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Honoring our Mothers of the Year

The month of May brings out the best in social life among our branches as we celebrate Mother's Day by honoring our chosen Mothers and Members of S.W.U.

In Chisholm, a highlight of the celebration in tribute to 89 year old Mother, Mrs. Frances Setina, was a guest appearance of the Governor of Minnesota, Rudy Perpich. He was outshone by Mrs. Setina, however, as she led him around the dance floor in a lively polka. (Photo courtesy VEDA PONIKVAR, Publisher Chisholm Free Press and Member of Br. 38).

Cleveland members of Br. 50 honored all their past Mothers of the Year along with 1978 honoree Millie Pike, fifth from the right, standing. Over 125 members attended the celebration they called: REMEMBERING MAMA!

(See inside cover for more)

REMEMBERING MOTHERS OF BR. 50:



Pictured are Mothers of the Year from 1956 to 1978. Seated left to right Marie Beck ('65), Mary Perusek ('74), Mary Petric ('73), Sophie Zagorc ('62), Beatrice Tomc ('70), Vicki Planecki ('72), Marie Azman ('69), Standing left to right — Jean Tomsic ('75), Louise Vovko ('63), Ernestine Jevco ('64), Ann Kristoff ('71), Carole Travn ('67), Vi Zak ('76), Millie Pike ('78), Mary Cesnik ('77), Mary Susnik ('68), Agnes Trebar ('61), Josephine Trunk ('57), Not pictured are Frances Sietz ('59), Rose Zelodec ('66), and Jo Seelye ('56). Deceased are Mary Hocevar ('58), and Celia Znidarsic ('60).

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ON THE COVER

Governor Rudy Perpich surprised everyone including Mother of the Year, Mrs. Frances Setina at her party in May. On the photo are Mother of the Year, with the Governor and two of Mrs. Setina's daughters, Francis Gamache, left and Rose Stonemark, right.

Their life stories and those of our other Mother's of the Year were published in the May issue of Zarja.

What an enjoyable evening it was at the May meeting with 127 members attending! Honored was Millie Pike our 1978 Mother of the Year. "Mothers should not be forgotten", said President Ann Tercek, so all of the past Mothers-of-the-Year were contacted, dating back to 1956. Out of a total of twenty two, seventeen were present.

As part of the celebration the mothers received gifts and corsages. Poems about mothers were recited and the song, "Mamica" was sung by Rosemary Marn accompanied by Jane Berkopec at the piano.

Sandwiches and goodies were served with punch and coffee.

A big thank you goes to the Kitchen committee, to Sophie Zagorc for assisting in checking names through her collection of Zarja magazines, to Mary Perusek for the corsages, to Carole Traven for the Mother poems, to the ladies who donated gifts and delicious bakery, and to the makers of the um, um, good punch.

Community singing of Slovenian and American songs ended a happy evening for all.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 16 — ZVEZA DAY, Br. 2, Chicago, Ill.
at Lemont, Ill.
- Aug. 8 — POTLUCK PICNIC, Br. 50, Cleveland, Ohio
- Sept. 11 — CARD PARTY, Br. 1, Sheboygan, Wis.
- Oct. 22 — GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY, Br. 25, Cleveland, Ohio
- Oct. 28 — DEBUTANTE COTILLION BALL, Cleveland, Ohio
- Oct. 29 — 50th ANNIVERSARY & STATE CONVENTION, Br. 17, West Allis, Wis.
- OCT. 29 — 50th ANNIVERSARY, Br. 26, Pittsburg, Pa.
- SEPT. 24 — OHIO-MICHIGAN STATE CONVENTION, Br. 55, Girard, Ohio hostesses.
- SEPT. 10 — PICNIC, Br. 43, Milwaukee, Wis. at Arcadian Park.
- OCT. 12 — RUMMAGE SALE, Br. 42, Maple Hgts., Ohio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JULY-AUGUST

National Officers:

- JULY 4 — ANNE VUCKO, State President, Illinois-Indiana, Westmont, Ill.
- JULY 18 — OLGA ANCEL, National Secretary, Joliet, Ill.
- JULY 28 — ROSE SCOFF, State President, California-Washington-Oregon, San Francisco, Cal.
- JULY 31 — MARY MAROLT, National Treasurer, Joliet, Ill.

Branch Presidents:

- JULY 3 — Anna Trontel, Br. 26, Pittsburg, Pa.
- JULY 4 — Ann Heinemann, Br. 28, Calumet, Mich.
- JULY 9 — Amelia Hagen, Br. 4, Oregon City, Ore.
- JULY 11 — Jo Wilhelm, Br. 12, Milwaukee, Wis.
- JULY 12 — Marge Prebil, Br. 16, So. Chicago, Ill.
- JULY 21 — Pauline Adamic, Br. 105, Detroit, Mich.
- JULY 23 — Ann Treek, Br. 50, Cleveland, Ohio
- JULY 25 — Mary Messersmith, Br. 8, Steelton, Pa.
- JULY 26 — Ann Petanovich, Br. 80, Moon Run, Pa.

Secretaries:

- JULY 6 — Mary Hadley, Br. 29, Broudale, Pa.
- JULY 10 — Ann Mundi, Br. 62, Conneaut, Ohio
- JULY 17 — Mary Percic, Br. 67, Bessemer, Pa.
- JULY 18 — Cecelia Blais, Br. 4, Oregon City, Ore.
- JULY 18 — Angie Wortman, Br. 63, Denver, Colo.
- JULY 18 — Denise Malensek, Br. 92, Crested Butte, Colo.
- JULY 18 — Mary Djubinski, Br. 102, Willard, Wis.
- JULY 21 — Sally Davidson, Br. 23, Ely, Minn.
- JULY 23 — Louise Epley, Br. 73, Warrensville, Hgths., O.

National Officers:

- AUG. 5 — ANNE KOMPARE, National Auditor, So. Chicago, Ill.
- AUG. 13 — MARY BOSTIAN, National President, Cleveland, Ohio

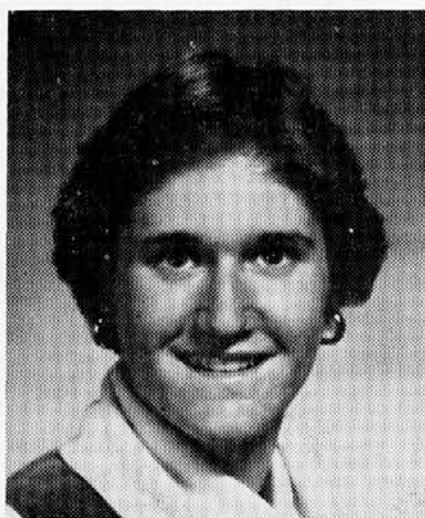
Presidents:

- AUG. 4 — Betty Matjasic, Br. 101, Bedford Hgts., O.
- AUG. 6 — Rose Pucel, Br. 23, Ely, Minn.
- AUG. 13 — Delores Heski, Br. 33, Duluth, Minn.
- AUG. 17 — Veronica Dolsak, Br. 55, Girard, Ohio
- AUG. 22 — Mary Habich, Br. 74, Ambridge, Pa.
- AUG. 24 — Jean Kurlich, Br. 100, Fontana, Cal.
- AUG. 25 — Shirley Melissa, Br. 2, Chicago, Ill.
- AUG. 27 — Mary Jane Dello, Br. 62, Conneaut, Ohio
- AUG. 29 — Ann Maver, Br. 25, Cleveland, Ohio

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- AUG. 3 — Mary Lou Phne, Br. 42, Maple Hgts., Ohio
- AUG. 5 — Jennie Stusek, Br. 88, Johnstown, Pa.
- AUG. 7 — Moreen Spencer, Br. 13, San Francisco, Cal.
- AUG. 13 — Virginia Bendich, Br. 59, Burgetstown, Pa.
- AUG. 16 — Frances Uille, Br. 68, Fairport Hrbr., Ohio
- AUG. 22 — Sharon Church, Br. 52, Kitzville, Minn.
- AUG. 22 — Mary Kernz, Br. 89, Oglesby, Ill.
- AUG. 22 — Mildred Poropat, Br. 95, So. Chicago, Ill.

1978-79 Slovenian Women's Union Scholars



Victoria Ann Hofer

Linda Schultz

Bernadette Starcevic

Again it is that time of the year when another selection of scholarship winners is to be announced. The candidates were outstanding and the selection was difficult. It is my pleasure, as chairman, to announce the Scholarship Committee's decision as follows:

VICTORIA ANN HOFER: 107 Summer; Shorewood, Ill., of Br. No. 20, Joliet daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hofer;

Major: Psychiatric Nursing

University: George Mason University in Virginia

LINDA SCHULTZ: 5918 S. Farfield Ave., Chicago, Ill., of Br. No. 2 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schultz;

Major: Photo-Journalism

University: Northern Illinois University

BERNADETTE STARCEVICH: 61 Amherst; Pueblo, Colo., of Branch No. 3 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Starcevic;

Major: Business and Office Occupations

University: University of Southern Colorado

STACY RADOSEVICH: Earthwood Inn, West Star Rt., Hwy. 61 Two Harbors, Minn. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony P. Radosevich of Branch No. 33;

University: College of St. Benedict of St. Joseph, Minn.

CONGRATULATIONS! and best wishes from the Slovenian Women's Union and the Scholarship Committee for an interesting learning experience and a successful career.

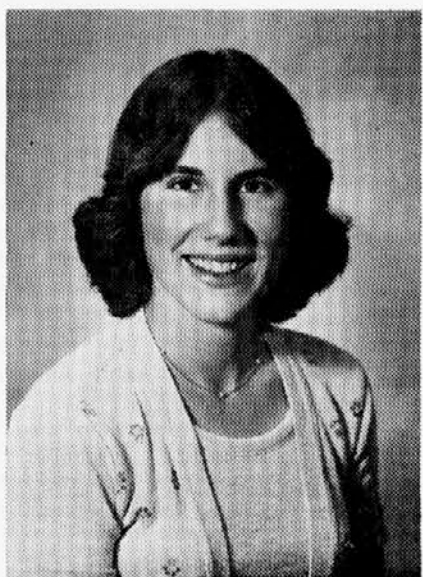
Marie Prislant, Olga Ancel,

Sincerely yours,

Mary Bostian, Rose Kraemer,

Irene Odorizzi, Antonia Turek,

Hermine Dicke, chairman, Scholarship Committee.



Stacy Radosevich

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Eligibility:

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

Exceptions:

- 1) Only one scholarship can ever be granted to members of any one family.
- 2) Only one scholarship can be granted any year to a particular branch.

Each application shall contain:

- 1) Name, address, zip code, name of parents, age, local branch number, number of years of membership in the Slovenian Women's Union, major field of study

considered and name of college or university contemplated.

- 2) A recent photograph or snapshot.
- 3) A transcript of high school grades through the first semester of the senior year and grade point average.
- 4) A frank statement of the extent of financial assistance needed.
- 5) A letter of recommendation from the student's principal, advisor or teacher.
- 6) A letter of recommendation from the local branch president or secretary including confirmation of years of membership.

All application materials are to be mailed each year by March 31st to Mrs. Hermine Dicke, Chairman Scholarship Committee, 3717 Council Crest; Madison, Wis., 53711. The Scholarship Committee will finalize the selections. Application material will not be returned. Awards will be based on the competitive level of scholastic achievement and financial need.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE // Mary Bostian

Since this is the beginning of summer and the picnic season, I want to remind our members that it may be a good time to campaign for new members and sign up many "pink slips" of application blanks. Please give it a try. Vacation time is here and you may have success.

This year there were many branches celebrating Mothers Day and many mothers were honored with an array of gifts and tokens that make the day unforgettable. I want to express my congratulations to all.

Also, many more branches will celebrate their 50th anniversaries. I was kept quite busy trying to make my appearance at as many branches as I could on their great celebration days. It's nice to see more action in our branches and these activities make us think back to the old days then we were constantly planning new activities for our members. I hear the older members say: This is like the old times we use to have! They love it.

We want to wish all members traveling to Europe and other places the best of luck and safe trips.

Br. 79 Enumclaw, Washington had their spring dance. Congratulations, I think that's lovely and a good idea. I wish you all success. This is a sure way to invite younger members to your branch.

Our Regional President, Sophie Magayna, and yours truly received a special invitation to visit Br. 55 on the occasion of their Mother's Day party. We were more than happy to go and Frances Sletz also joined us. We enjoyed it very much and made many new friends. The weather, too, was favorable.

We were grateful to them for such friendly greetings. We also met Frances Yerman from Br. 57 who came here with a car full. Frances is very active with singing and whatever. This is what is great cooperation. All taking part with each other and besides, trying to enroll new members in their groups. Keep it up, Br. 55! I just know you will get places.

Br. 15 has also honored their Mother of the Year who is Marie Pabijan, their secretary. She is such a good worker and has great interest in Br. 15, I'm sure Br. 15 has a good future. They also honored their president for her hard work. I wonder how many members realize it and help out when they know they have officers who are ambitious. It takes everyone's cooperation to make for success.

July-August Youth Board News

During the month of May, three local branches celebrated their Mother of the Year parties. At Br. 21, West Park — Helen Konkoy was presented a lovely gift by a junior member, Lisa Chesnik during their 50th anniversary celebration. This pleased the Youth Board Director because Br. 21 is involving Juniors in their events.

Br. 41 honored Mother of the Year Jane Kaplan by attending mass in a group, followed by dinner at the Slovenian Home on Waterloo Rd. Fr. Victor Tome was emcee of the program and he told of all the good deeds Jane has performed in all the various offices she has held from her days at the St. Clair area to the present time. As Youth Board Director, I also was pleased to give insights in her work with the Youth Board and Br. 41.

The American Slovene Club was also represented by four members who helped to serve and presented her with a large bouquet of carnations.

Branch 55, Girard, Ohio was our destination on May 11th as Mary Bostian, National President and Sophie

Br. 50 had something different for their Mother of the Year party. They honored all their Mothers of the Year and their president, too. She has earned the appreciation of all the members.

St. Clair branch, Br. 25 had a special evening for their Mother of the Year, Mary Otonicar. She is to be doubly congratulated for dedicated years as an officer of Br. 25, for many years as Secretary and now as Vice-president. I am sure we all admire her for lifetime of energetic work for church and S.W.U.

Br. 32 honored their Mother of the Year, Josephine Jevic on May 17th at Sterle's restaurant with dinner and entertainment. All enjoyed themselves very much. Members love to make a change to go out and do something different now and then. Our May ZARJA was beautiful with all the photos and stories of our Mothers of the Year I hope you all enjoyed reading it.

My best wishes to the members of Br. 20, Joliet on their big Slovenian Heritage Day. I chartered a bus last year but had no luck for this year. I hope some of our vacationing members did make the trip to Joliet. No doubt you had as big a success this year as last.

Congratulations all branches celebrating their anniversaries. Don't forget our cookbooks, too. They make nice gifts for newlyweds. We also have a new printing of Mrs. Prislant's book, "From Slovenia to America" that makes a nice gift. Every grandma should buy one for her grandchildren.

To all branches, best wishes for keeping us posted with your interesting reports. Everybody is so busy. This is what helps progress. Keep it up and keep writing to keep your members informed. Remind them of your meetings, your activities and your plans. Get them to cooperate. If they read ZARJA, they'll know what you are doing.

We have many more branches celebrating their 50th anniversaries this year and they are Branches 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26. Hope to hear of their plans.

May all our ill members return to good health and happy birthday to all in July and August. Get well also to our one and only Editor, Corinne Leskovar who was hospitalized for a short time for surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery. May God bless you all and care for you.

Magayna, State President and I attended their Mother's Day event in honor of Nancy Dombrosky. The Oldest Mother, Mrs. Petkovsek at age 86 and Youngest, Mrs. Restic, at the age of 26 were also honored. President Dolsak gave greetings thanking all for the wonderful turnout.

An altar of the Blessed Virgin, a beautiful sight to see, was set up by Matilda Cigolle who organized Br. 55 in 1933. The Blessed Virgin statue was made in Spain and given to Matilda by Mother Edna Marie, Ursuline Superior from Canfield, Ohio. Their Mother of the Year was escorted to the altar to light the candles and to place a crown of roses on Her head while all in attendance sang songs in Slovenian and English. She was also presented a plaque and her daughter, Pat Genocckl expressed her love from "An Album of Love for My Mother".

A good evening, with good results for our next State Convention, which thru the efforts of our State President, has been decided to be held in Girard in Sept.

Thank you, Girard for including us in your Mother's Day festivities.

FRAN SIETZ

Note For All Officers and Members!

In anticipation of our 17th National Convention taking place in the month of May, 1979 at Duluth, Minnesota, the following excerpts of the National By-Laws is printed. This will enable you at your branch meetings to plan for the all-important election of delegates in the first few months of 1979.

The By-laws must be followed completely. There is no legal election if these rules are not obeyed.

4.09. Any Adult Department member is eligible to be a delegate or alternate to the National Convention if she is at least 21 years of age, a U.S. citizen, of the Catholic faith and a member in good standing. She must also be a member for at least one year and must have attended a minimum of five meetings of her branch during the year prior to the convention. Attendance and membership requirements may be waived in the case of newly organized branches. To be elected as a delegate or alternate, an individual must receive a two-thirds majority of the votes cast during her branch's delegate and alternate elections.

4.10. A convention year shall be considered that twelve-month period ending on the last day of Dec. immediately preceding the convention. Each subordinate branch which has paid its members' assessments to the home office on or before the last day of December of the convention year is to be represented at the National Convention as follows:

a) Branches with 75 to 200 Adult Department members shall be entitled to one delegate.

b) Branches with 201 to 400 Adult Department members shall be entitled to two delegates.

c) Branches with more than 401 Adult Department members shall be entitled to three delegates.

d) Subordinate branches having an Adult Department membership of less than 75 members shall be combined with other such branches by the National Secretary for the purpose of electing a delegate. Total membership for the purpose of consolidation for delegate elections shall be considered that existing on the last day of December of the convention year. Consolidated branches with a total of 100 Adult Department members shall be entitled to one delegate. The National Secretary will consolidate branches according to their geographical proximity. The National Secretary will then issue a consolidation order authorizing the delegate election. The expenses of delegates representing consolidated branches will be apportioned among the represented branches.

ARTICLE VII

Officers

7.01. The national officers of The Slovenian Women's Union will consist of the following personnel: (1) the National President, (2) the National Vice-President, (3) the National Secretary, (4) the National Treasurer, (5) the National Editor, (6) the three National Auditors, (7) the Regional Presidents, (8) the Directors of Member, Youth and Recreational Activities, (9) the Scholarship Chairman, (10) the Cultural Heritage Officer, and (11) the Spiritual Advisor. National officers, will be elected for three year terms at each National Convention. Nominations shall be public, and elections shall be by secret ballot. Candidates must be members in good standing with the association, and must meet the qualifications of the particular office for which they have been nominated. No member will be eligible to serve more than two terms in the same elective national office other than National Secretary, National Editor and Scholarship Committee Chairman. Elected officers shall assume their respective offices on the first day of July following the National Convention.

Rev. Claude Okorn, O.F.M.

Sickness is a kind of Martyr-dom

The sufferings of this time have many facets which in the end can all be reduced to earthly experience of man's relation to God.

In the mutual love of Christians an element of suffering is present to the extent that in this love the Christian gives himself, his person, and his possessions. One or the other struggles with the old man in us. We are truly busy dying to ourselves, as regard the aspiration of the "flesh". But suffering comes to us also from the other side. It comes to us especially from our fellows, just as we also can be a burden to others.

The Christian is tried by persecution. If he yields to violence, then his trial reveals that his love of God was not genuine. But to endure trials, and especially to suffer death in order to confess Christ, is the highest self-affirmation of the spirit in our earthly life, and at the same time the freest act which man can attain on earth.

Trials can also present themselves in the shape of sickness, and sorts of setbacks which do not come from ourselves or our fellows. Here to a martyrdom is consummated, in which the Christian must bear witness to the faith in eternal life. Earthly existence is essentially a trial which requires a constant affirmation of belief in God, which offers us an opportunity, precisely through the trial, to win freedom for ourselves. In this way man learns to rule over creation, which now can no longer harm him.

Creation shows that it is good: "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him." The Christian who is truly held by Christ, knows that nothing can threaten him anymore. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long, we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Man can withstand trials because in this Jesus has preceded him.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION

Cleveland, Ohio
Announcement!

THE FIFTH SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION DEBUTANTE BALL

will be held
Saturday, October 28, 1978
at the

SLOVENIAN NATIONAL AUDITORIUM
6409 S. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

Ball Committee: S.W.U. JUNIOR LEAGUE
President, Carol Globokar
Vice-President, Mary Ann Globokar
Sec'y-Treas. Carole Cooke Koza

Daughters of all S.W.U. Branches are eligible to participate in the Cleveland Cotillion Ball.

ACTIVITIES

NO. 1, SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

There was a wonderful turn-out at the May meeting.

After the Minutes and secretary's report were read, Mrs. Marie Prislant initiated two new members: Johanna Radovan and Amelia Sterk. Two new members, Ida Mayer and Julie Fischer were unable to be present. Our hearty welcome to all the new members.

Anna Modiz, chair-man of the mid-west bowling tournament, gave us an excellent branch financial report. There will be a bowling party for junior members in the near future.

Mrs. Marie Prislant spoke on the approaching Slovenian Heritage Day in Joliet, June 11th and hoping there will be many present from Sheboygan. She also gave a detailed report on the International Festival People to People in which we participated and was very successful.

Our president led us in prayer for our deceased member, Stephania Pelko, and we extend our deep sympathy to her children and relatives.

After all business was taken care of, our Lady-of-the-Year, Agnes Melanz was presented by Mrs. Marie Prislant. Our president, Ruth Sheck bestowed her with a spray of red carnations and her niece Kathy Zlodi read a recitation. Mrs. Melanz expressed her appreciation to all. Janet Maurin and her son Paul did several musical numbers. Thank you both.

We are also grateful to Tony Brulla, Walter Helb and Carl Hurtienne for their band music and we were informed this was their first appearance in this hall. The buffet table was attractively set and the food was luscious! Thank you ladies for your work and those who donated food. We were happy to have so many members and guests present and enjoying the party and dancing. Congratulations, Agnes Melanz!

The card party date is September 11th, please make plans to attend.

Next meeting date August 20th. If you have not taken care of your dues for the year please contact the secretary.

Get-well wishes to all the sick members.

Have a nice summer.

MARGARET FISCHER
Reporter

NO. 2, CHICAGO, ILL.

Our Mother's ay program was the best ever. The Mass was well-attended and I'm sure that every mother present had a tear in her

eye at sometime or other during the service. Ann Mladic, our honoree, crowned the Blessed Mother after the Mass and was flanked by the 75 year celebrants: Mesdames Puhek, Mellssa, Williams, Vozel and Zorko. Father gave a very inspiring talk and then sang the Litany in Slovenian with responses by the congregation. It was indeed an evening to remember.

The reception after Mass was equally well-attended. We had visitors from Br. 20 Joliet and from our neighboring parishes. Thanks to them for coming.

Gifts were presented to our honoree as well as the oldest mother present: Mary Shorner; the youngest: Jean Scianna; mother with the most children: Ann Mladic, with five of her seven children present with their families. I'm sure that everyone attending had a splendid time and enjoyed visiting with friends.

Our ladies really came through in the kitchen with donations by the following: Mesdames Siebert, Koziarz, Zubek, Rasp, Mladic's, Putzel, Kobal, Beribak, Jager, Zorko, Tuzak, Reich, Cizek, Vucko, Ziebert, Turner, Blatnik, Fitzgerald, Arko, Statkus, Mihelnik, Krapenc, Vozel, Kozel, Zefran, Redensek, Hozzian, Carter, Zielinski, Kitz and your truly; hope I did not miss anyone. Again many, many thanks.

We are proud to announce that Linda Schultz has been awarded a Scholarship from the S.W.U. We extend our best wishes to her and her mother, Frances. Also, our congratulations to her grandmother, Frances Zibert, our "Sunshine Lady". This family has been very active in our branch and are indeed, deserving of this honor.

Among our sick members is Sophia Simec, who is hospitalized at this writing. Also, our best to Corinne Leskovar, who is on the mend at home. Speedy recovery.

Our hearts are heavy when we have to report a death, especially one who has been our staunch supporter throughout the years: Mary Puklavetz. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and dear ones and shall remember her in our prayers.

This is the month of graduates. Miriam, daughter of Corinne and Lud Leskovar, has received her B.A., Cum Laude, from the University of Illinois in Champaign. She is enrolled at the same University School of Law for the fall term. Also, Deborah Zefran graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Her mother, Fran, is a long time member as is her grandmother, Elizabeth Zefran. Good luck and much success

to you both and to all our graduates.

Now our thoughts turn to Zveza Day in Lemont on July 16th. I hope that all our members and friends from surrounding communities attend; you are assured a good time, especially if the weather cooperates. With vacations starting soon, there is bound to be someone who cannot be present, but I'm sure you would if you could.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer. If any of you are traveling, let us know about your trip. God bless you and keep you until the next time.

MARY MULLER

NO. 7, FOREST CITY, PA.

The gift awarded to me from the Board of Directors and nice letter of commendation was greatly appreciated. I thank you all for it. May God bless you and keep you in good health. Have a happy summer.

JOSEPHINE GOSTICHA

NO. 10, CLEVELAND OHIO

Congratulations to our 50 year member for 1978. They are: Antonia Baraga, Josephine Tercek, Rose Pizmoht, Mary Gliha, Frances Leskovec. May they all be blessed with good health for many years to come. We are proud to have these ladies as our members of Br. 10 for so long. Each lady will be presented with a gift from the SWU Home Office.

Congratulations to Antonia Kerzicnik and Allan Srea who became our newest members.

Our Mother's Day meeting held May 21st was quite a success. There were so many ladies present, Ann Kovac, Albina Zimmerman, Joyce LaNassi, Fay Moro and many of our regular ladies. Mrs. Mary Komidar was welcomed back after being sick for her birthday. She was 90 years young, so happy to see her back. Mrs. Cebular was 89 years young, too. Well, we had a very happy celebration. The other ladies celebrating are Helen Moze, Alice Struna, Toni Alis, Elsie Wasson, Millie Novak and the Mother of the Year was my mother, Antonia Baraga. Our president, Ann Markovich, presented her with a beautiful corsage and she received the gift from the Home Office for her 50 year membership.

Our ladies who attended the 50th anniversary celebration of Br. 21, West Side, had a lovely meal and a nice program. It was a beautiful day and enjoyed by all.

Where there is happiness, we also have sadness. We lost two members. Rose Lesjak and Anna Cernivec. Also, our member, Mary Hrvatin lost her husband; and our dear member, Mary Matoh lost her son. To all our

CROWNING GLORY - MOTHERHOOD



Pauline Klobucar, Br. 16., is crowned Mother of the Year by Mary Rago. In the background are Elsie Starceovich and Frances Konar.



Pauline Klobucar prepares to cut her cake as her proud family looks on. From left are her son, Ferd Jr. with his wife Barbara, her husband, Ferd and Br. 16 President, Marge Prebil.

dear members we all know the sorrow we have to bear. Our deepest sympathies to the families and our members, May they rest in peace.

There will be no meeting during July, and August. Wishing all of you many very pleasant vacations. Be careful and have a safe trip to wherever you are going. Come back to see us in September.

Just another reminder. Almost all the ladies have paid for their dues so I won't be collecting any more at the Slov. Home after July, 1978. If you owe dues, please mail them to me. Have a happy summer.

SOPHIE MAGAYNA

NO. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Our trip to Reno with Betty's Tours is now but a memory; the entire trip was the most pleasant experience we have all enjoyed in a long time. From the moment we left the Slovenian Hall in an air conditioned Bus until our arrival home each moment brought additional happiness. Our Tour Director, President Josephine Aiuto and her darling daughter, Michele who works for Betty's Tours did all in their power to make every guest feel welcome and right at home. On the bus we all sang and made the ride up and back seem so short. Imagine a complete weekend of absolute pleasure! Altho I was not one of the lucky gamblers it is happily I report we had a number of good winners. Who can expect more for a \$28,000 investment with a return of \$8.00 at the gorgeous MGM Hotel and Casino in Reno, \$8.00 at the Nugget in Sparks, Nevada and a free meal and \$3.00 at the

lovely Casino in Boomtown! It was more than one could expect. Because of Josephine's pleasant manner and friendliness the bus group responded with the same nature so much so that we acted like one HAPPY FAMILY. Those who could not attend this wonderful trip to Nevada missed a wonderful time maybe next time you will be able to come along with us, Jo, my name will be the first on the list! Thanks for a wonderful time.

Zveza is once again open to new members, it is a privilege to be a member of this fine organization. Our branch under the guidance of our wonderful officers has been most active with many different things to offer: trips, banquets, breakfasts, etc. Come one and all and do become active with us.

Plans for Zveza Day are now in the offing. Regional President, Rose Scoff is working on a Mass, Breakfast at the Jack Tar and other plans. October 1 is the date and this will afford you time to make a reservation with Rose. Fortunately more and more of our ladies are attending our functions; it is a good way to get together and renew old friends and visit in pleasure. Life is all too short to miss out in any of these planned days of happiness.

We hope you all enjoy a most happy summer with vacation plans and happy days in the sun. Remember to love life, friends, family and each other; a day is only as good as YOU can make it. Joy is yours when you give joy. God Bless you all stay well.

FRAN E. CHIDO, Reporter

NO. 16, SOUTH CHICAGO ILL.

Over 80 members and friends attended our annual chicken dinner and Mother of the Year celebration honoring Pauline Klobucar. It was held in St. George's church hall on our regular meeting night in May. Joining Pauline in celebration was her husband, Ferd, son Ferd, Jr. with wife, Barbara and two grand-daughters from Beloit, Wisconsin, her niece, Jacqueline Soltysinski and sister-in-law, Ann Kompere, our National Auditor from Branch No. 95. Her daughter, Pollyann Schadt, who resides in Texas, sent our secretary, Gladys Buck, a donation to be used in making her mother's celebration a memorable one.

A very delicious and beautifully decorated cake and flowers were bought for the occasion. Among our guests were the three priests from St. George's Church, Fathers Leonard Bogolin, Pastor, Miroslav Vulich and Vendelin Spendov, Ass't Pastor.

To start the festivities, President Marge Prebil greeted everyone and our 1977 "Mother", Mary Rago, crowned Pauline with a circlet of roses. Anne Kompere recited an opening prayer and Jacqueline Soltysinski carried a floral crown to Pauline who crowned the Blessed Virgin. Tina Martin, Elsie Starceovich, Frances Konar and Edna Winters, dressed in Slovenian costumes, held lighted candles and acted as an honor guard. Gladys Buck said a prayer for our sick members and presented a yellow rose to our Blessed Mother; Alvina Sreboth presented a white rose with a prayer for our deceased mem-

History Past & Present

NO. 21, CLEVELAND, OHIO

It is never too late to express gratitude for a very happy day, an occasion that occurs once in fifty years. We especially thank Madeline and Jim Debevec also Tony Petkovsek for their publicity on behalf of our festivities. For their goodness in making up our tickets and programs we thank Corrigan and Chambers' Funeral Homes. We literally solicited any and all good will and we will return the same in time.

Anyone acting as chairperson for such a celebration knows the anxieties created by the many details; reservations etc. Needless to say, it paid in golden sunshine and cooperation of all branches. Besides a full house, our extremely capable State President acting as mistress of ceremonies carried it off superbly. Dinner by Maple Hts. Catering was served efficiently and enjoyed; as many guests commented. All entertainment was simple, delightful and varied. Caroline Budan's song and button-box renditions were a pleasant surprise as was John Hutter's trio. He is not only handsome; his boys are rhythmic and cater to the crowd.

We thank all of our quests and will try to see you at your functions very soon.

Our officers deserve a toast and a medal of honor for their many concerns and diligence in getting this event coordinated to perfection without a flaw in the day from "Wel-

bers. With Jean Franko at the piano, everyone sang Marian hymns while in procession presenting Mary with a red rose. Before dinner was served, Marge Prebil presented Pauline with a memory book prepared by Marge and Sylvia Spretnjak.

In preparation for the dinner, which was catered by Lakeside Inn, Anna Lustig, Phyllis Perko and Sylvia Spretnjak transformed the hall into a beautiful setting for our dinner and program. Vice president, Helen Gornick, did an admirable job on reservations and planning the program. Mary Maricich and Mary Krznarich took on the kitchen duties with help from Ann Ksiazek and Mary Priesol who also prepared the punch bowl. Our thanks to all the members who supplied salads and pastry.

After the buffet dinner, our program was resumed with readings on "Mother" by Marge Prebil and Helen Gornick. Our former Mothers-of-the-Year were each presented with a red carnation. Those present were, Mary Cholak, Anna Lustig, Mary Maricich, Marge Prebil, Mary Rago, Alvina Sreboth, Frances Wine and

come! to Goodnite!" In our hall, seating 250 quests is a major feat. It came as a surprise as Mary Bostian, Nat. Pres. distributed gifts to charter members and our confined aged. Families were visibly touched.

We heartily acknowledge appreciation for greetings and felicitations from all branches on the occasion of our 50th Anniversary especially from our Founder, Mrs. Marie Priland and National Secretary, Olga Ancel.

June 9th, was the fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration for the Albert Skodas. Many happy years to you both.

Mrs. Kmet had been ill; please remember her and Josephine Intihar as well. She hadn't recovered from foot surgery before having to nurse her mother, Josephine Zupan who is bedfast. Marie Pivik and Rudy spent a week in Spain visiting the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, a wish they made long ago on behalf of their daughter.

SUMMER! May you all spend it joyfully in the spirit of peace and love with your families and friends. In your travels take special care and have a safe return.

Meetings at our hall every 2nd. Wednesday starting in September.

Remember the lonely and ill in your daily prayers. The poor souls will also thank you to be in your prayers. God love you all!

Respectfully,

HELEN L. KOZELY KONKOY

Edna Winters, Anna Buck, Mary Brebrick and Josephine Kral, who were absent because of illness, also were remembered. This year we also honored ladies who joined in 1947. Receiving a red carnation were Bernice Jarkovich and Frances Wine.

The remainder of the evening we were entertained by the Branch No. 16 kitchen band who made their debut at our 50th anniversary celebration where they were a big hit! With their accompaniment we sang Happy Birthday to Gladys Buck, Desa Peirce, Mary Soldo, Bernice Jarkovich, Helen Pastirik and Evelia Sosnowski.

A big welcome is extended to new members Dorothy Boryc, Antoinette Frizzell and Pamela Paulk. There will be no meeting in August. We'll see you all again in September.

MARGE SPRETNJAK,
Reporter

NO. 17, WEST ALLIS, WIS.

Attention! Our regular meeting on Sunday Sept. 17th will NOT BE HELD on that day due to our attending the Br. 20 Joliet 50th Anniversary. The regular Sept. meeting will

be held a week later on Sunday, Sept. 24th at 2:00 p.m. I have chartered a bus for Sept. 17th and anyone interested in going kindly contact me at 327-3871 or 327-1444 to reserve your seats. There are still a few available.

Our branch will celebrate the 50th anniversary combined with Wisconsin Regional Convention on Sunday, Oct. 29th at St. Mary's Auditorium, So. 60th and W. Madison St. Sweets and coffee will be served before the convention meeting at 9:30 a.m. We will march in a body to attend the 11:30 a.m. High Mass at St. Mary's. Afterward, the banquet dinner will take place beginning at 1 p.m. followed by a program honoring our organizer Mrs. Josephine Schlosar and charter members, Josephine Paucek, Josephine Nimmer, and Mary Petrich. Please keep this date in mind. Details to follow in a letter sent by the committee.

On Sun. April 30th our branch chartered a bus for the Br. 16 So. Chicago 50th anniversary which started with Mass at St. George's church and was followed by a delicious dinner and program at the Villa Consenza Restaurant. The church was filled to capacity with members and friends of the various branches from Illinois and Wisconsin.

On behalf of Br. 17, we would like to express our congratulations to Br. 16 officers and members on this eventful occasion. We also wish all the best to Br. 20, Joliet, on their Heritage Day June 11th. We hope you had a very successful venture.

Here in Milwaukee, the Slovene community representatives of the various organizations were treated to an exciting preview of an European village in a permanent exhibit wing of the Milwaukee Public Museum. Each ethnic group will have a chance to display their culture, art, furniture and craft. Our Slovene Home will be white stucco with carved shutters. The room will be about 90 sq. feet. What the museum cannot receive from the donors, it will have to purchase or have carpenters duplicate the articles. At least \$3,750 is needed to be raised by the Slovenian community as a fair share of the total \$300,000 project. This is under the direction of Dr. Brklich, a Slav himself.

To get started, we will all have to work together and individual contributions will help. If in cash or check (payable to Friends of Museum), bring your contributions to the meeting or mail to one of our officers. They will keep you posted as to what will take place in the future for the Slovenian section.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Dean (Lynn) Schubert who were married

Bowling News

Bowlers of Joliet met recently for their Bowling Banquet at Brun's Restaurant and Lounge in New Lenox. Our President, Betty Fassio, opened the meeting with a prayer and conducted a short business meeting. After dinner, games were played and prizes were awarded, almost everyone receiving a prize. I'm sure that all were happy and had a good time.

Now we want to congratulate the first place winners for this season.

1st Place: CROW'S NEST RECORDS.
4 man team: Donna Fatigante, Kay Sukie, Mary Cleveland, and Marj Wajchert, Capt.

MOST IMPROVED BOWLERS: Mary Mihelich and Donna Fatigante. **PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Mary Cleveland, Vicki Bernickas, Ann Sternisha and Catherine Putrich.

Also, we want to congratulate the Joliet winners of the S.W.U. Bowling Tournament which was held in Sheboygan. The winners were Ann Kobe, July Derlinga, Mary Zadra, Donna Fatigante and Agnes Verbiscer.

NEW OFFICERS for this year are: B. Fassio, Pres.; K. Shukle, Vice-Pres.; M. Wajchert, Sec.; B. Plankar, Treas.; A. Verbiscer, Sunshine; A. Sternisha, Sgt. at Arms and M. Rudman, Publicity. Our next meeting will be held Aug. 21st at 7 p.m.

This is it for now! More next time. God be willing.

MARY RUDMAN

on Sat. April 22, 1978 at St. Rita's church. The wedding dinner and reception was at the KC Hall. Dean is the son of John and Rose Schubert. Rose is our recording secretary for many years. May Dean and Lynn be blessed with many years of happiness.

Many thanks to our National President, Mary Bostian for her card and good wishes to all the officers and members also to remind us of the campaign for new members.

May the Lord continue to grant you good health and happiness in the years to come.

We were very sorry to hear that Angeline Kastelic of So. 86th St. passed away. She had faithfully attended the meetings years ago and still to the end she was concerned as to how Zveza was doing. Mrs. Kastelic will be greatly missed not only by her family but by her sister friends and many other friends. May she rest in peace and our condolences to the family.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to our editor, Corinne Leskovar. We would like to drop in and say Hello

Eveleth Celebrates



Officers with charter members, left to right, front: Angeline Sterle, Treas., Olga Kluser, Pres., Pauline Turnbull, Rec. Sec'y and Mitza Issacson, Vice-Pres. Photo taken at Br.



19's Mother's Day Party in Eveleth.

Mother of the Year, Mary Sulentic with Br. 19 President, Olga Kluser (right).

and tell you, more often than you guess, how we think of you and hope you soon will be your old self again. (Thank you, I am! You are very kind. C.)

Best wishes to all. Have a wonderful summer.

MARION M. MAROLT

NO. 19, EVELETH, MINN.

Slovenian Women's Union Br. 19 of Eveleth celebrated their 50th anniversary and honored Mother of the Year, Mary Sulentic on May 7th. We presented her with a corsage and each member was given a carnation. We started the day by attending a Polka Mass and receiving Holy Communion in a body.

A very good attendance came after Mass for coffee and sweet rolls which was followed by a short meeting. Plans were made to serve coffee and cake to the patients at the Eveleth Arrowhead Nursing Home on June 10th.

We accepted a new member, Mary Ann Kuinski. We were honored to have some guests to help us celebrate this occasion, namely, Mrs. Rose Mars, Sylvia Latick and Mrs. Johnson of the Hibbing Branch and Ann Bersa of Joliet and Lorraine Kozera of Milwaukee. They were all visiting our area.

The tables were decorated just

beautifully with large carnations and gold candles and a 50th anniversary emblem. We had two cakes, one for Mother of the Year and one for our Anniversary.

Fr. Perkovich said grace before dinner. Traditional Slovenian delicacies of krofe and flancate were also served. Father gave a toast with champagne for a successful 50 years and wished us many more. Father also read a poem in honor of Mary Sulentic and all the mothers present entitled: Why God Made Mothers. President, Olga Kluser was presented with a bouquet of red roses by Ann Bersa of member of Br. 20, Joliet.

We have four 50 year members, Julia Setnikar, Theresa Krall, Antoinette Brince and Julia Ellerich. Each received a gift.

Tony Menart played the accordion with Martin Shukle and Renate Minotta on the piano; we all joined in singing in Slovenian and English which was enjoyed by all. Prizes were awarded and a set of crocheted pillow cases went to Mitza Issacson.

I want to thank each member for all the help you gave me for making this a successful and memorable occasion.

OLGA KLUSER

NO. 22, BRADLEY, ILL.

A letter of appreciation from our National Officers to our efficient secretary, Gabrielle Lustig, was read at our April meeting. Our branch also greatly appreciates her dedication as our secretary and also for her congeniality and warmth that promotes good will and togetherness amongst us.

The "Heritage Days" in Joliet were also discussed. At the present time our only contribution will be our presence at this memorable event. This time we'll try to make it earlier — before they run out of all that delicious food!

Congratulations to Branch 16 on their 50th Anniversary. We all want to wish them many prosperous years in the future.

With deepest regret, we are mourning the death of member Corrine Hassett. Corrine passed away very suddenly on April 30th. She was a member of our Branch for 36 years and will be leaving quite a void among us. May God grant her eternal peace.

Our deepest sympathy to Mollie McIntyre whose husband, Ken, passed away after a long bout with illness.

Birthday best wishes to Anna La-Montagne in June; Ann Richards and Mollie Starasinich in July. May all your days be happy.

Since death decreased our membership by two, we will be making another effort to bring our quota up and maybe surpass it. Somewhere there is someone that might have been overlooked and will sign up to keep our strength up as a Branch.

Hostesses for the meeting were Gabrielle Lustig and Toni Legris. That carrot cake was most delicious. Lucky Mary Rittmanic won the lovely cobbler apron made by our talented Toni Legris.

Our next meeting will be June 20th with Elizabeth Kinder and Mollie Starasinich as hostesses. To all members everywhere — have a safe, happy summer.

MARGE PLANTON

NO. 23, ELY, MINN.

Our annual Banquet was very well-attended. It was held at Vertin's Pub on May 17th. After the delicious dinner, "B" games were played and door prize was won by Alma Pucel.

Now that the summer is here, our meetings will not be held until Sept. 30th. The following ladies are to be on the lunch committee: Mary Jamnik, Gerbude Mosnik, Ann Levar, Barbara Brennan and Pauline Pishler.

Our deepest sympathy to Julia Zgonc and family whose husband, Louis passed away recently. Also, to

Mary Jamnik and family husband, Joseph, died suddenly. May the souls of the deceased rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon them!

Wishes to all for a nice vacation. Hope to see you all in Sept.

Get well wishes to our ill and shut-in members.

MARY ZGONC

NO. 24, LA SALLE, ILL.

So many beautiful events took place this spring. In brief, the last Sunday in April, So. Chicago Br. 16 had a marvelous 50th anniversary. It was good to be there. Mass, and above all, the singing and sermons were tops and it was a great honor shown to God by all present. The reception by members and relatives made us feel at home.

The first Sunday in May was our Mother of the Year day honoring Mary Gramc. She has been such a good officer. Her picture was taken for the city newspaper with a write-up and this was a boost for all of us. Mary has been a member for 40 years and president for the past several years. She also was vice-president and is our "Sunshine Girl" for 6 years, sending cards to the sick members we like to remember. Vice-Pres., Nellie Mocnik pinned a corsage on her. In the newspaper, they are picture together and it was a lovely sight. Dinner was enjoyed by all at the Paramount Club. Our "kuharica" Christine Pohar Wilek and her husband are the owners and serve delicious "domače jedi". Zelo Dobro! Helpers were the past president of Br. 24, Mary Dezman Krogulski and the Pohar sisters. Happy to have our own cooking on such an occasion. Thanks to all. We will be needing their assistance again in October as we celebrate our 50th anniversary of Br. 24.

The third Sunday of May was the big day we celebrated the silver jubilee of Fr. Horzen. Was it a big day? Yes. From all the churches which our beloved Fr. Horzen has ever helped, the priests and parishioners attended his special mass. The Horzen family, all our members and close relatives, school and hospital sisters — all came and crowded around. God gave beautiful sunshine all day and everyone came to congratulate our one and only beloved Fr. Horzen.

At St. Roch's we had plans for a great ceremony of the Crowning of the Blessed Mother which took place in May. My husband Joe and I belong to the new choir. One of our favorite great grandmas, Mrs. Mary Aister of 7th St. has all her grandchildren also in the choir which is directed by organist Ann Marie Lushine Wangler.

The time comes when we are called to another world and to the families of our Br. 24 members who have passed on, our deepest sympathy. Member Ann Klopcic's husband, Anthony, our choir member for 50 years died April 29th at the age of 85. Member Ann Ravnikar has passed away. She died on May 13th at the age of 75. She was a wonderful mother, loved by all. Her husband, Frank was also a choir member for 40 years.

On the sick list was Corinne Leskovar. We missed you in So. Chicago but the Band played on! Glad to hear and thankful that you were back in the swing of things so fast.

We attended the Heritage Day in Joliet and I was so sad that we could not charter a bus so many more of our members and their families could attend. I realize that home needs must be taken care of, but you all missed a really grand day. I'll have more on it later.

Again, thanks to all for your kind wishes. God bless you all and keep you safe this summer.

MARY MICI PILETIC

NO. 25, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Our May Mother of the Year celebration was quite a success. I was late in arriving as I had another commitment. Sorry. The attendance was very good. I wish to apologize to the members as through no fault of my own, quite unexpected last minute changes were made. We were supposed to meet at Sorn's Restaurant as I wrote in my last article but instead we celebrated at our usual place where we have our meetings.

Our chosen Mother of the Year, Mrs. Mary Otonicar, looked very happy and pleased with the celebration and gathering.

After the refreshments, we sang some lovely Slovenian songs. The members and friends all joined in the singing and it was really enjoyable.

We were honored by the presence of Mary Bostian and Sophie Magayna and we thank them for attending and joining in our celebration.

This article will be late in our magazine ZARJA—THE DAWN, but it takes some time before it is printed.

Until next year when we choose another Mother of the year, hope we shall enjoy the presence of our 1978 chosen Mother, Mrs. Otonicar, who well deserves the honors. She has given all her spirit and so much of her time to keep our lodge in active condition. God bless and keep her in good health and in our company.

ANTOINETTE MALNAR

ZARJA—THE DAWN

Combined Branches Report

Can't believe that 5 months of 1978 have gone by, the month of May, Mother's Day celebrations and all. Br. 41 had a beautiful mass at St. Mary's church in Collinwood on May 7th. Quite a few ladies attended. Mother of the Year was Jane Kaplan. On May 11th we attended the celebration of Br. 55 Girard, Ohio. They had 72 members present and a lovely dinner. They also honored the Mother of the Year plus our Blessed Mother. They ladies all sang in Slovenian. They were welcomed by the National President, Mary Bostian, and heard a talk on youth activities by Frances Sietz, National Youth Advisor and a few words from me as State President for Ohio-Michigan. The president of Br. 55, Veronica Dolsak, and other officers did a lot of work decorating the Slovenian Home in Girard. Thank you ladies, for inviting us. We all enjoyed the affair and the trip there and back home.

On May 15th, Br. 42 also invited us to their celebration of the Mother of the Year. They had about 40 ladies plus the family of the Mother of the Year. We had a delicious dinner and music by father, Mr. Hrovat and daughter, Lynn which was just wonderful. They both play the accordian — what a team! Thank you ladies! Mary Lou Prhne is some secretary!

Then, on the 21st, Br. 10 had their celebration and we too, honored our Blessed Mother and sang "Lepa si, Roža Marija".

On May 15th the Mother's Day celebration of Br. 25 was held in honor of their longtime officer, Mary Otonicar. We again had a lovely dinner and it was prepared by none other than the chief cook, herself, Mrs. Otonicar. She was given a plaque from councilman, Mr. Malakovic. Father of St. Vitus stopped in to congratulate her and present also was Mary Bostian, National Presi-

dent. President, Anna Maver and her officers did a nice job. There were about 50 ladies present. Thanks, ladies, for inviting us. ,

Our combined branches met in February, April and June. The branches present were 10, 14, 21, 25, 32, 41, 42, 47 and 50. The ladies all give such nice reports of their branches. We hear all about their activities and have reports on new members and also their losses.

At our last meeting in April, we had much to talk about as for the 50th anniversary of Br. 21. All the branches participated. We have wonderful cooperation and try to help one another. Thank you, ladies of all the branches for your cooperation at the banquet. Carolyn Budan of Br. 50 played the accordian and did a nice job entertaining. Carole Traven made a beautiful sign for Br. 21. She too, is from Br. 50.

We have a Cotillion Ball coming up Oct. 28th. We will all be working on that. It's for all the branches in Ohio and you are encouraged to get debutantes.

The Ohio-Michigan State Convention will be held in Girard, Ohio on Sunday, Sept. 24th, 1978. Thanks to Veronica Dolsak and Mary Macek for accepting this activity. We'll have more on this in the Sept. issue.

We missed Jane Kaplan and Frances Sietz at the last combined branches meeting because they were both hospitalized at the time. However, we remembered them with our prayers and get well cards.

As always, we are fortunate to have our National President, Mary Bostian with us at all meeting. She keeps us posted on the news from the Home Office. We had a nice report from her on the meeting in March in Joliet. We are all getting ready for our convention in Duluth next May. All branches will be voting for delegates early in 1979.

Thanks all for now, gals. Hope you have nice vacations and safe trips. See you when we meet again. God's blessings to all

SOPHIE MAGAYNA

NO. 26, PITTSBURGH, PA.

We are coming soon to the celebration of our 50th anniversary and the plans have how be made to celebrate on Sunday, Oct. 29, 1978 at the Slovenian Hall on 57th St.

At 3 o'clock we will have a POLKA MASS for the living and deceased members; then, down to the hall for a good dinner and some dancing.

Will let you all know more about this at a later date. But, members, don't forget to mark your calendars now for Sunday, Oct. 29th and plan to celebrate with us.

MARY SLANEY,
Secretary

NO. 32, EUCLID, OHIO

Happy belated Mother's Day to all our mothers. We had a tremendous turn-out at our dinner at Sterle's. Members were very satisfied and the food was very good. Josephine Jevc, our Mother of the Year was honored with gifts, a corsage and pictures were taken; she looked very pretty. There was no business meeting. Our President, Alma Eppick had such a variety of door prizes that almost everyone went home with something.

For June, Alma booked the Euclid Club House for our picnic and meeting. July and August ZARJA will be a combined issue.

Frank and Frances Kozar went to Hawaii to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in June. Congratulations from Br. 32 on their Golden Jubilee. Mary Branisel and her husband are going to Slovenia to visit their parents. Anne and John Chinchar are going to Czechoslovakia for 6 weeks to visit aunts and relatives. Tinca Kanalec is leaving July 3rd for Slovenia for a month.

The following were on a bus tour to Toronto, Canada and Niagara Falls: Mary Drobnick, Anne Cooke, Phyllis D'Amico, Alma Eppick, Josephine and Albert Comenshek, Cell Znidar and Betty Perme. This was during the Memorial Day weekend.

Josephine Jevc, our Mother of the Year, is going to Europe this summer with the Sterle's (from the Country House) and Kathy Hlad. Enjoy yourselves and have a safe trip.

June was graduation month. Graduating from Euclid Senior High: Karen Cooke, Christine Cooke (cousins), Mary D'Amico, Congratulations.

Our member, Mrs. Zuzek had both

eyes operated on for cataracts. Our secretary, Josephine Comenshek is happy to announce new members, Dorothy Hodnichak and two daughters, Diane Lynne and Joanne Marie who are Baton Twirlers brought in by their leader, Phyllis D'Amico. Welcome to the branch. We welcome also infant, Lynn Kokaly, 5 months old. Congratulations to Louis and Donna Kokely; mother and sister, Kristen, are our members, too.

We have two new members added of the Podboy family, Lori Renee and Sandra Juliana Podboy, which makes four sisters and their mother, Sophie as our members. We are proud to have them; welcome to our branch. The Mike Podboy family are caterers for steaks and clam-bakes for large groups, all work done by the family and friends. They are having an affair at SNPJ Farm on Aug. 26th for the 59'ers Club. If anyone wishes to have catering, you may call 261-6444. They are a lovely family working together. Keep them in mind.

George Voinovich, husband of our member Janet, is running for Lieutenant Governor of Ohio in the next election. So, you see, our members are going places

Nobody knows when death strikes!

CHISHOLM PARTY-MEMBERS



Mrs. John Zupancich, Br. Vice-President, Mrs. Albert Samsa, President, Mrs. Frances Zalec, Financial Secretary, Mrs. Elston Nusich, Recording Secretary and Mother of the Year, Mrs. Frances Setina, front. She is the mother of five children and at age of 89 is as active and energetic as ever!

We sadly announce the passing of Mary Baraga on Friday, May 26th. She was the mother of Diane Kastelec who said she will join our branch to take her mother's place. Two grand daughters are also members of the Baton Twirlersettes.

The father of Joan Weglarz passed away suddenly. He was Jacob Schuck. They both died of heart attacks. Our sympathy to both families. May they rest in peace.

Summer goes by so fast. Pay your dues to the secretary before you go on vacations. Don't forget your obligations while you are away. God bless you all.

A. TEKAVEC
Reporter

NO. 33, DULUTH, MINN.

Following our May business meeting, all members went upstairs to join Father Willard Spehn, spiritual director, in recitation of the Rosary and singing hymns to the Blessed Virgin.

A large group was on hand to honor Winifred Ellena as our Mother of the Year. Caroline Ellena

read a lovely poem she had written about her mother. Her sister-in-law, Helena Ellena, presented her with a heart-shaped cake she had decorated very beautifully. A card from the group was signed by all in attendance. After a delicious lunch, members received items from the Penny Social. Mother's Day cards were sent to all senior members.

Our congratulations to all the graduates. Our June 14th meeting was special in that we had a display by Wolff's Floral, postponed from May.

Verna R. Homich, age 66, a 15 year member died May 27th. Mrs. Mary "Marija" Fresl, age 91, died Mar. 28th; she was a 42 year member. This is a correction for my error — she was listed as Heski in the May issue. Our prayers and sympathy for those members and their families.

Bessie Kenyon, Marie Evans and Bill Skull, husband of Doris, all are recovering from surgery. Our thoughts and prayers for their health.

Marriages: Paula, daughter of Ruth

Until March 30, 1979

HERITAGE IN ACTION CAMPAIGN

There is still time to join in on the fun of helping to increase your membership count during the HERITAGE IN ACTION CAMPAIGN. Think sunshine! not gloomy thoughts to get people to enroll. Be a good salesman for your branch!

The S.W.U. must go on and must grow higher in new enrollment of Juniors and young adults.

Each branch should make an effort to receive a Certificate of Appreciation for your contribution to make this a successful campaign.

Let's march along in the big parade of this membership drive! Get your branch to double its count.

FRANCES SIETZ
Youth Board Chairman

MY SINCERE THANKS for the many prayers, gifts and get well messages. I received so many that it assured me a quick recovery. May God bless you abundantly in return.

CORINNE LESKOVAR

Foley; Jerry, son of Frances Kosanovich; Donald, son of Cora Jones. Our congratulations and best wishes to the couples and their families.

LOIS M. PELANDER
Reporter

NO. 34, SOUDAN, MINN.

VERTIN'S in Ely, Mn. provided the setting and delicious food for our final meeting before the summer recess. Eighteen members enjoyed the lovely atmosphere and delicious 6:30 dinner. Afterward, a short business meeting was held with Mary Vollendorf presiding in the absence of our President, Theresa Pahula because of illness.

Mary Pahula, Sec.-Treas. brought to the meeting, the lovely card and pen she received from the SWU in recognition for her many years of service in our Branch and the SWU.

Then followed an enjoyable session of cards and winners of prizes were Mmes. Lorraine Berg, Sophie Zavodnick, Agnes Tekautz and Adeline Mustonen. The door prize, provided by Ann Myre, was awarded to Mary Vollendorf.

Hostesses named for our September meeting are Mary Gornick and Ann Skala and Angela Planton will donate the door prize.

The MAY issue of DAWN Magazine was enjoyed by our members — how lovely all the sentiments expressed for our chosen "MOTHERS", and deservedly so. We hope that all SWU members have a wonderful summer and let us all try to bring a new member into our wonderful organization — the SWU — at our September meeting.

BARBARA YAPEL
Reporter

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MARIE PRISLAND:

Capsules

From the reprint of book FROM SLOVENIA-TO AMERICA.

A Dream

People have often asked me why I came to America and why I selected Sheboygan in which to live.

Most of the immigrants were invited to come to this country by either relatives, friends or neighbors who had settled here previously. Not having relatives or friends in America, I accepted the invitation of our neighbors.

When I was 5 years old, my parents, Franz and Marija Cherne (Černe) left me, their only child, in the care of my beloved grandmother and went to Brazil, South America, where, according to a "credible" rumor land was given away by the Brazilian government to all who would plant coffee there. The demand for coffee in Europe was tremendous, but in Brazil there was great shortage of workers on the coffee farms. My parents hoped to become coffee plantation owners, gain wealth, and then either return home or send for me to follow them. In Slovenia, coffee was very expensive. A kilogram of coffee was sold for a dollar (coffee in Sheboygan was then selling for 15 cents a pound.) The Slovenians at home thought that anyone having a coffee field would become rich overnight, but the rumor was false. The immigrants were not only refused any free land but were compelled to toil in the coffee fields which belonged to Brazilian coffee barons. The workers were paid seven cruzeiros an hour or four cents.

My father, an Austrian Coast Guard officer in Trieste where we were living then, spoke three languages. He received a secretarial position with a coffee baron. My mother, longing for me, her only child was very unhappy. She died of yellow fever one year after their arrival to Sao Paulo. Father remarried and never returned to Slovenia. My grandmother, Jera Rozenstein, who was a poor widow, raised me. I loved her dearly. I still remember how she often was hungry so I had enough to eat.

I graduated at 13 years of age from a grade school having 8 yearly classes and then completed one year of preparatory studies for a girl's college. This was done through the kindness of the local postmistress, a college graduate. I decided then that I wanted to become a teacher.

My grandmother was not able to cover my college expenses, and my father never provided any means of support for me, so I went to America at the age of 15 to earn the money. My plan was to return to Slovenia after I had accumulated enough savings, attend college, and become a teacher. Just like that! A childish dream!

My earnings at the Sheboygan Chair Factory where I worked were only 6 cents per hour. I soon realized that I would be too old to go to college after I had saved enough money for tuition.

Since my grandmother died during that time, my ties with the "old country" were broken. I stayed in America and married John Prislund, who had come to this country three years before me. After I was married I attended evening classes and special afternoon classes at the Vocational School for over ten years, earning a diploma in bookkeeping. I had taken several correspondence courses but all this did not make me a teacher. My dream, however, was realized through my son who became an art teacher, and my son-in-law who is professor (PH. D.) at the University of Wisconsin.

This, then, is the fulfillment of a dream which grew in the mind of a small girl and finally came true so many miles away and so many years later.

NO. 35, AURORA, MINN.

June meeting was held in the church hall with Mrs. Frances Paulsich as hostess. The ladies are very busy preparing and planning for the Annual Minnesota Day which will be held on Sunday, Sept. 10, Our Governor, Rudy Rerpich, is planning on being with us that day, too.

Ladies, make plans early to attend and join us for that day. We promise you will have a good time in Aurora.

Our Mother's Day meeting on May 18th at Mary Ann's Supper Club was a great success. Seventeen members were present. The ladies enjoyed a good dinner and meeting.

To our lodge members, ladies, try to attend our July meeting on the 20th at the church hall at 1:30 p.m. More plans will be made for the Minnesota Day and all committees will make their reports on that date. I know you are all busy, but please try to come.

Aurora will be celebrating the 75th Jubilee year on July 1-2-3 and 4th. We wish everyone has a joyous and safe holiday in Aurora and all over the U.S.

See you ALL in Aurora on Sunday, Sept. 10th, 1978. May God bless one and all.

KATHERINE HANKA
Recording Sec'y

NO. 38, CHISHOLM, MINN.

It was a memorable May 21 when the SWU No. 38 of Chisholm, Minn. honored Mrs. Frances Setina as Mother-of-the-Year. The dinner was served at Sabin's Supper Club at 1:00 p.m. with 80 friends of Frances present.

A special program featuring a skit and songs was directed by Ann Bradach and Frances Kosnik. Accordionist, Mary Spolarich of Keewatin, and Phyllis Pavlik of Hibbing entertained with Slovenian songs. Lester Barnes, Chisholm poet, wrote the following for Mrs. Setina, which was framed and presented to her:

"Our Special Mother"

Frances Setina, today is your day...

A special one just for you.

A day, we hope, you will cherish
forever,

Along with the friends who love
you so true.

From our midst we've selected one
person
to receive our special tribute to-
day...

An honor we bestow upon one of our
mothers,

in our special, little way.

And you are that person, Dear Frances...

to be our Queen of Motherhood,
and we are joyous in our selection,
For we know our choice has been
good.

So, smile your sweet smile, Little
Lady...

May your heart be filled with
cheer,

And may God forever watch over
Our little Mother of the Year.
Lester Barnes

I would venture to guess there
wasn't a dry eye among us while
Ann Bradach read the above tribute.

And then... the icing on the cake!
The Governor of the State of Minne-
sota, Rudy Perpich, who was in the
area on Sunday, paid a surprise visit
to Sabin's to congratulate Mrs. Setina
and to extend a handshake to
everyone present! Frances was over-
whelmed by such an honor, and
especially when Governor Perpich
asked her to dance the polka with
him! The Governor graciously greet-
ed everyone, posed for pictures with
pioneers and just made the party a
complete success.

Two of Mrs. Setina's five daughters
were able to attend the celebration,
Mrs. Frances (Gene) Gamache of St.
Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Howard (Rose)
Stonemark of Chisholm. The other
three daughters extended their wishes
to their mother via telephone were
extremely happy for their Mother
when they received the details of the
party.

ANN NUSICH
Reporter

NO. 40, LORAIN, OHIO

Here it is, the start of all our
summer holidays and before we can
take a deep breath, it will all be
over! So, take advantage of each and
every day, enjoy the sunshine, and
even the rain; just be good to your-
self!

Our meeting on May 10th was well-
attended. Due to the continued illness
of our Mother of the Year, we post-
poned all celebrations until Antonia
Gulich could be with us again. So,
hurry and come back, Mrs. Gulich.

To our other ill members, good
health to you. And, to our member
way down in Florida, Matilda Struck-
ley, hope you are feeling better after
your stay in the hospital.

We had a few new faces at the
meeting, so come on and attend a
few of the meetings, you will find
they are a lot of fun. Our hostesses,
Mayme Hoover, Jennie Zgonc, Mary
Mudrock and Jean Balogh served a
very nice dessert lunch and of course,
we sang Happy Birthday to all our
birthday girls.

Happy Anniversary to Bill and
Agnes Buchar, it's their 40th.

To all grandparents with grand-
children receiving Holy Communion
for the first time, congratulations! I
know this is a happy event! Since
I hate to slight even one person, I'll
not name anyone special, but good
wishes are not less hearty to each
and everyone.

Betty Zaller lost her father-in-law.
He passed away in his home in
Penna. Sincerest sympathy to the
family.

Well, it's International Festival
time here in Lorain and one of the
highlights is the Princess Pageant.
This year, a Slovenian girl will try
for the Queen's title, Kathleen Klein.
We wish her well and we know her
grandmother, Mary Tomazic and aunt,
Helen Sekular will be rooting for
her, too.

All these activities take place dur-
ing the 4th of July holiday and I
hope you will have a safe and happy
one.

Did you know we have a National
Smile Week starting July 31? So,
keep smiling!

So many things are happening.
My first grandson will be graduating
from high school. Where have the
years gone? I know we are all ask-
ing ourselves the same questions. I
have a little poem that says it all:

Always remember to forget

The troubles that passed away.

But, never forget to remember

The blessings that come each day.

May God bless all in the good
things that happen each day.

MARY PLOSZAJ

NO. 42, MAPLE HGTS., OHIO

Hello, ladies! Thank you all who
attended our Mass at St. Laurence
church on May 16th. It was a beau-
tiful mass and a beautifully deco-
rated altar of the Blessed Mother.
It was so nice to see Frances Sta-
vec there.

An enjoyable evening for Angie
Zupanc at S.N.H. later and thanks
to all the lovely ladies who donated
the good pastries and salads. Thank
you, Lynn Hrovat and your dad
Lud, who entertained us with your
accordians. We all sang. We send
thanks to Mary Bostian and Sophie
Magayna for coming to help us cele-
brate. It was a nice surprise.

Happy Birthday July gals: Jeanne
Legan, Angie Gruden, Beverly
Champa, Ann Perko and our new
junior member, Amy Buehner, my
niece.

Congratulations to Lillian and Lud
Hrovat on becoming new grand-
parents. Baby Cathy is their daugh-
ter's daughter. Best wishes to all.

Hope you are feeling better these

PARTY HONORS JANE

The Mother-of-the-Year held for
lodge No. 41 honoring Jane Kaplan
secretary-treasurer was a happy day
for Jane. She had just spent 3 weeks
in the hospital before and then the
Doctor gave her the last week to re-
cuperate for this affair.

Many relatives, friends, and lodge
members were present, 49 in all.
The day started at noon with Mass
at St. Mary's on Holmes. The Church
music was really beautiful. After Mass
everyone went down to Workmen's
Hall for the dinner, prepared by Mary
Dolsak and Albina Mrsnik. It was
served in the newly renovated addition
to the upper hall.

Father, Vic Tomc, a good family
friend was Master of Ceremonies.
After all introductions, Honoree Jane
Kaplan said a few words to her mem-
bers sincerely thanking them for bes-
towing this honor to her. She received
a proclamation from the City of
Warrensville Heights honoring her on
this day signed by Mayor Raymond
J. Grabow and presented to her by
her son, Dennis. A plaque from her
husband and son was also presented
to her as a permanent remembrance
of the day.

A beautiful bouquet of red carna-
tion come from the American Slo-
vene Club, presented by Polly Steff-
ner. Mrs. Oswald, President of No. 41
pinned on a corsage of pink carna-
tions and Jane's brother and his
wife Al and Rose Intihar presented
her with a large sheet cake. Mr. Kris-
toff an artist, painted a church coun-
try scene with these greetings "Če-
stitke Vašemu Priznanju, J. Kaplan."

Also there were door prizes from
the honoree for the guests.

The day was sunny and warm and
ended by 4:00 P.M.

ROSE INTIHAR

Pauline Hribar, after spending
one week in Brentwood Hospital.

On May 11th, on Channel 5-TV,
there was a Gourmet Program and
Theresa Gorup's daughter was on it
with Chef Sharp from the Marriott.
She is an apprentice in a Culinary
Arts Program under him. Theresa
also went to San Diego to visit her
other daughter.

Frances Tomsic went to Oakbrook,
Ill. for a testimonial dinner for Fr.
Mark in honor of his 30 years of
service as a publisher and editor
of Franciscan Herald Press. She
also went to Frankenmuth, Michi-
gan to see that quaint Bavarian
town there.

All our August birthday ladies

are: Ann Draganic, Mary Fink, Nellie Chapas, Betty Ann Harr and Yours Truly. Best wishes.

Our next meeting is Sept. 11th. Please attend. Our Rummage Sale is Oct. 12th so please keep in touch and come to the meetings. Have you enrolled a new member? Need cookbooks? Your dues?

MARY LOU PRHNE
Reporter Sec'y

NO. 43, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

The month of May, with its beautiful flowers and trees starting to bloom, gives everyone a desire to get out and relax, while others will work outdoors and some starting their vacations.

The monthly meeting was postponed due to the Mother's Day Party. It was attended by 65 members. Our vice-president, Shirley Schulta, took the place of our president, Vickie Sporis, who was being honored as the "Mother-of-Year." Shirley introduced Fr. Jerome Sellak, Ofm, for the invocation.

The dinner was delicious with all the trimmings, plus all the Slovenian desserts. Caterer was our own member, Mrs. Sophie Rifelj and her helper was Mrs. Limoni. Our thanks to both of you on a job well-done. Also thanks to Doris Frahn and Mary Strazisher for the flower table decorations and Fran Widemsek who was general chairlady. She always does an excellent job preparing the tables.

While we were eating, Doris Frahn explained about the Ethnic project at the Museum. Our Slovenian have a space already picked out, and will be starting to work on the village. The main discussion is the financial help. It has been decided that a picnic be scheduled for Sunday Sept. 10, 1978 at the Arcadian Park at 136th and Greenfield Ave. Proceeds will go into the Slovenian ethnic fund. Everyone is invited. Food and refreshments will be sold. We need lots of bakery. Any member wishing to donate poticas, strudels, krofe or any other Slovenian bakery will be greatly appreciated, and also anyone wishing to help at the different booths, please call yours truly at 481-7357. Music will be furnished by the "All Star Polka Jamboree".

We, American Slovenians, today more than ever, can justly be proud of our rich Slovenian heritage, our fraternal, Cultural, educational and social organizations, ethnic groups, newspapers, and radio programs. Slovenians, at once, were called "silent people", and now we want other Americans and the world to know that they too helped to build America. Let's have the greatest gathering of Slovenians at the September

10th picnic. Again, Arcadian Park.

Members are starting their vacations, so we all know, they are anxious to get into relaxed areas, Mary and Al Tratnik, Sharon and Christine Stein are all in Las Vegas, trying to get the best of the one-arm bandits and taking in shows. Sandy Schachtschneider is also leaving for Las Vegas, for 3 weeks to visit her daughter. They are going to Lake Tahoe and some other resorts.

Catherine Schuster is spending two weeks with her daughter in Des Moines, Ia. She goes there quite often to get away from all the hustle and bustle.

Rose Luba and husband, Stanley were in Arizona visiting friends and traveling around Arizona.

Mrs. Kotar and husband, Rudy, were in Georgia visiting their daughter and family. While visiting there the weather was very nice.

Agnes and Frank Sagadin were on a Carribean Cruise for 12 days. A few weeks later they went to Cleveland for a reunion.

Patsy and Kathleen Michalowski spent a few days in Baltimore, Md., visiting their brother and family and then went to Washington, D.C.

Christine Wisler and her hubby are leaving for Florida for a couple of weeks vacation.

Eddie and Elsie Gallun spent three weeks in Florida with their daughter Margie and her husband, Peter. They enjoyed visiting and traveling to other cities. Looks like the Galluns maybe interested in Florida residence.

Ceil Groth went to Indiana to visit her neice and family, attending a graduation while there.

Vickie Sporis and Christine Strucil will be on there way to Spokane, Wash. to attend the Eagles, National Convention. Have a nice time gals.

To our sick and shut-ins a speedy recovery. To July and August celebrants, may they be birthdays, anniversaries, or weddings, congratulations and best wishes.

Heartfelt sympathies to Sandy Schachtschneider on the loss of her husband, Earl, and Mary Strazisher on the loss off her sister-in-law, May God Bless them both with eternal rest.

Now, did you enroll a new member? Why not? There is only one reason, why not, because you didn't ask! ASK the person and tell them of our Slovenian Womens Union and all the details; dues are very reasonable, social activities, the monthly magazine "ZARJA" and the recipes. Recipes alone should encourage people to join.

ROSE KRAEMER,
Sec'y.

News on our Euclid Twirlettes

In the April issue news about our Euclid Twirlettes, we stated that the group was busy at the Chardon Maple Festival on April 1st and the 50th Anniversary of Br. 21 on April 30th. This has all come off as scheduled and each time, I was there to witness their performances. Oh, how proud I was to know that they belonged to our organization, the S.W.U.!

Thanks to our good leaders of the Euclid group. The mothers should be given all the credit along with their instructors, Mary D'Amico and Joyce Zabukovec. Cleveland is very proud of the group who are ready to represent our S.W.U. in all public affairs.

The whole group of about 28 girls joined in the Chardon Parade. They certainly dressed up the affair in their new attractive hats, boots and uniforms wearing new sash shoulder belts to hold their prize medals. Their colors are blue and white and the new hats are high top hats with a vizor and strap, made of fur-like material. They were a big attraction at the anniversary. Since the hall wasn't large enough for the whole group, only 6 twirlers were able to perform. They were Becky Mullen, Diana Hodnichak and Joann Hodnichak, Kristan Frech, Mary D'Amico and Joyce Zabukovec.

The appearance of the Baton Twirlers encouraged No. 21 Juniors who wish to start a group too. So, just watch our West Side Juniors make it happen! Anyone wishing more information can always call 261-2856.

We are going to have a Junior Picnic. Is your branch?

FRANCES SIETZ
Director of Youth Activities

YOUNG ADULTS!

READ THIS!

You are a respected young adult member in our organization! We urgently need your ideas, suggestions and leadership so that you can join us in the work of carrying on the work of our fraternal forebearers in order to strengthen our Union.

Above all, as a young lady, you may look forward to the Cleveland Cottillion Ball becoming a Debutante. It will be Oct. 28, 1978. If you are a young man, you can be eligible to act as an escort for one of the young ladies in the Ball.

Please consider this as a special invitation and write to your youth Board Director for further help.

FRANCES SIETZ

Hermine Prislund Dicke

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QOTS & QANS and PASTIME

I was delighted to receive a collection of many excellent recipes from Mrs. Mary Ann Samuelson of Oglesby, Illinois; Branch No. 89. All of the following recipes are from Mary Ann.

Italian Chicken Cacciatore

This is a delightful method to serve chicken.

- 3 pound fryer chicken, cut up
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup shortening
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour
- 2 cups sliced onions
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped green pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can (1 pound) tomatoes, drained
- 1 can (8 ounce) tomato sauce
- 1 can (3 ounce) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon oregano
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup red tart wine, if desired

Wash and dry chicken. In large frying pan melt shortening. Add chicken which has been dredged with flour. Fry chicken in hot shortening over medium heat for 15 to 20 minutes until golden brown. Remove chicken. Add onion, green pepper and garlic to skillet. Cook until tender (about 5 minutes). Stir in remaining ingredients. Add the chicken, cover and simmer for about 40 minutes or until all pieces are tender. Serves 4.

Serve with tossed green salad and Italian Bread.

Ann Landers' Meat Loaf

Another excellent variation of the popular MEAT LOAF.

- 2 pounds ground round steak
- 2 eggs
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups bread crumbs
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup ketchup
- 1 teaspoon Monosodium Glumate
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup warm water
- 1 package Lipton Onion Soup Mix
- 8 ounces Hunt's Tomato Sauce

Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Put in greased loaf pan with 3 strips of bacon over top if you like ba-

con. Pour over all an 8 ounces can of Hunt's Tomato Sauce. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Refrigerator Pickles

These pickles are stored in the refrigerator and used as needed.

- 15 medium cucumbers
- 3 cups sugar
- 3 cups vinegar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup salt (pickling salt)
- 1 teaspoon tumeric
- 1 teaspoon celery seed
- About 3 hears of dill
- 1-3 cloves of garlic

Slice the cucumbers in a jar. Bring sugar, vinegar, salt tumeric, celery seed, dill and garlic to a boil. Pour over sliced cucumbers. Store in refrigerator. Makes 3 quarts. Note: Have kept one year with great success.

Grape Pie

With the grape season before us you may then want to try this unusual pie.

- 4 cups seeded purple grapes
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 teaspoon butter

Combine the ingredients. Place in a 2 crust 2 inch pie or a single crust with a lattice top. Bake 450 degrees for 10 minutes. Lower heat and bake 350 degrees for 20 minutes longer.

Angel Food Pie

This 50 year old recipe is ideal for a summer treat.

- 1 cup crushed pineapple
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 egg whites
- 1-9 inch baked pie shell

While heating the pineapple, water,

sugar and salt mix the cornstarch with a little cold water. Add this paste gradually into the hot, but not boiling liquid. Stir gently and constantly to avoid lumps. Bring to a boil and boil for 1 minute. Remove from fire and add one teaspoon vanilla and cool. Beat the 3 egg whites until stiff and fold into cold pineapple mixture. Put into the baked pie shell. Refrigerate at least 2 hours and serve with whipped cream. Delicious!

Daiquiri Punch

- 2 large cans frozen limeade
- 3 (28 ounce) bottles 7-Up
- 2 (28 ounce) bottles Squirt
- 8 packages Holland House Daiquiri Mix
- 1 quart rum

Combine all ingredients. Makes enough punch to fill a large punch bowl. About 25-30 servings.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS:

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1. Roll out any left over pie crust dough. Cut into diamond shapes or as desired. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Bake at 350 degrees until light brown. Makes a nice snack.

2. When using glass baking dishes reduce the oven temperature 25 degrees.

3. For peeling tomatoes: Place in boiling water 1 minute then into cold water. Skin will easily be removed with the point of a knife.

MORE HERBS:

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GINGER—INGVER: Creaked ginger used in beverages and pickles. Ground in sauces and in baking.

MINT-META: Fresh used in lamb dishes, salads; to flavor soup, sauces, beverages and marmalades.

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ZARJA—THE DAWN

NO. 50, CLEVELAND, OHIO

One hundred thirty ladies attended the May meeting, in honor of "Mother of the Year", Millie Pike, also to honor past mothers, of which 19 were present, from as far back as 1956. This was a first for such an occasion. A photographer from Euclid News Journal paper, took pictures of the "mothers" which will be shown in the future. All the mothers looked lovely, each wearing a red carnation, made by our Millie Perusek. In the May Zarja issue, a picture was shown, and a beautiful tribute was written to our present "mother", Millie Pike. She received some lovely gifts, one of which was a beautiful bouquet of crocheted pink and white carnations. These were handmade by Mary Petric. A very touching poem, about mothers written by Carole Traven, was read by Pres. Ann Tercek. Then Rosemary Marn sang "Mamica" accompanied by Jane Berkopec at the piano. These clever and talented women!

HERE AND THERE NEWS: Three past mothers were remembered: Mary Hocevar who was "mother" in 1958 now deceased, Celia Znidarsic, "mother" in 1960, also deceased, and Josephine Seelye year of 1956, now residing in Florida. Sophie Zgorc has retained all her Zarja magazines since 1960, 18 years!

Belated congratulations to Carolyn Budan on her retirement from St. Clair Saving bank (now Broadview) after 25 years of faithful service. A reception was held in her honor, where she received many beautiful gifts for remembrance. Mary Champa thanked all those who sent her get well cards. It was great to see her back, even though she had to wear a neck brace, and walk with a walker. Also nice to greet Vicki Planecki who had been ill.

A thank you card, from Mrs. Milena Gobetz, was read, for the donation from Br. 50, towards the Slovenian Research Center for their book fund.

Irene Jagodnik, Secy. Treas. will represent Br. 50 at Waterloo Slovenian Home meeting, to present a donation of \$100.00 to the Old Age Home on Neff Rd.

At our April meeting Pres. Ann Tercek requested for any of our ladies to come to the Old Age Home to entertain the patients with some Slovenian songs. She was delighted when 15 members showed up. Keep it up ladies. It's every 3rd Thurs. of each month.

Joseph and Bernice Somrak became first time grandparents to a baby boy, born on Mother's day. Also first time grandparents to a baby girl, are, Stanley and Bessie Zaller.

Jane Somrak, on her way into this meeting, fell and bruised her knee, and had to receive first aid. So be careful ladies!

Gary Leslie, son of member Irene Leslie (grandson of Nettie Leslie) has been signed up with the Detroit Tigers baseball team.

A welcome was extended to the following new members: Josephine Taucher, Alice Lausche, Angie Cestarsic, and Helen Pecek.

TRAVEL NEWS: Mary Vadnal and Hermine Prevesk were going to Joliet, Ill. to attend the Slovenian Heritage day on June 11. Will also visit Mary's cousin, Bernice Bostjancic. Mary Okicki returned from a trip to California and Las Vegas.

Sympathy goes out to Ella Skoda and family on the loss of their brother, Frank Opalek. Also belated condolences to the family of Mr. Benedict, who passed away. Ladies, if you hear of any deaths which the members should be notified, please call any of the officers.

BRIDES AND GROOMS OF YESTER YEAR: Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries: Mrs. & Mrs. Frank Kristoff (Ann) 38 yrs. on April 20, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pike (Millie) 38 yrs. on May 4, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Berkopec (Jane) 39 yrs. on May 13, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Leslie (Nettie) 51 yrs. on May 21, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bajec (Mary) 37 yrs. on May 23, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Okicki (Mary) 43 yrs. on May 25, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zak (Vi) 44 yrs. on May 26, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Prevesk (Hermine) 30 yrs. on June 19, (Hermine says these were the best years of his life), Mr. & Mrs. Max Traven (Carole) 38 yrs. on June 22 and Mr. & Mrs. John Raplenovic (Helen) 46 yrs. on June 25.

This was an extra special meeting, and a BIG THANK YOU to all who helped in anyway. To the "punch gals", to the sandwich makers, to the ladies who baked all those good goodies, and to all in general!

Must say hello to my friend, John Tushar, who is a faithful reader. His wife tells me she never gets to read the Zarja first. Hi, John!

Wise old owl say: Gossip can hardly be called idle, the way many keep busy at it!

Have a happy vacation and safe one. See you at our Aug. picnic, or next meeting in Sept.

MAE FABEC
Reporter

NO. 52, KITZVILLE, MINN.

Dearest sisters, Summer is here and vacation time. So, that means that our meetings have come to the end. We will resume again in Sept. on the first Wed. of the month. Please try to join us again.

Hope you all have a beautiful summer and see if you can bring in a new member. The Campaign is on now for recruiting new members and we hope and pray that the summer will give you time to line up a few new members. We have been losing our members and do need replacements. So, please get out and bring us your friends and relatives!

After a short April meeting we enjoyed the social of the evening. Hostesses were sisters, Julia Mancuso, Julie Vessel, Ann Mansfield. A delicious lunch was served. Cards were played and honors went to sisters Rose Trombly, Theresa Montcalm, Celia Politano, Mildred Barbatto, Sharon Church, Marybeth Jerkovich and door prize to Dorothy Russo. Other prizes went to Margaret Kochevar and Mary Techar.

We wish Gods speed to a rapid recovery to all our sick members. Hope they will soon be up and about.

Deepest sympathy to sisters Jenny Crea and Ann Roberts on the loss of their relatives. We hope and pray that it will in some way help to know that others share in your loss. May their souls rest in peace.

Our State Convention is to be in Aurora this year on the second Sunday in Sept. and we hope to see you all there. Have a nice vacation and drive safely for the life you save may be your own.

At the May meeting we enjoyed our usual cards and the following were winners, Rose Trombly, Gertrude Kochevar, Ann Roberts, Margaret Andrican, Mildred Baratto, Terry Oberstar and Dorothy Politano and Mary Techar who also won the door prize.

Hostesses were sisters Frances Jerkovich, Joan Eidal, Virginia Kroak and Dorothy Ban. They had a delicious lunch for us. We had a delightful evening.

May God bless you and keep you in the best of health.

GERTRUDE KOCHEVAR
Reporter

NO. 54, WARREN, OHIO

Our branch had its last meeting for the summer in June at Vic Zuga's home in the form of a picnic lunch. Her co-hostess was Rose Racher, both of them good entertainers and great hostesses. Vic has a lovely home in the country. Our next meeting is Sept. 19th at my home with my mother-in-law, Mary Ponikvar helping me. Try to come.

Mayme Sporich's granddaughter, Denise Sporich married William Culbertson at a lovely folk mass at our church, St. James. It was so nice and Denise was a beautiful bride. We

In Memoriam V BLAG SPOMIN

DECEASED MEMBERS

- 1—Stefania Pelko
- 6—Kristina Smole
- 10—Anna Cernivec
Rose Lesjak
- 12—Alojzija Cmiklos
Frances Kos
- 13—Mary Turich
- 17—Angeline Kastelic
- 24—Anna Ravnikar
- 41—Mary Sernel
- 63—Johanna Skrjanc
- 65—Mary Jankovich
Eva Vukelich
- 84—Jennie Coslian

May they rest in peace!

wish them all the happiness.

Getting married soon is Mary Zuga's son, Gary, to Mary Jo November.

Graduating from school is Charles Tomazin. Good luck Chuck, Lori Smuke and Kenneth Shine are high school graduates. Ken is going to O.S.U. this fall — good luck, Ken.

My Aunt, Margaret Racher is a great grandmother! Patricia is a new mother!

Happy vacationing to all and have a safe and good summer.

JOANNE PONIKVAR
Secretary

NO. 57, NILES, OHIO

Our May meeting was in the form of a Mother's Day Dinner. We had a very nice turnout of mothers and daughters. Our member from Cuyahoga Falls, Frances Racher came with her daughter Denise from Copper Mountain, Colorado. Mrs. Jennie Logar, also our oldest mother had four generations at the dinner. Her granddaughter, Mary Ann Leonard was also our youngest mother present. Our Mother of the Year was Jennie Novak. She was presented with many gifts. Mary Klobucar was our second oldest mother, she missed being the oldest by just a few months. Favors were in the form of multicolored pot scrubbers made by Mary Strah and Ann Pease.

Two door prizes were donated for the occasion. Mary Molar's prize was won by Dorothy Packo and Mary Opalko won the one donated by Ann Hostinsky. Everyone seemed to enjoy the good food and good company, and all left happy and smiling. It's just a good feeling to get together and visit with friends.

ANN PEASE

NO. 71, STRABANE, PA.

We are anxiously looking forward to meeting for our annual State Convention in Burgettstown, Pa., hostesses, Br. 59. We have wonderful cooperation from Mrs. Rosemary Orenchuk and the officers. Plans are not yet final.

In our branch, five generations helped our member, Pauline Fatro, celebrate her 92nd birthday on April 1st. There was a party at the home of her son, John in Canonsburg where Mrs. Fatro also lives. She has a large family, nine children, 22 grandchildren and 50 great grandchildren! A highlight of the occasion was a message of greetings from U.S. President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter from Washington. All our best and many more happy birthdays to her!

LUCILLE SMITH
Secretary

NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE, HGTS., O.

All the members wish to congratulate our dear Mary Pobuda for having been chosen "Mother of the Year", and rightfully so. Her two lovely daughters attended the ceremony for their Mother, and were very proud of her. Since I couldn't attend, I called Mary the next day and found her to be still in shock as well as very happy for this honor to be bestowed upon her. Mary hasn't been feeling too well as of late, and the day I talked to her one could tell that her morale had certainly been given a big boost.

The Pot Luck Dinner also held in connection with the naming of the "Mother of the Year" was also a huge success. All in all, everyone had a marvelous time, the food was out-of-this-world! I know because even though my health still did not permit me to attend, my dear friend Louise Epley brought me a huge plate of all the goodies, enough so that I had meals for two days. Mary, we all wish you better health and much happiness for now and always.

Very sorry to report that Helen Kunka's daughter and son-in-law recently lost a little girl only five days old, and we all offer our condolences. Surely an innocent baby was carried right to heaven by God's angels, and we shall all say a prayer for the baby and the rest of the family, too. May she rest in peace!

Emma Sklenicka and Lee Epley were both back in the hospital, but are home now and we pray for their complete recovery. Rose Zbasnik had been in the hospital for surgery, and from the hospital was transferred to St. Augustine's Manor on the west side of Cleveland for rest, therapy and recuperation. Since she won't be released immediately, it would be

nice if those members who can plan it would visit her and if not, Rose would certainly appreciate some cards or letters. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Rose, and our prayers will be with you.

Catherine Papez just returned from a 2 week boat cruise to South America. She does a great deal of traveling, and this type of trip must have been a very enjoyable one.

Until the next time, stay well and happy.

MILDRED D. ROBERTS Reg. Sec'y.

NO. 79, ENUMCLAW, WASH.

The Mother's Day Dinner May 21, 1979 was well-attended. Thirty-eight members and guests gathered together for the afternoon. We were all especially delighted to have Mrs. Antonia Remitz and Mrs. Mary Kitna attend, Anna Faulk and Mary Mihelich led a few songs during the afternoon and much recalling of "the good old days" followed.

There was a special meeting in June at Georgen and Gary Pearson's to begin plans for a Slovenian fun day in October.

DOROTHY SLEIGH, Reporter

NO. 81, KEEWATIN, MINN.

The members of Br. 81 met at Father Frederick Hall to make plans for our Mother of the Year party.

The meeting opened with a prayer. The secretary and treasurer gave their reports. After prayer, a delicious dessert was served by the following hostesses: Josie Kapla, Anna Jackovich, Toni DiOrio and Lucy Gentile.

Here are a few notes on the event. Our Mother of the Year, Anna Preshiren, was honored by the members receiving Holy Communion in a body at the morning Mass at St. Mary's Church. Nick Krampotich was the vocalist and organist. The Slovenian and Croatian hymns which he so beautifully sang added a special touch to the Mass.

Afterward, the members assembled in Father Frederick Hall and the tables looked lovely with bouquets of fresh flowers. A delicious brunch was served, prepared by the members with Mrs. Josie Kapla, chairman. The beautifully decorated cake was made by Mrs. Fenstermacher. Special guests were Anna's son, Matthew and his wife, Cyrilla and her grandson, Jack and wife, Maria. A corsage and a gift of a Rosary were presented to Mrs. Preshiren. Fr. O'Connell was the speaker for the occasion. The happy day ended with the members singing their favorite Slovenian and Croatian songs.

This was the last meeting until August when he will meet to make plans to attend Minnesota Zveza Day in Aurora.

MARY MICHELICH Reporter

ZARJA—THE DAWN

THE LADIES LIKE LIVIN' IT UP!



Top photo, left to right, Lorene Munson, Youngest Mother present at Br. 89's Mother-Daughter Banquet, Sophie Frank, the Oldest Mother present, Mary Dittle, Most Years Married (and husband still living) and Marlene Zamin, Mother with the Most Children. Right photo, officers — left to right—, Frances Gorisek, Chancellor, Emma Folty, Treasurer, Mary Kernz, Secretary, Josephine Argubright, Vice-Pres., and Lena Dawson, President.

Bottom photos: Left, Mary Ann Samuelson, chairman of the event and reporter of Br. 89 is seen holding one of the Mother's Day Cakes given away as a prize. Center, is Mary Tomsha who played dinner music during the party and right photo, the Committee, Eunice Komater, Anne Komater, Catherine Golick and Mary Ann Samuelson.

NO. 89, OGLESBY, ILL.

Here's hoping all of you had a Happy Mother's Day and our dads, a Happy Father's Day.

Our group had the Mother-Daughter Banquet May 10th at the Village Inn Supper Club in Tonica. 43 women in attendance were very pleased with the meal and service.

Opening prayer was led by Frances Gorisek, our chancellor. The priest from our Holy Family church was out of town that evening.

Dinner music was played on the organ by Mary Tomsha, a Slovenian girl from LaSalle, a relative of yours truly. She also played Happy Birthday to the May celebrants, Ann Ankowiak, Catherine Golick and Irene Peterlin. We all sang along.

A short business meeting was held encouraging members to attend the Slovenian Heritage Days in Joliet in June; also, to attend the Oglesby Slovenian picnic on Sat. Aug. 19th at Lehigh Park for all Slovenians

from everywhere. There will be food and refreshments and a polka band for dancing. Half a Beef will be given to some lucky person. There will many prizes also. For tickets, write to Lena Dawson, 505 Morman St., Oglesby, Ill. 61348. Single tickets are \$5, family ticket \$8 plus covered dish to pass or if not able to bring a dish, the family cost is \$10. Please order your tickets before Aug. 10th.

In May, some of our honored mothers were: Oldest, Mrs. Sophie Frank, Youngest, Lorene Munson, Mother of Most Children, Marlene Zamin, Oldest Grandmother, Mrs. Frank and Mother Married the Longest with Living Husband, Mrs. Harvey (Mary) Dittle, 54 years! They were presented assorted flower plants.

Every lady present received a prize and there were guests with us from La Salle, Peru, Tonica and Oglesby.

We also honored Mary Kernz as

Member of the Year! Congratulations!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating their Golden Anniversary on Sunday, May 28th were Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Peterlin of Oglesby, Ill. They began the day by repeating their marriage vows at Holy Family Church, altho they were married in 1928 at the Sacred Heart church here. The lovely ceremony was attended by their four children, Adolph, Jr., Shirley Basil and Gary, their 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Mr. Peterlin is retired from the Marquette Cement Co. where he worked 33 years. He is a member of the Holy Name and Knights of Columbus. Irene Peterlin is our good member for many years and is a past president.

We wish them all the best and many more years together. M.A.S.

Mr. Maclare Pryde of Oglesby attended the party and showed movies

of the 75th Anniversary of our city last year when we had a parade and 25 years ago for the 50th Anniversary. Both parades had floats on which yours truly appeared.

The Mother's Day banquet committee included myself as chairman assisted by Catherine Golick, co-chairman, and Anne and Eunice Komater. We hope everyone enjoyed it and went home happy.

A card was sent to Corinne Leskovar and the sick members of Br. 89. Hope you are all improving now.

Oh yes! Our Bowlers did well at the Tournament in Sheboygan, Wis. in March. Each received a check: Helen Komater for All-Events and Lena Dawson for All-Events and a tie for Doubles. Congratulations.

MARY ANN SAMUELSON

NO. 92, GUNNISON, COLO.

First of all, I'm sorry for being late with a report on our branch activities. I'll start with our April meeting which was held at the home of Mary Lou Steenbergen. The meeting opened with a prayer by the president, Denise and roll call by Mary Lou. Six members were presented and one guest, Frieda Farcier who joined our branch that evening. We all welcome you, Frieda. Our Mother's Day dinner was discussed and plans made.

At the card games, Denise and Frieda got high prize with Ann and Fern, low. We then enjoyed a delicious lunch. We had fun opening "fortune cookies" and of course, eating them. We didn't have a mystery box as the winner of the box at the May meeting was not present. Because of graduation at the College on the 7th we decided to celebrate our Mother's Day dinner at Dos Rios on April 29th.

Mary Lou Steenbergen was chosen as our Mother of the Year. Congratulations!

May meeting was held at the home of Fern White and 8 members attended. It was a short meeting, opened by Denise and among our discussion was ordering the "Slovenia to America" book. Secretary and Treasurer were absent, Mystery Box was donated by Betty Starika and won by Denise. Our June meeting was at the home of Addie Croft in Pitkin. It was a beautiful drive for nine members and one guest. We had discussed a money-making project and will later order some cards to sell. We will not have a meeting in July. Our August meeting is at Rose Carricato's on the first Tuesday. We will also have a picnic on Sept. 10th at Taylor Park, a pot luck at 5 o'clock. Instead of our usual card game, our hostess thought it was a good idea to auction off the prizes. It was a very good

idea in that it brought our treasury \$34. We had a very enjoyable evening. Josephine won the Mystery Box donated by Denise.

FERN WHITE
Reporter

NO. 95, SO. CHICAGO, ILL.

Our branch does it again! The weather outside was delightful, all was cozy inside, as about 95 members and guests assembled for the May crowning for one of our most deserving members, Mary (Bob) Perkovich our "Woman Of The Year". The evening began when all of us sat nervously quiet waiting for the beautiful ceremony to begin. Among the special people present were her loving family, Nancy Perkovich, her daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Gina, Mark, Mary Beth, and John, her in-laws, Georgia, Angie, and Angela Marnell; also her sisters-in-law, Lucille Spudic, Anna Dujmovich, Sophie and Helen and Mary (Matt) Perkovich and Manda Dosen. Her nieces were there, too, June Rupcich, Hazel Vrklind and great niece, Holly Rupcich. Guests were Pauline Stiglich, Eileen Baroney, Charlotte Fryza, Lottie Brklacic, Catherine Corak, Phillis Tumpich, Norma Krcmaric, Barbara McGowen, Catherin Pocerlich, and Kate Piccarillo.

I would like to share some of my feelings about that evening, some of the "everyday" kind, here they are: It was a privilege and pleasure for me to pay a special tribute to Mary, and what a better way to tie the bond between the past and present than to review the progress over the years with those such as Mary who have shared in it? Possibly, the most startling observation was made when Gina and Mary Beth, her grandchildren, each in their own way made up words in a poem telling their admiration for their grandmother.

Also, with a friendly smile Mary presented a carnation to all of our past "Women Of The Year". In return she was presented with a floral bouquet by her loving family, and Manda Dosen presented her with a book of mementos of the past, and a card was filled with personal messages from all of us. Corsages and special plates with proper inscriptions were presented to Mary and our outgoing "Woman Of The Year" Ann Sertich. But the highlight of the evening was the solo performance of Dorothy Prieboy, her accompanist Wanda Loebe! Her style of phrasing, intonation, mannerisms even her between-songs-patter is proof that mannered singing can pay high dividends and musical sense.

With handkerchief in one hand and in between tears, Mary thanked

everyone who remembered her and who took part to make it one of the most successful evenings of her life. She expressed that caring, sharing, loving and understanding made it all worthwhile. The ceremony closed with a serenade by group singing during which her husband, Bob, embraced her with a fitting song, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." It was a fitting ending.

But the real labor of love was performed by Evelyn Driscoll, Chairlady, and Manda Dosen, Co-Chairlady, and their committee: Martha Stampar, Mary (Matt) Perkovich, Marge Doherty, Lucille Nosich, Sylvia Vukadinovich, Helen Alb, Mary Brezinski, Ann Pave, Mildred Poropat, Helen Golich, Ann Kompere, Helen Price, Ann Sertich, Bernice Morrison. We are blessed with members and the above committee and we owe tremendous gratitude to the members who have labored in preparing all the goodies which space does not permit us to give a detailed rundown. It certainly was an extravaganza to say the least, and a night to remember. A million thanks to all of you!

Winners of prizes were: Georgia Marnell, (A Slow Cooker), Helen Golich, Evelyn McNulty, Frances Perpich, Mary Duich, Delores Hennelly, and Victoria Rukavina.

Cash donated by: \$5-Ann Starcevic, Sylvia Werner, \$2.60-Matilda Turica, \$2-Mary Duich, and Matilda Cacich \$1-Sophie Barbich.

Sylvia Werner vacationed in Las Vegas in April and spent some time with Matilda Turica who sends her warm greetings to all of our members, and says she misses us.

July Birthdays: Mary (Matt) Perkovich, Sylvia Werner, Matilda Grepo, Madeline Trivador, Mary Brezene, Anna Loncar, Marge Krmpotic, Mary Possedi, Mary Faron, Louise Dichele, Ann Polancic, Manda Nosich, Joane Paulich, and Frances Benkovich.

August Birthdays: Anna Plesha, Matilda Martin, Rose Dosen, Ann Kompere, Bernice Golden (Cal), Rose Ballock, Genevieve Ross, Emma Yergovich, Olga Krmpotic, Mildred Poropat, (Sectry) Lucille Nosich, Rose Winters, Evelyn McNulty, Mary Zelinika, and Matilda Stevens.

Our condolences to Alyce Kropel on the loss of her beloved mother. Our deepest sympathy to Matilda Martin on the sudden passing of her husband William E. Martin. We want you to know that our thoughts are with you and how deeply we sympathize with you in your bereavement.

In conclusion, try to attend our Sept. 6 meeting. Have a safe and happy summer!

MILDRED JAMES

NO. 103, WASHINGTON, D.C.

On Sunday, May 21st, our usual meeting was replaced by our annual Mother's Day Program featuring the talents of our younger members.

We were honored to have our new Spiritual Advisor, Father Raymond Wadas recite a short prayer in praise of all mothers. We were fortunate again this year to have Bernardette Kovacic acting as our Mistress of Ceremonies.

In her own quiet and charming way, she introduced and encouraged the young participants to perform to the best of their ability and praised them likewise. The program opened with the children's procession and Crowning of the Blessed Virgin.

Then followed the entertaining program that included:

A reading on the history of Mother's Day by Karen Nagel. She did very well in her presentation of historical facts. She is the daughter of my sister, member Rebecca Nagel.

Piano selection "Sonata No. 8", 1st Movement by Beethoven was done by Maria Paulin. Piano selection, "Minature Op. 1, No. 2 by Anne Paulin composed by her father, Harold Paulin. Both selections were beautifully played by the daughters of our honored Mother of the Year, Maria Paulin.

How touching to hear the lovely composition prepared by a loving father for his young daughter.

Appearing on the scene for the first time and enchanting all was Tifen de Coquereaumont, granddaughter of our Vice-President, Iča Zebot. She is very bright and assertive for her age. She read poems in praise of mothers and grandmothers. Her young brother, Tristan, sat quietly and we hope that he will join in the activity next year.

Janelle Zadnik, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Valentine Zadnik, played the piano and chose to depart from her classical rendition to play "Your Song" by Elton John. Nice to see you again, Janelle. Rachel Richardson read a beautiful Slovenian poem "Slovensko Dekle" while her grandfather, visiting from Ljubljana, Slovenia, sitting in the audience with her mother, Alenka, appeared very proud. Young Marlene Skopec played two piano selections, "The Hand of Time" and "Brian's Song" by Michael Legrand. We were pleased to see her father attending with her mother, Ana and younger brother.

Chris Bohinc, although not a member but a fine young man, who also sings with the Choral Group, played three accordian selections which were enjoyed and applauded by all. It was

Washington participates in International Sports and Games Day

On Sunday, May 14th, we are proud to say that we took part in the International Sports and Games Day sponsored by the Northern Virginia Folk Festival, Inc. for the purpose of raising funds to continue the Bi-annual Folk Festival in 1979 which places special emphasis on ethnic folk art, music and foods.

I wish to thank Molly Thomas for her efforts as a liaison person between the two groups and her continued interest. Also, my gratitude to Maria Paulin and Mimi Mejac for their enthusiasm in adding to the progress of this effort.

Thanks to Stane Sustersic for bringing the "klobase" from Cleveland which was sold with delicious zelje. We appreciate it. Betty Cesnik and Tillie Terselic prepared the poticas and Nika Kovacic the Slovenian Potato Salad, Molly, Maria and I took care of our section. It was an exciting afternoon and more so when we found out that we made the largest contribution toward the support.

We all urge you to keep an interest in this educational and entertaining event. F.H.M.

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nice meeting his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bohinc.

Our Mistress of Ceremonies played a piano solo, the "Theme from Mahogany" (Do you know where you're going to?) arranged by Dan Coates with much feeling and rhythm.

We were privileged again to have the members of the Slovenian Choral Group of Washington under the director of Vladimir Pregelj sing a selection of delightful songs which pleased our audience very much. A special thanks to Mr. Pregelj and his group for their generosity in giving of their time to help make our program a success.

A sincere thank you to Mrs. Ann Raspet for playing her accordian selections during the presentation of the lovely red carnations to our Mother of the Year, Mrs. Paulin, who looked very lovely and happy with her family.

Other guests to be seen were Mr. & Mrs. Paul Daly. We look forward to her becoming a member next fall.

Mary Lynn Thomas is on vacation from her studies at Georgetown University School of Nursing and came with her mother, Molly Thomas.

Congratulations to Andrej Bevec on receiving his degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Catholic Uni-

versity of America, Washington, D.C. He has always played the accordian with Chris but was besieged with studies at this time of the year. We forgive you this time! He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Floryan Bevec and his mother, is one of our longtime members.

Following the program, we were served a delicious luncheon prepared by our members. Our sincere thanks to all who helped in the preparation and serving of food; also the many donations of the same. Again we are mindful that Tillie Terselic was busy in the kitchen getting things squared away. Thanks very much to all.

John Underwood directed our games and thus ended another beautiful day.

We missed the young Antolin children and Susan Terselic.

FREDA H. MICHELITCH

## In Remembrance of A Friend's Passing

Dear Friends:

Word just reached me from Maryknoll about the death of my friend, your mother, Frances Skubitz. I pray, together with you, for the joy that she prepared herself for, with the Lord. I'll celebrate Mass for her in just a few minutes from now, here in my bamboo room amongst 30,000 Moslems of Tanguai. I know that your mother would not be offended by the humble circumstances surrounding the Mass of Resurrection which I shall celebrate for her. She was a woman of inner strength and goodness. Externals mean little to one like her, with faith in invisible realities.

It is a source of strength to me to know that, as you wrote in a letter to Maryknoll, I was dear to her. "She remembered him always," you said. The reason my stay among the Moslems is so profitable to them and to me surely has something to do with your Mother's remembering me to the Lord. Death, which is the beginning of a deeper more joyful life, will not keep her from remembering us all to the Lord. For she is in the Lord, more than ever before. In Christ, our Hope.

BOB McCaHILL  
28 Zindabaha Lane  
Dacca 1, Bangladesh

The above letter came to us from Mrs. Julie (Albert) Russ, daughter of our loyal long-time member, Frances Shubitz of Ely, Minn. who passed away a few months ago. Mrs. Shubitz knew him as a boy and supported his missionary activities. Mrs. Russ and her family wanted to share the letter with all of our readers.

# Minutes of Directors' Meeting, March, 1978

## Officers Reports Continued

### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH DIRECTOR

Greetings to our S.W.U. National Officers and best wishes for a successful annual meeting for the betterment of our organization.

As Youth Director I've kept busy the past year writing personally to each Branch and to our Regional Presidents to stimulate more interest among Juniors and young adults. To date only Anne Kompare and Anne Vucko have answered my letters.

The Youth Board also saw to it that articles of interest for Juniors and young adults be published every month in our wonderful DAWN magazine.

To date in the interest of the Youth Board, I have attended the following meetings, anniversaries and parties.

1. All Combined Branch meetings and State Conventions;
2. Mother's Day parties of branches 21, 25 and 50;
3. March 12th, 1977 Home Office Blessing in Joliet, Ill.;
4. June 12th, 1977, First S.W.U. Slovenian Heritage Day, Joliet, Ill.;
5. 50th Anniversary of Br. 14 in October, 1977... not recognized as speaker;
6. Attended No. 10's, 50th Anniversary and was recognized as a speaker;
7. Went to DAWN CHORAL CONCERT in November;
8. In August, I tried to organize a Junior Bowling group but the time was too late;
9. Oct. 27, 1977 the Junior League Club Dinner Meeting was held with Former Debs selected as officers. Next Cleveland Cotillion Ball was set for Oct. 28, 1978;
10. Combined Branches Christmas Party Dec. 3, 1977; attendance of juniors very good.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES SIETZ

### REPORT OF WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

I attended the dedication of the Home Office and I am happy they have such a nice office.

The Bowling Tournament was held in Milwaukee. We had 24 teams and 32 doubles. Everyone had a good time.

I am sorry I could not attend the Heritage Day in Joliet but I was represented by my mother who really enjoyed it.

I attended Zveza Day in Lemont in July where a nice time was had by everyone.

I did not attend the State Convention held in Oglesby because I was ill.

I hope you have a productive meeting.

LIL PUTZELL

### REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF PENNSYLVANIA- NEW YORK-D.C.

We had our State Convention and Banquet at the KSKJ Hall in Strabane, Pa. on Oct. 23, 1977 with 200 in attendance and it was enjoyed by all.

Also, I had received 6 juniors, 2 Class A and 1 Class B member. We hope to have a lot of new members in 1978 and bring a lot of joy to our older members.

I wish to thank all the members and my good friends for your fine cooperation in the past and request the same for the future. Love,

LUCILLE SMITH

### REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF OHIO-MICHIGAN

Sincere congratulations on your Board meeting. May this meeting present some good strength and knowledge

gained for our Slovenian Women's Union. The year 1977 has come and gone and with it, a lot of nice memories.

We were very fortunate to have three branches celebrate their 50th Anniversaries in 1977, namely, Branch 10, 14 and 15. Each celebration started with Holy Mass with many members attending. The banquets followed with speeches, charter members introduced and programs. We are ever so grateful to all the mothers, grandmothers and our Honorary President, Mrs. Marie Prislund who has made this all possible.

Our Combined Branches meetings are always a pleasure to attend. Branches 10, 14, 15, 21, 25, 32, 41, 42, 47 and 50 attend. We get to hear all the news from them, as they give their reports and we try to attend each others socials. We have great cooperation. We also hear a report from each of our National Officers, President, Mary Bostian and Youth Director, Fran Sietz.

With all the activities of the branches it keeps me busy. In the month of May, all branches honor their Mother of the Year and I try to attend as many as I can. My activity as secretary of Br. 10 also keeps me busy. Our meetings are held every other month and in between we visit the sick; I manage to brighten the hearts of our ladies with a little greeting of some kind.

Our State Convention this past year was enjoyed by all who attended. It was held outdoors and we were entertained by the Barton Twirlers and the Marie Prislund Cadets who were on hand to help us show our respects to all departed members.

In the fall we always have a concert to go to; the Dawn Choral Group puts on a wonderful show of songs that takes us away in memories for a few hours. We are so pleased to have them and members from the Combined Branches.

At the end of the year, there is a Christmas Party for the children directed by our Youth Director, Fran Sietz, so before you know it, the end of the year arrives with lots of nice memories and all this made possible by our Slovenian Women's Union members.

A big thank you to our National President, Mary Bostian who is always lending a helping hand and is always available for advice and service. Sincere compliments to all National Officers for their monthly articles, to Corinne Leskovar for all the good work on our beloved ZARJA. Pots and Pans; How we enjoy them! Thank you each and everyone of you. Best wishes for a successful meeting. God bless you.

SOPHIE MAGAYNA

### REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF COLORADO-KANSAS-MISSOURI

Dear National Officers and Board Members. Here it is, time again to send in the report for the year 1977. First of all, I wish to compliment all for the fine work you are doing. Mary Bostian, has been a big help to me. Ask Mary and right away comes help that one asks for.

We had 1 new Class B member who joined in 1977 and 2 new junior members. Four Juniors transferred into Class B and 2 into Class A. We enrolled a new social member. Three Class B members dropped out and one junior and one Class A members passed away. May they rest in peace.

Our program is much the same as in the past years. In the month of May we honor our Mothers of the Year.

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She is presented with a gift and we have a Mother's Day party for all the members. No meetings are held in June, July and August.

At the December meeting, we have Election of Officers and a Christmas Party with exchange of gifts, etc.

Donations twice a year to church are also decided. We would like to see more members at the meetings. They are held the first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. at St. Mary's church basement hall, 307 East Mesa Ave.

Our 17th State Convention was held at Clayton's Restaurant. The Mistress of Ceremonies for the Banquet was sister, Mamie Pugel and she did a fine job. Guest speaker was Senator Ray Kogovsek. We also enjoyed a sing-a-long with the choir from St. Mary's church leading and directed by Hermine Patric and accompanied by Dorothy Meister. Thanks to Elsie Barker for making the tickets for the State Convention. We were entertained by John Pauchek playing his new button-box accordion.

I thank the members of Br. 3 for the help, work, prizes, donations and all on the committee for making it a huge success. It was a pleasure to have guests from Denver, Florence, Colorado Springs, Canon City and Walsenburg, Colorado. I'm sure everyone had an enjoyable afternoon. Thank you all and God bless you.

I close this report with a wish that we may all work together for a bigger and better way of serving Zveza. Best regards from Colorado to all members.

FRANCES SIMONICH

## REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA-WASHINGTON-OREGON

Greetings to our Founder, Marie Priland and members of the National Board.

The monthly meetings of Branch No. 13 are well-attended with the exception of no meetings in July and August. The officers try to promote new interests for the good of the organization, and the Juniors take part in activities of the branch. Participation is good at Zveza Day in March and Mother of the Year in May. The luncheon in June followed by games brings a number of members and their friends, which was a moral and financial success. The highlight of the year was the 50th Anniversary of the Branch in October, with due honor bestowed our only upon charter member Kate Radovich. A good response in the sale of the cook books and still selling more, also several song books sold. For the new campaign an enrollment of six new members.

Reports from Nat'l Pres. Mary Bostian keeps the branch posted at all times. As distance is the main factor in not attending meetings or affairs of branches within my jurisdiction, letters are therefore exchanged. This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROSE SCOFF

## REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF WISCONSIN

My report will be short mostly because of my illness for the past four months.

I conducted the Wisconsin State Convention last year in combination with the Golden Jubilee of Branch 12, Milwaukee. The celebration of their 50th anniversary was wonderful.

This year the State Convention will be held in West Allis with the Golden Jubilee of Branch 17 celebration. I do hope so much that the oncoming convention and the celebration of their 50th anniversary will be very successful.

Sheboygan was host for the Midwest Bowling Tournament which had 25 teams participating. Cities represented were Chicago, South Chicago, Joliet, Oglesby, and

LaSalle. The bowlers brought a lot of life to Sheboygan and we were so happy to meet them all. Although I spent much of the last four months in the hospital, I was successful in getting four new members and made arrangements for the bowling tournament. I hope if any of you bowlers were disappointed, I am forgiven, as arranging things from hospital bed, I just couldn't do better, but if God's will, I will try my very best to strengthen our Slovenian Women's Union, of which I am a very proud member.

With sincere wishes for health and happiness to all National Officers, and to all members far and near.

ANNA MODIZ

## REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF ILLINOIS-INDIANA

Greetings and best wishes to all present at the Annual Board Meeting!

The year 1977 has passed and 1978 is still ahead. As I look back to the events which were promoted, it was a busy year. In March I attended the blessing and dedication of the home office and the mass and banquet which followed. This was indeed a wonderful and momentous day.

In June I was unable to attend Heritage Day as that was the day I left for Hawaii in celebration of my 35th wedding anniversary. However, I was represented by my mother and sister, who gave me all the details about all the activities during the day and how successful this event was. I was very proud of the participation of Branch 2 members in this event.

Next, I turned my attention to the State Convention to be held in October to be hosted by Bradley, Illinois. I made a trip to Bradley and met with the officers there to make preparations for the meeting. They are a very small branch, but they are wonderful people and devoted to S.W.U. We could all take a lesson from them. Everyone who attended the convention can attest to the fact that the day was a very enjoyable one — beginning with coffee and goodies before mass and through the entire day. The dinner was enjoyed by everyone and we had a very successful meeting.

After the State Convention in October I wrote an article which appeared in ZARJA and asked if any of the members or officers had any ideas or suggestions to make so that our conventions would be more interesting and productive. As of this writing I have not had one letter offering any suggestions. I believe the members have many ideas on how to help ZVEZA grow, but apparently they do not take the time to present these ideas.

I know each branch holds various social activities during the course of the year in addition to their meetings. We constantly hear that we must have our young members become more active in ZVEZA. Branch 2 each year has their penny social in November to raise funds for their children's Christmas party. All young members through the age of 10 are treated to goodies at the Christmas party and each one receives a gift from Santa. The children remember this and look forward to it each year and we must remember that they become young adults and it is up to the older members to instill in them a desire to become actively involved in the branch so that ZVEZA will continue to grow.

As I close this report, I want to tell you that the next Illinois-Indiana State Convention will be held in La Salle, Illinois. This branch was in contact with Corinne Leskovar and she was kind enough to call and tell me that they would host the meeting. I shall get in touch with Branch 24 several months in advance to make plans for this occasion.

Again, my best wishes to all the officers for a very successful meeting.

ANNA VUCKO

## REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF MINNESOTA

All members of the State of Minnesota wish to congratulate Br. 83 of Crosby for hosting successful State Convention. An acknowledgement is in order to all the officers and members for taking on this responsibility the last minute and coming through with flying colors.

Namely, I thank Fran Vidmar, president, Anna Zauhar, Vice-Pres., Anna Vidmar, Rec. Secretary, Louise Puchreiter, Secretary, Mary Deblock, Treasurer, Molly Domin, Reporter and members.

We had the most beautiful day; the countryside was so colorful. This is one day we feel proud to belong to the S.W.U. One can see the love, care and understanding among the members. They all make a special effort to attend that is one of the year's highlight and is really enjoyed by all those present.

Our meeting opened with a welcome from yours truly and the introduction of our guest, Mary Marolt, National Treasurer, of Joliet, Ill. Our National Auditor, Barbara Rosandich of Ely was absent. Ann Purkat led the opening prayer in Slovenian. Betty Orazem, the Convention Secretary read the Minutes of last year's meeting that were accepted; also the letters and telegrams from well wishers. A matter of merger among branches was discussed. Mary Marolt was a great help in the answering. Many interesting topics were brought up. One was if members over 70 years should pay dues. (Members 75 years of age and older pay only Mortuary Fund premium which is either 20¢ in Class A or 35¢ in Class B. This assessment is in effect since 1968).

Reports from branches were given and some are very active while others are trying to sign up more new members. We are all working to help the juniors with their activities and making the meetings more interesting for a better attendance.

We all enjoy the ZARJA articles on the Immigrant, also Pots and Pans, the columns of Marie Prislund, Fr. Claude Okorn, pictures, junior articles and the whole works! A great magazine enjoyed by everyone. Keep up the great work, Corinne Leskovar, our editor — we all wait for it every month.

Thanks to the Board for sending Mary Marolt to visit us. She is a very lovely person with personality plus. We enjoyed having someone from the National Board attend our convention.

Aurora, Minn. Br. 35 will host the next State Convention on Sunday, Sept. 10th, 1978. Hope all will make plans early to attend for the town of Aurora is celebrating their Diamond Jubilee and they are all working hard to make it a year to remember.

Again, a year is behind us and we are looking forward to a new beginning in the year 1978. May it be successful for the S.W.U. with larger membership and worthwhile activities. We can do it if we all work a little harder, so get busy, you gals, and get a new start in 1978.

A Duluth member present at the State Convention reported that the branch is progressing in plans for the National Convention next May. Sounds like they have made a good start and I know it will be another great Convention.

ANGELINE KARISH

## HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Heritage Committee is only one year old but its first year of existence has been a very active and productive one.

Christmas week, 1976, a meeting was called of the

Br. No. 20 officers, the National Secretary & Treasurer, Fr. David of St. Joseph's Parish and a few members of Br. No. 20, to discuss the possibility of a Heritage Day on the national level.

Br. No. 20 agreed to host the event if I could get a sufficient number of people to participate as demonstrators, performers, lecturers, musicians etc. Within one month letters of invitation were prepared and mailed to Slovenians all over the U.S. A suitable number of responses came from individuals eager to participate making Heritage Day a feasible event. As the festival scheduled for June 12th began to materialize, other participants were added to the list. Arrangements were made for the use of St. Joseph's Park and duties assigned to the Joliet Committee of Hostesses.

I was happy to have had the opportunity provided by my husband, Kenneth, to take off days of work and spend the necessary funds for airflight to Joliet so that we could attend the festival and help with the preparations and the cleanup. It was a joy to see an idea materialize through the complete dedication of a responsible and interested committee.

The reasons for the Heritage Day success can be attributed to a number of factors some of which were: 1) The public was ready to find out about Slovenian Heritage. 2) A number of people were willing to cooperate without pay. 3) The prior organization allowed a function of this size to run smoothly. 4) Most important was the spirit of working together by all types of personalities represented on the committee.

Br. No. 20 is to be commended for the outstanding work on this enormous venture and for the \$3,000. profit given to the Heritage Committee which started with no funds. This is truly a generous contribution and couldn't have been achieved without everyone's dedicated work.

Frances Sietz recently wrote to me suggesting that the next festival be held in Ohio under the combined leadership of the four smaller Ohio branches. Thus far, two responses, from the four, have been received and they have both been negative. It is suggested that as long as Branch No. 20 is willing to handle the Heritage Day in 1978, they should be given the privilege. Officers and interested members of all branches will be encouraged to attend far enough in advance so that arrangements can be made. Seeing the festivities in action may incite other branches to volunteer for the 1979 Heritage Day. Branch No. 20 has set a good example of what can be accomplished; let us hope that our members will be inspired to follow in their footsteps.

## ELLIS ISLAND

In April, I attended a ceremony on Ellis Island arranged by the Committee For The Preservation Of Ellis Island, representing the SWU. It was an inspiring event especially being able to retrace the steps made by my parents as they entered the country. Pictures were taken and an article in the Zarja will be forthcoming.

## SLOVENIAN SLIDES

The slides shown of beautiful Slovenia, on Heritage Day, have been duplicated and are available for use by the branches as well as for the next Heritage Day. They will be permanently assigned to the Archives Room in the Home Office when not in use.

## TEE SHIRTS

A second set of Tee Shirts was ordered and are selling rapidly. Another shirt has been designed, with a picture, and will be ready for Heritage Day in 1978.



## BUMPER STICKERS

Thanks to the suggestion of our Supreme Secretary, bumper stickers with the Slovenian Love design were printed and are available for sale.

## HERITAGE APRONS

Heritage aprons (unisex), a new item, should be available by Valentine's Day or Easter and will make excellent gifts. They are being hand-made and then the pockets (large ones) will be imprinted with the design.

## HONOR OUR IMMIGRANTS

In an effort to draw attention to our immigrant members, letters have been sent to branches along with a list of immigrants from each respective branch. Miss Roseanne Ruth of Branch No. 20 has been typing the list from the files in the Home Office. We hope that each secretary will solicit the aid of members to interview these ladies and also plan a special function which will honor our lovely immigrant members. A set of interview questions was also prepared and sent to each branch so that the ladies might have some idea of the questions to ask. It is suggested that these interview be tape-recorded and submitted to the SWU Heritage Room as well as used for future Zarja articles.

## GOVERNMENT GRANT FOR FUNDS

My current project which may also stretch into 1979, is the application for a grant from the U.S. government for funds to assist us in documenting the lives of our immigrants through television interviews. I have just completed the forms, narration, budget and organizational plans for the project. If the government grants us the money we should be receiving assistance in the amount of \$10,000 or more. This would allow me to video-tape the immigrant stories in branches all over the U.S. News of the selected applicants will not be publicized until the middle of 1978. Say a prayer that we will be considered important enough for the government to give us this money.

These televised tapes would be circulated in the state libraries and we would also get a set of tapes for our SWU Heritage Room, for posterity sake, for the study of the Slovenian immigrants and for curiosity about the "good old days".

## FUTURE PROJECTIONS: HERITAGE ROOM

As you can tell my concern is not only for the present but for the coming year and the distant future as well. Seeing that our Heritage Committee can be a vital force in promoting the activities of our branches and in preserving the customs and traditions of the Slovenian people, the committee must have more definite formation and guidelines, otherwise very little progress will be made. The following is suggested for discussion:

- 1) The committee should be expanded to include 7 individuals truly interested and eager to promote the objectives of Slovenian Heritage. Method of determining these individuals should not be made at random but from a list of outstanding individuals proposed by the branches.
- 2) The council should be comprised of one member from each branch who will keep her members aware of all Heritage projects and organize her branch to try various activities.
- 3) Annual meetings should be held in order that the committee may function properly and determine the objectives for the coming year as well as

evaluate the progress of the past year.

- 4) Reports should be kept of the financial transactions and a special fund be kept for Heritage Projects. Yearly financial statements should be prepared by the individual handling the money.
- 5) Articles of organization should be devised after careful study and discussion, and added to the SWU Constitution.
- 6) See the attached list for a possible organizational chart of the committee, council and duties of each. The chart may be evaluated and revised according to the suggestions of the board of directors, present heritage officer and the new committee.
- 7) Before projects are undertaken or Heritage Funds are spent all the committee members should be aware of and have a voice in the proposed project.

## Officers of the Committee and Duties:

Chairlady-co-ordinate all Heritage Projects

Secretary-Correspondence

Treasurer-Heritage Funds; Financial report if directly handling the money otherwise a position of audit would be sufficient.

Activities co-ordinator-Publicize all Heritage Events in Zarja.

Research-Solicit artifacts for the SWU Heritage Room; Research new projects Books, People, Events.

Librarian-SWU Heritage Room; Maintain exhibits, catalogue new materials arrange new materials; keep list of donations;

Council co-ordinator-Keep branches active with heritage activities; report noteworthy events; letters and reports; arrange for branches to sponsor the Heritage Day.

## Council members and Duties:

Each branch will have a member on the council. The representative will attempt to initiate new heritage activities in the branch; attend council meetings (possibly after Heritage Day); Collect artifacts, books, mementoes from members within her branch.

Selection of officers-Suggestions given by Heritage Committee officers, Board of Directors, and the council.

Length of office-not limited

Time of selection-possible June meeting after Heritage Day

Selection of council-By branches voting or on a volunteer basis

Time of selection-November meeting

Length of office-Not limited

\*\*Further working of the committee and council have not been discussed and are still in a planning state.

Suggestions will be appreciated.

## Slovenian Heritage Room

The need for a Slovenian Heritage Room is of utmost importance and plans should be discussed for the possibility of renovating the basement of the home office for the following:

- 1) preservation of artifacts donated by Slovenian people
- 2) national costumes on display
- 3) books written by and about Slovenians or Slovenian or Slovenia; also out of print materials
- 4) Copies of Zarja for study and reference
- 5) copies of the Slovenian newspapers from as early as possible
- 6) souvenirs, program booklets, branch mementoes held from the beginning of our organization;
- 7) space for a slide presentation of a) our organization, its beginnings, objectives, activities etc. b) a slide show of Slovenia
- 8) The above would be made available to guests who visit the Heritage Room.

- 9) Artistic exhibits paintings, prints, sculptured pieces, handicraft
- 10) Pictures of people & events from SWU activities
- 11) Phonograph and records of old Slovenian recordings from past to present.
- 12) A card catalogue of all the reference material available.
- 13) A librarian who can properly catalogue and take care of the SWU Heritage Room, and all of the donated items.
- 14) Ample space for study tables and chairs.
- 15) In the event that the government approves our application for grant we will need an area for the television, recorder and tape cassettes.

Planning of this room should be done with care and not haphazardly. Perhaps an architect's drawing and plans would be most beneficial to our ideas because he would: 1) make the best use of space 2) have modern and interesting ideas for arrangement of displays 3) is familiar with the techniques of modern displays, as evidenced in the Smithsonian museums — a very interesting and lovely place to visit.

The room should be light, attractive and have the warm Slovenian mood and spirit as a theme. We do not want a make-shift affair but a room that our members will enjoy and to which they will be proud to invite their friends.

After the plans are drawn, the remodeling can begin perhaps under the able hands of Slovenian craftsmen. An open-house is suggested upon completion.

(The cost of the above would be partly in the hands of the organization and the Heritage Committee Funds — if we have more successful Heritage Days).

IRENE ODORIZZI

## HERITAGE DAY 1977 FINANCIAL REPORT

### INCOME:

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Bar                 | \$2996.05 |
| Food, Lunch Counter | 1566.97   |

|                                                    |           |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Games                                              | 1147.65   |
| Lamb & Pig Roast                                   | 1116.00   |
| Popular Games                                      | 430.54    |
| Bakery                                             | 444.57    |
| Pink Tea & Wine                                    | 325.49    |
| Baraga Association Sales                           | 15.70     |
| Marie Malnerick for Sale of Crafts                 | 100.00    |
| T-Shirt Sale                                       | 346.91    |
| S.W.U. Home Office for Brochure Printing           | 50.00     |
| K,S,K,J. for Brochure Printing                     | 50.00     |
| Kollander World Travel, Inc. for Brochure Printing | 50.00     |
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|                                                    | \$8639.88 |

### EXPENSES:

|                                                                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Bar                                                                                    | \$1514.92 |
| Food (Lunch Counter) Supplies                                                          | 791.83    |
| Prizes                                                                                 | 70.33     |
| Lamb & Pig Roast Supplies                                                              | 745.00    |
| Decorations                                                                            | 86.00     |
| Publicity                                                                              | 415.95    |
| Pink Tea & Wine                                                                        | 148.34    |
| Miscellaneous                                                                          | 1144.46   |
| Baraga Association                                                                     | 15.70     |
| W.T.A.Q. Broadcasting Heritage Day                                                     | 46.27     |
| Irene Odorizzi (Reimbursement on T-Shirt deposit, slides, film, containers for slides) | 524.96    |
| Irene Odorizzi, postage stamps, phone calls, xeroxing                                  | 85.83     |
|                                                                                        | <hr/>     |
|                                                                                        | \$5589.61 |

### GAIN:

|                     |           |           |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Checking Account:   |           | \$3050.27 |
| Union National Bank | \$ 550.27 |           |
| Saving Account:     |           |           |
| Joliet Home Savings | \$2500.00 | \$3050.27 |

## Gostilna - translates into Spirit!

GOSTILNA was the Slovenian lounge for the Catholic High (boys' school) and St. Francis Academy (girls' school) money maker known as Jubilation, which took place in March in Joliet, Ill. Many meetings, countless phone calls, endless hours of planning and quiet discussions, plus concentrated work culminated in a supremely successful and happy place to relax, dance, drink and dine.

Jubilation had five main shows and each of these is supported by lounges of which our Gostilna was one. It took a month of evenings and weekends to reconstruct the Academy's choral room and a half a day to bring the room back to normal on the 12th of March.

There were thirty who did the hauling, carpentry, painting, carnation-making and daily cleaning up for classes the following morning. Chief carpenters and construction supervisors were Bill Govednik Sr. and John and Mary Anzelc. Working under them were Joe and Barb Govednik, Lorraine Hrubos, Mary Ivanich, Al and Dolly Lauterbach, Agnes Lovati, Joseph and June Muren, Rudolph and Mildred Pucel, Emil and Bernice Ramsak, Bernard Rozman, Robert and Steffi Kovacic, Marie and Andy Ancel, Becky Curran, Bill Govednik Jr., Paul and Mark Govednik, Brent Gunier, Kim Ciarletti, Diane Erubos, Kathy Lovati, and Joan Lesnik.

Completing the room and the outside walls of the room was the exquisite and beautiful art work depicting Slovenian dancing couples on the walls interspersed with the musical lines and notes. Completing the decor were

the red carnation and heart used in the placemats on the tables, around the doors, in the fencing and even around the room clock. All of this plus two windows complete with geranium filled boxes on the outside walls and hundreds of red carnations in pots and boxes inside the room plus an arbor-trellised wall of grapes and vine produced a lounge unsurpassed in beauty. The inspiration and actual work of the artwork was Loretta Grzetich, who with her husband Joe of the Gate Sign Co. donated all the art materials.

Distinctive Slovenian costumes were all-important. And thus there were six seamstresses headed by Lillian Cepon who were responsible for the proper costumes. They were Marie Ancel, Jo Goron, Lorraine Hrubos, Agnes Lovati, Jeannette Ogary and Pat Strle.

Three potica bakers were Rose Tabler, Barbara Smithberg and Mary Rozman, who made more than 75% of the potica sold. John and Rosemary Konopek prepared the sauerkraut (donated by Bernice's restaurant) that went so well with the Smolich Brothers smoked sausage and the Milano rolls.

For the four nights there were a total of fifty-one waiters, waitresses, bartenders and hosts who graciously served hundreds of the three thousand nightly who were attending this stupendous affair. Bar manager and in charge of the bartenders was Bernard Rozman with Marie Ancel in charge of the waitresses: John and Mary Anzelc, Frank and Lillian Cepon, John Cepon, Carita and Scott Girman, Ray and Marian Gornik, Joe and Barbara Govednik, Linda Hotuyec, Joseph and Lorraine Hrubos, Jay and Anna Marie Huras'ci, Mary Ivanich, Anton Kaluza Sr., Anton Kaluza Jr., Frank Markun, Al and Dolly Lau-

# Slovenian Women's Union Investments Dec. 31, 1977

## Premoženje Slovenske Ženske Zveze 31. dec. 1977

|                                                                      |     |       |          |     |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|----------|-----|--------------|
| US Treasury Bonds                                                    | 20M | 7 ½%  | 8-15-93  | F/A | \$ 19,720.00 |
| US Treasury Bonds                                                    | 20M | 7 ½%  | 8-15-93  | F/A | 19,992.50    |
| US Treasury Bonds                                                    | 15M | 7 ½%  | 8-15-93  | F/A | 14,720.31    |
| US Treasury Notes                                                    | 50M | 7 ¾%  | 5-15-86  | N/M | 49,943.75    |
| US Treasury Notes                                                    | 10M | 8%    | 2-15-83  | F/A | 10,217.50    |
| US Treasury Notes                                                    | 10M | 7 ¾%  | 11-15-82 | M/N | 9,932.50     |
| US Treasury Bonds — Springfield                                      | 5M  | 6 ¾%  | 2-15-82  | F/A | 5,030.00     |
| US Treasury Bonds — Springfield                                      | 10M | 6 ¾%  | 2-15-82  | F/A | 10,143.75    |
| US Treasury Notes                                                    | 30M | 7 ¾%  | 11-15-81 | M/N | 30,053.13    |
| US Treasury Notes                                                    | 10M | 7%    | 2-15-81  | F/A | 10,082.50    |
| US Treasury Notes                                                    | 10M | 9%    | 8-15-80  | A/F | 10,300.00    |
| US Treasury Notes                                                    | 25M | 7%    | 11-15-79 | M/N | 25,137.19    |
| US Treasury Notes                                                    | 30M | 7%    | 11-15-79 | M/N | 29,720.00    |
| US Treasury Notes                                                    | 25M | 8 ½%  | 9-30-79  | M/S | 25,337.50    |
| US Treasury Notes                                                    | 10M | 6 ¼%  | 8-15-79  | F/A | 9,895.65     |
| US Treasury Notes                                                    | 10M | 8 ¾%  | 8-15-78  | F/A | 10,338.75    |
|                                                                      |     |       |          |     | \$290,565.25 |
| Central Maine Power                                                  | 25M | 4 ¾%  | 5- 1-87  | M/N | \$ 19,556.25 |
| American Telephone & Telegraph                                       | 10M | 4 ¾%  | 4- 1-85  | A/O | 9,987.00     |
| Consolidated Natural Gas                                             | 5M  | 4 ¾%  | 8- 1-83  | F/A | 4,975.00     |
| Penn General State Authority                                         | 10M | 2 6%  | 7-15-82  | J/J | 9,812.50     |
| Southern California Edison Co.                                       | 30M | 7 ¼%  | 7- 1-84  | J/J | 29,625.00    |
|                                                                      |     |       |          |     | \$ 73,955.75 |
| St. John's Hospital-Springfield                                      | 15M | 9 ½%  | 4- 1-91  | O/A | \$ 15,002.50 |
| Srs. St. Mary-Kansas City                                            | 10M | 10 %  | 11- 1-90 | M/N | 10,000.00    |
| Ford Motor Credit Co.                                                | 30M | 7 ¾%  | 7- 1-89  | J/J | 29,850.65    |
| No. Memorial Hospital-Robinsdale                                     | 20M | 8 %   | 3- 1-88  | M/S | 20,001.90    |
| General Motors Acceptance Corp.                                      | 30M | 7.30% | 7-15-87  | J/J | 29,812.50    |
| Ellis Hospital-Schenectady                                           | 10M | 9 ½%  | 5- 1-86  | M/N | 10,002.50    |
| St. Vincent Hospital-Jacksonville                                    | 10M | 7 ¾%  | 9- 1-81  | M/S | 10,000.00    |
| Providence Hospital-Seattle                                          | 5M  | 7 ½%  | 8- 1-81  | F/A | 5,000.00     |
| St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Detroit                                    | 5M  | 9 %   | 1- 1-80  | J/J | 5,050.00     |
| Carmelite Fathers Miss. Soc. N.Y.                                    | 5M  | 5 %   | 4- 1-79  | J/J | 5,000.00     |
| Most. Rev. Carroll-Florida                                           | 10M | 5 %   | 7-15-78  | J/J | 10,000.00    |
| Diocese-Dallas-Ft. Worth                                             | 10M | 6 ½%  | 3- 1-78  | M/S | 10,000.00    |
|                                                                      |     |       |          |     | \$159,720.05 |
| Commonwealth Edison Preferred Stocks— 375 shares—2.00 Cumulative Pfd |     |       |          |     | \$ 10,175.67 |
| Ledger Assets: Union National Checking Account                       |     |       |          |     | \$ 7,752.54  |
| Deposits in trust companies and banks on interest                    |     |       |          |     | 47,917.52    |
| Bonds and stocks                                                     |     |       |          |     | 534,398.50   |
| Song Books                                                           |     |       |          |     | 2,500.00     |
| Real Estate                                                          |     |       |          |     | 64,274.58    |
| Furniture and Fixtures                                               |     |       |          |     | 3,143.01     |
|                                                                      |     |       |          |     | \$659,986.15 |
| <b>Bonds sold during 1977:</b>                                       |     |       |          |     |              |
| US Treasury Notes                                                    | 20M | 8 %   |          |     | \$ 19,850.00 |
| US Treasury Notes                                                    | 25M | 9 %   |          |     | 25,150.00    |
| US Treasury Note                                                     | 20M | 7 ¾%  |          |     | 19,982.50    |
| US Treasury Note                                                     | 10M | 7 ¾%  |          |     | 10,156.25    |
| Northwest Community Hosp. Arlington                                  | 12M | 8 ½%  |          |     | 12,000.00    |
| Sr. Sorrowful Mother-Milwaukee                                       | 5M  | 5 ¾%  |          |     | 5,000.00     |
| Discalced Carm. Fathers-Holy Hill                                    | 5M  | 5 ¾%  |          |     | 5,555.00     |
| St. Jude Hospital-Fullerton                                          | 5M  | 5 %   |          |     | 5,000.00     |

terbach, Agnes Lovati, Joseph and June Muren, Rudolph and Mildred Pucel, Emil and Bernice Ramsak, Lillian and Larry Randich, Mary Rozman, Jonita Ruth, Theresa Schmidberger, Jenny Lu Skul, Ronald and Barbara Smithberg, Randy and Donna Strong, Michael Vidmar, Al and Nancy Vallera, Joan Lesnik, Kim Clarletti, Chris Sorenson, Ron Strle, Mary and Ronald Ziesmer, plus congeniality waiter-award winner Rev. David Stalzer.

A most important factor were the seventeen musicians without whom the Gostilna would not be complete. Donating their time and talents were the Ken Juricic orchestra for two evenings, Ron Kramerich for one, and on the final evening Ronald Zola button-box group spelled off with Dorothy Vallera's combo, as well as Ken Juricic and his guitarist.

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## OH, TA SVET



## Ameriška Slovenska narodnost se krepi

Pokojni pisatelj — diplomat Rev. George Trunk, je nekoč zapisal:

"Kdor se je stalno naselil v Ameriki, bo postal Amerikanec.

Večje skupine se bodo držale dalj časa, majnše podglele prej, a nazadnje bodo vse utonile v ameriškem morju!

Kdor bi hotel prikrivati to dejstvo, bi varal le samega sebe.

Rodoljubu krvavi srce, a zoper moč razmer ni zdravila". Pesnik Simon Jenko je žaloval:

"In ko ura nam odbije,  
črna zemlja nas pokrije,  
kdo bo še po nas poprašal,  
kdo se z nami bo ponašal?"

Razmišljam, kako je z našo slovensko narodnostjo mnogo let po gornjih prerokbah.

Da bomo enkrat utonili v ameriškem morju je menda gotovo, a točasno je ameriška slovenska narodnost na višji svetovni stopnji kot je kdaj bila. — Ponovno narodno življenje so povzročili novi Amerikanci, oziroma slovenski naseljenci po vojni. V Ameriko so prinesli gorko ljubezen do slovenstva, ki se razširja po naših naselbinah. Med njimi je bilo precej izobraženecv, ki so svoj talent porabili sebi in svojemu narodu v ugled in korist. Med njimi zasluži največ priznanja profesor dr. Edi Gobec, ki je pred 25 leti ustanovil Slovenski Institut ter se neumorno in brezplačno trudi in po vsem svetu išče nekdanje delavne in ustvarjajoče Slovence, jir z besedo in tiskom predstavlja začudenemu Svetu, ki o teh pomembnih Slovencih poprej sploh slišal ni.

Navdušenost za obstoj slovenske besede je rastle z društvu kot: Slovenski dan, Slovenska dediščina, Ameri-jubiley-narodni zavednosti so veliko pripomogla Glasila naših organizacij, ki so vedno priobčena v obeh jezikih, nato dnevnik Ameriška Domovina in Prosveta ter mesečnik Ave Maria in tudi Zarja, ki v angleščini piše o življenju slovenskih mater-pionirk. Naša Zveza je letos priredila že drugičkrat SLOVENSKI DAN v Jolietu, kate-rega je lansko leto iz vseh krajev posetilo nad 3.000 ljudi. Upamo, da bo ta DAN tudi letos uspešen, zakar gre priznanje delavnim in zavednim Slovcem v Jolietu.

Zanimanje za slovensko reč je veliko pripomogla ustarovitev takozvane "Pristave" v Clevelandu, s svojim lepim programom in Triglav v Milwaukee, s plesalci, pevci, telovadci in drugo. Končno so največje slovensko govoroče delo, knjige, UČBENIK SLOVENSKEGA JEZIKA, po katerih je segla naša mladina, da se uči, ker ljubi slovenščino.

Zelo bi se začudil pokojni Father Trunk, da nismo že utonili, veselil se pesnik Simon Jenko, da bo vendar nekdo po nas poprašal in urednik Amerikanskega Slovenca, John Jerich, velik narodnjak, ki je pri ustanovitvi

Zenske Zveze, katero je odobral, zapisal, da je Zveza potrebna, ker bo širila slovensko besedo, kateri je v Ameriki odmerjeno le še kakih 25 let.

Pevski klubi res ponehujejo, odrske slovenske predstave umirajo razen v Clevelandu, ustanovili pa so se: Slovenski muzej v Clevelandu in slovenski muzej v državi Penna na letoviškem prostoru organizacije SNPJ; v nekaterih večjih naselbinah so se ustanovile, slovenske plesalne skupine, ki nastopajo v narodni noši ter povzročajo splošno pozornost.

Organizirane so plesne in muzikalne skupine in narodne noše, ki dičijo slovensko narodnost.

V Milwaukee je Sloga organizirala slovensko kuhinjo, ki Amerikancem predoči našo jed ter s tem opozarja na slovensko narodnost. Zvezina podružnica v Sheboyganu že več let na Mednarodnem Festivalu urejuje posebno mizo z domačo pekarijo in ročnim delom, ki odkriva slovensko dediščino. V Chicagu vsako leto na mednarodnem festivalu v Mary Pier priredijo veliko parado slovenskih izdelkov in servirajo domače jedi, da obiskovalci spoznajo slovensko kuharsko umetnost. Eno leto je župan mesta Chicago imel kosilo s slovenskimi klobasimi in kislim zeljem, potico in krofi.

Slovenska Radio ure v Clevelandu, Chicagu, Pittsburghu, Milwaukee, Pueblo in drugod, pripomorejo veliko k spoznavanju naše narodnosti. Najlepše pa je, da v kljub številnim letom, vse to trdno drži!

Slovenska beseda bo živela, dokler bodo STARŠI to hoteli. Če bomo svoje otroke vzgajali v narodnostni ljubezni in če bomo zlasti vnuke pridobili za spoštovanje slovenskega jezika, potem bo naša dediščina živela še v četrti generaciji slovenskih ameriških naseljencev.

## Pošta

V ZARJI sem se meseca maja pokregala nad slabo postrežbo naše pošte. Kot bi v Washingtonu to brali, kar niso, se je Dom kongresa na zahtevo kongresnika Paula Simona iz Illinoisa zavzel ter pričel bolj globoko gledati v tisto pogodbo z leta 1970, kjer se je določilo da pošta ne bo več pod vladno oblastjo temveč pošta bo neke vrste privatna agencija, nekaj bizines, ki bo izboljšal postrežbo in celo denar prihranil. Ni se zgodilo eno, niti drugo. Poštnina je dražja, postrežba slabša, prihrankov nikjer. Kongres je torej sestavil "BILL" ter ga poslal senatu v pregled z nasvetom naj se znova prouči zakon z leta 1970. Agencija se naj ukine in pošto zopet postavi pod nadzorstvo vlade, da bo odgovornost višja, bolj direktna in zato boljša. — No, bomo videli, kaj bo Kongres napravil? Poštnina je povišana.

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Mož in žena sta se kregala. Ana, Američanka, je možu (Slovcu) očitala, da je priberačil v Ameriko. On je ženi vrgel nazaj: "Kaj se boš repenčila? Ko sem jaz prišel v Ameriko sem s seboj prinesel pet dolarjev, ko si prišla ti, nisi prinesla niti centa!"

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Prijatelj je svojega učenega znanca vprašal, kako bi na prvi pogled spoznal muho, kakšnega spola je. Prejel je odgovor: "Prav lahko! Samica se vedno usede na ogledalo, samec pa na steklenico".

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Neka Italijanka — igralka se je starejšim filmskim zvezdnikom Hollywoodu silno zamerila. Kar v obraz jim je povedala, da so prestari za goreče poljube, čeprav samo na filmu. Vsi zvezdniki, rojeni pred 50 leti, bi naj predstavljali filme podobnim svojim letom ne pa igrati gorečega mladega ljubimca, ki izgleda prej kot stari oče. Italijanko taka kritika ne bo napravila popularno.

p. Klavdij Okorn, ofm.

## BREZ BOŽJE MILOSTI

Prijatelj mi je pripovedoval, da navadno ob sobotah porabi čas za popravilo manjših stvari okrog hiše. Najprej je imel na programu popraviti kljuko, ki je že dalj časa bila iz reda. Prišlo je tako daleč, da je moral nabaviti novo kljuko. Vse je bilo pripravljeno, da začne vstavljati novo kljuko. Ker je bila luknja za kljuko nekoliko premajhna, je sklenil, da jo poveča. Vzel je električni sveder, da bi luknjo povečal. Pritisnil je na gumb, pa nič. Pregledal je žico, sveder in vse je bilo v redu. Ni mu bilo takoj jasno kaj je narobe. Pregledal je celo varovalke in ugotovil, da so vse v redu. Ko je preiskusil še nekaj drugih aparatov po hiši, je ugotovil, da je vsa hiša brez električnega toka.

Čez nekaj časa mu je telefoniral njegov sosed in ga vpraševal, da je tudi njegova hiša brez električnega toka. Še malo pozneje je še neki drugi sosed poklical z istim vprašanjem. Vsi skupaj so kmalu ugotovili, da je ves blok brez elektrike.

Nihče ni vedel, kaj se je zgodilo. Bili so brez elektrike več ur. Fočasí so se začeli zavedati, kako smo vsi ljudje navezani na elektriko. Vse stvari, ki jih je moj

prijatelj hotel še popraviti so zahtevali elektriko. In te ni bilo. Naenkrat je postalo vse tako čudno. Hvala Bogu, da je bilo po dnevi in smo videli svari, ki smo jih iskali.

Ko mi je prijatelj potožil svojo težavo, mi je prišlo na misel, kako se morajo počutiti ljudje, ki so odrezani od Boga po smrtnem grehu. Tako se jim godi, kakor ljudem brez elektrike. Dokler ne vzpostavijo zveze z Bogom, je njihovo življenje prazno in brez prave veljave. Če je milost božja, ki je luč naše duše izgubljena, smo kakor hiša brez elektrike.

Čim dalje smo brez elektrike, tem težji je položaj. Pozimi je mrzlo, hrana v hladilniku se sprdi, noči se zdijo, da so daljše in bolj nevarne. Stvari, ki smo jih bili navajeni, ne delajo. Med te spadajo radijo in televizija. Cela vrsta stvari je, ki ne delajo.

Prav tako se godi z dušo, ki je dalj časa odrezana od Boga. Nobene milosti ne more sprejeti, ki jo Bog vsakemu deli tako prostovoljno. Duša ne more sprejemati v stanju smrtnega greha božje hrane. Često se zgodi, da duša pada iz enega greha v drugi, kar velikokrat vodi v obup.

Srečni smo, da imamo na razpolago zakrament očiščevanja. Po njem Bog podeli duši svojo milost. Prižge luč, ki jo je duša tako potrebovala. Električni tok božje ga življenja je zopet vzpostavljen.

## MAMICE IN STARE MAMICE PRIDRUŽITE SE...

*Važno je, da vse podružnice vključijo v svoje članstvo čimveč mladine. Pri pregledu članstva posameznih podružnic, je neverjetno malo mladinskih članov. Vendar, kadar je v ZARJI predstavljena obletnica naših starejših članic, vedno čitamo o njihovih številnih družinah. Zakaj ni več mladine drugega in tretjega rodu včlanjenih v SZŽ? To je organizacija, katero so matere in stare matere vedno ljubile in se žrtvovale za njen napredek, zato ne sme biti zanemarjena sedaj. Vse podružnice bi se morale potruditi, da letos podvojijo svoje članstvo. Ni nobenega razloga, da bi se to ne dalo uresničiti.*

FRAN SIETZ

## Poslanica gl. predsednice Mary Bostian

Ker smo v času poletnih počitnic in piknikov, bi želela opozoriti članice, da je sedaj tudi najboljši čas za pridobivanje novih članic. Poskusite, samo izpolnite obrazec za pristop. Upanje je, da boste v času izletov in počitnic zelo uspešne.

Letos so zopet mnoge podružnice počastile svoje zaslužne matere z nepozabnimi večeri. Moja prisrčna zahvala vsem in čestitke našim častnim materam!

Mnoge podružnice so tudi slavile svoje 50 letnice delovanja. Bila sem zelo zaposlena, ker sem se trudila, da ob tej priliki obiščem kolikor mogoče mnoge podr. Bilo je res vedno prav veselo na teh lepih proslavah. Te slavnosti nam tudi nudijo priliko, da se spomnimo dela truda naših starejših članic, ki so delale in organizirale naše podružnice širom Amerike. To so lepi spomini starih časov!

Posebno želimo vsem članicam, ki potujejo v Slovenijo in druge kraje Evrope, srečno potovanje in zdravo vrnitev med nas.

Podr. št. 25 je posebno slovesno počastila zaslužno mater, Mary Otoničar, ki je gotovo ena izmed najbolj čislanih članic Zveze ter je mnoga leta nesebično delala za napredek naše organizacije, ne samo kot krajevna odbornica, ampak mnogo let tudi v glavnem odboru.

Št. 32 je počastila zaslužno mater leta, Josephine Jevc s kosilom v Sterletovi restavraciji. Vse smo se res lepo imele.

Joliet je ponovno imel letni DAN SLOVENSKE DEDIŠČINE z velikim uspehom. Čestitke!

Čestitke naši urednici, ge. Corinne Leskovar za lepo majsko ZARJO z mnogimi slikami naših dragih mater. Vse tudi želimo Corinne kar najhitrejše okrevanje po prestani operaciji.

Vsem podr. želim uspešno delovanje. Vabim vas, da pridno dopisujete v Zarjo, da vemo kako delujete in napredujete. Ob raznih proslavah pa ne pozabite naše kuharske knjige ter knjigo ge. Priland FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA. So izredno lepa darila! Naj vas vse Bog blagoslovi!

## KAMPANJA SLOVENSKE DEDIŠČINE

Sedaj nadaljuje

do 31. marca, 1979!

# Župnik Malavašič nas je zapustil

V Jolietu je po dolgi in mučni boleznini preminul, priljubljeni župnik slovenske fare sv. Jožefa, FR. ROMAN MALAVAŠIČ. Pok. je bil rojen v Sloveniji, kjer je bil tudi posvečen v duhovnika ter je služil nekaj časa kot škofijski tajnik v Ljubljani. Pri fari sv. Jožefa je služil kot pomožni župnik vse od leta 1950 do 1975 ko je postal župnik. Bil je vzoren duhovnik, zelo spoštovan pri faranih, posebno je skrbel za mladino ter je ustanovil mladinsko sekcijo društva Holy Name.

Pok. župnik je za vedno zatisnil svoje oči prav na dan slovenske dediščine v Jolietu, kar je bilo simbolično, saj je vse življenje bil globoko predan verskim in narodnim izročilom ter ga je Bog rešil trpljenja na dan SŽZ v Jolietu, Bog mu bodi bogat plačnik za vse njegovo veliko delo med jolietskimi Slovenci.

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On June 11th at Branch No. 20 of Joliet, Ill. as we began the celebration of our midwest Slovenian Herit-



age Day we were saddened by the news of the death of our beloved Pastor, Father Roman Malavašič.

As the day went on, a beautiful thought occurred to us, that Our Lord choose this particular day to free our dear Father Roman of his pain and suffering, so that he could join us in Spirit, for Father truly loved his native land, and was a very PROUD SLOVENIAN. May He rest in peace. O.

Pri Kegljiaški tekmi so pomagale: Ančka Modiz, načelnica za kegljanje; trudila se je, čeprav je bila slabega zdravja. V pomoč ji je bila Mary Germ. V kuhinji so delale: Mary Turk, Dorothy Brezonik, Molly Sterk.

Program za sejo v maju je imela v oskrbi naša "luštna" predsednica, Ruth Sheck s pomočjo Janet Maurin. Kuhinjo so gospodarile: Dorothy Behnke, Mary Turk, ki vedno kaj prinese, ter Molly Sterk, nova članica. Darovale so: Tončka Brulla, Mary Jelovnik, Olga Saye, Ruth Sheck, Janet Maurin, Anna Modiz, Margaret Fisher, Rogene Grabner, Dorothy Brezonik. Najlepša hvala vsem skupaj!

Smrt nam je ugrabila dve dobri članici: Mary Berce in Štefanijo Pelko. Zelo jih bomo pogrešale. Naj jim bo Bog milostljiv! Družinam obeh izrekamo globoko sožalje!

Skozi poletje se dobro imejte in zdrave bodite!

MARIE PRISLAND

## PODR. 2, CHICAGO, ILL.

Odbor je prejel nešteto častitk in zahval za lepo praznovanje počastitve "matere leta" in obenem materskega dne v mesecu maju. Udeležba v cerkvi in pozneje v dvorani je bila nadvse lepa. Odbornicam vse priznanje in hvaležnost za skrbno organizacijo proslave.

Velikopotezno zasnovana prireditev "Heritage day" v Jolietu 11. junija je pritegnila k sodelovanju tudi precej naših članic. Frances Žibert, Millie Paisoli in Mayme Muller sta bili središče zanimanja in opazovanja pri pripravljivanju in peki jabolčnega štrudla. To je priljubljeno slovensko pečivo in starejše so prave mojstrice dobrega domačega pečiva. To je bilo drenjanja okrog njih in spraševanja. Prijazna Mrs. Kitz je pripravila hladilni čaj. Corinne Leskovar je vodila svojo folklorno skupino, ki je izvedla nekaj lepih plesov v narodnih nošah in je zato žela splošno občudovanje. Nežka in Cornine sta tudi peli pri mnogo obetajočem pevskom zboru "Slovenska pesem", ki združuje pevce iz Chicaga in Joliet. Lepo vreme je tudi pripomoglo k veselemu razpoloženju.

Poletje je tukaj. Poleg izletov združujmo še romanja; najbližji je nam Lemont. Nedeljo za nedeljo se bodo počili lemontski hribi. Eno najlepših in uspešnih romanj je vsako leto naš Zvezin dan letos bo 16. julija. Mislimo nanj, rezervirajmo tisto nedeljo in prihitimo ob blizu in daleč. Kako lepa so srečanja prijateljic po mnogih letih.

Čeprav nas poletje vabi v naravno,

## DOPISI

### PODR. 1, SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

Naša podružnica ima prav dobre članice, ki bi lahko kaj poročale, pa se nobena ne oglasi.—Naj jaz poročam o našem življenju tega leta.

Mesec januar in februar sta bila mrzla kot povsod. 48 zaporednih dni je toplomer čepel pod ničlo, da smo se res naveličali.

Meseca marca se je nekoliko ogrelo in smo imele prav lepo vreme, ko se je v Sheboyganu vršila Kegljiaška Turneja za Srednji-zapad. 26 krožkov je klegljalo, to je 130 članic. Naša podružnica je imela tudi mladinski krožek. Kar postavile so se

Ko sem prišla na kegljišče, je vse klegljalo, govorilo in smejalo. To je bil vrišč, ki sem ga z veseljem pozdravila. Moj krožek je celo prejel nagrado za dobro kegljanje. Kaj nagrada in denar, a ponos, da smo med prvimi! To je največ vredno!

Nisem imela prilike vseh kegljačic pozdraviti, naj zdaj sprejmejo moj ljub pozdrav! Hvala lepa za vaš obisk!

Meseca aprila se je vršil letni Mednarodni Festival. Naša podružnica je zopet imela na Festivalu svojo mizo,

obloženo s pečivom in ročnimi deli, da so gledalci — bilo jih je nad tisoč v Lakeland kolegiju, — lahko ocenjevali in kupovali naše delo.

Meseca maja smo počastile članico Agnes Melanz kot "Lady of the Year," torej članico — gospo leta 1978. "To je bil pa res party", pravijo prisotne članice. Imele smo štiri muzikante, mladi Paul Maurin je "jodlal" kot rojen švicar; podružnica je pripravila dobro zakusko, povabljeni gosti so nas pa pogostil na poseben način, da je bilo vse res izvrstno.

Sprejele smo štiri nove članice, kar je najbolj koristno za podružnico.

Seje ne bo do avgusta, ko se bomo pripravile za kartno zabavo, ki bo 11tega septembra. Avgusta bomo imele party za našo mladino. Vesele smo, ker se je Ančka Modiz lepo pozdravila in bo spet prevzela komando za mladino. V ta namen imamo poseben sklad.

Naj omenim dobrosrčne in delavne članice. — Za Mednarodni Festival so darovale: Tončka Brulla, Mary Udovich, Stefania Vatovetz, Rose Klancher, Kristina Rupnik, Mary Godez, Olga Saye, Millie Mueller, Dorothy Brezonik, Margaret Fisher in podpisana, Joe Brulla je kuhal vinski čaj, John Brezonik pa je bil transporter. Ves dan so bile aktivne: Mary Turk, Dorothy Brezonik, Molly Sterk.

ne pozabimo naših bolnih sester po domovih in bolnicah. Hvaležne so nam za vsak pozdrav, kartico in za obisk. Kako lepo ime "Sunshine"; da ne bodo zapuščene in pozabljene. Pri nas imamo Frances Zibert, ki prinaša žarke in odpira srca. Njena zahvala so krepki stiski rok, hvaležni pogledi in leskajoče se solze. Mrs. Sever se ji je za kartico zahvalila z \$10.- Umrta je Mrs. Puklavetz.

Urednica Zarje naša Corinne pripravja 30 mladih pesalcev, ki bodo nastopili v krasnih narodnih nošah v Bridgeportu. Z narodnimi plesi, s slovensko pesmijo na najlepši način predstavljajo naši dediščino.

ANA GABER

## PODR. 10, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Čestitamo našim članicam, ki so že 50 let pri Slov. Ženski Zvezi. To so naslednje: Antonia Baraga, Josie Trcek, Mary Gliha, Frances Leskovec in Rose Pizmoht. Vsaka 50 let članica bo prejela darilo iz Gl. urada. Vsem želimo dobro zdravje še mnoga leta v bodoče.

Prisrčno dobrodošlico kličemo novi članici Antoniji Kerzicnik in Allan Srca, ki sta se pridružili naši podr. Naš Materinski dan in seja so bile kar lepo obiskane. Prišle so tudi Ann Kovac, Albina Zimmerman, Joyce Lenassi, Fay Moro in seveda dosti drugih naših rednih udeleženk na sejah. Vesele smo bile, da je prišla razaj Mary Komidar. V marcu ko je imela svoj rojstni dan, je bila v bolnici, — no sedaj je že boljša in smo tudi njej čestitale za 90 letni rojstni dan. Lojzka Čebular pa je praznovala 39 let — dalje tudi Helen Može, Alice Struna, Elsie Wasson, Millie Novak, Tončka in Antonia Baraga, ki je bila naša mati za leto 1978.

Šest zastopnic naše podružnice se je udeležilo proslave 50 letnice podr. št. 21 na West side. Vse smo bile zelo zadovoljne, lepa družba, odlična večerja in lepi program. Najlepša hvala članicam št. 21 za tako lepo potrežbo.

Žal moramo za veselimi novicami poročati tudi žalostne. Zopet smo zgubile dve članice: Rose Lesjak in v Madisonu Anni Černivec. Obe sta bile dolgo bolane in naša članica Mary Hrvat in je zgubila moža in Mary Matoh, mladega sina, toda kaj hočemo, ko pride ura in nas ljubi Bog pokliče, pa moramo iti. Vsem žalujočim ostalim naše globoko sožalje. Naj naše dobre članice počivajo v miru; vsem naj sveti večna luč.

Na seji je bilo sklenjeno, da v poletnih mesecih ne bo sej, da boste imele lepe počitnice. Upamo, da se vse zdrave vrnete srečno nazaj in pridete na sejo v septembru.

Se to naj opomnim: tiste, ki še

# Podr. St. 21 Pred 35 leti



Naše vrle slovenske pionirke zbrane na zasedanju pred 35 leti v Clevelandu. Navdušene društvene delavke so obkrožile našo priljubljeno ustanoviteljico, go. Marie Prislund, Podr., 21 je pred kratkim slavila 50 letnico.

niste plačale asesment, da odslej ne bom več pobirala v Slovenskem domu, ker ste skoraj vse že plačale za celo leto, tiste pa, ki še niste, pa mi dajte kar po pošti poslati na moj dom. — Vesele rojstne dneve godovalkam v poletnih mesecih. Tudi na naše bolane članice ne bomo pozabile, upamo, da vam bo ljubi Bog dal zdravje. Vesele počitnice vsem skupaj!

SOPHIE MAGAYNA

## PODR. 14, EUCLID, OHIO

Seja dne 2. maja je bila dobro obiskana. Imele smo se kar lepo in praznovali smo 3 mesečne roptne dneve za slavljenke mesecev aprila, maja in junija. Vse najboljše in še mnogo let vam želimo. Seveda smo tudi počastile zaslužno mater št. 14, Frances Plut.

Sprejele smo 4 nove članice: Agnes Tomec, Dana Tome, Helen Marrela in Mary Jo Frollo. Dobrodošle!

Mr. in Mrs. Robert Klančar sta praznovala 25 let poroke in Mr. in Mrs. Joseph Zabukovec pa 30 letnico zakona. Obema paroma želimo, da bi bila jim sreča naklonjena, da bi dočakali zlato poroko.

Več članic je bolanih: France Hočevar, ki je živela na Arrowhead Ave., se sedaj nahaja v Domu onemoglih v Manor Care v Willoughby, Ohio. Diane Mariok, ki je hčerka od Jennie Fitzhum, se nahaja v Akcn General bolnišnici in pod zdravniško oskrbo so tudi Josephine Perko, Mary Janc, Mrs. Golek, Mrs. Baron in Josephine Klavara si je zlomila nogo. Želimo,

da bi vsem ljubi Bog vrnil dragoceno zdravje.

Naše iskreno sožalje Mildred Sadar ob izgubi ljube matere. Naj počiva v miru.

Želimo vam vsem, da boste imele dobre počitnice to poletje in se vidimo na seji dne 1. avgusta in poglejte vašo knjižico, če ste zaostale s članarino. Tajnica želi, da bi poravnale, ker ona ne more zakladati.

Pozdrav vsem članicam SZZ.

MARY ISKRA,  
poročevalka

## PODR. 24, LA SALLE, ILL.

Vsem sestram naše podružnice pošiljam prisrčni pozdrav. Posebno se spomnimo naših bolnikov. Naj bo v starosti, ali pa mladosti, nikoli ne smemo pozabiti lepih naukov, katere so nas naučili naši ljubi starši: bodimo zvesti svojemu narodu in nebeskemu Očetu, ki nas bo nekoč sprejel v svoje naročje.

Vsem želim prijetne poletne počitnice in če bo božja volja, se vidimo na Zvezinem dnevu pri Mariji Pomagaj v Lemontu v nedeljo dne 16. julija.

Prejmite vse lepe pozdrave,

MICI MARY PILETIČ

## PODR. 47, GARFIELD HGTS., O.

Imam veliko za poročati, ker se nisem več mesecev oglasila. V aprilu smo imeli dinner in bake sale. Oboje je še kar dobro izpadlo. To je zasluga naše izvrstne kuharice Ann Kreševic in njenih pomočnic. Naj mi oprostijo, ker se bom omejila jih ime-

# POZDRAVI GL. SEJI

## POZDRAV VSEM GL. ODBORNICAM

Častna državna predsednica za Pensilvanijo, MARY TOMSIC, je poslala lepo pozdravno pismo prvi seji gl. odbora v tem letu. G. duh, vodji, p. Klavdij Okornu, ustanoviteljici Marie Priland, gl. predsednici Mary Bostian in vsem navzočim gl. odbornicam želi kar najlepše in uspešno zborovanje z dobrimi ukrepi v korist Zveze in članstva.

MARY TOMŠIČ, št. 71

## CASNA PRED. COLO. POZDRAVLJA LETNO ZBOROVANJE

Pozdravljene vse gl. uradnice zbrane na letnem zborovanju SZZ. Vse smo Bogu hvaležne, da sta si zdravje okrepile naša č. preds. Marie Priland in gl. preds. Mary Bostian, kakor tudi naša vrla urednica Corinne Leskovar. Želimo, da bi vse še dolgo delovale za napredek naše Zveze. Berila ge. Priland so nam vedno v poduk in razvedrilo in tudi gl. preds. M. Bostian smo hvaležne za njeno vztrajno delo in prispevke v Zarji. Naj bo vsem Bog dober plačnik za njihova dela. Naši gl. tajnici Olgii Ancel tudi vse priznanje za njeno vestno delo in skrb gl. urada katerega vodi od zadnje konvencije.

Še vedno so nepozabljene med nami naše drage pokojne Albina Novak in Josephine Železnikar. Naj njihov blagoslov spremlja in vodi našo organizacijo!

Naj končam z željo za kar najbolj uspešno zborovanje.

Vaša č. preds. za Colo.

ANNA PACHAK, št. 3.

## PODR. 5, BARBERTON, OHIO ZAHVALA SO-USTANOVITELJICE

Cenjeni odbor Slovenske ženske Zveze: Iskrena zahvala za dar "hand purse" ki sem ga prejela na zadnji seji podružnice št. 6 v Barbertonu, kot so-ustanoviteljica te podružnice ob priliki slavlja 50 letnice ustanovitve.

Naj vpletam v mojo zahvalo besede, ki so se slišale pred 50 leti: "Žena bo v shode hodila, na družino pozabila, mož bo kuhal ino pral, pa se bo žene bal..." Tako nekako se je govorilo tiste dneve in ostre puščice so letele na nas žene, ko smo se dne 29. januarja 1927 zbrale na ustanovni seji naše podr. št. 6. Prav tega so nekatere opazile, da se niso upale priti na ta shod, ki je bil v Slovenski dvorani društva Domovina na 14 cesti. Od takrat je preteklo že preko 50 let. Kar nas je bilo na tej seji smo vse ostale Zvezi zveste (razen dveh.).

Začetek je bil težak in bolj počasen, toda naša volja je bila močnejša in tako smo vsaj nekatere točkale 50 letnico. Spominjam se veselih in živahnih dogodkov, kakor tudi napornih in slabih časov, ali Zveza gre naprej z duhom časa, upam, da bo dočakala vsaj sto-letnico. Žene ustanoviteljice so večinoma že legle v grob, tako smo ostale le štiri pri naši podružnici. Čeprav že sive in vele, se še rade razveselimo ako se nas kdo spominja in rade hodimo na seje, kateri je še mogoče. Tako sem bila veselo presenečena ko sem prejela dar iz gl. urada kot priznanje "Recognition of 50 years members".

Hvala lepa gl. uradu in odbornicam za dar. Ne samo za dar, ki ga čas razje, le spomin in dobre želje poživijo srce...

Takega mnenja, mislim, da so tudi ostale so-ustanoviteljice, ki se tudi zahvaljujejo: Frances Vrhocz, Mary Znidarsic in Mary Spetic.

Udana in hvaležna.

FRANCES ZAGAR, charter member in  
sedajna nadzornica št. 6.

novati po imenu, ker so bila imena prečitana na seji v maju. Hvala vsem za pomoč in čas, da ste pripomogle k lepemu napredku. Hvala za podarjeno pecivo: Mary Tauchar za nudelce, Jennie Pugely za štrukelce, Lillian Smith za kifelce, Antonette Janders za 2 kejka, Elsie Spellcay za potico, Frances Peršin za appel nut cake, Antonia Roman, nut cake, Olga Dorchak cinemon cake, Lea Jo, pineapple squares, Pigot Jesie banana buter pican cake, Nizjak Jennie chocolat chips cookies.

Mesto peciva so darovale v denarju: Mary Ulček, Mary Prosen, Julia Mezgec, Gazdecki Elsie, Mauer Frances, Dolinar Antonia, Jurichak Katharina, Skul Mary, Kreševic Mary, Predsednica Jennie Gerk se je potrudila ter prodala kar 44 tiketov za dinner in pomagala kjer je bila pomoč potrebna. Vse prejmite toplo zahvalo za delo in darove. Bog naj vam vsem obilo poplača.

Dne 13. maja smo imele sv. mašo za žive in umrle članice v cerkvi sv. Lovrenca. 21. maja smo po seji počastile našo zaslužno mater, Jennie Segulin. Srečna se je počutila med nami, ko je bila več tednov v bolnišnici. Bile smo v skrbeh, kaj če bo mogla biti še nadalje. Bog in Marija

sta nas uslišala, ko smo molile za njeno zdravje. Udeležba je bila poljna. Okrepčila so bila izvrstno pripravljena za kar je poskrbela Anna Kreševič. Druge dobrote so prinesle sledeče: A. Kreševič, A. Hrsh, A. Jander, Vel Mervar, M. Mundson in J. Pugely.

V gotovini so darovale: F. Persin v spomin umrle sestre Mary Per, ki je podlegla senadno zadeta od srčne kapi, Viki Hočevnar, Mary Godec, Antonija Dolinar, Rose Shuster, Josefin Gruden, Mary Kreševič in Mary Godec. Bog naj vam stotero poplača vašo dobroto.

Dobrodošle nove članice: Dolores M. Hrovat v r. A., Jodi M. Hrovat v mladinski oddelek, Darlene Zagar iz ml. oddelka v razred B. Zato se je potrudila grandma Agnes Zagar. Lepa hvala. Od št. 15 SZZ je prestopila k naši podr. Mary Taucher. Dobrodošle v naš krog!

Rosaline Shuster je 17. marca dopolnila 75-ti rojstni dan. Dne 18. junija pa sta Frank in Roseline Shustar praznovala 50 letnico poroke. Vzgojila sta veliko družino. Vsi otroci so že poročeni. Za to slavje so jih otroci počastili v krogu sorodnikov in prijateljev. V nedeljo 18. junija je bila sv. maša v cerkvi sv. Tere-

zije na Grenger Rd. na kar je bil sprejem gostov v dvorani Columbovih vitezov. Članice naše podružnice jima čestitamo in želimo, da dočakata še biserno poroko. Bog vaju živi še na mnoga leta.

V aprilu sta praznovala zlato poroko John in Mary Lavrenčič. Tudi njima želimo, da dočakata biserno poroko v krogu družine in prijateljev. Bog vaju naj bolagoslovi z dobrim zdravjem še mnogo, mnogo let!

Za teden dni je prišla na obisk k sinu in sorodnikom Christina Ferenchak iz Los Angeles, Cal. Žal nam je, da ji ni čas dopuščal, da bi se bila v maju udeležila naše seje. Jennie Cergol si je zlomila nogo in se zdravi doma. Jennie Mezgec je tudi že več časa v bolnici za pljučnico. Esther Boncser je tudi že več časa pod zdravniško oskrbo. Želimo vsem bolnim ljubega zdravja.

Za umrlimi žalujejo: Mary Culkar za sinom, Marie Ann Drobnik za bratom Johnom Culkar, ki je nenadno umrl, za njim žaluje tudi soproga iz dvema hčerkama in več sorodnikov. Mary Seme za soprogom, Mary Vitkoviezt za očetom Joe Seme in ostala družina, ki žalujejo za očetom. Angela Magovec in družina žalujejo



# ČASTITLJIVA LETA SLOVENK V ELY

## PODR. 23, ELY, MINNESOTA

Gl. odbornica Barbara Rosandich je poslala za Zarjo zanimivi članek, ki ga je napisala Angela Prijatelj v Rodni Grudi, kjer opisuje tri — menda najstarejše Slovenke iz Ely, Minnesota. Tako-le piše:

V mestu Ely v ameriški državi Minnesota sem obiskala naše drage oldtimerje, stare slovenske korenine. Nekatere sem našla na njihovih domovih, druge v domu za ostarele, ki mu pravijo Nursing home. V domu sem srečala najstarejšo Slovenko v Elyju, verjetno tudi v Minn., **Barbaro Gerzin**, ki šteje 97 častitljivih let. Doma je z Iga. V Ameriko se je podala leta 1900 ter se tu poročila s slovenskim rojakom **Jožetom Gerzinom**, ki je bil doma iz črnomaljske okolice. V zakonu se jima je rodilo šest otrok. Mama Gerzinova je že dolgo prababica.

Takole se spominja davnih časov: "Veste, takrat še nismo imele kuhinjskih aparatov in modernih pripomočkov. Ženske smo strašno trpele. Prati smo morale na roke. Kožo smo si ogulile do krvi, prste smo imele vse omrtvičene... In tista mrzla voda, v kateri smo splakovale..."

Pripovedovala mi je o letih trpljenja, ko je bil dan prekratek pa je bilo treba delati v noč in o možeh, ki so delali v rudnikih od 12 do 14 ur na dan: "Veste, bil je pravi pekel. Dandanašnji svet tega ne more razumeti. Ko so izumili najrazličnejše stroje, je bilo vse drugače in lažje."

Srečala sem tudi **Marijo Sašek**, ki ji je 96 let. Doma je iz Bele krajine in je prišla v Ameriko leta 1905. Pogovarjala sem se s **Francko Koprivnik**, ki je dočakala svoj 90. rojstni dan in z **Marijo Markovič**, ki je eno leto starejša. Nekoliko mlajša je **Johana Kolenc**, ki je stara šele 80 let.

V daljšem prijetnem pogovoru sem se zadržala s **Heleno Marn**, ki ima klub 89 letom odličen spomin. Doma je iz **S.rahomerja** pri Igu, v Ameriko pa je prišla leta 1910, mi je razložila. Naselila se je v Elyju in se poročila z rudarjem **Jožetom Marnom**, ki je delal v železnem rudniku. Imela je šest otrok, štiri so bili fantje. Trije so se bojevali v drugi svetovni vojni: **Frank** na Japonskem, **Stewe** v Italiji, **Albert** na japonskih otokih.

Med oskrbovankami v domu je tudi šestinosemdesetletna **Marija Pachauer**. Rojena je bila v **Semiču**, v Ameriko pa je odšla leta 1909 ter

se še istega leta poročila s **Frankom**. Rodilo se jima je osem otrok. Njena hčerka **Mary Loisel** ji izkazuje mnogo ljubezni in jo tudi pogosto obišče.

Še se vrtijo imena slovenskih žena, ki so s svojimi rokami skupno s svojimi možmi prispevale k blagostanju ameriške dežele. Predstavili so mi **Francka Gregorič**, ki ji upogiba hrbet 88 let in je doma iz **Bele krajine**. Zanimiva je zgodba **Ane Majerle**. Stara je 85 let, rojena je že v Ameriki, govori pa tipično belokranjsko narečje. Njen oče **Matija Bajuk** je doma iz **Semiča** v **Beli krajini**. V Ameriko je prišel štiri leta pred njenim rojstvom. Ana se je v šoli učila le angleško, slovensko brati in pisati se je naučila od svojega moža **Janeza**. Spominja se, da so imeli za časa njene mladosti v cerkvi slovensko bogoslužje.

Starejši rojaki so mi zatrjevali, da je bilo med obema vojnama v Elyju tri četrtine prebivalstva slovenske narodnosti. Še danes srečuješ tu zelo veliko slovenskih imen.

V Nursing home sem med drugimi srečala **Mary Perušek** in **Katarino Grahek**, ki ima dva sinova zdravnik. Dom je zelo lepo urejen, strežno osebje pa dela zelo vestno in z veliko ljubeznijo. Pravijo, da je ta dom lahko za vzor drugim podobnim ustanovam.

Oskrbovanci imajo vsako drugo sredo zabavno popoldne ali čajanko. Vsi se zberejo v dvorani in se pri obloženih mizah pogovarjajo, zapojejo, kak neumoren šaljivec pa tudi pred mikrofonom poskrbi za dobro voljo. Tudi sama sem se udeležila takšnega popoldneva. Oskrbovancem sem celo na kratko spregovorila. Povedala sem, da me veseli, ko jih slišim govoriti slovensko, še posebno pa me veseli, ker znajo tako lepo zapeti. Zatem smo vsi zapeli slovensko pesem **Po morju jaz veslam**.

**ANGELA PRIJATELJ**

Bog živi naše vrle Slovenke iz severne Minnesote!

Ob tej priliki je tudi umestno, da se zahvalimo našim neutrudljivim članicam, ki so prostovoljke **Rdečega Križa** in ki že dolga leta odkar je bil odprt dom ostarelih v Ely, pridno darujejo čas in delo za dobrobit skupnosti. Vsa čast našim prostovoljkam:

**M. Zupansich, B. Rosandich, R. Pucel, R. Novak, M. Hutar, E. Pryatel, E. Pucel, M. Rechensperger** (bolniška sestra), **M. Jamnik**, in **M. Thoren**, **B.R.**

za možen **Johnom**, ki je preminul na domu, ko je bila **Angela** v **Marymount** bolnici. **Frances Peršin** žaluje za sestro **Mary Per**. Žalost je napolnila srca vsem prizadetim, ki se ne da popisati vse bridkosti, ki nastanejo ob tem času.

**Antonia Dolinar** je dobila sporočilo iz **Calif.**, da ji je umrla sestra **Mary Snel**, ki je živela pri hčerki **Mimi**. V imenu podr. želim izraziti globoko sožalje. Pokojnim pa: Bog naj jim da večni mir in pokoj, večna luč naj jim sveti, naj počivajo mirno v hladni zemlji.

Vabljen vse na sejo dne 13. avgusta ob 2 uri pop.

**JENNIE PUGELY**,  
taj.

## PODR. 100, FONTANA, CAL.

Najprej najlepše pozdravljene vse uradnice in članice. Skoro mi je dolg čas, ker vedno rada čitam **Zarjo**. Tako mi pravijo tudi druge, ki so radovedne kaj se godi po svetu.

V mesecu maju smo imele lepo obiskano materinsko proslavo po seji. Članice so prinesle raznovrstne odlične dobrote, da smo se imele res lepo. Za mater leta je bila izvoljena **Jennie Žrnada**, ki žal ni mogla priti na slavlje, ker si je zlomila nogo. Tako smo ji nesle kosilo na njen dom. Dobro da ima dobrega soproga, ki ji pomaga. **Jennie**, hitro se pozdravi. Hvala vsem, ki ste prispevale za lep večer.

Z žalostjo naznanjam, da me je pred enim mesecem za vedno zapustil ljubi soprog, tako da sem sedaj, v Slovenskem domu tukaj v **Fontani**, ker ni dobro biti sam. K otrokom nočem iti, ker mislim, da sem jim nepoti, čeprav me vabijo. Tukaj sem si prinesla svojo opravo za spalno sobo. Vsi so zelo prijazni ter domača hrana dobro tekne. Moji otroci me pridejo večkrat obiskati in jaz grem večkrat k njim, ko pridejo po mene.

Naša tajnica **Mary Omejc** je bizi kot jerebica, saj je delavna pri več društvih. Lepa hvala **Edi Dravnikar**, ki je me peljala na majniško sejo. Ona si tudi služi **nebesa**, ker ima hčerko bolno več let. Bog daj vsaj njej zdravja. **Mary Simcic** je tudi bolana že dalje časa. Dobila je strok. Ne vemo kaj nas še čaka.

**Ana Smrdu** je pa še čvrsta dočakala svojih 90 let. Še vedno se sama komandira.

Prihodnja seja bo v septembru po poletnih počitnicah, zato vas vabim, da se gotovo udeležite. Želela bi tudi, da katera kaj piše.

Pozdravljam vse uradnice in članice. God bless you!

Vaša, **CHRISTINA FILIPS**

# A girl's best friend...

Lorraine Ruth is a Junior Member of Branch No. 20, Joliet, Ill. She won 1st Place in the 4th grade science fair at St. Joseph School describing the life of a duck. She is the daughter of Fred and Jonita Ruth.

The picture here appeared on the front page of the Joliet Herald-News; it was also picked up by the Associated Press and went out to many newspapers. The Chicago Sun-Times had the picture in its Sunday papers on May 7th. It was also seen in Wisconsin and Indiana daily newspapers. Below is the article that was used in the Science Fair.

## MY DUCK

It all started on New Year's Day, 1977 when my uncle said he was going to buy me a duckling for Easter. As I counted the days it was the Wednesday before Easter when my aunt and uncle came over. "Look what Uncle Rudy has," said Aunt Millie.

My duck's birthday is the first Monday in April. I named her Gertrude and she is now 10 months old. When my uncle brought the duck to my home she was in a little box. We put her in the front room where she stayed one month with a warming light.

As she got bigger we had to put her in a different box and put her in the basement. She started to grow feathers and she kept growing. When it got warmer we moved her outside. We got her a swimming pool and changed the water twice a week. She loved when we would put fresh water in it. She would get in and dunk her head under the water,

flap her wings and then settle down. When she got out of the water she would turn her head and fluff her feathers up. Sometimes at night or day she would sleep in the pool.

When my duck got hungry and she didn't want duck food, she would eat flowers, grass, ants, worms and plants. One day my mom caught Gertie eating her bridal bush so she got a fence and put it around it. Well, that didn't work because the duck found a hole in the fence and went behind it and made a nest. After a couple of days my grandpa was walking around and he found eggs in Gertie's nest, every day we would find a new egg. This past Fall, she laid over 50 eggs which my grandma used in her cooking. My grandparents and my family enjoy Gertie very much.

It turned winter and we were going to put Gertie on a farm, but after we thought it over, we decided not to. In the meantime, dad was at work and found an old T.V. set so he took the insides out and gave it to a friend. Dad and I made a duck



Lorraine & Gertie

house out of the shell. In a couple of weeks Dad said we were going to make room for her on the basement landing. So we cleaned it out and filled it with straw. My job is to clean the straw twice a week and give her fresh water and food. I take her out after school to the garden if the temperature is around 20 degrees. If the weather is nice I take Gertie for a ride in my stroller which she enjoys very much. Gertie follows us around and surely must know us by now by the way she looks at my family. Even if I only had her 13 months, I still love her. But just imagine, after all the eggs Gertie laid, not one of them hatched!

By LORRAINE RUTH  
4th Grade

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During the two Friday evenings Benny Papesh with the help of his wife Theresa provided laughter with his well-known monologues. One-night "stand" were Slovenian singers John Brsan, Anton Kaluza Sr. and Lillian Stefanich. And on the two Saturdays two couples, namely Kim Ciarletti Tony Kaluza Jr., Ron Strle and Marie Ancel, provided a special program of Slovenian Dances.

Our lounge had as its sponsors Kraus Electronic Systems, Merichka's restaurant and Bernice's restaurant. The chairs used came through the courtesy of our St. Joseph parish.

This year's Jubilation was the school's third but the first for the Slovenians. It was especially meaningful to us because for the first time in the Academy's 100 year history the school has a Slovenian principal, namely Sister Lois Prebil of South Chicago. The school's finances are under the care of another Slovenian nun Sister Robertin Bluth of Joliet, who during Jubilation preparation checked us on our special needs and locked the doors at the close of each working night.

The room's success and happy atmosphere was due to the many who sacrificed and gave generously of their time and money. Each played an indispensable role. And for the many involved it was truly a gift of LOVE. For each of you we pray: Bog vas živi!

OLGA and ED ANCEL, Chairmen

## "MOVIE STARS"



CHICO, GROUCHO and HARPO, Diane Hrubos, Evelyn McKlees and Me. Not pictured is the fourth member of the MARX family, ZEPPO!

## "FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART"

### HI BOYS AND GIRLS

Last month, I told you about my trip to Europe. Well, that summer was a busy one for me because soon after I came home, I started making a movie. But before I begin, let me give you some background information.

My three friends and I were great Marx Brothers fans. We still are. So we decided that since we weren't going to be doing anything that coming summer we should make a movie. At first we just joked about it but after awhile, we seriously considered the possibility.

The first thing we did was write a story, the four main characters, of course, were the Four Marx Brothers. After the script was written we had to have a place to shoot the movie. This took a little concentration. We finally gathered up some nerve and asked the manager at the public train station if we could use the train station as the location of our movie. The answer was not what we expected. The manager said that it should be fun to do a movie. All we had to do was let him know when the day would be.

So let's see. We got the script, the location, and some actresses. However, we needed at least ten more people who were willing to be in the movie. So, I got busy calling friends and relatives who I thought,

might be interested. With a little persistence, I was able to get the rest of the cast together. We practiced everyday, except for the weekends. In a month's time, everyone memorized their lines, remembered their dance steps, and contributed to the betterment of the movie.

Our next hurdle was costumes. We wanted to make this look like an old film, so we had to find outfits that looked like they came from the 20's. Everyone ransacked their attics and managed to come up with fitting clothes.

New we were all set, except for one thing — the camera and film. With a little sweet-talking on my part and a lot of love on my grandfather's part, we got to use my grandfather's movie camera. And since we wanted to have an old looking film, we bought black and white film. Besides, it's cheaper.

The day to shoot the movie was upon us. The cast met at the train station at a very early 9:00 a.m. soon afterward, we started "rolling", as they say in the movie business. However, unlike the professional movie business, we only had one chance to get it right. We had no film to waste on mistakes.

While filming the movie, we bumped into many strange happenings. The main one was that people getting on or off the train had a tendency to stare at us. I don't know why. What's so strange about peo-

ple dressed up like the 20's and the Four Marx Brothers running around the station? Another frequent occurrence was that people in the station unknowingly (?) managed to get in the way of where we were going to shoot. However, they were friendly enough to move when asked to do so. The funniest thing was when a lady walked right in front of the camera when we were filming a scene. We had to leave it in there because, again, we had no film to waste.

It took us a whole Saturday to film a 30 minute movie. Directly after our completion of the filming, we took the film to the camera shop and anxiously awaited the returned processed film. When it did come back, it took another whole day to splice it together.

The big day finally arrived, the day when we would finally see our work completed. All of our hard work and practice paid off. The movie was a success, considering that it was the first time any of us made a movie.

I still have that movie and I'll always keep it. I mean, how often does anyone make a movie like that? The whole business of making a movie has taught me many things. First, it taught me to be persistent for those things I want, and if it was meant to happen, things will turn out alright. Secondly, I learned to be patient with co-workers, for without patience, nothing can be completed. And thirdly, I learned how to organize things and keep people organized without making a mess of things.

So, if you ever consider making a movie or doing anything that takes much work and co-operation, make sure you have patience, organization, and most importantly, support from your family and friends.

Happy Summer!!

Your friend,

REGINA II

When Kitty had a headache, Bobby did the dishes for her.

Tom got up in the bus and gave his seat to a tired old man.

Almeta scattered sand in the air among the other children at the sandbox.

Elwin knocked down the tower of blocks his sister had built.

Have a good summer vacation. Be careful, help others, especially your Mom. All will have a happy time if you do this, and the summer months will roll by happily.

Youth Board Chairman

FRANCES SIETZ

## FROM THE JUNIOR DIRECTOR:

### VACATION IDEAS

#### Be a Storyteller!

Are there lots of little children in your neighborhood? Do you have younger brothers and sisters who aren't old enough to go to school? Why not set up a storytelling hour? Boys and girls who cannot yet read, love being read to.

Look through some of your favorite storybooks. Select a few short, easy-to-read tales you think a younger child would enjoy reading too. Try to choose stories with lots of sound effects so you can keep our listener's attention.

At first read to just one child at a time. After you become more experienced, you might read to two or

three children. You'll probably find that your listeners have favorite stories and will make "special requests" for you to read them. If you are reading to a group, be sure to give each child a chance to make his request.

And, of course, if you are charging for your story hours, talk to the child's parents first. Many will enjoy the free time you make possible for them by reading to their little ones.

### Kind or Unkind Deeds

Which of the following did kind deeds? Which did unkind deeds?

Cy ran away with the little boy's teddy bear.

Andy helped his little brother take his wagon up the porch steps.

Walt pushed the chair under his mother as she sat down at the table.



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