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St. Vitus Classmates Celebrate 60th Reunion

The Blessed Inheritance

By A. Edward Pevec
Auxiliary Bishop of
Cleveland

On a Sunday afternoon, 60 years ago this month, we were gathered in the vast expanse of the Cleveland Stadium together with thousands of other graduates from Catholic schools. I presume it was a sunny day; I'm sure it wasn't raining. I don't remember where we sat but we were all together. I don't remember who spoke, but someone must have. My guess would be Dr. Hagan (later, Bishop Hagan) and/or Bishop Schrembs. I certainly don't remember his memorable message.

But on that day which lies in the fuzzy past, we did receive our diplomas, indicating that we had completed the course of studies at St. Vitus School. We looked forward to high school and to the rest of our lives. And most of us, I would venture to say, had little idea of the fragility of the world in which we lived at that time.

It was a different world. Our lives were different. We lived in the immediate vi-

cinity of our church and school where we were able to go home for lunch. We lived in rather small homes without air conditioning or fans, with only window screens and open doors for ventilation on what must have been beastly hot and humid days. We didn't worry about walking our streets alone, even at night, because security was never a question. There was no television and in some homes there wasn't even a radio.

The Indians were still a struggling team with such names as Bob Feller, Joey Vosmik, Hal Trosky, and Earl Averill. It was a special treat to use the tickets we received at school to go to League Park for a major league game, even if it was against such terrible teams as the St. Louis Browns or the Washington Senators.

We probably didn't know who sat on the Supreme Court and we didn't even care. We were satisfied with the presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, probably because our parents told us he was a good man. The New Deal didn't mean much to us. Our nation was in the

throes of a Depression. We were poor and didn't know it. At times it had been hard to pay the book bills at school and how carefully we wrapped our books in butcher paper to keep them clean.

The invasion of Czechoslovakia by the German army hadn't impressed us that much, and the civil war in Spain was too far away for us to pay much attention. Perhaps we wished deep in our hearts that we could go to the World's Fair in New York and see "The World of Tomorrow," but that would remain only a wish.

Did you know that transatlantic passenger air service was inaugurated on June of that year with a flight from New York to Lisbon, Portugal, The *Dixie Clipper* took 23 hours and 52 minutes to make that flight.

The international scene was a muddy one, too muddy for our young minds to comprehend, but early in September, as we were beginning our high school days. World War II began, and all that was to follow couldn't even be imagined.

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49 Attend St. Vitus 60th Reunion

By Tony Grdina

On Sunday, June 27th, the 1939 Class of St. Vitus celebrated their 60th anniversary of graduation which was attended by 49 classmates, spouses, widows and widower.

The day began with a noon Mass in the chapel of the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe, Ohio. Celebrant was classmate Bishop A. Edward Pevec. Server was Anthony Baznik, readers were Christine Perusek and Edmund Turk. Eucharistic Ministers were Mary Gerbetz and Tony Grdina.

A very beautiful homily about our past, and of classmates was given by Bishop Pevec.

The Mass was followed by a great dinner prepared by Tim Guarino, the chef of the center. This dinner was hosted by Bishop Pevec.

Entertainment was provided by Anthony Baznik on his button accordion and a sing-along was led by Agnes Koporc.

A wonderful time was had by all.

St. Vitus prepares for picnic

St. Vitus Parish in Cleveland will hold its annual summer benefit picnic on Sunday, July 18 at Slovenska Pristava, recreational facility in Harpersfield, Ohio.

The day will begin with a noon Mass Service. Father Joseph Božnar, pastor, will be the main celebrant. Immediately after the Mass a dinner will be served. Featured on the menu will be boneless breaded chicken and stuffed cabbage plus an assortment of side dishes. Dinner tickets are \$10/adult and \$5/child.

Afternoon entertainment will feature the Zeke and Charlie Show, the Kres Slovenian Folklore Dancers, and the main band is the *Veseli Godci* (Happy Slovenians). Dancing will be from 4 to 7 p.m.

Other entertainment will include open swimming pool, children's games, and a display of artwork by the Slovenian American National Art Guild.

A side feature will be two tournaments: balinca and volleyball games. Balinca is also called bocci ball. Contact Mr. Vogel (216) 383-9307 for the balinca games, and Marta Futey (216) 741-7540 for the volleyball games.

Net proceeds of the raffles will be used toward the proposed **Independent Senior Citizen Living Facility** in the final planning stages by St. Vitus Parish.

Contact the parish rectory (216) 361-1444 during normal business hours for advance dinner tickets and other information.

--S.K.

Mission Aid Picnic

Slovenian Mission Aid Society will hold its annual picnic in support of its mission work on Sunday, July 11 at Slovenska Pristava in Harpersfield, Ohio.

Former American Home newspaper delivery person Rev. Ralph Roberts is in town from his mission in Africa and will be in attendance at the picnic.

Please plan to attend and give your support for the missions.

Money is the root of all evil, and yet it is such a useful root that we cannot get on without it any more than we can without potatoes.
—Louisa May Alcott

Vacation

Because of Summer Vacation there will be no *Ameriška Domovina* (American Home) newspaper printed next week (July 15).

The next issue will be printed Thursday, July 22.

Jim's Journal

By Jim Debevec



Summer is here. And if you don't believe it, try to stand up after sitting down. The back of your shirt sticks to the back of the chair; the bottom of your pants stick to the top of the chair. Your shoes stick to the floor; and your knees and back prefer to be stationary. And your dreams are filled with visions of Rigler's ice cream cones instead of sugar plums.

In the afternoon on the 4th of July we went out to Slovenska Pristava where Korotan singers sponsored a picnic to raise funds for their trip to Slovenia in September to sing for Pope John Paul II during the beatification of Slovenia's first official future saint, Bishop Anton Martin Slomšek.

Usually you ride out to Pristava to cool off. But not this July 4th; it was hot there, too. But you have to compliment the members of Korotan and their supporters who spent many hours in the hot kitchen cooking good old American hot dogs, klobase, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, corn-on-the-cob, and a new favorite: chicken wings. The watermelon was real cool.

On each picnic table there was a couple of American flags perched in a holder.

Genial trumpeter Eddie Mejac and his orchestra were playing dance music in the pavilion and there were a number of people who, despite the heat, danced around and lost so much water they walked away looking like toothpicks.

As dusk rolled in, everyone sauntered half-way up the hill in back of the *kozolec*. (If you don't know what a *kozolec* is, no potica

for you this Christmas.) (So you don't start crying and ruin the newspaper, here's the answer: It's a rack for drying hay that is only seen in Slovenia.) Anyhow, there the pyro-Slovenians who have a wonderful tradition of preparing a bonfire (*kres*) which can be seen for miles away, set a wooden stack ablaze.

A Slovenian bonfire is not an ordinary bonfire. The wooden sticks and timber must be set in a vertical position, pointing to heaven. It looks somewhat like a wooden teepee.

To add a pleasant touch to the roaring fire, Korotan chorus was standing by and offered some beautiful singing while we watched the blaze consume itself. Being the 4th of July, they offered one song in English, "God Bless America."

Naturally, an accordion player came by and the whole group began singing old Slovenian favorites.

Later, the fire died out, and people walked down the hill to the field where simultaneous lengthy fireworks were set off from three different locations.

It was a great way to celebrate the 4th, especially since we didn't have to get up early the next morning to go to work.

Some of the early Slovenian pioneers worked in coal and silver mines when they came to America. They will know what a "hanging wall" is. Do you? It can be figured out logically.

We'll see all you wonderful readers again in two weeks.

Stay **COOL**.

To the Slovenians in the Bay area of San Francisco: *Dober dan!* and we hope to see all of you soon at the Slovenian Mass in the Church of the Nativity. *Na svidenje*.

Send comments or answers to: Jim's Journal, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103; fax: (216) 361-4088; or e-mail to: jim@buckeyeweb.com

100 WORDS MORE OR LESS

by John Mercina

History Lesson!



An anonymous reader of this column sent the following by e-mail on the 4th of July a bit late for last week's column, but nevertheless timely:

Men of conscience and principles. Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they? 24 were lawyers and jurists. 11 were merchants, 9 were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags. Thomas McKean was hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward. Vandals of soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton. At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates. Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution.

So, take a couple of minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.



The highest temperature ever recorded in the U.S. was 134 degrees Fahrenheit at Greenland Ranch, Death Valley, California on July 1913.

Thinking of Mom and Dad on July 4th

By Rudy Flis

I am celebrating another "Fourth of July," the birthday of this great nation.

I must thank you Mom and Dad. What a great idea you had, immigrating to the USA.

Did you notice, Dad, how beautiful the American flag is in my front yard? The flag flies every national holiday, just as it did at 18523 Riverdance Ave., so many years past. You taught me well, Dad.

Mom, have you noticed Therese preparing a great and tasty Fourth of July meal for the kids, who will soon be arriving? The menu for today is baked ham, American potato salad and German potato salad, for us vinegar lovers, with many other goodies, the kids enjoy eating.

Mom, I know Dad wanted his children to marry

Slovenians, and I know you liked Therese and were going to show her how to prepare your great assortment of foods and pastries, if only you had the time. But your friends filled in for you, and you can see I am not starving. That has to please Dad.

Dad, I remember how proud you were of Harry, Matt and Mickey while they served our country in WWII. You were gone before Albert, Tony and I entered the service, but you know all went well for us.

Dad, I remember you wearing Mickey's pea coat, and Matt's old drab O.D. trousers. - unique. I have my uniform tucked away, and if you ever visit, you are most welcome to my "Ike" jacket. I wish I could offer more for all you did for me.

Mom, you can check out our meal today. Carolyn might even have a potica for

you and Dad, Oh, yes, Mom Therese does have weakness. Could you speak to someone about Therese's taste buds for sauerkraut and beans? It would be much appreciated by Monica and me.

Neither of you were able to hold and hug any of our children, but one is named after you Mom, and our oldest son is named "Mike" same as you, Dad.

Have to go now. Because of your actions so many years past, this family, living part of you, will enjoy "Independence Day" which means freedom from your control, influence, support, aid, or the likes of others.

Mom and Dad, please pray it will always be so for your descendents.

Thank you, thank you Mom and Dad, again and again.

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To Your Health and Longevity

By Frederick E. Krizman,
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NURSING HOME RESIDENTS BILL OF RIGHTS

Hospitals, nursing homes, retirement centers and hospices that are licensed and certified under Title XVIII (Medicare) or Title XIX (Medicaid) are required to have written patient and resident Bill of Rights.

Home health care providers also have a Bill of Rights and for their patients and responsible parties listing what you have the right to expect from them.

Generally speaking, as a patient or resident, you have the right to expect the highest quality of service provided with dignity and respect. You and/or your responsible party should read the Bill of Rights carefully before signing it.

Violations of any of your rights should be reported to the administration or manager immediately. Failure to respond to your report by the facility should be referred to the ombudsman.

Exact laws concerning Bill of Rights differ from state to state, check with your state for a copy of their Bill of Rights. Listed below is the abbreviated Bill of Rights for nursing home residents in the State of Ohio.

Each resident there has the right:

- (1) To a safe and clean living environment.
- (2) To be treated at all times with courtesy and respect.
- (3) To adequate and appropriate medical treatment and nursing care.
- (4) To have all reasonable requests and inquiries responded to promptly.
- (5) To have clothes and bed sheets changes as needed.
- (6) To obtain the name of the physician or other person responsible for their care.
- (7) To have his/her own physician.
- (8) To communicate with his/her physician, obtain complete information, and have access to information in their medical record.
- (9) To withhold payment for physician visits if there were none.
- (10) To confidential treatment of personal and medical records.
- (11) To privacy during medical exams or treatment in personal care.
- (12) To refuse to serve as subject for medical re-

(13) To be free from physical and chemical restraints or prolonged isolation.

(14) To select a pharmacist of his/her own choice

(15) To vote.

(16) To consume a reasonable amount of alcoholic beverages at his/her own expense.

(17) To use tobacco at his/her own expense.

(18) To retire and rise in accordance with reasonable requests.

(19) To observe religious obligations and participate in religious activities.

(20) To privacy in communications with family and other persons, in receiving and sending mail, access to telephone for private conversations, private visits at any reasonable hour.

(21) To assured privacy for visits by spouse, or to share a room, if both are residents in the same home.

(22) To have room doors closed, and to not have them opened without knocking.

(23) To retain and use personal clothing and possessions.

(24) To be fully informed of the basic rate charge by the home.

(25) To examination and receipt of a bill at least monthly by person paying the nursing home bill.

(26) To manage personal financial affairs or, to an accounting, if the home does so.

(27) To obtain a complete record of all his/her funds, personal property, or possessions.

(28) To obtain a listing and receipt of all his/her deposits and withdrawal of funds.

(29) To be allowed unrestricted access to property on deposit at reasonable hours.

(30) To not be transferred to discharged from the home without cause.

(31) To voice any grievances and recommend changes in policies and services.

(32) To have any significant change in health status reported to their sponsor.

These are the residents' basic rights. For a more complete wording or explanation, ask the office for a more explicit and detailed copy.

The office of the facility has a more detailed version of the Bill of Rights containing additional language spelling out the full legalities of each provision. For example, the full and complete wording of provision 30 listed above is as follows:

(30) The right not to be transferred or discharged from the home except for medical reasons, for his/her welfare or another resident's, for nonpayment of charges due the home, if the home's license is revoked under this chapter, if the home is being close pursuant to sections 5111.35 to 5111.62 or section 5155.311 of the Revised Code, if he/she is a recipient of medical assistance under section 5111.01 of the Revised Code in a home whose participation in the medical assistance program is terminated or denied or if he/she is a beneficiary under Title XVIII or the "Social Security Act" in a home whose certification under Title XVIII is terminated or denied.

Summer Dandelion Recipes

Mr. Rudy Flis is complaining about dandelions. He likes dandelion salad in spring, but has no use for the beautiful yellow flowers in the summer. As a real Slovenian who finds everything to be useful, I'm sending three recipes which use the dandelion flowers. --Michelle Avsec

DANDELION WINE 1

Dandelion blossoms	Sugar
Water	Lemons
Oranges	

Use only fresh blossoms from which all stems have been removed, otherwise the wine will be bitter. To every gallon of flowers, well packed but not crushed, add 8 slices oranges and 4 slices lemons, and pour over 1 gallon of boiling water. Let stand for 24 hours to 36 hours and strain off liquor. Allow 2 lbs. of sugar for each gal. and put in cask to ferment, keeping filled to bung-hole until scum no longer rises. Lower an inch or so, water-seal and let stand until all fermentation has stopped. Bottle when perfectly fine.

DANDELION WINE 2

Dandelion blossoms	Oranges
Water	Lemons
Sugar	Yeast

Pour a gallon of water over a gallon of firmly pressed, but not bruised, dandelion blossoms from which the stems have been carefully picked. Allow to stand for 3 days and then add the juice and rinds of 1 lemon, 3 oranges and 4 lbs. of sugar. Start fermentation with yeast. At the end of 10 days strain into a cask under water-seal being sure not to leave any sugar in the vat. When the wine comes clear, it may be bottled.

DANDELION WINE 3

Dandelion blossoms	Sugar
Yeast	Water
Brandy	

Over every gallon of lightly packed dandelion blossoms pour 1 gallon of boiling water. Let steep for 5 full minutes, then strain off, pressing flowers well to get all their juice and flavor. Stir in 4 lbs. of sugar and ½ cup of brandy per gallon of liquid. Start fermentation in an open vat with yeast. In a week's time, skim off surface, pour into clean cask and water-seal. As soon as the wine has come fine, it may be bottled.

These recipes are from "Winemaking at Home" by Homer Hardwick. Enjoy and NA ZDRAVJE. Bogo.

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Cruising on the Marco Polo...

By Patricia Coil
Euclid Travel

Just before we left on our Mediterranean cruise on the *Marco Polo*, our travel agent, Donna Lucas, owner of Euclid Travel, had gotten us all upgrades to the Sky Deck. This represented a five-category upgrade for us and a three-category upgrade for my younger daughter and her husband.

Our cabin with two huge picture windows was big enough for the three of us. We had three dressers and two closets. The bathroom, equipped with a hair dryer, was big enough so we could take a shower without getting the rest of the room wet. The cabin also held a personal safe, direct dial phone, and music console. The TV played new movies, the European version of CNN, and port talks by the tour director. There were only a few cabins on the Sky Deck, so it was really quiet up there most of the time.

An extra perk was the colorful cotton robes provided for us by Orient Cruise Line. Our hardworking cabin steward, Richard, made sure we had everything we needed. He even got me more hangers, when I ran out. Now that has never happened before on a cruise.

In addition, Richard spoke excellent English, another first. The smiling friendly crew is mainly from the Philippines and they sign on for 10 months a year, 7 days a week. If they stick it out for the entire 10 months,

the cruise line buys their tickets home.

After unpacking, we explored the ship looking for the three hot tubs that were supposed to be on our deck. We kept following the signs and ending up at the end of our corridor with a door that said "No Admittance, Danger." Finally we asked Richard and he said just use that door, which opened onto the deck near the hot tubs.

Every night we would be either in the hot tub or sitting next to it when the ship left port. It was wonderfully relaxing and we always had a great view from this vantage point.

We were assigned the late sitting (8:45) which we had requested, but not the small table we wanted. Instead we were seated at a crowded table for 10 in the very center of the dining room, where it was so noisy we couldn't converse with the people across the table without shouting.

In spite of this, I think we had the best table mates on the entire ship. My husband and I were the old people at our table, but if we had sat anywhere else, we probably would have been the youngest people. There were only 5 people under 21 on the entire ship and most of the people were retired.

I thought the food was excellent on the ship. My favorite dinner was beef medallions in béarnaise sauce. Every night the menu included some type of fish, beef, game, veal, and a broiled chicken breast to

choose from. Desserts were wonderful and the ice cream in Europe is much creamier than we are accustomed to at home.

There was a cheese and cracker course offered after the main selections, but the first two nights the waiter forgot to bring. I jokingly complained to the others at the table, that I was being deprived. The waiter must have heard me, because for the next five nights, we always had plenty of cheese and crackers waiting for us at the table. It was always a great assortment of hard and soft cheeses, which I really preferred over the rolls and bread. The waiter learned our names right from the start and always remembered how we wanted our meals prepared.

After dinner every night, which would be about 10:30 p.m. my husband and I would go down to the small casino and play video poker for an hour or until we lost our \$10. There were only three video poker machines, so there was always people waiting to play. We noticed that the slot machines paid off more often than usual for a cruise ship.

Even though there were nightly cabaret shows in the Ambassador Lounge, dancing in the Charleston Club, and late night buffets, we preferred to go to bed early as we generally spent the entire day exploring the different ports.

Except for our day at sea, there was basically no daily planned shipboard activities.

The majority of the passengers left the ship early in the morning and did not return until late in the afternoon. There was always afternoon tea served in the Palm Court and appetizers around the pool later in the day. The best afternoons were when

they served ice cream on the pool deck.

If you would like more information about Orient Cruise Lines' *Marco Polo*, call Euclid Travel 216-261-1050 and talk to any of the travel experts.

Glasbena Matica seeks director

Cleveland's Glasbena Matica chorus is seeking a qualified director and plans to hold tryouts for the position in the near future. The chorus has been without a director since the resignation of its last director, Thomas Weiss, at the end of 1998.

The Glasbena Matica chorus has a long history of quality musical performances over a period of many years. Its concerts are held at the large and beautiful Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue at E. 65th Street. The chorus has existed since 1930 and has performed under its present name since 1940. From the late 1930s through 1965 the chorus was well known for performing many operas along with annual concerts and many other musical programs. The operas included, among others, *La Traviata*, *Rigoletto*, *Il Trovatore*, *The Tales of Hoffmann*, and *Carmen*. These opera performances ended after the death of the chorus' long-time director Anton Schubel in 1965. In the 1920s and 30s Mr. Schubel had been a member of New York's Metropolitan Opera Company.

This is, obviously, an avocation type position since it involves only minimal time and the compensation is

commensurate. The chorus is seeking an individual who is interested in working with a group that rehearses once weekly in preparation for a once-a-year concert, generally presented in the autumn months. The applicant must have a thorough knowledge of all types of music - classical and opera, religious music, folksongs, Broadway show tunes and ethnic music, both folk and classical.

He or she should also have experience directing a mixed chorus of nonprofessional singers of all ages.

While knowledge of the Slovenian language is not an absolute requirement, it would be a great help since at least half of each of the group's concert programs feature Slovenian folk or classical numbers. A director who has no knowledge of Slovenian would be given a thorough overview of each number to acquaint him or her with the overall tone of the song, along with its feeling and the meaning of the words.

Rehearsals are scheduled to begin in mid-August. Interested persons should contact Dolores Sierputowski, secretary, c/o 150 Richmond Road, Richmond Heights, OH 44143 (216) 261-5248.

St. Vitus Summer Picnic July 18, 1999 Slovenska Pristava

Picnic Schedule

Mass:	12:00p.m.
Dinner (Breaded Chicken & Stuffed Cabbage)	1:00p.m. - 2:30p.m.
Dinner tickets : Adults: \$10.00 Children 12yrs and under: \$5.00	
Entertainment: Zeke and Charlie Show	2:30p.m. - 3:30p.m.
KRES dancers	3:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Veseli Godci	4:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.
Bar Hours:	1:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.
Kitchen Hours:	2:30p.m. - 8:00p.m.
Children's games:	5:00p.m.
Open Swim (nominal fee for non-members)	11:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.
Slovenian American Nat'l Art Guild Display	2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Main Raffle and Special Raffles (Week-long vacation at Hilton Head, S.C. and arts /crafts):	7:00p.m.

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Picnic

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60th class reunion...
(Continued from page 1)

Remember the daily Masses? The Sisters' clickers to signal when we were to stand, when we were to genuflect? Remember the Latin chants led by Mr. Ser-novrsnik? Remember the Stations of the Cross on the Sunday afternoons of Lent? Remember Msgr. Ponikvar? Remember Father Jager, Father Andrey? Remember Saturday after-noon confessions? Remem-ber receiving Holy Com-munion and then eating a

quick breakfast during re-ligion class in school? It was something like that in 1939, 60 years ago, and we all come with our own memories of days gone by at a time when the balance of our life still lay ahead for most of us - for most of us. For others, like Steve Mar-kolia, Bill Starich, Tony Silc, Jean Samich, Sophie Strauss, to name just a few, it was already winding down.

In these 60 years we have been drawn on various paths - the trials of work the ag-ony of war experiences, the "for better, for worse, in sickness and in health" of marriage, the joys of grand-parenting, religious com-mitment, ordination, the pains of illness, the sting of death. And suddenly we are old. We don't see as well. We don't hear as well. We don't walk as well. We don't bend as well. We find our-selves in our seventies, per-haps thinking that this age, which we once thought was so ancient, is not really an-cient after all.

We've come to realize more and more what is truly important in life, what has true value. Buying and col-lecting "things" is no longer important because it is true, we've learned, that you can't take it with you. Success and failure have been a part of our life and we've had our share of both, I'm sure. Hopefully we've reached the point where we see success and failure as Jesus sees them.

In our Gospel this after-noon Jesus reminds us that he is to be number one in our life that taking up the cross makes us worthy of him, that losing life for his sake actu-ally gives us life, that even giving a cup of water to a child has its reward.

I think of the many saints who have gone before us. I think of St. Maximilian Kolbe who gave up his life at Auschwitz so that Sergeant Gajwonicsek could live. I think of Oscar Romero who was assassinated in San Sal-vador because he preached

against the oppression of the poor. I think of Sister Dorothy Kazel who gave her life so that poor people in El Salvador could learn about Jesus. I think of our parents who worked so hard and who struggled so much to sustain our lives in times that were so hard. Taking up the cross? Taking care of little ones? Being disciples of the Lord? Very much so, and that is now our inheri-tance.

How blessed we all are. How admirable it is to know that after sixty years we still continue to treasure friend-ships that began so long ago. We find ourselves strength-ened by the prayers we learned so long ago. We are grateful for the faith that was instilled into us by parents, families, priests, and friends so long ago. We thank God for the opportunity to be to-gether once again, ever knowing that always there will be fewer and fewer of us at each reunion. Life is short and tenuous.

How short and how tenu-ous? A week ago today, Larry Petrus and his wife, Helen, were on a pilgrimage in Lourdes. Larry was a seminary classmate of mine. He left before we were or-dained, met and married Helen. The two of them raised seven wonderful chil-dren, loved each other deeply, and served the Lord and his church beautifully for so many years. As Helen was receiving the sacrament of reconciliation at Lourdes last week, she slumped to the floor and died; that quickly. She will be buried this coming Tuesday. As you can imagine, Larry and his family are in shock. I spoke with him on Friday and he told me he still can't believe what happened. But he does believe that his Helen lives now in newness of life. Jesus was the center of her life and everyone whom she loved here was better for that.

Let's continue to be good to each other, to pray for each other, to support each other. We've been blessed to have self-giving people such as Tony and Betty Grdina, Al and Aggie Koporc, Jim and Millie Logar, Ed and Marie Kotar, and Lillian Krzywicki who give their time and their talent to make sure we get together a couple of times a year. We are all grateful to them and we ask our Lord to bless them and us as we come close to the end of this century. For the years we've been given, for the education we've been given, for the friends we've been given, for the blessings we've been given, for the faith we've been given, we simply say once again, "Thank you, Lord!"



Left to right, back row, Virgie Doles, Elsie Jacobs, Ruth Hribar, Bertie Jarc, Agnes Tercek, Julia Sadar, Maryann Francis; front row: Bette Lovsin, Mary Penca, Faye Paulin, Fran Kajfez, and Ann Skebe. Not pictured is Jo Wutchiett.

Together for Good Times, Sad Times

By Cecilia Dolgan

Members of the Merry Mrs. Club have been getting together each month for 50 years, but the informal women's group is not an ordinary coffee klatch.

The ladies, mostly from Euclid, Ohio, and surround-ing towns, have shared many good times, and have been there for their friends in time of need. Thirteen of the original 16 members re-cently celebrated, reminis-ced, and posed for a group photo at a luncheon at Sterle's Slovenian Country House restaurant in Cleve-land.

The girls of 1949 became friends as part of the Noble Cadettes drill team at St. Christine's Catholic Church in Euclid, said Bette Lovsin, spokeswoman of the club, which does not have offi-cers.

"We would march in pa-rades almost every week-end," said Lovsin, a retired Richmond Heights Elemen-tary School teacher who lives in Willoughby.

"The girls went to Euclid Shore High and Collinwood and got to be friends through the cadets and in the neigh-borhood. When we started

out, we were single. As we got married, we decided be-cause we always had such a good time together, we should have a club."

The first order of busi-ness at the early meetings was to mend socks. Then the women did some work helping out a Catholic mis-sion. But the enduring theme has been camaraderie through five decades of baby showers, child-raising, per-sonal tragedies and on into the golden years. "We are extended family. Five of us were diagnosed with cancer, two of us are survivors," Lovsin said.

"Dolores Getinsky, Fran Kilroy, and Jo Glavan passed away, and we hated to lose them," she said. "We give moral support, prayers, and phone calls in times of joy and times of crisis."

Ruth Hribar of Menton-on-the-Lake agreed with Lovsin. "Friends like the ones in the club can never be replaced," said Hribar, who appreciated the support of the women when her hus-band, Fritz, had health problems.

Most of the women are lifelong residents of North-east Ohio and proud of it. As the club members are now in

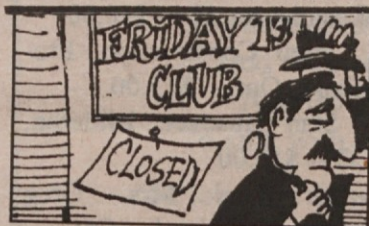
their early 70s and retired, they have time to travel. They have visited Franken-muth and Mackinac Island in Michigan; Lake Lucerne, Ohio, and Erie, Pa., said El-sie Jacobs of Euclid. She and her husband Chuck are usu-ally in charge of the bus trips.

A trip to Erie, Pa., to see the Gatlin Brothers stands out in Jacobs' memory of the fun forays. "We had on rib-bons of the Cleveland Browns colors, brown and orange, and as we went to our seats, the audience woofed at us until everyone was barking," Jacobs said.

"Even the Gatlin Brothers said something about Cleve-land being well-represented."

The Merry Mrs., in addi-tion to the above-mentioned women, include Mary Ann Francis, Mary Penca, Faye Paulin, and Jo Wutchiett, all of Euclid; Virgie Doles and Julie Sadar, both of Cleve-land; Bertie Jarc; and Ann Skebe, both of Highland Heights; Agnes Tercek of Hudson; and Fran Kajfez of Willowick.

Thanks to Joe Felle for submitting this wonderful article.



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Prior to entering the convent, sister Mary Augustine was a lay teacher at St. Vitus School, and taught Bishop Pevec in the fourth grade.

In the 60 years as a professional religious, she held various positions, including that of community secretary and librarian. She is aunt of radio broadcaster Tony Petkovsek.

Sister Petkovsek still lives at the Monastery of the Poor Clares, 3501 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland, OH 44111-2998.

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Saturday, July 10

St. Clair Rifle & Hunting Club is hosting an American - Canadian Trap Shoot Competition. Dinner and music to follow. All are welcome.

Sunday, July 11

Slovenian Mission Aid picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

July 12, 13, 14

Huge Rummage Sale, Slovenian National Home, 3563 E. 80 St. (between Union Ave. and Aetna Rd.), Cleveland 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday \$2 fill-a-bag 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, July 14

Holmes Avenue Pensioners Picnic at St. Joseph's Farm on White Rd. noon to 6 p.m. Refreshments and sandwiches available. Music by Fred Ziwich, plus jam session. Free admission. Everyone welcome.

Friday, July 16

Slovenian National Home, 3563 E. 80th St., is sponsoring a steak dinner in the clubroom serving from 5 - 7 p.m. Music by Wayne Tomsic Orchestra (6:30 - 9:30). Donation \$10. For reservations call 216-341-6136, 216 662-3339.

Sunday, July 18

St. Vitus parish picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, July 25

SNPJ Lodge V Boj \$53 Picnic, SNPJ Farm. Dinners and refreshments. Music by Jeff Pecon Orchestra.

Sunday, July 25

St. Vitus Slovenian School Picnic at Slovenska Pristava. Mass at 12:30, followed by dinner.

Sunday, July 25

Mission Picnic sponsored by Slovenian Cultural Society at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wisconsin.

Sunday, July 25

St. Ann Lodge #150 KSKJ Annual Feast Day Celebration. Mass at St. Lawrence Church followed by dinner at Sterle's at noon.

Sunday, Aug. 1

Picnic of Slovenska Pristava Retirees.

Friday, Aug. 6

Barbecue Rib Dinner at Slovenian National Home, 3563 E. 80 St., Cleveland serving from 5 - 7 p.m. Music by Joe Novak & Friends. Donation \$10. Reservations call 216-341-6136, 216-662-3339; or 440-243-4062.

Sunday, Aug. 8

Primorski Club picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, August 15

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Summer Picnic at Slovenska Pristava. Mass at 12 noon; dinners, entertainment. Music by Veseli Godci.

Wednesday, Aug. 18

Federation of American Slovenian Senior Citizens Clubs Annual Picnic at SNPJ Farm, Heath Rd. Dinner at 1 p.m., dancing to "Rhythmaires." Dinner & admission \$10. Admission only \$3. For tickets, see members or call Don at 216 732-9231.

Sunday, Aug. 22

Slovenian American Council 50-year anniversary of WWII refugees arrival in USA. Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, Aug. 22

Second Picnic of Slovenian Cultural Society of Milwaukee at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wis.

Saturday, Aug. 28

Korotan Picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

Sept. 4-5

Bishop Baraga Days, at Escanaba, Michigan.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Kres 45th anniversary performance at Slovenian National Home, St. Clair, Cleveland, at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 12

Wine Festival at Slovenska Pristava. Stan Mejac Orchestra.

Sunday, Sept. 12

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Death Notices

VINCENT E. KRAVOS

Vincent E. Kravos, 76, passed away on Wednesday, June 23, 1999 at Gateway Healthcare Center in Euclid, Ohio.

Mr. Kravos was born on Nov. 11, 1922 in Cleveland. He was a resident of Richmond Heights for the last 25 years. Previously he was a resident of Collinwood.

Mr. Kravos was employed as a Machinist for National Acme for 35 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a US Army Veteran of WWII, 963rd Engineers Maintenance Co. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon 3/3 Bronze Stars and Bronze Arrowhead. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, SNPJ #142 and American Mutual Life Association Lodge #8.

Mr. Kravos is survived by two daughters: Cheryl Pittard, Jean Kravos; two sons: Vincent Jr. (wife Elizabeth), and Lawrence Kravos; grandfather of eight: Jeremy J. Dular, Dawn M. Dular, Todd C. Kravos, Tara Perinacci, Christine Pittard, Nicholas Perinacci, Jay Dusuj, Jeannette Dusuj; great-grandfather of Cody and Tyler Dular; two sisters: Alvina Sibenik, Mary A. Moze; two brothers: Frank E., and Joseph.

Family received friends at the Zele Funeral Home.

Funeral was on Monday, June 28 with 9:30 a.m. Mass in St. Mary Catholic Church, 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, Rev. John Kumse, pastor, officiating. Burial in All Souls Cemetery.

Contributions to Disabled American Veterans, 1423 E. 39 St., Cleveland, OH 44114 in his memory would be appreciated by family.

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SHA Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following residents of the Slovene Home for the Aged who were born in the month of July:

- 7-02 - Olga Larsen, age 90, born in Cleveland.
- 7-02 - Marie Strojcin, 85, born in Slovenia
- 7-04 - Marie Anzlovar, 95, born in Podipa, Slovenia
- 7-14 - George Kubasky, 75, born in Senacaville, Ohio
- 7-19 - Madelyn Taylor, 89, born in Cleveland
- 7-19 - Ann Tekavec, 92, born in Cleveland
- 7-20 - John Kuzmic, 82, born in Cleveland
- 7-21 - Ann Picciano, 94, born in Cleveland
- 7-21 - Mary Gornik, 96, born in Cleveland
- 7-21 - Olga Zimmerman, 89, born in Pueblo, Colo.
- 7-24 - Otilia Chaney, 90, born in Cleveland
- 7-26 - Ann Marysiak, 82, born in Chicago, IL
- 7-26 - Anna Zallnick, 101, born in Slovenia
- 7-31 - Mary Jenovic, 91, born in Cleveland.

DID YOU KNOW

Slovenia... Joseph Zelle

Republic of Slovenia has accepted the initiative of the Vatican to settle their differences. The matter now goes to the House of Parliament in Ljubljana.

Highly regarded and well known Dr. Francé Bérnik has been re-elected as president of SAZU (Slovenska akademija znanosti in umetnosti). This Slovenian Academy of Science and Art is the highest national institute in Slovenia. Our congratulations to Dr. Bérnik!

Now comes along Professor Aleksandra Céférin, an active Slovenian, living for many years in Australia. She has been a stalwart support of Slovenian teachers and instructors, not only in Australia, but those scattered throughout the world. At present she has been devoting her talents and energies to initiate a **Slovenian Internet**. In that way she hopes that Slovenians and expatriates will have a common bond anywhere and any time in the world. A truly marvelous and praiseworthy undertaking. Let us Internetters help Ms. Céférin in her ambitious project!

Archbishop Dr. Jakob Missia of Gorica became the first Slovenian Cardinal, one hundred years ago. That was on June 19th, 1899.

Hérmán Potočnik was a Slovenian engineer who was very interested in outer space. Back in 1929 he had a book published, *Das Problém der Béfahrung dés Wéltraums* (The Problem of Space Travel). Potočnik used a penname. Hérmán Noordnung, to have the book published in Berlin. Wérnhér von Braun, famous German/American space scientist, regarded Potočnik as a real space pioneer. (Just another reason to be proud of being SLOVENIAN!)

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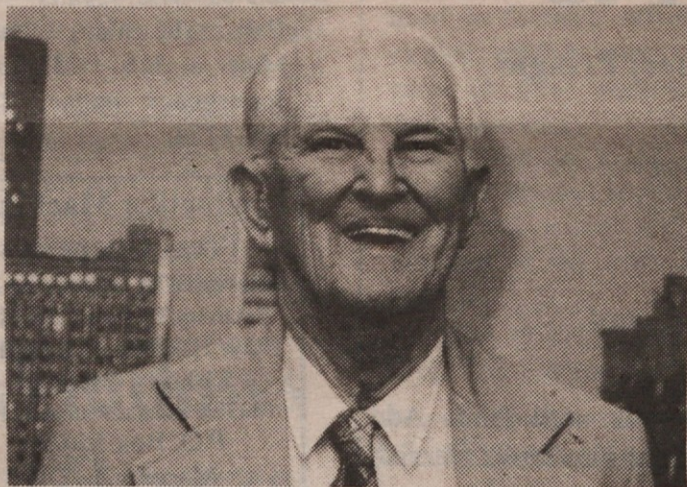
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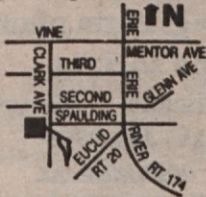
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- ½ C butter

Topping:

- 7 firm bananas, sliced
- 2 C crushed pineapple, drained

Custard:

- 2 eggs
- 2 packages Dream Whip
- 2 C powdered sugar
- 1 C butter, softened
- 1 t vanilla

DIRECTIONS:

Melt the ½ cup butter for the crust and combine with graham cracker crumbs. Press into the bottom of a 9x13 pan.

Make custard in the KitchenAid mixer. Beat all the ingredients together, then whip on high for 20 minutes (this is important). Spread over crust.

Slice 7 bananas and spread over custard. Top with the crushed pineapple. Prepare the Dream Whip according to package directions and spread over the pineapple. Top with crushed nut and chopped maraschino cherries.

Chill overnight.

Our Family Recipes

--Kim Ann Kaifesh



Oreo Pie

By Karen (Kirchner) Pringle

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 small instant vanilla pudding
- 1½ cup milk
- 1 cup crushed Oreo's (12)
- 1 (8 oz.) Cool Whip
- 1 chocolate or graham cracker crust

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Beat together pudding and milk until thick. Add Oreos. - Fold in Cool Whip. - Pour into crust. Garnish with Oreo cookies. - Freeze 6 hours or overnight.

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An Irish Joke

By Henry Stalzer

An aging man lived alone in Ireland. His only son was in Long Kesh Prison, and he didn't know anyone who would spade up his potato garden. The old man wrote his son about it and received this reply. "For HEAVENS SAKE, don't dig up the garden; that's where I buried the GUNS!!!"

At 4 a.m. the next morning, a dozen British soldiers showed up and dug up the entire garden, but didn't find any guns. Confused the man wrote to his son telling him what happened and asked him what to do now. His son's reply was: "Plant the potatoes."

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Slovenia ... Joseph Želle

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No A.H. July 15

Branch 47 Mass

Slovenian Women's Union Branch 47 of Garfield Heights, Ohio will have a Mass for the living and deceased members on Sunday, July 11 at 11 o'clock at St. Lawrence church.

One Week Vacation

Because of Summer Vacation there will be no Ameriška Domovina (American Home) newspaper printed next week (July 15).

The next issue will be printed Thursday, July 22.

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