was held in Chisholm on Saturday night. Miss Veda Ponikvar, Chisholm publisher, coordinated the events in Chisholm. Kate Medved, and many assistants, headed the banquet arrangements. The Slovenian cook was Mrs. Mary (Smoltz) Nornberg, who catered an ethnic dinner. The beautiful decorations, arranged by chairperson Angela Arko Johnson, were 6,500 balloons, arranged to look like clusters of grapes, in green, red and blue, set the theme of a grape festival.

Each of the 6 Yugoslav Republics had a booth, showing native costumes, books, art work, etc. The Slovenian booth, which was the SWU heritage activity, also had a bake sale of Slovenian specialties: strudels, poticas, flancate, žinkrofe, etc. Working in this booth were members: Gali Fannell, Jessie Pustovar, Mayme Margo and Mary Tegg. The members of Branch 38 donated all the delicacies. This is picture of the Slovenian Booth, taken before the activities began.

There were 800 people at the banquet, so our Slovenian heritage booth received much attention.

ANN NUSICH Sec'y

ating from Cincinnati University in June. Another grandson is graduating from High School this month. He got \$20,000 scholarship for basketball. Ann can well be proud of them and our congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Frank celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Their friends and relatives made this a complete surprise reception. Br. 32 congratulates them on their silver jubilee and sends best wishes to them.

Mr. & Mrs. Edward H. Cooke announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Marie to Robert J. Kozan, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Robert Kozan of Parkwood Dr. Wedding plans are for Oct. 14th. Miss Cooke graduated from Villa Angela Acade-

my. Br. 32 congratulates them. Our best wishes and may God bless the young couple.

Eva Debevec and husband celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 24th. Her brother surprised them by having the reception at his house. Congratulations from Br. 32 on this occasion.

Frances Kozar spent one month in Florida and will be going to Europe with the Vadnal group.

A correction from April Zarja: Our member Marge LaCrome is not from Pennsylvania — she transferred from Br. 25, right in Cleveland.

In closing, we wish you all the best and ask you to attend the June 15th meeting.

A. TEKAVEC
Reporter

Hermine Priskland Dicke:

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POTS & PANS and PASTIME

Since this is a special month for my husband with Father's Day, his birthday and retiring on the 30th from the University of Wisconsin as Professor of Entomology, I dedicate this column to him with some of his favorite dishes. No one relishes good food more than Bob and while he thoroughly enjoys a medium done steak, a standing prime rib roast or a succulent pork loin (especially if it is cooked on the charcoal rotisserie with a martini nearby while it's roasting), there are many simple foods he also enjoys.

With the summer season well on its way I know we'll have many outdoor fries with brats on the grill. He charcoals these slowly until thoroughly cooked then "holds" them in a sauce pan (right on the grill) in a simmering mixture of 1 can beer, 1 onion chopped and 2 tablespoons of butter until ready to serve. Baked beans is a must with or without hot potato salad, a tossed salad or fresh fruit bowl.

Baked Beans

- 1 pound dried navy beans
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pound salt pork (without rind)
- 1 medium onion, cut fine
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon pepper
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup dark molasses
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard

Place beans in large saucepan and cover with water. Heat to boiling; boil 2 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand 1 hour (this is a newer method of preparing beans for baking rather than soaking overnight). Add water, if necessary, to cover beans. Simmer about 30 minutes or until tender. Drain beans, reserving liquid. Cut pork into small pieces and layer with beans and onion in ungreased bean pot or casserole. Stir together remaining ingredients and 1 cup of the reserved liquid; pour over beans. Add enough of the remaining reserved liquid or water to almost cover beans. Cover; bake at 250 degrees for 6 hours. Uncover the last hour of baking to brown the beans. Serve.

Split Pea Soup

- Another favorite is SPLIT PEA SOUP with lots of cut-up ham.
- 1 pound dried split peas
 - $2\frac{1}{2}$ quarts of water
 - 1 ham bone with meat or ham hocks
 - 2 carrots sliced
 - 2 stalks of celery, cut fine, with tops
 - 1 medium onion, finely chopped
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper

Heat peas and water; boil gently 2 minutes. Remove from heat; cover and let stand 1 hour. Add remaining ingredients to peas and water. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 hours or until peas are very soft. Remove bone; trim meat from bone and add to soup. Season to taste. Garnish with parsley, if desired.

Roquefort Dressing

This dressing over a green salad is another favorite.

- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon onion salt
- 4 ounces crumbled Roquefort cheese
- 1 tablespoon wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes

Combine all the ingredients. Refrigerate for a few hours before serving to allow flavors to blend. Will keep a week or more refrigerated.

Note:—The original recipe called for $1\frac{1}{2}$ ounces cheese, but Bob likes lots of cheese.

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Pot Roast

Many Sunday mornings I bake a chuck roast very well done. It bakes at 250 degrees for about 3 hours then I add the halved potatoes, carrot chunks and onion slices sprinkled with salt and pepper before leaving for 11:15 Mass and increasing heat to 325 degrees. Dinner is ready when we return with the addition of gravy, a tossed salad and a dessert—always a dessert, even if it's custard.

NO. 33, DULUTH, MINN.

Our April meeting, which was well attended, opened with a microwave oven demonstration. A representative from Minnesota Power and Light Company came out and cooked several things for us, to show us how easily and quickly food can be prepared in a microwave oven. Among the foods she prepared were an omelet in seven minutes, a baked potato in five minutes, and hamburgers in seven minutes. It was a very interest-

Poppy Seed Cake

While strawberry shortcake, rhubarb pie, black bottom pie, chocolate chip cookies and ice cream with chocolate sauce are some of Bob's favorite desserts, on his birthday he prefers POPPY SEED CAKE. His mother always pleased him with this cake from a little boy on and I have continued the tradition.

Soak $\frac{3}{4}$ cup poppy seed in $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk 4 hours or overnight

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Cream butter. Thoroughly mix in the sugar. Add and blend in one half of flour and baking powder sifted together. Add poppyseed mixture and vanilla. Blend in remaining flour. Gently fold in the beaten egg whites. Bake in two greased and floured round cake pans for 25 to 30 minutes at 350 degrees until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

RICH LEMON FILLING:

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup water
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup lemon juice
- 2 egg yolks

Mix sugar, cornstarch and salt in saucepan. Gradually stir in water. Bring to boil over direct heat, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute. Stir half of mixture into egg yolks, slightly beaten. Blend into remaining mixture. Boil 1 min. more. Remove from heat and add the butter, lemon rind and juice. Cool thoroughly.

Place one cake upside down and spread with cold lemon filling. Place second layer right side up on filling. Instead of frosting my husband likes the top and sides covered with real whipping cream, whipped. It is delicious.

Have a happy summer,
HERMINE

ing demonstration which I'm sure left many people wishing that they had a microwave oven!

As a money-raising project for the national convention, a Tupperware party was held on Sunday, April 24 in the church hall. After the party, lunch was served by the ladies. Many thanks go to all who took the time out from enjoying a beautiful spring day to attend.

We have another new grandma again this month. Dolores Skull's daughter, Pat Wood, who lives in

IN LOVING MEMORY

Justine Kosmach Cieblinski

who passed away May 7, 1977 is missed by her relatives and friends.

Remember her in your prayers!

CHICAGO, ILL.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.



North Carolina gave birth to a baby girl. Congratulations go to both the parents and grandparents! May your new addition to your family bring you much happiness.

Happy Belated Mother's Day to all.

KATHY JONES
Reporter

NO. 34, SOUDAN, MINN.

Mrs. William Vollendorf, vice-president, presided at our April 20th meeting in the absence of our president, Mrs. John Pahula. The meeting commenced with prayer, as usual, and was followed by reading of the correspondence, and business meeting. During the meeting it was decided that since our May meeting will be the final one before the summer recess, we would have a 6:00 o'clock p.m. planned pot luck dinner at the Parish Hall followed by our business meeting. It was hoped that information on the MINNESOTA DAY agenda would be forthcoming by that time — we hope to have a good representation from Branch No. 34 in Crosby, Mn. where MINNESOTA DAY will be held in September.

After the business meeting, a social hour was held, the winners at "500" being Mrs. Ramon Berg, Mrs. Angela Planton and Mrs. John Zavadnick. POKENO winners were Mrs. John Tekautz and Mrs. Ernest Mustonen.

We are having beautiful sunshiny, mild weather for April and last week several days of much needed rain. It won't be long before everyone will be outdoors planting in their gardens, especially the first "solata" and onion sets for table use immediately.

We hope you all had a Joyful Easter, and another sincere wish for a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all our living mothers and to our beloved deceased mothers — a rich reward in Heaven. See you in Crosby in September.

MRS. ANTHONY YAPEL

NO. 40, LORAIN, OHIO

We had a well-attended meeting on April 30th and welcomed an old member but new face, Angeline Brehany. Come more often, we enjoyed your company.

How nice to have Agnes Jancar back in our midst again after her long illness. Her recovery has made us all very happy. Stay well, now.

Our birthday girls served a lovely dessert lunch and we sang Happy Birthday to the following: Agnes Mrosky, Johanna Stiglin, Rose Kragely, Angela Kozjan, Angeline Voytko, Angeline Brehany and Matilda Strukley, the latter, however, in absentia since she now resides in Florida. But our happy birthdays have a long range!

Congratulations to Rose Kragely, great grandmother, Betty Zalar and Jean Balogh, grandmothers to the new baby in the Balogh household. Happiness to all.

Members on the go are the Uehlein family, Milo and Albina, on a cruise and Johanna Stiglin on a trip to Europe. Have a good time and tell us all about it when you come back.

Soon it'll be Father's Day and all you lucky people with dads — give them a big hug. There is less time than you think. May I close with these verses:

Do not hurry, do not worry,
As the world you travel through.
No regretting, fuming fretting,
Ever can advantage you.
Be content with what you've done,
What on earth you leave undone.
There is plenty left to do.

Good health and happiness to everyone.

MARY PLOSZAJ

NO. 42, MAPLE HGTS., OHIO

Birthday time for Tammy Champa, Mary Ann Filipis, Jennie Intihar, Betty Ann Kastelic, Dolores Lipnos, Olga Ponikvar. Wishing all you fine

ladies a happy day and best wishes.

We had a nice meeting in April. Goodies were donated by Mary Hocevar (sorry you were not there) but she donated, via Cilka Hocevar. We had fun that night, played a little "B" and sang Happy Birthday.

Our travelers, John and Dolores Lipnos, drove to Florida and all the way down to Key West, visiting a lot of sites and also our member, Julia Lipnos.

A new great grandma is our Angela Perko, a boy, 7 lbs, 11 oz. Congratulations to all.

Last month was a big month for Fred and Mary Filipis. They celebrated their 50th anniversary. Mary is a member of Br. 42 for 43 years.

Glad to see Tonka Kastelic at the meeting looking so well after a stay in Florida all winter. Her sister, Frances Legan and their husbands were there. Lucky ladies.

Our very deepest sympathy to Angie (Josie) Gruden and her family on the loss of her husband and their father, Frank.

Meeting is June 14th. Ladies, please attend — fun night again. Starts at 7 this time. Also, June 9th is our Rummage Sale at the Slovenian National Home 9 to 5. Please come and bring things to me or at the Home.

MARY LOU PRHNE

NO. 46, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Congratulations were offered to our Mother of the Year, Ida Webb, at our dinner. Present to help celebrate were her two daughters, her mother, sister and cousin. Also, many friends came to the dinner. It was nice to see so many people. We missed seeing some of our sick members who are recuperating and wish them good health.

Hope everyone will have a nice summer.

JO ANCEL

NO. 43, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

The month of April is behind us and we are all looking forward to warmer weather. More members will be able to attend. Altho our attendance gets greater each month, we have room for more. We do have interesting meetings, both business-like and social. After each meeting, our birthday gals treat the members with their favorite cakes. Following the treat, the favorite B game is played.

A bus has been chartered for Sunday, June 12th for Joliet to attend the Slovenian Heritage Day there. Anyone wishing to go must contact yours truly as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Agnes and Joe Bachun who are very proud to be

ZARJA—THE DAWN

Much To See and Enjoy at Maple Hgts. Festival



Br. 42, Maple Hgts., Ohio participated again in the annual Slovenian Nationality Day held at the Slovenian National Home on Stanley Ave. Here we see the arrangement of displays that attracted a crowd of onlookers. Top left is Mr. Louis Fink, S.N.H. Pres.; right photo shows Mr. & Mrs. Lou Prhne. Below are Ann Harch and Julia Mazgec. The wares were contributed by members from their private collections.



Fred and Mary Filipis, on their 50th Anniversary. Mary is a longstanding member of Br. 42.



Charter Member Josephine Stavec, 90 years old, loves to have visitors at her home says Mary Lou Prhne.

the great grandparents to a little baby girl. Their granddaughter and husband were blessed.

Congratulations to the Brophy family, a new grandson; also a get well wish to grandma Brophy who is at St. Francis Hospital. Hope all our shut-ins are feeling better and we also hope that soon you'll feel better. Our prayers for all that are ailing. A mass for the living and

departed members was offered on Sunday, May 1st.

The big event is "New Members are Needed". With a theme like "Let's Spring Ahead!" we shouldn't have any trouble getting members. Let's all get on the "spring ahead" feeling and spring to the top of the Membership Campaign. If you study and read your ZARJA you will notice the deceased members list. As time

goes, the list gets larger. I'm sure you can get a member if you try. There is a saying, "Try it, you'll like it!" Well, "ask and you'll get" is my slogan. The time is short, do your asking now.

To all our June celebrants, best wishes and congratulations. To all dads, a Happy Father's Day.

ROSE KRAEMER

NO. 50, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Another great meeting, and a great deal of activity. V.P. Dorothy Ann Winter read correspondence and thank-you cards received and reported that she sent Easter cards to our head officers, Mary Bostian, Marie Prislund, and Sophie Magayna. A group of about 26 ladies attended the 50th Anniversary of Br. No. 10 on Holmes Ave. Chairman Sophie Magayna sent a note of appreciation for our attendance.

All 14 members who joined our Br. No. 50 in the past year, were sworn in at this time, with the cadets assisting as honor guards. At this same time, Pres. Ann Tercek took her pledge for office of Pres. as she was away at the regular officers' installation. The officers for Br. No. 50 in 1977 are as follows: Ann Tercek Pres., Dorothy Ann Winter V.P., Ann Winter Rec. Sec'y., Irene Jagodnik Treas., Jean Tomsic Sentinel and Mae Fabec Reporter. Auditors: Marie Dolinar and Frances Marold. Congratulations!

New members who joined in April are: Stella Baum, Jean Koesel, and Rose Marie Lausin. Welcome! Also welcome to Rose Zelodec, Rose Lo Presti and Ivana Kordich, who are not new members, but were away for a while.

Then there was a closed meeting held, with the social members retiring to the outer hall. A vote was taken that all social members and juvenile members be extended the same courtesies and privileges at a funeral as regular members.

HONOR CORNER: To Vera Sebenik, for turning in \$100.00 on the sale of hand-made towels, to Mary Perusek on making such beautiful cor-sages for all our special occasions, to Carole Traven (whom we miss at the meetings) for the banners, signs etc. she makes and hand paints, and to Mary Cesnik for the many, many, hand-made cloth purses she has donated. Mary has been chosen "Mother of the Year" which she well deserves. Vi Zak is our retiring "Mother of 1976" and did a most excellent job. Thank you Vi! Millie Pike also received a big hand for bringing pastry every month, and her assistance in the kitchen. Millie and husband Edward Pike, donated \$10.00 toward the scholarship fund, in memory of Mary Pike, who passed away recently.

CONGRATULATIONS: To member Nancy Roesch, daughter of Rose Roesch, who became engaged to John Howe. A fall wedding is planned. Also to Patricia Jean, daughter of Beatrice Tomc, who became the bride of Gerson Barbosa, on Feb. 7th. They are now residing in New York City.

Here are some "brides" for the month of May listed of a few years ago, celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries: Joseph and Vi Zak, May 26th, 43 yrs. ago, Julie and Frank Sadar, May 23rd, 34 yrs., Mary and Tony Okicki, May 25th, 42 yrs. and Betty and Stanley Kozar, May 2nd, 35 yrs. Betty and Stan will be taking a trip to Las Vegas to celebrate.

Vacationers returning — Helen and Tony Sturn returned from Florida after visiting their daughter, Marlene. Sad news reached me just before I sent this report in, that Helen is in the hospital in critical condition, as she was badly injured when she was crossing the street and was struck by a truck. Let us all pray for her. Also, say a little prayer for Scott Pike, grandson of Millie Pike, who is ill and for all of our members who are ill.

DATES TO BE REMEMBERED: Cultural Program — bus trip to Joliet Ill. on June 11-12. Contact Ann Tercek if interested. 261-3615. Communion Breakfast June 26th at the Shrine 9:30 Mass.

A wise woman once said: You can't have your bread and loaf too. Keep the good work going in bringing in new members. Also, don't forget to bring your nylons (cut up) to be used for our card party project.

Respectfully submitted

Your reporter
MAE FABEC

NO. 52, KITZVILLE, MINN.

Dearest sisters, Another month has rolled around and vacations are in the planning. It seems we all have a little spring fever. Also, itchy fingers for gardening time. Our weather is just amazing for this time of year. It's been many, many years since there hasn't been a trace of snow on the ground in April. Well, so much for the weather.

We do have to announce our White Elephant sale has been postponed due to the small attendance at our last meeting. But, it is still on — should there be more at the next meeting.

We also offer our deepest sympathy to Theresa Montcalm who lost her dearly beloved son, David. We all express our heartfelt wishes to her and hope that the family may be sustained in the time of sorrow. We pray that the good Lord will find a place for him in heaven. Rose Trombly, our president, is his grandmother. May God bless them all and his soul rest in peace.

Sharon Church, our secretary gave birth to a bouncing baby boy. We congratulate her and her family.

Mother's Day was a time for us

all — and we congratulate our Mother of the Year, Ann Mansfield and hope that all our mothers had a wonderful day.

Meeting ended with prayer by our good old stand-by, sister Jennie Crea.

We continued thru the evening with card playing and honors were received by our sisters: Alice Baratto, Sharon Church, Ann Roberts, Gertrude Kochevar, Virginia Krak, Joan Eidal, Dorothy Pavatich, Phyllis Pavich and door prize to Ann Knezo-vich.

Our hostesses outdid themselves with apple strudel brought by sisters: Phyllis Pavich, Muriel Sabitini, Dorothy Povatich and Ann Knezo-vich. It was very delicious. This brought another evening to the climax.

Next month's meeting will be on the first Wed. We will be looking forward to seeing you all there. May God bless you and keep you in the best of health.

GERTRUDE KOICHEVAR

NO. 55, GIRARD, OHIO

Our Annual Card Party that was held on April 24 was a great success. Sophie Cekuta-Chairlady and Co-chairlady Ronnie Dolsak are to be commended for doing such a great job of taking charge of this affair. A million thanks to all the ladies who helped on the committees they were appointed. Full cooperation from everyone helped make this party be one of the best we've ever had.

Congratulations to Robert Hribar (my grandson) who made his first Holy Communion at Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Church in Niles on April 24th. This same day happened to be our Card Party, and my birthday also. This is a coincidence, three occasions held on the same day.

On May 12, our branch held our Mothers Day Party at the Slovenian Home in Girard. At this party we honored our Mother of the Year, Mary Paclé.

Glad to see Jo Perusek feeling much better, after being on the sick list for quite some time. Get well wishes to Katherine Futey who had been hospitalized. Hope by now you are feeling much better, Katherine.

Happy birthday to those that celebrated their birthday in April — Lena Modic, Jo Perusek, Fran Hribar, Vicki Penska, Virginia Bestic, In May: Virginia Rostan, Dorothy Magill, Mary Paclé, Mary Macek, Mary Salajko, and Florence Lukz who happens to reside in Florida. Hope You all have a great day, and have many more to come.

Our April meeting had a very good attendance. This is what we would

YOUTH BOARD REPORT

ROOTS is a strong word, that is in the minds of people today. We American Slovenes too have strong "Roots" to boast about.

Remember our own true Slovenian heritage. The Slovenian Women's Union of America has practiced "roots" for 50 years to preserve and work for Slovenian Heritage. The primary purpose of this organization is to unite women of Slovenian origin and their families living in the U.S.A., to foster American and Slovenian ideals and encourage participation in American local and national civic affairs.

Picture the S.W.U. organization and charter members as the trunk of a tree. This signifies the strength of the S.W.U. Our first generation of Slovenian women who wouldn't give up this idea worked hard to enroll members. The second generation of Slovenes formed the branches of the sturdy tree trunk. But, the leaves of our third and fourth generation of this tree, our "roots" are not so strong. Now is the time to ask our Slovenian ladies to join the S.W.U. to keep strong the organization that our grandmothers and mothers were so proud to belong to. Let's match the challenge our first and second generation had. We need the rebirth of young people interested in this work. Sign up new members now, today, we are ready for juniors to join our singing and dancing groups. We are ready to start a Junior Bowling League in Cleveland. We are ready to sign up young adults to present at the next Debutante Cotillion Balls. Are you ready?

We are getting ready for a Slovenian Heritage Day in Cleveland — hopefully some time in the next year. Let's work together. All you have to do is write to the Youth Board to help you get started.

Our "Young at Heart" Membership Campaign netted us 183 new members, which was sort of disappointing as most of our branches did not try at all to enroll new members. To the branches that did co-operate, we say "Thank you" a million times. The results of the Campaign were in the April issue of our magazine. A new campaign has the slogan, "LET'S SPRING AHEAD"! Please members, be sure to sign up members now. This campaign will close June 30th. The Youth Board hopes that all branches will join in and enroll as many members as they can. Please get in touch with us for more information.

Hope to see you this month at the SLOVENIAN HERITAGE DAY in Joliet, Ill, June 12th.

FRANCES SIETZ

TO YOUR HEALTH!

If there is a word that we fear and shy away from most, it is cancer. Those that have had to deal with it, or their families, have been greatly affected by it.

What is cancer? It is a wild growth of cells that spreads. There are over 100 different types of cancers, depending upon in which tissue the cancer cells originate. Cancer attacks people of all ages, especially those over 40. The cause of cancer is not known but a great deal of research is being done to develop a cure for cancer soon.

Cancer can be cured if it is discovered in its early stage. Usually, the cure requires surgery and or radiation therapy.

The American Cancer Society recommends avoiding known causes, like smoking, which is responsible for one quarter of all cancer deaths and excess exposure to sun.

NEŽKA GABER

like to see every month. We hope you will continue to come to all the meetings. A good place to meet your friends, and express your opinions on subjects that are brought up. Hostesses for the month of April were, Virginia Bestic, Nettie Juvancic and Rose Juvancic. Just a reminder, there will be a meeting in June. Hope to see you there.

FRANCES HRIBAR

NO. 56, HIBBING, MINN.

My sincere appology for the absence of Hibbing's representation in the May issue of "Zarja". The reason, of no consequence to the many readers of the magazine is that of extreme family sadness. Within a 12 day period, my dear cousin, victimized by cancer, passed away. My only sister suffered a completely paralytic stroke, and my husband's mother passed away. With all this happening at one time my mind was not set to write intelligently. However — knowing that "Nothing Lasts Forever —" we must carry on.

The regular May meeting which is primarily devoted to honoring our chosen Mother-of-the-Year, was held at Assumption Hall of Blessed Sacrament parish. All business was dispensed with quickly. It was decided that our meetings will be re-

cessed until September. Being that this will be held after the Crosby convention, we were notified that a bus has been reserved for transportation to the state conclave. At the close of the business meeting a lovely corsage and a gift from the branch were presented to the honored guest, Mrs. Cathran Marolt, by Pres. Rose Maras, after which over 20 members of the Marolt family and other close friends were introduced as guests of the branch.

The scene of the social was lovely. Each banquet table was decorated with numerous vases of cherry blossoms. Each vase tied with a large ribbon bow. The buffet was delightfully appointed with red roses in a madonna container, and lighted tapers in silver holders — over a white cloth which held a white net skirt. The table was laden with a beautiful assortment of salads, sweets and jello molds which were pretty as pictures. On another table lay a large beautiful layer cake inscribed "Congratulations to Mother-of-the-Year — Cathran". This was a special gift from a close friend and branch member Margaret Skorich. Nieces of our honored guest presided at the silver service.

After the sumptuous feast of treats, Terri Marolt, Catharan's son, took on

the role as toastmaster, introducing member after member of the Marolt family who participated in a "This is your Life" story of our Mother-of-the-Year. Such beautiful tributes of love, sacrifice, and devotion, as one after another recited, read, or sang sentimental tributes. All original compositions — some of such touching nostalgia, tears were observed thru-out the room. Mr. Mark Marolt, Cathrans' husband, an accomplished accordianist, accompanied most of the musical tributes — musical and group singing.

Cathran Marolt, a branch transfer of 4 years, is deserving of these honors and recognition because of her outstanding contribution to the success of the Minn. Day Convention our local branch hosted — by her efforts and hard work in Volunteerism and other civic projects. We congratulate Cathran and are proud to recognize her as our "1977 Mother-of-the-Year."

Mrs. Anne (Frank) Satovich was chairperson of the hosting committee which did a tremendous job beautifully.

With best wishes and prayers to all the sick and infirm members in Zarja. God loves all of you.

See you in Crosby.

A. SELVO Pub. Chmn.

"Celebrating their heritage"



read the title on the photo above printed in the Joliet Herald News during SLOVENIAN WEEK, March 6-12. The Skriner sisters, Bernice and Helen, proudly wore their Slovenian costumes as they served their customers because they felt they wanted to take part in the city-wide celebration that was prompted by the grand opening of the new Home Office of Slovenian Women's Union. Bernice's Restaurant on Ruby St. also offered some native dishes that were enjoyed by many. They are members of Br. 20 and proudly loyal.

NO. 57, NILES, OHIO

We are finally back to holding our meetings; since we had such a severe Ohio winter several meetings were cancelled. Our attendance was very good last month.

Viola and Ignace Loger are having a long vacation in California visiting their son, Frank. We are so happy to have Ann Pease, Virginia Zevkovich and Rebecca Trogot feeling so much better as they were in the hospital.

Our May meeting was to be a banquet dinner held at the American Legion Hall on Maine St.

And it was decided to have something different for our July meeting. It will be at the home of our president — in her back yard. Each member is asked to bring a sack lunch. Also, a white elephant sale will be held then. At this meeting I'm sure this will be a lot of fun. Hope it doesn't rain and, hope we have a crowd.

So glad Mary Decapua is doing fine with her hand which was injured. She had to be in the hospital.

Rose Spirko recently celebrated her 80th birthday and Mary Opalka her 75th. These girls have been friends since their early 20's and are both in good health. Hope you have many more good birthdays.

All those back in dues please pay soon. Hope to see many more at the next meeting. We do have fun.

MARY MOLER

NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE HTGS. O.

Please note that for the present at least, until further notice, our branch will not be collecting and saving regular type coupons, those that appear in the newspapers, magazines, sent through the mail, etc. If you should have any in your home at the present time, we will still accept those and be happy to do so. I have exhausted every type of connection I have had, either by telephoning or writing, to various organizations who previously were only too happy to receive same, but right now the picture doesn't look very good for any of these organizations to gain from same. Companies who issue said coupons must be tightening up upon redemption for whatever reason only they know, but as a result many worth while charitable organizations will suffer.

Our branch is still saving Betty Crocker box top coupons, cancelled stamps (leaving at least 1/4" of envelope paper surrounding same), and of course Campbell soup, juice, and are even holding in abeyance Campbell's pork and beans labels hoping that this type label will be acceptable before long.

I have four large paper bags filled with the coupons which I will keep on hand just in case we hear of someone or somebody accepting same. Thank you members, not only of our branch, but members of other

branches throughout the Lodge who have so diligently helped make this drive a success in the past. May God bless all of you for giving of yourselves.

Just learned that Nettie Kainec and her husband returned after vacationing in Florida, and also that Ann Fife has returned after visiting her daughter in California.

Sorry to hear that Betty Kapel was involved in a car accident, but happy that she is now recuperating. Our prayers will be for a speedy recovery to Betty, as well as for any other member who has been on the sick list, or member of the family.

We would like to congratulate all the children or young ladies and young ladies and young men graduating from any school of learning now in the month of June, and wish them much success in their future endeavors. We should also congratulate the senior citizens who have been taking various courses and have diligently completed same.

MILDRED D. ROBERTS

NO. 89, OGLESBY ILL.

Meeting was called to order by Frances Meglich. Our city's seventy-fifth anniversary parade was the highlight. A donation was offered to help S.N.P.J. for a float in the hopes to uphold our heritage as Slovenian women.

Members are also planning to attend the big day in Joliet at St. Joseph's Park June 12th. I'm sure it will be an affair to remember.

Mrs. Hobneck was still on the sick list. Mrs. Muhich is in the hospital.

Rose Ann Prey gave a report on the Mother's Day Dinner. We ate at Sy's and had a social hour later.

Girls gave a report on the bowling, but as yet don't know how well they placed. A good time was had by all.

A delicious Chef Salad was served by the committee; Angie Nico (chr), Anne Kriancic, Molly Borovac, Alvi Jerin, and Mary Jerin.

SUMMER IS BEAUTIFUL! GOD LOVE YOU ALL!

C. A. DAWSON

NO. 92, GUNNISON, COLO.

Instead of having our regular meeting at the home of one of our members, we had a Mother's Day dinner at Dos Rios Restaurant. Our president, Mrs. Addie Croft, asked Mrs. June Perusek to lead the prayer. Between courses, we had a memorial reading for the mothers no longer with us by Mrs. Mary Lou Kysar and the lighting of a white candle. Mrs. Mary Lou Steenbergen also gave a reading honoring all living mothers and lighting a red candle.

ZARJA—THE DAWN

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MARCH 7-8, 1977, HOME OFFICE, JOLIET, ILL.

The annual meeting of the Slovenian Women's Union of America was held at the Home Office in Joliet, Illinois Monday and Tuesday, March 7, 8, 1977. On Monday morning, the meeting was called to order by the President, Mary Bostian at 10:00 a.m. Present were the following Directors:

President, Mary Bostian,
Secretary, Olga Ancel,
Treasurer, Mary Marolt,
First Auditor, Anne M. Kompore,
Second Auditor, Barbara Rosandich,
Third Auditor, Marlon Marolt,
Editor, Corinne Leskovar.

Also present was the Founder of Slovenian Women's Union, Marie Prislant and Chairman of the S.W.U. Scholarship Fund, Hermine Dicke. The agenda of the annual meeting was re-arranged somewhat since Mrs. Prislant was able to be with us for only one day, Monday. Therefore, after the opening prayer led by Mrs. Bostian, the auditors began the task of checking the accounts of the Scholarship Fund. All was found in order. The Scholarship Report of Mrs. Dicke was then given.

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On the Report of the Scholarship Fund Chairman, a discussion was held. Seven Scholarship Applications were received this year. Expense of a typewriter will be taken from the Scholarship Fund monies.

The cookbook report was given by the Secretary, Mrs. Ancel, on books received by her from July 1, 1977. The officers were gratified that the sales of cookbooks has been continually very good and these last six months show a gain of \$2,685. These funds are placed in the S.W.U. Promotional Fund Account to be used for the next Convention and any other disbursements determined by the Board for promotions and publications of the organization.

A new order of cookbooks is being made in number of 5000 copies. Commission of .50 will be paid on each book to the seller or the branch that orders in bulk amounts. The new printing of Mrs. Prislant's book, FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA is in the printing shop and will be printed in paperback and hard bound covers. The selling price will be \$3.50 for the paperback and \$5.50 for hard cover copy. The Union will pay .50 commission to members who sell this book also. The Union will also print another edition of the songbook, LET'S SING in the near future. Selling price for the songbook will be \$1.50 each with a .25 commission paid to sellers. 1,000 of the book, FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA and 5,000 LET'S SING songbooks will be ordered. The Home Office will handle all distribution. No commission will be paid for books ordered individually. The above decision was reached on a motion of Ann Kompore, seconded and carried.

Miss Judy Spencer danced the Charleston. Yours truly, Fern White, having been chosen Mother of the Year, was crowned and presented a bouquet of red and white carnations... carnations for which Colorado is known. Plants of red caladium were presented to the oldest mother, with Mrs. Mary Guerrieri, 91 years old, and the youngest mother, Mrs. Trish White.

We have three charter members working on their 40th anniversary. All were presented gifts: Mrs. Ann Malensek, Mrs. Margaret Malensek and Frances Saya.

After enjoying a delicious prime rib dinner, we enjoyed playing "B". We had 13 members present and 13 guests. The door prize, another caladium plant went to Miss Veronica White. All of us spent an enjoyable early Mother's Day.

FERN WHITE
Reporter

NO. 95, SOUTH CHICAGO, ILL.

28 members attended our April meeting. Our branch is very proud to announce the addition of another social member; she is Mrs. Josephine Schmidt, and a very warm welcome Josephine! All reports were given. We missed our treasurer, Helen Golich who, due to her husband's death, was unable to attend our meeting. We extend our deepest sympathy to Helen and her family. Jacob Golich was a man who was

endowed with relentless courage, vision, ability, and who always had profound faith in humanity. His career, brief as it was, has already left a mark upon his community.

For our program we had Mr. Don Gilbertini from Illinois Bell Telephone Co. who spoke on emergency calling by dialing 911. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

Table decorations using a Easter Theme was lovingly prepared by Evelyn Driscoll and Yours Truly and assisting was Helen Price, Mary Sambol, Emma Yergovich. The tasty delicacies were by Regina Buchanan, Barbara Sambol (Cheese Strudel was Yummy) two cakes by Eva Cora. Mary Nicksic a lamb cake which was won by Ann Kompore and the bottle of wine was won by Sylvia Vukodinovich.

Cash by: Matilda Martin \$5, Ann Loncar \$3, Victoria Rukavina \$2.60, Ann Polancic and Fran Radosevic \$2, and Irene Evans \$1. Many thanks to all of you for your kind contributions.

Birthday Greetings to the following celebrating in June; Alyce Kropel, Ann Starceovich, Mary Malcie, Manda Sarich (Tex), Mary Rezek, Victoria Tomich, Helen Alb, Irene Evans, Rose Mary Latoza, Mary Kostecka, Helen Hoff, Katica Jackovich, and Eva Mesin.

In conclusion, to all the daddies out there the best of health with all

the blessings and joy for a happy fathers day!

Andrijana Bandera

We are saddened by the death of one of our most faithful members, Andrijana Bandera, 9716 Houston Ave. It is difficult indeed to find words to express our regret at the death of this splendid woman. We owe our very existence to her; it was through her efforts and influence in organizing our branch that were built our traditions that made our branch as strong as it is today. She was a warm and wonderful person, she loved life, she loved people. With all of her handicaps, she always looked at everything on a bright side. Despite her handicaps, she and her late husband and two sons built themselves into the life of this area, both as a family unit and as individuals, to a degree almost unique. For this she was chosen as our Mother-of-the-Year. She was our treasurer and served in other capacities too numerous to mention. All of her strength was in attending mass every morning which she never missed.

She now rests in peace, but her spirit will always remain with us. The officers and members join in extending to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy. My sincere thanks to all the members who prayed with me and took the time out to pay our last respects to a grand lady.

MILDRED JAMES

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The Croatian Press will be given the printing work for the above named publications and all proceeds will go into the SWU Promotional Fund.

To increase interest in the Union's cookbook, WOMAN'S GLORY — THE KITCHEN, a new section will be prepared by Pots and Pans Columnist, Hermine Dicke, taken from her monthly ZARJA column, POTS PANS & PASTIME, to entitled THE BEST OF POTS AND PANS, or something similar. In the new re-print of the cookbook will also be a page of instructions on conversion to the metric system for kitchen recipes. The Directors also asked that the favorite recipes of the wives of Presidents Ford and Carter be included to complete the series on Presidential Wives in the cookbook.

The Board took under consideration a review of the By-laws as adopted at the National Convention in May, 1976, particularly the points that were not finalized then and for which the Board was authorized to complete the wording. On a motion by Marion Marolt and seconded, the Board approved the By-laws in their entirety with only slight changes in wording and construction of certain phrases for clarity. The By-laws were unanimously approved. Printing of the new By-laws will commence immediately and be printed by the Croatian Press in an order of 4,000 books. Cost of printing these books will be approved by the Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. They will be sent to all branches as follows: one book for each officer and 10 extra, free of charge. Additional books may be purchased for .30 per copy. New members will receive a free copy at the time of enrollment.

The Board took under discussion a statement drafted by our attorney, Bernard Kompare, authorizing the transfer of funds from a Cicero, Illinois bank to the Union National Trust of Joliet. It was approved as read and signed by the Executive Committee.

The Secretary reported that a new consulting actuary, Mr. Arthur A. Konovsky, has been retained. He has completed the 1976 yearly report for the Illinois Department of Insurance according to the material supplied to him by the National Secretary. The Board, on a motion of Barbara Rosandich and seconded, unanimously approved retaining Mr. Konovsky on a yearly basis as actuarial consultant. The Board at this time also discussed the hiring of a professional investment manager to invest the Union's funds. A committee was assigned the task of selecting same. The entire Board of Directors will attend a meeting at the Union National Bank & Trust tomorrow to discuss the offer said Bank's Trust Department has made to do this work for us.

The sale of the property and purchase of the new property in Joliet was discussed. In order to substantiate the selling price that the Directors think reasonable for the Chicago property, the Real Estate Agent has been asked to order an appraisal of the property. It was hoped that the sale could be made in the shortest time. The Board relies on the good judgement of the Editor who lives in Chicago, the Real Estate Agent and the Secretary and Treasurer and First Auditor to give the final approval to the purchase priced and are authorized to transact the final sale. The new property was also reviewed and the Board agreed that the selection, location, size and type of building is ideal. The purchase price of \$59,000 plus \$1,000 for contents was considered a reasonable price. The sale was completed in November, 1976 and according to the directive of the Board of Directors, the Secretary, Treasurer and Editor signed the contract which calls for full payment of the property within the first six months of 1977. The Union commended Mr. Kompare, our attorney, for his efficient handling of all

arrangements in this sale to the benefit of the Union and in line with our financial responsibilities. The Secretary presented an up-to-date financial statement on the sale and remodeling of the property in Joliet. When completed, the final report will be submitted to the Board. The Directors were delight with the new Home Office and extended heartfelt thanks to the local officers, and their co-workers.

The Board of Directors reviewed the activities of the previous day which was a special day set for the Grand Opening of the new premises. A most heartfelt thank you was extended to Branch No. 20, the hostess branch, to their president, Mrs. Emma Planinsek, to Mayor of the City of Joliet, Norman Keck for the proclamation of SLOVENIAN WEEK MARCH 6-12, 1977, to St. Joseph's Church pastors for all prayers, help and church bulletin notices. Also, to all branches, officers and members who sent good wishes, cards, etc., flowers, gifts, donations, and to all who attended the ceremonies at the Home Office, in Church, and at St. Joseph's Park where dinner and program was held in commemoration of this occasion, and to all guests from far off states of Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Indiana and Illinois.

The Board especially thanked the National Officers who were supervising the commemoration, namely, chairman, Mary Marolt, Mrs. Ancel, and Mrs. Leskovar.

It was noted that not only officers and members participated in this day but their families who all provided some measure of help, either at the Home Office, during the Parade, Mass, Dinner and Program and also at the hall. The Board also noted that Joliet fraternal societies complimented us by their presence in the festivities and thanked the American Slovenian Catholic Union and American Fraternal Union for their participation.

Founder, Mrs. Prislant, who attended the meeting this day, was pleasantly surprised to be remembered on this occasion — the Grand Opening of Zveza's new home and the 50th Anniversary year, 1976, with an oil portrait that was unveiled at the festivities of yesterday. The portrait, the work of artist, Emilia Razman Bucik hangs in a prominent place in the office. She thanked all the officers and members for this honor and was then asked to pose for some photos at this time. She in turn surprised all by proposing a champagne toast in honor of the occasion. Mrs. Prislant expressed her extreme happiness and satisfaction with the work of the new Board of Directors and with the Joliet Branch members who have shown themselves all to be warm and gracious sisters of the Slovenian Women's Union.

A discussion ensued on the promotion of cultural heritage in our organization, particularly in the setting of duties of the National Officer who will take on this work. Irene Odorizzi was named to this post in July. She presented a report to the Board. It was hoped that all branches will respond to Mrs. Odorizzi's appeal for cooperation between her office and each and every Slovenian locality. The first National Slovenian Heritage Day will be June 12, 1977 at Joliet's St. Joseph's Park. Mrs. Odorizzi's report briefly outlined the program of that day. The IMMIGRANT articles in Zarja and the Slovenian Heritage articles by Mrs. Milena Gobetz have been very much appreciated and are popular among the members. The Board was very enthusiastic in their commendation to Mrs. Odorizzi and Mrs. Gobetz for bringing to light the varied and interesting stories of our pioneers.

The Board recommended that funds for the work of the Heritage Committee be collected through various means, such as the June 12th event, in order to ease

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the burden on the national treasury which has no provision for this kind of expense. The National Officer in charge of Heritage activities would operate a self-sustaining fund much the same as that governed by the Scholarship committee. In discussion of this subject, the Board agreed that cultural expansion has been one of the goals of the Slovenian Women's Union since its inception and that we are merely advancing the work and dreams of our founders who called for unity among all Slovenian women living in their new homeland for the purpose of preserving their national customs and traditions. The S.W.U. must continue this work and dream not only in words but in deeds. The Board commended Mrs. Odorizzi and other National Officers who have been working to this end. Zarja also plays an important role in the organizing of Heritage activities throughout the jurisdiction of the S.W.U. and will be used to this end in the future.

The meeting of Monday was adjourned at 9 p.m. with prayer.

Tuesday, March 8, 1977, the meeting was called to order by the President at 9:00 a.m. The Auditors continued with the checking of ledgers of the Secretary and Treasurer.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board attended a meeting of the Trust Officers at Union National Bank in downtown Joliet for the purpose of establishing a new investment structure. The following recommendation was accepted by the Board as a result of the meeting.

Officers of the Union Bank Trust Department, Mr. Thomas Hickey and Mr. Ronald J. Erjavec, were made agents for purchase of all new securities as of this date. The objectives and requests of the Slovenian Women's Union in their investment requirements was accepted by Union Bank and these are to accumulate bond and stock holdings for quality securities with as little risk and greatest return as possible. The Board accepted a receipt from the Union Bank for the securities that had been held in the Safety Deposit Box there and transferred same to the Union Bank vault.

The Board was impressed with the Union Bank's proposals and reputation for good service and investment management and agreed to a one year contract for their services. The Board of Directors as a group completed the transaction, thus annulling the action of the previous day when a committee was named to perform this assignment.

The above motion was proposed by Marion Marolt, seconded and carried.

After lunch, the Board returned to the Home Office to conduct further audits of the accounts of the Secretary, Treasurer, Editor. This was completed at 5 p.m.

The President called for the reading of reports. The President's report was given and accepted as read.

The Vice-President's report was given at this time by Nežka Gaber who attended the meeting on Tuesday. It was accepted.

The Secretary's report followed and was accepted as read.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read. The reports of the First, Second and Third Auditors were given in order. Editor's Report was given and accepted as read. The Secretary read the reports received by mail from the State Presidents as follows: Ann Vucko, Illinois-Indiana; Rose Scoff, California-Washington-Oregon; Lucille Smith, Pennsylvania-New York; Frances Simonich, Colorado-Kansas-Missouri; Sophie Magayna, Ohio-Michigan. All were accepted for file.

Honorary President's Report

During the eventful year of 1976 our organization realized its golden jubilee followed by the festive 50th anniversary celebrations of Branch No. 1, Sheboygan; Branch No. 2, Chicago and Branch No. 3, Pueblo. Also that year one of the most successful conventions was held in Pittsburgh finalized by the reelection and the election of officers whose enthusiasm, dedication and abilities will further strengthen our ZVEZA. 50 years have passed since some predicted that our organization would barely survive one year.

When the February issue of ZARJA arrived with the impressive picture of the new national headquarters building on the cover, it moved me almost to tears. To think that a small thought developed into an organization purchasing such a magnificent building. I certainly wish to thank the officers, and in particular, Olga Ancel, Mary Marolt, Corinne Leskovar and Ann Kompare, Jonita Ruth, Millie Pucel, for their exhausting efforts to locate this building in Joliet and then refurbish it so attractively before embarking on the tedious job of moving and getting settled. A warm thanks to all who helped in any way to improve the facilities. I'm certain that the grand opening, blessing and dedication of the New Home Office on Sunday was a memorable occasion for our members and friends in Joliet as well as those who traveled from outside areas.

My health restricts my activities so it was with deep regret that I couldn't attend Sunday's festivities in order to make a one day trip for the meeting today. The many "good wishes and prayers for your health" cards from members have been wonderful. One added that she prays an "Our Father" daily. My health has improved since last Fall and I'm certain the good Lord just had to hear so many appeals for my getting well.

God bless you all and may we continue with courage and warmth into the next 50 years!

MARIE PRISLAND

Mrs. Prisland generously offered a gift for the Grand Opening celebration which came to late for the event and will be used at a later date.

President's Report

Sincere greetings and welcome to the Board of Directors. I extend to you warm welcome to our annual meeting being held now, March 7 and 8, 1977 and will report to you my 1976 activities. So, please take every opportunity to exchange ideas for a better S.W.U. The improvement of signing up young members, our future generation is important to our organization.

I am very impressed with our new home office. I hope you all are too. It's a pleasure to come to a beautiful, clean office and nicely decorated. Thanks to our National Secretary for her ideas and hard work and we are obliged to Oiga's family who all gave a hand. Our hearty thanks to all and also our Treasurer, Mary Marolt who did whatever she could and a good job done for the opening day. Thanks also to her committee.

I also appreciate Jonita Ruth who is doing such a good job on the cookbooks and packs them for shipment all over the U.S. Thanks a lot, Jonita.

A big compliment to our dear Honorary President, Mrs. Marie Prisland on her lovely articles and congratulations again on her 50th anniversary. May God bless you.

Also, I want to compliment Corinne on the ZARJA which is done beautifully and I am sure she will cut

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down wherever possible to save space and cut expenses.

Praise goes to the whole Board for their hard work in one way or another.

My time this year was well taken up with work and involvement with Zveza. I attended all Combined Branch meetings which is great for all branches. Such get-togethers, especially among our secretaries, and the discussions are for the good our organization.

Last March we had our last annual meeting at which time important decisions concerning our 17th national convention were discussed. It was my first experience to conduct a convention and I did enjoy it.

For the convention I chartered 2 buses from Cleveland making all arrangements and helped what I could for the Baton Twirlers to attend. In June, I was on the Cotillion committee. It was a beautiful affair. I answer all letters through the states.

Greetings are sent to all State Conventions and to all branches celebrating their anniversaries. Also, I keep in touch with the State Presidents. Monthly articles in ZARJA are sent in to the Editor. I also handle the cook-books for Cleveland area and some I have to mail out-of-town.

In September I was invited to Biwabik State Convention for Minnesota. Dec. 19th, I went to Chicago, Ill. for the Br. 2 Golden Anniversary. They also celebrated their Christmas party for juniors at the same time. I attended all Cleveland activities and the Ohio State Convention that was held Oct. 6th in conjunction with the 45th anniversary of Br. 50. I was the guest speaker.

I never miss the Dawn Choral Group concert in the fall which is very well done. **MARY BOSTIAN**

Vice-President's Report

Dear Board members of the Slovenian Women's Union.

As a delegate from Br. 2, Chicago, I attended the 17th tri-ennial Convention in Pittsburgh in May, 1976. There we saw the results of planning that the members of Br. 26, Pittsburgh, Pa. so enthusiastically pieced-together for a memorable convention. Their efforts showed their love for their organization and their hospitality made all participants part of a successful convention.

Zveza Day in Lemont hosted by Br. 2 on July. 18, 1976 brought many members from various branches together and gave me a chance to meet members. On October 3, 1976 I attended the Wisconsin State Convention and the 50th Anniversary Celebration. The day marked a milestone in the organization's rich past and emphasis was placed on a great future. Dec. 19, 1976 was the Golden Jubilee of the S.W.U. and for Br. 2, Chicago, a memorable occasion.

Our members like to be together, share happy times, offer prayers for sick sisters and show concern for its membership. **NEŽKA GABER**

Secretary's Report

Happy OPEN HOUSE greetings to all!

The Bicentennial Year with all its celebrations and festivities was a year I looked forward to, since to me it meant a grand party for our country. Never did I dream that the year would involve me so deeply with the Slovenian Women's Union. The home office move was a project involving many helpful hands, so that I feel the title of secretary and its duties is not mine alone but shared by many sincere members and friends. Without their help the task would be impossible and the organization owes them deep appreciation.

In the remodeling process we were concerned with the feelings of the entire membership from the founders

to the youngest member. We hope everyone who enters our doors will feel "at home."

In the financial standing of Zveza, actuary Arthur Konovsky of Cicero helped us with our Illinois yearly report. Additional work was involved to update the accounting records in order to agree with the generally accepted accounting procedures.

Certificates in force as of December 31 amount to 9,288 for a total insurance of \$1,097,680.00. New members insured amounted to 517 for the year compared to 190 in 1975. Number of deaths reported during the year were 191, which was the same as the previous year. Terminations due to laps totaled 640. We sincerely hope that new members will outweigh the losses during 1977.

The home office is grateful to the secretaries and other branch officers for their hard work and sacrifice, as well as their patience, understanding and concern. I extend a very special thank you to the Open House Committee headed by Mary Marolt for their most conscientious efforts and hard work.

May our new home be a home of true ethnic spirit for generations to come. **OLGA ANCEL**

Financial Statement, January 1 - December 31, 1976

Dohodki-Income:

Assessments	\$55,546.02	
Interest from bonds	42,421.98	
Stock Dividends	750.00	
Interest bank certificate and saving	1,502.50	
Accrued bond interest	417.18	
Rental income	1,650.00	
Profit on sale of bonds	3,233.48	
Profit on sale of books	735.99	
Miscellaneous	1,181.24	
Convention Fund	8,343.50	\$115,880.89

Stroški-Disbursements:

Death Claims	\$21,850.00	
Salaries	15,379.00	
Administrative, traveling and per-diem of officers	8,573.95	
FICA	900.34	
Unemployment tax	9.43	
Real estate tax	942.24	
Department of Insurance	49.00	
Electricity, gas, water	384.93	
Advertising, stationery, postage	706.03	
Postage and telephone	848.03	
Zarja-The Dawn	29,273.15	
Loss on sale of bonds	898.13	
Maintenance	185.17	
Bowling, campaign and secretary awards	1,704.90	
Convention	9,399.23	
Accrued interest	557.18	
Office buildings insurance	669.00	
Equipment repair	209.47	
Donations	145.50	
Scholarship Memoriam past-president, Josephine Livek	25.00	
Legal	135.00	
Moving	471.23	
Miscellaneous	812.31	94,128.22
Gain for the year		21,752.67
Balance January 1, 1976		622,786.98
Balance December 31, 1976		\$644,539.65

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Treasurer's Report

I was happy to be elected last May as National Treasurer of our Slovenian Women's Union. Many routine procedures were accepted, but too, there were many new procedures to learn and I feel I have been learning and still have much more to learn about the organization and the many duties in this treasurer's position — however I accept the challenge willingly and happily.

The beginning of the term brought me to the Chicago office many times for work until the time came when a new home for Slovenian Women was secured and purchased in Joliet, Illinois. This took lots of time and many hours of working and looking for just the right office at a reasonable purchase price, which may I say, is not an easy thing to do in this day and in the high property valuation area as Joliet. I believe that this is true all over. However, we feel we have found a home that all of the members will be proud to call their home office.

The process of moving from Chicago to Joliet began. At the same time, many improvements were taking place at 431 North Chicago Street, Joliet. During this time, the regular work of Slovenian Women's Union was still proceeding on a normal schedule, well, almost normal. Sometimes we would get behind, but this was a very natural thing to do. Lots of work had to be done. Finally the move was made, the adjustments to Joliet were taking place and business started operating as usual. Plans for Grand Opening, Blessing and Dedication began, and today that too, is history.

The future looks bright. We look forward to the operation of Slovenian Women's Union smoothly and efficiently. We also look forward to the sale of the Chicago, Ill. property, and look forward to serving each member to the fullest, and in the best possible way.

MARY MAROLT

Auditing Committee Report

Greetings and best wishes to all present here at the Annual Board meeting and audit, called to order by the Nat'l. President on March 7th and 8th, 1977, at the new home office in Joliet, Illinois. As chairman of your auditing committee, I hereby submit a report that, after a comprehensive examination of the Union's transactions, the Scholarship Fund, and the Editor's account, all have been found in proper order for the months of July, August, Sept., Oct., Nov. and December 1976. A previous audit in July 1976, was completed for the first six months of 1976 and a written report was signed and submitted. Income from branch assessments, interest and other sources were checked, and disbursements were reviewed as to issuance of vouchers, and all outstanding checks were accounted for. Bank deposits and records of our Nat'l. Sec'y., Mrs. Olga Ancel and Nat'l. Treas., Mrs. Mary Marolt, were checked and verified. A general review was made of all other items on record.

On Tuesday, March 8th, 1977, a visit to the Union Nat'l. Bank & Trust Co. of Joliet, was made by the entire board, and a complete accounting was made of all bonds, notes and other securities on deposit in the bank safety deposit box.

The Committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation for the assistance and cooperation of our Nat'l. Sec'y., Mrs. Olga Ancel and Nat'l. Treas. Mrs. Mary Marolt, and commend them on their efficient work. The undersigned members of the Auditing Committee hereby certify that, based on our review, the Slovenian Women's

Union records for the last six (6) months of 1976, are correct and true.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION AUDITING COM.
Chairman: ANNE M. KOMPARE
2nd Auditor: BARBARA A. ROSANDICH
3rd Auditor: MARION M. MAROLT

First Auditor's Report

Honorary Pres., Mrs. Prisland, Nat'l Pres., Mrs. Bos-tian, officers and members of the Board of Directors: My sincere greetings to you and a hearty welcome to our new National officers at this annual board meeting for 1977.

As a member of this board, I am submitting the following report of the activities that I participated in during the past year of 1976. On Feb. 23rd and 24th, I was present at the annual board meeting, conducted the audit and fulfilled my duties as chairman of the auditing committee and participated in all discussions and decisions of the meeting.

On May 10th, I attended a special board meeting presided over by our Nat'l President and with legal counsel present, at which there was a discussion regarding the authenticity of delegates of Br. 2 and Br. 30. On May 13th, I was invited by Br. 16, of So. Chicago, and attended the festivities honoring their Mother of the Year.

In May 1976, I attended all sessions of our 17th Triennial convention held at the Hilton Hotel in Pitts. Pa. During the convention I was appointed chairman of the Salary & Per Diem committee and was present at the Grand Banquet of the convention, and had the honor and pleasure of presenting to Mrs. Prisland a gift, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Slovenian Women's Union. It was a beautiful and impressive event. On July 1st, attended another board meeting with the newly-elected National Officers, and conducted the audit of the Union's transactions by the past Nat'l. Sec'y. Mrs. Fanika Humar, for the months of Jan., Feb., Mar., April and May 1976. The month of June 1976 was audited by me on July 22nd, 1976, and I was assisted by the Nat'l Vice Pres., Mrs. Nežka Gaber and National Treas. Mrs. Mary Marolt. Written reports of both audits were signed and submitted to the Board.

On Sunday, July 18th, I was present with my husband at the annual Zveza Day in Lemont, hosted by Br. 2, of Chicago, Sept. 12, 1976 I was present at the Illinois-Indiana State Convention, hosted by Br. 20 of Joliet, Illinois. After being served a breakfast, the convention was called to order and presided by Mrs. Mildred Pucel in the absence of State Pres. Mrs. Ann Vucko. Following the meeting we attended a beautiful Polka Mass at St. Joseph's Church. The church was filled to capacity. A buffet dinner was served at St. Joseph Park Hall, a program and dancing completed the events of the day. At this convention there was an impromptu meeting of all the National officers attending the convention. At this meeting there were various discussions pertaining to matters of the purchase of the new home office. Also, we hired and engaged the services of Mrs. Jonita (Erjavec) Ruth, to be of assistance to our National Secretary in clerical work at the home office, and the care and responsibility of the selling and distribution of the SWU cook books and other periodicals, based on an award of \$300.00 per month and averaging about 4 hours per day, 5 days per week.

On October 3rd, I was invited and had the privilege of attending the State Convention of Wisconsin, hosted

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by Br. 1 in Sheboygan Wis. and also celebrating their 50th Anniversary. It was a grand and memorable event, with many attending from far away places. Mrs. Prislund, as always, was the star of the event.

On Dec. 9th, was invited and attended the Christmas party hosted by Br. 16 of So. Chicago, at which there were over 100 guests present. On Dec. 18th, I was present at a special meeting at the new home office. Also present were our National Pres. Mrs. Bostian, Nat'l. Sec'y. Olga Ancel, Nat'l. Treas. Mary Marolt and Editor, Corinne Leskovar. Our discussions were mainly the plans and program for the dedication and Grand Opening of our new home office.

During the year I was present at all meetings of my Br. No. 95, and took part in all the programs and activities of the branch.

At this annual meeting I am happy to report, as Chairman of the Auditing committee, that the audits of the S.W.U. records for the past year of 1976 have been completed and that signed written reports have been submitted to the executive board.

Respectfully submitted by:
ANNE M. KOMPARE

Second Auditor's Report

Supreme President, Mrs. Bostian, and fellow members of the Supreme Board, I wish to extend my sincere greetings. It is a happy occasion to be with you all.

We have checked over the ledgers of the Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Scholarship Fund and have found them to be in good condition. The audit of the investments at the bank have proved to be in good standing and showed an increase in our treasury. Many thanks to the advisors who were a great help in these delicate matters.

I attended the Convention in Pittsburg which was superbly carried out by the various committees of the Pittsburg branch. My sincere thanks to the delegates for their faith in reelecting me to this office.

In September I attended the Minnesota Day In Biwabik. Approximately 300 members from branches throughout the state were present at this gala affair. The Biwabik branch is to be commended for an outstanding job, considering their membership is quite small.

In December our Zveza, myself as chairman and many of our faithful members, catered for a Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner for 200 at St. Anthony's Church Hall. The profit from this dinner made a nice increase in our treasury.

On January 3rd, we had our belated Annual Christmas Dinner for members and shut-ins at the Nursing Home. It was also a "Surprise — This Is Your Life Program" in my honor for the 40 years I have served as Secretary. I was also presented with a beautiful watch from the members as a special tribute. This occasion is one which I will always remember with deep gratitude.

Thank you!

I attended the festivities of our grand opening and blessing activities yesterday, here in our home office in Joliet, and it was a very eventful affair.

BARBARA ROSANDICH

Third Auditor's Report

My most sincere greetings to all of you and am very happy to see everyone looking well and healthy.

The books and records have been audited and have been found in proper order here in our new home office. I attended the grand opening dedication and blessing

festivities yesterday and a big thank you to Joliet for a splendid day.

In April, 1976, we at Br. No. 17, West Allis, were the hostess branch for the 40th. Midwest S.W.U. Bowling Tournament, participating with 7 teams. The tournament was very successful and West Allis certainly hopes that a good time was had by all.

On Oct. 3, 1976 we attended the Wisconsin State Day Convention combined with Br. No. 1's Golden Anniversary. The affair was a day of prestige for our organizer, Marie Prislund, and the charter members.

In conclusion, I wish to compliment all the national officers for their articles in Zarja and their untiring efforts in promoting the SWU.

Best wishes for a successful and fruitful session.

MARION M. MAROLT

Editor's Report

My dear sister officers, We are all most happy today to be together in our new Home Office for the first time, meeting to discuss the business of our organization in these beautiful new surroundings. I'm sure you all agree that the move to Joliet, on the basis of our warm reception at yesterday's Grand Opening attests to the wisdom of the move at this time in our history. I feel now as I did at the last National Convention that Joliet will welcome us warmly and that in this community we have the potential for great progress ahead, with the cooperation of all officers and continued interest of the membership.

In the last year for Zveza we have lived through many ordeals and events that we can say have made it an extremely busy year. We who are the salaried officers of the organization have carried the brunt of the decisions and work of the year. The Convention in Pittsburg was a very fine one — successful in its work and in its resultant increase in activities among the branches and larger membership. We have improved in many phases of fraternal life as a result of the concentration and dedication of the convention body. We have a new set of by-laws that will be given final approval at this meeting and will serve us well in the future as we face our usual and unusual problems.

I think our monthly publication has grown quite a bit in stature and interest also in the last year, becoming more and more interesting and given more and more attention by our membership readers. Certain items in Zarja are more interesting to certain readers — and it's gratifying to all of us who keep up with the publication in our official capacities, to hear the good comments from our readers thru letters and in person. We have some vital programs that this Board of Directors has been promoting and planning that come to final fruition when printed and read and acted upon after our members receive the word in Zarja.

As Editor, I cannot take any credit for the thoughts and ideas that are produced in the reading matter, but I can assure you that the fact of my long years in this capacity and my first hand knowledge of the workings of the organization enable me to piece together the fragments and ideas that come in my daily mail, so that each issue does have some semblance of order and continuity. Each Zarja is a complete monthly report — needing the same kind of care and attention as a business report in a large corporation with the added plus of human and spiritual interest stories that given the editor a challenge and inspiration to put together a journalistic product.

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If one pages thru the last year's Zarja's, you will see many lovely pictures and many of them of our young members. We have had our Scholarship student winners, those who have reached further educational plateaus, our Debutantes and junior groups, Juniors and young adults have been well-represented in our Zarja. We encourage a continuation of the activities that are behind this successful Zarja feature. Another feature that interests our members is the cultural heritage of our Slovenian nationality and we have been in the forefront in this work, mainly through the publication of monthly stories on our Slovenian Immigrants and also in the newer series on Slovenian contributions to American life. We are happy that our comunists find time and interest to do a professional job in writing on these subjects. We hope that with the expansion of interest on this subject, our Heritage Officer, Mrs. Irene Odorizzi will be able to awaken in all the membership a desire to become active in this field which is, after all, one of the goals set forth by our founding mothers 50 years ago when the Slovenian Women's Union began.

To our extremely well done and interesting home-making column, that has universal appeal to all readers, we hope that in the future, Zarja will have the space to include other facets of home and family life without sacrificing the space needed for organizational business. This combination of business and pleasure reading in Zarja is a difficult line to draw and one which we hope we can do to the satisfaction of all.

With my thanks to all our contributors, I must mention that Mrs. Marie Prislant's monthly column *Oh, ta svet*, in the Slovenian language has not missed one publication in all the 49 years of its existence, including the last year when our Founder became ill for a short time. We commend her for this service and perseverance to a cause which she has promoted all her adult life. At this time of the world when it is so important tho difficult to find writers willing and capable of writing in Slovenian language, we must treasure them and try never to diminish their work.

In my Christmas message to the branches, I made a suggestion that Zarja needs some working funds for the extras that are needed to produce this publication without further drain on the general treasury and secondly, to aid in the initial cost of printing, etc. The suggestion met with general success, and I have letters from our branches which overwhelmingly agree to have some money-making promotion. Some of the branches took it to mean that I was proposing an immediate "head-tax", which was only one of the suggestions. Not so — I was merely sending up a trial balloon for your ideas and comments. I am happy to say that only one branch felt this to be a burden with the majority ready to undertake some sort of fund activity. I received in 1977 already \$143 in such individual branch donations. For the Grand Opening of this new office, the National Secretary graciously relinquished the proceeds of advertisements to Zarja and so the greetings received from branches and busines places totaled \$390 for the March 1977 issue of Zarja. We are very grateful. The regular advertisements income has also been increased in the last year due to the fact that all ads were increased in price, including the charges to members for engravings, etc. which enabled me to make a payment of \$1,000 to the Croatian Press this year toward the cost of printing one Zarja. Since we have had many large issues during the year, increasing our total yearly publication expense, I was most happy to be able to make this contribution to the total expense.

In the past six months, much of my interest and work has also been placed in the establishment of the new premises in Joliet. As you know this was not an easy or speedy job. Due to the marvelous cooperation of our National Secretary and the National Treasurer in Joliet, we went into the work of finding suitable quarters last June. With God's help we were able to find this location that seems the most perfect for our needs. I would just like to thank Mrs. Jonita Ruth, our Assistant Secretary, for it was her direct interest and help that brought us to this place. Jonita has been a wonderful co-worker through the entire moving and establishment process and I thank her for it. The details of the move are more interesting to talk about than to read in any report of mine, so I will just simply say it was hard work, mentally exercising work and a little nerve-wrecking work, all done with full vitality and optimism and we are all proud of the result. I know that Mrs. Ancel will find this place an efficient and serene atmosphere for her work that can only benefit our organization.

During this time, it was my pleasure to be of assistance to the Secretary in every way possible. Our directive to employ an assistant secretary as specified in the Minutes of the Convention was carried out in the selection of Mrs. Ruth for this position and she will carry out the day to day activities in this office so that in the future we have a most complete and working office arrangement. We have also obtained an Actuary through the help of our former Actuary, Mr. Carl Tiffany, who was with us for many years in the previous administration of my mother. Mr. Arthur Konovsky of Cicero performed his first duties with Mrs. Ancel in the completion of the 1976 report to the Insurance Department of the State of Illinois. Our Attorney, Mr. Bernard Kompare has offered his help and services through many of these recent problems and activities, all to the finest conclusion. We thank these co-workers most heartily for without their help we might well be floundering in a sea of indecision. One thing that has become clear to me through the work of the last year and that is that we have to share the responsibility of the organization more fully, each one of us, each and every Director, National Officer, Branch Officer and Member. For it is each of us that can keep the organization growing and improving. It's not the person who doesn't care that we want — it's people to do care and will be involved that we want and need. And the U.S. President Harry Truman's famous revelation that on his White House desk stood a sign that said "The Buck Stops Here", is one that we should all mentally accept. If you see a problem, and see need, step in and see to it — at least try. Don't shrug it off with, "it doesn't concern me!" Everything in this organization concerns me and it should you. We are here today to talk over the work of the past and plan for the future. I now you are brimming with new ideas and I look forward to our discussions. Thank you very much.

CORINNE LESKOVAR

Scholarship Chairman's Report

Dear Board Members of the Slovenian Women's Union:

I am happy to be here to help celebrate another milestone in the development of ZVEZA. The new national office should be a real incentive for even a greater organization in the future.

The SCHOLARSHIP FUND is very well-supported.

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We are pleased with the many generous donations. My only regret is that more graduating high school seniors did not apply. All the winners are not straight "A" students by any means. The award was raised from \$300.00 to \$500.00 that there would be more incentive for applying in the future.

It is always a pleasure to receive recipes from members for POTS AND PANS AND PASTIME. The readers find them the most tempting and interesting. Suggestions are always welcome — good or bad. Happy Cooking!

Respectfully submitted
HERMINE DICKE

Director of Youth Activities and National Youth Board

The Youth Board wishes the S.W.U. Board members a very worthwhile annual meeting for 1977. Through the past nine months, the Youth Board has faced challenges of its day and tried to produce accomplishments during the Young at Heart Membership Campaign.

Each branch was notified three times with personal notices to try and make this campaign a tremendous success, along with articles published in our Dawn Magazine each month. We hope the Campaign gained our organization new members and would love to know who the winners were. The Youth Board tried to inspire each branch to become involved in youth activities.

Our aim for 1977 is to try and secure new members in the young adult and junior departments.

We need a new approach, the youth Board is working on this and hope all the members will follow our ideas for new programs, which will be in the Dawn magazine each month.

FRANCES SIETZ

Regional President: Colorado-Kansas-Missouri

Coloradans met at Gunnison. This is my first report to be published in ZARJA and I extend my best wishes to the National Officers and Spiritual Advisor for health and continued progress for our organization. I am happy to report that the Colorado State Convention that was held in Gunnison Oct. 3, 1976 by Br. No. 92 was a success. I must say, well done!

We have our meetings the first Wednesday of each month, time is 12:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's church hall. We play popular games and have a little social after the meeting and enjoy refreshments. Our meetings are not held during June, July and August as many members go on vacation. Br. No. 3 had a good year in 1976. We sold \$343.50 worth of tickets for the prizes at the National Convention which was a great success and helped to build up our treasury.

Our membership count as of December 1976 is 258 adults, 119 juniors. Four new members adult to B. Class and 8 new junior members and one junior transfer to Adult class B. We have 4 Social members. Six members passed away in the year and may they rest in peace.

A letter was also read and discussed from Frances Sietz on starting more junior activities and different ideas were given such as hula dancing, cowboy dancers, baton twirlers, drill teams and Slovenian dancers.

Oct. 31, 1976 Br. 3 celebrated the 50th anniversary and it was well-attended.

The next State Convention will be hosted by Br. 3 in Pueblo and the details of the time and date will be decided later.

I wish to thank everyone who helped us in any way including those who were present. Many thanks to Presi-

dent, Mary Guzzol and Vice-President, Frances Skul who helped me with the bus reservations which kept me very busy.

We had a lively day and I'm sure that everyone agrees with me. Even the weatherman cooperated. So, once again, thank you all.

We all attended mass offered by Father Kiernan and afterward we went to the Don Rios club for a delicious dinner. After dinner we had a short meeting. Greetings were received from National Officers which were read at the convention. I wish to thank Br. 92 officers and members for their wishes and especially to Margaret Malensek and Myrna Krizmanich. I'm sure everyone had an enjoyable afternoon. Thank you all and God bless you.

This concludes my report. I wish to send a warm "hello" to our lovely officers and Editor, Corinne. God bless you all.

FRANCES SIMONICH

Regional President: Pennsylvania-New York-Wash., D.C.

National President, Mary Bostian, and members of the Board of Directors of the Slovenian Women's Union, also our Founder, Marie Prisland and Rev. Okorn, Spiritual Advisor.

We enrolled 2 new members also 8 junior members and one transfer. Lost one member. At the end of December, 1976 had 61 A members, 23 members over 75 years old and 25 B members and 36 juniors. We are hoping to have a much better total in 1977 doing some things at our meetings and trying to make it interesting to all.

Had a very nice Christmas party with 26 members attending. Every member did enjoy herself and I think they will be back for other meetings.

Our best wishes and may God bless you all. I see the new home is very nice.

LUCILLE SMITH

Regional President: Illinois-Indiana

Being elected as State President was a great honor and as I make out this report, I regret that I was unable to attend the state convention. My vacation plans had been made long before I was elected.

I did attend the Wisconsin State Convention and found it enlightening. The mass and Fr. Claude's sermon were beautiful. The luncheon and program were great.

I now turn to Branch 2, which is my home branch and of which I am very proud. We have done so much in a short length of time: Zvez Day in July, State Convention in September, the Wisconsin State Convention in October, a penny social in November for the children's Christmas party, election of officers in December, and our golden anniversary which was held on December 19, 1976, the same day that ZVEZA was founded fifty years ago. On that day we had our National President, Mary Bostian, as our guest of honor. Also in attendance were Fr. Claude, our advisor, Fr. Tom, pastor of St. Stephen, and many more national and local officers, whom I will not attempt to mention here lest I inadvertently leave someone out.

I have been in contact with Frances Sietz as to the youth program. However, Branch 2 has only touched upon it because of all the other activities in progress. In the

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months to come, we hope to develop a youth program.

I close this report with one suggestion: that a set of procedures be enacted and given to new officers. As I took office, I went into it blindly. My heartfelt thanks to Ann Lustig and Liz Zefran for all their help. I believe there are many things I could do, but do not know about. I do hope that the board will consider my suggestion.

I close this report with the wish that we may all work together for bigger and better ways of serving Zveza.

Sincerely yours,
ANN VUCKO,

Regional President: Ohio-Michigan

Greetings and best wishes to the National Officers at this Directors' meeting. May this coming year of 1977 be a big success.

Our Bi-Centennial year has come and gone and with it, a lot of happy memories. It was the beginning of our 50th anniversary year and one by one, we will all be celebrating this happy event.

Our Combined Branches of greater Cleveland are always well-attended. We meet about five times a year, get to hear all activities of each branch.

I was very proud to attend the National Convention in Pittsburg; meeting the officers and delegates is a wonderful experience and you get to hear just how our organization is progressing.

The Cotillion Ball we have every other year is always a big hit in Cleveland, arranged by Frances Sietz and her committees; the debutantes are all so beautiful, a real treat for everyone especially seeing the girls with their fathers.

Our State Convention this year was so well-attended, we even had the youth with us which really did our hearts good.

Along came the month of November when the Dawn Choral Group had their concert which was very well-attended also. It was indeed a pleasure to hear all the voices of our ladies.

Christmas party for the children in December was put on by Frances Sietz and Jane Kaplan, and once again was a success with all branches cooperating.

Thanks to our Editor, Corinne Leskovar for all the lovely news in Zarja and my thanks to our National President, Mary Bostian for all the help and cooperation in the past year.

I wish good luck to all of you for a successful meeting. God bless you.

SOPHIE MAGAYNA

Regional President: California-Washington-Oregon

Officers of National Board:

Greetings and best wishes to our Founder, Marie Priland and members of the Board. Thanks to National President, Mary Bostian who keeps us posted; that is a help to our Branch, also to Irene Odorizzi of the Immigrant story about my family in the January issue.

Our monthly meetings are well attended, and increasing gradually with Junior members participating, which we hope in due time will create more activity and promote an increase in membership. We have a good staff of officers who are diligent workers, and put time and effort in their work. In the past 6 months we

lost a member, and gained an enrollment of 3 adults and 2 junior members. Attended a 2 day celebration in September over the Labor Day Holiday, and the houseguest of Jean Kurlich while in Fontana. This gave me the opportunity in meeting members of the Fontana Branch and from Enumclaw, Washington who also were visitors that came for the celebration. This concludes my report.

ROSE SCOFF,

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Greetings were received from Honorary State Presidents, Anna Pachak of Pueblo, Colorado and Mary Tomsic, Strabane, Pennsylvania. A letter was received from Br. 103, Washington, D.C. asking for greater observance of the Slovenian tradition of honoring St. Nicholas at Christmastime, primarily among our youth members, instead of the non-religious observances so popular today. The letter was accepted for file and the Board recommended that the old traditions should be more fully written in Zarja and new appreciation given to them among the membership.

The Secretary reported on the results of the Young at Heart Membership Campaign that ended Dec. 31, 1976. Total enrolled were 183 new members. Individual winners were Sandra Koren with 14, second was Sophie Magayna with 11 and third, Jonita Ruth with 9 new members. Top branches were Br. 50 with 28, Br. 20 with 20 and Br. 32 with 21. Fourth highest was Br. 2 with 16 new members. Cash prizes will be distributed to the winners.

With the total tally of the Convention Campaign we have enrolled 720 new members this year of 1976. The Board thanked the Secretary and office staff for their work of the term that just began July 1, 1976.

A new membership Campaign will begin at once, with members counted retroactively back to Jan. 1st and to conclude June 30, 1977. It will be called "Let's Spring Ahead" on the recommendation of Mrs. Kompore. The motto will be in hopes that membership will feel energetic with the new warmer weather and get into action signing up new members. Prizes will be the same as in the last campaign with cash awards for each classification of members. The winner will receive a special prize to be announced later.

The Board recommended that all members who are able, will attend the Heritage Day June 12th in Joliet and the national Baraga Day to be in Lemont, Ill. on Labor Day weekend. The Board recognizes the great need for prayer for the canonization of American-Slovenian Bishop and Missionary Frederik Baraga and requests that members join in the activity connected with the Cause for Baraga.

The Board especially commended the branches celebrating their 50th Anniversaries in 1977, namely, Branches 4, Oregon City, Oregon, 5, Indianapolis, Indiana, 6, Barberton, Ohio, 8, Steelton, Pa. 10, Cleveland, Ohio, 12, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 13, San Francisco, California, 14, Cleveland, Euclid, Ohio, 15, Cleveland, Ohio, 16, South Chicago, Illinois, 17, West Allis, Wisconsin. The first celebration will be Br. 10, Collinwood, on March 27th. To them and all charter members, heartiest wishes were extended. Br. 13 announced a celebration in San Francisco scheduled for Eastertime. Other branches were to observe later in the year. To all, congratulations!

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m. with prayer by the president who added her wish for a safe journey home to all travelers.

MARY BOSTIAN, President

CORINNE LESKOVAR, Record, Sec'y.

Slovenskemu kulturnemu delavcu Antonu Klančarju v slovo

Pred več kot desetletjem so nekateri naši časopisi poročali, da je umrl znani in prizadevni kulturni delavec Anton Klančar. V svojem pismu z dne 8. aprila 1967 se je Klančar šalil: "Ali si sploh lahko predstavljaš, kako me je pretresla vest o moji smrti?" Tako je takrat pisal Anton ali Tone Klančar svojemu dobremu prijatelju Jožetu Želetu v Clevelandu.

Letos v začetku marca pa je naš Slovenski ameriški inštitut dobil od Toneta krajše pismo, kjer sporoča, da odhaja na operacijo, ki ji bo morda podlegel. Skrbeli so ga njegovi zgodovinski spisi, ki jim je posvetil toliko let trdega dela. Želel je, da bi po njegovi smrti, ki jo je slutil, ohranili sadove njegovega dela za bodoče rodove. Operacijo je sicer srečno preстал, toda 19. aprila je podlegel kapi. Anton Klančar, ki so ga že toliko let prolašali za mrtvega, se je letos v resnici za vedno poslovil.



Anton Klančar, slovenski ameriški pisatelj in literarni zgodovinar.

Starejši Slovenci nele v Clevelandu, ampak tudi drugod po Ameriki, se ga gotovo še dobro spominjajo, saj je bil v letih pred drugo svetovno vojno eden najpridnejših slovenskih kulturnih delavcev. Rodil se je leta 1908 kot sin slovenskih priseljencev v slovenski ameriški prestolici Cleveland. Šolal se je na Ohio University, University of Illinois in Western Reserve University. Bil je eden najpridnejših dopisnikov slovenskih ameriških listov in revij, med njimi Glasa Slovenske dobrodelnice zveze, kjer je bil dve leti urednik, Nove dobe, literarne revije Cankarjev glasnik, angleškega lista za slovenske rojake v Ameriki, The Cleveland Journal in številnih drugih.

Poleg Adamiča, Mlakarja, Želeta, Suhadolnika, Jon-teza, Primožiča, Zormanca, Grilla, Prilandove, Novakove,

Turka, dr. Kerna, monsignora Zaplotnika, dr. Mallyja, Sodnikarja in peščice drugih je bil pokojni Klančar eden najvidnejših in najuspešnejših Slovencev v Ameriki, ki so med obema svetovnima vojnama začeli prodirati tudi v širši ameriški (in včasih v svetovni) tisk. V Clevelandu je sodeloval v literarni reviji Skyline, ki jo je izdajal kot svoje glasilo za književnost Cleveland College in jo je nekaj časa urejeval poznani slovenski novinar in kulturni delavec in pisatelj Stanley Zupan, eden izmed sedanjih zaupnikov našega Slovenskega ameriškega inštituta. Klančar je objavljaval razprave, eseje, prevode in komentarje tudi v revijah Yugoslav Review, Slavonic Review, South Slav Herald, Slavonic Bulletin, Slavonic Monthly in American Slavic Review. Pri našem inštitutu, pa tudi v Ljubljani, se sestavlja njegova bibliografija, ki pa bo zaradi bogastva in raztresenosti njegovih del le težko kdaj povsem popolna. Pokojni Tone sam v svoji zaposlenosti ni sestavil seznama vseh svojih del in je še pred leti prosil naš inštitut, naj pripravi pregled njegovih člankov iz Cankarjevega glasnika, Nove dobe in drugih listov, kjer smo mu v kljub prezaposlenosti z veseljem ustregli.

Po dolgih letih pridnega delovanja v Clevelandu je Tone Klančar nadaljeval svoje študije slovanskih jezikov in literature na Columbia University v New Yorku. kjer je leta 1942 dobil Master Degree z diplomskim delom "Sir Walter Scott in Yugoslav Literature," čigar odlomke je objavil tudi Slavonic Review v Londonu. Klančar je bil torej eden tistih redkih slovenskih rojakov, ki so skušali tudi s svojimi diplomskimi deli razširiti poznanje slovenske in južno-slovanske dediščine v Ameriki in svetu in to v času, ko je bila na teh področjih treba plavati proti toku.

Poleg člankov in razprav je pokojni Klančar tudi pridno prevajal. Njegov prevod Dragotin Lončarjeve knjige "The Slovenes: A Social History", ki je izšel tik pred drugo svetovno vojno v Clevelandu, je bil eno redkih mašil in pripomočkov za spoznavanje slovenske zgodovine in kulture v svetu in je seveda zelo hitro pošel. Čeprav je bilo njegovo zanimanje prvenstveno v književnosti, je leta 1940 Klančar vendar izdal tudi drobno knjižico "Who Is Who Among the Yugoslavs in Cleveland". Četudi knjižica navaja le drobec podatkov o clevelandskih Slovencih, je vendar bila pogumno dejanje v pravi smeri. Če bi bili vsaj to drobno knjižico preštudirali tisti ljudje, ki so se skušali zadnje čase s pomočjo cenzure in denarja predstavljati za glasnike slovenske dediščine in slovenskih studij, bi ne bili leta 1972 sramotili na clevelandski televiziji vseh Slovencev z izjavo, da so bili Slovenci v Ameriki vse do druge svetovne vojne samo revni delavci (humble laborers only). v časopisih pa z naravnost smešno trditvijo, da so slovenski misijonarji začeli prihajati v Ameriko šele po letu 1880.

Kot se tako rado zgodi kulturnim garačem in resničnim rodoljubom, je tudi pokojni Klančar za vse svoje ogromno delo dobival predvsem polena in udarce, čemur se je končno pridružila še družinska žalost. Umaknil se je najprej v Portland, Oregon, potem v Berkeley, California, in končno v Cambridge, Massachusetts, kjer je živel tako skrito in tiho, da so ga clevelandski slovenski listi proglasili za mrtvega. Bil pa je v stiku s svojim dolgoletnim zvestim prijateljem Jožetom Želetom in skozi dolgo vrsto let je bil tudi aktivni član in zvest sodelavec našega Slovenskega ameriškega inštituta — The Slovenian Research Center of America, Inc. Ko smo med drugim skušali študirati tudi Klančarjevo življenjsko delo, smo povabili k sodelovanju še prof. Paternosta in mu

KOMU VERJAMEŠ//p. klavdij okorn, ofm:

Bral sem sledečo zgodbo. Neka žena je poklicala duhovnika in ga poprosila, če bi imel nekaj časa, da jo posluša. Ko je dobila to zagotovilo, mu je začela pripovedovati o svoji stari materi, ki trenutno veliko trpi zaradi različnih bojazni. Od nekod je dobila "pobožno pisanje", kjer so napovedovali konec sveta in sicer še v tem mesecu. Že v nekaj dneh naj bi sonce potemnelo. Vse je slabo kazalo. Po tem poročilu je neznanka vprašala: "Kaj naj rečem svoji materi? Kako naj jo pomirim? Pomagajte mi."

Na najboljši način sem skušal dati potrebno pojasnilo tej neznanki, pripoveduje duhovnik. Med drugim sem omenil, da je za to potrebno zaupanje v božjo dobroto in ljubezen. Mi vsi imamo od časa do časa trenutke strahu. In strah ima velike oči, kakor pravimo. Imamo strah pred izpitom, strah pred življenjsko odločitvijo, n.pr. pred poroko, strah pred javnim nastopom, strah žene pred porodom, strah pred potovanjem, strah pred negotovo bodočnostjo. Nikomur ni to popolnoma prihranjeno. Vedno znova bi si morali reči: Bog je pri nas. Bedi nad nami. Varuje nas bolj kakor vrabce na strehi in bolj skrbi za nas kakor za lilije na polju. Zavedati se moramo, da smo popolnoma v božjem varstvu.

Ko sem tako nekako zaključil svoje pojasnilo je neznana žena odgovorila, da je že vse to večkrat pojasnila svoji stari materi, a ni nič zaleglo. Vse nič ne pomaga, da bi jo pomirilo. Raje verjame kakim vizijam meksikanskega kavboja, ali besedam kake vedeževalke ali pojasnilu kake ciganske vražarke.

Žal, da je tako. Ljudje raje verjamejo vizijam in prikazovanjem takih ljudi kakor pa naukom cerkve. Žal, da se mnogi raje na smrt bojijo, kakor pa da bi verjeli temu, ker nam je Bog rekel: "Ne bojte se, vse dni ostanem pri vas."

Življenska skušnja nas uči, da ljudje nočejo več verovati. Povsod le iščejo kratek izhod iz težav in mnogokrat šele po dolgih letih včasih skoraj zadnjo minuto in po ovinkih najdejo pot nazaj k Bogu in njegovi resnici. Mnogi sežejo v zadnji stiski po SOS telefonu in iščejo rešitve. Ljudje to storijo tik pred obupom, tik pred samomorom. V življenju ne vidijo nobenega smisla več. Nihče jih več ne posluša, nihče nima več časa zanje. Pravzaprav je to zadnja božja milost, ki jih naganja k Bogu. Hvala Bogu, da se poslužijo vsaj tega sredstva priti nazaj k Bogu. V vsem tem vidimo, kako čudna in čudovita so božja pota.

poslali poleg gradiva tudi Klančarjev naslov.

Čeprav se je Tone umaknil iz slovenske javnosti, je njegovo srce vse do groba gorelo za slovensko stvar. Vse od leta 1952 dalje je posvetil večino svojega prostega časa študiju velikega slovenskega učenjaka in svetovno znanega jezikoslovca dr. Franca Miklošiča, o katerem je nameraval izdati dve veliki knjigi — v današnjih razmerah naravnost junaško delo. In ko je slutil, da se mu bliža smrt, je bila njegova največja skrb, da se ohranijo ti njegovi dragoceni rokopisi tako, da bi v tej ali oni obliki ostali živ del slovenske dediščine — in nezdroljiv kamenček v katedrali slovenske omike.

Iz Cambridgea smo pravkar dobili zagotovilo, da bo na ameriški Spominski dan iz stolpa slovit trdnjave Fort Washington plapolala Klančarju v slovo ameriška zastava, ki jo je dobil kot veteran druge svetovne vojne. Mi pa pokojnemu sodelavcu in oraču slovenske kulturne ledine, rodoljubu Tonetu Klančarju obljubljam, da bomo po svojih najboljših močeh do konca življenja posneli njegovo aktivno ljubezen do slovenske dediščine in njegovo zavzetost za lepšo slovensko bodočnost.

Dragi Tone, hvala Ti za Tvojo ljubezen in žrtve! Bil si garač in trpin. Odpočij si v večnem miru — in naj Ti bo tuja zemljica lahka!

Voščilo

Mesec junij je posvečen očetom, starim očetom in vsem dobrim možem, ki držijo svet po koncu!

Ko boste od svojih dragih sprejemali gorka voščila, sprejmite še mojega. Ob enem pa tudi zahvalo in iskreno priznanje za vse tisto, kar s svojim ustvarjalnim delom doprinašate svojim družinam in vsej naši skupnosti. Hvala vam, zavedni slovenski možje za skrb, za vso požrtvovalno delo, s katerim ohranjate v svojih družinah in v naših organizacijah slovensko narodnost in naše običaje. Posebna zahvala za naklonjenost Slovenski ženski Zvezi.

Ponosne smo na vas in vaš praznik ta mesec je svetel dan nas vsch! MARIE PRISLAND

Krasno slavlje 50 letnice

PODR. 10, CLEVELAND, OHIO

V nedeljo dne 27. marca je naša podružnica št. 10, praznovala 50 letnico obstoja. Ob 10:30 dopoldne smo imele sv. mašo pri Mariji Vnebovzeti (St. Mary's) v Collinwoodu. Maševal je g. župnik Bratina, ki je prišel iz Ljubljane na počitnice in obisk Clevelanda, G. župnik je doma iz Ajdovščine na Primorskem. Pri sv. maši je bila velika udeležba članic od naše in drugih podružnic.

Popoldne smo imele veliko proslavo v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave., katere se je udeležilo nepričakovano mnogo gostov. Po štetju službenega osebja jih je bilo 425 navzočih.

Proslavo je odprla naša drž. predsednica za Ohio, Michigan, ga. Zofi Magayna s slavnostnim govorom. Predstavila nam je vse navzoče ustanovne članice naše podr. Nato nam je prečitala čestitke, katere so prišle od vsepoved za to priliko.

Drugi govor je imela podpreds., ga. Fani Žagar. Nato nas je pozdravila ga. Anna Markovič, preds. podr. št. 10. Vse navzoče je tudi pozdravila z lepim govorom naša glavna predsednica, ga. Mary Boštjan.

Zapele smo skupno himno, katero sta vodile ge. Rosemary Marn in Mitzi Globokar. Potem je nastopila gđc. Budan ob spremljavi godbe g. Don Slogar in ge. Rose Slogar. Nakar je zapel tudi kvartet "Slovan." Eno pesem so tudi skupno zapele ge. Fani Žagar, Zofi Magayna z g. Kokalj.

Duh, vodja naše podr. g. Father Tomc je opravil molitve. Program je bil zaključen z lepo slovensko pesmijo, ko sta zapela ga. Zofi Magajna in g. Kokalj:

Jaz pa vrtec bom kopala,
vanj bom drobnih rožic vsejala;
vmes pa nagelj, rožmarin,
da bom gol'fala fante z njim.

Nakar so "VESELI SLOVENCİ" igrali lepe polke in valčke za družabno zabavo in ples.

Vsem obiskovalcem naše proslave se prisrčno zahvaljujemo za tako lep obisk.

Ljudje so pričeli že zgodaj prihajati v dvorano in ob pol štirih je bilo skoro že vse zasedeno. Kosilo je bilo zelo okusno pripravljeno, za kar gre pohvala našim odličnim kuharicam pod vodstvom Julie Zalar in njenim pomočnicam. Lepo se zahvaljujemo vsem članicam, ki so pomagale k izrednemu uspehu. Posebna zahvala velja ge. Zofi Magajna, ki je vse najlepše vodila.

TEREZIJA FERRACCIOLI,
zapisnikarica

ZAPISNIK LETNE SEJE GLAVNEGA ODBORA S.Ž.Z.

V glavnem uradu v Jolietu, Illinois, 7. 8. marca, 1977

Letno zasedanje direktoric Slovenske Ženske Zveze, se je vršilo v glavnem uradu v Jolietu v dnevih 7. in 8. marca. Zborovanje je pričela gl. predsednica Mary Bostian ob navzočnosti naslednjih direktoric: Olga Ancel, taj., Mary Marolt, blag., Anne M. Kompare, prva nadz., Barbara Rosandich, druga nadz., Marion Marolt, tretja nadz. in urednica Corinne Leskovar. Navzoča je bila tudi ustanoviteljica, Marie Prisland in načelnica šolninskega sklada, Hermine Dicke.

Po molitvi, ki jo je vodila predsednica, so nadzornice pregledale račune šolninskega sklada in našle vse v lepem redu. Po poročilu načelnice sklada, se je razvila razprava. V 1976 je bilo sprejetih 7 prošenj za šolnino. Odobri se nakup pisalnega stroja za tajnico sklada.

Taj Olga Ancel poroča o kuharskih knjiga od 1. julija naprej. Prodaja gre dobro naprej in v zadnjih 6 mesecih je bilo prebitka \$2.685. To se nalaga v sklad za promocije in se bo uporabilo za stroške prihodnje konvencije in druge izdatke odobrene od direktoric. V tisku je nova izdaja kuharske knjige v 5 tisoč izvodih. Nagrada v znesku .50 za vsako knjigo bo podeljena prodajalki, ali podružnici, ki jih naroči v večjem številu. Tudi tiskanje nove izdaje knjige ge. Marie Prisland "FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA" je v teku z mehкими in trdimi platnicami. Knjige se bodo prodajale po \$3.50 za mehko vezane in po \$5.50 za knjige s trdimi platnicami. Zveza bo plačala tudi, 50¢ za vsako prodano knjigo. Zveza bo tudi založila novo izdajo pesmarice LET'S SING v bližnji bodočnosti. Sklenjeno je bilo, da bo gl. urad vodil razprodajo in da se ne plača komisije za posamezno naročene knjige.

Hrvatska frančiškanska tiskarna bo tiskala te knjige in prebitek gre v namene promocije in Zvezinega tiska.

Da se poveča zanimanje za kuharsko knjigo, WOMAN'S GLORY — THE KITCHEN, bo Hermine Dicke pripravila posebno poglavje posneto iz ZARJE in njene mesečne kolone.

Odbor je pregledal nova določila v pravih, sprejeta na zadnji konvenciji in predložena odboru za končno formulacijo. Odbor je odobril celotno končno besedilo pravil.

Odbor je odobril izjavo, katero je pripravil naš odvetnik, Bernard Kompare, ki dovoljuje prenos fondov iz Illinois banke v Cicero v Union National Trust banko v Jolietu.

Tajnica poroča, da je bil najet novi računovodja, g. Arthur A. Konovsky, ki je dovršil letno poročila za Zavarovalniški Oddelek v skladu z računi gl. tajnice. Odobreno.

Razpravlja se nakup hiše novega gl. urada in se odobri nakup. Cena kupa je bila \$59,000 za poslopje in \$1,000 za premičnine. Odbor pohvali delo izvršnega odbora in odvetnika g. Kompare pri prenosu lastništva. Glede prodaje čikaškega poslopja, se odobri, da zemljiški agent naroči profesionalno oceno (appraisal) in se pooblasti tajnico, blagajničarko in prvo nadzornico, da odobrijo kupne ponudbe.

Direktorice in mnogi obiskovalci novega gl. urada so soglasno izrazili veselje in pohvalo nad ureditvijo urada.

Posebna zahvala je bila izrečena podr. št. 20 in njeni predsednici, Emmi Planinšek ob izredno lepem programu otvoritvenih slovesnosti novega gl. urada. Jolietški župan Norman Keck je proglasil ob tej priliki SLOVENSKI TEDEN za mesto Joliet. Duhovščini slovenske fare Sv. Jožefa posebna zahvala za blagoslovitev in cerkvene slovesnosti, nakar se je vršil slovesni banket z lepim programom. Gostje so za to svečanost prišli iz mnogih slo-

venskih naselbin in raznih držav.

Odbor se posebno zahvali voditeljicam, ki so vse organizirale, načelnico Mary Marolt, Mrs. Ancel in Mrs. Leskovar.

Odbor ugotovi, da so pri pripravah sodelovale odbornice, članice in njihove družine in posebna zahvala velja bratskim društvom, Ameriško Slovenski Katoliški Jednoti (KSKJ) in Ameriški Bratski Zvezi za prijazno sodelovanje.

Seje se je udeležila ustanoviteljica Marie Prisland, ki je izrazila veliko zadovoljstvo in srečo nad uspešnim delom direktoric in Jolietških odbornic in članic za napredek SŽZ. Veselo je bila presenečena ob odkritju nje-nega portreta v novem uradu, ki je odlično delo umetnice, naše članice, Emilije Razman.

Razvije se živahna razprav glede delovanja organizacije za razvoj in večje poznanje slovenskega kulturnega izročila. Pozove se vse uradnice, da podprejo to važno delo. Irene Odorizzi, ki je bila imenovana odzivu članstva. Prvi dan SLOVENSKEGA KULTURNEGA IZROČILA, se bo vršil dne 12. junija v Jolietu v parku Sv. Jožefa z gobatim programom. Njeni članki o IMIGRANTIH v Zarji ter članki ge. Milene Gobec so izredno navdušeno sprejeti med čitatelji lista. Odbor navdušeno pozdravi njuno delo.

Seja v pondeljek je bila zaključeno ob 9 uri z molitvijo.

Seja v torek dne 7. marca, 1977 se je pričela ob 9 uri. Nadzornice so nadaljevale pregled računskih knjig tajnice in blagajničarke.

Ob 11 uri so direktorice prisostvovala seji v Union National banki v Jolietu v namenu, da se prične z novim investicij. Uradniki banke, g. Thomas Hickey in g. Ronald J. Erjavec bosta kot svetovalca pomagala pri investicijah Zvezinih skladov. Tudi se v Union banki odpre varnostni predal.

Po kosilu so direktorice nadaljevali s pregledi računskih knjig tajnice, blag. in urednice. Delo je bilo končano ob petih, nakar so bila podana razna poročila navzočih direktoric ter pismena poročila drž. predsednic. Pozdrave so poslale častne preds. ga. Anna Pachak iz Colo. in Mary Tomsic iz Penna. Podr. št. 103 iz Washingtona, D.C. pismeno priporoča večje upoštevanje Mi-klavževih slovenskih tradicij v božičnem času.

Tajnica poroča o rezultatih zadnje članske kampanje. Posamezne zmagovalke so: Sandra Koren s 14 novimi članicami, druga Sophie Magayna z 11 in tretja Jonita Ruth z 9 članicami. Najboljše so se odrezale podr.: št. 50 z 28, št. 20 z 20 in št. 32 z 21 in četrta je bila podr. št. 2 s 16 novimi članicami.

Skupno je v obeh kampanji bilo vpisanih 720 novih članic.

Na priporočilo ge. Kompare se sedanja kampanja, ki se zaključi 30 junija 1977 pod geslom: "Skočimo naprej". Nagrade so iste kot prej. Vse vabljeni k delu.

Odbor izreka posebne čestitke podružnicam, ki slavijo 50 letnico delovanja: št. 4, Oregon City, Oregon, 5 Indianapolis, Ind., 6 Barberton, O., 8 Steelton, Pa., 10 Cleveland, O., 12 Milwaukee, Wis., 13 San Francisco, Cal., 14 Cleveland-Euclid, O., 15 Cleveland, O., 16 So. Chicago, Ill., 17 West Allis, Wis. Vsem prisrčne čestitke in še mnogo uspehov v bodočnosti!

Zborovanje je bilo zaključeno ob 9 uri z molitvijo predsednice in voščilom za srečno potovanje na domove.

MARY BOSTIAN, predsednica
CORINNE LESKOVAR, zapisničarica

DOPISI

PODR. 2, CHICAGO, ILL.

Mesec maj je za nami, saj je najlepší v letu, ker je posvečen Mariji in ob enem se vsa narava prebudi. Pri naši podružnici smo prav lepo počastili našo zaslužno mater, Katie Tuzak. V četrtek 12. maja, je bila sv. maša in litanije, katero je daroval Rev. Fortunat.

Zelo lep utis je naredilo na vse, ko je vsa njena družina pristopila k sv. obhajilu. To je bil gotovo največji dar za mater. Po sv. maši je bilo okrepčilo s kavo in vseh vrst dobrot in peciva, ki so naše dobre žene napekle. Hvala lepa!

Predsednica odpre program z molitvijo. C. Leskovar je naredila knjigo in skupaj zložila opis njenega življenja, od zibelke in do zdaj, kot: "This is your Life!" Predsednica je prebrala — bilo je zelo zanimivo. To bođe enkrat zaklad za vnuke in pravnuke, ko bodo čitali življenjepis od stare in prastare mame.

Prizgale so svečo z molitvijo v spomin pokojnim članicam. Počastile so tudi 75 let mlade z lepimi darili. Imele smo svojo mizo in vsaka "cup cake" s svečko, ki so je prizgale in zapele Happy Birthday. Bilo je zelo krasno in družabno razpoloženje.

Pri podr. imamo Sunshine Fund za bolane članice. Prosim, da sporočite v slučaju bolezni spodaj podpisani, kjer imam to v oskrbi. Moj telefon je: 471-2527. Vsem bolnim in onemoglim članicam želimo, naj bo Marija njih varuh.

Ne pozabite 9. junija, zelo pomembna seja. Razmotrivalo se bo zaradi romanja S.Ž.Z. v Lemont meseca julija. To ni delo samo za odbornice, ampak je dolžnost vseh članic, vsaka po svoji moči; pomoč v kuhinji, pecivo, darilo. Ker meseca julija in avgusta ni seje, zato se udeležite v tem večjem številu 9. junija. Ne pozabite.

Ta mesec očetje praznujejo svoj dan. Želimo jim vse najboljše v krogu svoje drage družine. Pokojnih se bomo spominjali v naših molitvah.

Lepe pozdrave vsem članicam in na veselo svidenje na seji.

F. ZIBERT

PODR. 14, EUCLID, OHIO

Na seji dne 3. maja je bila zelo dobra udeležba in smo počastile mater in ustanoviteljico št. 14, MOLLY LEGAT, ki je zelo veliko naredila za SŽZ v 50 letih od ustanovitve.

Prav lepa hvala za darilo v denarju in za dobro pecivo. Ne bom pisala vseh imen, ker bi vzelo preveč prostora in bi morda katero izpuščila, toda vsa imena so v zapisniku in računski knjigi. Še enkrat hvala vsem!

ZA VAŠE ZDRAVJE!

Ako obstoja beseda, katere se najbolj bojimo slišati, posebno če se tiče koga bližnjega, je beseda rak. Tisti ljudje ali družine pri katerih ima, ali je imel član družine kako vrsto raka, se dobro zavedajo pomena in poslednice te bolezni.

Kaj je rak? To je divja rast celic, katere so množe neomejeno. Sedaj poznamo preko 100 različnih vrst raka, kateri lahko napade katerikoli del človeškega telesa. Dokazano je, da rak napade ljudi vseh starost, posebno pa še tiste, kateri so stari več kot 40 let. Čeprav je današnja medicina, kot znanostna veda, na tako visokem nivoju ko še nikdar popreje, še vedno točno ne vemo kaj pravzaprav povzroči raka.

Mnogo let raziskovanja glede raka je že poteklo in vsako leto nas prinese bližje rešitvi tega perečega vprašanja in upamo, da je končna rešitev nedaleč.

Širjenje raka se lahko ustavi samo, če je rak odkrit v zgodnji dobi. V tem slučaju je potrebna kirurgija, ali operacija in seveda radiacija ali obsevanje.

American Cancer Society, se prizadeva in še posebno priporoča, da naj ljudje nehajo kaditi, ker kajenje povzroča raka na pljučih, ravno tako ga tudi povzroča pretiravano sončenje.

NEŽKA GABER

Bolne članice: Mary Koljat si je roko zlomila. Mrs. Ipavec-Meclan je v Euclid General bolnišnici. Marylin Fitzhum, se je vrnila domov po operaciji, kakor tudi Ileen Collins. Sedaj pa ji mama doma streže, da bo čimprej zdrava. Lepa hvala za kartico, Ileen. Sestra od Molly Legat, Rozi Fatur je umrla v Kaliforniji in so jo pripeljali v Cleveland za zadnji počitek. Naj v miru počiva. Družini pa naše sožalje!

Pauline in Mike Cesar bosta praznovala zlato poroko (50 letnico). Imata 2 sinova in 2 hčerke in veliko vnukov. Želimo jima še mnogo let zdravja.

Julija ne bo seje in upam, da se boste dobro imele na vaših počitnicah ter se vidimo dne 2. avgusta na seji.

Lepe pozdrave vsem od

MARY ISKRA,
poročevalka

PODR. 20, JOLIET, ILL.

Naše čestitke Stanley Marolt, so-progu gl. blagajničarke, Mary Marolt, k izvolitvi v mestni odbor. Njegova mati Johanna M. in hčerke so tudi naše članice. On je bil ponovno izvoljen kot "County Auditor".

Čestitke tudi naši zaslužni materi podružnice, tajnici Agnes Lovati, ki je bila izbrana kot najbolj popularna mati leta. Vse vemo, da je Agnes vedno pri rokah in rada pomaga pri delu za podr. in Zvezo. Spominjamo se, ko je tudi njena mama bila imenovana za Mater cerkvenega društva, Mary Schmidberger, ki je bila tudi naša dolgoletna članica.

Naša čla. Josephine Karl je bila imenovana za častno mater cerkvenega društva "Rosarians". Iskrene čestitke vsem imenovanim!

Čla. Marge Franz se je ponesrečila v kuhinji. Enako Mary Rožman.



MATI POČAŠČENA

Naša slovenska pročevalka od podr. št. 24, LaSalle, Ill., MARY MICI PILETIČ, je bila počaščena kot mati leta na prireditvi podružnice. Prav lep dopis je bil objavljen v časopisu "Daily Tribune" s to sliko na kateri drži spominsko knjigo raznih družinskih slavnosti. Mici je mati sinu in hčerki ter je poleg Zveze, zelo delavna z možem Josephom pri farl Sv. Roka, kjer rada prepevata. Čestitke in najboljše želje!

Vsem bolnim želimo kar najhitrejše okrevanje. Tudi naslednjim: Katherine Knez, Mary Gale, Mary Bruck, Agnes Trautman, Justine Kauleric, Bernice Skrinar in Lorraine Hrubus, ki so se nahajale v bolnišnici in so sedaj srečne doma. Želimo tudi hčeri od Mary Marolt, Nancy Callaney, da se hitro pozdravi!

Na cvetno nedeljo smo bili veseli obiska in cerkvenega koncerta zbora Sv. Štefana iz Chicaga. Pod vodstvom Fr. Vendelina in prof. Fišingerja so predvajali prelepe slovenske velikonočne pesmi. Po verskem koncertu je bil sprejem v dvorani.

V farnem parku je "Parents Aid" priredil spageti dinner ob lepi udeležbi. Načelnice so bile: Mary Kanopek in Jonita Ruth. Tudi "garage sale" se je dobro obnesel pod vodstvom Jonite Ruth in drugih članic. Hvala za sodelovanje!

Naša tajnica, Agnes Lovati, je izgubila strica Alberta Skul ki zapušča tudi en sestro in pet bratov, teto Frances Ukovich in število drugega sorodstva. Naj pok. Albert počiva v miru. Preostali naše iskreno sožalje!

Pliža se dan ko bomo praznovali naš narodnostni dan "heritage day". Za to veliko praznovanje se vse članice pridno pripravljajo, da čim lepše pogostijo domače in tuje goste. Vemo, da bo lep odziv.

Želim prijetnega snidenja od blizu in daleč ter Vas vse pozdravljam,

JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC

PODR. 24, LA SALLE, ILL.

Drage članice: Zopet je za nami ljubi majnik, katerega čakamo vse leto. V tem mesecu tako radi pojemo lepe Marijine pesmi in vemo, da bo Ona uslišala vaše prošnje glas.

Žal je več naših sester bolanih. Ses. Frances Ahčin je sedaj doma in upamo, da bo kmalu zopet med nami. Mož sestre Anna Klopčic se je ožgal in je v bolnišnici. Mrs. Antoinette Ferenchak hudo trpi, ker se je poparila še pred Božičem. Hvala Bogu je sedaj boljša. Mož od Agnes Ostrowski je tudi bolan v špitalu.

Dne 1. maja smo imele skupno sv. obhajilo in nato sejo ob 2 uri, nakar smo imeli materinsko proslavo v Paramount. Vsem najlepša hvala za vaše dobrote in pecivo.

Ne pozabite dne 12. junija bomo šli vsi skupaj na bus do naše domače slovenske prireditve v dvorani Sv. Jožeta v Jolietu. Pokličite Mary Gramc (815-223-6137). Bodimo ponosni Slovenci, zato hitro telefonirajte čimprej, da boste imeli prostor na busu, saj čas naglo teče. Hvala vsem!

Tudi že sedaj opozarjam na lepe Baragove dneve, ki bodo dne 3. in 4. septembra na lemontskem hribočku.

Na aprilski seji smo lepo počastile

Priljubljena članica



Mrs. Tillie Podboršek slikana novembra 1976 preden je zbolela.

našo predsednico ob priliki njenega "retirement". Lepo smo ji zapele, ker ona zasluži našo počastitev, saj je izredno pridna in delavna za našo Slovensko žensko Zvezo. Naj bo zima in mraz, ona je vedno pripravljena, da dela za našo dično organizacijo. Bog ji daj zdravja in moči, da bo tudi v bodoče tako lepo vodila našo podružnico ob podpori ostalih odborin in članstva. Bog jo živi!

Dne 24. aprila je umrla Anna Kesch v lepi starosti 89 let. Častne pogrebne so bile: Mary Gornik, Fannie Piletic, Anna Serri, Mary Piletic, Matilda Swetek, Mildred McCloud posebna prijateljica.

Naj se ob koncu tudi jaz zahvalim našim dobrim članicam, ki so me letos počastile za materinski dan. Prisrčna zahvala vsem iz vsega srca. Na svidenje v Jolietu in Lemontu. Vaša zapisnikarica,

MARY MICI PILETIC

PODR. 103, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Naše posebne čestitke članici Vidi Antolinovi, ki se je 16. aprila poročila z Martinom Edwardom Jenkinsonom v cerkvi sv. Jožefa v Emmitsburgu. Bil je krasen dan, ki bi lahko tudi naznanjal, da naj bo življenje v bodoči skupnosti le sončno. Dekliško petje s kora med poročno mašo je zvenelo tako prisrčno, da je mehka glasov še posebno segla v vsako srce. Nevesta je bila tako lepa, kot si moremo predstavljati nevesto samo v sanjah. Z njenih temnih las se je vil pajčolan še dolgo za njeno krasno poročno obleko. Šopek je tudi ponazarjal slovensko dekle v belih in rdečih nageljnih.

Cela družina je bila soudeležena. Dva brata sta ministrirala pri poročini maši, družice so bile sestre in prijateljice z univerze, Cerkev je bila polna in večina je pristopila k mizi Gospodovi.

Poročna gostija je bila prijetna in domača. Gostje so prišli celo iz Kanade.

Mlada nevesta je graduirala dec. 1976 na University of Pennsylvania v Philadelphiji in bo nadaljevala študije prava. Zenin je tudi diplomiral na isti univerzi in je sedaj pri mornarici. Nadaljeval pa bo svoje študije v političnih vedah in pravu.

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Naša najstarejša in nenadomestljiva članica gospa Tillie Podboršek je že bolna od novega leta dalje. Sedaj leži v Nursing Home. Prepričana sem, da si je že zaslužila nebesa na zemlji. Sin John je neizmerno dober in požrtvovalno skrbi za svojo mater. Vsaka mati ima samo v najbolj skritem kotičku srca željo imeti tako dobrega otroka. John je res občudovanja vreden.

Prvega maja smo imeli vsakoletno praznovanje materinskega dne. Z lepim sporedom klavirskih točk in recitacijami v slovenščini in v angleščini. Ves trud vseh nastopajočih se je izplačal. Spored je pripravila moja hčerka Bernardka. Ženske so pripravile vseh vrst dobrot, tako da smo se vsi lepo zabavali. Vse je še posebno vnela krasna pesem washingtonskega pevskega zbora pod vodstvom gospoda Preglja. Prav tako nam je gospa Rasket zaigrala naše narodne pesmi na harmoniki.

NIKA B. KOVAČIČ

HI BOYS AND GIRLS

Last month I talked about what mothers are famous for. This month is the father's turn.

Fathers don't do crazy things like mothers do — they do a different kind of craziness. When my father took us on vacation he'd always have a joke to make the ride more enjoyable. The only catch to it was that dad would always tell the same joke. Whenever a bug would splat on the windshield, had would ask the question, "What did the bug say when he hit the window?"

There's a rule in the vacation manual that says —no matter what, humor the driver. So that's what we do...in unison. "I don't know dad, what did the bug say when he hit the window?"

"I'll never enough guts to do that again." Everybody laughs, even though we heard that joke umpteen times before. But why not? It doesn't hurt to laugh. Besides, we're just following the second rule in the vacation manual laugh at all of driver's jokes; unless you feel like walking to your vacation resort.

Another thing that I know all fathers are famous for and that is reminiscing. And it seems that they always remember things that happen-

"FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART"



Ann Zak, Euclid High sophomore, won a First Place in the Chemistry division for ninth and tenth graders in the Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair. She is shown here with her teacher, Mr. Bill Von Benker, who helped inspire her to undertake the project titled, "The Effects of Acid on the Viscosity of Motor Oil." (Euclid Sch. Pix).

ed to them when you ask for something. Here are some examples:

"Dad, can you take me to school?"

When I was your age I had to WALK to school. And it was a good six mile hike. I walked through all kinds of weather—blizzard, sweltering heat, monsoons... you name it, I walked to school through it. We didn't have a car to take me to school."

"Well, Dad?"

"Well, what? Get in the car — we're gonna be late!"

Then there's always dinner time.

"Mom, I can't finish this I'm too stuffed."

"When I was your age," dad stated, "it was the depression and we would finish everything on our plates because we were fortunate just to have that. So finish your meal and I don't want to hear anymore complaints."

Of course you'd finish it even if you were stuffed to the brim and it was your third helping. You'd do anything so you won't have to hear another one of those depression stories.

If you ask the right question you'd be able to get dad to tell you a story of what happened to him when he was just a boy. If you're lucky you'll get a story that he didn't even tell his mom or dad.

"Hey dad? Can you take me out with the car so I can practice my driving?"

"Did I ever tell you the time I first drove a car? I don't even remember how old I was. In those days you didn't have to be any specific age to drive. You see, me and these other boys used to help Mr. Adamic, the caretaker, with his gardening in the cemetery. In return, he'd take us fishing. Well, he had the Model T truck, fishing. Well, he had the Model T truck. One day, when we were through

fishing the told me that I should try to drive home. He told me where the clutch, brake, and gas pedal were and I took it from there. I was driving along when I don't know if the bar underneath broke or I swerved but — before you knew it the whole truck just tipped over and we landed in the ditch on the side of the road. The other boys in the back seat flew out. Fortunately, nobody was hurt. Mr. Adamic told us to fish while he went to a nearby farmhouse to repair the car."

"How long after that did you try driving again?"

"Not until I was in college. My brother had a car. I took it around the block once. I'm lucky I made it once without running into anything."

Nothing like gaining your confidence when you're trying to learn how to drive.

One more thing fathers are and that's proud of their children. It never fails... you happen to be along with your father when he runs into someone that he hasn't seen in awhile.

"And who are these two little ones?" the friend asks.

"This here is my boy, Andy — star center for his grade school's basketball team. And this is Marie — she was drum-major of her high school band this year."

You can't blame him for being proud — he never had a chance to do half the things we do nowadays.

However fathers, just like mothers, constantly worry about their children. They must take lessons from each other. Dads give their children a lot of things, good times, memories, lessons but the most important of these gifts is love.

Happy Father's Day.

Your friend

REGINA II

OIL RESEARCH WINS FIRST

Ann Zak, Euclid High sophomore, is back where she wants to be, in the winner's circle. Ann won a first place in the Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair held at Cleveland State University recently and this makes the second time she has received a first place award in the four years she has entered.

Ann submitted projects in her seventh, eighth and ninth grades while a student at Forest Park and won a first place in chemistry as an eighth grader along with \$65. She also received a \$50 prize as a ninth grader. This year's project titled "The effects of Acids on the Viscosity of Motor Oil" earned for her the first place ribbon and a gold medal, and a \$15 cash award from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Ann worked on this project since November and spent over 100 hours gathering data and doing the experiments. As a result of her research, Ann now knows that oil does not break down but the additives in it do and this is the reason automobiles should have their oil changed often. Next year she is going to try to find a way to prevent or neutralize the acid breakdown in oil.

Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Zak of 27304 Hickory Court, and granddaughter of Mrs. Justine Prhne and is a member of Br. 50.

We've been pleased to read about Ann before as her interest in science has grown. She was our 'budding scientist' last year and now has developed into a very fine researcher. Our best wishes for continued success.

BATON GROUP NEWS

Euclid, Ohio: Just a little news about our Twirlettes. We recently performed at the Slovene Home for the Aged on Neff Rd. All the people really seemed to enjoy our performance. Thanks to Theresa Krizman's mom for being nice enough to announce in Slovenian to the people who we were and what we were and what we were going to do.

We just finished selling Easter candy and it seemed to be a success.

On April 17, 1977 we performed at the Geauga Maple Festival held in Chardon, Ohio. It was the nicest weather we ever had for this parade. We've been going to this parade for 11 years.

June 5 — it's the Garfield Little League Parade.

We were invited to perform at Joliet, Ill. on June 12 — quite a few girls and their mothers are looking forward to going to Joliet on the bus.

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