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# Red Klir Testimonial To Be Held April 1

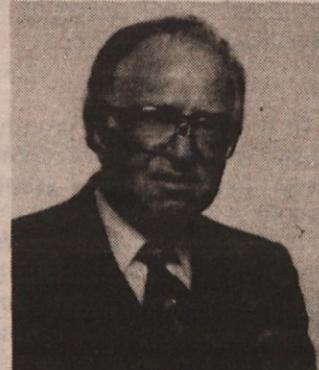
**By TONY PETKOVSEK**  
Joe "Red" Klir of Maple Heights will be honored this Sunday at a testimonial sponsored by and held at the Newburgh Slovenian Hall, E. 80th St.

He was born March 11, 1914 and raised in the old Bohemian settlement around E. 55th St. and Broadway Avenue. He attended first and second grade at the original family parish of Our Lady of Lourdes the same time former Mayor Ralph Perk was a student there.

Born of Czech immigrants, Anton and Mary Klir who spoke Bohemian at home, Joe was one of six children. There was also John, Josephine, Mae Vana, Tony and Rose.

In 1923 the family moved to Maple Heights where Red attended third and fourth grade at Broadway School and then attended the remainder of his elementary education at the very first classes of the then new St. Wenceslaus School which had opened in 1925. Later he went to Maple Heights High where he was active in sports until his activities were curtailed by a burst appendix to be followed closely by a heart attack at age 16. He graduated in 1932.

In 1935 he married Julia Komora known as "Curly," a young lady he met a few years prior.



**Joe "Red" Klir**

Together they opened the original Heights Tavern and operated that establishment from 1936 to 1943 until Joe became seriously ill and was hospitalized for three years with tuberculosis at Sunny Acres and City Hospital. It was during this period most especially that he acquired a tremendous faith in God. Since 1943 to this day Red has said a rosary every day usually on his knees plus a novena to St. Anthony every Tuesday.

After his long seige of illness Joe Klir decided to open a home improvement business in 1946 selling storm windows and doors and eventually went in the aluminum products business. His motto of "Red Klir Was Here" was developed through an artist contact he made in New York at a convention who suggested it based on the post war popularity of "Killroy Was Here." His success in business as a super

salesman had him winning over all of his competition throughout the Heights areas, and in fact probably sold more at one time than all of the competition put together.

Throughout his years in business and because of his interest in sports, he backed over 300 bowling teams and managed, coached and sponsored some 60 amateur baseball teams. His team last year won 82 games and ranked 15th in the state. For a number of years he was also a scout and did associate work for the Cleveland Indians and attend-

ed many of the training camps.

His club and organizational involvement has gained him the following awards and commendations: 1964 "Man of Year" Maple Heights Business Association; 1978 "Man of Year" Maple Heights Catholic Club; 1980 City of Maple Heights "Softball Backer of the Year"; 1981 United Slovenian Society's "Proclamation of Recognition" as the only non-Slovenian; and probably the all time most coveted Maple Heights individual award as the only recipient of

an award during the city's 50th anniversary year, 1982. He is also an active member of the Czech Karlin Hall, Tony Petkovsek's Slovenian Radio Club, Slovenian American Heritage Foundation, St. Wenceslaus Holy Name Society, and the Maple Heights Knights of Columbus, Democratic Club, Historical Society and Rotary.

The most enjoyable moments in Red Klir's life are spent with his family - son Joe, a real buddy and partner in his business. There's grand-

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Members of the Slovene Folklore Institute of America perform the Umbrella Dance at the Dinner-Show-Dance of the Primorski Club

held Saturday, March 24 at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. A full house enjoyed the friendly evening.

(Photo by James Debevec)



**Sunday, April 1**

The Slovenian Mission Group is sponsoring its annual Chicken or Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, April 1, at St. Vitus Auditorium. Serving time is 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Donation is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. For tickets contact Mrs. Lavrisha at 481-3768 or Vinko Rozman at 881-2852.

This wonderful group aids Slovenian missionaries throughout the world and let's show them our support.

**Sunday, April 1**

Saint Peter's Parish is sponsoring its annual Famous Roast Beef Dinner and Bazaar on Sunday, April 1st in the parish hall, Superior Ave. at E. 17 St. Serving is from noon to 5 p.m.

Father Frank P. Kosem, St. Peter's pastor, cordially invites everyone to attend.

**Mon., April 2**

The American Slovene Club will hold their meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Broadview Savings, E. 260 and Lake Shore Blvd. Members please bring any old photographs for "Guess Who" evening.

## Meeting April 4 Dinner April 8

St. Vitus Christian Mothers Club will meet on Wed., April 4 in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Father Bertin Roll, National Director of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers. There will be refreshments and split-the-pot.

The annual Chicken or Roast Beef Dinner will be April 8 in the auditorium, 6111 Glass Ave. Serving will be from 11:30 to 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Take out orders will be available, too. Bring a friend, relative or neighbor. You will be helping the St. Vitus school children.

St. Vitus parish bake sale will be Saturday, April 14 from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium and on Sunday, April 15 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

—Mrs. Pat Talani, Pub. Chm.



## April 7

The Jadran Singing Society will present its annual Spring dinner-dance and concert on Saturday, April 7, at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd.

Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. followed by a program and social with music by the Luzar Orchestra. Tickets are \$10 and may be served from any Jadran member.

### Tuesday, April 10

Circle 2 of the Progressive Slovene Women is having a potica bake sale on Tuesday, April 10 at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. Raisin nut, all nut, or raisin only poticas will be available. Place orders by calling Marge Kaus (432-1206) or Frances Legat (731-5707).

### Sunday, April 15

Circle 2, SNPJ is presenting a Super Button Box Bash II on Sunday, April 15 at the Slovenian Society Home of Euclid. There will be continuous music from 1 - 10 p.m. featuring 12 button box clubs. A program will begin at 3 p.m. Tickets purchased in advance are \$2.50 and \$3.00 at the door.

### Wed., April 18

St. Mary's Parish (Collinwood) Day of Recollection

from 10 - 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Christian Life Center, 18485 Lake Shore Blvd. Call Mary Petric for reservations (481-3762). The \$5.00 fee includes the luncheon.

Parishioners and friends are welcome to attend.

### Tues., April 24

The Catholic War Vets Post 1655 is sponsoring a reverse raffle at St. Vitus Auditorium. Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$25.00 each. There will be \$2,500 in cash gifts.

The complete sitdown dinner will be included with open bar. Guest dinner tickets are available for \$12.00.

For tickets call Steve Piorkowski or Dick Mott at Central National Bank, or in the evening at 531-4556.



### Thurs., Fri., April 26, 27

The Progressive Slovene Women of America Circle 1 will sponsor a nearly new sale from 9 to 8. Pastry and coffee will also be sold.

We are accepting donations of items in good resalable condition or new. Call



261-6905 for pickup or 481-6071. Items may also be dropped off at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15300 Waterloo Rd. at any time.

—Ann Kristoff

### Sat., April 28

The Holy Family Cancer Home Guild is sponsoring its annual Spring Luncheon and Card Party at noon at Higbee (downtown) auditorium. Donation is \$6.00.

Reservation deadline is April 15. To reserve a seat call Ethel Deitrick at 476-0089 or Ann O'Rourke 237-8752. For further information contact Madeline Debevec at 431-0628.

All proceeds benefit the Holy Family Cancer Home.

**Notre Dame College** will present the Cleveland premiere of the musical "Stations," at 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, Saturday, March 31, Friday, April 6, and Saturday, April 7. Performances will also be at 3 p.m. Sundays, April 1 and April 8.

The contemporary play was written by Clevelander Jane Van Bergen and Tony Zupanic, with music by Paul Novosel. Details: 381-1680.

By Madeline Debevec

# Memo From Madeline



## Travel News

Last Monday night, Dr. John Grabowski, an ethnic historian, gave an extended talk on ethnicity in the greater Cleveland area. He spoke at Hagan Hall in the Chancery before a large group of interested priests, nuns, and parishioners. In his talk he outlined some of the early beginnings of settlement in Cleveland (1796 onwards).

Included in his presentation were frequent references to Slovenians and their culture. It turned out that Dr. Grabowski himself was of Polish and Slovenian descent. In the slide presentation, he also showed the building of the American Home Publishing Company with brief references of the important contribution which its early editors made to preserve the Slovenian culture among its Slovenian settlers in Cleveland and environs.

Attending from Saint Vitus parish were Associate Pastor Father John Kumšč, Pastor, Father Joseph Božnar, and parishioner Joseph Zelle.

## Super Button Box Bash April 15

The Slovenian Junior Chorus of Circle 2 SNPJ is presenting its Super Button Box Bash No. 2 on Sunday, April 15 from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Slovenian Society Home, 20715 Recher Avenue in Euclid, Ohio.

Last year 1,500 persons listened and danced to continuous music in both halls. It was a grand reunion with friends and music lovers from Pennsylvania and Greater Cleveland.

The Button Box clubs will begin playing at 1 p.m. At 3 p.m. the 50-voice SNPJ Youth Choir, under the direction of Cecelia Dolgan, will present a musical program.

Tickets are the same as last

year, \$2.50 in advance and \$3.00 at the door. Tickets are available at Tony's Polka Village, 971 E. 185 St., and Recher Hall Club Room.

The first 400 persons will receive a souvenir. There will be a bake sale throughout the day in the Upper Hall. Refreshments will be available in both halls.

Circle 2 has been providing an ambitious program to keep young Slovenian singers and musicians busy. They recently performed in Florida, and they have been invited for two additional performances out of town. Your backing gives these children the incentive to keep the Slovenian cultural faith.

Rosie Jaklic, owner of Triangle Cleaners in Cleveland, visited her son Stan Meglic and wife, Josie, in Greenville, South Carolina. Rosie enjoyed the 80° temperature for two weeks and return home well tanned and rested.

Tony Kaluža of Conneaut, Ohio has been wintering in Rexford, Pa. with his sister's family.

A postcard of greetings *lepe pozdrave* from Rome by the Kristan family of Pivka, Slovenia was received by the American Home.

Former Cleveland Ward 23 Councilman John Milakovich had hip replacement at Charity Hospital and a disc removed at Cleveland Clinic all within two weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Anthony Valencic Sr. visited his son, Tony Valencic Jr. in

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Dimare made his debut. The Grdadolniks are beaming with pride and thoroughly enjoying their grandsons.

## Rak-Canepa Engagement

Dr. and Mrs. Max Rak of Richmond Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Carol Ann to Dr. Charles Canepa of Rocky River, son of Mrs. Philip Canepa and the late Mr. Canepa.

Miss Rak received a bachelor's degree from St. Louis University and is attending Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry.

Her fiance received his bachelor's degree from St. Michael's College, Vermont, and his doctorate degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry. He is completing a master's program in the school of orthodontics.

A June wedding is planned. Congratulations!

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# Thanks

The Federation of Slovenian National Homes officers and directors express their sincere appreciation to the Slovenian community of Greater Cleveland, Fairport, Lorain, Bedford, Maple Heights, and Garfield, Ohio for their overwhelming response and cooperation to our 23rd Annual Man and Woman of the Year Banquet.



John Habat,  
President



## Recipes

### LIME AND CHOCOLATE FASCINATION

1 pkg. 6-ounce lime flavored gelatin  
2 cups of boiling water  
2 cups of sugar  
1/2 cup of lime juice  
4 teaspoons lemon juice  
green food coloring  
2 tall cans evaporated milk thoroughly chilled  
4 cups (8 1/2 ounces) chocolate wafer crumbs  
1 cup melted butter

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Chill until mixture is congealed to consistency of beaten egg whites. Whip until fluffy. Stir in sugar, lime, and lemon juice, and add a few drops of food coloring to tint mixture a delicate green.

Whip evaporated milk until light and fluffy. Fold into gelatin mixture. Mix together cookie crumbs and melted butter. Reserve 1/2 cup for tapping. Press remaining crumbs in bottom of a 10 in. spring form pan. Add whipped gelatin mixture. Sprinkle reserved

Cleveland, Ohio — The Glasbena Matica Slovenian Chorus enjoyed one of the most successful dinner-dances ever experienced on Saturday, March 10. The demand for tickets was overwhelming, as we ultimately hosted a sell-out crowd which included visitors from as far as Detroit, Harrisburg and Canada.

Perhaps the brief respite from stormy wintry weather provided the impetus to venture out for an evening of fun, for the crowd was eagerly awaiting the opening of the doors. In harmony with the theme, "Sing Into Spring," the auditorium and stage were adorned with greenery: spring flowers and bushes everywhere one looked, and in the outer lobby, a charming Hawaiian garden scene, with fan-back chairs, cocktail table, flowers and chirping birds setting the springlike mood.

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## Recent Deaths

### ROSE BIZILY

Rose Bizily (nee Klemencic) passed away March 22 in Miami, Florida. She was the wife of Stanley (dec.) and mother of Ronald (dec.), Roger (dec.), Russell of Mentor, Ohio, and Ralph of Miami. She was the sister of Pauline Mausar (dec.), Joseph Klemencic (dec.), Louis Klemencic (dec.), Frank Klemencic (dec.), Mary Dolence of Mentor, and An-

THONY KLEMENCIC of Willowick, O.

Funeral services were by Grdina Funeral Home, Inc. on Lake Shore Blvd. Mass was Monday, March 26 at St. Mary Church (Coll.).

### FRANK ZAK

Frank J. Zak, 70, died after a long illness. The husband of Eleanore (nee Vork), son of Frank and Anna Zakrajsek (both dec.), brother of Anton

J. (dec.), Carmen Kline (dec.), and Francka Arko, brother-in-law of Ann Marie, uncle of Zeno (dec.), Zita Suponic, Zandra Pustay, Zachary, Zoeann Morell, Dr. Gregory Arko, and Lynn Kelley, and Anthony Stipich. Private services were held for family only at the Zak Funeral Home, 6016 St. Clair. Interment Calvary Cemetery.

### MARGARET V. OSTER

Margaret V. Oster (nee Zaller), 72, died in St. Vincent Charity Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was the widow of Ludwig J. Oster who died in 1975; the mother of Mrs. Stephen B. (Margaret M.) Mazur and Ludwig E.; the mother-in-law of Sally A.; the grandmother of 13; the great-grandmother of six; and the sister of Elizabeth Smalc, Marion Horrigan, John, Frank, Edmund and Theresa Gasper.

She was a member of St. Helen Lodge of KSKJ, the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary Church, SWU No. 10, and the Collinwood Pensioners.

Funeral Mass was Tuesday, March 27 at St. Mary Church at 10 a.m. Interment at All Souls Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Grdina Funeral Home, 17010 Lake Shore Blvd.

### HENRY A. KOROSEC

After a lingering illness, Mr. Henry A. Korosec died at the Cleveland Clinic, at the age of 61. He was a member of lodge Kraljica Miru No. 24 of AMLA and St. Christine Lodge 219 of KSKJ. He served in World War II from Dec., 1942 until Feb., 1946.

His mother Agnes (roj. Mah) and his father Martin Korosec are both deceased, but he is survived by his wife, Dorothy, (roj. Barle) and three brothers, Fred, Martin and William p.d. Bill and two sisters, Agnes Hoptkorn and Lillian Kettler, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were from the Grdina Funeral Home, 17010 Lake Shore Blvd., and at Holy Cross Church. Interment at All Souls Cemetery.

become members.

The media played a large part in the success of our recent dinner-dance, and we would therefore like to express our deepest gratitude to Tony Petkovsek, Ed Bucar and Milan Pavlovic for publicizing our dinner-dance over the air waves, and also to The Prosveta, American Home and Our Voice

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