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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar. 1-2 — MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNEY, Joliet, IL
Mar. 8 — "LUNCHEON IS SERVED" Br. 43, Milwaukee, WI 1 p.m.
Apr. 13 — CORPORATE COMMUNION, Br. 100, Fontana, CA
Apr. 20 — GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS & BRUNCH, Br. 40, Lorain, OH
Apr. 24 — SPRING CARD PARTY, Br. 55, Girard, OH
May 1 — MOTHER OF THE YEAR PARTY, Br. 95, So. Chicago, IL
May 1 — MOTHER OF THE YEAR POT LUCK, Br. 100, Fontana, CA
May 3 — RUMMAGE SALE, Br. 100, Fontana, CA
May 4 — MOTHER OF THE YEAR PARTY, Br. 41, Cleveland, OH
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May 11 — MOTHER'S DAY MASS, Br. 68, Fairport Hrbr., OH
May 13 — MOTHER OF THE YEAR MASS, Br. 42, Maple Hgts., OH
May 17-18 — RUMMAGE SALE, Br. 43, Milwaukee, WI
May 18 — 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS & DINNER, Br. 42, Maple Hgts., OH
June 22 — SLOVENIAN HERITAGE DAY, Joliet, IL
July 20 — ZVEZA DAY IN LEMONT, IL. Br. 2, Chicago, IL
Sept. 14 — MINNESOTA ZVEZA DAY, Br. 34, Soudan, MN
Sept. 21 — CARD PARTY, Br. 12, Milwaukee, WI
Sept. 28 — WISCONSIN STATE CONVENTION - 50th ANNIVERSARY Br. 43, Milwaukee, WI

Family - Awareness - Hope

As we enter the New Year I would like to wish God's choicest blessings on all of our Slovenian Women's Union membership and their families. A new decade is upon us, and I think we should stop for a moment to reflect on the accomplishment of the past decade and also what our pitfalls have been. Only in this way, can we start to make a better tomorrow. With 1980 designated as the Year of the Family let us renew that same spirit our parents and grandparents gave to us. Much has been lost, but it is never too late to take time to increase our awareness of who we are, what we are, and where we are going.

This brings to mind a specific goal for each and everyone of us. A special effort to increase our S.W.U. membership in 1980 is extremely important. I am sure everyone of us can ask at least one friend or relative to join; let's try! When we meet at our Minnesota State Convention this fall, I am hoping to receive a good report regarding increased membership.

May we continue to uphold our Slovenian heritage with the same true dedication Mrs. Marie Prislund fostered during her entire lifetime.

VICTORIA BOBENCE
Minnesota President

ON THE COVER . . .

CLEVELAND'S CELEBRATION OF BARAGA DAY

Last September, all Cleveland participated in the finest celebration of Bishop Baraga Day ever! The crowds, ceremonies and pageantry was unforgettable.

Our cover photo-story shows some of the highlights of the day.

Top left photo is of Most Rev. Joseph Bernardin, Bishop of Cincinnati during his homily given at the solemn high mass at St. John's Cathedral. Center top was taken during the mass with all con-celebrants — main celebrant was Cleveland's Bishop, Most Rev. James Hickey. On the right is Bishop Alojs Ambrozic of Toronto, Canada. He spoke of Baraga's most inspiring life at the candlelight procession Saturday night on the grounds of the Marian Shrine of Providence Hgts., on Chardon Road. (More photos in Slovenian section.)

In the next set of photos we see Rev. Victor Tomc, chairman of the 1979 event and pastor of St. Mary's church in Collinwood whose parishioners have been very generous to the Baraga Cause and Bishop Hickey, listening as the Baraga Association Secretary, Agnes Rufus, gives her annual report at the business meeting. Ms. Rufus is also the editor of the Baraga Bulletin and accepts memberships and donations in her office at 239 Baraga Ave., Marquette, Mich. 49855.

In the center is the bronze relief of Baraga by Miro Zupancic of New York. This relief has been placed on the landmark home of the Joseph Lah family in Trebnje, Slovenia where Baraga once resided. The right photo is of Baraga Man of the Year, Joseph Zelle of Cleveland and Rev. Charles Strellick, Director of the Bishop Baraga Association.

Left and lower photos show the combined chorus of voices on stage at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. and groups of pilgrims in their Slovenian native costumes of Bela Krajina and Gorenjsko. They came from all over the midwestern states and Canada to witness their determination that some day the Catholic world will know Baraga as a saint. Baraga Day in 1980 will be held at St. Joseph's church, Joliet, Ill.

Photos by Tony Gaber,
Chicago, Ill.

S.W.U. BOWLING TOURNEY

NO. 20, JOLIET, IL.
BOWLING NEWS

**MARCH 1 & 2,
1980**

**RIVALS
LANES**

**JOLIET,
ILLINOIS**

Best of luck to our bowling teams from Joliet, Chicago, South Chicago, Sheboygan and Milwaukee-West Allis! This being the 44th annual Midwest tournament, it repeats a long tradition of good sportmanship in our Union! Congratulations to all!

TEAM STANDINGS:

1. Slovenian Home	27 1/2
2. Northwest Rec.	26
3. Merichka's Rest.	24 1/2
4. Dames Funeral	24
5. Tezak's Funeral	24
6. Crow's Nest	19

HI SINGLE GAMES:

Derlinga	223
Gasparich	214
Wajchert	212
Fassiotto	210

HI SERIES:

Gasparich	568
Wajchert	568
Fassiotto	557

AVERAGE LEADERS:

Gasparich	161
Wajchert	159
Derlinga	156
Fassiotto	151
Rothlisberger	150

Meeting was held Monday the 14th by President, Judy Derlinga. Regarding the annual Tournament which will be held March 1 and 2 in Joliet, members are requested to bring in prizes and any help they can provide will be appreciated. Every bowler is asked to do her share. Then I know it will be a success. Any S.W.U. member interested in bowling is asked to call our secretary, Betty Fassiotto, 423-6156. This is all for now. More next time, may God be willing.

MARY RUDMAN

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS

SCHOLARSHIPS FINAL NOTICE!

Dear High School Graduating Seniors:

FIVE Scholarships are being awarded this year at \$500 each. One of the awards will be specifically for a graduating high school student majoring in JOURNALISM honoring the 50th year of ZARJA. Please apply for information immediately since the deadline to mail all the required material is March 31st. Kindly send request to Hermine Dicke, 3717 Council Crest, Madison, Wis., 53711. You are eligible if you have been a member of the Slovenian Women's Union for at least 3 years and in need of financial aid.

We wish you the best during your final high school semester,

Sincerely,
Hermine Dicke, Chm.
S.W.U. Scholarship Committee

ACTIVITIES

NO. 1, SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

We did not hold a meeting in January so therefore this article will be short.

Wish to remind you members of the increase in membership dues. (\$3.00 yearly) beginning January 1, 1980.

Our best wishes to the Sheboygan teams who will participate in the Mid-West Bowling Tournament at Joliet.

We hope that everyone keeps well during the winter months.

With best wishes and prayers to all the sick and infirm members.

Our March meeting will be held on the 18th at 7:30 P.M. Do make plans to be present.

MARGARET FISCHER
Reporter

JUNE 22 — A DAY TO REMEMBER

3rd Midwest American Slovenian "Heritage Day"

St. Joseph's Park
Theodore St., Joliet, Il.
12:00 Noon — 8:00 P.M.

For the preservation and promotion of Slovenian-culture for our generation and for the generations to come.

Branch 20 of Joliet, Illinois is sponsoring their 3rd Midwest American Slovenian "Heritage Day", and welcomes all members, relatives, friends, and guests to join them Sunday, June 22 in the celebration of "Heritage Day".

NO. 2, CHICAGO, IL.

March is the time our thoughts are turning to spring which is not too far off with plans in the making for the next few months. At our meeting, we are having a "St. Joseph Table" and members are asked to bring their favorite dishes along with a recipe card of that particular dish. These recipes will be printed in the ZARJA sometime in the future. (We'll be sending them to Hermine Dik's "Pots and Pans lady")

Lil Siebert, an employee at Reliance Federal Savings and Loan, volunteered to be our guest speaker at the February meeting. The topic was on "banking". Questions and Answers were enjoyed after her presentation. Very interesting.

Our April meeting will also have a guest speaker. Marie Ovnik, travel director with her own travel agency, will be on hand to tell us about her most interesting trips all over the world. She has slides, also, that will supplement her talk. We know it will be a wonderful experience to hear of

her travels. Guests are welcome to attend this special meeting, so bring your family and friends.

Fran Zefran and her daughter, Debbie, co-organized a skating party held at our parish roller rink on Jan. 31st for the American Cancer Society. The following members volunteered their help, Ann Mladic, Mamie Muller, Rose Zielinski, Irene Gibas and Yours Truly. It was a success and everyone had a lot of fun, the skaters and the helpers!

At our January meeting, the Mother of the Year for our Branch was chosen. She is Gloria Nusko, who became mother of twins born on New Year's Day. She is the mother of 10! A program is in the planning by Ann Mladic who will chair the event. We hope all our members will plan on attending. The evening will begin with a special mass at 7 p.m. in tribute to our Mothers, living and deceased.

A group of our ladies visited Paula Ozbolt at the nursing home. It was a real bright day for Paula and the ladies enjoyed it as much as she.

Under the dedicated and capable chairmanship of Rev. David Stalzer, Associate Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Winfield, Illinois and the diligent leadership of the Co-Chairpersons, Agnes Lovati and Mildred Pucel, plans are being formulated to bring you "A Day to Remember". Their committee has been planning, contacting and sending letters out to exhibitors, Slovenian arts & craft people, cultural display people and entertainers. Responses are favorable. Excitement begins to reach the feverish stage.

Continuous entertainment, along with games, favorite foods and drinks, educational and cultural displays and the preparation of Slovenian ethnic foods will all combine to make June 22, 1980 a day everyone, all ages, male and female, will remember.

Books of tickets for an award are being mailed to all branches. Cooperation in this endeavor will be considered your participation bit. Festivities will begin in the true and real spirit and meaning of "Heritage Day", with a 4:00 P.M. Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Saturday, June 21, 1980.

Mrs. Emma Planinsek, President of Branch 20, Joliet is undertaking the special project of inviting Joliet's Mayor, John Bourg and his Council to participate in the American-Slovenian Heritage Day by seeking a City of Joliet proclamation for Joliet Slovenian week, beginning Saturday, June 21, 1980 thru Saturday, June 28, 1980.

Paula is over 90 now and as cheerful as ever!

Evelyn Tome's husband, Vic, is in the hospital now as is Angie Blatnik's husband, John. We'll remember them in our prayers hoping for speedy recoveries.

"Slovenian Heritage Day" will be held in Joliet on June 22nd and this year we hope our members will have a booth for Br. 2. Your help is needed in all departments, so we hope you will volunteer your services.

Our picnic in Lemont and ZVEZA DAY will be held on Sunday, July 20th. Workers and prizes are needed. Please bring prizes along to the meetings. Plan to attend this event and as many members do, make it a family affair. We promise you a worthwhile day spent on the beautiful grounds of the Slovenian Franciscan Fathers.

Happy birthday to Frances Kozel and Mitzi Krapence, also to all of you birthday ladies out of town and in the suburbs. God love you all - good health and see you at the March meeting.

ANN SCIESZKA

RIGHT VISION

Reverend Bernard Horzen, O.S.B.
St. Bede Academy, Peru, Illinois

A distinguished Britisher recently wrote that he visited an American home that seemed to have everything: two cars in the garage, a beautiful living room with expensive furniture, two color television sets, a kitchen filled with the latest gadgets including a microwave oven, a large swimming pool and a beautiful patio. However, the woman of the house was reading a book entitled HOW TO BE HAPPY! Among the number one best-seller books today are those on peace and happiness. To attain these we need a new vision. Solomon, the wise man of the Old Testament, wrote in Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Everyone of us needs a home and a horizon. You can't defeat a person who has the right kind of a home. How thankful many of us are for the parents and family who gave us a home, not one filled with expensive rugs and appliances, but one where virtue was taught and practiced. Today, we must stabilize our family unit which is the basis of society. Everyone needs an anchor and a rudder as we travel in the storm-tossed sea of life — and that is our horizon. The home and the family must be centers of learning the fundamental principles of work, thrift, dignity and self-reliance, so that the individual can eradicate all tendencies toward idleness, unnecessary debt and waste. Parents should strongly encourage savings of money, food, clothing and other necessities. They should motivate young people to acquire as much advanced training and education as will benefit their chosen vocation and make a contribution to their society. And by word and example, the Ten Commandments must be a rule of life, for their observance enables us to love God and one another.

I often think about our forefathers who turned the bow of their little ship toward America with a tremendous vision in their hearts of a "Land of the free, and the home of the brave." And when they carved out little fields in the wilderness, and raised a few crops, they set aside a day called Thanksgiving in holy gratitude to Almighty God. The Spaniards were here first. They came seeking gold, and lost every inch of their American possession. The French came next for gain in the fur trade. They opened all of Canada, and all of the Mississippi Valley. They lost the former to the British, and sold the latter for a song. The Colonists came last. They settled not in the rich Mississippi Valley, but in the cold, rocky, storm ridden Atlantic seaboard, and they stayed. Their vision was right. Doing all of our tasks with vision will bring victory, here and hereafter.

NO. 6, BARBERTON, OHIO

Tho late, we wish all the Branches and members a Happy New Year and a healthy one, too. Ladies, some have not been reading ZARJA and you are not sending in the increase in dues. Please remember that for 1980, the increase amounts to \$3 more a year per adult member. When paying dues, please send the right amount. Thank you.

Our next meeting will be April 6th at the Slovene Center, 2 o'clock.

Our sympathy to the family of Mary Mohar, who is our most recent departed member.

Our get well wishes to Jennie Golech, Josephine Mirtich, Mary Lauter, and any others that are ill. Please call me or have one of your family call so we can remember you in our prayers. I have no way of knowing otherwise. Glad to hear that some of our sick members are now

better. Call me at 745 7501 after 4:15 p.m. I still work.

God bless you all.

Reporter, MITZI

NO. 10, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Happy Birthday to our Branch! On March 8th we will be 53 years old! Two of our members joined in 1930 making them our special golden members. They are Josephine Bolko and Angela Strmole. Congratulations to both of you! Fifty years is like a life time. We have quite a few who are in the branch 50 years. May God bless all of them and give them good health.

On our sick list we have Josie Kuret, Dorothy Perusek, Rose Verhotz, Agnes Yakos. A speedy recovery to all of them.

Our meeting in January was really nice. Many ladies came even tho the weather was cold. Mary Komidar and Louise Cebular, both our 90

year old members, were also there. They are true members of Ženska Zveza! We remembered all our departed members of 1979, including Mrs. Priland, and a candle was lighted for all. Our president, Ann Markovich again re-elected, led us in prayer together. Something very nice. Thank you, ladies, who were present.

We also hav a surprise for you! For our Mother of the Year, we have voted to have representing our branch the Bittene Twins! Faye Moro and Joyce LeNassi, former cadets have been an inspration to our branch. We love them so much we are going to honor both of them. Congratulations to Faye and Joyce. You have made us truly happy.

Rose Marin came with her mother, Louise Cebular and she entertained us by playing her accordian. Rose belongs to the group "Buttons and Bows". Happy birthday was sung to

all the ladies who had their day in January.

Ladies, please remember the dues for 1980 are \$3 more for everyone per year. I know it's a hardship for some of you, but please don't take it out on me. I am only your secretary, trying to do my job.

Come to our meeting in March, you are all welcome. Congratulations again to all of you on being our members, on our 53rd Birthday!

**SOPHIE MAGAYNA
NO. 12, MILWAUKEE, WI.**

1980 started out being a good year weatherwise for which we are grateful as the biggest share of us can't do the snow shovelling any more!

We had a very good attendance to start the year off and I was kept busy in January with dues collections, so if I miss anything, it will be because I had my mind on the money! I only hope I get everyone correctly as this is the year we start the 25 cent raise every month and Juniors only through age 18 may stay in the juvenile dept.

All officers were present except our honorary president, Frances Plesko who was awaiting a call to check in at St. Luke's hospital where we already had Mary Potisk, "Peppy" Stiglitz and Jo Wilhelm's husband, Frank. We prayed for the welfare of all as well as our departed members.

The reports were all read and accepted and we went on to our card party discussion. At least we have a hall for Sept. 21st, 1980 which was the only date available. So, from time to time, you will be reminded to start preparing now for any gift donations for that date.

We had numerous door prizes that were given out as well as the attendance prize, but I didn't get the names of all the winners and donors. I'm sure we all are aware of these generous souls. The meeting ended in prayer led by Stavia Dobersek.

Our birthday girls were wished Happy Birthday with the usual melodious voices and cake & coffee was enjoyed. The bakers were Jennie Zelesnikar, Mary Kiel and my sister-in-law, Evelyn Laurich surprised us all, especially me, with a nicely decorated cake with Mother of the Year in pink icing on the white cake.

Thank you all for your donations and for being present. Let's keep it

up! We need new members, so be on the lookout for prospects, especially the Mary's, Marie's and Mayme's.

I'm happy to report that as this month ends, Frances Plesko, Mary Potisk and Josephine Stiglitz are all out of the hospital and we wish they stay in better health!

Our sympathy goes out to Christine Bojance and her family who lost her husband and their father; also, to the Pepan family of which Christine is a part. Pray for them as well as Mary Starich and her family who lost her only sister, leaving Mary as the last of the Novak family!

May the deceased enjoy perpetual peace! Remember them in your prayers as well as the sick.

Frank Wilhelm also is back home now and we are looking forward to seeing him around again as he has always been a big help to the ladies whenever needed, as well as sewing the little Christmas stockings we all took home with us last December.

God bless you all and let's all enjoy a good year!

**MARY DEZMAN
NO. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.**

Branch No. 13 of San Francisco has much reporting at this time so please read this article in full as it will keep you informed of your lodge doings for the year of 1980.

Officers as follows: President: Josephine Aiuto, Vice-President: Anna Fabian, Recording Secretary: Sonya Gregorin, Financial Secretary: Moreen Spencer, Treasurer: Michael Twers (our new bride and former treasurer) Auditors: Virginia Sustarich and Rose Bianco; Reporter: Me, Fran Chiodo. Get to know your officers and lucky for us we kept all our officers in the same office they each held last year. We can help these fine officers with attendance of our meetings and interjecting new and vital suggestions to assure a happy and eventful year.

Mother of the Year is Moreen (Sustarich) Spencer, Mamma of our delightful twin boys. Moreen has been our Financial Secretary for low these many years and most deserving of this honor. More to follow in future articles about this fine young lady. We have added to our Mother of the Year Breakfast this year an invitation extended to all husbands. To date this is our plan. Mass at the church of the Nativity at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast to follow at the Jack Tar Hotel 10:30 a.m. Bring your husband and family. Call Jo Aiuto for reservations...Dates assured.

Place pending. (Jack Tar Hotel Restaurant is being redecorated.) So, read your ZARJA.

In June is our proposed trip to Reno under the direction of Jo Aiuto; this date is not final as yet, more news to come on this item.

July and August: our vacation months; NO MEETINGS.

November: our ALBINA NOVAK DAY with Mass and breakfast, this date to be arranged in the future — more news to follow.

We have tried to give you some idea of the future activities our branch will enjoy. Some of the dates have not been finalized and should there be a change we will inform each and every one. Jo Aiuto has worked diligently to make our branch a success and only with the help of each and every member can we all reap a harvest of happiness with our Jo.

We have added husbands and family to our Mother's Day Breakfast as we have learned there are many husbands who truly enjoy our days, especially the many trips to Reno where we really get to know each other. This makes for greater interest in our other functions. We welcome all our friends and families to all our functions and work and pray for a successful 1980. For the interest by our men, Hvala!

As you all noticed, our dues are raised \$3.00 per member per year. Of course, our branch does not receive any financial help from the Home Office so this does not enrich our treasury. Expense goes on each day so if we work together and make our branch a success we can all enjoy happy times together. Our Branch has realized an increase in our treasury due to our Reno Trips under the guidance of President, Jo Aiuto, so you see, our President is not only working for our good times but for financial help for us.

God Bless each and every one and may your 1980 year be one of Happiness and Production to all.

**FRANE. CHIODO,
Reporter**

NO. 14, EUCLID, O.

HELLO! Snow has finally come to Euclid - it came after our January meeting. We had only 27 members present, our new president was missing due to surgery on her right wrist. We hope every went well.

Our Secretary asks if I would please tell you an error was made on the Class B dues. It is \$13.20 a year instead of 13.10. Please make note of this when you take care of your dues.

With our president missing we had a short meeting — it was decided to

bring a Valentine with a favorite recipe to exchange in February and to have only a few treats as Ash Wednesday is the day of our meeting for those who can indulge.

We sent Get Well Cards to Frances Neidermeyer and Mary Vidatrar. Also congratulations to Helen Ostasky on her marriage. Our sympathy to Josephine Jevc and her husband on the death of her mother-in-law from Fontana, California.

JoAnn Wegharcz and her husband Joe are in Hawaii for 4 weeks. We hope they are enjoying the sun. The meeting was short and closed with prayer. We enjoyed tea and cookies from Ann Godlar and Frances Ogarac's kitchens.

PHYLLIS D'AMICO
Reporter

NO. 20, JOLIET, ILL.

The "St. Joseph's Table" will be featured on Sunday, March 16 at 12:30 pm. The meeting will follow the luncheon. Members are asked to bring a hot dish and also to provide their own warming candle, etc. (No electrical units please. We don't want to overload the electrical system.) A charge of \$3.00 will be imposed on members who do not contribute a dish. This is our first time for a St. Joseph's Table and we ask for your cooperation. If planning to attend and if in doubt as to what dish to bring, please contact Agnes Lovati 727-3475 or Millie Pucel 723-7307 by March 10, so that our menu will be varied. After the meeting movies will be shown, namely, the blessing of the new altar in St. Joseph's Church, which is a memorial to Father Roman Malavsic and also excerpts in the life of Marie Prislant.

Congratulations to Dorothy Koncar, our trustee, 1980 Mother of the Year.

Sympathy to the family of Margaret Muha, our 51 year member, who died December 18, 1979.

Baby congratulations to JoAnn Borio Stukel on the birth of a son.

Get well wishes are extended to Theresa Jurici, Mary Spelich, Mary Rozman, Mayme Fedo, Catherine Putrich, Lil Berge, Margaret Stalzer and Johanna Rogel.

The Slovenian Heritage Day Committee reported that the chairmanships for the booths were finalized. SUNDAY, JUNE 22 is SLOVENIAN HERITAGE DAY IN JOLIET, ILL. Don't forget to sell your Heritage Day tickets. Those unsold are to be returned as soon as possible.

MARCH 1980

Josephine Mlakar won the monetary door prize. Carol Barbic's name came in for the attendance award of \$2.00. Since Carol was not present at the meeting to accept the money, the next award will be \$4.00.

A Christmas card signed by the members was sent to the hostages in Iran.

A most successful Bowling tournament was held in Joliet on March 1 and 2. Details next issue.

Our Congratulations on their 55th Wedding anniversary held on Jan. 11th. to John and Lottie Jevitz. A Mass in their honor was read at St. Joseph's Church with relatives joining in. We wish them health in the coming years. We know John as a loyal singer in our Slovenian choir and helped for many years the Slovenian Women's Union, May God bless John and Lottie for many years to come.

Our sympathy to our wonderful church choir singer, Ann Fandek, who is mourning the death of her nephew, aged 19 years. He was at the Trinity School for 13 years as a student. Joe Trubich is mourned also by his grandmother, Antonia Hartney; he is survived by 4 brothers and one sister and was buried from St. Dennis' Church in Lockport and St. Mary's cemetery in Joliet.

Our member Bonnie Haller is taking a winter vacation with her parents and brother and is going to Florida for a few weeks; we sure will be thinking of you in this cold winter. Also going on a winter vacation are Fred and Dorothy Jursinic, to the beautiful islands of Hawaii. Aloha! Bring back some warm weather with you!

The son of Frances Stonitch got married Feb. 16th. We wish Donnie and his bride a life-time of happiness.

Congratulations also go out to Arthur and Harriet Hrvatin on the wedding of their daughter, Roseann. The bride and groom are both in the United States armed forces and are stationed in Calif.

Wishing all of you a Happy Saint Joseph Day and remember our meeting, March 16th. See you then.

Your reporter,
JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC

NO. 21, WEST PARK, OH

Our first business meeting of the year 1980 will be held on the second Wednesday of March, the 12th at 1 p.m. at the usual place. Please make an honest effort to attend the meeting. No meeting will be held in April. Discussion was on the Mother's Day program and we

decided that all Mothers of Br. 21 will celebrate this special occasion. We could go out for a luncheon to celebrate.

A special thank you to Helen Konkoy and Ann Jesenko, out-going reporters for a job well done! Many thanks also to the following members who contributed so generously to our treasury: Emma Zupan, Ann Pischel, Frances Skoda, Mary Hocevar, Caroline Miklaucic.

Congratulations to Antoinette Lozar who became a great grandmother for the 2nd time as she now has a great granddaughter, Karla, born to daughter and son-in-law, Antoinette and Bob Ruggier of Pensville, Ohio. Congratulations to the family.

Get well wishes were extended and cards mailed to Frances Cimperman, Albina Zakrajsek, Nellie Strodbeck who have been hospitalized and to Mary Hosta who is recovering at home after a serious foot injury. Hope you are feeling better by now.

Vacations: Helen Konkoy along with her husband, John, on a trip to Dallas, Texas and balmy, sunny Florida. Hope your vacation was enjoyable.

Anyone in arrears with dues is asked to remit as soon as possible with a stamped, addressed envelope for return of your membership book. We're most anxious to get some new members in our branch; encourage your friends to join. With Godspeed to a rapid recovery to all our sick members.

STELLA DANCULL
Reporter

NO. 26, PITTSBURGH, PA.

Another winter just about over and we can look forward to Spring in a few days. Our first meeting of 1980 will be Tuesday, March 18th. Let's all try to be present and keep up the good attendance as in the previous years. We are always looking for new members, too, so do your best to bring one along with you in March. It's the last month of the current campaign.

At this time the officers and members extend their sympathy to Frank Slosar and sons on the death of Anne Cesnik Slosar on Dec. 28th. at the age of 54 years. Anne was the daughter of Johanna Cesnik, one of our charter members and sister of Mary Grgurich, also our fine member. May her soul rest in peace.

To all th shut-ins, a cheery

greeting and to the sick, our get well wishes go out to you.

Looking ahead, our annual Luncheon and "B" affair will be coming up. We always depend on hand-made articles that a number of our women donate as prizes, so get started, ladies.

In closing, God bless all of you and give you all good health.

HELEN CESNIK
Recording Secretary

NO. 33, DULUTH, Mn.

At our December meeting we held our election of officers followed by a very nice Christmas lunch and an enjoyable "Penny Social".

Our Holy Holiday Season has now come and gone and for us we hope our coldest part of winter has also gone. We have been very fortunate this year weather-wise - although it was very unusual to have absolutely no snow for Christmas. This was well taken care of with a blizzard and a foot of snow Jan. 6.

Now we hope the weather will be good and attendance will be good at each of our meetings held the first Wednesday of the month.

In January our sympathy went out to Althea Tverberg and Gertrude Puchalla on the loss of their husbands, as well as to the Andrew Krizaj family on the loss of Rose Krizaj, a member for 36 years.

A gift was made to the scholarship fund in memory of Tony Puchalla by his family.

Prayers for any sick members as well as those recovered including Angela Blatnik, Rose Burger and Polly Stojevich.

Plans are in progress for social for juniors members by the two Sunnie Spehar's.

LOIS M. PELANDER, reporter

NO. 34, SOUDAN, MINN.

The January meeting of Branch No. 34 was held on Wednesday, January 16 at St. Martin's Parish Hall with fourteen members in attendance. We were reminded that election of officers was to take place in November of each year, seeing we do not have a December meeting. The following officers were elected for 1979-1980: President: Adeline Mustonen; Vice Pres. Mary Vollendorf; Sec. Treas. Victoria Bobence; Rec. Sec. Lorraine Berg; Auditors: Angela Planton, Sophie Zavodnick, Mary Gornick. The Books were audited and found to be correct.

Discussion was held about a

tribute in Minnesota for people of Slovenian heritage.

We are happy to report we have chosen Mrs. Herman (Agnes) Mesojedec to be our Mother of the Year, 1980. A short discussion was held concerning Minnesota Day, which our branch will host on Sunday, September 14. All members present signed a get well card for our charter member, Mary Pahula, who had just returned to her home after being hospitalized in St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth. Our best wishes, Mary, and for all our members who are ill - get well soon. Hostesses for the meeting were Mary Gornick & Helen Adkisson. The door prize was brought by Molly Wilson and won by Agnes Tekautz. Other winners during the social hour were Agnes Mattson, Margaret Mesojedec, Angela Tekautz and Anne Vesel. Our February meeting was to be held on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 20, after services. Hostesses were Sophie Spollar and Anne Vesel, with Sophie donating the door prize.

We would like to see more new members in our small branch - let each of us try to get one - remember, premiums for one year are free to the 3 M's - Marie, Mary and Mayme!

ADELINE MUSTONEN,
Reporter

NO. 40, LORAIN, OHIO

Hello! Here it is March already - St. Valentine's Day has come and gone and lent has started, too. Soon it will be Easter. Spring can't be far behind.

Our meeting in January was well-attended and we welcomed a new face, Kathy Shullick; please come again.

Antonia Udovich, a charter member of our branch, has been chosen as Mother of the Year. Congratulations! We have made a very fine choice, a truly lovely person and fitting in our Golden Anniversary year.

On April 20th we will have mass at St. Cyril and Methodius church at 11 a.m. followed by Brunch at the Slovenan Home, small hall, at 12:30 p.m. This will be catered by Novotny, price being \$4.75 per person. Tickets are now available from any member or officer. Help us make our Golden Anniversary a Great Big Success!

Happy birthday to the following: Sophie Pogachar, Sue Tomazic, Anna Bruce, Antonia Udovich and Kathy Shullick and the ladies served

a very nice dessert lunch in their honor.

Get well wishes to Bertha Blazina - hurry and start on your way back to good health! Our prayers are with you.

We have started something new, an attendance award, so why not come to a meeting and find out what it's all about. See you soon.

I rather like this:

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces up, snow is exhilarating;

There is really no such thing as bad weather - only different kinds of good weather!

MARY PLOSZAJ

NO. 41, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Although the weather was quite fair for this time of year, the attendance at the January meeting of Branch No. 41 was a bit disappointing. Our officers do their best to help with transportation so if we can help, call me at 261-0436 or Justine Girod at 481-3118. If at all possible, we'll pick you up.

Our meeting was very interesting. Among the correspondence was a thank-you note from the Slovene Home for the Aged in Cleveland for the donation given them during the Holidays. Especially because several members of Branch 41 now reside there, we are happy to make our humble contribution. Past President Mary Bostian sent season's greetings. It is always nice to hear from her.

Our vice-president Justine Girod is having tickets printed for our financial project which will take place in the fall of this year. Some will be lucky persons. There is a beautiful afghan was made by our Pres. Amelia Oswald, a lovely shawl donated by our loyal member Perina Dus, a basket of cheer and other prizes. You will receive tickets. Please make returns to Secretary Fortuna as soon as possible. Proceeds will help bolster our treasury so that our Branch will continue to exist.

A reminder also that dues have all been raised as of January 1, 1980. Those of you who pay by mail, please be sure to add \$3.00 to your last year's rate. Many members have failed to do this which adds considerably to the Secretary's work.

Another grand lady has been chosen for our 1980 Mother-of-the-Year, Amelia Oswald, president of

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the month of March, our thoughts turn to Lent and penance. It is a time to think about something nice to do for someone for the Easter season. Let us make a special effort to visit a sick friend, or offer to help a shut-in. It gives a feeling of inner joy to be able to give of ourselves; it costs us but a little time.

How is our Marie-Mary-Mayme campaign? I have some nice reports from the Home office. If each officer would try to bring one new member, it would raise our membership considerably. Also, try to keep your junior members. Bring them together with some activity of their own choosing, with an adult leader to guide and assist them. There are many areas in which their interest lie. Ann Hodnik's article was most timely and interesting; write to her with ideas so that you may combine them.

I read every article in the Zarja. While it takes time, I find it most interesting; each branch has it's own activities and yet they are all trying to entice members to come to meetings. We need to have something special each month. Well, let's try! Our branch, locally, is having a banker this month; travel agent the next and so forth. After a little talk, we'll have a Question and Answer session, that

usually turns out to be most interesting. We have to get our "think bonnets" on! Happy to hear that Branch 23 in Ely will participate in the National Baseball Tournament Parade. I'm sure your float will win a prize. While we have many steady reporters, there are some branches we never hear from. How about it?

Our Chicago Baraga Dinner on January 20th, was nicely attended and raised a goodly sum toward our goal. This is a worthy cause in which we should all participate.

As our Mother-of-the-Year in Branch 2, we have chosen Gloria Nusko (Novak). With the arrival of twins on New Year's Day, she and Raymond became proud parents of ten children (all our members). Our best to you and your lovely family. Gloria is the sister of Corinne Leskovar.

Congratulations to Branch 40 in Lorain, Ohio; 50 years of togetherness is indeed an accomplishment.

To all members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month: my heartiest wishes for your happiness.

I wish for all our ailing members the return of health; for our deceased members our prayers for eternal peace.

Happy Easter to you all. May God walk with you.

MARY MULLER

Major Robert J. Jevic

SERVING WITH DISTINCTION

Robert J. Jevic, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio was promoted to Major in the U.S. Army Reserve on Sat., Sept. 22, 1979.

Maj. Jevic currently is Chief, Personnel Management Division at Headquarters, 97th U.S. Army Reserve Command, Fort Meade, Maryland. Previously, he was assigned as Administrative Officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and Administration.

The 97th U.S. Army Reserve Command administers the training, readiness, and management of more than 100 Army Reserve units, comprising over 10,000 authorized personnel, in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia.

His active duty assignments include, Chief, Personnel Division of the U.S. Army Medical Command, Wuerzburg, Germany; Chief, Officer Personnel, Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), Washington,

D.C.; Chief, Medical Planning, WRAMC, Washington, D.C.; Commander, B Company, 46th Medical Battalion, Erlangen, Germany; Operation Officer, 46th Med Bn, and Health Clinic Administrator, 2d Infantry Division, Korea.

A graduate of Ohio State University where he received a B.Sc. degree in Bacteriology, and Boston University, where he earned an MBA degree, Maj. Jevic currently is a civilian Health Care Analyst with the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) — where he is involved with writing and analyzing national health policies, regulations, and legislative proposals. He is also a member of the International Personnel Management Association.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Jevic of Norwood Rd., Cleveland, Ohio, Maj. Jevic, his wife Veronika, and daughter Tanja, now reside within the Washington, D.C. area, in Silver Spring, Maryland.



Robert Jevic is the son, brother, uncle and nephew of 3 very active and loyal members of Branch 50, Cleveland, OH.

Ernestine, his mother, is the present Captain of the Marie Priland Cadets, having been a Cadet since the team was organized. She was acting Youth Director 6 years for the St. Clair Junior Groups along with Robert's sister, Betty Lou Gorgan, captain and instructor of the Baton Twirlers and Drill Teams of the Combined Branch Juniors. As of today, Lee Ann Gorgan, a junior, is a versatile dancer who has entertained our branches on several occasions. She is Robert's niece. Aunt, Mamie Marin, a former Cadet is still a very active member of Br. 50. They are all rightfully very proud of Robert!

All the best to him and his wonderful family.

FRAN SIETZ

Major Jevic proudly accepting his new "Stars" from his Commanding officer and wife.



IRENE ODORIZZI:
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Reston, Va. 22091

THE IMMIGRANT

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JOSEPHINE FROM CELA

I was born on November 11, 1894, on a farm among the hills of the Slovenian valley in the village of Cella, Austria. My parents, Anton and Anna Rebich, owned a 40-60 acre farm, on which we raised such things as cows, pigs, turkeys, chickens, corn, wheat, oats, barley.

Our family consisted of eight children: Mary, Anna, Rose, Tony, Josie (who died at age 4), myself, Agnes, and Jennie. My life on the farm wasn't exactly easy. I would help my parents with the farm chores when I wasn't attending school and church services. Mother was a good woman but very strict and extremely particular in making sure all jobs were done correctly. We were always busy working.

My father assisted us on the farm when he wasn't working in America. During his three trips to America, he usually went to Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where he worked in the tannery. His final trip to America was in 1911, after which he returned home and stayed on the farm.

My sisters and brother all went to America before I did. Anna, the second oldest, was the first to go. She settled in Sheboygan and soon married Frank Bojanc. They purchased a farm and lived in Marshfield. My sisters, Mary and Rose, both chose Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Both girls married in America — Mary to Martin Zore, and Rose to Andrew Bizjak. My brother, Anton, married and then settled in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

When I was 17, my father began to arrange for my wedding to a wealthy 25-year old farmer. I wasn't too happy with my father's idea of marriage, nor choice of a husband. I confided to my oldest sister by writing her a letter and asking her to help me with passage to America. My sister, Mary, knew of a couple coming to Slovenia and the couple agreed to bring me the fare to come to America. My uncle (mother's brother) then took me to the town of Micronia where we met this couple at a market and they gave me the money.

On September 15, 1912, two days later, I left for America on the ship, Kroms Cecilia. On the twenty-first day, the trip became very rough, and nothing I ate would stay in my stomach. I lived on dried prunes and a little brandy. Even under these dismal conditions, I looked forward to the land of opportunity, known as "God's Country". We finally reached America on October 6, 1912.

When I arrived in America, I lived with my sister, Mary, and worked for her in her tavern. This is where I met my husband, Joseph Paucek. Joseph came from Smihel in Novo Mesto. When he came to America, he worked on the Milwaukee railroad and lived on Virginia Street across from the tannery.

Soon after we were married, we decided to start a business, and opened a small tavern. We lived on Lake Street at this time and this is where my first child, Jennie, was born on July 19th. After Jennie's birth, we moved to

Virginia Street, and a few years later we bought a small home on 89th and Beecher in West Allis, Wisconsin. My family soon included four boys and two girls: Jennie, Rudolph, Joseph, Edward, Lillian and Ralph.

Then I decided to find some employment and went to work in the Monarch Tailor Shop on Broadway Street. My mother-in-law stayed with us and baby-sat while I worked. After she passed away in 1928, I had to quit my job to take care of the family home. My husband changed jobs and went to work at Donahue Stratton Grain Elevators.

During the depression, things got pretty rough. Joe could only work one or two days a week, and because of this, we nearly lost everything we owned. We had to borrow money from the F.H.A. to save our property.

In 1930, my sister Rose's husband, Andy, died. They operated a tavern on 67th and National Streets, and she asked me to help her take care of the business until she was in better health.

From 1933 to 1950, we were in and out of business establishments. We started our own business in 1933, and stayed for two years at 89th and National Streets. After this, we moved to 60th and National.

Then my sister, Rose, decided to go out of business and asked me to take over her tavern on 67th and National. Six months later, on December 19, 1942, we had a fire. It occurred on a Friday night after closing. After I smelled the smoke, my son, Ralph, heard me on the phone trying to get the fire department. He grabbed his jacket and ran a half block with bare feet to the fire department box in 3° weather. After he reached them, he waited to direct them to the fire. However, they did not arrive in time to save the building and the whole place was gutted. We lost everything.



Mr. & Mrs. Paucek celebrating an anniversary.

In 1943, I bought the building on 1753 South 68th, which is my present home. At the time we bought the building we didn't have sufficient funds and borrowed from Mr. and Mrs. Terskan, who now have a butcher shop on 63rd Street in West Allis. They were good people and always helped me in any way possible. We operated the tavern until 1950.

On July 15, 1964, my husband passed away from cerosis of the liver. On different occasions, I leased the tavern to my sons.

My first trip back to my home land was on July of 1970. My sister, Agnes, was still living in Slovenia, but my sister, Jennie, had been killed by the Nazis during World War II. It had been 58 year since I had seen my relatives.

The farm on which I was born is still in the family and operated by my nephew, but the farm house now has electricity and water; whereas, when I lived at home in the late 1800s and early 1900s., we used candles and kerosene lamps for illumination and had to carry buckets of water from the well three blocks away.

In July of 1973, I returned to Slovenia, this time with my daughter, Jennie, her husband John, my daughter Lillian, my granddaughter Joan, and her husband Dave Komar. I am now looking forward to another trip in the near future.

My family has grown, and I now have 14 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. Now I like to travel all over with my daughter Jennie and her husband John Ward.

This is my life.

Thank you to Marie Floryan, Secretary of Br. 17 for interviewing Mrs. Paucek.

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Mr. & Mrs. Pachek pose with their family.



Josephine Rebich Paucek as a young girl, left, and her mother prior to her leaving for America.



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our Branch. We are sure you remember reading her life story which was printed in Zarja last year.

A Mass and dinner will be held in her honor on Sunday, May 4th. Festivities will begin with Holy Mass at 10:30 A.M. in our beautiful St. Mary's Church on Holmes Avenue. The dinner will be served at the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road at noon by Mary Dolsak and her helpers. Tickets will be \$5.50 per person. Please contact Secy. Val Fortuna for reservations if you have not already done so. Her phone number is .. 531-5191.

This should be an exciting year as Branch No. 41 will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Please make special effort to attend our next meeting on the third Tuesday of March and help us make plans for this important occasion.

Our Secretary has been unable to get in touch with Louise Bergich. If anyone knows her address, please call Mrs. Fortuna.

The meeting, as usual, ended happily with talk and refreshments

donated by Justine Girod, Amelia Oswald, Cecelia Wolf, Jo Hirter and Valeria Fortuna.

May God grant us all good health and world peace so that we may enjoy happiness with our families and friends.

CECELIA M. WOLF and
JUSTINE GIROD,
reporters

NO. 42, MAPLE HGTS., OHIO

Hello, ladies A big happy birthday to all our March ladies: Mary Hocevar, Marge Lipnos, Millie Rizzo, Lynn Marie Hrovat, Ann Marie Kastelic and our Florida lady, Frances Legan.

Tonka Kastelic and her husband, Louis are visiting her there right now. I know they are enjoying the warm sunshine as we, too, are doing the same. We are about 60 miles away from each other. We do visit occasionally.

So much is happening to our branch, it's sad. Now we have lost another member of 48 years,

Johanna Perko. Our deepest sympathy to the family. Several of us were visiting her during the Christmas holidays and we were so happy then as she was so glad to see us. Our deepest sympathy also to our member, Mary Fink who lost her husband, Louis, of a heart attack. He was the President of the Slovenian National Home. We are all saddened by these deaths, Frances Glavic, Pauline Hribar, Johanna Perko

Mother of the Year Mass is May 13th at 7:15 p.m. at St. Wenceslaus church. We are proud to announce that our Mother of the Year is Olga Ponikvar. Congratulations!

Ladies, meeting is April 8th. Please attend as we have a lot to talk about since it's our 50th anniversary year. It's May 18th with Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus and dinner following at 1 p.m. at the Slovenian National Home.

Don't forget our Rummage Sale. Hope you are all saving articles.

MARY LOU PRHNE

THREE MMM's MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN!

The campaign is in honor of our three MMM's, namely, Founder, the late Marie Prislund, Past-President, Mary Bostian and National President, Mayme Muller. Therefore, all new members with the first names of MARIE, MARY OR MAYME will have their first year's dues free!

Cash awards to all workers as follows: \$1.00 cash for a Class B member, .50 cash for a Class A member and .25 for every new Junior member!

Your Branch will grow and Zveza will prosper in 1980 with your help!

3 MMM's Campaign Report as of February 1, 1980

The 3M Campaign which began April of last year resulted in a total of 155 for the nine months ending December 31, 1979. There were 121 new members in both adult and junior classes plus 34 juniors who transferred to the adult department.

The top branches are as follows:

No. 20 — Joliet, IL	29
No. 16 — South Chicago, IL	12
No. 50 — Cleveland, O	12
No. 2 — Chicago, IL	10
No. 35 — Aurora, MN	8
No. 33 — Duluth, MN	7
No. 34 — Soudan, MN	7

The top workers are:

Agnes Lovati — branch no. 20	16
Jonita Ruth — branch no. 20	8
Anne Hodnik — branch no. 35	8
Anne Kompare — branch no. 95	6

Of the 155 enrollees, 15 were entitled to one year free dues, since their first names were one of the three Ms — Marie, Mary or Mayme. During this last month, perhaps each one of us could enroll a Marie, Mary or Mayme and thus bring the 3M campaign to a successful conclusion.

Olga Ancel, Nat'l Secretary

WE NEED A PLAN!

With spring just around the corner, it gives us enough time to make plans for our summer activities with all our members, young and old. Weatherwise, in some parts of the country, it finally means you can get out and about without snow and cold. This is a good time to help our senior members by planning something with them according to their capabilities of getting around. It could be taking them to church, shopping, to the doctor or on a picnic. This can be done on a regular basis so they have something to look forward to. Let us give them the feeling of not being forgotten.

With the branches that have juniors, many activities can be planned with the children, whether there are five or fifty youngsters. The interested women can chaperone these young people to museums, government buildings, parks, or even hiking. Swim teams, tennis teams, and bowling leagues are popular with the young too, because they are fun to do and they become involved, which is important. This involvement will in turn make them active members and also get new members to join. So let's all plan something new with our members now, the sooner the better, and see the result. We must try new things and look ahead, if we want a successful SWU.

*Albina Uehlein
Womens Activities Director*



ENJOYING A SOCIAL MOMENT . . .

at the National Convention in Duluth were National Officers Hermine Dicke, Anne Kompare, Marion Marolt and Lil Putzell. Photo courtesy Mary Slaney of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Hermine Prisland Dicke
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ROOTS & BRANCHES
and
PASTIME

How is Easter Sunday determined? With various churches celebrating Easter on different dates, a Council of Churches was summoned by the first Christian Roman emperor, Constantine, in 325 A.D. At this first ecumenical Council of Nicaea, as it was called, the confusion was solved by establishing a system for setting the date of Easter. It was decided that the date be fixed to the first Sunday after the first full moon that falls on or after the vernal equinox (the day when the sun crosses the equator and the day and night are everywhere equal in length). If the first full moon falls on a Sunday, then Easter is celebrated one week later. Eventually the date of vernal equinox was set at Mar. 21 according to the Gregorian calendar. Easter Sunday, therefore, cannot be earlier than Mar. 22nd or later than April 25.

40 days before Easter (not including Sundays) is the Lenten season observed for prayer and fasting. Fish dishes are frequently served. Frances Seitz of Br. 50, Cleveland, Ohio, suggests an excellent recipe: TUNA LOAF WITH CREAMY EGG SAUCE. An accompanying salad might be the AMBASSADOR ROOM SPINACH SALAD as offered by Mary Levenick of Pasadena, Calif., who treasures this recipe from the chef in one of the elegant hotels in Las Vegas. Rose Pucel of Br. 23 of Ely, Minn., shares a favorite dessert: LEMON FLUFF "which is light and pleasant tasting after a heavy meal".

TUNA LOAF WITH CREAMY EGG SAUCE

TUNA LOAF:

- 1 12 1/2 — or 13-ounce can tuna, drained
- 3 cups soft bread crumbs (about 6 slices white bread)
- 3 eggs
- 2 tablespoons minced onion

- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 8-ounce container sour cream
- 1 4-ounce jar diced pimentos, drained

CREAMY EGG SAUCE:

- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup milk
- parsley leaves for garnish

Prepare Tuna Loaf: Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease well 8 1/2" by 4 1/2" loaf pan. In large bowl flake tuna (use two forks), stir in bread crumbs, eggs, onion, lemon juice, salt, pepper, 1/2 cup sour cream (reserve remaining sour cream) and 2 tablespoons pimento (reserve remainder until blended). Spoon mixture evenly into loaf pan. Bake 45 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Meanwhile, prepare sauce: Hard-cook eggs; shell and cut into wedges. In 2-quart saucepan over medium heat, melt butter or margarine. Stir in flour, salt and pepper until well blended; continue cooking 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Gradually stir in milk and cook until sauce is thickened and smooth, stirring constantly. Gently stir in hard-cooked eggs, reserved sour cream and pimento; heat through, but do not boil.

To serve, invert loaf onto warm platter; spoon sauce over and around loaf; sprinkle with parsley. Makes 8 servings.



AMBASSADOR ROOM SPINACH SALAD

- 1 tablespoon white onion, minced
- 2 tablespoons celery, minced
- 1 teaspoon bell pepper, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh parsley, minced
- Mince the above ingredients to a fine pulp. Put in a large bowl.
- Add:
 - 1/2 cup catsup
 - 3/4 cup salad oil
 - 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
 - 1/2 teaspoon sugar
 - 1/4 teaspoon worcestershire sauce
 - 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
 - 1/4 teaspoon oregano
 - 1/2 cup chili sauce
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt

Beat all ingredients together. Let stand over night in refrigerator to mellow. Clean and remove stems from 2 12-ounce packages of fresh spinach. Pat spinach dry and refrigerate until ready to use.

To assemble salad, just before serving, tear spinach into bite-sized pieces. Pour over just enough dressing to coat the leaves. Use a very light hand. Add chopped hard cooked eggs.

LEMON FLUFF

- 1 can 14 1/2-ounce evaporated milk
- 1 3-ounce package jello
- 1 3/4 cups hot water
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups vanilla wafers, crushed

Chill unopened can of evaporated milk in refrigerator for about a day. Dissolve jello in hot water. Chill until partially set. Whip the gelatin mixture until light and fluffy. Add lemon juice and sugar. Whip chilled milk and fold into gelatin. Line ungreased 9 x 13 inch pan with crumbs over which pour gelatin mixture. Top with crumbs and chill until firm. Serves 10 to 12.

When visiting in Texas, an Italian woman gave me an unusual recipe which appeared in the San Antonio newspaper. It may interest some of you.

DANDELION PATTIES

- 2 cups boiled and chopped young, tender dandelion greens
- 1 cup bread crumbs moistened with a little milk
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan (or other) Cheese
- Crumbled crisp-fried bacon, optional
- Salt and pepper, as desired
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 1 medium onion, chopped

Combine all ingredients and drop by the spoonful onto a generously oiled griddle or frying pan. Cook until brown and turn. (The patties can be used as a side dish or in place of expensive luncheon meat to make hearty sandwiches).

Forsythia means Spring Fever
THINK SPRING

Fondly,
Hermine



RECOMMENDS DONATIONS

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a check for \$10 for the ZARJA publishing Fund from me. You know I was going to start or suggest this some time ago, but then came the dues increase, so I was hesitating, expecting a few complaints. But now, I hope the members and branches will follow thru and send donations because other organizations do this, such as SNPJ, KSKJ and the American Home...so why not us?

We love our ZARJA and don't want any fewer issues so this is a way we can all help.

I am hoping our branch and others will follow suit in the near future.

Our branch is doing just great and we get a new member every month or more and no one has cancelled yet because of the new dues rates, tho a couple of grandmas cancelled their grandchildren.

Hope all will go well for you in 1980!

Pa zdrava bodi! *Ann Tercek*
President, Br. 50,
Cleveland, Ohio

Her ROOTS! are not forgotten!

Dear Mrs. Leskovar,

MY NAME IS Nancy Suligoy and I have been a member of the Slovenian Women's Union in Joliet for only one year. I am 24 years old, married, and as an infant came to the United States with my parents from Yugoslavia. I have been raised in a very Slovenian ethnic-oriented family where the Slovenian language was daily spoken and is still to this day. What I am sure is typical among Slovenian-American speaking families is that my parents speak in Slovenian and I respond in English thus losing the fluency of the language on my part. I may lose fluency of this language (I know I'll never misunderstand it, though) but I will never lose the spirit of the Slovenian people or the love that I knew at home.

At present I have not been as active a member as I would like, i.e. I don't attend the monthly meetings because of my work schedule. What would be preferable for me would be a night meeting but I am not the one to decide this. I work full-time for

the Medical Director of Saint Joseph Hospital in Joliet. This involves a lot of diversified and interesting work. I hope my participation in this organization will somewhat change in the future because I do believe our organization needs more "young blood" in it to continue on in the future or everything that everyone is worked for over the many, long years will be lost and forgotten.

I do not know if the following suggestions I have are possible but I will list them anyway. These suggestions I have made for more participation in the community as an organization as well as possible participation on behalf of the youth in activities:

1. The Slovenian Women's Union should establish a "Sunshine Club" of some kind within its organization, i.e. visit the elderly and sick in the hospitals, nursing homes, etc. (I would be happy to participate in this during evening hours.)

2. Publication of a separate Slovenian youth newsletter with interesting stories and events with a student editor and staff.

3. More sponsorship of dances, potluck dinners, etc. in benefit of the poor or for donation to the scholarship fund. I would be willing to help in anyway I would be able to. (Also, dances for the young would be beneficial)

4. I do read the Zarja with interest and in this newspaper takes place the interchange between the various different Slovenian locals. I would suggest more invitations back and forth (from like Chicago and Joliet) and so forth for participation in Slovenian masses, etc.

One thing that I would like to see is "Translators" listed in the yellow pages of the telephone book for Slovenian immigrants to this country. Sometimes these people need someone to go with them to the stores, social security office, etc.

I would like to close by saying that I enjoy reading the Zarja and am proud to be part of this organization.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy Suligoy

Editor's Note: Thank you, Ann, and hope that your ideas will catch on with other members and branches. I'm sure many feel the same way about our ZARJA.

And, Nancy, you can be sure that there is a spirit and confidence in our membership that will please you. Many branches do the things you are suggesting for many years, but I look forward to even more follow-thru!

The January meeting was very well attended. Joan Ziebell did the reading for installing the officers and did an excellent job. To the outgoing officers, our thanks for a job well done, and to the new officers, congratulations and prepare yourselves for a busy year. We have several special events coming up and hope all members will participate. March 1st and 2nd, Sat. and Sun., the Midwest Bowling Tourney in Joliet; Sat. March 8th, Luncheon is Served at 1 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Hall, 85th and Cold Spring Rd. Must purchase tickets in advance for this and everyone is invited, husbands and friends, too. Thursday, May 8th is the Mother's Day Dinner, time and place next issue of ZARJA. Our Mother of the Year is Stella Pousha. Sat. and Sun. May 17 & 18 is the Rummage Sale at 1005 So. 86th St. Any items except adult clothes will be greatly appreciated. Sun. Sept. 28th our 50th Anniversary combined with the State Convention and lastly, the Annual Poultry Card Party to be held in November. We need the cooperation of each member to make these events successful. For information and tickets, call yours truly, or members, and encircle the above dates on your calendars.

Again, the season for people to relax. Ann and John Rebernik are in Florida enjoying their condominium during the winter. They have had several visitors already this year. The Strukels also are residing in Florida during the winter. Chris Stein went to Las Vegas to outdo the one-arm bandits. Chris, I wish you luck!

To all our sick and shut-in members, a very speedy recovery.

On January 24th, Anna Preloznik, who resided at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Madison, Wis. passed away. She is survived by a son, Joseph, a daughter, Anne Konczal, 5 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and a sister, Josephine Kolar. Ann and Josie are our members. We wish to extend to them our heartfelt sympathies. May her soul rest in peace.

An important notice. Any change in your name, address, beneficiary or any other change to be made concerning your membership, please notify yours truly at your earliest convenience.



Juniors of Br. 50, Cleveland, Ohio at their yearly holiday party. Aren't they sweet?

Happy St. Patrick's Day. Meeting this month is March 13th.

ROSE KRAEMER
Secretary

NO. 45, PORTLAND, OR.



Greetings for a happy new year from Portland, Or. Br. 45. Annual Christmas Party was enjoyed at Mrs. Knez' home with usual goodies and gifts.

Officers for the year are: Mary Roso, Pres. and Acting Secretary, Alice Vidan, Vice-Pres. and Reporter Rosemary Gordon, Treas. Future meetings starting in March are on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Mrs. Knez' home.

Mother of the Year is our lovely member, Mrs. Ann Barta. Congratulations.

Our sympathy is sent on the loss of Marie Priland.

The annual Palm Sunday Breakfast will be held. Members will be notified.

Please send all dues with the 25 cent monthly increase to Mary Roso. Thank you.

Alice Vidan
Reporter

NO. 50, CLEVELAND,

As we start a new decade, our popular President Ann Tercek opened the January meeting with an attendance of 102 members.

The officers were installed by Mary Marinko and the Cadets doing

their part with Jane Berkopec at the piano.

Old and new business was taken care of and our president again thanked all the members for their generosity and for their interest in our branch with good attendance.

Our membership campaign is on now, the 3 M.M.M.'s. So, ladies let's get the New Year off right by each one getting a new member.

Ann Tercek, our president, sends personal birthday and Christmas greeting cards to all members over 75 years of age, of which we now have 21 members.

Congratulations: Angelo and Jane Vidic celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary January 5th with a beautiful reception. Also thanks for the generous donation to our branch.

Rudy and Sophie Volcensek celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary.

Ann Marie Zak made the Dean's list at Western Reserve. She received a scholarship from Branch 50. She is the granddaughter of Joseph and Vi Zak.

Rose Skully retired from Gould Corporation. Hope you enjoy your retirement, Rose.

Our Young Members Should BELONG!

We are well into the New Year 1980 and I hope that it started out well for all of you but especially for our young people. The world news scene doesn't look very bright at this time but if all of us pull together in common prayer for peace and restoration of morality, honesty and patriotism, I'm sure God will answer our prayers.

The year 1980 has been designated the International Year of the Family. If everyone of us would really give this some serious thought and make a sincere effort to work for better relationships between family members, to care and share with our time for one another, we would really notice a big change in our society. In this same regard, I feel that the Slovenian Women's Union is a family. If we look upon it as such, we will make every effort to make our young members feel they belong to our organization not only for membership and dues but really be a part of our meetings and celebrations.

I received a very nice letter telling about how the daughter of our Br. 2 president, Maggie Hujbar, brings her two daughters to all meetings if possible and once even brought her 12 year old son who didn't seem to mind being the only boy there. They help serve coffee and make themselves helpful selling tickets, etc. If you start young enough, before they become self conscious or inhibited, you will give them a feeling of belonging and they really like being a part of grown up activities. Don't you remember how much our immigrant parents included us in all celebrations and family visits? They didn't rely on baby sitters and there never seemed to be problems of unruly behavior. As I stated before, we have to change our attitudes before we try to change theirs.

Thanks for listening and May God Bless All Of You.

ANNA L. HODNIK

Congratulations to Bonnie and Joseph Novak on their new baby girl, and also to Grandparents, Jane and Joe Novak. Congratulations to Carol and Douglas Volmer, Carol is daughter of Emma and Albert Mikenas; they had a beautiful wedding and reception.

Sick List: Helen Levstick, Frances Lausche, Mary Hrovat, Julie Sadar and Toni Turek, and Mary Champa, who has been sick, moved to Michigan. May you all get well soon.

Our Sympathy goes to Emma Mikenas in loss of her father John Setina, age 93. Her parents had their Immigrant Story in the Zarja in 1978; to Marge Inman in the loss of sister, Josephine Lappin; Marie Dolinar in the loss of sister-in-law Diane Perusek. May they rest in peace.

Members please check your dues and get them up to date. All dues are \$3 more per year and 20¢ more per month juniors. **Today's Chuckle = Father to teen-ager: This should make you feel even more grown-up. Your own personal phone bill.**

Your Reporter,
VERA MATEYKA

'THANK YOU, BRANCH NO. 50!

Madam Pres., Officers and Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely "thank" each and everyone of you who so generously contributed to the Slovenian Women's Union Scholarship Fund program during the year 1979. Words cannot express how grateful we are for your sincere generosity.

I would also like to thank the membership for re-electing me Vice-President. I take special pride in upholding my Slovenian heritage and being able to contribute to a fine organization. I would also like to encourage more young people to join and get involved. Meeting new people, renewing old friendship and visiting many interesting places benefits both young and old.

"Thank You" again from the bottom of my heart. May God Bless and Keep you in good health.

Sincerely yours,

DOROTHYANN WINTER

NO. 52, KITZVILLE, MN.

Dear Sisters: Before commencing to the business of the month, I must go on to the saddest part of my life. Feb. 1st, I lost my dearly beloved mother, Mary Oswald Rotar. We all know that it was a blessing that the Good Lord put her to rest. She had suffered a great deal in the past months. Although we know that there is an empty place in our hearts, we also know that life goes on and we all must continue living.

So, I have to thank all the ladies of the Slovenian Women's Union Branch 52 for saying the Rosary and to Ann Mansfield who led us in prayer and did a wonderful job. Mary Rotar was a charter member and loyal but after moving away, left the branch. But, all her friends still remembered her. For the food and gifts of masses, cards and donations, memorials and flowers, we, the family of Mary Rotar would like to thank you one and all. If it weren't for you standing beside us, we could not bare up under the strain. God bless you all and our thoughts are with you always.

We have loved her dearly during her life, let us not abandon her until we have conducted her by our prayers into the house of the Lord.

We again held our meeting at the

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Rac. It was a great turn-out. We had a new member, Lucille Strom. We hope and pray she will enjoy the ladies very much and will be with us for a long time. Welcome to the Slovenian Women's Union, Lucille; and if there is any more who would like to join us, you are more than welcome.

There was not much to discuss so the prayer was led by president, Rose Trombly and she brought our meeting to a close. We all continued to enjoy the social portion of the evening. Cards were played and honors went to the following sisters:

Bridge, Hi: Celia Palitano, Lo: Julia Mancuso; Smear, Hi: Rose Trombly, Margaret Kochevar, Lo: Alice Baratto, Frances Shega; "B", Hi: Grace Carozza, Lo: Ann Mansfield. Door prize went to Dorothy Pavetich.

Our hostesses were sisters Angeline Hrovat, Jenny Crea, Mary Lucenti, Angeline Russ, thus, bringing a delightful evening to a close. Our next meeting will be the first Wednesday of the month at the RAC. So, please try to attend - the more the merrier.

God bless you all and keep you in the best of health until we meet again. And, if we have any sick members, we wish them Godspeed to a rapid recovery.

GERTRUDE KOICHEVAR

NO. 56, HIBBING, MN.

Greetings to all. Well, I'm back at reporting again. Our Feb. meeting

was held at the new meeting place at 2315 1st Ave. We had a very good attendance. Meeting was opened with prayer by our president. Usual business was held. Several letters were read and Rose Maras, pres. will represent our group at a meeting of all clubs for a get-acquainted meeting. Discussion also took place on having speakers for our future meetings.

Hostesses entertaining in the future are asked to have four prizes instead of six. One prize will be awarded for each game played.

The charter was draped for the late Mary Jaksha and Frances Paver. Deepest sympathy to the families.

Special prize winner was Hilda Pogerelee. Lunch was served by hostesses, Ann Pintar, Veronica Krizmonich and Sandy Matezevich. Cards were played and the winners were Mary Massich, Mary Babich, Elizabeth Spolar, Valeria Carlson, Cathran Marolt and Frances Tobey.

New officers installed were: Anne Satovich, recording secretary and Frances Tobey, vice-president. The Social Chairman also gave a report on her committee.

Ladies, please take notice of the new meeting place which is 2315 1st Ave.

Hostesses for March will be Barbara Doshen, Dorothy Oberstar, Sylvia Latic and Katherine Miller.

Best wishes to all and May God bless you.

ANNE B. SATOVICH
Reporter

NO. 57, NILES, OHIO

It is the start of a new year. May it be a start for peace and goodwill throughout the world and may our members be blessed with good health and happiness.

It's been exceptionally cold but eighteen members attended the meeting at the home of our president, Frances Yerman. Missing was Mary Spagnolletta. She had misfortune of falling and breaking her ankle just before the holidays. We all signed a getwell card wishing her a speedy recovery.

Our sincere sympathy to Julia Yakup and her family in the loss of her brother. Going to the sunny south in February are Millie Bako, Frances Yerman, Mary Strah and Ann Pease. Hope to see some beautiful tans when they return from Florida.

Nancy Segreto, Phyllis Muccio, and Mary DeCapuna, our lunch committee served a really nice lunch.

There will be no meeting in February so let us all make an effort to attend in March.

An old English Prayer:

Give us, Lord, a bit o' sun
A bit o' work and a bit o' fun,
Give us in all the struggle and
sputter,
Our daily bread and a bit o' butter,
Give us health our keep to make
And a bit to spare for others sake
Give us, too, a bit of song,
And a tale and a book to help us
along,
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise, and
free,
Our goodly best for ourselves and
others
Till all men learn to live as brothers.

REPORTER

NO. 68, FAIRPORT HARBOR, OHIO

Hello! We all wish that this New Year will be full of good health and happiness. Our past year was a successful year and I want to report on some of our doings. Of course everyone knows that we do not meet in January and February, because the weather is so unpredictable. But this year fooled us all; we've had a mild winter.

However, when March comes along, everyone is so happy to be together again that our meeting is well attended. We plan our year of activity and outline all the projects we hope to undertake.

In May, which is a special month for us, for Mother's Day we have our

yearly Mass at 9:00 A.M. at St. Anthony's church in Fairport Harbor, Ohio. It is said by our spiritual advisor, Rev. Fr. Wm. Englert. This Mass is for the living and deceased members of our lodge. And Father does give us proper recognition. Then we all go out for breakfast.

We also have our Pot-Luck supper on our meeting night. There's so much food I'm sure that if all of our members would come there would still be some left over. So to those of you who do not come as often as we would like, you are more than welcome.

We also start our Balinca the first week in May. We Balinca every Wednesday night at 6:30 PM at the American Slovene Club.

July and August are our picnic months. These we try to make special. We either have a cook-out or a prepared meal. After our business meeting we spend it in a social way. September is the climax of our summer. Balinca is about thru and then we celebrate by going out and enjoying a good dinner.

Our November meeting was well attended. Our thanks go to Kristina Ludvik for the beautiful Handiwork she brought with her for our drawing.

This last December meeting was one of the nicest. We had our Pot-Luck supper and all the goodies that Christmas represents. Rose Bradack, our President, surprised us by bringing gifts as prizes. She really does make an excellent president. Our thanks go to you, Rose, for all your hard work.

We had our meeting and elections, the following were elected. Pres. Rose Bradack, Vice-Pres. Jennie Mohorcic, Sec.-Treas. Frances Ulle, Rec. Sec. Molly Juzna, Auditors: Molly Juzna, Kristina Ludvik, Mary Grzely, American-Reporter Frances Ulle — Slovenian Reporter Julia Klammer. Sargeant-of-arms is Kristina Ludvik.

Our snow-bird in Florida is Vice-Pres. Jennie Mohorcic; we understand that she is enjoying all the sunshine and warm weather. We all envy you, Jennie.

To our monthly hostesses go our thanks for the delicious refreshments that they serve; they should be complimented on the excellent job they do.

On our sick list are: Josephine Drobnick and Jennie Lagina. We hope that they will soon be well again. Our thoughts are often with them.

To Jennie Mohorcic at the loss of her husband, John, to Betty Pirman at the loss of her mother, Mary

Zalar, to Jennie Lagina at the loss of her husband, Louis go our deepest sympathy. May God grant them eternal rest and peace.

To the officers and members of the American Slovene Club go our sincere thanks and appreciation for letting us use the club for our monthly meeting. They have shown us their kindness all these years. Thanks again!

To Bernice Tobul go our heartiest congratulations on the birth of her daughter, KellyAnne. So fellow lodge members, from all of us here — to all of you everywhere — we want to send you the blessings of God in this New Year. May it be the best ever.

FRANCES ULLE
Reporter

NO. 71, STRABANE, PA.

Hello members and friends. Hope you all have nice holidays and are ready to have a fine year, 1980. We had our January meeting with 16 members present. Meeting was opened with prayer and we remembered our deceased members. Our former president, Mary Tomsic, has been selected to have the title Honorary President always and Mary Kocian, our recording secretary of 35 years (as was Mrs. Tomsic president for 35 years), was honored, too. We presented them with wallets for their many years of hard work. We pray God blesses them and will keep them in good health.

We also had installation of new officers. A very good lucheon was served, enjoyed by all.

Alice Staniszewski is the President, Sharon Bostjancic, Vice-President, Mary Striner, Recording Secretary, Agnes Bostjancic, Treasurer, Lucille Smith, Secretary and Auditors are Sophie Getzek and Julia Cushma.

I feel that the new officers will do a good job. We extend our sincere wishes to them for the new year.

Deepest sympathy to Joan Mals and Caroline Massack and their families who just lost their father, John Urbancic. His wife was our member but she passed away Jan. 13, 1973. Also, condolences to Elsie Bird and family who lost her mother.

Our new Vice-President, Sharon Bostjancic had a car accident with her son, Scott and her mother, Ruby Taylor. The only one hurt was her mother with a broken leg. God was really with them.

Happy St. Patrick's Day and

Happy Birthday to those with birthdays in Jan. Feb. and March. Our meeting will be March 13th. So, please members, try to attend and see you all there. God bless you and stay well.

LUCILLE SMITH

NO. 71, STRABANE, PA.

We had our first meeting on Jan. 10th and it was an interesting meeting. After long terms of office, two of us relinquished our positions to new and younger members. My 40 year presidency was put into the history books with the selection of new president, Alice Staniszewski. And, our 35 year recording secretary, Mary Kocian retired in favor of Margie Strajnar. We hope with new and younger officers, our branch will have a lot of new activities.

Our branch was organized March 8th, 1936 by Anna Petrich, of Warren, Ohio, who later moved to California and passed away some years ago. Mary Kocian and I wish to thank our Secretary, Lucy, Treasurer, Agnes and all the members for the lovely gifts we received on this occasion, leather wallets with a monetary gift. After the meeting we enjoyed a lunch with all kinds of delicious pastries.

It is some time now since our former national president, Mary Bostian, fell and broke her shoulder. Mary, we wish you complete recovery.

Best wishes to all the members and officers. To all the sick, our best wishes and to our editor; compliments on ZARJA. (Thank you C.)

MARY TOMSIC

NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO

We are so sorry to have to report the death of Josephine Mauer (Sophie) a charter member of forty-three years. Sophie had been ill for some time, but the dear Lord called her to Him, December 8, 1979. She was buried from St. Jude's Church Warrensville Heights, O. as was her wish living in this suburb so many years and raising her children here. Father Joseph officiated at the Mass and gave recognition with very kind words to the honorary pallbearers who were: Frances Kainec, Louise Epley, Josephine Turk, Agnes Walters, Vera Kozak and Jeannette Epley. We shall all miss you, Sophie, and may you rest in peace!

We also wish to express our sympathy to our President, Kay Yuratovac and family due to the recent death of her Father - Steve

Ruskovic. May he rest in peace also!

Sorry to hear that Antonia Vorisek and Virginia Nemeth are both hospitalized at Brentwood Hospital and hope that by the time this article goes to print they are both well on the road to recovery.

We want to welcome Mary Ann Trazaska and Annette Yuratovac who were Junior members now as Adult members.

A very happy birthday to member Ann Harvot who celebrated her 80th recently. We also wish her good health, happiness and always God's blessings.

The family and friends of John J. Fortuna congratulate him on passing the State Board Examination for Funeral directors. John is a fully licenced funeral director and joins his Dad, Joe, and his brother-in-law, James Trazaska on the staff of the Fortuna Funeral Home located at 5316 Fleet Ave. in Cleveland. His family, friends, as well as all the members of this branch, wish him much success in his chosen profession.

Congratulations also go out to Reverend Joseph J. Fortuna who was ordained a Deacon on December 15, 1978. He will be ordained into the priesthood on June 7, 1980. John and Joseph are the sons of Joseph and Jean Fortuna. Jean and her two daughters Jane Marie and Mary Ann Trazaska have been long-time members of Branch no. 73.

Much thanks to our Editor Corinne Leskovar for the many cancelled stamps she forwarded to our branch for the Kidney Dialysis Foundation as well as her nice letter. We also want to thank Mary Drobnick of Branch No. 32 who also took the time to help us with our project. Continued thanks go out to not only active members of the branch but inactive as well, including friends and relatives of same who are helping to make this drive so successful. May God bless all of you!

MILDREDD. ROBERTS

Reporting Secretary

NO. 85, DEPUE, IL.

We had our first meeting of the New Year on the 11th of January at 3:45 p.m. at Mary Jermenc's home. Election of officers was held as follows:

Pres. Genevieve Grilc, Vice-Pres. Mary Benkse, Fin. Sec'y & Treas. Mary Jermenc, Rec. Sec'y & Reporter Frances Machek and Auditors, Caroline Novak, Mary Kuhar and Rose Lopez.

It was decided that we would hold

our meetings every other month at each other's homes. The next meeting will be March 13th at 4 p.m. at Genevieve Grilc's home. The meetings are to be held on the 2nd Thursdays, so note this please. Our many thanks to our past president, Mary Oberch for a job well done. We recall how nice it was working with Br. 89 for the Illinois State Convention and wish to thank them all, the officers and members, for the fine cooperation.

A very happy year to you all.

FRANCES MACHEK

NO. 92, GUNNISON, CO

January meeting on the 21st was held at the home of Frieda Forcier. Treasurer Margaret Collected dues for the year 1980. Afterward, our president Denise opened the meeting with a prayer with eight members present. A guest was Elsie Massaro. Minutes of the last meeting had a correction brought up by Ann. Treasurer's report was approved as read. Correspondence included a card of thanks from Marie Priland's daughter for the \$25 we sent for the Scholarship Fund. A letter from Addie was received - we do miss her at our meetings but realize how hard it is for her to come in the winter months. Also, from Mary Marolt and from the family of Ben Davis. He was the father of member, Betty Starika. Our sympathy to Betty, also to member Fran Austin on the loss of her mother. Other mail was from Frances Saya and Kay Starika.

On Jan. 9th the auditors Ann and Rose checked the books and found them in order. New business: Fran Austin suggested we start making plans for the birthday party to be held at the nursing home in May. Addie Croft is our Mother of the Year for 1980. Congratulations, Addie.

Fran suggest also that we bake some items for auction at our meeting as a money-making project. We did this once before and it went over well.

Election of officers was held and our new president is Margaret Depew, a very faithful member. And we will all do our best to help her. Vice-President is Mary Volk, Treasurer, Margaret Malensek, Secretary, Frieda Forcier, with Ann, Rose and Frances as Auditors. Josephine Krizmanich is Sargent at Arms and Spiritual Advisor is Father Kiernan. Reporter is Fern White.

We all want to thank Denise for a

job very well done as president the past two years. Frieda suggested we have a speaker at some of our coming meetings or a bake auction or a sack auction or card game. It will be up to the hostess to decide which she wants as each hostess will be in charge of the program when the meeting is held at her home. Mystery Box donated by Frances was won by Margaret Malensek. High prize winner was Mary Malensek and low were Ann and Elsie.

President Denise closed the meeting with prayer. In February we were to meet at Ann Malensek's.

FERN WHITE
Reporter

NO. 95, SO. CHICAGO, ILL.

There was no meeting in January but I would like to remind our members to try to enroll one member in the new year; volunteer to hostess one of our meetings., bring along a cake when you have a birthday; suggest any ideas for future programs which would interest our group! Are you dues paid up? These are only a few things which I could think of at the moment. Let's not forget our coming Mother-Of-The-Year Party which will be held on May 1 when we will be honoring Frances Seabloom. Let's all get with it, and make it a grand affair!

Our prayers and get well wishes to all of our members who are ailing!

Birthday greetings to our March members: Catherine Alfirevich, Manda Dosen, Helen and Karen Golich, Cecilia Isek, Mary Jurko, Lucy Kopilash, Rose Nowicki, Ann Pave, Ann Pearson, Catherine Plackowski, Helen Rapaich, Beverly Krapenc, Viola Spitz, Eva Starcevich, Josephine Zadro, Kathleen Rose Quinn, Kathy Ann Hanson, Virginia Pilarski, Virginia Kwiatkowski, Ann Granich, and Marie Zeffiro.

Our deepest sympathy to Ann Granich on the loss of her beloved brother.

In conclusion: A happy St. Patrick's Day to all of our Irish Members, greetings to all of our Polish members who will be celebrating the feast of St. Joseph, and to all of our members the Solemnity of Annunciation on March 25 and Palm Sunday.

I know that these are busy days for everyone and for the organizations that we belong to, but try to keep in mind, we really need your support and suggestions, that's what our branch is all about!

MILDRED JAMES

NO. 100, FONTANA, CA

Our new officers have been installed and we're all primed for an active and profitable year, so Sisters, roll up your sleeves and pitch in. Let's enhance our bank balance and in turn benefit our Union.

Father Strancar attended our meeting and as usual was his own charming self. Father certainly is one heck of a nice guy. It's too bad that he's a priest and I'm an old woman, otherwise, I'd be making eyes at him. (Just kidding, Father.)

We have a new member by the name of Pauline Bade. Welcome, sister, to our midst. I'm sure you'll enjoy the ladies of our Branch as they are no strangers to you. They in turn are pleased to know that you are now officially a member of a truly fine and worthy organization.

Let me tell you of another new member, one that won't be able to make or second any motion that comes up on the floor, or participate in any manner in our functions, at least not for a while. Have you guessed the reason of her curtailment? She's our youngest member, just three months old, name of Tammy and her proud grandma is Mildred Zajc.

Rose Novak and Mary Ercek are on the sick list. Ladies, we wish you both a hasty recovery.

Our Jan. birthday celebrants were Cynthia Conley, Sheila Panattoni, Mary Ercek, Mary Reich, Antonia Perez and a special birthday wish is extended to my dear friend, Julia Vlasic. Many joyful returns to all.

Rosemary Mlakar has been chosen as our Mother of the Year. More about this in future submissions.

Truly, it was a real pleasure to see so many members attending our Feb. meeting. Sisters, we should bear in mind that well-attended meetings will promote progress in our beloved organization. We have really nice ladies in our Branch and you members who do not make an effort to attend our sessions really are missing out on a lot of friendship, unity and camaraderie.

Plans have been made for a Corporate Communion on April 13th at 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Church of St. John Bosco in East Highland where our Spiritual Advisor, Father Strancar is the pastor. Members will meet at the KSKJ hall and transportation will be provided for all who wish to participate in the Mass.

May 3rd has been set aside as the day for our Rummage Sale which will be held at 8562 Mango Ave., Fontana. Please help to make this event a success. It's only with everyone's cooperation that we can continue to function properly.

May 1st at 5:30 p.m. has been scheduled for a Pot Luck Dinner to honor our Mother of the Year, Rosemary Mlakar. Come out and give due honor to a lovely person and have a good time besides. The feast will take place at the KSKJ hall.

Jennie Zornada is on the sick list and prayers are offered for the betterment of her health; prayers include all other members who are sick unknown to me.

Birthday celebrants this month were Mary Glad, Dorothy Petrich, Teresa Paro, Frances Videgar and Yours Truly. Happy Birthday to us and many more!

Mary Jasina, the president of the west coast branches, has outlined some of her desires trusting they be fulfilled in the near future. Mary is a determined person and if past performances are indicative, then be rest assured that benefits to the western branches and our Union will be forthcoming.

Happy anniversary to John and Christine Pierman, may they enjoy many more happy and healthy years together. That's a wish that comes from my heart.

Julia Vlasic has moved away from Fontana but still maintains her membership with us and attends our meetings. Atta girl, Julie, keep on coming.

God grant those whose eyes fall upon this column a very happy Easter. As you walk thru the pathway of life, pick a weed, plant a flower.

EDITH DRAWENEK

NO. 102, WILLARD, WI

Thirty-two members attended our December meeting and Christmas party. President, Jo Artac called for a brief meeting. We elected our Member of the Year, Miss Mary Lesar. Mary has been in business in Willard for many years. She had a special love for all the young children who all remember the many candy treats she passed to them. Mary is a charter member of our Club. We pray for many more years of good health to Mary.

We have three new members, Mayme Kezele, Anne Collier and Margaret Perko. We congratulate Margaret on her first novel that is

now available through most book stores. The name of the book is "The Other Side of Silence".

After the meeting, games were played followed by a delicious pot luck lunch.

ELSIE PERKO

NO. 103, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Our December meeting consisted of a short business session and then, we adjourned so that the members could participate in the project of making mobiles using old Christmas Cards. The afternoon passed all too quickly as members completed their mobiles under the able direction of Nika Kovacic.

Nika was the hostess for this meeting and pleasantly surprised us with Napoleons (Kremšnite) and cake. She served the delicious desserts on an attractive Christmas table cloth she made by hand. The cloth was red nylon net with red satin ribbon edging and decorated with sequins and Christmas felt appliques.

We were sorry that more members could not attend to enjoy the delicious desserts and the beautiful setting. We express our thanks to Nika for making this meeting an exciting one even though the group was small.

Sincere thanks to Molly Thomas for recording the minutes since Tillie Ausich was not able to be present.

January Meeting

The attendance at the January meeting was superb. We hope that this will continue for the remainder of the year.

Installation of officers was duly performed by Betty Cesnik. Once again, she capably performed the ritual and added a couple of beautiful prayers that she had written for the occasion.

Tončka Cigale served as hostess wishing to do so in order that we might celebrate her birthday and namesday.

Following some singing and socializing, we were served a delicious fresh apple cake along with plain yellow loafone and coffee. Our thanks to Tončka for her efforts and generosity. We will delight in celebrating many more birthdays with you.

May the new year be a good one for all.

FREDA H. MICHELITCH
President

NO. 105, DETROIT, MI

Dear members: Our Feb. meeting held at the home of Catherine Musick and daughter, Pat Emerson was as usual a great delight. There were 15 ladies present. Agnes Putz, as you noticed I'm sure, was most pleased to be with us as we were to see her once again. We held our elections and paid dues. Our thanks and blessings once more to Pauline Adamic, President; Patricia Emerson, Secretary & Treasurer and new Reporter, Kathleen Emerson, daughter of Pat. Our very best wishes to each of you for doing such time consuming and splendid work.

In December I received a letter from Corinne, our Editor of ZARJA to shorten articles due to the high cost of printing, paper and postage. It will be hard to do, but as she stated, we may have much to report such as lunches, prizes, that do not need repeating. We will try to do our best to oblige in the future.

Kathleen Emerson has a great idea, to raise our funds by holding a dinner-dance. We also selected our Mothers of the Year, two very deserving ladies, Alice Sheets and her granddaughter, Donna Medina. Donna became the mother of "A New Kid in Town" and our love and God's blessings to her and her lovely grandmother, two sweet ladies, and of course, as much love, good health and happiness to Ernie and baby Son who made it all possible. We will discuss the time and place for our dinner at the next meeting, March 2nd. So, please, let's have more of you attending.

Our meeting adjourned and two door prizes were given to fatten our kitty and a delicious lunch and dessert served by our very gracious hostesses.

I will try to make my parting as

your past Reporter as brief as possible. May I state as I have many times before, that it was not my articles in ZARJA but you ladies that made it all possible. I really didn't want to become emotional, but through your goodness, kindness and thoughtfulness, to Joe and my family, by offering novenas, masses, prayers, calls and visits, we will be forever grateful to you as our wonderful friends. This love and compassion when we so sorely needed it, will remain a wonderful memory. You are with us. Now if I may, just one more prayer. That God grant a cure for the dread disease of cancer in the very immediate future. There are so many in pain and suffering at the hospitals and clinics. Especially pray for the children, so that they may live to adulthood in good health. None of us can say, can we, who will be next? "Until we walk in his shoes," as the saying goes. God forbid. So, please, just one more prayer for all of us.

Father Thad, you will be notified of the time and place of our Mother's Day dinner. What a treat it would be to have your company. Wish it could be more frequent. Feel welcome to visit us anytime. Your former parishioners miss you still.

Now is the time for me to send Happy Birthday wishes to our beautiful people in March: Jeanne Crossman, Catherine Musick, Sophie Sunich; April, Alice Sheets (1980 Mother of the Year), Fulvia Rosa (we miss your smile here) an our new Reporter with a lot of new, great ideas, Kathleen Emerson. Happy, happy days to all of you.

It has been my pleasure these past years to be with you in ZARJA. Stay well, stay happy and all my love.

Please smile - it's the greatest medicine. KATHERINE MIHELIC

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SLOVENC! Na preteklost gradimo sedajnost!

Potrebno je, da si v spomin priključimo, kako so stari slovenski naseljenici v Ameriki ohranili verost in pripadnost h katoliški cerkvi skozi desetletja do danes. Prav gotove ne do tuje jim okolice z nerazumljivim jezikom. V velikem številu so se priseljavali sem-pred in še več po letu 1900. Vero, navade in običaje so prinesli iz starega kraja in se teh držali ter jih v družinah prenesli na svoje potomce — otroke in vnuke. Slovenska govornica je počasi prešla v angleščino. Na Slovenskem je bilo dolga stoletja prav do zadnjega časa vse življenje trdno povezano s Cerkvijo. In to ne samo ob praznovanjih Božiča, Velike noči, cerkvenih proščanjih ampak prav na vsak navaden dan. Letna pratika jim je kazala god tega in onega svetnika tekom leta, po katerem so usmerjali vse delo na polju. Obisk nedeljske maše je bil v slovenskem ljudstvu tako ukoreninjen, da se v nobenem letnem času niso ustrašili dolgih poti v župne cerkve. Brez maše ni bilo nedelje, ni bilo oddiha, ni bilo veselja. V cerkvah je našlo ljudstvo moč za telesne napore in delo preko tedna, našlo je tolažbo in pogum za premnoge težave; samo dom in cerkev — cerkev in dom! Iz trdega dela, iz osebnega žrtvovanja po družinah so se rodili krepki in samostojni značaji, ki se potem v novi domovini niso ustrašili ustanavljati svoje narodne cerkve, šole in slovenska verska in katoliška društva.

Ti verni Slovenci so naleteli na močno nasprotovanje po naselbinah. Močna protiverska gonja od strani svobodomislecev je dosegla, da je marsikak Slovenec odpadel od verske skupnosti. Zabavljali so zoper vero, Boga in duhovnike. Nad duhovnikom na cesti so kričali in ga obmetavali z nesramnimi opazkami. Zavesti katoličani so tiho trpeli in se počutili poražene. Misel na premoč sovražnika jim je jemala javni pogum. Pa vendar so v tem nasprotovanju ustanovili slovensko župnijo sv. Štefana.

Kdor je izmed nas Slovencev še danes zasidren v nekdanjo versko preteklost (čeprav

govori angleško), je ohranil vero. Sedanji čudni in zmaličeni protiverski tokovi ga ne morejo potegniti v to prazno in versko zbegano družbo. Papež Janez Pavel II. je jasno povedal v nekem svojem govoru, da so ateisti — brezverci — v komunističnih državah izkoreninjenci, ker so se odtrgali iz narodnih verskih korenin, ki so stara že tisoč let.

Poljski narod se mora za svojo vernost in z njo v zvezi tudi za sedanjega njihovega papeža zahvaliti prav dejstvu, da so množično ostali zvesti katoliški cerkvi. Isto velja za nas Slovence, pa naj bomo v Ameriki ali pa v starem kraju.

Zadnje poletje smo imeli v Lemontu spominsko svečanost 50-letnice vseslovenskega katoliškega shoda, ki je zbral takrat skupaj toliko množico Slovencev kakor ne prej in ne poznej. Ta shod v letu 1929 je pokazal vso velečino dela takratnih Slovencev, obenem tudi njih zasidrenost v dediščino vere, ki so jo prinesli iz domovine. Na tem shodu so postavili temelj za Baragovo zvezo, za začetek dela za njegovo beatifikacijo. Baragova zveza je začela duhovno povezovati vse Slovence po Ameriki in lahko rečemo, da jih povezuje čedalje bolj. To dokazujejo zelo lepi Baragovi dnevi zadnjih let. V Chicagu imamo vsako leto meseca januarja uspešna Baragova kosila. Raziskovanje Baragovega življenja nam čedalje bolj odkriva, kako je kot duhovnik in misijonar in škof uporabljal med Indijanci vse, kar mu je dala domača vzgoja pri vernih starših in dalje je naučil v bogoslovnih šolah. Indijance je učil iz slovenskih korenin in ni uničeval, kar je našel dobrega v njih vrednosti. Duhovna slovensko-ameriška dediščina v Ameriki sega delač nazaj v zgodovino. Pred Baragom je bil v Ameriki že l. 1687 slov. misijonar Anton Kapus, za Baragom pa škofje: Mrak, Vrtin, Trobec in Stariha. Mnoge druge najdemo v koledarju Ave Marie za l. 1980 (str. 22). Slovenski misijonarji in tudi lajki so v veliki meri gradili ameriško katoliško vero, nakar smo lahko kot majhen narod zelo ponosni.

Ana Gaber



NA
BARAGOV
DAN

Skupina članic št. 2 iz Chicaga zbranih v molitvi na božji poti, od desne: Frances Žibert, gl. preds. Mary Muller, Albina Rasp ter Metoda Fišinger. Klevelandski

članice so bile zastopane v velikem številu. Poleg narodnih noš so bile deležne posebne pozornosti Zvezine kadetke v slikovitnih uniformah.

SPOMIN NA CLEVELANDSKE BARAGOVE DNEVE JE ŠE VEDNO ŽIV

Dvodnevno slavlje in prošnje molitve za našega svetniškega škofa Friderika Barage ob delavskem prazniku lansko jesen, je zbralo tisoče Slovencev iz vseh delov Amerike v Clevelandu.

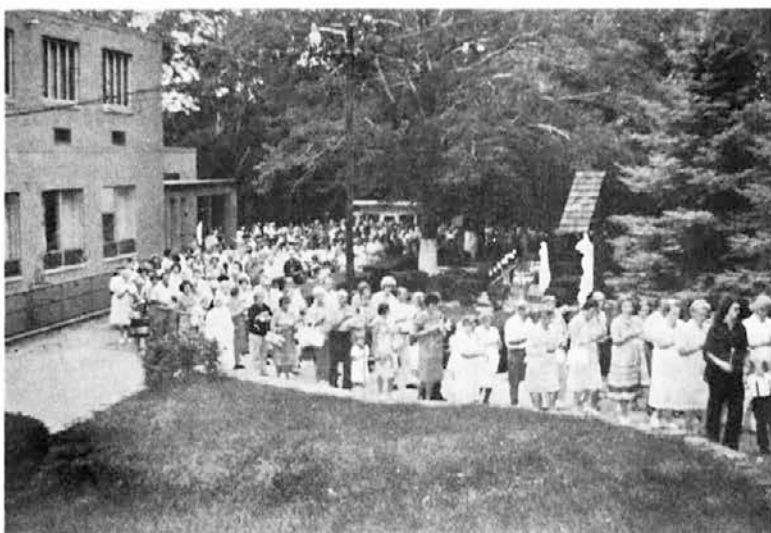
Gornje slike je posnel g. Tone Gaber in predstavlja trajni spomin na nepozabne dneve.

Velikanska množica se je uvrstila v procesijo s svečkami v molitvi in nabožnem petju pri romarski božji pot Lurške Marije na Chardon Rd. Procesija s svečkami je postala tradicija na Baragovih dnevih vse od Lemonta.

Druga slika je posneta med sv. mašo našega rojaka torontskega pomožnega škofa dr. Alojzija Ambrožiča pri Lurški votlini, kjer je imel globoko zamišljen govor o škofu Baragi v angleškem in slovenskem jeziku.

Med številno slovensko duhovščino, so se Baragovih dnevov udeležili tudi g. Franc Pohajač, Salezijanec iz Občin pri Trstu in g. Ignac Potočnik iz Slovenije, ki sta se takrat mudila v Ameriki ter g. George Kuzma, iz Wilmingtona, Ill. in g. Daniel Ruppe vice-postulator Baragove zadeve iz marketske škofije.

Na naslovni strani te ZARJE boste videli še druge prizore iz res izredno lepo uspelih Baragovih dnevov v ameriško-slovenski metropoli.



ŠE TA MESEC . . .

pred zaključkom sedanje članske kampanje treh Maričk: "3 MMM's": Marie Prislant, Mary Bostian in Mayme Muller, pozivamo — vse — da se potrudite zadnji mesec in pridobite nove članice, ker vas čakajo lepe nagrade. Posebno če pridobite novo članico z imenom MARIE, MARY ali MAYME bo imela celo prvo leto članarino prosto. Vsi na delo!



Narava se prebuje iz zimskega spanja.

DAN SLOVENSKE DEDIŠČINE

V nedeljo dne 22. junija se bo vršil dan Slovenske kulturnega izročila po pokroviteljstvu S.Ž.Z. in pod. št. 20, v parku sv. Jožefa v Jolietu.

Kakor doslej, upamo, da bo ta dan kar najlepše uspel ob sodelovanju vseh.

Katera ima kakšne predmete, katere bi želele razstaviti na ogled mnogim obiskovalcem, prosimo, da nam prinese čimprej. Morda imate kake starinske predmete naših pionirjev, ali spominke podružnice in naselbine. Vabljeni tudi igralci harmonike in pevci, da bodo razvedrili občinstvo.

Na vsak način napravite načrte že sedaj za vašo udeležbo, organizirajte krajevne skupinske izlete. Objubljamo vam najlepši dan.

Podprite Dan Slovenske Dediščine v Jolietu, v nedeljo 22. junija. Za nadaljne informacije stopite v stik z gl. uradom v Jolietu, 431 N. Chicago St., Joliet, Il. 60432, telefon 812 — 727-1926.

DOPISI

ŠT. 7, FOREST CITY, PENNA.

Pošiljam ček za mojo udnino v SŽZ za leto 1980.

Prejela sem ZARJO za mesec januar, ki jo vedno zelo rada berem, da vidim kako je z našimi Slovenci po vsej Ameriki.

Članice Zveze sem že od leta 1959 in bom ostala članica dokler mi ljubi Bog dovoli živeti. Sem ponosna, da sem Slovenka in slovenski narod je vsega spoštovanja vreden. Bog živi vse sestre po USA.

Sem že 53 let v Ameriki, pa mi še vedno gre gladko naš mili materini jezik slovenski, ki ga najrajši govorim. Naj živi slovenski rod!

Pozdravljene!

JENNIE KALCICH

ŠT. 10, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Naša prva seja v tem letu je bila 20. jan. v navadnih prostorih Slovenskega doma na Holmes Ave. Pred sejo je tajnica pobirala članarino za to leto 1980. Ne pozabite, da je članarina zvišana za 3 dolarje za celo leto.

Sejo je odprla naša preds. ga. Ani Markovič ob 2:30 uri popoldne. Zapisnik je bil prečitani in odobren. Tajnica ga. Zofi Magajna nam je prečitala račune zadnjih treh mesecev in podala obračun za celo leto.

V preteklem letu smo izgubile 9 članic in te so: Frances Marolt, Rose Suša, Julia Palivoda, Frances Zulich, Ženi Koren, ki je umrla v Starostnem domu na Neff Road in 185 cesti v Clev., dalje Antonija Štokelj, Mary Pajnič, Mary Mavrič in Ann Jakuš.

Od zadnje seje nismo izgubile nobene članice. Hvala Bogu! Pač pa smo dobile 3 nove članice: ge. Mary Milnar, Mary Kokalj in njena hčerka.

Volile smo tudi mater leta. Izvoljene sta bile dvojčke ga. Joyce Lenasi in njena sestra Faye Moro. Čestitamo!

Članice so se izrazile glede ZARJE, da je malo pisano v slovenščini in večinoma v angleščini. Rade bi čitale kak roman, ker povečini ne znajo dobro angleško čitati, vsaj ne razumijo vsega, zato bi bilo

*Vedno iščem sreče, vedno brez oddiha;
pa mi kar uide — jo drugam popiha.
Jaz pa premišlujem in za njo žalujem,
vsaj malo bi ostala, vzdihujem.*

*Oh, saj jaz razumem; ne morem jo kupiti;
pa vendar jaz ne vem kaj mi je storiti,
da bi jo zadržala tu pod našo streho,
bi nas razveselila, dala nam uteho.*

*Daj prosim izpolni želje svoji hčeri,
ter vsaj z malo mero srečo mi odmeri.
Ona se ne briga — jo naprej popiha,
zame se ne zmeni, beži kar brez oddiha.*

*Jaz pa premišlujem, kje se nek' ustavi
tukaj blizu kje? Ali kje v daljavi;
Komu se bo prisrčno nasmejala,
a jaz bom sama tukaj — zanjo spet žalovala.*

MARY MURN

dobro, da bi se roman tiskal v slovenskem jeziku. Nekateri bi se malo potrudile in kaj napisale za slovenski del Zarje. V tej domovini imamo srečo, da je naša govornica prosta in mnogim še zelo priljubljena, zato pokažimo, da smo prave Slovenke.

Jaz sem bila 12 let v južni Ameriki, pa mojega jezika nisem pozabila. Sedaj sem že 6 let tukaj in sem takoj pristopila v naše slovensko društvo. Tukaj v Clevelandu poslušam mladino, kako lepo govorijo in so tukaj rojeni. Enako naša pevska društva se trudijo, da ohranijo slovensko kulturo.

Po seji nam je lepo zaigrala na harmoniko hčerka ge. Čebular.

Naše dvojčke so prinesle dobrega peciva in malo za žejna grla. To se je nam kar lepo prilaglo.

Na dan naše seje smo imele lepo vreme. To zimo smo še kar

brez snega v našem Clevelandu, zato se nas je na seji nabralo kar 24. Sejo smo zaključile okoli štirih popoldne.

Članice, ne pozabite, prihodnja seja se bo vršila 3 nedeljo v marcu, to je 16. marca. Tega dneva bomo slavile rojstne dneve naslednjih članic: ge. Mary Komidar (92), Angela Strmole (82 let) in sestri ge. Joyce Lenasi in Faye Moro ter podpredsednice ga. Fani Zagar. Če sem katero izpustila, naj mi oprostite, ker vseh tudi dobro ne poznam.

Moja teta Angela Strmole praznuje v mesecu februarju tudi 50 let odkar je članica naše podružnice.

Čestitamo vsem skupaj in želimo še mnogo zdravih in veselih let med nami. Vaša zapisnikarica,

TEREZIJA FERRACCIOLI

ŠT. 17, WEST ALLIS, WIS.

Upam, da ste prestale zimo brez bolezní in težav, ki jih nam zima prinese. No pa letos res ni bila huda. Kar pogrešale smo lepo belo odejo za par mesecov. Sedaj pa ga imamo malo, da lepše izgleda — belo kot se spodobi, pri nas, ki smo tega navajeni. Čudno, kaj ne? Je slišati, da pogrešamo kaj takega. Oh pa to ni pravi Božič, ko ni snega na sveti večer.

Kako sem že poročila, je pri naši podr. vse ostalo po starem za leto 1980. Sklenile smo, da letos ne bomo imele card party. Da pomagamo blagajni, bomo imele 16. septembra žrebanje. Kupile boste lahko 10 tiketsov za \$2 dolarja. Za dobitke imamo 2 afgana in mnogo drugih reči. Torej prosimo vse članice, da žrtvujete dva dol. ter s tem pomagate nam in mogoče vas sreča doleti in dobite lep dobiček.

Ne pozabite se udeležiti sej tretjo nedeljo v mesecu. Pokažite, da vam je SZZ pri srcu in ste ponosne na njo. Molimo za umrle članice. Bolnim pa lajšamo težave s karticami in obiski.

Pozdrav,

MARY MURN

ŠT. 20, JOLIET, ILL.

Prvi mesec v letu je hitro potekel. Vendar smo imeli več bolnih članic v bolnišnici sv. Jožefa in sicer: Mary Seplich iz



Upokojeni župnik fare sv. Roka v LaSalle, Illinois, Rev. Michael Železnikar, je pred leti pridno skrbel za Slovencem tako preljubljeno cerkev. Podoba brezjanske Marije Pomagaj je zapuščena v teh dneh, ker je naša cerkev zaprta in fara združena z drugo. Žalostno je videti nezaželjene spremembe ki jih zahtevajo moderni časi.

Fr. Železnikar je nad pol stoletja zvesto deloval med Lasalskimi Slovenci.

Danes Ave., Johanna Rogel iz Broadway, Mayme Fedo iz Raynor Ave., Mary Rozman, Catherine Putrich, Lil Berg in Marge Staltzer. Ko to pišem so se nekatere že vrnilo iz bolnišnice in ko boste brale te vrstice, upam, da bodo že vse ozdravile.

Tajnica Lovati opozarja članice na naš Heritage dan, ki se naglo približuje. Lepo prosi članice za sodelovanje. Povdari, da imamo 636 članic pri podružnici in že sedaj prosi za domače pecivo, potice in druge dobrote.

Čestitke Joan Stukel, ki ima prirastek v družini. Dobili so sinčka, ostale hčerke so že tudi naše članice.

Iskrene čestitke Dorothy Koncar, ki je bila soglasno imenovana za letošnjo častno Mater podružnice. Dorothy je dobro poznana in vedno rada pomaga pri vseh prireditvah podružnice, zato smo veseli, da je njo zadela ta čast. Dorothy je hčerka Mayme Fedo in nečakinja

čla. Therese Sepich in Joseph Erjavec.

Zastopnica naše kegljaške skupine je prinesla vstopnice na sejo, da se pomaga naši kegljašk. skupini, ki bo imela tekme 1. in 2. marca v Rivals parku. Članice ste naprošene, da se udeležite in jim daste korajžo pri tekmi. Judy Derlinga bo vesela vsake pomoči, katero nudite naši kegljaški skupini.

Zapisnikarica Josephine Erjavec poroča, da ima pripravljene filme posnete ob priliki slovensne blagoslovitve naše prenovljene cerkve in krasne oltarje, katere je blagoslovil naš škof Imesh. Dalje tudi filme naše organizatorke Mrs. Marie Pristand, ko se je mudila v Jolietu. Vse to vas bo zelo zanimalo, zato gotovo pridite na sejo tretjo nedeljo v marcu.

Naše čestitke tudi Mr. in Mrs. John Jevitz iz Oaklanda Ave., ki sta slavila častivredno 55 letnico poroke. Bog jim daj še mnogo let

zdravja. Pri sv. maši se je zbralo mnogo sorodnikov in prijateljev, ki so čestitali poročnima slavljencema.

Naši dobri pevki izrekamo sožalje ob izgubi nečaka 19 letnega Joe Trubich, ki je bil tretje letni študent v Trinity school. Antonia Hartney je njegova stara mama. Pokopan je bil iz cerkve sv. Dennis, Lockport na hrvaško pokopališče Matere Božje. Zapušča 4 brate in eno sestro. Naj v miru počiva. Sorodnikom naše sožalje!

Mladinska članica Bonnie Haller je odpotovala s starši in bratom na počitnice v Colorado.

Donnie Hubert, sin naše prejšnje odbornice Frances Stonich, se je poročil v cerkvi v Plainfield, Ill. Novoporočencema želimo mnogo sreče in blagoslova.

Na seji v marcu bomo imele St. Joseph mizo in vse Josephine bodo počaščene. Happy birthday — "Josephines"!

Na veselo svidenje na marčevi seji!

JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC

ŠT. 68, FAIRPORT HBR., OHIO

Urednici naše Zarje in tudi vsem uradnicam, kakor tudi vsem članicam po širni Ameriki želimo srečno in zdravo Novo leto 1980, da bi še dolgo tako lepo urejevale našo Zarjo kot do sedaj. Naša letna seja 19. decembra in Božičnica sta bili kar lepo obiskani. Miza je bila polna dourot in vse je bilo lepo podomače okusno in dobro pripravljeno.

Na seji smo sklenile in potrdile, da naj odbor ostane ves po starem. To smo vse enoglasno potrdile. Članica gospa Jennie Mohorčič ni bila prisotna, pa smo jo tudi njo še za naprej izvolile za častno podpredsednico. Ona je že novembra meseca odšla v Florido. Je bolj slabega zdravja, pa upamo da se bo tam doli na soncu kaj pozdravila. Jo pogrešamo saj ona je zelo veliko naredila za našo podružnico. Le jaz sem sedaj prevzela ta posel, ki to pišem. Prevzela sem zato, ker rada prebirem našo Zarjo in pogrešam dopise v našem slovenskem jeziku, ki jih je kar bolj malo v zadnjem času. Z mojim možem jo kar vso

pregledava in prečitava, saj so novice res iz vseh krajev Amerike. Posebno rada sem čitala — Oh ta Svet — od Mrs. Priland, vse ki berem Zarjo jo bomo zelo pogrešale. Zelo rada prebirem tudi zdravstvene nasvete od gospe Nežke Gaber, so res zelo lepi in koristni, res vredni njenega truda in naj jih še vnaprej nadaljuje. Tudi nenadna smrt našega duhovnega vodje P. Klavdij Okorna, me je kar presenetila, pa bodo častiti gospodje iz Lemonta že koga našli, da bo kaj pobudnega nam napisal, saj tudi duša potrebuje hrane. Naša članica Mary Modic, ter sin Stanko z družino so sredi januarja odpotovali v Californijo na svadbo njenega vnuka. Želimo ji mnogo zabave in srečen povratak.

Tudi Pepca Drobnič, se nahaja še vedno v zdravstvenem domu, jo gremo večkrat obiskat. Njen mož John je tudi bolj bolehen, saj se je sedaj vrnil iz bolnice, se pa mora držati stroge diete, res težko za možkega kuharja, ko si mora kuhati brez maščobe in soli in sladkorja.

Tudi dogoletna članica Jennie Lagina, se je pred kratkim vrnila iz bolnice in se sedaj zdravi doma. Je prestala operacijo na glavi, ji želimo hitrega okrevanja. Njen dobri mož Lojze jo je tudi zapustil po težki bolezni, umrl je sredi septembra, preteklega leta in ga zelo pogreša, in ji je zelo hudo po izgubi, dobrega soproga in življenskega tovariša, saj sta skupaj živela, kar lepo dobo 57 let.

V bolnici se tudi nahaja Joe Pirman, mož naše članice Elizabet, ona je tudi tekem enega leta izgubila očeta in mater, Johna in Mary Zalar, sedaj je pa še za soproga v skrbeh. Še v februarju preteklega leta se je tudi za vedno poslovil od svoje drage ženske Jennie Mohorčič njen dobri mož John, ki ga tudi nepopisno pogreša. Od žalosti se je odločila in za pet tednov odpotovala v njen rojstni kraj Dolenje Jezero pri Cerknici. Istočasno je šel tudi njen sin Toni z družino tja, tako da je nekoga imela s seboj. Težka je ločitev od koder ni povratka, če prav so misli vedno pri njem.

Vsem bolnim članicam in njenim dragim pa želimo ljubega

zdravja, sreče in zadovoljstva v letu 1980. Vsem pokojnim, pa naj ljubi Bog da večni mir in pokoj, živim pa iskreno sožalje.

Zimska meseca januar in februar nimamo seje, bo pa seja v sredo 19. marca ob pol sedmih zvečer v Ameriško-Slovenskem Clubu 617 3th Street, Fairport Hrb. in vabim vse članice, da se seja za gotovo udeležite. Ker pa je seja na dan sv. Jožefa, želim vsem Pepcam in Jožicam vse dobro, pa seveda Jožetom tudi in naj jim bo godovni dan najlepši praznik.

Drage članice, naše seje so vsako tretjo sredo v mesecu. Udeležite se jih, se kar dobro zabavamo, in kaj pametnega povemo, popijemo in tudi zapojimo. Za toraj na svidenje na naših sejah.

Vaša poročevalka,
JULKA KLAMMER

ŠT. 71, STRABANE, PA.

Dne 10. januarja smo imele prvo sejo v tem letu. Seja je bila prav zanimiva in udeležba lepa.

Po prečitanem zapisniku in poročilih odbornic, smo dve dolgoletne odbornice izročile najine urade. Po 40 letnem predsedovanju naši podr., je na moje mesto bila izvoljena kot preds. Alice Staniszewski. Mary Kocian je bila 35 let zapisnikarica in na njeno mesto je bila izvoljena Margie Strajnar.

Naša podr. št. 71 je bila ustanovljena dne 8. marca 1936 na seji društva KSKJ Kraljice Majnika. Ustanoviteljica je bila pokojna Anna Petrich iz Waren, Ohio. Podpisana in Mary K. se lepo zahvaljujeva taj. Lucy, blagaj. Agnes in vsem članicam za lepo darilo — leather wallet z denarnim darilom. Še enkrat najlepša hvala za priznanje našega dela.

Po seji smo imele okusni lunch z vsakovrstnim domačim pecivom.

Je že precej časa odkar je bivša gl. preds. nevarno padla in se hudo poškodovala na desni roki. Mary, želim da bi se dobro pozdravila.

Lepo pozdravljene vse članice SZZ in gl. odbor. Bolnim želim ljubo zdravje. Corinne hvala za lepo urejeno Zarjo.

MARY TOMSIC

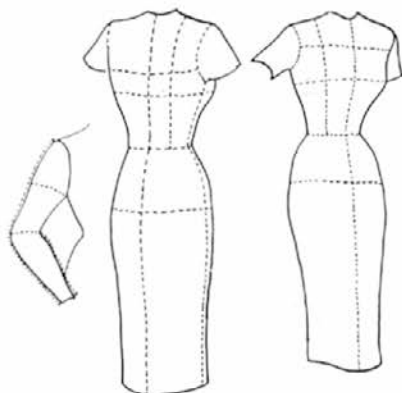
Dressmaking Tips

Checking your pattern for size

Whatever your reasons for sewing, you'll enjoy it more and save more money if you learn to sew well. It's practice and attention to details and techniques that make the expert seamstress. Most of all, "patience" is needed! If you must, rip out any seams with care, even experienced sewers rip new and then to improve their skill in sewing.

This month, check your pattern for Size. Before you cut out your dress, read the pattern instructions **more than once**. For example, watch those markings for the "straight of the cloth", the width of the seams, etc. Study the diagram for laying the pattern on the cloth, then write needed adjustments on the pattern. Draw a line with a ruler, marking the straight of the cloth, the full length of all the pattern pieces. This makes it so much easier to follow the grain of the material, an important step in making your dress.

Pin the major parts of the pattern together and try it on, do not try to pin in a set-in sleeve as it would tear. Be sure to pin the darts and pleats and to take up full seam width when you put in the pins. Pin front and back together at shoulder seam. Tie a tape over the pattern at your waistline, at your bustline and your hip line, while trying on the pinned pattern. Mark you pattern where the tapes were using a felt-tip pen; just a dot will do. Take off the tapes and pattern, check your measurements



with the pattern measurements. Does your pattern need to be adjusted for waist length? Follow Fig. 8 to check your personal measurements and then check your pattern measurements as shown. A good pattern will have directions for simple alterations. Check the amount of ease to see if the pattern fits you. The bustline needs an ease of 4 inches, the waistline 2 inches, the hip line 3 inches.

Or,

measure a dress that fits well, then measure the pattern and compare the dress measurements. Be sure to measure from seam line to seam line on your pattern, not from the cut edges.

Since inflation is a big part of our life, being and learning how to become a seamstress will enable you to say with pride, "I made it myself!"

Since our officers are trying to have interesting meetings, why not have a member who is an expert in dressmaking give a demonstration on

the subject of "how to make a dress" after the meeting? Each month, dressmakers could share ideas on easy ways to sew, on tricks they use to make sewing simple and then follow up with a style show!

Next month, "cutting the dress."

FRANCES SIETZ

WHAT'S DOING AMONG OUR JUNIOR CIRCLES

Corresponding with Sophie Stampfel, a delegate at the last Convention, I found out what her branch 12 in Milwaukee is doing for their juniors. The news was so great that it should be reported on our Junior Page.

A Junior PICNIC was held June 28th last summer, instead of a Christmas Party. Somehow, the holiday parties just did not get off the ground, maybe because it's such a cold and busy time of the year. Their picnic was such a great success that they want to repeat it again this year!

The picnic was for Juniors, but members were all invited too, and the older members enjoyed it as much as the children. They had games for the Juniors and Seniors. They charged 50 cents for the lunch which consisted of potatoe chips, grilled hot dogs, pickles and relishes and all the drinks they wished - also all the hot dogs they could eat along with cakes and cookies.

The enthusiasm they displayed made the senior members' hearts feel really warm. The kids were so great; there was not one cross world spoken between them. They enjoyed the picnic as much as the juniors; it made them feel young again!

To quote Sophie, I want to tell you how great our little people are, if we would just take the time to find out. I am proud to be a member of the S.W.U. and I will always try to instill the same pride in our members, especially the young ones. We must make our affairs so interesting and so much fun that they will want to join us.

Hope all our branches will follow up and use Br. 12's grand experience this coming summer, and report all their activities to the S.W.U. Youth Director, Anne Hodnik, 706 Summit St., Aurora, MN 55700.

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"FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART"

One Ringy-Dingy, Please!

I remember a time when my girl friend and I were in charge of the sound effects for a play.

One of the sounds we needed was that of a telephone ringing. No sweat. All we had to do was tape the ring of a phone with a tape recorder. So, that's what we set out to do.

We put a fresh cassette in my tape recorder and set the recorder up in the kitchen near the phone. No one was home except for my girl friend, my mother and myself, so we didn't have to worry about the tape recorder picking up unwanted noise. (Mom had promised that while we were taping she would knit. How much noise can you make knitting?) So everything was perfect, except for one small detail. The phone wasn't ringing.

Well, after a while my girl friend got an idea.

"I know. I'll call the operator and ask her to dial this number."

"Will the operator do that?" I asked.

"Sure, with a little white lie. I'll just tell her I think something is wrong with the telephone. I saw this done on an old Brady Bunch rerun, and it worked beautifully," my friend said.

"O.K., it sounds simple enough," I said. "What can go wrong?"

Well, boys and girls, it never fails. Whenever you're looking for efficiency you always get the employee who just turned in his two weeks resignation and really doesn't care what goes on because he's leaving in a few weeks. And when you'd appreciate a little less efficiency, you always get the person who's goal in life is to be employee of the year. That was the case here.

"Operator. Can I help you?"

"Yes, operator, would you please dial this number. We think

something is wrong with the phone."

"What seems to be the problem?" the operator asked?

"If you could just dial this number."

"But what seems to be the problem?" the operator asked.

"Umh, I don't think the phone is working right."

"It seems to be working o.k. now, or are you calling from a different phone?"

"I'm calling from the phone in question," my friend said looking to me for some help. "We can call out,

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but I don't think our incoming calls are coming in."

"Why do you say that?" the operator asked.

"Because the phone hasn't rung all afternoon."

"Perhaps no one has called you."

"Maybe, but we're expecting a phone call and I think they may have tried to call but couldn't get through."

"Oh, well if you give me your address I see if I can get someone out to your place to look at your phone," the operator said.

Panic came in my friend's voice.

"No! I don't think that's necessary. Please just dial* 123-4567," my friend said. "No use sending out a repair man when you don't have to."

After a few more minutes of talkin with the operator, my friend finally persuaded her to dial our number. We let the phone ring about three or four times before picking up the receiver.

"Did you get it?" my friend asked.

"Got it," I said.

"Thank you, operator. The phone seems to be working now," my friend said. She hung up the receiver, "That's the last time I tell a 'little white' lie."

'til next month
DAVY

* The number has been changed to protect the innocent. Me.

YOUR LAND AND MY LAND,

BY A 10 YEAR OLD BOY

I think that in this world everybody should be welcome, no matter what color they are, because this land is my land and this is your land. I think everyone should be friends. It doesn't matter what they wear, how they look outside; it's what they are inside. I think it is rude to call people bad names. To me it doesn't matter what religion they have. There are still people in this world that are rude and bad, and it sure hurts a little, but I have love and love always wins.

YOUTH DIRECTOR WRITES:

LEARN SLOVENIAN!

Much is being said in the news today about the lack in our education system of requiring the learning of a second language. In European countries they are being taught the English language and many of them are also studying a third language. I have heard many young married people express the desire to know the Slovenian language. I thought it might be of interest to our young readers to learn a few basic words for a start. Since this is the Year of the Family I will bring with the following:

Mother — mati

Father — oče

Sister — sestra

Brother — brat

Grandmother — stara mati

Grandfather — stari oče

Uncle — stric

Aunt — teta

male cousin — bratranec

female cousin — sestrična

parent — starši

niece — nečakinja

nephew — nečak

grandchild — vnuk

granddaughter — vnukinja

grandson — vnuk

The letters c, s and z with the markings (v) on top have a ch, sh or zh sound. Try to use these now when you talk to your family so that you will remember them. If there are some special words you would like to know about, write me and I WILL TRY TO HELP YOU.

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