



"LADY KNEADER" - *Lillian Brule*

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WHAT PLEASURES A WOMAN

by Joseph Mateyka

our member of Br. 50, submitted by Vera Sebenik

A woman's needs are not so big
I hope that you'll agree,
What pleases most is very small
As you will shortly see.

Could be pack of flower seeds
Or cloth for a new dress,
Some dime store earrings that you spied
Might bring her happiness.

Perhaps a ten cent birthday card
Might bring her happy days,
But what might please her best of all
Are just some words of praise.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY & JUNE

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June 29 - Elizabeth Spolar, Br. 56, Hibbing, MN
June 30 - Rosemary Susel, Br. 10, Cleveland, OH

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

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ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH HOMECOMING FAIR

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH PARK June 23, 24, 25, 1989

Specially honored: Golden and Silver Anniversary Classes!
Everyone is welcome for an enjoyable weekend of activities! Polka Mass at the Park on Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Games, Entertainment, food, refreshments!

Members of Br. 20 are very much involved in the Fair. Best wishes and much success!

(Submitted by Olga Ancel, Br. 20)

OGLESBY CELEBRATION DAYS

June 21-25, 1989 at Lehigh Park

Every year, the citizens of Oglesby celebrate their town! Again, we hear that they are planning a wonderful week of fun and festivity in which many of our members are taking part. There will be food, music (Frankie Yankovic, America's Polka King is one of the star attractions!) and many shows such as a road race, antique car show, cruise on the river between the Tri-Cities and on Sunday, their annual Rib Fest. Everyone is invited to Oglesby for this event! Congratulations!

(Submitted by Eunice Komater, Br. 89)

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National President's Message

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A Month for Women's Activities



Within two years our 21st National Convention of the Slovenian Women's Union of America will be held in Cleveland. We're midway between conventions which means we must consider a serious evaluation of our goals. May 1991 will be here sooner than we can ever imagine.

Although our membership is stable, we must concentrate on Junior membership to a much greater degree. Our National Secretary reports branches are accepting social members from the older generation rather than focusing on our younger people. This trend can signal an adverse effect if we continue this pattern. We especially appeal to our young mothers and young grandmothers to respond positively.

The sale of cookbooks covered our convention expenses for the past two conventions. However, cookbook sales have decreased; if we don't sell cookbooks we will have to seek an alternate means for convention delegate expenses. We have three options: 1) Cookbook sales whereby branches receive a certain percentage, 2) fund raisers in your own branch for part of the delegate expense, or 3) have the branch pay the entire bill (as we did years ago). Looking over the cookbook report, some of our branches have not sold a cookbook since 1986. We're sure if you tried, the cookbook would sell on its own merits as it is exceptional. Let's all work together on these issues presented.

May

This beautiful month dedicated to our Blessed Mother is also a special day for all of our mothers, both living and deceased. In these days amongst the hustle and bustle of working mothers, it is those precious moments of giving of yourself that really matters. Make an effort to spend some quality time with our mothers who are still with us.

Congratulations to all of our S.W.U. Mothers/Women of the Year who will be honored by their branch members during the month of May! Let us continue this honor by selecting one individual in each branch every year. The intent of this special honor is defeated if we honor the entire branch. This distinct recognition as Mother of the Year is a very touching and memorable experience by the honoree.

To our Confirmands, may the Holy Spirit guide you

and protect you in your Christian journey in faith. To our First Holy Communicants, may God continue to bless you on your special day and may you rejoice in the Lord always. And to our graduates, as you venture out into the world to pursue your goals in life, remember God is there beside you; He loves you and will help you along the rough and sometimes harsh realities which we must confront. May God Love You!

Victoria "Tory" Bobence, President

Happy Mothers Day to our venerable members over 100 years of age

Every branch in our S.W.U. can boast having wonderful elderly members who have been the mainstay of the organization. We thank them and ask God to bless them abundantly for their generosity and loyalty!

In ten of our branches, we have members who have reached the age of 100 years or more - to them our special congratulations!

A bouquet of love and remembrance to...

- Br. 2, Anna Ahacich, birthday, Oct. 29, 1887
- Br. 5, Anna Jurancic, birthday, Dec. 20, 1889
- Br. 10, Mary Komidar, birthday, Mar. 13, 1888
- Br. 13, Agnes Kamnik, birthday, Aug. 20, 1889
- Br. 38, Frances Setina, birthday, Nov. 6, 1888
- Br. 43, Angeline Pasler, birthday, May 27, 1888
- Br. 74, Mary Rosenberger, birthday, June 21, 1888
- Br. 96, Ana Podobnik, birthday, July 16, 1889
- Br. 99, Louise Gerdesich, birthday, Dec. 6, 1888
- Br. 105, Mary Marcic, birthday, Nov. 20, 1887

We know that cards and wishes will make them happy - and what an honor for these ten branches! We urge you to know our Centenarians and share with us their immigrant stories and experiences!

Tory's Bouquet Campaign

TORY'S BOUQUET CAMPAIGN closed April 1 and involved thirty-five branches and 106 workers. Of the 224 enrolled, there were 21 Class A including four Junior transfers, 147 Class Bs including 35 junior transfers and 56 Juniors. There were also twenty new socials.

Branch No. 20 of Joliet, IL provided the largest number of "blossoms" for the Bouquet with 53 members, followed by No. 105, Detroit, MI with 26. Among individual workers Jonita Ruth of Joliet, IL, No. 20 and Patricia Adamic of Detroit, MI, No. 105 each enrolled 13. Besides cash awards, they will be recipients of a fresh bouquet from Tory. Also from Detroit, MI, No. 105 is the second place winner and Kathleen Emerson has 10 new members.

Congratulations to the winners and sincere appreciation to all the other dedicated workers. A fond welcome to the new members!

April 1 launched a new campaign to be known as TORY'S GREENHOUSE. The campaign is aimed towards enrolling male or female junior members--children of all ages and young adults, who will become the important seeds of our Zvezka. Special prizes will come from the president's own greenhouse.

We look forward to your help in Tory's "Greenhouse!"

PHASE II REPORT

Branches	Total	Individuals	Total	Individuals	Total
No. 20, Joliet, IL	53	Jonita Ruth (20)	13	Irene Jagodnik (50)	2
No. 105, Detroit, MI	26	Patricia Adamic (105)	13	Victoria Doherty (105)	2
No. 23, Ely, MN	14	Kathleen Emerson (105)	10	Dorothy Brezonik (1)	1
No. 2, Chicago, IL	11	Frances Simonich (3)	8	Margaret Fischer (1)	1
No. 34, Soudan, MN	10	Cirila Kermavner (25)	8	Helen Fitzgerald (2)	1
No. 17, West Allis, WI	9	Olga Ancel (20)	7	Irene Kalina (2)	1
No. 3, Pueblo, CO	8	Theresa Papesh (20)	7	Corinne Leskovar (2)	1
No. 25, Cleveland, OH	8	Margaret Striner (71)	5	Helen Petrich (2)	1
No. 30, Home Office	8	Alouise Epley (73)	5	Mildred Powinski (2)	1
No. 39, Biwabik, MN	6	Jean Polynier (23)	4	Linda Lambright (6)	1
No. 42, Maple Heights, OH	5	Agnes Tekavtz (34)	4	Rose Troha (10)	1
No. 71, Strabane, PA	5	Marjorie Church (42)	4	Marie Gombach (10)	1
No. 73, Warrensville Heights, OH	5	Rose Kraemer (43)	4	Mary Dezman (12)	1
No. 100, Fontana, CA	5	Mary Roso (45)	4	Stavia Dobersek (12)	1
No. 16, South Chicago, IL	4	Anne Kapel (100)	4	Josephine Aiuto (13)	1
No. 33, Duluth, MN	4	Ann Ksiazek (16)	4	Katherine Lampe (13)	1
No. 35, Aurora, MN	4	Dorothy Cwudzinski (20)	3	Pierina Dus (14)	1
No. 43, Milwaukee, WI	4	Ardis Gregorash (20)	3	Donna Tomc (14)	1
No. 45, Portland, OR	4	Mildred Pucel (20)	3	Dolores Franko (16)	1
No. 50, Cleveland, OH	4	Joseph Sterle (20)	3	Anna Dries (17)	1
No. 47 Garfield Heights, OH	3	Rose Kerntz (23)	3	Ruth Gilkay (17)	1
No. 92, Gunnison, CO	3	Victoria Bobence (34)	3	Mary Marolt (17)	1
No. 1, Sheboygan, WI	2	Rita Bartelli (92)	3	Mary Murn (17)	1
No. 10, Cleveland, OH	2	Cynthia Conte (2)	3	Josephine Nimmer (17)	1
No. 12, Milwaukee, WI	2	Gloria Nusko (2)	2	Cecilia Nuteson (17)	1
No. 13, San Francisco, CA	2	Frances Schultz (2)	2	Joan Yaklich (17)	1
No. 14, Euclid, OH	2	Collette Imperl (17)	2	Dolores Ambrozich (20)	1
No. 24, LaSalle, IL	2	Mary Ivanich (20)	2	Marlene Ancel (20)	1
No. 95, South Chicago, IL	2	Agnes Lodewyck (20)	2	Mary Anzele (20)	1
No. 103, Washington, D.C.	2	Margaret Kerntz (23)	2	Marian Bowers (20)	1
No. 6, Barberton, OH	1	Rose Pucel (23)	2	Lillian Cepon (20)	1
No. 7, Forest City, PA	1	Helen Strukel (23)	2	Ann Dragovan (20)	1
No. 59, Burgettstown, PA	1	Adeline Mustonen (34)	2	Nancy Horwath (29)	1
No. 89, Oglesby, IL	1	Katherine Hanka (35)	2	Genevieve Klainsek (20)	1
No. 102, Willard, WI	1	Mary Culkar (47)	2	Dolores Krzysiak (20)	1

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ON THE COVER...

"Lady-Kneader" or "Baking in Slovenia", a painting by Lillian Brulc, was exhibited at the 3rd Annual Celebration of International Women's Day and Women in the Arts, in New Haven, Connecticut.

It was one of ninety-five art works chosen from over a thousand entries. The exhibit was hosted by Erector Square Gallery during March (5th - 25th) this year.

THOUGHTS ON THE "KNEADER OF THE BREAD"

by Lillian Brulc

I was delighted to present to an international audience a picture of bread-making as it is still practiced in many areas of Slovenia. Though generally considered a woman's ordinary task, I see it as a ritual of surprising beauty and celebration.

Some years ago, I had made quick sketches on a baking day on my aunt's farm in Štajerska. I was able to observe, step-by-step, the careful, vigorous movements in this little drama created by women absorbed in work which seemed second nature to them. Very early in the morning they donned aprons and shooed the cats out the door. A piece of "starter" dough which had been kept from a previous baking was brought out and would now serve to aid fermentation of the new dough. Mixing pans and shallow, round baskets, dishes of flour, buckets of water and jugs of milk were set on tables, benches and wooden chairs. Every available space in the small kitchen was being utilized to hold the ingredients and utensils for the morning's action.

Piled in a large basket near the oven lay the previously cut and selected firewood. Only beech (*bukev*) or other hardwood which had been seasoned for a year could be used for the fire. The oven itself, called a *peč*, a traditional Slovenian enclosed hearth, was in the very center of the house. Completely separate from the cooking stove, its heavy iron door opened on an inside wall of the kitchen, revealing a spacious, smooth, stone floor on which the bread was to be baked.

One woman distributed the hardwood generously over the surface of the oven floor, set it afire, and coaxed it from time to time with a long iron poker to keep it aflame. While the fire blazed in the closed oven, another woman, hair tied back with a white scarf, mixed and kneaded flour and water blended with other ingredients in a large, deep pan. Strong arms and hands, dusty with flour, moved swiftly and rhythmically, pounding, pressing, turning the sticky mixture, adding a bit of this, a bit of that, until it was ready to be shaped into small, round loaves and cradled in the straw baskets to rise. One could almost see the leavened loaves puffing out, slowly rising up above the basket rims. Even as the baskets were being filled, more dough was in preparation.

The bustle and activity continued in the kitchen for some time. Then, judging the right moment, one of the bakers opened the oven door and peered in, confirming that the flaming fire had burnt itself down to glowing, red coals. She reached in with her long poker and raked the coals evenly across the stone floor, stirring up bright sparks and quick, little, yellow flames, then closed the door again tightly. Now the coals began to penetrate their heat deeply into the stone, until, all their burning energy being spent, they crumbled and cooled into ashes. The oven floor was then swept out vigorously, cleaned of all residue from the

fire. It was now ready to receive the loaves for baking.

A long-handled, wooden, baker's peel, a kind of wide flat shovel, was placed carefully over the top of a fully-risen loaf; the basket and loaf were turned upside down, the basket removed, and the loaf slid deftly off the peel into the oven. One by one, the loaves were swallowed up in this fashion into the wide mouth of the *peč*. The metal door clanged as it was closed and the latch dropped firmly into place. Behind that door began the transformation of pasty-colored dough into hearty, brown, farmer's bread, a mystery hidden from our eyes except for an occasional glimpse through the peep-hole in the iron door.

All this while, heat had been radiating into the large living-room, or "house" as it is referred to, through the *peč*, which is built into it in a corner adjoining the kitchen. Covered with color-glazed, ceramic tiles, the *peč* serves the dual purpose of beauty and practicality. There are benches permanently fixed against it for resting in cozy comfort on cold or damp days. Sometimes the children even sleep atop the oven in the wintertime.

One could also have climbed the narrow wooden stairs behind the kitchen leading to the attic, there to discover, built into the chimney, a little smokehouse which captures smoke from the oven below for curing and flavoring sausage and hams hanging inside it. The baking was accomplishing still another purpose!

During the time of baking, the kitchen had filled with a tantalizing aroma; and the smell of fresh-baked bread drifted through the whole house when the thick-crust, brown loaves emerged through the gaping oven door. Once cooled, the treasured loaves, rich in texture and potential nourishment, were shared with neighbors who had stopped by or had come to help. Large slices were also cut from one loaf and handed around, much to the delight of the children who had been playing and waiting outdoors.

(This called to mind another incident at a different farm where I had seen a wide-eyed young boy being given a large slice of brown bread to tuck into his school bag; he smiled broadly and ran off, happily skipping barefoot over a dusty path, humming a little tune, on this way to school.)

I have often related this story of bread-baking when lecturing on Liturgy and Art; my listeners, including liturgy professors, and their students, were quick to see the eucharistic and other liturgical symbolism contained not only in the bread but also in the making of it. Though always new, it yet keeps continuity with the past (the "starter"); gifts of nature - wheat, wood, fire, etc. - having been worked by intelligent, loving hands, become nourishment for human life; and the by-products - smoke, heat, aroma - serve to enrich life.

There is indeed a spiritual dimension inherent in

We welcome all donations to the Heritage Fund as the money received from these donations enables the Committee to continue the heritage work for coming years.

Many thanks to all donors for the year 1988. If you contributed to the fund during the past year, please check the list to see if your name is on the list.

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One hundred dollar donations are accepted for the Memorial Plaque and entitle the donor to have his/her name attached to a nameplate on the plaque. This walnut plaque is displayed in the museum for all visitors to see.

You may also wish to remember your friends and relatives with donations of a lesser amount for birthdays, anniversaries, graduation or in case of a death. Contact either your branch secretary for the blue cards or write to the Heritage Director.

We also welcome any gift left through an estate. This type of donation is especially significant if the deceased was an immigrant or believes in the work of the heritage committee and wishes to make a significant donation which can be used for a display case, exhibit or one of the rooms set aside for a specific display. Three rooms under consideration are the Baraga Room, the Library and the Video Room.

Whether or not you are a member or a branch officer, help us carry on our work in the museum!

wholesome bread and its making. A friend in Ljubljana who is a linguist, once informed me that the Slovenian word for "god" (bog) has its etymological origin in a phrase meaning "the keeper of the bread". Researching this in English, I found that our word "lord" has the same type of origin; upon further investigation I discovered that the word "lady" derives from "the kneader of the bread"! - Hence the title of my painting.

Though we Slovenians are of small number in the scale of ethnic populations of the world, we surely can feel pride in belonging to a people who have preserved the wonder and beauty of simple tasks in a rich cultural and spiritual context.

Bread made from a combination of wheat and rye flour or oats and buckwheat flour was the most popular type of bread.

This Bread recipe is from a 100 year old Slovenian Cook Book.

2 Pkg. Yeast

1-1/2 cup warm Water

1/2 cup Brown Sugar

1/3 cup Molasses

1 teaspoon Salt

1 teaspoon Anise Seeds

1 teaspoon Orange Peel

2 tablespoons Oil

2-1/2 cups Rye Flour

2-1/2 cups All Purpose Flour

Dissolve yeast. In large bowl mix all ingredients together.

Beat until it is well mixed, soft and smooth. Place in greased bowl, cover and let rise in warm place until double in size (1 hour). Punch down and divide in halves. Place loaves on greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until double in size. Bake for 1 hour at 375 degrees.

ACTIVITIES

NO. 2, CHICAGO, IL

We had a beautiful night for our meeting; there were over 90 members and guests in attendance for our St. Joseph Table. The hall was all decked out in red, white and green in honor of both St. Joseph and St. Patrick. Our decorating artists namely: Percy and Fran Morison and Ray and Matt Nusko did a great job. Everything was so unique, the place mats which Fran and Percy made gave the legend of the St. Joseph Table; Ann Mladic and Mary Muller made the scrolls which explained what each item meant that you carried to church to have blessed for your Easter breakfast. Each of the workers and officers received corsages from Chester M. Mistretta, owner of the Little Flower Shop. Joe Worth donated a beautiful center piece of mums and also gave Fran a pretty corsage for her birthday. Jo Lukas made the pretty favors; you received one of either St. Joseph or St. Patrick. After Father Vendelin gave the blessing of the food, "Bon Appetit and Živijo" - everyone was really surprised. The kitchen doors opened up and the food started coming out. It was unbelievable, tons of food (almost)! All kinds! Delicious aroma, mouth watering. Thanks to Ann Mladic and her committee, the St. Joseph Table was over flowing with all kinds of good home-made goodies. The sweet table, too, was loaded with many cakes, cookies, brownies, jello molds, fresh fruit - it was like a "King's Banquet". We could have stayed there a week and still had left-over food. Everyone tried to sample a little of everything. It surely was a nice evening and great to see everyone having a nice time. Catie and her crew made the rounds with hot coffee and tea. As we tried to relax we had a short business meeting.

No officers' reports this month.

Picnic: Booklets will be sent to each out-of-town member, others will be given at the meeting. Remember! Reserve the date for the picnic and if you can give a hand, please call one of the officers. Date is: July 16, in Lemont.

Woman of the Year: We will be honoring Catie Sbarneck at our May

BRANCH 6 MEMBERS NOTE!

Secretary, Linda Lambright, requests members of Br. 6, Barberton, Ohio to pay their dues at her home: 278 Hopocan, Barberton, 22403, tel. 753-5877.

Please help her in the orderly conduct of business! It is very much appreciated!

11 meeting. Please try to attend. MASS at 7:00 p.m. before the meeting. Chairperson: Jeanie Zeleznikar.

Heritage Museum - Joliet. Mary Foys Lauretig (our talented artist) will be showing her doll display at the Museum. I hope that many of you were able to enjoy her talents.

Cheer Basket: Thanks to those members who brought canned goods for the Easter baskets. Please try to remember to bring at least one item to the next meeting.

Baraga: Don't forget the date of May 27 & 28 for the Bishop Baraga Apostolic Foundation Symposium. Mass 5:30 p.m., Lemont, Illinois.

Ann Mladic wishes to thank all her committee for their help, to everyone that attended and brought all that delicious food for the St. Joseph table.

Congratulations to Miriam Leskovar Burkland, she was made a partner with the law firm of Defrees & Fiske in Chicago's loop. Mimi, there are a lot of people who are really proud of you!

On March 18, our Slovenian Class attended the performance by the Duquesne U. Tamburitzans and it was just spectacular. We really enjoyed it. If you have never seen them perform, please try the next time they are in town, you will be pleased and well entertained.

Corinne Leskovar will be having a new address. We wish her lots of luck with her new move. We will miss her around the neighborhood after all these years.

Ann Bunetta is very proud of her granddaughter, Melanie Bunetta. She is a dog groomer, entered a big dog show in Ohio and came away with two (2) first place awards!

Baraga Association had their annual dinner to a full hall, and why not? The

food was cooked by expert Slovenian chefs.

Also the Koline dinner was a big success. Everyone enjoyed the fresh pork and klobase. We are so lucky to have such great Slovenian cooks who will donate their time. Thank you, all.

Our condolences to the Zefran family on the loss of Uncle John Zefran and also to Catie Sbarneck on the loss of her sister-in-law, Emily Basic, and to Father Thad who lost a cousin in Pennsylvania.

To the Zumer family; Frances (Rupar) Zumer passed away in N.C. after a long illness. Please remember them in your prayers that they may rest in peace. *Molite za vse naše drage pokojne.*

Please pray for our sick members: Jennie Puhek, Judy Ovnik, Gizella Hozian, Frances Jasbec, Stella Longosz and in your prayers please say a very special prayer for Father Thad, that God will grant him the health to become stronger and able to return to us from the hospital very soon.

Members of Our Lady's Guild will honor the daddy's of our parish with a Father/Sons Breakfast on Fathers Day, June 18.

Congratulations to Sister Cindy and her 8th graders. It's graduation time! Good Luck with your future studies after you leave St. Stephen's.

More dates to remember: **June 8:** S.W.U. meeting 7:00 p.m.; Mass for the Sick Members: 8:00 a.m.

June 24: Baraga Mass - Lemont - 5:30 p.m.

The Lord blessed us with such a beautiful Easter: Vesele velikonočne praznike! It was a good time for families to be together, to love and enjoy. Let's hope this feeling carries through the rest of the year.

Love to you all.

DAISY

NO. 3, PUEBLO, CO

Easter will have come and gone by the time this is printed. Hope everyone had a Happy Easter.

I am really proud to report that we had twenty-three members present at our meeting in March. Pres. Anne Spelich opened the meeting with prayers and then minutes and reports were read and approved.

A new member was welcomed to our branch. She is Kristy Marie Skrabec, grand-daughter of Julia Skrabec recently deceased.

The Anna Pachek family thanked our lodge for the mass given for her.

We would also like to thank members who have made donations to our treasury. This helps considerably toward expenses.

Refreshments were served and after the meeting was adjourned we played "B."

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We had a very good attendance at our April meeting. Anne Spelich, Pres. opened the meeting with prayers. Reports were given and approved.

Once again we want to thank members who do not attend meetings for money donations.

We are pleased to have Josephine Giarratano as a member. Welcome to our branch.

Mary Perse, who was in the hospital recently, is now at home.

A tribute and prayer were said for Rafaela Francel, 100 years old and a long-time member, who passed away March 13. We extend our sympathy to her family. A mass was given for her by our branch and a thank you was received from her family.

Mary F. Yanks was chosen Member of the Year. She is very deserving of this honor. Congratulations, Mary!

Plans were formulated for our Mothers Day party, which will be a covered dish dinner.

After the meeting adjourned, "B" was enjoyed by all.

PAULINE PAUCHICK

NO. 10, CLEVELAND, OH

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Marie Gombach on March 15th and prayers were said for our sick and deceased members. Minutes were read and approved. Financial report was given by Rosemary Susel and correspondence was read. We thank the members who give so generously when sending in their dues. 18 members were present.

Our member, Mary Polajar is being honored as Woman of the Year of the Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave. Congratulations from all the members. A dinner was held on March 19th at the St. Clair SND for all honorees from the Slovenian Homes of Cleveland. Mary was also the guest of honor at the Holmes SND on April 22nd.

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Josephine Lustik (20)	1
Marie Malnerick (20)	1
Helen Minnick (20)	1
Anne Sternisha (20)	1
Ann Saari (23)	1
Theresa Gende (24)	1
Betty Stack (24)	1
Virginia Mikrut (33)	1
Harriet Ostazeski (33)	1
Emily Skull (33)	1
Althea Twerberg (33)	1
Theresa Berg (34)	1
Barbara Kalar (35)	1
Suzanne Williams (35)	1
Mary Berknes (39)	1
Rose Ribich (39)	1
Frances Shenk (39)	1
Frances Siskar (39)	1
Rose Talus (39)	1
Josie Udovich (39)	1
Marge Zupancic (42)	1
Julie Mezgec (47)	1
James Braidic (50)	1
Marie Mihelic (50)	1
Rosemary Orenchuk (59)	1
Josephine Argubright (89)	1
Lucy Kopilash (95)	1
Emma Yergovich (95)	1
Rosemary Mlaker (100)	1
Mary Staut (102)	1
Nika Kovacic (103)	1
Irene Odorizzi (103)	1

We were planning to make this a great celebration for Mary to show her our appreciation.

On the sick list we have Jennie Batich who had surgery. Also, Mary Kokal, our Mother of the Year for 1988. Our deepest sympathy to the family of Anna Tomsic and to the family of Stefie Koncilija. Please notify our secretary immediately when a member passes away. We would like to pay our respects.

A special meeting was held in February to gather material for the book that will be published in the future regarding the organizing of the branches. We thank Ann Kristoff for information she had given on the early history of Br. 10. If you have any pictures or mementos, please bring them to the meeting. We thank Faye Moro for her report.

Our Mother of the Year, Rose Miklich will be honored on May 17th. A short business meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on the first floor of the Slov. Home on Holmes with dinner following. The cook will be Marie Dular. Reservations must be made before May 10th. Friends, members, relatives, guests, will be welcome. Plan

New Membership Campaign! Phase III

At the half-way point between National Conventions, we bring Phase III of the Membership Campaign dedicated to our President, Victoria "Tory" Bobence's love for flowers!

TORY'S GREENHOUSE is the name of our third phase and has already begun, April 1st. Your help and spirit will make it a complete success!

Helen Grasser (105)	1
Home Office (30)	1

Ten of the fourteen states participated

Illinois	76
Minnesota	39
Ohio	31
Michigan	26
Wisconsin	18
Colorado	11
Pennsylvania	8
California	7
Oregon	4
Washington, DC	2
Misc.	2

to attend. At this time we will also honor our 50 year members. Keep this date in mind.

Joyce LeNassi and Faye Moro again visited our members who are in residence at the Slovenian Home for the Aged on Neff Rd. Our members are happy to see them and to know that they are remembered. They brought them goodies for Easter and each member received a small stuffed bunny. Thank you both for visiting the following: Mary Komidar, Josephine Sustarsic, Jennie Fonda, Veronica Vulich, Antonia Novak, Mary Penko, Frances Stegu.

Our branch will again hold a bake sale in August when the Collinwood Slov. Home has their Homecoming. Keep the date in mind. After prayers were said, we had a prize game.

We thank Faye and Joyce for bringing the torte - it was their birthday in March; also, to Vicki Pianeki for the strudels she brought and all the other ladies who brought baked goods.

We also will have a meeting on June 21st, so please try to attend.

Good health, and I hope everyone had a happy Easter.

ANN STEFANCIC

Hermine Dicke:

MORE REPLIES from SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

In recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Slovenian Women's Union Scholarship Program, we are pleased to present more impressive reports from our successful and competent scholarship winners. These three members were winners in 1979: Mary Jo Grabner of Br. No. 1, Sheboygan, WI; Ann Marie Zak Klodor of Br. No. 50, Cleveland, OH and Joyce Zabukovec of Br. No. 14, Willowick, OH.

Mary Jo Grabner: "The scholarship from S.W.U. and several other scholarships enabled me to enroll at St. Norbert College. I graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree as a chemistry major in 1983. While at St. Norbert I was active in various activities, including being an Outreach Volunteer program director, a columnist for the SNC Times newspaper and a member of the Social Justice Committee. I was inducted into Delta Epsilon Sigma, the scholastic society for Catholic Colleges, and also into Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. I also received the 1983 Chemist of the year award from the local American Chemical Society chapter.

Since then I have been doing graduate research at Utah State University where I will receive PhD in physical chemistry this spring. My research involves studying the photochemistry of riboflavin, vitamin B2. At Utah State I received the Maeser-Bauer Graduate Assistant Teaching Award twice. I have been president of the Graduate Student Association for the chemistry department and have been a member of the St. Thomas Aquinas parish council in Logan, Utah.

Education has been a major part of my life. I feel very lucky to have had the emotional support of my family and friends as well as the financial support of groups like the Slovenian Women's Union.

My ties to the Slovenian Women's Union can be traced to the beginning. My grandmother and two of my great-aunts were charter members and our founder, Marie Prislant, was a dear friend of mine when I was a child. Therefore I am proud to be associated with a group that encourages the education of their young members.

I congratulate you on this anniversary of the Slovenian Women's Union scholarship. I hope it will keep going strongly as it continues to open the minds and hearts of its recipients."

Ann Marie (Zak) Klodor: Ann Marie was President of National Honor Society at Euclid High School, and graduated fourth in a class of 735 students. She also had several award-winning projects in the Northeastern Ohio Science Fair in 1976 and 1978.

Ann Marie attended Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland and majored in Metallurgy and Materials Science. She was elected President of the Student Chapter of the American Society for Metals (1981-83), and a staff reporter for the Case Western Reserve University newspaper, 'The Observer'. Ann Marie received a full tuition scholarship to Case in her junior and senior years based on grade point average, extra-curricular activities, and undergraduate thesis. She was awarded the HK 'Doc' Donaldson Award for Outstanding Junior Year Student in Metallurgy. Upon graduation with honors from Case, Ann Marie accepted a position with TRW, Valve Division in Cleveland as a metallurgical engineer.

While employed with TRW, her job responsibilities included materials and corrosion research, and failure analyses. Ann Marie co-authored a trade paper in 1984 entitled 'High Temperature Corrosion of Exhaust Valve Alloys,' and presented the paper in Detroit at the American Institute of Metallurgical Engineers convention.

Ann Marie left TRW in 1986 to accept her current position as a senior metallurgical engineer with the Cleveland Pneumatic Co., manufacturer of commercial and military landing gear systems. Her job responsibilities now include forging and finished parts quality control as well as laboratory work.

On October 1, 1983, Ann Marie married Paul J. Klodor, Jr. The couple currently reside in Euclid. They recently welcomed the birth of their first child, Matthew Paul, on August 5, 1988.

Joyce Zabukovec: "Thank you for inquiring about my endeavors. I attended Bowling Green State University where I obtained a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology. I then had a year of internship at Cleveland Clinic for Medical Technology. After completing my internship I took and passed my certification boards which makes me a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists as a Medical Technologist. I am now working in the Microbiology laboratory of Hillcrest Hospital.

I will be marrying Eric Edelman in April, 1989, and we will live in Euclid, OH on Kapel Dr.

I appreciate SWU for helping me achieve my advanced education and the opportunity to attain my goals.



NO. 12, MILWAUKEE, WI

Our meeting started out with prayer led by Mary Kiel who was replacing Stavia. A trip to the Fireside with at least eight of our other members kept Stavia away. Mary Evanich had to skip the trip because she fell and broke her arm but she did attend our meeting!

Chris Boyance and I were the only officers there, but we did have good, loyal members who did pitch in. Meeting and lunch went on as usual with Phyllis, Mary Kiel, Ag Morrow and Evelyn helping out with the lunch; salads, cakes, potica and cheese cake were donated. Mary Kiel made each of us a nice little basket backed by a little bunny with candy. She surely makes use of her talents for our benefit. Thanks, Mary!

Door prizes were also given out as well as other donations.

All reports were given and accepted. Mary Kiel reported on a charter bus for the convention at Willard on Sept. 10th. More on that next month. Those who plan on going will have to let her know by June as it's too hard to get a bus later.

A reminder of the picnic in June was also made.

We ended with prayer and more prayers for the soul of Mary Natlacen who passed away. Our sympathy goes out to her son, Oscar, and his wife.

Happy birthday was sung for Cathy before we had our very good lunch.

Nursing home visits were made to our members for Easter. Hope you all had a joyous Easter holiday and stay healthy!

M.D.

NO. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

We had our usual Buffet Luncheon at the March meeting. There were about 40 people present. About 10 of the regulars didn't show up due to illness and the heavy rains, but it still was a very successful and lovely day. Food was wonderful and there was plenty of it. Agnes Leach was thrilled to win the hand-crocheted afghan, made by this reporter.

I am very sorry to report that our Slovenian reporter, Poldica Podgornik has been very ill. She is now in Hill-haven Convalescent Hospital and I know would love a card or note from you. Anyone who reads ZARJA

knows the wonderful job she has done for so many years. This is truly a very special, lovely lady and we all send love and prayers.

We are all looking forward to the Mother's Day Brunch on May 7th at the Greenhouse Restaurant. Contact Jo Aiuto for reservations. Our Special Mother this year is Sophie Troya. Congratulations!

May I wish all of you a beautiful and blessed Mother's Day.

BEVERLY JACKSON

NO. 16, CHICAGO, IL

There were 16 ladies in attendance at our February meeting due to bitter cold weather and vacations. The ladies attending enjoyed homemade strudel made by Mary Brozovich. Mary was also voted Mother-of-the-Year. Because Mary will be at her grandchild's First Communion celebration in Maryland she was unable to accept. She will be our honoree in 1990. Helen Milanovich although second choice for Mother-of-the-Year is no second choice person. Her activities both at home and for our SWU are plentiful. She takes care of her sister Zora Yurkas and her goodies are the best.

Branch 16's books were audited by Marge and Sylvia Spretnjak on February 4th.

Our March meeting was opened with a prayer by President Marge Prebil. A memorial and silence were held in the memory of members Emma Kralj and Jennie Glusac. Jennie would have been a 50-year member this year. She passed away February 4th. Our sympathies to daughter Mary Ann Dandurand and family members. Also sympathies to Marge and Sylvia Spretnjak in the death of their dear sister-in-law Helen on February 7th and Alverann Mikolczak in the death of her daughter Terry Ann Pionke. May God grant them all eternal rest.

Phyllis Perko read minutes which were approved and accepted. She also brought back many memories and chuckles when she read the minutes of February 1969 which was on the same date twenty years ago.

Phyllis Webley will be our guest speaker in April.

We are looking forward to visiting Branch 95 on April 5th. We know we will have a good time and we thank all the members for inviting us.

A vote was taken and passed to donate \$50.00 to St. George Church for

Easter. The church and choir were beautiful as was the inspiring Easter service.

Baraga Days will be September 1 and 2, 1990. Chicago will be the hosts. Please try and plan to attend. St. Stephen's Parish was hosting a Baraga meeting on March 12th to get the ball rolling. We shall hear further on this celebration.

Meeting was closed with a prayer.

The Holy Thursday mass at St. George Church was said for Fr. Raphael Seseck's sister Milka requested by SWU Branch 16.

Mary Therese Ehnat has been appointed Project Director of the East Side Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations to Fannie and Rudy Konar on their 56th wedding Anniversary. We wish you many more.

Birthday celebrants Mary Puterko, Julie Vrlich, Martina Saindon and Helen Milanovich furnished the goodies.

Marge Prebil had a Happy Easter with her family all together. When I spoke to her she was expecting nine for dinner.

Mother-of-the-Year Dinner will be promptly at 6:30 p.m. on May 11th. We will meet in the church hall. Dinner will be catered by a new group and we know you will all enjoy it. The fee is \$6.00. Get your reservations in.

We'll not have another ZARJA until July and Summer will be well along by then so be sure to enjoy and be careful. Read the inside cover for Dates to Remember. See you at the Mother's celebration.

FRAN B. ZUPANCIC

NO. 17, WEST ALLIS, WI

Spring is here! It's what we've been waiting for the long winter months, the most wonderful time of the year as we welcome the beautiful month of May and we honor our mothers. They deserve the love and gratitude of all. This brings a reminder. We will honor our Mother of the Year, our secretary, Joan Yaklich, on Wed. May 17th at a 12:30 luncheon at Kegel's Inn on 59th and National in West Allis. Please notify president, Marion Marolt at 327-3871 or our secretary herself at 281-8983 of your intention to be there so reservations can be made for everyone. Let's make this a grand and memorable day for Joan, one she will long remember.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS OF OUR BRANCHES

Monday, May 1

Br. 23, Ely, MN
Banquet, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3

Br. 33, Duluth, MN

Friday, May 5

Br. 100, Fontana, CA

Sunday, May 7

Br. 13, San Francisco, CA
Greenhouse Restaurant, call Jo Aiuto for reservations

Br. 19, Eveleth, MN

Br. 38, Chisholm, MN
Brunch after 7:30 a.m. Mass

Br. 92, Gunnison, CO
Banquet at Josef's, 1 p.m.

Monday, May 8

Br. 89, Oglesby, IL

Tuesday, May 9

Br. 42, Maple Hgts., OH

Br. 57, Niles, OH
Applewood Gardens, 1 p.m. Call Ann Pease for reservations

Wednesday, May 10

Br. 40, Lorain, OH
Campbell's Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m. Call Agnes 245-3919 for reservations

Thursday, May 11

Br. 2, Chicago, IL
Mass at St. Stephen's Church 7 p.m. followed by meeting and party

Br. 71, Strabane, PA

St. Jerome's Hall

Tuesday, May 16

Br. 20, Joliet, IL
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17

Br. 10, Cleveland, OH
Short business meeting 1 p.m. followed by dinner.
Reservations by May 10

Br. 17, West Allis, WI

Kegel's Inn, 12:30 p.m., call secretary Joan 281-8983 or president Marion, 327-3871

Br. 32, Euclid, OH

Br. 43, Milwaukee, WI

Country Garden Restaurant, 12:30 p.m., call 481-7357 for reservations

Br. 54, Warren, OH

Luncheon at Elks, Rt. 422

Saturday, May 20

Br. 103, Detroit, MN
Banquet at Jovan's Steak House, 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 21

Br. 35, Aurora, MN
Holy Rosary Church Hall

Br. 47, Garfield Hts., OH
Squire's Restaurant, Solon, OH, 1 p.m.

Br. 55, Girard, OH

Peppino's Restaurant, 1:30 p.m. Call Mary Selak, 545-3569 or Rosemary Gordon, 545-2156 by May 14th for reservations

Br. 79, Enumclaw, WA

Tuesday, May 23

Br. 50, Cleveland, OH

Wednesday, June 14

Br. 95, So. Chicago, IL
Luncheon

Members please note - there will be no meetings in June, July and August, a time for a bit of vacation. We will resume our regular schedule on Sunday, Sept. 17th at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Baraga Hall. Anyone planning to go to the Wisconsin State Convention in Willard on Sept. 10th should please notify our president or our secretary so necessary arrangements can be made. Mary Kiel of Br. 12 is in charge of a bus from Milwaukee to Willard.

An after-thought - how about our lovely poetry book, **Flowers from My Gardens** or ever-popular cookbook, **Pots and Pans**, for Mother's Day giving or that special someone - a shower or wedding gift, perhaps?

Members, please try to keep your dues paid up to date.

Have a safe and enjoyable spring and summer. Have fun and enjoy!

FRAN PIWONI

NO. 20, JOLIET, IL

" 'Tis the month of our Mother, the blessed and beautiful days." This hymn comes to mind every May and how appropriate to have Mothers' Day and Woman of the Year honorees during the month. Happy Mothers Day to all mothers and congratulations to each branch's Woman of the Year.

We have members who have been on vacations in different parts of the world; Lorraine Hrubos and her husband went to Florida, Margaret Rems went to Argentina to visit her brother and Kathy Harvey and her husband went to Paris. What comes to your mind when you think of each of these

places? Florida; SUNSHINE, oranges, lemons, grapefruit and of course, Disneyworld, Argentina; "Evita" and Paris; "ooh-la-la." Hope you had fun!

Congratulations to Junior members Jenny Grisham, Jill DeJule and Pam Lodowyck. Jenny and Jill made the JV POMS at St. Francis Academy and Pam made the SFA Varsity POMS. Jenny and Jill were also 8th grade cheerleaders at St. Joseph's grade school, under the coaching of Linda Grisham and Dodie Regis. Ardis Gregorash, our financial secretary, was chairman of the recent grade school basketball tournament.

We have several members to whom we extend our sympathy on the death of family members. To Mary Anzelc and Jen Prijatelj, Dolores Plut, Helen

FOND MEMORIES OF BR. 21!

NO. 21, CLEVELAND, OH

Plut, on the death of their brother and brother-in-law, Stanley Plut; to Mary Ann Boyle and Joseph Sterle, on the death of their mother, Anna Sterle; to Dorothy Seblaj and Olga Sebalj, on the death of their husband and brother, Joseph Sebalj; and to Mayme Fedo and Dorothy Koncar, on the death of their husband and father, Frank, "Franz" Fedo. Franz operated the Raynor Tavern for many years and was well known for his beef sandwiches. He and Mayme were staunch workers for our branch in many ways. For all our Heritage Day celebrations and '9 Grape Festival Dances you enjoyed his famous beef sandwiches. The time of grief is a time of love, a time of faith and a time of hope.

Congratulations and much happiness to Paul & Doris Govednik who were married March 4. Paul is the son of Bill and Diane Govednik.

Belated birthday greetings to Emma Planinsek who celebrated her 90th birthday on April 2. She was president of Branch 20 for 40 years before retiring in 1982.

A broken shoulder put Barbara Lausch on our get well list. Hope you are mending well.

At our March meeting, we honored all Josephines present. We had 10, namely; Theresa Josephine Papesh, Josephine Tezak, Josephine Lustik, Josephine Mlakar, Jonita Ruth, Josephine Goran, Josephine Muster, Josephine Karl, Marian Josephine Jakovich and Marie Josephine Malnarick. It was an enjoyable evening; the hostesses prepared beautiful desserts and the "surprise, sur-prize" sent everyone home with a little token of "spring cleaning."

Our Woman of the Year celebration will take place on May 16, at 6:30 p.m. At this time, Diane Govednik will be honored; she has been involved with Branch 20 for many years and she and husband still have always been available for any and all of our undertakings. We, along with her family, will gather for a buffet dinner, prayer service in honor of Our Lady of Brezje, and a program. Join us.

Sunday, June 11, is Branch 20's birthday--our 61st! We will have a mass offered for living and deceased members on that day at 8:30 a.m., at St. Joseph's Church, Joliet. Hope to see you there.

Enjoy the beautiful month of May.

"This is the day which the Lord had made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

HELEN PLUT

Our slate of officers deserve hearty applause and appreciation for their fortitude in spite of the many odds to continue as a unit. President Rose Kosko, V. Pres. Bea Zak, Fin. Sec. Stella Dancull and Rec. Sec. Pauline Stepic have been at the helm of this branch for many years dedicating their time and service until some change had to come about. Stella maintained the funds and collections honorably for thirty-five of her 83 years. That is selfless service. She enjoyed her duty until her strength and energy waned.

Now is the time to express our gratitude to our mothers who chartered this Branch in 1928. Presently no one person recalls how and when or who was approached by Mrs. Priland in the year(s) before. As I would think perhaps the eastern branches (No. 14) for instance) may have been formed a year or two earlier; whereby the connection was made through Mrs. Brodnik who was so influential and active those days. There will never again be another Cecelia Brodnik (Her granddaughter, Marge Harris is on the level of her grandmother in her active pursuits) or Mary Hosta, Anna Pelcic, Josephine Weiss, long term officers of sincere club ethics, loyal, generous of heart and having true grit.

The era was most remarkable in that families were young and needed their mothers 24 hours a day. Conveniences were minimal and money was scarce for pleasure. Out of the goodness of

their beings these pioneer members donated noodles, bread, pastries, canned goods, etc. for games after meetings. Celebrations of MOTHER OF THE YEAR events, gifts to share as winners. It was all genuine camaraderie and the way they would take a break in the days of housekeeping and mothering. Anniversaries were celebrated festively when all surrounding member units were represented and the spouses could witness the results of 25 or more years of work.

These women had proven their worth - upholding culture, standing by their members through illness and family tragedies. These were women of intellect and talent to become involved in the church guilds, political parties, lodges, drama, chorus and even employment, as Mrs. Weiss and Anna Pelcic did.

We don't understand why more members won't take the opportunity and that is what it can be, to accept the challenge of an office. It is an adventure to learn some organizational skills; to overcome one's image of inadequacy. I recall that "Ančka" Pelcic was urged to take the role as 'tajnica' and encouraged and managed to do it very well. She became strengthened and respected as she was growing in the experience. All these women had was readin' 'n writin' in Slovenian, nevertheless it was enough and they accomplished their duty. They progressed as delegates to their conventions where they spoke for the good of the branch.

To Rose, Stella, Bea, and Pauline and all the faithful members, we ex-

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FOUNDERS OF BR. 21, CLEVELAND (West Park), OH

We fondly call to mind the Founder Members of Br. 21 who gave their energy and spirit to the branch in its first years. On this 1941 photo are, seated, (l. to r.) Amalia Škoda, Nežika Tisovec, Mary Hosta, Sophia Tisovec and Cecilia Brodnik; standing, Ella Prisel, Frances Koželj, Agnes Zakrajšek. Theresa Zupančič, Lucia Tomažič, Lillian Lunder.

tend our gratitude for their faithful hours of meeting when only a few ladies cooperated. This is the time for us to continue in the progress of our Slovenian Women by transferring dues payment and attend meetings at the following branches of choice.

This year 1989 is paid up for all.

No. 14—Euclid, Ohio—Sec.-Treas. Donna Tomc, 2100 Apple Drive, Euclid, OH 33143, Ph. 216-481-9374 — Meet 1st Tues. Slov. Society Home 20713 Recher Ave. 7:30 p.m.

No. 25 — Cleveland, Ohio — Sec.-Treas. Cirila Kermavner, 6610 Bliss Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103, Ph. 216-881-4798 — Meet 2nd Tues. Social Room St. Vitus Auditorium.

No. 47—Garfield Heights, O. Mary Taucher, 15604 Shirley Ave., Maple Hts, OH 44137, Ph. 216-663-6957, Meet Mar. May, Sept., Dec. at Slov. Nat'l Home, Stanley Ave.

Home Office, 431 N. Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432, Ph. 815-727-1926.

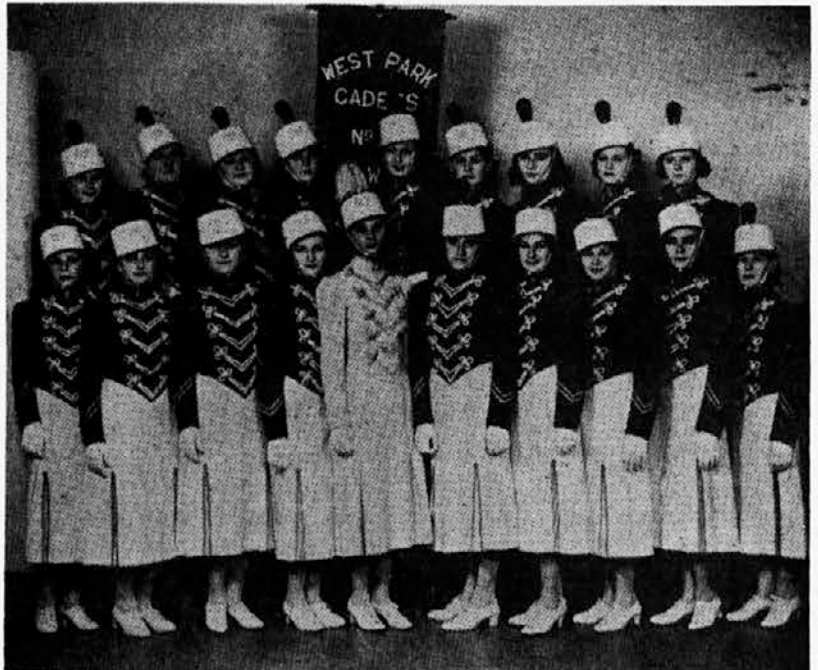
Kindly remember the homebound for incapacities and or illness. Mary Stevens is always happy to hear from her friends as she is celebrating her birthday this month. Ella Prisel is usually in her lovely apartment quietly anticipating her phone to ring and Pauline Stepic is confined to her home as her heart is misbehaving again and she certainly has many friends who will give her a call or a surprise cheery note. So, ladies, if possible, do your good deed for one of our sisters today and keep them in your heart. God will love you for it.

I'm happy to be on my feet again after the fall. Recuperating was surprisingly fast. Two months of walker/crutch and dedicated therapy daily and your prayers and cards was the best of all therapy. Naturally my faith in the Blessed Mother helped. Pray for the deceased of our membership. God be with you always.

HELEN KOZELY KONKOY



BEAUTIFUL SLOVENIAN NATIONAL COSTUMES were worn by Br. 21 representatives at the 1935 Baraga Days in Cleveland when the Baraga monument was unveiled. This occasion was one of the biggest cultural displays of all Cleveland's history.



WEST PARK CADETS of Br. 21 in 1939 had these spiffy uniforms. (Anyone remember the color of the jackets?) Helen Kozely was the captain and now is writing their farewell report in this issue.

The Cadets on this photo are, (l. to r.), first row: Frances Komocar, Marge Janco, Mary Stevens, Rose Kozuh, Helen Kozely, Capt., Christine Sustersic, Dorothy Sinkevich, Mary Pozelnik, Katherine Chorich and Anne Hosta.

Back row: Frances Kauc, Olga Sustersic, Josephine Intihar, Agnes Fliss, Josephine Zalar, Alice Weiss, Mary Chorich, Agnes Golick and Louise Felician.

Meeting was held on March 6th. Anne Saari, president, opened the meeting with a prayer. Chris Cadari, secretary read the minutes. Helen Strukel, treasurer was absent. A memorial mass would be held for deceased members in April or May. Discussed the banquet in May. Mary Grahek read a poem, "Friends are for caring."

Letters from Ironworld were read about participating in Ethnic Days. Letter about graduation party was read, asking for a donation. Trying a new thing. A party right after ceremony and they'd have to stay at it. Angie Godec made a motion to donate \$25.

On the sick list is Jennie Zupc. Margaret Kerntz in St. Paul to receive treatment. Lunch committee were Fanny Strukel, Marge Maki, Mary Skufca, Julia Heglars and Ann Skradski. Kringles serve with coffee. Chris Cadari won door prize and we played "B". 34 were present.

March 13, Dawn Club

Molly Grahek was acting president. Ang. Mobilia pres., was absent. Dorothy Papesh, secretary, read the minutes. Tina Boomer and Emma Pucel audited books and they were all accepted and in good order. 32 were present. There was no new business. Ann Saari said the cookbooks were available.

Lunch committee, K. Merhar, K. Garni, Jennie Zaverl, M. Folio, Gen Erchul. Helen Strukel on the sick list. Fran Pengal won door prize. Coffee and donuts were served and "B" played.

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President Ann Saari opened meeting with a prayer for deceased member, Jeanette Vidmar. Ladies had gone to services at mortuary before the meeting. She had passed away April 1. Mary Smuk gave a nice reading.

Chris Cadari, sec'y. read minutes. She also gave treasurer's report as Helen Strukel was absent.

Correspondence was a thank you card from Helen Strukel. Letter from American Slovenians Polka Club of Cleveland also read. Exhibit would be in November. Also Polka Hall of Fame is there. We could become a non-paying member. All agreed to table it until later.

Lunch Committee -- Dorothy Popesh, Ann Stupnik, Mary Starovich Polly Polyner, Fran Marolt, Rose Perushek.

All cookbooks we had ordered were sold. We would order 20 more.

Mother of The Year Banquet will be held at church hall May 1, at 6 p.m. Hope we have a nice turnout. Catherine Merhar is Mother of the Year. Committee for banquet is: Angie Godec, Rose Buchner, Mary Smuk, Gen Erchul, Anne Lunka, Rose Novak, Florence Markovich, Tina Boomer, Molly Grahek, Marge Gornick, Jane Yadlosky.

Margaret Shuster on sick list.

Anne Saari read "Ode to Grandparents" written by a 3rd grader.

38 women present. Door prize won by Mary Grahek. This was the last meeting until Fall. Games were played. Coffee "&" served.

Dawn Club - April 10

Forty-two women present. Pres. A. Mobilia opened with prayer and a reading. D. Popesh sec'y and S. Davidson, treas. gave reports. Molly Tkalcich on sick list. No new or old business. Door prizes won by Rose Perushek and Fran Pengal. Adjourned. Nice lunch of salads and crackers served. We will have one more meeting in May, until fall. We will have our outing in August. Hoping to have Spring soon. Still have snow on the ground and cool weather. Saw a robin, so spring is sure to come!

KRIS GARNI

NO. 24, LA SALLE, IL

Nine members were in attendance at our March meeting. Much business was discussed but we could accomplish so much more with a better attendance.

Our financial secretary, Betty Stack, reported the response to her mailing advising members of delinquent and 1989 dues was very successful.

Two of our officers have been hospitalized and missed the March meeting. Recording secretary, Mary Gramc, spent several days undergoing tests and treatment and Treasurer, Anna Serri, had knee surgery. Both are now at home and making a good recovery. We missed you and hope you'll be able to be with us soon.

It was nice to see Irene Mauser and husband Ed here from Omaha, NB for the wedding of Kristin Helmer to

Lee Allen at Resurrection Church on April 1st. We hope to have a wedding story and photo for the next issue.

The officers have been gathering material for the new book being prepared about our organization. It will trace the history of each branch and various activities of each. If any of the members who don't get to our meetings have any pictures, old issues of ZARJA or can recall memorable events, please call me at 223-5556 or send to 1934 Crosat St., La Salle 61301. Our material must be mailed to Heritage Director, Irene Odorizzi before June 1st.

We have no one "Mother of the Year" for 1989. This year all members will be special. We will have a dinner to celebrate but plans have not been finalized at this writing. We'll set the time, date and place at our April meeting and the information will be printed in the church bulletin and local newspaper.

Once again, Father Bernard Horzen will have the Slovenian Litany to the Blessed Mother at Resurrection Church on Sunday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m. We hope many of you will participate in this lovely service. Oglesby and DePue members usually come over to La Salle for this event.

We congratulate all the SWU Mothers-of-the-Year and wish them much happiness. May God Bless all of our Mothers on their special day.

ANNE M. WANGLER,
Reporter

NO. 25, CLEVELAND, OH

In May we are honoring our heavenly Mother Mary and our "earthly" mothers.

They were our first, loving human beings who hovered over us endlessly, from the very beginning and all the way thru their and our life. Let's give them back some love and show them we did not forget their multiple sacrifices, sacrifices of love. LOVE THEM, NOW AND ALWAYS!

Our dead mothers, remember them with a prayer and light a candle at the Marija Pomagaj altar.

"Let us know each other," should be the slogan for our get together. How does it sound for Sept. 10th afternoon at St. Vitus social room? Want to try? If it sounds OK! Call me: 881-4798, or write: 6610 Bliss Ave., Cleveland OH 44103, so we can start with the preparations.

Bring some new members to our branch, we'll be glad to greet them and accommodate them. "Do you get the drift?"

And, don't forget "Mother-Woman of the Year" party at Sterle's, Tuesday, May 9th, 1 p.m. See you there, with Jennie Strumbel in our midst, as our celebrant.

Have a nice, beautiful month of May

CIRILA KERMAVNER

NO. 32, EUCLID, OH

Following the opening of the March meeting by Pres. Dorothy Lamm, the rosary was lead by Lavona Avitt, then it was meditation while the song "Ave Maria" was played.

Discussed at the meeting was our Mother's Day dinner at which Marge Sas will be honored. We are also working on plans for our 60th Anniversary and Conference. Our dinner-dance will be on Sept. 30th and on Oct. 1st at 12 o'clock there will be mass at St. Christine's church followed by a meeting and lunch.

Dorothy Lamm reported that husband, Bob, is finally through with therapy and is well on his way to good health again. Mary Golobic's husband, Frank was in the hospital but now is at home recuperating. Ann Cooke had her wrist (carpal tunnel) operated so she will be handicapped for a while. Hope all our sick members will be on the mend soon and will be up an out among us.

Mary Floria and Veronica Dalton are going to Atlantic City for three days. Hope their pockets will be heavy when they come back.

Agnes Ward and daughter, Marge Rohrsen went to Wales on April 1st for a two week vacation. Hope they had a wonderful time and good weather for sightseeing. Agnes has been very active with the East Shore Park Club. This will be the last show that the club will put on in April. Agnes will be singing her "swan song" for the last time.

Congratulations to Mary Zakrajsek who retired on March 23rd from Euclid Central School where she had worked for 10 years. She now will have more time for her family and grandchildren and to do the things that she always wanted to do but didn't have the time for it. Enjoy your retirement, Mary, with good health.

Veronica Dalton read a poem,



IN LOVING MEMORY

Julia Dombroski, a 50 year member of Br. 31, Gilbert, Minnesota who was in her 100th birth year, passed away on April 11, 1989 at the Eveleth Arrowhead Health Care Center. Her last birthday was a memorable event for her daughter, Eleanor Intihar, son-in-law, Stanley, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren and friends!

She is in heaven now with our many mothers and grandmothers of Zveza. God bless her abundantly.

Phyllis

"What are volunteers?" The poem really fits the bill.

Sad to report that we lost another member, Josephine Novak, after a long illness. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Mary and Fran Golobic celebrated their 17th anniversary on March 8th. Congratulations.

Birthdays in March were Dorothy Lamm, Phyllis D'Amico, Josephine Koss, Mary Tushar, Ann Urban, Thelma Lisching and Hermine Strainer. All the birthday girls pitched in and had one big birthday cake made. Polly Pike also donated a chocolate cake for the occasion. We had cheese and crackers, too. The hostesses always do a very good job serving refreshments. Hope I have not omitted any names that had birthdays and were at the meeting.

Anniversary and birthday people for the month of March: hope you have many more with good health and happiness.

April meeting was planning time for the Mother's Day dinner. Please try to attend the dinner and bring a friend. Mary Ster will be making a delicious dinner for us. Get your tickets from any of the officers.

Please check your dues book to make sure your dues are paid up to date. It makes it a lot easier for Josephine if all dues are paid on time or in advance. See you at the meeting.

Hope everyone had a joyous and healthy Easter.

FRANCES OGOREUC

NO. 33, DULUTH, MN

Plans are proceeding for MINNESOTA DAY, Sept. 10th. Committees are being formed and have started plans for program, prizes, dinner, etc. Become a part of the group by volunteering for one or more of the committees. The more we have the better for all.

I may not be Slovenian but am very glad I skipped supper to enjoy the variety of "SLOVENIAN" foods that were prepared and served at the March Ethnic Night.


April 5th we were treated to ITALIAN foods. We could all "eat and enjoy" while we shared the talents of the many nationality groups that comprise our membership. The Italian Men Singers are always an enjoyable group to hear.

May 3rd we will honor Virginia Sever Mikrut as our Mother of the Year. This will make 5 times a daughter receives the honor her mother had. We have had a grandmother and granddaughter as well as 2 mother/daughters-in-law who have been honored by our group.

Happy Mother's Day - Happy Spring!

LOIS PELANDER

Pots and Pans



It seems so appropriate to include Ann Boh's delicious WALNUT POTICA recipe this month as Mother's Day approaches. She writes: "I have taught my daughter and daughters-in-law how to make potica so the tradition will be carried on." Ann is from Greenwood, WI and a member of Branch 102. Rose Maras of Branch 56, Hibbing, MN offers her easy-to-prepare PIZZA BURGERS made with Spam.

The hospital auxiliary with whom I volunteer served the STRAWBERRY CRUNCH CAKE at their Dessert Style Show.



How do you scald milk? Very carefully. Heat it slowly in a pot over low heat. As soon as bubbles begin to form around the edge, remove from heat because the milk must not boil.

Happy Mother's Day, dear ladies.
Love,

Hermine

NO. 34, SOUDAN, MN

Our meeting of March 15 was well-attended; the ladies attended Stations of the Cross before our meeting. Our books were audited and found to be in good condition by Auditors Angela Tekautz and Agnes Tekautz, who had been appointed to audit in place of Mary Gornick, who was on vacation in Florida. We voted to send a donation to the Bishop Baraga Foundation, as has been our custom every year and we encourage others to give private donations to this worthy cause. We may see Bishop Baraga canonized in our lifetime!

Our member, Sophia Spollar, sent

STRAWBERRY CRUNCH CAKE

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| 1 | cup margarine or butter,
softened | 1 | teaspoon baking powder |
| 1 ¹ / ₄ | cups sugar | ¹ / ₂ | teaspoon baking soda |
| 2 | eggs | ¹ / ₄ | teaspoon salt |
| 1 | cup sour cream | 1 | quart fresh strawberries,
halved |
| 2 | cups flour | | |

Streusel:

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| ¹ / ₂ | cup chopped walnuts | 2 | tablespoons granulated sugar |
| ¹ / ₂ | cup brown sugar | 1 | teaspoon cinnamon |

Cream margarine or butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Blend in sour cream. Sift dry ingredients and blend into creamed mixture. Spread **half** of the batter into a greased 13x9x2 inch cake pan. Cover batter with sliced strawberries (cut side down), reserving 6 berries for garnish. Spread **half** of the streusel over the berries. Spread other **half** of batter over the streusel. Spread other **half** of streusel on top. Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes until lightly browned. Serves 12. If desired, garnish each serving with a dab of whipped cream or Cool Whip and top with half of strawberry. Dessert does not need refrigeration. Can be made the day before.

PIZZA BURGERS

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| 2 | cans (12 ounces each) Spam,
chopped | ¹ / ₈ | teaspoon pepper |
| 1 | can (6 ounces) tomato paste | 1 | teaspoon oregano |
| ¹ / ₄ | pound (1 stick) oleo, melted | ¹ / ₂ | cup grated Mozzarella
Cheese |
| 1 | tablespoon grated onion | 4 | buns, cut in half or |
| ¹ / ₂ | clove garlic, minced | 8 | slices bread |

Mix the first seven ingredients, not cheese. Spread mixture, covering edge, of 8 bun halves or slices of bread. Sprinkle with cheese. Broil until cheese melts.

us a card of thanks. Sophie is recovering from gall bladder surgery. She mentioned to me how very much she enjoyed saying the Stations of the Cross in Slovenian, taken from Ann Hodnik's article in the ZARJA. I also took the word "rame" or shoulder from the article, to use when I wrote to my cousin in Slovenia about fracturing my shoulder in December--so keep up the good work, Ann!

Tory Bobence, our National President, gave us a brief report on her trip to Joliet for a national board meeting. The next national convention will be held in May, 1991 in Cleveland.

For the social hour, we played "B", with each member bringing a gift for a prize--it was interesting to watch each winner open her gift, some were

very clever. This is a good money-making project for us during Lent, when we don't have hostesses. The door prize was brought by Mary Frances Jamnick and won by Angela Tekautz. She received two soup mugs, something different and useful.

Our next meeting was held on Wednesday, April 19, with Adeline Mustonen and Emma Betourne as hostesses and we celebrated Emma's birthday, which was the following day, April 20. The door prize was brought by Agnes Mattson.

Plans were made to honor our Mother of the Year, Lorraine Berg, in May and then our branch will not have a meeting until September.

ADELINE MUSTONEN,
Reporter

WALNUT POTICA

Yeast Mixture

1 ¹ / ₂ ounces yeast	1 ¹ / ₂ teaspoon sugar
¹ / ₄ cup lukewarm milk	¹ / ₄ cup flour

Dissolve yeast in lukewarm milk, add sugar and flour and mix well. Set aside to rise.

Dough Mixture

1 cup milk	¹ / ₄ cup butter
³ / ₄ cup sugar	3 beaten eggs
2 teaspoons salt	5-6 cups flour

Scald milk, add sugar, salt and butter. Set aside to cool, add yeast mixture to milk mixture, add beaten eggs and then flour beginning with 5 cups, adding a sifterful at a time, beating well after each addition. Keep adding flour until dough may be handled without sticking. Knead dough on floured board for about 20 minutes (add small amounts of flour, if necessary, for non-sticky dough). Place dough in well buttered bowl, cover and let rise in warm place for about 2 hours until double in bulk. (Do not knead again after it has risen.) Meanwhile grease well four 12-inch loaf pans and prepare filling.

Spread dough on table covered with a cloth and sprinkled with flour. Start rolling dough with rolling pin then pull to about 1/8-inch thickness (30 x 48 inches). Spread with filling to edge of dough.

Filling Mixture

¹ / ₂ cup butter	4 graham crackers, crushed
2 tablespoons honey	3 egg yolks, beaten
1 cup sugar	Rind of one lemon
1 ¹ / ₂ cups milk	3 egg whites, stiffly beaten
1 ¹ / ₂ pounds walnuts, finely ground	1 ¹ / ₂ teaspoons vanilla
	2 teaspoons cinnamon

Melt butter; add honey, sugar and milk. Bring to a boil, pour mixture over ground walnuts to which graham cracker crumbs have been added. When cooled, add beaten egg yolks and lemon rind. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Sprinkle the spread dough and filling with cinnamon. The potica is rolled up like a jelly roll, starting the first inch by hand. Raise the cloth gently so that the dough rolls itself over and over. Use the edge of a small plate for cutting the loaves and pinch edges to further seal the dough. Place in the four 12-inch pans. Cover and set in warm place to rise until double in bulk. Bake 35-40 minutes at 325° or 350°, depending on your oven. Brush top with butter when done. Also may be sprinkled with powdered sugar.

of her daughter-in-law. We pray to the Lord to comfort husband. John, and his two young daughters who survive.

A happy belated birthday to Rose Faras on her March birthday. Congratulations to Fran Zalec for winning the travelling prize, and Norma Salvini, Charlotte Laurich, Ann Mahne, and Fran Zalec whose names were drawn for attendance prizes. Jo Zupancich served her super strudel. Jennie Samsa and Anne Walach will hostess at our April 5th meeting.

Sunday, March 5th, turned out to be a lovely, sunny, mild day, and 70 women enjoyed an afternoon of card playing and socializing. Many prizes were distributed, with Molly Franchak winning the basket of groceries.

The delicious meal was catered by Fran Zalec, chairperson, assisted by Rose Niemi, Florence Fryckman, and Joe Zupancich. Edie Dolinar and Charlotte helped with the cleanup. Tally cards were made by Kathy Knuth. Everyone had a nice day. Thank you to the kitchen crew and to the women who attended the party.

On April 5th meeting was conducted by Jennie Briski in the absence of Pres. Charlotte Laurich. Twenty-two members attended.

We welcomed a new social member, Ann Polichnik. We hope you enjoyed our meeting, Anne, as much as we enjoyed your presence.

Two high school students, members of Br. 38 have applied for scholarships: Steven Tanko, son of Joe and Rosemary, and Stephanie Rasset, grand-daughter of Frances Zalec.

The Mother's Day Brunch is all set up for Sunday, May 7th, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Members will attend the Mass which is offered for all living and deceased members of our branch. Fr. David Tushar will be the celebrant.

Rose Niemi had an excellent proposal for a program at this brunch. Members are asked to participate by reading a tribute to mothers, possibly your own composition, or maybe give a short history of your own mother's birthplace, or even lead in community sing-a-long. We hope to find some hidden talent among our members!

Frances Zalec and Jo Zupancich will present each shut-in member with a red carnation on Mother's Day, with a message of good cheer and sisterly love.

Our April birthdays were: Jennie

NO. 38, CHISHOLM, MN

The March 1st meeting of Br. 38 was on another 20 degrees below zero evening. Fifteen hardy souls ventured out!

To honor all mothers, our members wish to have a brunch after the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 7th. All living and deceased members of Br. 38 will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful. Plans for the brunch will be finalized at the April 5th meeting.

Charlotte Laurich and I are going to the public library to do some researching in old newspaper editions so we can write the history of our branch for Irene Odorizzi's project. We have only one charter member living.

Our condolences to Fran Techar and family on the loss of husband and father, Joseph Techar who died on Feb. 27th. Joe entertained us at many Branch 38 doings with his accordian. May his soul find eternal rest with the Lord. Our sympathy is also extended to member Fran Schaefer in the loss

Samsa, Gloria Bonato, and Kathy Knuth. The travelling prize was won by Ann Polichnik, and drawings to Jo Zupancich, and Teresa Gerzin. Card "B" was played with cash prizes. As a bit of entertainment, Jennie Briski and her sister, Mary Ruth Cameron, harmonized on a lovely Slovenian song. The lunch was served by Jennie Samsa, Jennie Briski, and Anne Walach. Our hostesses on May 3rd will be Rosemary Tanko and Rosemary Benson.

To update you regarding our search for the history of Branch 38 -- Charlotte and I have researched old newspapers and secretary's books. Mitzi Westerlund brought in some pictures dating back to the year 1939. We expect to have a compilation completed in May. It has proven very interesting, albeit frustrating at times!

We do not have meetings in June or July, but will resume in August. Have a safe and beautiful summer vacation.

ANN NUSICH,
Rec. Sec'y

NO. 39, BIWABIK, MN

On February 3rd we had our Valentine's Day party. The lunch was prepared and served by Frances Anzelc, Mary Berkness, Ann Boczkur, Mary Gerzina, Beverly Goldsworthy and Florence Milos. Following the luncheon we had our regular monthly meeting. Plans were finalized to honor our "Woman of the Year" Mary Lou Crotty. We will honor Mary Lou on May 7th by attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's in a body. The Branch's banner will be displayed at the altar. The dinner will be held at the Four Seasons Supper Club. Following the meeting three tables of six each enjoyed playing Tripoli -- a good time was had by all!

At our March 5th meeting a discussion was held concerning the history of our branch. Mary Lou Crotty has interviewed Mrs. Johanna Zallar on the past history of our branch. Mrs. Zallar is 96 years young and was our president for many years. Kathy Siskar offered to type the material to be submitted to the Home Office for printing. Tripoli was played after the meeting.

Rose Petrella is recuperating at her son's home in the Cities following surgery. We wish Rose a speedy and complete recovery.

The members of Branch 39 wish to

express their sympathy to Frances Bezek and her family who lost their son and brother, Valentine Bezek, Jr. on Holy Saturday, March 25th. Several ladies from the lodge served the lunch following the funeral. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Fran, and may the Lord give you the strength to guide you in your bereavement.

FLORENCE J. MILOS

NO. 40, LORAIN, OH

Our meeting in March was somewhat like a family reunion. With me not able to attend our meeting for two months because of a foot injury, it felt good to be welcomed by 15 smiling faces. We are like a close-knit family. When the most faithful members don't show up, we are all concerned!

Our president brought our meeting to order with prayer and we also prayed for our sick members. Our Agatha was absent because her husband was very ill. Francine, as usual, came to her rescue and took over and collected the dues for her. Between me and Agatha, we have been keeping Francine busy. Thanks, Francine, we appreciate it.

After we finished our reports we got busy with our plans for the Mother of the Year dinner at which time we will be honoring our Angie Martin. It will be held on May 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell's Cafeteria. Call our president, Agnes at 245-3919 for reservations.

Birthday girls who brought refreshments and entertained were: Angie Zgonc, Angie Voytko and Agnes Tomazin. Prizes were donated by Angie Voytko, Angie Zgonc, Agnes Tomazin, Agnes Bucher, Ann Rozanc, Alice Rutar, Angie Martin and Mary Matos. Thanks to all of you!

We wish to congratulate our long-time member, Mary Evanish who celebrated her 100th birthday on March 22nd. The KSKJ lodge had a party in her honor. We wish her many more years of health and happiness.

Jason Fuqua had a birthday on March 11th. he is a second grader in Amherst Powers school and is the grandson of our Agatha Donges. His mom, Laureen is also a member of our branch.

My husband, Joseph celebrated his

Hearts and hearts and hearts! Our MOTHERS' hearts!

birthday on Easter Sunday.

Our Joyce Ferlic Arredondo celebrated her birthday March 25th. Her mom, Mary Ferlic was our Mother of the Year in 1987. That was the year that Corinne gave our lodge No. 40 a lot of publicity by displaying a picture of her and her husband on the cover of ZARJA. (What a pleasure it was to have such a nice cover picture. Ed.) Congratulations to all.

Jack Tomazic, a dedicated volunteer worker and musician in the Slovenian community was named the Slovenian Man of the Year in Lorain. The 80 year old Lorain resident is probably best known for playing the accordion at weddings, parties and holiday festivities. He has a family of brothers and sisters who are proud of him. His sisters, Sophie Pogacher and Angie Zgonc are our good members. His brothers are Rudy and Richard. We offer our sincere congratulations!

Condolences to the family of our long time member, Mary Koziura who passed away recently. She is the mother of our 55th district Ohio State Representative, Joseph Koziura and is survived by 10 other children. Her husband passed away in 1973. In her younger years she was a member of the Lorain, No. 40 Drill Team. May God grant her eternal rest.

Hope to see you all at our May dinner at Campbell's on May 10th when we will be honoring our Mother of the Year, Angie Martin.

Wishes to all for a Happy Memorial Day.

And, Love,

MARY MATOS

NO. 42, MAPLE HTS., OH

Greetings Ladies!

May, the month devoted to Mary, our Blessed Mother, will be our month to honor all women of Branch 42 as well. A Mass will be said in your honor at St. Wenceslas Church on Tuesday, May 9, 1989 at 7:15 p.m. We request that as many members attend as possible. A light meal will be served at the Slovenian Home immediately after the mass.

Our Easter Bakeless Bake Sale was a success, thanks to all who contributed. At the end of the year, after our financial commitments have been met, donations from our fund raisers will be made to selected charities and SWU scholarship fund. We did so well last year; let's do it again this year!

The trip to the new Carousel Dinner Theatre to see the play "Phantom of the Opera" was terrific. Thirty-eight members and guests enjoyed an excellent dinner which was quickly and beautifully served by the waiters/waitresses who are students from the University of Akron. The play carried a very somber tone but still had comedic highlights. The music was excellent and the visuals were very effective; an enjoyable evening and nice winter break for all of us.

Best wishes and HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our ladies for MAY: Kathleen Hrovat, Dorothy Ponikvar, Mary Filips, Angie Zupanc, Vida Shega, Melinda Phrne, and to our VP Mitzi Champa, along with her daughter Donna Wilk and granddaughter Gretchen Wilk. It's nice to have three generations in our branch. And for JUNE, best wishes to Mary Ann Filips, Jennie Intihar, Betty Ann Kastelic, Dolores, Lipnos, Olga Ponikvar, Sally Phrne and Katy Gruden. May you all have a glorious day.

Mary Hovecar has moved to the Slovenian Home for the Aged. It's an opportunity for her to be with her lifelong friend, Cilka Hovecar, and friends are welcome to visit them there or even just drop them a note. Keep in touch with all the shut-ins.

NOTABLE NEWS: Our member Ellen Kastelic (Betty Ann Kastelic's daughter) just became engaged to Dan Bodziony and is planning a June wedding (June of '90)! It's an exciting time and we wish them much happiness. Elizabeth Shega received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past April and Kim Shega will be graduating from Trinity High School at the end of May. Congratulations to both of you.

TRAVELERS: Eugene and Vida Vercek went off to Washington, DC to see the cherry blossoms in April. Hope they made some suggestions to the President while they were there.

CONDOLENCES TO: Mary Lou Phrne and her family on the loss of her sister, Ann Thomas. (March) Our deepest sympathy.

The plans for the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Bellevue, Ohio trip are being formulated for Sunday, September 24, 1989. Please call Millie Lipnos and put your name on the reservation list.

Since there will not be a June issue of ZARJA, we wish you all a very pleasant summer.

MARGE CHURCH,
Secretary-Treasurer

MOTHER, your laughter, tears, smiles - they make my life!

NO. 43, MILWAUKEE, WI

The March weather wasn't too bad, so we had a large group of members at the meeting. The business part was completed with the secretary's and treasurer's report. The state president surprised us by attending, and she spoke on the importance of raising money for the next National Convention.

The Mass for living and deceased members was finalized. The new business was the Woman of the Year selection. Matilda Simcic is worthy of the name, always ready to help wherever she can, and attends all meetings. The luncheon in her honor will be on Wed. May 17th at the Country Garden Restaurant on 911 W. Layton Ave., at 12:30 p.m. If you haven't called in your reservation yet, please do so immediately 481-7357.

Stefany Sterbenz and her husband spent six weeks in Florida. They made several stops to visit friends in different cities but the most time was spent in Sebring, Florida visiting Sylvia Ossek who is very ill and in the hospital most of the time. Fran Segadin and her husband spent three weeks in Arizona visiting one of their sons and his family. The weather was nice. Congratulations to Fran and her husband on a new grandson, Brian Anton, from another son. Eddie and Elsie Gallun are visiting their daughter, Betty and family in Daytona, Florida. Betty just had a baby boy. Congratulations to Eddie and Elsie on becoming grandparents again.

To our sick and shut ins, a fast recovery.

We also have some sad news. Our sincere condolences to the James Verbick family and relatives. Josephine, his wife, is very active and a loyal member in our branch. Just got word that Mitzi Corgiat's son, Greg passed away. Our deepest sympathy to Mitzi and relatives. May they both rest in peace.

Welcome to Anne Zakrajsek from Sheboygan for transferring into our branch.

Next meeting is Wed. May 24th at 1 p.m. Happy Mother's Day!

R.K.

MOTHER, yours is a gentle wisdom that shines from your eyes!

Beautiful, early Easter Sunday March 26th and 75 degrees, sun shining while hunting for eggs in Albina Kocisko's back yard which her grandchildren hid for us adults. They had their hunt and scramble in the morning.

Hope the poticas and other baked goods that Br. 50 had at their successful March meeting bake sale were enjoyed. Even Dorothy Winter's chocolate candy rabbits were sold out. Goodies were sold out as fast as they were brought in by 72 members. Josephine Smith, our historian commented on the year of 1970. A very busy and active year it was with many cultural affairs and dinners and dances on the agenda. Many I can remember attending myself. Their arguments and conflicting ideas for certain activities were comical to hear about now and so much like the present. Thanks, Jo.

Our sick members are Stella Baum, Jane Vidic and husband, Angelo, who was hospitalized, Jean Miller and Anthony Mlack, brother of Irene Jagodnik and Albina Uille. Anthony had open heart surgery. We're hoping our convalescing members are up and around already and enjoying the warmer weather. Get well also to Ann Bradek, Francka Hrovat and Jennie Kokotec. Best wishes to all!

We lost my dear friend and pinocle partner, Ann Muhic who really fought a long illness and Agnes Fikete who was a member for a short time, too short to get to know us better. Our sympathy. Carol Hirsch, daughter-in-law of Isabelle Hirsch, who died recently, gave our branch a Calendar of Dates for prizes from St. Joseph High School. If our number is selected we would be the winners. Isabelle, though ill, would seldom be absent from meetings and affairs because she enjoyed the ladies so much, said Carol. We thank you and of course, we won't forget her either, even if we don't win any prizes.

New members are Helen Novine and Sue Yanick. Welcome.

In memory of Antonia Turek, a \$150 donation was made by Valerie Katai. It went into the Toni Turek Scholarship Fund. Many thanks. A long overdue "thank you" to Carole Traven for her artistic donations of her beautiful handiwork. Our Valentine Cape and Crown, plus velvet and

lacy gifts, aprons and most anything needed are given to us. Miss your good ideas at our meetings, Carole.

So many SWU ladies attended the dinner for the Honorees of the Slovenian Homes of which our member, Mary Blatnik was the Woman of the Year. Over 500 people attended this affair and it was inspiring to see. Some of us knew more than one of the honorees. A few really waited a long time to be honored, like Frances Legat and Christine Kovach, hovering in their 90 years, but God saved them for this celebration and it was well-deserved. Our Mary Blatnik was a good, deserving choice, too, and we were proud of her representation.

Florida Snow Birds were Gus and Anne Ryavec to Naples, Debbie and Denise, granddaughters of Ann Tercek to Ft. Lauderdale for the spring college break and Stella and Frank Kostick to Orlando for 2-1/2 months which gave them time galore to see Epcot, DisneyWorld, Busch Gardens, etc. and time to visit grandchildren, too. All enjoyed warm weather and Florida atmosphere. And, going east to the Poconos with Joey Tomsic as tour guide, Charlie and Ann Tercek and Kenneth and Ann Tomsic are going to enjoy a mountain resort. With summer coming, I hope that many members will take trips and tours and let us know how they enjoyed them. These excursions make fine memories.

Dates to remember: Trip to Kent on May 10th - Mother of the Year Dinner, May 23rd - Card Party at Euclid Park Club House, afternoon of June 23rd. We would appreciate prizes of canned goods. Pot Luck Picnic on August 15th at Euclid Park Club House. Let's see you there.

May is the month for Mother's Day and for Memorial Day. So enjoy them and remember that happiness is one of the few things that is multiplied when it is divided.

Did you know:

People are right when they complain about our economy. Sure, there's lots of money around, but everyone owes it to everyone else.

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This has to be written to understand:

NO GOD NO PEACE
KNOW GOD KNOW PEACE

VERA SEBENIK,
Your Reporter

NO. 52, KITZVILLE, MN

We had our meeting at the Kitzville Community Center on March 1st and sorry to say the attendance hasn't been very good. President Rose Trombly led us in prayers after which a short business meeting was held. Our Mother of the Year is sister Phyllis Pavich. Congratulations, Phyllis. A speedy recovery to Theresa Montcalm who has been on the sick list.

Sorry to report the loss of sister Gertrude Kochevar. She was our reporter for more than thirty years. She will be missed by all.

Hostesses for the evening were Ann Tool, Ann Deblack, Ann Nadeau and Jennie Crea. Winners are cards were Ann Roberts, Rose Trombly, Julia Mancuso and Celia Politano. Door prize was won by Ann Mansfield after which a delicious lunch was served.

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Our meeting was held on April 5th at the Kitzville Community Building with 14 members present. Our president, Rose Trombly took care of the business at hand. Rose has been on the sick list and her daughter, Theresa Montcalm is still in the hospital. A speedy recovery is wished for both of them.

After our closing prayer a very nice lunch was served by our hostesses, Muriel Sabbatini, Phyllis Pavich, Dorothy Ban and Stella Calliguri. Thanks, ladies, nice to see you there. Door prize was won by Julia Mancuso.

Card winners - Celia Politano, Alice Baratto, Ann Roberts, Margaret Kochevar, Ann Mansfield and Jennie Crea.

We haven't found a new reporter so I am struggling along.

JENNIE CREA

NO. 54, WARREN, OH

Our last meeting for the season until Sept. will be on June 21st at the Elks Club Room at 12 noon. Please come and join us for an afternoon of good fellowship.

We are honoring our president, Jo Kassan, as our Mother of the Year at the Mother-Daughter Luncheon. She is most deserving of this honor. She is an energetic worker for our group and never fails to give each one of us a treat for attending the meeting. She is active in the community, at our

parish, St. James and a loving mother. We love you, Jo and congratulations and best wishes to you, our "Mom of the Year!"

Jo and her son, Joe and wife, Joanie and Harry and I were invited to our cousin-member, Helen Kohli's huge surprise birthday party in Geneva, given by her family. Oh, what fun we had and our cousins played the button-box accordians and the wash tubs and we danced till we dropped! It was truly an evening to remember and Helen was overwhelmed!

Grand to hear from member, Angela Kaferle, of Madison, Ohio who is slowly recuperating from hip surgery.

Happy Mother's Day to you all and God's blessings!

JOANNE PONIKVAR

NO. 55, GIRARD, OH

At our March meeting we made arrangements to have our Mother's Day banquet at little Peppino's restaurant, 728 N. State St., Girard, Ohio. It will be May 21st at 1:30 p.m. the cost will be \$6.25 per person. Anyone wishing to make reservations can call Mary Selak at 545-3569 or me no later than May 14th. My number is 545-2156. Husbands and children are also invited.

We received a letter from Frances Lukes and I thought it was so nice of her to write us that I would like the rest of the ladies to read it. It says:

Dear Members,

I am just out of the hospital, after spending 10 days there with a blood clot in my right leg. I am staying at my daughter's. I have to be off my feet as much as possible.

I had a nice Christmas with all of my grandchildren and great grandchildren. They all got together and spent Christmas with my daughter and son-in-law and me. The weather was beautiful, warm and sunny, about 80 degrees and we all ate dinner on the patio. Hope you also had a happy Christmas. My love to all and a very happy New Year.

Love, Frances

It was brought to my attention that Barbara Komlanic is in the Autumn Hills Care Center and Virginia Rostan is in the Omni Manor Nursing Home; she is recovering from an auto accident. Dori Kregar was also in an auto accident on Dec. 19th and she has a

chipped disc in her neck. I hope everyone is feeling better by now.

Our meeting night for this year will be changed to the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Tillie Cigolle's house, 1537 Greenwood Ave. Girard, Ohio (that's in Avon). The reason for the change is that the Slovenian Home may be sold any day now and we would have to find a new place for our meetings.

Birthdays for the month of April were Lena Modic and Virginia Bestic and for May they are Secretary-Treasurer, Anka Kregar, Dori Kregar, Virginia Rostan, Mary Salajko and our junior member, Monica Selak. Happy birthday to all.

Love,

ROSEMARY

Here's a poem that I read in our church paper and thought it was very nice for Mother's Day.

My Special Mother

You were once a girl like me with dreams of growing up you see. Now that those days are past. You wish they hadn't gone so fast. But now is where you are meant to be and I thank you for taking care of me. You have known me since I was a baby, but now I'm almost grown to be a lady. You have taught me all I know and I love you more than I can show. It's not "I love you because" or "if". I love you period - that's it. When words are hard to find, "I love you" says it all just fine.

by Julia Sailor Cook

NO. 56, HIBBING, MN

Our March 14th meeting had 16 members present. We discussed the heritage program being conducted by the S.W.U. We hope the members will spend some time looking for memorabilia for the history of our branches - and this is due before June.

Our Mother Day Dinner will be held on Monday May 8th at the VFW Club.

Our new president, Ann Selvo was the lucky winner of our jackpot. March birthdays were read and of course, we sang Happy Birthday! Our meeting closed with a prayer. Lunch was served after which games were played.

MILENA KOEHLER

**MOTHER, may the eyes of God
always look upon you!**

NO. 57, NILES, OH

Our first meeting of the year 1989 was opened with a prayer at the home of our president, Frances Yerman on March 14th with 16 members present. We decided that after this year we would meet every month of the year as long as the weather permits. It was very nice to see our members as we hadn't met since our Christmas party.

We welcomed a guest, Helen Havaich to our club. Helen has retired and will become a social member. Welcome, Helen.

Our Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as were the secretary's and treasurer's reports.

In new business we decided to have each member pay a dollar extra for the year to help our treasury as we don't have enough members able to help us make a money-making project. In new business we completed plans for our Mother's Day Luncheon to be held on May 9th at Applewood Gardens at 1 p.m. Hope to see a good turnout as we will honor Mary Lukz, our Mother of the Year. Please call Ann Pease for your reservation.

As there was no other business to discuss we closed our meeting and played a few games of "B" as our lunch committee brought in prizes. A special prize was won by Catherine Graffius. Later we were served a lovely lunch by Elizabeth Havaich and Mary Lukz. It was such lovely day we just sat around and visited before going home.

Our lunch committee for April was Ann Pease and Mary Strah.

Get well wishes to all our sick members.

FRANCES STANEC

Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend.

NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE HTS., OH

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all of you. You have all earned the "rewards" that will come to you on this special day. Hang in there, Dad, your day (too) is coming!

First of all my apologies to all of you who looked for an article in the March ZARJA. Guess I had my times/schedules mixed up, and what I sent in as an addition to the February article should have been the March news. I promise (?) not to let it happen again. And, I thank you for the calls that

were made to our secretary regarding the omission. It shows me that you do read the ZARJA, and that you are interested.

Branch No. 73 has lost another member. Betty Simec died in February--while watching television with her husband. Leonard, we extend our deepest sympathy to you, and you can also rest assured that your health and well-being will be included in our prayers. Take care of yourself, and God Bless. Eight members of the lodge attended the wake and recited the rosary, a true sign of sisterhood. We also lost Agnes Kainec, wife of Frank and sister-in-law of our member, Nettie. Condolences and prayers for all of our "family".

WELCOME: To our new members, Helga Kurincic and her son, Anthony. To Morgan and Molly Hummell, Junior members and grandchildren of Catherine Papez. Another Junior member, Jennifer Tomsick has been transferred to our Adult membership. My, they do grow up quickly, don't they?

Word reaches us that Mary and Frank Chesnik have a new great-grandchild, Casey Ann. "Grandma" is their daughter, Leona Fronck. Also, our Get Well wishes to Frank (husband) who is in a private nursing home. Mary, let him know we all send a big "hello". Note: and thank you, Mary, for keeping in touch!

Another Junior member, Stephen Lax (our grandson) spent a few days in the hospital, complications from a bout with the flu. Is he back to normal? Better than ever!

Personal Note: We took time out to visit Kennedy Space Center to see the launch of the Discovery Shuttle. What a magnificent sight. As the red "ribbon" traced the path of the lift-off, everything was so quiet. As the shuttle rose into a clear blue sky, the smoke trail started and created clouds never seen before. When it was several miles into flight (probably about one minute), the roar of the rockets hit our area. Fantastic! Yours truly was trying to take photos and all the time yelling, "Climb, baby, climb!!". We could easily see the fuel tanks break-away and float downward, and soon all that was left was the trail of clouds. We fully intend to see several of the other flights lift-off; there are six more scheduled for '89. If the opportunity ever presents itself for you to witness a flight, take advantage of it. You will never forget it.

It's 9:30 a.m. here, and already into the mid-70's, so we will probably have another beautiful Florida day to contend with once more. I always try to put a sunbeam in my letters. I have sent one to Corinne with this article--if you opened your ZARJA too fast, it probably slipped out--I'll have to catch you another one!! Take care.

Sincerely,

EVELYN A. MAJERCIK

NO. 81, KEEWATIN, MN

Our January 25th meeting was held in Father Frederick Hall. The meeting opened with a prayer for our deceased members and the members who were ill. A discussion was held on filling out the genealogy history of Slovenian Women's Union here in Keewatin. Our records will be researched to provide the information needed.

We now have a copy of our charter which will be framed and hung in Father Frederick Hall.

Election of officers was held. Our present officers were unanimously re-elected: President, Josie Kapla, Recording Secretary, Blanche Laurich, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Anne Dickovich, Reporter, Mary Michelich. Auditors are Sophie Michelich and Anne Michelich.

It was decided not to have a Mother of the Year selection. The members will all celebrate Mother's Day by having a breakfast in May. Plans for this event will be made later.

Hostesses for the evening were Sophie Michelich and Mary Michelich.

Hostess in March was Ann Dickovich.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY MICHELICH

NO. 85, DEPUE, IL

It is always a pleasure to write some good news.

We would like to congratulate Millie Lavrin who has been selected for recognition as a person of exemplary status, who as an older worker has demonstrated the qualities that highlight the role of all older workers. Each year the Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging recognizes persons who display the fine qualities that make the older workers a valuable asset to employers.

Millie resides here with her hus-

band, John, and they have five children and one grandchild. During her 14 years of service at the Care Inn Convalescent Center she has shown patience and understanding. Millie has a lot of heart-warming compassion and deep feelings for the elderly.

She was honored at a recognition luncheon and awards ceremony in Moline. Her name has been placed in nomination to the Illinois Department on Aging, for their Older Worker statewide award.

Millie has been a member of our branch for 47 years and has always attended our meetings and done her part in all our activities. She is certainly deserving of this award and we all wish her the best.

On March 4, my niece, Jeanine Jermenc was married to Will Crocket in a beautiful ceremony at St. Mary's Church in Peru. Father Bernard Horzen, a dear family friend, assisted at the ceremony and attended the reception.

They had a lovely gathering at the Illinois Valley Banquet Center in LaSalle. The food included the traditional Slovenian sausage and potica made by my brother Ed and his wife, Muriel and apple strudel made by Mary Plantan. Five hundred relatives and friends enjoyed the big band sound of Johnny Kaye's orchestra early and the much louder rock band later.

Her mother, Muriel and aunt, Ann De Bord are members of our branch. Jeanine was a beautiful bride. We wish her and well and a happy wedded life for many years to come.

We have some sick members to report. Mary Kuhar has been laid up for the past month with a very painful sciatic nerve. Connie Benkse had been a patient in the hospital in Peoria. Pearl Drennan is still recuperating at home from knee surgery. They are all very good members and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Our condolences to the Komater family who lost their sister, Ann.

I, too, am sorry to report the death of my aunt, Anna Sterle of Joliet, who passed away on March 16th. Our families were always close and she was very dear to us and also was our last living aunt. Our deepest sympathy to all her family.

I wish all of our living mothers a very Happy Mother's Day and to our dear deceased mothers, may they rest in peace. God bless.

MARY JERMENC

NO. 89, OGLESBY, IL

A short business meeting was called to order by Rose Ann Prey, president. Frances Gorisek, chaplain, led the opening prayers and a Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The financial and treasurer's reports were given and approved as read. No correspondence was read.

A get-well card was signed by members for Honorine Corpus who had orthopedic surgery on her knee. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Hurry back, Honorine.

Mitzi Banich, our vice-president, modeled beautiful clothes at a style show and luncheon put on by the St. Bede's Mother's Club on March 12th. We are very proud of you, Mitzi, to give of your time and help. We were so happy to learn that Millie Lavrin of Br. 85, DePue, has been put up for nomination to the Ill. Dept. on Aging, Older Worker Award. We are very proud of you, Millie, and you certainly are a very valuable asset to your community and your employer. Congratulations!

Helen Komater and Frances Rolando were on the April 10th Committee. Mitzi Banich will be chairperson for the Mother's Day Banquet on May 8th, time and place to be announced later.

The meeting closed with prayers led by Frances Gorisek.

Marilyn Argubright then showed a video tape of a wedding in Slovenia. Her cousin from Izlake married a young, beautiful girl there. The people were all dressed in their National costumes. The horse-drawn carriages were very picturesque as they took the bridal party and families and the orchestra to the reception. Everything was so colorful and beautiful that you felt as though you were a guest there, too. Thank you, Marilyn. We really enjoyed ourselves. The apple strudel that Josie Argubright served was very good. Her sister, Eunice Zupan, took time out to prepare it. Thank you, Eunice. It was somehow just the right dessert after seeing the wedding. We all went home very happy.

Branch 89 met on April 10th with Rose Ann Prey, president, opening the meeting. She also led the opening prayers and Pledge of Allegiance in the absence of Frances Gorisek, chaplain.

Plans were discussed for the Mother's Day Banquet to be held May 8th at Karol's Mitzi Banich, chairperson, gave a report on the time, place and menu. Members were asked to bring guests. Mitzi's committee includes Rose Ann Prey and Jo Schmidt. Entertainment will be selected by her committee. Anne Batty will be honored as our Mother of the Year at the banquet. Members are asked to remember Anne Batty in their prayers. She underwent surgery and is convalescing. Fran Gorisek is also on the sick list. We miss you, ladies, so hurry back!

Happy birthdays to Helen Komater, Josie Argubright, Catherine Golick and Pam Skoporc.

Sharon Zamin, granddaughter of Mary Dittle, became Mrs. Tom Buckle at a lovely wedding ceremony. You must be so proud, Mary.

Kristen Goslawski, great granddaughter of Barbara Sitar, student at L.P. Township High School was awarded the 1987 Wagenknecht Scholarship. Barbara, we of Br. 89 are overjoyed hearing about it. You must be so proud.

Thomas Stack received the American History Award, Bertusi Award and an Illinois State Scholarship. Thomas is the son of Betty Stack, financial secretary of Br. 24, LaSalle. Betty, what a joy for you and your family!

Darlene and Victor Wasielewski are enjoying a vacation in sunny California. While there, Darlene will visit her brother, Charles and his family.

Oglesby celebration Days at June 21st thru June 25th. Mark these dates on your calendar. I am sure you won't want to miss any of the events with Lil Wally and Frankie Yankovic, the Polka Kings, along with many other talents on the program. See you in Oglesby! Remember, all roads lead to Oglesby in June!

EUNICE KOMATER

NO. 92, GUNNISON, CO

Rita Bartelli's home was the scene of our March meeting which was held earlier because of the school spring break. Loretta Szaller was the co-hostess.

Bunny Spritzer opened the meeting with a prayer and 12 members were present. Bunny reminded me that the convention is slated for 1990. I guess the plans we were making got me into

a hurry! So, it's next year - now, I can relax!

Kathy Adamich reported on the Country Fair which will be held in July during Cattlemen Days. It will be in the large tent at Jorgenson Park with a charge of \$10 per booth. Rules and regulations will be brought up later. Ours will be an ethnic booth featuring all kinds of Slovenian and other foods and handmade items for sale.

Loretta Szaller was the next person in our traveling bake sale. She will be baking for Sally Duck.

Mother's Day plans were discussed. The dinner will be at Josef's on May 7th at 1:00 p.m. Members may bring guests. Beth Weaver will be the honored guest as Mother of the Year.

Father's Day will be the day of our annual picnic. This year the fathers will be honored guests and special plans are made for their enjoyment. The picnic will be at the Legion Park with a pot luck dinner. Each member will fix a special dessert for her husband. Each member will also write a poem or descriptive passage about her husband. The men will be required to pick out the one dedicated to them! Should be great!

The summer hike will again take place on June 19th. Plans for a food sale were tabled until the next meeting.

Betty Stefanic won the mystery box donated by Sally Duck. Our next meeting will be at Betty Stefanic's with Kathy Adamic assisting.

Enjoy the spring weather. It is finally warming up again and the plants are showing up in the flower beds that were covered for so long with snow.

FRANCES SOMROCK

NO. 95, SO. CHICAGO, IL

On Wednesday, April 5th Branch 95 held their regular meeting. President Mary Brozynski lead the members in the opening prayer. The following members were reported on the sick list: Mary Possedi in St. Margaret's Hospital in Hammond, Indiana, and Ann Brkljacich living with her daughter in Boston, Mass. We wish both a speedy recovery.

Our deepest sympathy to Eleanor Bandera; her husband, John passed away on March 17th. Our condolences to Louise Goldina, Ann Brkljacich and Marge Nicksich, as their sister,

Catherine Egan passed away in March. Our deepest sympathy to Mary Jurko; her nephew, David Krneta passed away on April 5th.

Two of our charter members were unable to be present at this meeting; they are Millie James and Matilda Turica. Millie James was presented her 50 year pin in March by our President, Mary Brozynski. Matilda, who now resides in Las Vegas, will receive her pin in August by Frances Benkovich who will be visiting Las Vegas at that time. Millie James had been president of our Branch for 30 years. 38 members attended our meeting. We missed all our members who were unable to be present for one reason or another. Also for this special occasion we had our group picture taken by a photographer from our local newspaper.

Helping us to celebrate this "special" occasion we invited all the members of our neighboring Branch 16 to join us for the April meeting. 20 members accepted our invitation and came to our party. All the members of Branch 16 were introduced by their President, Marge Prebil, and our President, Mary Brozynski introduced the members of Branch 95. The delicious food was displayed with the spring green and yellow decorations. As good as the food looked it tasted twice as good. To all our members and hostesses who prepared the food, we thank you very much and you certainly outdid yourselves.

We then played 6 games of "B". The lucky winners were: Delphine Stemple, Marge Prebil, Millie Cuzella, Virginia Kwiatkowski, Mary Brozynski and Helen Alb. We all participated in the another prize game and the winners were: Frances Benkovich, Helen Alb and Mary Krznic. After hours of mingling in such warmth and friendship it was time to call it a lovely, enjoyable evening. But before departing to our homes, we wanted to do a little singing, so we did. We all joined in singing three verses of the favorite Slovenian song "Angelsko Češčenje". We then sang the popular Croatian song "Lijepa Si Lijepa Djevo Marija", then it was a favorite Polish song. Last but not least, all our favorite American song "God Bless America." It was a FUN evening which we shall all remember, and again we thank Branch 16 for joining us in this gala celebration. We hope you have enjoyed our party as we have enjoyed putting it together. It was our

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Growing Dahlias from Seeds



Dahlias grown in grandmother's day are remembered as impressive dinner-plate sized flowers. Oftentimes the prized dahlia would be a carefully guarded secret, only to be exchanged with a "special" gardening friend.

A generation ago dahlias, a native of central Mexico, were propagated from tubers (a tuberous root) or from stem cuttings. In recent years, seed-grown dahlias have been introduced and improved with great success. You will find dahlia seed usually available in three groups: dwarfs are 12 to 15" tall, mid-size from about 18 to 30", and tall dahlias exceed 36", with some 5 to 6 feet tall.

My first experience with seed dahlias came about when I received a "free packet" of Rigoletto dahlia seeds from Burpee. With a bit of skepticism, I planted them and to my amazement, they made me an instant dahlia fan.

Dahlias grown from seed produces flowers which span the full color range (except clear blue) and blossom sizes. Growing your own dahlias is as simple as growing zinnias or marigold, in fact they require the same growing conditions. Sow directly in the garden (about the time the lilacs bloom) after the soil warms and there is no further danger of frost. If you'd prefer to get a head start, sow six or seven weeks before the last expected frost in your area. I have found dahlias planted from seed bloom at the same time as dahlias planted from tubers.

Plant seeds in a tray of Pro-Mix about 1/2" deep, cover with clear plastic, place small inserts into bottom

tray, then add very warm water. Place in a warm location at temperatures of 70 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit. It takes approximately 5 to 7 days for seeds to germinate. Remove the plastic when new shoots are visible. Give seedlings full sunlight to encourage strong, stocky plants.

Dahlias are heavy feeders, work compost into the garden and work in a fertilizer such as 5-10-10 or 5-10-15 at a rate of two pounds per hundred square feet. Dahlias utilize large amounts of potash for root development, so add extra potassium if soil tests indicate low levels. At this time also add ground limestone if low pH.

Dahlias are fast growing plants which require large amounts of water. It is important to keep soil moist but not extremely wet. The fleshy roots can be damaged if excessive moisture shuts out the air from the soil. Keep the dahlias weed-free by using mulches such as straw or hay that keeps the soil cool and conserves moisture particularly during the heat of the summer. Black plastic helps warm the soil especially during the cool part of the spring growing season.

Tall growing dahlias become massive and need support. Drive a 4 to 6 foot stake into the planting hole, about 2" away from the plant. Start tying dahlias when they are about 1 foot tall and continue to tie them at 1 foot intervals. Pinching the terminal flower bud will improve plant growth and develop a stronger plant to support the flowers that will appear later. Dwarf types begin flowering and will reach full bloom by early July in most areas.

Plant dahlias in a sunny location with good air circulation; they will do well with a minimum of 6 hours of sunshine every day.

Tubers will be formed from seed after the first growing season. Gardeners may treat the dahlias as annuals or in the fall, they can be lifted, stored and replanted the following spring. Finding a proper storage area for dahlias is not always easy with today's heated homes. Ideal storage temperature is between 40 to 45 degrees F. If too warm they will sprout prematurely or rot.

The high point in growing dahlias is enjoying the flowers. To use dahlias as cut flowers, cut the blossoms when they are fully open. Plunge the cut ends in warm water immediately; when ready to arrange cut off 1/4" from the bottom of the stem and place in warm water. Be sure to use shears or a sharp knife. Change water every 2 to 3 days to increase the life of the cut dahlias and enjoy!

"Flowers are the sweetest things God ever made and forgot to put a soul into"

...Henry Ward Beecher, American clergyman

Happy Gardening!

Irene M. Odorizzi
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THE IMMIGRANT

Christina

FROM SREDIŠČE OB DRAVI

Part I "A Single Girl"

My parents, Franz Reich and Marija Novak, came from the village of Središče and were married in 1910. I was born on July 18, 1911, under the Austrian rule of Kaiser Franz Josef. My birth certificate is half Slovenian and half Austrian, yet I have never thought of myself as being Austrian.

My father went to the United States like many people who were interested in improving their lot in life. He thought, as others did, that he would better himself, make a few dollars and then return to Slovenia, later to bring my mother and me to America. But that's not the way it happened. Instead, my mother and I traveled to America, alone, in 1913. He didn't have to come to pick us up. I was less than two years old at the time.

My dad had already come to Pennsylvania where a job awaited him in the mines, but he didn't like it. He had had a nice position in Slovenia as a conductor on the railroad and going into the mines certainly wasn't a pleasure. Why did he come to Pennsylvania? Well, his former schoolmates were there and wrote to him to come. He left before WWI while his brother went into the military instead. They could do it that way. So dad came in 1911, to a country that everyone said had "gold"-paved streets.

My mother had a hard time leaving Slovenia. She left two families: her own and her sister's. There were many children that needed care. Everybody was at the station crying because she was leaving. She had taken care of everyone. When mother had died she had left a six-month-old baby to raise.

My father wrote a letter to my mother and said, "What are you going to do, stay there and raise all those children? I want you here in the U.S."

When mom and I arrived in Pennsylvania my father had prepared lodging in a friend's home. There were two rooms on the third floor of his house. There was also a baby girl born in that house on the lower floor and when she was eighteen months old that family went to Europe and then we moved downstairs. Strangely enough, she was born in the U.S. and raised in Slovenia and I was born in Slovenia and raised in America! We are dear friends since that time.

After we arrived in America everything was nice for awhile and then an accident happened with the boarders we had in our house. They were nice boys but on payday, when the barrels of beer came, all hell broke loose.

Well, one day, they were having a little tussel outside and my mother got in their way and she was pushed by



1913 - Two year old Christina Reich arrived in America

one of the boys and fell into a ditch. From that day she wasn't well anymore. It took five years of going from hospital to hospital for a cure. Finally after five years, the Pittsburgh Hospital found that her kidney dropped and they performed surgery. She was pregnant at the time and even so, a cast was placed on her. My sister, Mary, was born and she was dark, almost black. This was during the 1918 flu epidemic and no one could come in the house to help my mother take care of her. The young fellow who acted as a midwife was a "Pill roller." He let her give birth but then just left my mother, who had developed a terrible infection. He told my father, "Well, the baby will die, just leave her alone, and your wife is in bad condition, too".

As a little girl, of seven and a half years, and even though we had the flu epidemic sign on the house, I sneaked out and went to the railroad station and watched the trains come in. A man with a horse and buggy, dressed with a fur hat and coat, came driving up. I heard the baggage man say to the richly dressed gentleman, "Doctor, your medicine isn't on this train."

I looked up at him and said, "Are you a doctor?"

He replied, "Yes, little girl."

I asked, "Could you come by my house? My mother and the baby are dying."

He jumped down, put me on the buggy and covered us both with the fur blanket. I was so proud to ride with him. I brought him into the house and upstairs to my mother's room.

My mother couldn't see well any more and when the Doctor entered she mistook him for a peddler. She said, "I'm not buying anything today." Years ago, travelling salesmen would come to the house and display all the wares on the bed and on the floor, for the lady of the

house to view. Then she would purchase from the selection before her.

But, the doctor replied, "I'm not a peddler. I'm a doctor." Then he asked me, "little girl, would you mind going downstairs to get me a basin of hot water, a towel and some soap?" I did as I was asked and brought it up but found the doctor asleep on the chair. Just at that moment, my father came up the stairs and into the room. He looked at this man and asked in German, "What is this?" My parents spoke German when they didn't want me to know what they were saying. The doctor awakened and father repeated his question. The doctor introduced himself and then my father asked, "Can you help my wife?" The doctor said, "Yes, I can."

The doctor began to examine my mother and then ordered, "Get a lady over here to get this mattress off this bed, and I want you to go to this drugstore, about 13 miles away to buy some melons and food for the baby."

I'm telling you that baby cried all the time and I was hoping that they would take the baby back. It was sick and only skin and bones but in three months, she was like a butterball and my mother pulled out of her condition, too.

Every time the doctor went down the street, I'd stop him and if he carried two bags, I knew for sure that he would be carrying a baby in one of them. I'd go to the gate and say, "Please come to my house with one of those bags." Most families had a lot of children but not at our house. I liked a lot of children around me, running through the house. I would go to other people's houses to eat rather than eat at home just to be around all that activity.

When we were growing up there wasn't a radio or T.V. but my father was a great story teller. He could tell us everything about what was happening in Europe as well as scary stories that made us afraid to go to sleep. The worst time was in Pennsylvania when I had to go to sleep alone on the third floor, carrying a lantern, after a scary story. My father didn't trust me to use a kerosene lamp because he thought I'd blow the house up. I also carried up a chamber pot with some water in it and in the winter months the water would freeze in the pot during the night. Besides that, I took a hot brick with me to slide under the covers to keep me warm.

During the 1918 flu epidemic the memories are so vivid that I can still feel it in my chest when I recall those events, like the vibration of the trucks that were going along the small road in the back of the house on the way to the cemetery. They were making graves all day long and taking the bodies to the cemetery. I don't think they even opened up all the graves that they needed but put bodies on top of each other and then covered them with lime, because of the epidemic. It was very bad during the epidemic, and the priest came over to anoint my mother and what do you think he put around my neck? A chain of garlic. And I walked around with the garlic hanging around my neck, hoping it would chase the flu away.

Speaking of health, don't let people kid you about that saying--a child must have milk. I haven't had any milk since I was eighteen months old. They gave us powdered milk on the ship when we traveled to America. I don't know that what powdered milk did to my stomach, but since that time I haven't been able to digest milk. Yet in Europe, I drank milk straight from the cow. Strangely enough, I can drink buttermilk.

Speaking of milk, I can recall the day, when along with raising pigs, rabbits and chickens, we also kept cows.

It was my job to take the cows down the street to pasture and when it was six o'clock, I brought them home. We had one especially good cow that gave twelve quarts of milk a day. The cows were milked in the evening but the next morning I delivered milk to whoever had ordered it. There were some Italian families on my route and I learned every Italian swear word from delivering milk. They would swear at me if I was five minutes late. I can remember the family sitting at the table with coffee in the cups and even the cubes of bread were floating around in the coffee as they waited for the fresh milk. I carried four quarts each time I delivered.

My job was an interesting one because I heard all the news of what happened during the night. I knew who died during the night or what baby was born. I knew all the news because I went from house to house early in the morning.

In May, 1925, the mines were on strike and so my father left Pennsylvania and moved to Chicago. He was befriended by Vincent Cankar, the second president of the SNPJ and a school chum from Europe. It was through him that my father came to Chicago. His first job was grinding stone and that was too hard on his lungs so he secured a job at the tobacco factory.

Dad lived at a tavern on Damen Ave. (Robey St.) that had rooms and he ate at another place on 26th St. Because this was a Slovenian neighborhood, he looked around for a place for his family. When he found a place on Wood and 22nd Place, in a basement, he sent for us and we came to Chicago with nothing. All the furniture was in a boxcar because we combined money with other families that also left town, to ship the furniture together. So until our beds, table and chairs arrived, we slept on the floor in our new home.

We suffered socially in Chicago, and didn't have any friends because they called us, "black coal miners." The only person who was sympathetic was Paula Ozbolt who came from Bradley where they had mines and she understood. *(Paula was one of the best-loved members of Br. 2 and died at a venerable age.)*

The second obstacle was the fact that we belonged to the SNPJ and in those early years the Catholic Church and the SNPJ did not get along. When we moved from the basement to the "condominium" on 22nd about 1928-29 there were still problems because the Prosveta and the Glas Naroda newspapers were delivered to our mailbox. Then they called us, "the reds!"

Mary and Elsie went to the public school but before we left Pennsylvania, my mother said, "Christina, when you go to Chicago, you got to work," and so at age fourteen I looked for a job. My education had been to the sixth grade at the PA #5 public school. Even when I attended school, I'd go maybe two days a week. There were three children after me, one after another, and my mom's back was very weak and she needed help. I would wash diapers, hang them up and iron them.

We used to pass around the birth certificates so that we could get work. My sister used my birth certificate to get a job and when they called her "Christina" she'd never answer because she forgot.

My father was a good father and very interested in his kids. Every Sunday morning he called through the house, "Time to get up and go to church." My father always said, "Until you are twenty-one years old you will do as I tell you. After you are twenty-one, I don't care

what religion you join." We were also never allowed to talk back. The only one that was allowed to do that was Bill, the baby of the family. I loved my parents dearly even though they were strict with us and I was often punished.

We made our own wine and moonshine. The neighbors could always smell if you were making moonshine and so we put newspapers on the windows and stuffed the keyholes. When papa went to work he was feeling good because he had to taste it constantly.

That's another thing people say: "Don't give your children alcohol." I'm 77 already and I drank more moonshine by the time I was eight years old than any kid. We made everything at home, using grapes, raisins and cherries.

When the revenue guys came, everybody would run to hide their copper kettles. We were lucky! We had a manure pile where the cow was. Well, mama put the kettle in a box and hid it real fast under the manure pile. What's the use? We had no sewer to throw out the mash so we had to dump it in the ditch alongside the house. Well, when the revenue agent came, don't you think that he smelled it? They knew exactly whose house to go to!

The same thing happened with sugar. During the war, my mother was hiding sugar because you couldn't get any. Well, during the war, the revenue men would come and we'd yell, "Mama the revenue man's coming for the sugar." And we'd all grab the bags and run up the stairs with the sugar trailing behind us because the bags were so weak. We were glad if they passed the house.

What else would we do? When they would holler out, "Revenue Men," we'd quickly hang out the overcoats on the clothesline like they were drying and put the schnapps in the sleeves and in the pockets. We had a good time!

When we were younger we liked to drink wine. One evening one of the girls came over and said, "Let's go out this evening."

My father said, "Where are you going?"

I replied, "We're going out drinking." I just said that to be funny.

Well, he answered by saying, "If you are going to drink, I'm going to buy you some good stuff not like the stuff you are going to buy."

The same with smoking. We had friends who liked to smoke and he said, "I don't want to see you outside on the corner smoking. If you want to smoke, you are going to smoke in the house."

Well, Elsie was the first one to smoke and she did it when she came from Germany. The reason she started was because her husband didn't want her to be odd among the ladies because they all smoked. One day, my father was standing outside chewing his "Five Brothers" or smoking one of the little Italian stogies and by the way he chewed tobacco and lived to age 97! If you're going to live, you are going to live if that's your nature. Well, he was standing outside and happened to look up and saw the smoke coming out of the bathroom window. He was afraid the house was on fire, so he came inside and knocked on the bathroom door and said, "Don't be angry for my asking but what are you doing?"

Elsie came out real red in the face and said, "Father, I'm smoking."

End Part I

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Presenting...



Miss Diana Fir

FONTANA, CA - It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Miss Diana Fir, a lovely young lady with a golden voice. I have had the pleasure of knowing Diana since she was a very young child, and now she has blossomed into a beautiful young lady.

Diana and her mother, Maria, are both members of S.W.U. Branch 13 in San Francisco, California.

As chairpersons of a recent California fraternal event which was held in Fontana last fall, my husband, Frank and I invited Diana to appear on the program, and she happily accepted to the delight of all who heard her. Among those in the audience was our special guest that weekend, our S.W.U. National President, Mrs. Victoria "Tory" Bobence, who was in Fontana to attend our Western States S.W.U. Convention. I know that Mrs. Bobence was as taken with Diana's talented performance as was everyone else.

We are thankful to Diana's parents, Joe and Maria, for driving their daughter the long distance they did to bring her down to Fontana. They are to be highly commended for encouraging and supporting Diana's talents.

Now, let me tell you about her.

Diana Fir is 16 years old and was born in San Francisco, California. Maria Fir, her mother, was born in Istra, Slovenia. Joseph Fir, her father, was born in Bela Krajina, Fara Suhor, Slovenia.

Diana currently attends Mercy High School, an all-girl Catholic High School in Burlingame, California. For the past four years on Saturdays, Diana has been studying

piano, voice and solfège at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Diana began singing at the age of three on stage for the Club Slovenia Grapè Festival singing "Kol'ko kaplic toliko let, Bog nam naj na svet živet!"

At the age of six Diana began taking piano lessons with Mr. Alex Simenc, the organist of the Church of the Nativity in San Francisco. She joined the church choir at the age of seven and sang "Silent Night" during midnight mass.

At the age of eight she began taking voice lessons with Mr. Simenc and at the age of nine she began singing Schubert's "Ave Maria" and Frank's, "Panis Angelicus" for many weddings at the Church of Nativity. Diana also enjoyed tap, jazz and ballet lessons.

Currently she studies piano with Tomoko Hagiwara and voice with Arden Eliopolous. She was the First place winner of the San Francisco Musical Club in 1988 for vocal performance. She was also grand champion in 1985 thru 1987 for her age division at the California Performing Arts Competition.

Diana gave a solo piano and voice recital in 1987 and 1988 at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and she also performs at many Slovenian and other Bay Area Functions.

Diana is very active with school activities. She is a member of the P.A.C.E. team which stands for Promoting A Christian Environment. She helps with putting liturgies together, goes on retreats, and gives parties at Shriner's Hospital for disabled children. She is a member of the Mercy High School Chorale.

Diana hopes to pursue a career in operatic vocal performance and she would also like to major in television broadcasting. After High School Diana is looking forward to attend either the University of the Pacific or the University of Southern California.

The future for Diana looks very bright and promising on whatever road she chooses to travel--whether it be opera, television broadcasting, or some other endeavor. Whatever she chooses, she will indeed be a pride of our heritage.

Mary Lou Videgar
Vice President, Br. 100

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pleasure to have Branch 16 as our guest.

Again HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Branch 95, we all love you and will continue to be at your side with God's blessing.

Just a reminder, our "Women of the Year" luncheon will be held on Wednesday afternoon, June 14, 1989.

Reported by,

FRANCES E. BENKOVICH,
Recording Secretary

NO. 100, FONTANA, CA

Our March meeting was held at the home of Carol Harley. Arrangements were confirmed for the Communion on April 9 at St. George's Church 9:00 Mass followed by a brunch at Harry C's in Rancho Cucamonga. Our April meeting was to follow at Rosemary Mlakar's home. Plans will be discussed for an outing to Candlelight Dinner theater later. Harriet Bledsoe brought information regarding the selections being performed this year. On our sick list were Milka Zupancic and Mary Glad. We hope they are feeling well soon and can join us again. Don't forget our Mother of the Year banquet May 5 to honor our mother

of the year, Nell Phillips. Members will be notified by phone of the exact time and place. After the March meeting, slides from Slovenia were shown, provided by Chris and Linda Costell. Everyone seemed to enjoy seeing beautiful Slovenia again, and many discussed their past trips there, too. It helps to have something after the meeting like the films, or our cooking lessons.

LINDA COSTELL

NO. 105, DETROIT, MI

We held our meeting on March 18th. Pres. Kathleen Emerson opened the meeting which was hosted by Sharon Wysocky and Aileen Wysocky at Treas. Pat Adamic's home. We had a moment of silence for our sister, Antoinette Lindich, who recently passed away. Our sympathy goes to her daughter, Marie Perazza and family. Also, our condolences to Fulvia Rosa who recently lost her husband, John.

Our branch would like to welcome two new members, Janice Adamic Schroeder and little Jeffry Schroeder. New young members are the only way to continue Slovenian culture in the future.

We received an invitation to attend the Ohio-Michigan Regional Convention in Euclid, Ohio on Oct. 1st. This will coincide with the 60th anniversary of Br. 32. Any of our members who are interested should please contact Pat Adamic, 751-0513 so that a trip by van can be arranged. It should be a lovely occasion when we can visit and acquaint ourselves with Slovene sisters in the Cleveland area.

An excursion to the Detroit Institute of Art to visit the Cleopatra exhibit was planned for April 1st with a side trip to Greektown. We hope to report on having a wonderful time.

Br. 105 is also planning a June outing to the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Home which will also include a luncheon. Let Pat Adamic know if you are interested in joining the tour.

The May Member of the Year Luncheon will be at Jovan's at 1:00 on May 20th. Jovan's Steak House is located on Dodge Park Rd. north of 15 Mile Rd. We will have a choice of menus. Members and guests attending must let Pat Adamic know by May 13th.

At our April 15th meeting we had a guest pharmacist speak on various aspects of drugs.

Hope to see you soon.

VICTORIA DOHERTY,
Reporter

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Our own personal guide in the city of Kyoto.

My China Diary

The Inland Sea of Japan, a protected oceanway that wends its way around hundreds of small islands, stretches more than 250 miles from west to east. Our ship entered the Inland Sea just a little distance from Nagasaki, and we began a very interesting day with perfect resort-type weather, gorgeous blue water and scenery unlike any we had seen. We sailed between large and small islands, the space between them frequently so narrow that it seemed one could reach out and touch the lush green growth as it met the sea. The water was very calm, the sky bright and everyone on board dressed up in colorful warm-weather clothes. Numerous fishing and sailing vessels met us along the way.

As we passed larger islands we noticed growing plantations of fruit-bearing trees such as oranges and many old hilltop temples and even some mountains such as the 2,678 ft. high Hoshigajo which is topped by an ancient shrine.

An expansion bridge connecting two of the islands passed overhead at one point, and altho we seemed to be traveling slowly, the bridge was soon lost in the horizon and we rued having missed taking better camera shots of it as we passed underneath.

From the early morning until about 8 p.m. that night, we completed our transit of the Inland Sea and then anchored over night off the port city of Kobe, Japan's most modern and busiest port. Another city of shrines, ancient history and the incongruent mix of old and new, we saw Kobe the next day as in a fleeting moment. We had transferred our belongings to land, boarded buses again and divided ourselves into groups going to airports, train stations, or hotels. Rudy and I were bound for Osaka, just an hour's bus ride, and then onward to Kyoto, Japan's historic first capital and city of gardens. We bid adieu to our shipboard friends, hugged and took pictures of all of them and exchanged promises of seeing each other again, then headed for the local bus station where we would take yet another short bus ride to Osaka airport where we could leave our luggage for 48 hours. We had to have two days in Kyoto and dragging along all that luggage seemed foolish.

All this was accomplished without too much hassle and soon we were in line, having paid our fare in a machine that gobbled up our money. The bus driver, in white gloves and neat uniform welcomed us on board a very full bus.

We found seats and sat patiently, watching and observing the passing scene. At Osaka we had a cup of tea, then took another bus to Kyoto, a very fast and smooth 1-1/2 hour ride.

Rudy being a travel agent and having been to Kyoto before, selected one of the older hotels in a part of town that was very traditional so I was able to get the flavor of Japanese architecture as it appears in small cities. They still have dwellings in the old style, with sliding doors and opaque windows. It's very quaint.



Comfort, cleanliness, courtesy – might be the motto for Japanese bus companies.

The Miyako Hotel has some fantastic features. We had a beautiful suite and a gift of flowers for Rudy awaited us in the room. The bell boys in uniforms with short jackets and caps – similar to those at the Mandarin Hotel in Hong Kong – were at our beck and call. All service is done by men. We spent a time in the lobby where we chanced to meet people from our ship who also came to Kyoto on their own. A croissant and tea held us over until dinner later. In the coffee shop we met an American lady who was living in Tokyo for two years with her husband who was there on business. She was actually a tourist as we were, taking notes on the sights of Kyoto in preparation for a visit back to her home town in America where she would lecture on Japan, from her viewpoint.

Soon we were on the streets again, walking and enjoying the warm and sunny afternoon in this new and exciting place. We followed our trusty map – as we had everywhere we had visited before – and finding ourselves a little confused, we approached three little elderly ladies who were chatting on a corner. We asked them to help us find the Heian Temple which we thought was nearby. Rudy pointed to the name on the map and we both gestured, smiled, bowed, and pointed again. They did the same, gestured, bowed and smiled. We saw that we were getting nowhere, so we bid them farewell and walked on. A minute later, we heard a call and right behind us came one of the little ladies, indicating that she would accompany us and show us herself. She was so darling and friendly that we shall never forget her. And, without too much effort, we soon came to the street where the imposing Heian Temple stood, its huge red enameled gateway welcoming us. There she bowed deeply again and left us with a smile and wave.

The Temple was filled with visitors, mostly groups of school children in their uniforms – girls giggling and boys chasing each other around. We enjoyed all the beautiful palaces within the compound. All of a sudden Rudy poked me and said, "Look who's that? Isn't that someone from Hollywood?" Sure enough, in a flash we got a good look at June Allyson, another tourist just like us.

Another beautiful experience awaited us at the Sanjusangendo Shrine in which are housed 1001 statues depicting an honor guard of soldiers, all covered in gold. An enormous figure of the principal "Image" called Kannon Bodhistva sits in the center of the hall in which the soldiers stand. Each figure is supposed to have eleven faces and a thousand arms. This shrine is a national treasure and this very building stands since the year 1266 A.D.

On our walk back to the hotel we examined store fronts and street signs – even those that said "Keep Kyoto Clean", in Japanese, of course!

Then we enjoyed spending the night in our luxurious suite. My bed lamp was a large one with a silk shade. A hole about the size of a grapefruit was cut into the shade so that if you wished to have light shine on your reading matter, or some special focus, you could turn the shade and emit the full power of the light! The walls were covered in silk and the furniture all coordinated in muted shades of orchid. The closet doors were also covered, inside and outside, with the same fabric and the draperies were double lined. We watched TV, too, again, viewing western style commercials....They showed a hair coloring brush that I haven't yet seen in the States. A digital clock and switches right built right in the bedside table were something new, too. They had also ironed our sheets! A fully stocked bar included a thermal container for hot water. In the "john"



Every little paper attached to this bush is a prayer at the Heian Temple.

was a phone, a hairdryer, four soft towels for each of us and the best quality shampoo, razor, etc. in containers. The Corian covered sinks were gorgeous. Two beautiful cotton kimonos were hanging in the closet and the door knobs on all doors were dainty, small latches. A printed paper telling us what to do in case of fire or earthquake was posted near the door. Copies of the Bible and the Teachings of Buddha were placed on the desk which formed a sort of divider between the sleeping area and parlor, that could be completely divided by draperies. What luxury!

The next morning we were ready again to pick up and go! We had an early call from the front desk, our previously reserved taxi was waiting for us and soon we were at the train station, waiting for the "bullet" train back to Osaka. On the platform commuters began lining up. We were early enough to take a stroll up and down. We stopped for tea at a small enclosed snack area and each of us took a small plastic bottle of green, weak tea, with a cover and with a hanging string handle, completely disposable. So, like other commuters, we carried our tea on the train, drank it later and threw away the empty bottle!

Now, this bullet train is true to its name. It is completely computer operated, it comes to each station exactly on time, allows passengers on for a predetermined number of minutes, closes the door and shoots off. If you don't move fast, you don't get on. It's the same thing getting off. We began to get worried about getting off fast enough long before it was time because we could see how the other passengers acted. There was no talking, no wasted movements. They got up from their seats, stood in a line from the door down the aisle and when the train stopped and doors opened, everyone moved and out they went. We did the same thing and before we knew it, we, too, were out on the platform in the crowd moving toward the city. It was really fun and an experience to remember!

A short view of Osaka...the second largest city in Japan. In 1990 the World Flower Expo will be here and they are already preparing for it. In the airport, we dashed

about getting our luggage, paying an exorbitant amount of money for the 48 hour rental, and got our JAL boarding passes for our next two flights, to Tokyo and then to Chicago. We relaxed a while and watched the people passing by. A cleaning lady was checking all the ashtrays...everything was spotlessly clean and charmingly displayed. A TV set at each area was tuned to "The Price is Right." We had a cup of soup and tipped a porter who helped us manage our unwieldy luggage.

Japan was so much like America in its western look, its abundance of material things, its energetic-looking population, everyone busily going someplace, men with attache cases or pocketbooks, ladies with their pretty clothes...it's amazing how similar we all are where free enterprise rules. But, frankly, I think Japan has a lot over us in technology, use of computers, plastics, conveniences. I saw things on the Japanese marketplace that haven't been seen here yet, such as kitchen appliances in the most fantastic shapes that do almost everything at the touch of a button, machines that tell you with signs where and how

to enter or exit, a phone that has all the works underneath, out of sight, not on the wall, and glass-enclosed rooms in transit stations, things that open or close automatically.

The Japanese are a people who will do anything for you - they make all accommodations, want to serve you better, do things and invent things to be a better product,



This darling little girl was traveling with her family to see her grandma - so I played grandma, too.

to be a more sellable product, a more attractive product. If this is only for money and profit, so be it.

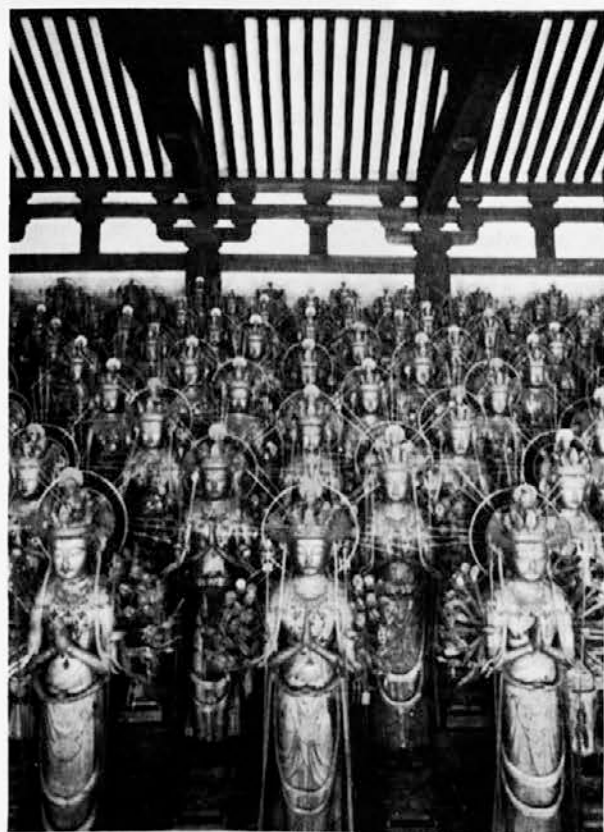
Japanese living conditions are ultra expensive, even by our standards. Add to this the fact that it is a crowded land, with a population of 120 million, the most densely populated country on the face of the earth. Despite all this, Japan's economy is third in the world, behind the much larger United States or Soviet Union.

I really admire them. Their ability to deal with crucial problems of population, their aggressiveness to improve their society, to make their mark in the world, their industry and studiousness, their respect for the elderly.

We did find time for a visit to a "theatre" in Kyoto that had performers showing us the traditional dances, pantomime, puppet show, playing of instruments, and flower arranging. These are among their most precious cultural arts and they know how to promote them before audiences of many varied peoples, from all over the world. They want the world to know them.

All the orient has a special kind of beauty, fascination and as our younger generation would say, "It's awesome"!

At no other time or place could I have met and enjoyed people of such diverse cultures as I did aboard the Royal Viking, in China and in Japan. That is indeed my most treasured memory and the heart of my China diary.



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OH, WHAT WONDERFUL WOMEN!

Read the stories of our chosen Mothers/Members in this issue and tell me if you are not impressed – gratified – made happier just knowing about them. They put a smile on your face and give a warm feeling in your heart!

And, we are proud of our branches for selecting them! May God bless them and keep them safe, healthy and with us for many, many years to come! Happy Mother's Day!

Editor



Pauline Rupar

Br. 1, Sheboygan, WI

As a devoted mother to her family, church, fraternal organizations and especially in keeping up her Slovenian heritage, Pauline Rupar was selected as Mother of the Year at the December Dinner-Party meeting of the Slovenian Women's Union, Branch No. 1 in Sheboygan, Wis.

Pauline has been a member for many years, having been recognized as a 50-year member three years ago.

She is active in the many organizations and clubs she belongs to, and is always willing to respond to requests for baked goods for bake sales for her parish of SS. Cyril and Methodius or societies.

Our honored member also sang with the parish choir for fifty-five years, having been its director the last ten years she was associated with the group. She has now retired, but her love of choral work still lingers on as she keeps up the singing traditions of her Slovenian heritage.

She aided Janet Maurin, also a member of the Slovenian Women's

Union, in organizing the Slovenian Youth Singers and Dancers from the parish school about three years ago. They meet once a week for rehearsals, learning Slovenian folk songs and folk dances. They have performed at numerous programs for church and civic groups throughout the city and surrounding areas.

With the aid of Olga Saye, another Slovenian Women's Union member, Pauline helped organize the Slovenian Songsters, a group of ten adult singers, who get together to sing Slovenian folk songs, and who also are called upon to perform frequently at various programs.

Pauline and her husband, Joseph celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 6, 1988 in the midst of their loving, caring and supportive family, their relatives and a large circle of friends.

The honoree and her husband have two daughters, sister M. Michelle Rupar, OSF, an art instructor at Mount Assisi High School for Girls in Lemont, Ill., and Jackie Schmidbauer, Hales Corners, Wis., one son, Jerry of Jupiter, Florida, who is associated with the newspaper, Courier Journal, and in marketing research in Jupiter, and five grandchildren.

Pauline is a retiree of the Sheboygan Press where she worked for 20 years as a proofreader. She also was a reporter for Slovenian Women's Union Br. No. 1 for many years.

She and her husband, Joe, enjoy traveling, especially to Slovenia and surrounding areas visiting relatives and friends there and to Florida where their son and family live.

CATHERINE SRABARNECK

Br. 2, Chicago, IL

Catie was born in Chicago in the neighborhood around 19th & Carpenter. There were five children in the Basic family: Mildred, John, Betty



Catherine Srabarneck

(Veber), Mike and Catherine. They all attended the Holy Trinity Catholic School.

Catie always loved to dance, and when she was a teen the place to go was the "National Hall" where the youth would meet, to dance and have a good time. There she met a fine young Slovenian man Joseph Srabarneck and Catie and Joe were married on September 13, 1930 at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Father Bojanic officiating at the ceremony. They had two children: Nancy (Ronald Skoty) of Denver and Joseph Srabarneck (Phylliss) living in Grayslake, Illinois and six grandchildren – 4 girls and 2 boys – Cheryl, Jaymie and Ronald, Jr. Skoty and Terry, Christine and Denise Srabarneck. She enjoys being with her family.

Catie retired from Sears where she worked for 40 years. A big farewell party was given by her co-workers.

Branch 2 is very proud of Catie! She is very active, she is our Kitchen Custodian, takes care of all the needs for our monthly meetings and besides

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MARY YANKS

Br. 3, Pueblo, CO



Mary Yanks

that is even bar-tender at the annual July picnic.

At any of the Slovenian doings, you can always find Catie enjoying herself on the dance floor. Another way that Catie enjoys herself is playing pinoche with her friends. Pinoche is one of her favorite past times.

Being the Woman of the Year for Branch 2, and being able to pay tribute to Our Lady by crowning her during her month of May is very special to Catie. This will take place on May 11th at the 7 p.m. mass.

"May is your special month Blessed Mother Mary!"



Rose Miklich

Mary Yanks was chosen as the member of the Year for our branch. She has been a very loyal and devoted member for many years.

Mary is very deserving of this honor. She attends meetings regularly, always is ready to help and we all have enjoyed her delicious strudels.

Mary was born in Pueblo, Colorado to Anton and Johanna Pritekel who were immigrants from Slovenia. She was one of nine children. Her mother was a member for many years.

Mary was married to John F. Yanks, a farmer and tractor mechanic on Jan. 27, 1937 at St. Mary's Church. There were no children and she has been widowed for fifteen years.

Mary helped her husband farm and was also an expert seamstress and made drapes for many years.

Mary has had problems with her vision but despite this she is still as active as ever.

We are all very happy to have her in our branch and are proud to have her as our member of the year. Congratulations, Mary, from all!

JOANNE SEKULA

Br. 5, Indianapolis, IN

The oldest of seven children, Joanne Sekula was born June 26, 1914 on a farm in Morgantown, Indiana. Parents, Andrew and Antonia Kodromaz, were both Slovenian immigrants from the Austria-Italy border region. When Joanne was nine years old, the family moved to Cleveland, Ohio.

After Joanne graduated from St. Vitus school, she went into domestic service and then worked in a factory during the war. Later, she worked for the Indiana Farm Bureau Co-op until she retired in 1960.

Joanne had briefly known Anthony Sekula during their childhood days in the Morgantown area. They met again when Joanne and her sister, Florence came with brother, Leo from Cleveland to visit the Indianapolis 500-mile race. Joanne and Tony Sekula were married in 1940.

Joanne and Tony were married 44 years, until Tony passed away in



Joanne Sekula

1984. They were both avid bowlers and attended many tournaments as well as participating in leagues throughout the years. Joanne currently bowls in three weekly leagues and carries a 145 average. She also keeps busy as lodge secretary for SNPJ #34, a position she has held for a total of 28 years.

Joanne, her two daughters, son-in-law, and two grandchildren all reside in Speedway, Indiana. At family gatherings, Joanne's potato salad and chocolate pie are eagerly anticipated, but the grandchildren most appreciate her chocolate chip cookies, which she has sent in "care packages" to them in college. Joanne is very proud of granddaughter, Christy Farris, who



Mary Bucovnik

was recently accepted for admission to the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Joanne's mother, Antonia Kodromaz, was a member of the Slovenian Women's Union in Cleveland until her death in 1942. Joanne has been a member of Slovenian Women's Union #5 for 46 years. When informed of the honor of "Mother-Member of the Year," Joanne responded by saying she wasn't "old enough."

Knowing how active Joanne is with family, bowling and lodge activities, as well as weekend flights to Cleveland to visit her two brothers and four sisters there, we agree that Joanne isn't "old" at all, but she certainly is deserving of the honor "Mother of the Year!"

Love,

Antonia Sekula (daughter)

ROSE MIKLICH

Br. 10, Cleveland, OH

She's short, has silver hair and blue eyes. She's cuddly and affectionate. She's a grandmotherly type. Our generous and giving Mother of the Year, Rose Miklich loves her children and grandchildren very much. They have constant contact with her and spend all their holidays together. She worked hard to support the family and reared two children, Anthony and Donald after her husband died, being both mother and father to them. There are three grandchildren, and the eldest, Christine, lives in the back house behind grandma. She is always there for Christine and her other granddaughters, Elaine and Susan. She has special affection for her little great granddaughter, Brittany who is only one year old.

Rose was born in Cleveland on E. 43rd St. in 1911. There were seven family members, four brothers and she was the only daughter. Her birthday is June 7th.

She went to Standard Elementary school and attended Addison Jr. High and Wilson Jr. High. She actually only finished the 7th grade because she had to go to work. Her first job was at a dry cleaners on E. 141st as a marker. She worked there for at least 5 years in her early girlhood then later at the Cleveland Stadium for over 20 years and also at Collinwood High School for 15 years.

Rose is an expert knitter. She knits sweaters, slippers, afghans. She has won awards for the afghans! Everyone

in her family has these beautiful handmade things given to them, made with special love for each.

Anthony Miklich was her only husband. They married on Sept. 28th, 1935 at St. Mary's Church in Collinwood and lived on E. 172nd at the time. He worked at the Iron Fireman on the west side. Anthony died after 23 years of marriage in 1957.

Rose was a member of the Frances Susel Cadets. Her mother was a member also; Theresa Turk, will be remembered by many.

Rose's eldest son and his wife celebrated their 25th anniversary a couple of years ago and her first great granddaughter's birth in 1988 was another very memorable occasion.

Love and caring them to be the best descriptive words for Rose Miklich.

MARY BUCOVNIK

Br. 12, Milwaukee, WI

Mary was born on Dec. 17, 1913 in Milwaukee in a family of three sisters, Mary, Fanny and Annie. Her mother, Mary Rajster stayed at home with the children, took care of the family and later, worked part time as a chemist's assistant. Father, John, worked at the Phister and Vogel tannery. Mary attended Park St. elementary school and Milwaukee Vocational School for four years. A shoe factory was her first place of employment and later she worked at Harvester and Red Owl. She became self-employed with her husband in a grocery store and presently has been retired for 20 years.

Mary enjoys knitting, fur remodeling and crocheting. She makes many afghans and quilts for family members and belongs to a sewing club.

Mary and Martin Bucovnik were married at St. John the Evangelist church in 1931. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a small family party including attendants in 1981. They live in their own home at 8010 W. Burdick Ave. in Milwaukee.

Their daughter, Marilyn is a licensed practical nurse. She remembers with gratitude the help her mother gave her during her training. "Mother would quiz me at least once a week on nursing subjects for the entire year of school with the result that I ended being in the top 4 of my class," says Marilyn. "I couldn't have done it without mom's help," she added. Marilyn and her husband, Tom, live in an upper story flat in the same building as mom and dad so they see each other every day.

Members of Br. 12 are proud of Mary's 62 year membership! She attends most meetings, card parties and social events. Her mother, Mary Rajster, was a very active member. A sister is also a member of Br. 12.

This sweet, generous member said that she received her own values of honesty, hard work and generosity to others from her parents. "I had a good life, no problems," said Mary. She adds, "I am honored to be chosen for this great recognition. I never expected this - it's a total surprise. It has a special meaning for me because of my mother who was also a charter member and 75 years old when she was chosen for the same honor, as I am now. Thank you."

SOPHIE KLEPEC TROYA

Br. 13, San Francisco, CA

Our mother, Sophie Klepec Troya, was born in San Francisco in May, 1915. She was the eldest of five children, four of whom are living. A brother, Tony was killed in action in World War II.

Sophie's parents, Tony and Mary were from a small village, Podzeml, in Slovenia. They emigrated to the United States in 1913.

After graduating from Mission High School, Mom worked at the Spreckles Sugar Refinery. She married Rudy Troya at the San Francisco Slovenian Church in 1940. The wedding reception was held at her parent's home, and Mama Klepec did all the cooking.

Dad worked at General Brewery Corporation for 37 years, and he retired in 1970. He served as President of the Slovenian Hall for thirty years and Secretary of the American Fraternal Union for forty-five years.

In 1942, the first of their three children, Carol was born. Rudy Jr. was born three years later, followed by Nancy in 1947. Her imminent delivery was heralded by a police escort to the hospital.

Carol is a Registered Nurse and she worked at San Francisco General Hospital, where she met her husband, Tom Goergen, during his internship. For the past 17 years, they have lived near San Diego, where Tom is a radiologist. Carol and Tom have two children, Ryan, age 15, and Lindsay, age 12. Even though they don't live nearby, there are many trips between San Diego and San Francisco each year. Christmas is traditionally held at Grandma and Grandpa's house. It's

WHAT PRECIOUS MOTHERS!



Sophie Troya

a special treat for Lindsay when the grandparents travel to Southern California to see her ride in a horse show.

Rudy Jr. attended the Los Angeles Art School and majored in Photography. He worked as a professional portrait photographer for ten years. Rudy and his wife, Anne Marie have two little girls, Nicole, age 7, and Natalie, age 3. They live in San Jose, where Rudy owns and operates the cafeteria at the Main Post Office. Nicole and Natalie eagerly look forward to the times when they can stay at Grandma's, which often includes a trip downtown for lunch and shopping.

Nancy graduated from San Francisco State University with a degree



Helen Milanovich

Helen Milanovich

in social welfare. She then became a flight attendant for the Flying Tiger Line where she met her husband, Ned Benedict, a pilot. Nancy and Ned's son, Adam is 14 yrs old and they live in Burlingame. The grandparents often attend Adam's Little League games and Grandma frequently brings Adam a batch of his favorite chocolate chip cookies.

In 1960, Sophie began working at the East Wind Book Bindery, but she took a leave of absence in 1968 to care for her ailing mother. After Grandma Klepec's death in 1971, Sophie returned to work in the bindery until her retirement in 1976.

She has also been a wonderful nurse and companion to her husband through three major surgeries. She has also been a member of the Slovenian Women's Union for over thirty years. Her mother-in-law, Mary Troya, was a charter member and both her mother and sister, Ann Nanut, have been Slovenian Women's Union Mothers of the Year. Her daughter, Carol is also a member.

"Our mother is known by all the family and her friends as a fantastic cook and baker. Her specialties are Potica and Apple Strudel. Although we often try to reproduce her recipes, somehow, they just don't turn out the same.

"In looking back at her life's experiences, some of mom's most memorable moments were the arrival of her first grandchild and her trip to Europe, where she visited the birth homes of her parents and met her uncle for the first time. The memories she cherishes most are those of our many family gatherings throughout the years. Mom is special to us all, because she has always made the family her special focus."



JOSEPHINE LUSTIC
Br. 14, Cleveland, OH

Josephine Lustic will be honored as "Mother of the Year" by Branch 14 at the meeting on May 2nd at Recher



Josephine Lustic

Hall, Slovenian National Home in Euclid.

She is the mother of Ileene Collins (also of Branch 14), Dorothy Jerina (Bay Village), and Louis Lustic (Chagrin Falls). She is grandmother of eight children and great grandmother of twelve.

Mrs. Lustic, now 87 years old, was born in Cleveland. Her parents were Joseph and Mary Kuhar. Her sisters were Mary Kovacic and Rose Brinovec. She married Louis Lustic in 1926. Mr. Lustic was born in Zajnicki (Slovenia). They have always lived in Cleveland.



Joan Yaklich

HELEN MILANOVICH

Br. 16, SO, Chicago, IL

A long-standing member of a very loyal S.W.U. family, Helen (Kuhel) Milanovich, is our 1989 Mother-of-the-Year. Helen was born in Chicago on August 28, 1918. She married Larry Milanovich on July 7, 1938 and they had 3 sons. Larry passed away on February 14, 1976.

Her son, Larry, wife Jeanne, son Tyson and daughter Bergen reside in Woodinville, Washington. He is a Union Representative for Boeing Aircraft Engineers and NASA Space Program on Contracts.

Her son, Robert, wife Frances, daughters, Susan and Dana and son, Robert reside in Longwood, Florida. He is a Salesman for Industrial Machine Parts.

Her son, Charles is a Sales Representative for Cost Containment for Insurance Companies on Hospital and Medical Care. He resides in Fullerton, California.

Helen has a close relationship with her sister, Ruth's son, Max Krause, wife, Therese (Wine) and children, Kerri and Kristopher who reside in Glenview, Illinois.

Helen's parents, Joseph and Frances emigrated to the United States from Austria in 1907. Her father was a well-known tailor in the Slovenian community and with his wife, Frances, operated a clothing store. They are both deceased. Helen cares for her sister, Zora Yurkus, an invalid with severe arthritis and they have lived together for 13 years. Her sister, Ruth Cubra resides in Mesa, Arizona.

Helen and her sister, Zora owned the Joyce Shop, a children wear store, but due to Zora's illness, it was necessary to close their business. Shortly thereafter, Helen joined Gassman Brothers, one of the South Side's finest clothing stores as a childrens wear buyer. She remained with Gassman's until they closed their store in 1979.

Helen's hobby is baking at which she is an expert and has generously donated her delicious pastries for our many affairs. Ceramics is another hobby that Helen enjoys and she is truly an artist in this field as evidenced by the works of art displayed throughout her home.

With her family scattered throughout the United States, Helen does considerable travelling to keep in touch with them. While she is visiting with

her family, her sister, Ruth, comes in from Arizona to be with Zora - true sisterly love.

Helen joined Branch 16 in April of 1938 thus she is a member for 51 years. Her mother was our Mother-of-the-Year in 1959 and her lovely picture was featured on the cover of the May issue of ZARJA in that year. Her sister, Zora, was honored as Woman-of-the-Year in 1981. Ruth and Zora are also 51 year members of Branch No. 16.

Helen is a member of the confraternity of Christian Mothers of St. George Church where she currently holds the office of Corresponding Secretary. She is also a member of the DeSales Senior Center, Delavec #8 S.N.P.J. and the Western Slavonic Association.

Helen's life is a very busy and hectic one, but no matter where you meet her, she always has a friendly smile and cheerful word. She will be crowned Mother-of-the-Year by our 1988 Mother-of-the-Year, Andrea Kral, at a dinner in St. George Church Hall on Thursday, May 11.

You are a cherished member, Helen, and we love you and wish you a very Happy Mother's Day and good health so that you will continue with your good work for many years to come. Congratulations!

Gladys K. Buck

JOAN YAKLICH

Br. 17, West Allis, WI

Joan Yaklich is the secretary of Br. 17 since 1985 and for the past year has served as Regional President for the state of Wisconsin. She enjoys working with the members and says they honored her greatly by naming her Mother of the Year.

Joan was born in Milwaukee Jan. 29, 1933. She is of German descent and has one brother. She went to Holy Cross grade school and Pius XI high school and afterward worked at a savings and loan until 1959 when her son was born. She continued to work off and on until 1978 and since then has enjoyed some traveling.

She loves to sing and is a member of the St. Mary Help of Christians Church choir. She also likes to knit and does counted cross stitching. She collects crystal bells and likes to bake. She is vice-president of the Altar Society at the church.

Joan's husband of 30 years, Stan-

ley, is retired from Allis Chalmers and he, too, enjoys traveling. They visited Europe twice and also sailed on a cruise. They have had great times in Las Vegas, too.

Their son, Tom, is a machinist and daughter, Lori, is a travel agent. Tom is married and lives in Milwaukee and Lori lives at home. She is a member of Br. 17 and frequently helps mom out.

Leigh Yaklich, one year old and Steven Yaklich, born Feb. 9th, 1989 have brought lots of sunshine into their lives. Tom's family lives nearby and Joan loves to babysit for the children.

In fact, Joan loves to get involved in any kind of work and likes to be kept busy. She is a very giving person and a definite leader who likes to keep things in order. A perfect trait for a fraternal officer, right? The members of Br. 17 think so, too.

Joan says her greatest inspiration in her life was her mother and being Mother of the Year fulfills this for her.

DIANE GOVEDNIK

Br. 20, Joliet, IL

Diane is, like many members of Br. 20, an almost professional volunteer. She is very active with the programs of the branch and participated in the last National Convention held in Joliet, especially the 60th Anniversary Mass and celebration at St. Joseph's. Her daughter and three granddaughters are also included when Diane takes part in any fraternal project. For instance, in 1987 when Joliet held their Sesquicentennial Parade, she and her husband, Bill and three granddaughters took part in costumes. She and Bill do a lot of things together. They work side-by-side every year at the annual St. Joseph parish fair, especially the years when Bill was the chairman. She is extremely aware of her heritage and spends many hours working at the SWU Heritage Museum and serving on committees for these programs of Br. 20: Statue of Liberty Restoration Dinner-dance, Annual Grape Festival Dance, and of course, monthly branch activities. Once a month she is chairman for the church Bingo and is a regular volunteer for the monthly Shephard's Table where dinners are distributed to the needy and homeless.

For 8 years she and Bill have been involved in the Joliet Catholic High School and St. Francis Academy joint venture called "Jubilation" which is a gigantic fund raiser. Countless hours

WHAT EXCEPTIONAL MEMBERS!



Diane Govednik

were spent by the Govedniks arranging and hosting the Slovenian Gostilna (serving food and drinks plus entertainment in the Slovenian style) at Jubilation. She is a member of almost all the church societies and St. Genevieve Lodge of KSKJ.

Diane comes from a Croatian family. Her parents were both born in Europe and immigrated to the U.S. when they were young adults.

She has five sisters and 6 brothers. This large family suffered through hard times that necessitated her dropping out of high school and taking a job when very young. At the age of 16 she already was working full time as a bundle wrapper in a laundry. It was after her children were grown that

Diane was able to complete her high school studies and she earned them thru the G.E.D. accreditation courses offered to adults.

At the age of 19 Diane was already married to Bill who is the inspiration of her life, and they began their family. Their four children are now all married and have good positions. Their daughter is a nurse at St. Joseph's hospital and three sons are working and raising their own families. They all live in town and that means that the grandchildren visit frequently. Raymond is 12, Colleen is 14, Carrie is 6, Crystal is 4 and Scott is 3. The girls are all members of the branch. They all love to sleep over at grandpa's and grandpa's and to eat Diane's special popcorn, and everything else she cooks. They are all wild about her strudels. The first question at the door is "Hi, Grandma, what do you have to eat?"

Diane says she likes to work with crafts such as knitting, crewel work, painting figurines for centerpieces and making silk flowers.

The honor of being chosen Mother of the Year is a very special one for Diane who shares it with all the mothers of Br. 20. She is happy because she knows that to be selected is to be considered very worthy. She thanks everyone "from the bottom of my heart!"

MARY ANN BAROTHY

Br. 22, Bradley, IL

We all know how small a branch is No. 22, but they are all jewels in our Zveza crown and they have selected a Woman of the Year that is indeed a crown jewel! Mary Ann Barothy, a member who is the third generation in a family of members, and who lives in Indianapolis, Indiana, will forever be known as the one chosen for special honors in 1989. Her mother, Rose Smole Barothy has been a member for over 60 years and grandmother, Rose Smole was a charter member of Br. 22. Frequently Mary Ann and her mom drive up to Bradley to join them in some event or holiday and this month, it will be another reunion for their Mother/Woman of the Year celebration.

Let's learn a little about Mary Ann.



Mary Ann Barothy

She is well-educated, has earned a B.A. in English from Marian College in Indianapolis where she grew up, a Theology degree from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College and a Paralegal degree from Indiana University-Purdue University. She has held some very interesting jobs and is currently with Lilly Endowment, Ind. in their Education Division. She has been a free-lance writer and public relations consultant, was public relations director for Perennial Pictures and a reporter for the Indianapolis News newspaper. For 5 years she lived in Los Angeles, California as film actress Doris Day's secretary.

Since 1987, she has been working on a Mediugorje Network with her



Catherine Merhar



Jennie Strumbel

mother and cousins, Ray and Carol Andrejasich. Since her first visit there, Mary Ann has been collecting information and news about the Apparition of the Blessed Mother at Medjugorje and she has become quite an expert on the literature, authors and lecturers who have been promoting their faith in this miracle throughout the United States.

Mary Ann also enjoys cooking and baking and won first prize at the Indiana State Fair for her fudge and apricot nectar bundt cake. (We'd love to have the recipe for ZARJA, Mary Ann!) She is also a good photographer and loves to travel.

She is very devoted to the Cause for the Canonization of Bishop Baraga and attends their annual pilgrimages. We are grateful to her for the stories she has written for publication in ZARJA thru the years on the Baraga Days events. Mary Ann's pictures and stories on Baraga have appeared in other publications as well.

The family is very proud of Mary Ann. Her sister June Griebenow and family live in St. Paul, MN and brother, Charlie and family live in Shreveport, LA but they are very close and supportive. They think their beautiful, blonde, blue-eyed, positive, optimistic and fun-loving sister is one-in-a-million!

And we're certain that her visits to Bradley are memorable for the joy and warmth she brings to them!

CATHERINE MERHAR

Br. 23, Ely, MN

Catherine Merhar was chosen to represent Br. 23 this year – as their "Mother of the Year." She was born in Ely, Minnesota – the daughter of John and Margaret Hutar.

When Catherine was seven years old, her father bought a pump organ for the family. Catherine quickly learned to play the Slovenian tunes she heard her mother sing. At that time the Hutars had boarders who worked in the mines. After a glass of homemade wine, they would join in singing the Slovenian melodies, along with the sisters and brothers in the family. They all had good voices.

Catherine was blessed with great talent. She can play a musical instrument in any key and transpose in any key.

Now she plays for the "Slovenian Choir" under the able direction of Frank Shepel who is an excellent singer.



My Sister,

My Sister is a special person who listens when you're blue, and listens to you when you have good news. So, Happy Mother's Day to my Sister. She is such a special lady and she has always been there for me. Never let me down. God bless YOU on this Happy Mother's Day. Love always,

Sharon Johnson

Branch 33, Duluth, MN

Each Sunday Catherine plays the piano at the Nursing Home in Ely at 2 p.m. for the Sunday Mass. The patients enjoy singing the hymn "Češčena si, Marija."

Catherine was accompanist on the accordion for opera singer, Frank Levar of Boston, formerly of Ely.

Together they recorded an album of "Slovenske Melodije". This album is still available at Merhar's Ace Hardware in Ely, and is used to promote the continuation of Slovenian music.

Catherine sang in St. Anthony's Church Choir for 50 years, under the direction of her sister, Mary Hutar, Organist and Director.

In 1986 Catherine was the recipient of the music and drama civic honor award.

Catherine and her husband, Charles Merhar have been married for 51 years. They are the parents of three children: Charles Merhar, Jr. – owner and operator of Merhar's Ace Hardware in Ely.

A daughter is Margaret Dugan, a teacher at Detroit, Michigan.

A son, Lt. Col. Dave Merhar is in Germany. Catherine and Charles are also grandparents of six grandchildren.

Branch No. 23 in Ely is proud to have such a talented lady. You bring enjoyment to us at our social gatherings.

Anne Saari, Pres.

JENNIE STRUMBEL

Br. 25, Cleveland, OH

Women of Branch 25 are very proud to have Jennie Strumbel as an outstanding member, woman, friend and Mother of the Year. "Jen" as she is called by her family and friends is a sweet, generous person. That smile, that look from those eyes, it just captivates you. It makes you feel good all over. You just want to do whatever she's doing.

A lot of people immigrated at the beginning of the century from Slovenia to Cleveland. Among the immigrants were also the Mohorcic's. As they established themselves on E. 61st in the St. Vitus parish area, it was time to raise a family. Five children were born to Mohorcic's. Jennie, our celebrant was one of those born into this fine Christian family on September 18, 1910. She attended St. Vitus school and East Tech High School. Soon after graduation she started to work for Richman Bros. and worked there for 37 years. In 1962 she retired and since, as a retired lady, she helps everywhere. You can find her every Wednesday at the St. Vitus in the cafeteria. She never yet missed a carnival, not to have fun, but to work. Selling donuts is lately her newest job. After opening our meeting at SWU she usually, no, not usually, but always finds her way to the kitchen and starts preparing the goodies and also the good, good tea.

Jennie was married in 1937 to a very nice guy, Joseph Strumbel. He was very active at the church, dad's club, Holy Name society and other clubs. Whenever Joseph needed anything that had to be done for any of his activities, Jennie stood by him and helped him. Joseph was a very good husband and father. Jennie and Joseph had a daughter, Rosalie.

Of course it was not always work, work, they took some time also for traveling. A lot of states saw them, and they saw a lot of them, too!

In June of 1980, Joseph died. It was very hard for Jennie. After some thinking and not wanting to be alone, she moved in with her sister, Josephine into the house where she was born.

Daughter Rosalie says: "Mother was always there for me. Her love never questioned. All my friends were always welcome in our home. My mother's love for cooking rubbed off on me, too!" You see Rosalie now has

HEARTS THAT LOVE



Margaret Sas

a "Little Gourmet" restaurant in Vermillion, OH. She also taught school for a while, before her marriage.

Rosalie married John Franks II and they have five children: Mary Jo Boswell, John III, Peter, Daniel and Amy. John and his wife, Karen have a son Christopher, so Jennie has five grandchildren and a great grandson!

Grandchildren still remember vacation time at grandma's and grandpa's, and the special treat grandma Jennie always had for them, her home-made bread. She taught the two older grandchildren how to bake, but John excels, as he makes the loaves as good as grandma's.

Grandma Jennie loves her grandchildren, sees them once a week and



Lorraine Berg

loves to babysit her great grandchild Christopher when needed.

Jennie says: "My most recent special occasions were the birth of my great grandson and the big surprise party for my 75th birthday at my daughter's place in Vermillion. All my friends and everyone from the family was there, too. It was just great!"

Jennie just loves to bake. She is famous for her homemade bread and butter rings. Her other hobby is listening to music, especially from the 1940's. She just gets entangled in waltzes and polkas.

Jennie's mother was a member of the Branch 25, as is her sister, Josephine Mohorcic. She, Josephine, is current president of the branch.

Jennie also belongs to the St. Vitus Mothers Club, KSKJ 162, St. Clair Pensioners, Ladies Auxiliary Post, 1655 St. Vitus, St. Vitus Altar Society. As a lifelong member of St. Vitus Church, she had some happy, great and sad moments in that beautiful church.

Jennie says: "My parents were my greatest inspiration, as they gave us a lot of love and gave us all a good Christian upbringing."

In Jennie's honor we will have a dinner at Sterle's, Tuesday May 9th at 1:00 p.m. Come join us, let all of us give her thanks for the time and effort she always finds for us. God bless you Jennie!

C.K.

GERTRUDE GESHEL

Br. 28, Calumet, MI

Mother of the Year is Gertrude Geshel, a native of Calumet, the mother of seven children. She is a high school graduate (Virginia, Minnesota) and has been employed as an office worker. She's been singing in the church choir for 25 years and music is very much part of her life. She also spends time knitting and reading.

Gertrude and her husband, Joseph were married 41 years when she became a widow. He was an electrician and they made their home in Calumet, the parents of 3 daughters and a son. Mary, Elizabeth and Joan all went to college and now live out of town. Son, Joe was in the Military Police in France when in Service and now is a Commander with the Lansing, Michi-



*Virginia Mikrut
and husband, George*

gan State Police. Grandma loves visiting her 9 grandchildren.

She is a faithful member and active, attending all meetings. She also belongs to the Altar Society and Sacred Heart Court of the National Catholic Society of Foresters and has worked on different committees.

"Sincere appreciation to all for the honor of being Mother of the Year."



Theresa Beloy

MARGARET SAS

Br. 32, Euclid, OH

Margaret and her husband, Joseph Sas, are now retired and enjoy their home, their community, their grandchildren! They reside in Euclid as do their five children and their families. Their oldest son is a retired Captain with the Cleveland Hgts., Police Dept. and all others are busy with their jobs and other activities. Guess they got their diligence from mom and dad!

Their 13 grandchildren provide many hours of enjoyment. Margaret has made all 6 girls bedspreads and afghans for all 7 boys!

Margaret has been a member of Br. 32 for 17 years and attends the meetings with her sister, Helen Kovacevich who is a long-time member and very close is their sister relationship. They do many things together and enjoy this precious friendship. They are an inspiration to each other!

Margaret had a long employment, 30 years, at the same place, Pressure Casting Co. Now she is "on the go" all the time, playing cards, Bingo and walking for one hour every day – sometimes two times a day! (Good for her!) She also bakes for her family, something she loves, and collects Hummel figurines and crystal pieces.

Last year Joe and Margaret celebrated their 53rd Wedding Anniversary at St. Christine's and are looking forward to their next one in November.

For the great honor and privilege of being named Mother of the Year, Margaret is very grateful to Br. 32. And, do you know what the members say to Margaret? They say: Thank you, Margaret, for your outstanding motherhood, your smile, your graciousness, and for the help you and Helen bring to every meeting!

VIRGINIA MIKRUT

Br. 33, Duluth, MN

Virginia (Sever) Mikrut, 28 year member of Branch 33, Duluth, MN, was born July 29, 1919, at home in New Duluth, the first of five children of Slovenian immigrant parents. She has three brothers and a sister: Francis in Calif., Lawrence, Philip and Althea, all in Duluth.

She attended Stowe School and graduated from Morgan Park High School. Belonged to St. Elizabeth Church until marriage. Virginia married George Mikrut on Oct. 12, 1940 and moved into a home purchased from his grandmother at 311 South

60th Ave. West, where they have lived all their married life, almost 48 years, and are members of Good Shepherd Church.

She had a number of jobs outside the home: Klearflax, North Shore Manufacturing, Villa St. Scholastic, St. Ann Home, and Neal Bort, where she worked for 10 years before retiring at 65. George retired as a Milright at American Steel & Wire (U.S. Steel). He is an avid golfer and also bowls. His domain is his garage.

Virginia is a very "young" senior citizen, who only "gets better as she gets older". She learned to drive at 55 and started organ lessons at 65, and plays very well. She is an excellent seamstress – can "make or mend" anything and is a tremendous baker. She also reads, knits, crochets, walks (briskly) up to 7 miles daily! Her travels have taken her to London, England, France, Ireland, Yugoslavia, California, Washington, D.C., Nevada, as well as other states.

Being a Zveza member of Branch 33 in Duluth has been a "family" affair. Grandmother, Anna Rozich was a charter member; her mother, Anna Sever, was "Mother of the Year" in 1966; her sister, Althea Tverberg, is a current member, as is a niece, Cheryl Tverberg, who is also a recent scholarship recipient.

Virginia was Auditor for two years and has been on the telephone calling committee a number of years. She attends every meeting and goes on all trips. As Good Shepherd Church member she works on funeral lunches, church dinners, and is a Guild member. Besides volunteering at the Food Shelf she is a member of a number of Senior Citizen Clubs: Gary-New Duluth, West Duluth-Memorial, Golden Arrow Travel Club, TOPS (KOP).

Virginia is a mother and homemaker first with four children: son, George and wife, Ellane, in Mendota Heights, MN; three daughters: Marguerite Brandenhoff and Patricia Ostrowski, both in Bloomington, MN, and Janet Mikrut, London, England. Two grandchildren are Yvonne Ostrowski, 17, and Mark Brandenhoff, 15, in Bloomington. Each of her children and grandchildren agree that Virginia – Mom – Grandma – friend – is always there for each of them to care for them, love them, and is just the "GREATEST".

Virginia's domain was the house. Whatever it was – as master at the sewing machine to create a dress or

outfit for herself or her daughters, or tailor a cowboy shirt especially for her son, or mend; baking POTICA, a specialty; or getting up at 5 a.m. to walk and help her son deliver newspapers, and now fills requests for bars or fudge from grandson. She is much "loved and appreciated" by all of them.

Her example in life and faith have been a positive force in all their lives.

George and Virginia celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with Mass and a dinner-dance with over 200 family and friends who shared this memorable event with them.

Virginia's laughter is a joy to hear and her quiet ways can be enjoyed by each of us.

Lois M. Pelander, Reporter

LORRAINE BERG

Br. 34, Soudan, MN

Our Mother of the Year from Branch 34, Soudan, this year is one of our "younger" members.

Louise Lorraine Chiabotti Berg (known to us as "Lorraine") was born on August 1, 1929, in Tower. She is one of the more fortunate ones among us who has her mother still living, Louise (Yapel) Chiabotti. Her father, Louis Chiabotti, is deceased and was one of the most prominent business people in Tower for at least fifty years, owning the Ford Agency. Lorraine graduated from Tower-Soudan High School, then went to Duluth and attended the Duluth School of Beauty Culture. After that, she worked at Woolworth's in Duluth, then moved to Virginia, where she worked at the Cluett Peabody Shirt Factory until she married.

On July 10, 1954, she married Ramon Berg, of Tower, the son of Chris and Virginia Berg. Father John Jershe officiated at the wedding. The attendants at their wedding were Sue Suska Chiabotti, Mary Lou Planton, and Christine Berg. The male attendants were Ralph Chiabotti, Anthony Yapel and Dennis Dragavon. They made their first home in an apartment in the Skala building and then built a new home on Sixth Street in Soudan, moving into it in December 1957.

Ray and Lorraine have two children and two grandchildren: daughter, Patricia, is married to Kurt Hujanen and they live in rural Tower; son Michael is employed by Budget Rentals in Minneapolis and lives in Apple Valley. The grandchildren are Brian Hujanen, who is 7 and Sarah Hujanen,

GOD STAY NEAR OUR MOTHERS!



Angeline Martin

who will be 3 in September.

Lorraine has one sister, Dorothy (Arthur) Erkkila, who lives in Babbitt and one brother, Ralph Chiabotti, who lives in Tower and she has numerous nieces and nephews.

Ray graduated from Tower-Soudan High School, served in the Air Force, then was employed at the Soudan Mine until it closed in 1962. In 1963, he started working for Reserve Mining in Babbitt. After 23 years, he was forced to retire when Reserve closed. Ray has had his own furnace cleaning and repair business for the last 31 years and still "going strong." We are most fortunate to have him, he will



Elsie Lovrencic

come to repair, check out, clean, etc. our furnaces almost immediately when we call. He is dependable and efficient--and he is most kind to us widows! He not only takes care of furnaces, but any other problem one may have, TV repair, plumbing, electrical, you name it, he can take care of it...thanks, Ray, for all your help when we need you!

Following her mother's footsteps in the Slovenian Women's Union, Lorraine joined the SWU in September of 1959. She was secretary of our branch for ten years, being most faithful and conscientious in her job. I always thought it was so wonderful because Lorraine and her mother were hostesses together for many years, a unique situation.

Other organizations that Lorraine belongs to are the Council of Catholic Women; the Altar Society, which she belonged to for many years; she was chairman of the St. Elizabeth's Circle of St. Martin's for many years and also taught CCD classes. She is now the Membership Chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary and also First Vice-President, meaning she will be their next president. She was secretary of the Auxiliary for 3-1/2 years. Lorraine also belonged to the Women of the Moose in Tower years ago.

Lorraine and Ray have traveled to Las Vegas, Florida, and have made numerous trips to Illinois, they own a cabin on Eagles Nest Lake and enjoy the lake very much.

Here is someone who is an ace in cards--poker, 500 and cribbage--any one of them, she is an expert and loves to play! She enjoys playing "B" and has won at Fortune Bay, but would like to be one of their "big" winners! She likes to do hand sewing, especially embroidery. She is a wonderful baker, specializing in bars and makes a scrumptious chocolate cake that the men can't resist! Among other things, Lorraine plays the piano and many times after our meetings, she'd sit down and play songs, Slovenian and others, for us--this talent she doesn't "show off" but she has a natural talent at the piano.

Ray and Lorraine are a couple who are together most of the time and seem to enjoy life, no matter where they are or who they are with--they are both easy going, full of fun to be with, and



Matilda Simcic

we hope that they will have a long life together.

Thank you, Lorraine, for contributing to our branch and we are happy to have you as our Mother of the Year-1989. God Bless You.

Adeline Mustonen

THERESA BELOY
Br. 35, Aurora, MN

"I have had a deep pride in being a member of the S.W.U. Br. 35. Being selected Mother of the Year is a very special honor for me." This is a direct quote from Theresa Beloy, a 42-year member, who is looking for-



Millic Petrovic

ward to the celebration her sisters of Br. 35, are planning on Sunday, May 21, 1989 with a mass, brunch, and program at Holy Rosary Church.

This gracious lady was born near Keewatin, MN to parents of Italian descent and grew up with two brothers and three sisters. After graduation from high school, she attended St. Mary's Hospital of X-ray, where she became a technician and later was employed there. Here she met Rudolph J. Beloy, whom she married in 1936.

Theresa and Rudy eventually settled in Aurora, MN, where Theresa busied herself by raising a daughter and being a wonderful neighbor and friend to all. She is an exceptional cook, baker, seamstress and does beautiful crocheting.

Besides her daughter, Virginia, Moraski, Theresa has 2 grandchildren, Michelle Whiting, and Mary Lynn Maraski and has a great grandson, Jacob Whiting. Her husband, Rudy died in 1981.

A stroke put Theresa into a wheelchair in Feb. of 1988, but she has improved enough to walk a little with a cane. She now resides at the Arrowhead Health Center in Virginia, MN where she works at crafts, does a bit of baking, and still crochets.

Congratulations, Theresa!

Reporter

MARY LOU CROTTY

Br. 39, Biwabik, MN

Our "Member-of-the-Year", for Branch 39, Biwabik, MN is Mary Lou Crotty. Mary Lou has been a member of our branch for over 27 years.

Mary Lou was born on September 10, 1926 of Slovenian immigrants, Louis and Ivanka (Hrescak) Bezek, who then lived in Eveleth, MN where Mrs. Bezek was an early member of Branch 19.

Mary Lou has two sisters and one brother. She completed high school in Mt. Iron and in 1948 earned a B.A. in Sociology at the University of Minnesota. Her social work began that year in St. Louis County.

Mary Lou married Thomas A. Crotty on February 20th, 1954 and moved here to Biwabik where she joined our Branch 39 in 1962.

In the late 1950's MaryLou, a supervisor of child protection by then, and one of her social worker supervisors, were chosen by the Minnesota Department of Public Welfare as a team to participate for two years in a study/work seminar, conducted by an

internationally renowned pioneer in family structured case work, Virginia Satir.

MaryLou retired from her employment in July 1985. In May of 1988 she was given the Miles J. Wangenstein Memorial Award in recognition of her contributions to social services in St. Louis County. The presentation was made at the U of M in Duluth at the conclusion of the annual, two day, Human Service Conference of Northeastern Minnesota. This honor by her colleagues is a warm memory for her.

Since her husband, Tom, had retired a year before her from the DM&IR Railroad, the two of them have more time for leisurely enjoyment of their summer cabin at Lake Vermilion. They had shared this time too, with their over 14 year old Irish Setter, Dutchess, who passed away last year. Now a Golden Retriever has a home with them.

As MaryLou and Tom have no children MaryLou values her involvement in the Slovenian Women's Union as a link to her parentage, and the friendship of its members. She also appreciates the presence and vitality of its young members. MaryLou also loves and enjoys her visits with an elder charter member, Johanna Zallar, who now resides in a nursing home.

When asked what was special in her life, MaryLou said, "My Parents." She has fond memories of her years with her parents. Her father had worked in an iron ore mine and a taconite mine and with her mother had 3 big gardens, milk cows and chickens. Even as a young child MaryLou remembers that she and her sisters and brother had their chores to do - help with the haying, work in the gardens, and housework too. She remembers fondly the leisure time spent visiting friends and relatives or their visits to partake in home-canned sausage and other foods and wine, the latter made every few years by her father, who was moderate in drinking but like her mother, was generous in hospitality.

Like breathing, her Catholic religion was a part of their lives. It was woven through their days from early childhood beginning with Slovenian night-time prayers.

She remembers fondly her mother's flower gardens which she tended with loving care, and her clear sweet voice as she sang while working in the kitchen. Her father had pleasure in creating beauty; even for his final Christmas at age 87, he felled a five

foot tree and decorated it for the season. He was self-disciplined in his expectations for himself and expected this of others. Both of her parents enjoyed reading and the evenings at home were often spent with everyone doing so.

MaryLou, who is a warm sweet person with a great sense of humor, attends most meetings and is always willing to help out at anytime needed. When no one else will volunteer you may still be sure that MaryLou will be there to help out.

ANGELINE MARTIN

Br. 40, Lorain, OH

It is with great pleasure that I write about our Mother of the Year, a lovely, courageous and amazing person, Angeline Martin.

She was born in Lorain, OH on June 16, 1909, one of two daughters born to Caesar and Frances Scarpellini.

She attended St. Cyril and Methodius School for eight years and two years of High school and had to quit and go to work to help support the family because of her father's illness. He passed away in 1949.

She was married to John Martin in 1930. They were the proud parents of two daughters, Nancy James and Gloria Ledford and were married for 33 years. Her husband and mother passed away in 1966 due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident on the Ohio Turnpike.

She has worked at various jobs thru the years. For 20 years she was a seamstress at the Weitz Coat factory. For 5 years at Joseph Feis and for 10 years she was a cook at the Harvest House Restaurant in the midway mall. She retired in 1976.

With all the hard work she did, Angeline still found time for hobbies some of which are: ceramics, crocheting lace doilies, china painting and gardening.

She lives alone and at 80 years of age is able to care for her own home.

She keeps in close touch with her daughters and three grandchildren. And that's not too hard because she still drives a car!

Her daughter, Nancy, who resides in Vermillion-on-the-Lake attended Ashland College and Cleveland University. She is a laboratory technician at Amherst Hospital.

Gloria attended college in St. Louis for 2 years. She is an assistant Librarian at Clearview School and resides in South Lorain.



Faithful Woman

By Daniel J. Gordon

Remembering Mom

Delores Heski

Mothers are such special people. They cook the meals and sweep the floors. They help you when you're feeling low. Always make you feel good. My mom was a special lady who always went out of her way to help someone out. She never said no to anyone. Stop and hug your mom today and let her know that you love her. Bless you, mom, on Mother's Day and may God bless you and keep you.

Sadly missed by daughter, **Sharon**

Br. 33, Duluth, MN

As the knights sit upon the restless age they gaze upon the wild.

Rocky mountains with peaceful streams, and a mother who bares her child.

She lives upon the land itself, finding shelter under cave.

Away from battlefields with knights of armor, and horses out to rave.

When she meets with hope she finds the sea where fantasy lies deep under.

A dream of peace, no threat of war, and whispers cry like thunder.

The child dies within the cave, where his mother stands to mourn.

She cries among the tenderness where her son was born.

From the skies of heaven, before the moonlight a young boy smiles upon her.

Before all fear she rests in peace and arose with her son's honor.

(Daniel J. Gordon is a member of Branch 55 and lives at 452 Iowa Ave., Girard, Ohio 44420)

They both are musically inclined. Nancy plays the xylophone and Gloria the guitar.

Angie loves to get involved with her 3 grandchildren.

Granddaughter Kim Malobick graduated from Lorain Community College and Ohio State University. She is now working towards a degree to teach sciences.

She is working part time as a technician at the Glidden plant.

Grandson John is in the meat cutting business.

Lorie is a dental assistant and married to Scott Schmiermund.

In 1985 Lorie was picked as a Slovenian Princess to represent her nationality at the Lorain International Festival.

Grandma, as usual, was ready and willing to sew not one but two outfits for her to wear at the festivities.

Our "Mother of the Year" is a member of her church guild and has been a faithful member of SWU Lodge No. 40 for 23 years.

And, no matter who entertains at the meetings you will find her in the kitchen helping to serve and clean up.

She does the same at her church functions, always in the background helping out.

Angie says that she enjoys our meetings and loves us all and we all love her, too! We all wish her the best of everything.

Mary Matos

MATILDA SIMCIC

Br. 43, Milwaukee, WI

Member of Branch 43 Milwaukee, WI for 26 years Matilda Simcic was born in Slovenia to Maks and Marija Zorko, third of their seven children. After finishing school, she took up sewing with the local seamstress. They also sewed military uniforms for the government before World War II started.

In 1941, after the German occupation of Slovenia, the family had to leave all their possessions and were taken to Germany. Family divided, she and sister Ivanka (died at age 26) found themselves in Dachau near Munich. Parents and younger children were sent to a camp in Baden and later to a farmer in Schwaben. Family contact was lost toward the end of the war.

Matilda went to Munich and other D.P. Camps. While at Camp Bad Aibling, she met her husband, Martin. He was a German war prisoner. They were married in Feb. 1949 by Fr. Beno Korbic o.f.m. in Munich. (40 years). In September of the same year they immigrated to West Allis, later to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Adjustment was difficult, but she had vowed earlier that she would never be cold and hungry again. Her goals set and with self-confidence she determined to improve her life. She worked in a tannery, hosiery factory,

dress factory and the last 24 years she was employed at AMC, a car manufacturer. She retired in 1982.

Matilda and Martin live in Franklin, WI. Their home is lovely. The grounds are beautiful all summer with blooming oleanders, roses, geraniums and many other flowers. She loves to bake, is an accomplished seamstress and travels over the USA and Europe. They are members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Greenfield, WI where she is lector at Slovenian masses. She belongs to the Ladies Guild, KSKJ, Triglav society, also Mission Circle. In July of 1988 she traveled to Jugoslavia; she visited Medjugorje and her younger brother and wife, in Ljubljana. Both were then very ill and later both died, her sister-in-law first and 3 months later her brother. Matilda has one sister, Theresa Pucko in Gilbert, MI and a sister and one brother in Slovenia.

Matilda does attend meetings and conventions, when possible. She was also delegate to National convention in Chisholm, MI in 1983. She has willingly volunteered her time, talents and treasures not only to SWU, but also other organizations as well.

Congratulations, Matilda from all of us who have the pleasure of knowing you. God's blessings be with you every moment of your life.

Stella Pousha

ELSIE LAVRENCIC

Br. 47, Garfield Hts., OH

Br. 47 is honoring Elsie Lovrencic, our Lady of the Year. Elsie has been a member of our branch for 12 years, also our auditor for a number of years. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, she is the daughter of John and Mary Lavrencic (mother's maiden name Peskar) of Euclid. Both parents are of Slovenian descent; mother was born in Euclid, Ohio and father was born in Planina, Slovenia. Her father died in 1978. An older sister Dorthy Squire, and she have two nieces, one nephew, all married. All the family is anxiously awaiting the birth of their first great-grandchild due in August, 1989. Elsie is busy shopping around for patterns to knit and crochet, booties and sweater sets for the new bundle of joy, so she can get started.

Elsie graduated from John Adams High School, has attended local colleges for specific courses to achieve advancement in her career, but never worked toward a degree. She retired January 1985 from Republic Steel (now L.T.V. Steel). She worked 31 years in the General Office in Cleveland, Ohio. The last 15 years she was secretary to vice president of Engineering, worked on Reserve Mining Project in Silver Bay (Babbitt, Minnesota in the Iron Range area), received diamond pendant upon retirement. Elsie is currently working part-time at T.R.W. Inc. in their new world headquarters in Lyndhurst, Ohio as Administrative Assistant.

Hobbies - Elsie has many interests. She enjoys gardening (flowers), cooking, baking, knitting, crocheting (has made bedspreads, tablecloths, etc.) reading, walking, cross country skiing and traveling. Recently she assembled her mother's family history on tape, interviewing family members.

She has made no attempt to get information on her dad's family which is more difficult as they are in Europe.

Activities: Elsie, her mother and sister are members of Branch 47. They attend all our meetings. Elsie is a born leader, sweet, talkative, has a lovely personality always greets you with a big hello and smile, her appearance is very neat her hair, her clothes are just so.

In 1973 she travelled to Slovenia and met first cousins and their families. Visited her father's home met neighbors he played with as a child, went to the church where he was baptised, saw graves of grandpa-

rents and aunts. "Probably the most memorable experience of my entire life. We remain close thru pictures and letters", she said. In February she and her sister planned a surprise 85th birthday party for their mother. Event was attended by family, including her mother's twin sister, Ann and friends. "My parents were my role models. The values they instilled in me of strong family unity, concern for others and sharing have remained with me throughout my life. I feel fortunate to have been born to parents who retained their ethnic values and passed them along to their children.

"Br. 47 has had many fine, dedicated ladies as their Mother/Women of the Year. I am proud to have my name added to the list of all those who were so honored!" she says.

Mary Taucher

MILLIE PETROVIC

Br. 50, Cleveland, OH

Our chosen Mother of the Year is Millie Petrovic, who is a member of our branch for 16 years.

Her parents were Sima and Nick Armbasick. She was born in Massillon, Ohio and there were 10 children in their family with 8 still living. Millie attended grade school and Jr. High in Warren, Ohio. While single she worked in a dairy store; she said it was fun making ice cream cones, and eating them, too! Later she was employed by General Motors Co. in Warren, Ohio for five years. She worked on fans for motors.

Then she met her handsome Victor and they were married in 1940 at St. Mary's Church also in Warren, Ohio. Their honeymoon was to Niagara Falls, then Millie had to leave her family and move to Cleveland where Vic lived and worked. Their first residence was on E. 32nd and Payne Avenue.

Of their marriage they have a son, Victor and daughter, Patricia Matko. They are proud grandparents of 4 grandchildren: Deanna age 22, Mark 18, Joseph 10 and Paul 7

Millie and Vic are residents of Euclid for 40 years. Vic and his brother, Louis operated an electrical and Gift Shop called "Beacon Electric" on E. 185th St. Millie's hobbies are sewing, knitting, crocheting, playing cards, golf, and they have done extensive traveling. What Millie enjoys most is getting together and being with her family and playing golf twice a week with her husband, Vic.

Millie is an all-around helper for

our branch, always smiling with a sweet, kind disposition.

She does a lot of sewing and knitting for our Boutique table, is a constant telephone caller when in need of bakers and in the case of a death in our branch. She always says, "If you need anything, please call me." Now this is a good member! She is always willing to give of herself.

She always speaks highly of our organization wherever she goes. She has recommended many members, too.

So Millie, we "Salute You" and we're happy to have you as our good, loyal member.

Millie and her husband Vic are both retired now and God willing, they will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary next year in May.

God's blessings to you and Vic and your family for many more years of togetherness and "Thank You" for all the good things you do for our Branch 50.

Ann J. Tercek

PHYLLIS PAVICH

Br. 52, Kitzville, MN

My mother, Phyllis Pavich, was born in Hibbing Hospital on September 28, 1930. She is of Norwegian and Swedish descent and has two sisters and one brother. She was very close to her father who died when she was twelve. Even though he was with her for a short time, he taught her to enjoy music and love life.

During her school years, she attended Cob Cook, Old Washington School, and Alice. She graduated from Hibbing High School in 1948. My mother always had an interest in nursing even working as a candy stripper during World War II. Since the funds were not available for her to go to nursing school, she went to work.

She worked for a local optometrist for three years. During that time, she was dating my father, John Pavich, and on April 26, 1952 they were married. My father was working as a roofer for Erickson Lumber. He worked for them for about 12 years until he started his own business with his brother, Mike. My mother took care of the family, making our home a very pleasant place to live. Dinners were always on the table and our clothes were always clean. I remember my mother and my grandmother baking bread every weekend.

She has four children. I am the oldest; then there's Mike, Chris, and Randy. Even though my position as

MOTHER'S LOVE IS TRUE LOVE



Jo Kassin

only child didn't last very long, my mother always made me feel special by giving equal amounts of praise and discipline. She never showed favoritism and instead nurtured our talents, giving us an opportunity to try many things. With me, it was singing, my brothers favored hockey, and my sister, Chris, enjoyed skating. Mom was at every recital, hockey game, and skating competition we had and I remember she never missed a school program.



Josephine Ulle

My mother has many talents; however, if you ask her, I'm sure she would say she doesn't have any. Her biggest talent is her ability to set aside her own needs and wants to help others. When my grandmother Pavich was placed in the nursing home because of a stroke, my mother went up there every day to comb her hair, feed her lunch and make sure she was being taken care of. She did this every day for two years.

She is always there when one of us needs her. She was by my bedside whenever I was in the hospital; she babysat my sister's children so Chris could get an education and she also sang at nursing homes, giving the residents many hours of enjoyment. She still had the energy to be a secretary-bookkeeper for my father's business and take care of the house.

My mother has seven grandchildren. They are: Jenny, age 10, Nathan, age 9, Meghaan, age 5, Chase, age 4, Ashley and Brittany, age 1, and Jon, age 2 months. She is a terrific grandmother. Her grandchildren know that when they go to grandmother's house, they can spend many hours getting her undivided attention. The rocking chair is constantly in use. She sings songs and reads them stories. She has much more patience than their parents and is easy to manipulate, or so they think. Grandma listens to their problems and offers suggestions. Even when they don't want to hear it, they listen. When my children were babies, they would sometimes scream for hours. Nothing I did would calm them and make them happy. My mother would come over, sit in the rocking chair, talk to them for about ten minutes, and they would go to sleep. She has that special touch.

Mother, I know how much you wanted to become a nurse and that, at times, you regret the lost opportunities in your life. But, I'm glad things turned out the way they did. If you had become a nurse, my life would have been totally different. You may have never gotten married or have been my mother and I would have been a lesser person. I love you, MOM.

Mary



Milka Krogar

JOSEPHINE KASSAN

Br. 54, Warren, OH

Our Mother of the Year for 1989 for Branch 54 in Warren, Ohio is our President of 12 years, Josephine Kassin. Celebrating her 50-year membership, Jo was born in Redcliffe, Colorado 68 years ago of Slovenian parents. From a family of 10 children, her father was a coal miner moving to Kenilworth, Utah for work.

She moved to Warren, Ohio in 1938 and found a job doing light housework. Eventually, Jo worked as a waitress and cashier at Factory Stores in Republic Steel Corporation, now known as Warren Consolidated Industries, Inc., where her daughter, Barbara works in the Accounting Department.



Mary Toplisek

ment. Barb, a member for 38 years and her husband, Ray, live close to "mom" in Howland. Jo worked at Sunlight Motors for 10 years, now known as Packard. Her son, Joe, born on Valentine's Day, works at Packard as Suggestion Coordinator and makes his home with his wife, Joan in Warren keeping in close touch with "mom". Her youngest son, Jim, is an Industrial Engineer at Talley Industries in Hartsville, South Carolina. Jim, his wife, Debbie, and 2 stepdaughters, Tanya - 8 and Christy - 6, come home 2 or 3 times a year to "vacation with mom". Jo also loves to go on vacation and enjoys going South once a year to visit them!

Married June 24, 1950, her husband, Andy was a retired Warren City Firefighter and part time employee of Trumbull Country Club, passing away December 30, 1978.

A charter member of St. James Catholic Church, Jo is active with the Bingo program. She is president of St. James Over 50 Club and a member of the Altar and Rosary Society.

Always energetic, polka dancing is in her blood and she participates at every chance keeping her "young at heart." Bowling and playing cards are favorite pastimes and socializing with her friends at Silver and Gold of Howland, Girard Pensioners and Police and Fire Retirees.

Belonging to numerous clubs, our Mother of the Year has many opportunities to participate in 1 day bus trips and she collects mugs, blown glass or pewter bells as mementoes.

Being a leader, Jo undertakes some money-making ventures for our club treasury. One year she very generously allowed her home to be used for our first, now annual, card party. We now rent a hall for this successful event.

Jo spreads her positive outlook on life by sending cards to family and friends for every occasion or holiday, usually giving candy treats for their "sweet tooth".

Membership in Branch 54 has been a family affair beginning with her mother, 2 sisters, sister-in-law and daughter.

Jo says her greatest inspiration in life is her children. Raising a family then seeing them on their own is very rewarding. Healthy, happy, successful children are a mother's blessing, an extension of herself. She is pleased to be Mother of the Year.

MILKA KREGAR

Br. 55, Girard, OH

We are delighted to bestow the honor of "Mother of the Year" upon Milka Kregar, a member of the S.W.U. for over 39 years.

Milka was born on June 17, 1925, in Zapotok, Slovenia. She was the ninth child born to Janez and Frančiška (Trdan) Kozina. There were eleven children in the Kozina family. Five of them are deceased. The other six are found in all parts of the world. Sister Imakulata Kozina is a cloistered nun of the order of Poor Clara in Nazarje, Slovenia. Reverend Vladimir Kozina is the pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church in Oakland, California. Draga and Joseph Kozina reside in Stockton, California, and Albina Odar makes her home in South Euclid, Ohio.

Milka had a good childhood. She attended Sodražica Elementary School in Slovenia. She then went to trade school in Ribnica, Slovenia, and March 25, 1942 she graduated as a professional seamstress.

Life for everyone during World War II was hard. Milka's life changed tremendously. At the age of 17, Milka was orphaned. Her parents and two brothers were murdered by the Communists. She says that she will never forget the evening of August 26, 1942!

On August 2, 1949, Milka married Frank Kregar in the beautiful church of Gospa Sveta in Austria. Three weeks after their wedding, they arrived at the New York harbor in an American army boat. They traveled to a small city in Ohio named Girard. This has been "home" for them for 40 years.

Milka and her husband have four daughters, Maria, Anka, Martha, and Dori. Maria and Gus Selak live in Girard. They have three children, Andrea, Mark, and Monica. Martha and Vince Rozman and their three children, Vera, Peter, and Luke, live in Richmond Heights. Anka and Dori live at home. Milka is proud of her six grandchildren and she finds great joy and fulfillment when with them.

Milka is an expert seamstress, knitter, and crocheter. She enjoys singing, reading, and gardening. She spends a lot of time with her family. She will do anything to help anyone in need.

Branch 55 is pleased to have Milka as the choice of "Mother of the Year" and all members extend congratulations and best wishes to a fine lady.

MARY LUKZ

Br. 57, Niles, OH

This month will be another great celebration time for Mary and her family. They will all attend the graduation of youngest son, Tom, from Bowling Green University on May 6th, and of course, a week later, celebrate Mom's Day! Mary's four sons and their families are her whole life! She made sure they all went to college and that they have learned how to be good citizens and good men. Their children, four in number, have a lot of fun with grandma who is a bubbly person, full of fun and stylish at the same time!

We can imagine that Melissa, Kevin, Jason and Joanna get lots of visits and treats from grandma!

Mary was born in Mingo, West VA and attended high school. She was a cook at the high school in Niles and worked 16 years retiring in 1986. She is a widow for 19 years.

When meeting time comes around each month at Br. 57, Mary is certain to attend and lend a hand. "She is truly a lovely person!" say the members and Mary loves them all.

JOSEPHINE ULLE

Br. 68, Fairport Hbr., OH

Josephine is a 50-year member of Br. 68! Congratulations!

She was born in Cleveland on May 22, 1912, the oldest of 6 children; her parents were Josephine and Frank Samsa, immigrants from Slovenia. She attended St. Vitus and Wilson Junior High Schools. From the age of 16 until she was married, she worked in a box factory in Cleveland; during their marriage, she assisted her husband in operating a grocery store in Fairport Harbor.

Josephine lost her husband after 39 years together. They were married in 1933 at St. Vitus, the first couple to be married there after the church had been refurbished. Their reception was held at the Ulle farm in South Madison. Bill Ulle died in 1970.

Josephine is an excellent homemaker and cook and a lover of movies and the theater. She is also a wonderful dancer and great harmonizer of song - she loves all kinds of music!

She has four children, a daughter Lou Genia Keim of Lakewood, and three sons, William of Livonia, Michigan, Robert of Fairport Harbor and Albin of Fairlawn. Every holiday is spent with all or most of her children



My mother Mary Bartol, was the secretary of Br. 35 in Aurora, MN for many many years. They held meetings on Sunday afternoons at the City Hall because that was the only day they had a little free time. It was their social life and they always dressed in their finest attire. They looked forward to getting away from home and family for about an hour and a half so that they could share in some women talk and laughter. They took things very seriously at their meetings and were all very willing to contribute their share of time and talent to make things work successfully. As a secretary, my mom was meticulous in her record keeping and in reporting to the ZARJA. I remember her getting letters from the National Board complimenting her on the job she performed. I remember our house would be in an uproar by the time she returned home. I recall crying because I thought "Ma" would never come home.

These women were terrific individuals. They sure gave their best to their homes, families, churches, country and lodges. Once a year they would have a state convention, which was looked forward to with great anticipa-

tion. It was a chance to get out of town and meet with members of other branches, who might be relatives or some girlhood friends from villages in the "old country." Travel was limited in those days and few people had cars. Bus transportation was cheap but they could not afford it. These gatherings were an opportunity to exchange stories or events, offer sympathy or advice, or share problems. The day would consist of a meeting, mass and banquet and would end with singing their favorite Slovenian songs and hymns.

In the days my mother was involved in the Slovenian Women's Union they did not honor "Mothers of the Year." I would like to take this to time give them this honor. They were all examples of "motherhood" at its finest. They weren't in the limelight of their communities or churches. They put their priorities in being good Christian woman, where God came first and family came second. As good wives and mothers they provided their families with good homecooked, wholesome meals, clean and sometimes hand made clothing, and spotless homes. They saw to it that their

family attended mass and received the sacraments. Religion, on the whole, was taught mostly through example and practice. Once a week children were sent to their pastors for religious education and the pastor rarely had to deal with discipline problems because they had the backing and support of the parents. This was also true with school teachers, law enforcement officers and other community leaders.

In this busy world of ours, we seldom take time out to remember our past. I am happy that the Heritage Committee of the Slovenian Women's Union is taking time to look back and remember. It is with pride and sadness that I dug out these remembrances of my mom and the women from the "ole times." I miss my mom.

*Julianne Bartol
Milwaukee, Wis.*

Br. 35, Aurora, MN wrote to Julianne Bartol, asking her for information that she might remember from her mother's involvement in the Slovenian Women's Union. We thought we would like to share her thoughts with all of you in this Mother's Day issue of ZARJA.

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and their families with visits and phone calls in between.

As a mother, Josephine is super! She reared her children by giving them good food, good discipline, a clean environment, fun and music that helped them to become the successful and happy people they are today!

She has 14 grandchildren, Robert, Mary Jo, Neil and John Keim, Christopher and Mary Catherine, William, Joni, LuAnne, Mary Ann, Lisa, Melissa, Albin and Michael Ulle ranging in ages from 28 to 17. She is very popular among them because she is fun-loving and caring. Every Easter all the grandchildren who come home from college for spring break get a potica to take back to school or it gets to them thru the mail. She has traveled with her daughter and family on some of their vacations. She is an ardent football fan because her grandsons who played for high school and college teams instructed her so she could root for them better! She was at every game regardless of the weather conditions!

In the past Josephine has assisted at the special dinners of Br. 68 by

serving and continues to help with refreshments during the meetings. She is especially known for her fun, her friendliness and ever-present smile. She is also a member of other organizations who all love her such as the Slovenia Club of Fairport and AMLA. You can tell how popular she is when you hear her nickname: "Peppi", which is the Slovenian diminutive for Josephine. It describes her well. Her mother originally called her that and it stuck!

She is a little woman, only 4'9" but when she gets on that dance floor, she is the tallest of all in friendliness and graciousness!

Every first Saturday in August the Samsa/Kaiser families have a reunion that takes place at the home of her son in Fairlawn. A day of games, music, dancing, singing, and eating happens because this family believes in togetherness. There are at least 55 persons there each year!

Her fondest memory is the surprise party that was held on the 25th wedding anniversary she and her husband celebrated in 1958. At that time her brothers provided the music for the

evening which began at the Ulle home on East St. in Fairport with approximately 400 people attending!

It is especially gratifying to Josephine to receive this honor after dedicating her married life to her husband and to the rearing of their children. She deserves this award and accepts it humbly.

MARY BEVEC TOPLISEK

Br. 71, Strabane, PA

A crown of beautiful white hair distinguishes our Mary, Mother of the Year of Br. 71. She was born in a Slovenian immigrant family and lived in Strabane all her life. She has three brothers. Mary attended Alexander Elem. School in Strabane and Canonsburg High School. After graduation she worked in the W. S. George Pottery factory in Canonsburg, then helped her husband who was a wage tax collector until his death. Subsequently, she took over his work until her own retirement in 1981, so they actually worked together for 17 years.

Mary also collects something else besides taxes – it's dolls! She has many from other countries and many old dolls, some that date back to her childhood. She also likes to do arts and crafts.

Mary and John Toplisek were married in 1946 and had 31 happy years together before his death in 1977. She has five daughters: Paulette who is married to James Battenfelder and has three sons, her profession being Medical Technology. They live in Westchester, PA. Joan is married to William Rauch and has a daughter and son. She attended Ohio Dominican College and lives in Reynoldsburg, OH. Carol is married to Gary Bean and has a daughter. She attended Wheeling College and works at Western Center with retarded children. The Rauches live in Canonsburg.

Johnette and Janette are twin daughters. Johnette lives in Ft. Wayne, IN and is getting married this June. She attended Indiana – Purdue University. Janette lives at home and is a graduate of Penn State, now working in Pittsburgh.

Mary has six wonderful grandchildren whom she loves to tell about. They are, Britton, Brendan and Bryant Battenfelder, Heather and Jonathan Rauch and Caitlin Beam. She visits them as often as possible and of course, grandma always bakes and cooks something wonderful for these visits.

Known by the nickname "Mamie", she has many friends. At branch doings she has many from her mother's generation and remembers those ladies of her grandmother's generation as well. They were pioneer members and very popular, too. Mamie tries to carry on the tradition, helping in any way she can. Her mother was the greatest inspiration in her life, says Mamie. "She taught me what was right and wrong, and was always there for me!"

Perhaps that is why the births of her daughters were her most treasured memories, especially when the twins came unexpectedly in her later life. All five girls are very special to her. She thinks if every mother were blessed with a family like hers, it would be a wonderful world!

"It's nice to know that people think enough of me to give me this honor – I am very proud!"

**We cherish and love you,
GRANDMA!**

FRANCES GLIHA

Br. 73, Warrensville, OH

Some people have the maternal instinct and become wonderful mothers! Some are saints! And, one of these is our mother, Frances Gliha.

This year she will be 89 years old on November 25th. She lived in Warrensville Hts. for her first 50 years and now is a resident of Bedford for the past 15 years. She is a member of S.W.U. for 53 years and was their first president!

Frances and her husband, Ignatius were married for 40 years when he passed away in 1940. After their marriage at St. Lawrence church in 1920, they welcomed a family of five children, Christine whose married name is Ita and son, John and three sons who are deceased, Benny, Stanley and Robert.

There are three granddaughters, Christine Ita, Jane Kane and Grace Michalaska and three great grandchildren, Janel Kane, and Jane and Ted Michalaska. Another sadness was the tragic loss of great grandson, Chuck Kane.

Now at the age of 88, she is still remembered reverently by many members who were personally "mothered" by her calls. The tragic deaths of three of her children never daunted her faith in God or her willingness to help her neighbors. Other people became her "children" as she cared for them and nursed them. Specifically, the family of Alojzija Turk is grateful for her nursing their mother three times daily for about 4 years. Frances gave her needed medical assistance which resulted in permanent remission of mother's illness.

What a wonderful, courageous person, always helping, always smiling, a true candidate for sainthood. She is a saint on earth!

MARY PATERSON

Br. 79, Enumclaw, WA

If you have a Mother that provides an incredible gift of love for life and her family, then you have a mother like ours.

Mary has devoted her entire life to serving others and her family. To know her leaves you in awe. She has the artistic talent and expertise to operate her own successful flower business. Her personality does not know depression or unhappiness. She is always excited about today and tomorrow. She has a gift of encouragement

and genuine friendship to those she touches. To her family she is a positive influence, both by example and as a teacher and serves unselfishly to see that our needs are fulfilled.

Mary began her life in Black Diamond, Washington in a special way. She and the New Year were both born January 1, 1916. She was born to Frank and Mary Ceteznik who immigrated from Slovenia in 1906 and 1910. She also has two older brothers, Frank and Willie.

Mary attended schools in Black Diamond and Renton, where she graduated in 1934. She married Mark Paterson in 1940 and provided him with a son, Bob, in 1943 and a daughter, Pat, in 1945 respectively. Mary began working for others and eventually acquired her own flower shop in Issaquah. Mark, a teamster (truck-driver) helped along with the business and the kids.

Mary no longer has the flower shop, but is not retired entirely. She continues to do some arranging for special events and provides silk flower designs for holiday craft shows. She also loves music, knitting, cooking and traveling as hobbies.

Mother continues to be a special influence in her children's lives. Both Bob and Pat have taken spouses and all live in the same neighborhood. Daughter, Pat and husband, Buzz Dana have given mom her only grandchild. Grandma always has time for Donny, whether it is coloring, flying kites, playing baseball or badminton, assisting in making a very special holiday arrangement for his mom, attending his kindergarten class or playing a few board games such as "Trouble" and others. She always will "Donnysit" with only a moment's notice and somehow always provides a meal of his favorite choice. The sweaters,

Handmade with lots of love labeled "by grandma" are treasures that someday Donny will pass onto his children along with many fond memories of being a very **lucky** boy to have such a very special grandma. This year will be an extra special year for Donny who is only 6, helping his mom and dad celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on May 16th; while Bob and Susan have their 7th in August and grandma and grandpa their 49th in July of this year.

Mary has the appearance of a woman 10 years younger. She has only a little gray in her medium brown hair. She has a very sweet and happy face with a radiant smile.

TAKE OUR GRATEFUL HEARTS



Frances Gliha

Mary is looking forward to their 50th wedding anniversary July 1, 1990. She also hopes to travel more in their motor home, but her most important wishes are for continued good health and close relationships with her family and friends.

As you can tell, Mary is a wonderful, energetic person with an immense zest for life and love for family. She prefers to be a leader but also can be a good follower. She generally is very talkative, always generous, and a wonderful hostess. Her family is extremely happy that their mom and wife was selected for this year's Mother of



Elizabeth Ann Weaver

the Year award. Mary is eminently qualified for this award. This talented, hard working and devoted person is an inspiration to those standards in the highest form.

Sincerely,

Her family

ELIZABETH ANN WEAVER

Br. 92, Gunnison, CO

All of us have memories. If we share some of Beth Weaver's, we will all smile in recognition of similar experiences!

"I have many wonderful memories concerning my son, Cliff and my family. His participation in the Boys Scouts, sports and band, both in junior and senior high school, have been a source of enjoyment and pride for me.

"I especially remember the day we brought Cliff home from the hospital. My husband, Bob surprised me by having the nursery all prepared and ready for our son's first night at home!

"Another nice memory was during the Blue and Gold Banquet for Cub Scouts. Every "cub" and his father was asked to make a cake for the Banquet. I enjoyed watching Cliff and his father make a "blue" cake! It turned out very well considering the way they left my kitchen afterwards!"

So, here we meet a young, modern and energetic mother who is also a professional - a typical mother of today's times. Hats off to Br. 92 for selecting her!

Beth was born in 1950 in a family of four. She is the eldest followed by two sisters and a brother. Her Irish background is quite visible in her perky and quick smile! She comes from Glenwood Springs, Colorado and was educated at Western State College in Gunnison. She earned a B.A. in English and Elementary Education and an M.A. in Elementary Education in 1988. She began her career as a teacher in 1980, starting at Blackstone Elementary as a teacher's aide for 3 years before taking a permanent position as a 1st grade teacher at Lake Elementary.

The inspiration that made her decide to become a teacher was knowing a retired school teacher, Katie Mack, who impressed her early in life. Katie had the many wonderful qualities that Beth wished to have, too. Her interest in education and politics helped to



Mary Paterson

make Beth very aware of what was going on in the world at the time.

Beth married Robert Weaver in 1972. They met while they were both attending WSC and Bob was home on leave from the army. Bob is the owner/operator of the O.C. Coal Mine. Beth ran a small day-care while their son, Cliff was small. He is their only child and is now a junior in high school, looking forward to college. He plays the saxophone, belongs to the school band and participates in sports, football, basketball, baseball. Beth and Bob are very much involved in Cliff's activities and they travel with him to all his functions and support him in every way.

That's how Beth is, by nature, very friendly and supportive. She does the



Nell Phillips

same with Br. 92, attending meetings and their social functions. She contributes many good ideas to the club, too. She has a way of making people feel comfortable, and although she is somewhat quiet, she always points out the good things in people and in her calm way, she is a good teacher.

In the summer of 1985, Beth, her mother, Johanna, sister, Kathy, grandmother, Lizzie and Aunt, Cecilia flew to Virginia to visit another sister, Becky, and niece, Katie. They enjoyed their travels to Washington, D.C., New York City and the east coast.

She says that the honor given her by the branch gives her an opportunity to stop and reflect on the past few years and the changes in her family as their son grows and matures and her role as mother develops.

She feels honored to be included in the group of past Mothers of the Year of our organization.

NELL PHILLIPS

Br. 100, Fontana, CA

Nell was born in Oglesby, Illinois of parents, Anton and Frances Martinc. When she was 3 years old they moved to Wisconsin. Her dad and mother came from Slovenia back in 1912 and 1920. She comes from a family of 8 children, 5 of whom are still living close by. Her home in Wisconsin was at Port Edwards where she attended schools.

She spent many years living and working in Montana before coming to California to enjoy some leisure time. Five years ago she began "demonstration" sales work for a retail store. Her warm and friendly personality, coupled with skilled salesmanship, soon propelled her into a supervisory role which she currently maintains.

Happily married for 43 years, Nell and Carl Phillips reside in Fontana since moving from Billings, Montana in 1967. In the tire business for the span of their married life, Carl is now retired and often assists Nell in her occupational responsibilities. They both enjoy traveling and sports such as golf and bowling. They open their home to friends and relatives who visit frequently from Montana and other states. They are both very sociable.

Nell is an excellent cook and takes special pride in preserving many of the traditional Slovenian dishes and desserts. Visiting family members often call her in advance of their ar-

rival with requests for their favorite Slovenian specialty which they know she can make. She excels in cake decorating, too, and made her daughter's and nieces' wedding cakes.

Nell and Carl have four children. Their eldest, Gene and his wife, Betsy and two daughters live in Cameron, Wisconsin. Daughter, Mary Kay Bell and three children and daughter Mary Ann Wells with husband, Steve and three children live in Fontana. The youngest Tom, and his wife, Julie and three children reside in Apple Valley, California.

They have eleven grandchildren, ranging in ages from 5 months to 12 years and this makes holidays great - but noisy! In an effort to distinguish between maternal and paternal grandparents, one toddling grandson dubbed them: Grandma and Grandpa 'Chev', after their dog. The dog has long since died, but the title Grandma 'Chev' still fondly remains. A trip to the nearest drug store for a soda or an overnight stay are still favorites for all.

Nell is a very active member who loves the Slovenian Women's Union and participates in all their functions. She has demonstrated her culinary skills at meetings in her home. Her mother, Frances Martin was a member of Br. 100 for many years until she passed away and now her sister, Henrietta Bledsoe is also a member.

Nell is very perky, outgoing and has a very cheerful, generous personality. She is a caring person, always ready to help. When she came to California, she took care of her terminally ill father and later took her mother into her own home for years to take care of her. Her grandchildren and immediate family have seen her give of herself on many occasions without any reservations.

Thanksgiving has always been a special day for the family starting back years ago with mom and dad. It is then that everyone gets together and usually it's at Nell and Carl's home. Sometimes there are as many as 60 people! They have also started a 4th of July tradition at the park with a big gathering of all the family. Every year her Slovenian dishes are requested by all!

One of the greatest experiences of her life was the visit Nell made three years ago with her sister and two brothers to Slovenia to meet relatives of both parents. Climbing up to Velika Planina was a highlight not to be forgotten as it was this place where she

remembers her dad telling her he spent every summer herding cattle. Also, seeing their old home, church and village was unforgettable, something she never expected she would do, even now, years after mom and dad are gone and not able to know of their visit to Slovenia. Nell says that being a member of the branch in Fontana has helped her re-awaken an appreciation of her heritage and helping her to speak the language.

BERNICE BOSELA

Br. 101, Bedford Heights, OH

We have selected Bernice Bosela to be Mother of the Year, an honor that has been long time in coming, for Bernice is truly a wonderful, loving, caring, giving person. She's there to help in any situation or project, even to the extent of putting off her own personal needs if you need her. Bernice is "there" with her heart of pure gold and helping hands.

Bernice is the wife of Paul. They have been married for 16 years. They together have two children, Danielle 14 years old and young Paul, 8 years old. Bernice is a step-mother to Paul's other daughters by a previous marriage, Angela and Mary Frances, and grandmother to Hope and Chris and soon, another child.

Born June 30th, 1942 to John and Cecilia Hudacko, she is of Slovak heritage, was educated in the parochial schools, St. Benedict's and Marymount High School, a 1960 graduate. She worked in the Shaker Heights School System for 10 years as a secretary and then for a pharmaceutical company until she married and became a wife and mother. She returned to the professional working world on a part-time basis in 1980, again as a secretary then moving up to Department Manager at Cleveland Institute of Electronics. She presently is working, as she puts it, at the best job she's ever had as secretary-book keeper for "Today's Headlines" for the past three years.

She is active with her children in P.T.U., Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts taking part in weekly meetings. She is also a "Taxi mom" for the children for they participate in skiing and bowling activities.

Both Bernice and Paul take an active part in a local side Bann Club. She is the recording secretary for the group. They enjoy family outings and activities mostly. They travel several times a year to Upstate New York to

YOU ARE OUR PRECIOUS GIFTS

SHARON WYSOCKY

Br. 105, Detroit, MI

The members of branch 105 have selected Sharon Wysocky as our Mother of the Year for 1989. Sharon has been a member of the Branch since 1969 when her grandmother, the late Catherine Musick, enrolled her.

Sharon has been an active member, particularly since her marriage to Carl Jay Wysocky and the birth of their son, Brian Michael, who will be three in May.

Blessed with boundless energy, Sharon puts it to good use. She is extremely talented in the field of art and has a successful crafts business, displaying her hand-crafted items in several local gift shops. Many of her sales are by word of mouth and special orders.

In addition to her work with crafts, Sharon also works part-time for Lee Wards, a crafts' specialty store where she puts her experience and knowledge to good use.

Sharon is the younger daughter of our Secretary-Treasurer, Patricia Adamic, sister of our President, Kathleen Emerson, and counts among Branch 105's membership, her mother-in-law, Aileen Wysocky, her step-grandmother, Pauline Adamic, her son, Brian, and step-sister, Janice Schroeder, who together with her two children, Kristin and Jeffrey, recently joined our Branch.

As a first-time homeowner, Sharon has been very involved in redecorating the house they recently purchased in East Detroit. So far, most of her endeavors have involved the interior, but she is anxiously awaiting warm weather which will permit her to begin gardening. She is an excellent cook and spent a great deal of time with her grandmother Musick learning how to make traditional Slovenian dishes. Her potica is as good as any her family ever tasted.

Sharon and her husband, Carl, are active members of Lodge 677 of the Slovenian National Benefit Society and both work on and attend as many of the Society's activities as their busy schedules permit. In addition to working full-time, Carl is attending night school to obtain a degree in accounting. Their Slovenian heritage is very



Bernice Bosela

visit relatives and enjoy the country.

Bernice is a great cook and baker, always doing some baking for one organization or the other. She's a collector of "Precious Moments" and collectors plates.

You never see her stop, she's always go go go... This is just a little of the life of our dear friend, Bernice, one who truly should be congratulated and most deserving of the title of Mother of the Year. May God Bless You! We love you and greatly appreciate you!

AGNES LESAR

Br. 102, Willard, WI

Agnes is a native of Willard where Slovenian farmers founded the town many years ago. She and her sister, Mary, operated a little country store and were a part of the daily ebb and flow of their community. She is now retired but still very helpful and caregiver for two disabled sisters, Mary and Anna. They are all members of Br. 102, and Agnes was secretary for 10 years.

She still takes part in all the things that bring culture and enjoyment to their world, and joins the members when they visit our other branches in Wisconsin for state conventions.

Agnes loves her garden and prepares some of her best plants for the annual plant sale the members enjoy every spring. It will soon be time for another one and we're sure that the nicest flower will be Agnes herself!



Agnes Lesar

important to both of them and they plan to make it an important part of Brian's future as well.

Sharon is a typical young wife, mother and homemaker of the 1980's. She combines the demands of all of her commitments and does it all with seeming ease. We congratulate you, Sharon, our selection as Mother of the Year.

(The photograph of Sharon shows her wearing one of her own custom-designed shirts.)



Sharon Wysocky

By August B. Pust

Learn Slovenian!

I would like to thank Alouise Epley, Sec'y of Br. 73, Warrensville, Ohio for her letter. She writes that she, along with her daughters, enjoy the "Learn Slovenian" column and her youngest daughter wants her sons to learn the language, too. Then I received another letter from Angie Kauchick of Milwaukee telling me she gets the ZARJA from her sister-in-law and has been enjoying my column. She finds it informative and also says the words help her with her correspondence with her relatives. She is married to a former Aurorean, Victor Kauchick. Needless to say, both of these letters gave me a lift and encouragement to keep on writing this column for ZARJA. Thanks, ladies!

I want to wish the Mothers of the Year and all moms a very happy and special Mother's Day. May God shower his richest blessings on all of you.

The Linden tree, or in Slovenian, Lipa tree, has a special significance for Slovenians. It symbolizes the total lifespan of a person and his nation.

The Linden tree was the center of all activities in Slovenija...a get-together place of social events, a focus of life with dances, games and where friends met to share happy times. It was the center of life with its heart-shaped leaves, fragrant honey-sweet blossoms, shady branches and soft workable wood. The Linden tree will forever be woven into the life of every Slovenian.

From the cradle to the grave, the Linden tree is a faithful companion of each and every Slovenian. In songs, Lipa is a symbol of new life, a vision of Spring to come and a constant hope for brighter and better days ahead. No wonder that the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation of Cleveland chose the Linden tree leaf as its symbol of continuous growth of Slovenian principles and traditions. With new sprouts and new branches, it carries old traditions into new life, the Slovenian Heritage of America.



Leaf of the Lipa tree when in blossom

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 10 - TRIP TO KENT, Br. 50, Cleveland, OH
- June 11 - 61st ANNIVERSARY MASS, Br. 20, Joliet, IL at St. Joseph's Church, 8:30 a.m.
- June 18 - POTLUCK PICNIC, Br. 92, Gunnison, CO at Legion Park
- June 19 - SUMMER HIKE, Br. 92, Gunnison, CO
- June 22 - JUNIOR'S PICNIC, Br. 12, Milwaukee, WI at Jackson Park
- June 23 - CARD PARTY, Br. 50, Cleveland, OH at Euclid Park Clubhouse
- July 16 - ZVEZA DAY IN LEMONT, Br. 2, Chicago, IL at Lemont, IL
- Aug. 15 - POTLUCK PICNIC, Br. 50, Cleveland, OH at Euclid Park Clubhouse
- Sep. 10 - MINNESOTA STATE CONVENTION, Br. 33, Duluth, MN
- Sep. 10 - WISCONSIN STATE CONVENTION, Br. 102, Willard, WI
- Sep. 24 - TRIP TO BELLVUE, OH Shrine of Sorrowful Mother, Br. 42, Maple Hts., OH. Call Millie Lipnos for reservations
- Sep. 30 - 60TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE, Br. 32, Euclid, OH
- Oct. 1 - OHIO-MICHIGAN STATE CONVENTION, Br. 32, Euclid, OH hostess branch. Mass at noon, Bishop Edward Pevec, officiant, St. Christine's church. Meeting to follow.
- Oct. 15 - CARD PARTY, Br. 12, Milwaukee, WI

SPOŠTUJMO SLOVENSKE MATERE! BOG JIM POKLANJA DOLGO ŽIVLJENJE!



Chicago – Cicero

MARIJA BRENČIČ

obhaja svojo 90 – letnico!

Moja dobra stara mama Marija Brenčič je v letošnjem aprilu dosegla svojih devetdeset – let. Je izredno dobra mati, verna in delavna žena in vseskozi zavedna Slovenka.

Rojena je bila na lgu pri Ljubljani v dobri verni družini, ena izmed osmih otrok. Stara 22 let se je 1. 1921 poročila z Antonom Brenčič v Notranje Gorice. Tudi njo je bridko prizadela II. svetovna vojna, ko je zgubila svojega dobrega moža 1. 1942, ko so ga ubili tisti, ki so soglašali s komunisti.

Po treh letih se je s svojo družino – s tremi hčerami in s sinom edincem, starim 19 let – pridružila slovenskim beguncem in zapustila dragi svoj dom. Mladoletni sin Tone je bil z mnogimi vrnjen iz Vetrinja in je postal žrtev groznega komunističnega pokola. Velika materina bolečina ne more ugasniti. Z njo vred je prizadeta vsa družina.

Njena najstarejša hči Mici je ostala v Ljubljani, ker je bila že poročena. Staro mamo in hčere Julko, Ivanko in Francko je 1. 1949 vzel k sebi mamin brat Frank Sherjak v Louisville, Kentucky. Leto pozneje so vse prišle v Chicago. Tukaj se je prav kmalu poročila hči Julka s Frankom Petrich, katerih družina živi in je znana v slovenski fari sv. Štefana v Chicagu. So delavni člani v tej fari, tako starši kot otroci; dva sta poročena, eden je sam. Hči Ivanka je 1. 1953 odšla v Kanado in se poročila z Jernejem Vidmar; njuni štirje otroci so vsi poročeni. Mamina najmlajša hči Francka živi že vsa leta skupaj z mamo in sta druga drugi v oporo in v velikem prijateljstvu. Naša stara mama ima sedaj 10 vnukov in 14 pravnukov. Kajne, kolikšen blagoslov!

Številni mamini sorodniki živijo v Chicagu, v Kanadi v Sloveniji in tudi v Franciji. Vsi so v njeni skrbi in dobroti.

Podpisana Marinka Velkavrh sem njena vnukinja. Na prošnjo je vzela 1. 1967 mene in mojo družino k sebi v Ameriko za stalno. Pomagala nam je v vsem, česar smo potrebovali in nam dala, kar smo najbolj rabili. Pri njej smo našli pravi dom, razumevanje in dobroto. Kako smo hvaležni za njene tople besede in nasvete, katerih ne bomo nikoli pozabili. Naklonjena je vsem!

Kako se je razveselila obiska svojih vnukov: Tonija iz Slovenije in Jožeta iz Francije, katera je 1. 1985 prvič videla. Prav tako je lansko leto prvič pozdravila pravnukinjo Špelo. Z velikim veseljem sprejema obiske vseh svojih, saj je bila hči Mici pri njej tukaj že šestkrat. Vsi bi radi nekako ublažili njene življenske bridkosti.

Lansko leto se je poročila njena prva pravnukinja Nataša (moja hčerka) z Markom Buhom iz tukaj zelo znane družine Ivana Buha. Z našo staro mamo so sedaj povezane družine štirih generacij in te so: Brenčič, Novak, Velkavrh in Buh. Iz lastne družine je ostala živa samo še ona; njeni imajo grob vsi v Sloveniji razen dveh bratov, ki počivata v Ameriki. Iz njenega pripovedovanja vemo, da je v življenju veliko pretrpela. Imamo občutek, da jo drži krepko pokoncu njeno zdravje, dalje dobra volja in trdna vera. Ona nam je vsem lep vzor. Velika ljubezen veže vnuke in pravnuke s staro mamo!

Povedati moram, da je pri svojih devetdesetih še vedno zelo bistra in načitana. Vsa leta je naročena na list Ave Mario in tednik Ameriško domovino. Je članica Oltarnega društva in Sv. Ane, K.S.K.J. Ne zamudi skoraj nobenega sestanka, nobene kulturne prireditve, nobenega dobrodelnega kosila. Povsod je dobrodošla in prijazno sprejeta! Pride večkrat kot gost na prireditve in sestanke št. 2 SZZ z obeh hčerkama Julko in Francko-obej sta zelo dobri članici.

Dočakala je visok življenski jubilej. Poleg sorodnikov ji vsi znanci želijo dobro zdravje in srečna leta med nami, prijatelji.

Stara mama! Sprejmi častitke in pozdrave vseh tvojih iz Chicaga, Kanade, Slovenije in Francije!

vnukinja *MARINKA*

ŠT. 10, CLEVELAND, OH

Drage članice! Že smo na koncu zime, ki je bila to leto kratka in topla kot še nikoli. Približala se je že pomlad, ptičke jo že dolgo oznanjajo in so jo veseli. Saj so pozimi zmrzovali in zato so je res vesele. Včeraj se je sneg še veselil in malo jezil, toliko, da je vrt pobelil; a sonce je poskrbel, da ga ni nikjer več.

Tudi prelepa Velika noč je sedaj pri vratih – letos zelo zgodaj. Prav danes je Cvetna nedelja; imeli smo v naši fari pri deseti maši procesijo, pri kateri se je nabralo kar precej ljudi. Imeli smo blagoslov palm in butaric. Butarice so naša stara slovenska navada – lepa. Mladina in starejši so imeli butarice različnih velikosti. Nekaj jih je bilo tudi v narodnih nošah, malih in velikih. Blagoslov je bil v stari cerkvi, od tam pa procesija v novo – veliko. Ljudi je bila polna cerkev.

Nekaj neverjetnega – kako so lepi velikonočni prazniki!

Kako človeka vsega prevzame ta pomladanska velikonočna moč. Kar vsakega prerodi v nioovo življenje in v novo veselje! Posebno otroci so veseli teh praznikov, ker seveda dobe velikonočne darove. Nekateri dobijo od staršev tudi novo obleko ali pa čevlje. Ko sem bila še majhna, so nas starejši povsod obdarovali s pirhi ali s pomarančami. Kakšno veselje smo imeli s pisanimi pirhi! Nekateri žene so znale potom voska pirhe posebno okrasiti – narodna posebnost. Jaz sama se tega nisem učila in ne poizkusila. Ko boste čitale tele moje vrstice, bodo prazniki že za nami!

Zadnji teden smo imele sejo, katere se pa jaz nisem mogla udeležiti; nisem se dobro počutila. Roka me še vedno nekako boli in težko pišem. A prazniki so bili tako lepi, da kar moram pisati.

V zadnjem času smo zgubili v naši okolici 3 znane osebe: najprej go. Tomšič, pozneje našo zelo znano članico go. Stefi Koncilija in nato še našega dobrega, znanega g. župnika Lojzeta Tomca. Ko so g. Tomc zbolevi, smo jih že težko pogrešali. Oni so bili zelo vesten in tudi skromen človek. Sami so si

Leopold Turšič:

MOJA MAMICA

*Mamica moja, povej mi,
kaj imaš vlažne oči —
kaj si res plakala zame
dne in noči?*

*Mamica moja, povej mi,
kaj imaš zguban obraz —
ali te gube izklesal
res sem le jaz?*

*Mamica moja, srebro že
imaš vpleteno v laseh —
ali si bila res zame
v vednih skrbeh?*

*Mamica moja udano
v križ se na steni ozre —
novo si solzo z očesa
z vzdihom otre.*



poprej skuhal, ko so bili pri bratu, a je kmalu umrl. Zadnje čase so živeli pri svojem nečaku in imeli pri njem vso oskrbo. Kako lepo je bilo to od družine! Gospod so bili doma na Blokah v Novi vasi. Večkrat so nam pripovedovali svoje doživljaje. Bili so tudi na Poljskem v času, ko je bil sedanji papež Janez Pavel še dete in so ga pestovali. Gospod župnik Tomc so bili visoko izobraženi. Dočakali so lepo starost 85 let. Res čudno: rojeni so bili isti dan kot moj oče in isto ime so imeli – a samo šest let so bili mlajši od mojega očeta. Zlato mašo so imeli leta 1980, ko je bil moj rojstni dan. Veliko so potovali po svetu. Tukaj v Clevelandu imajo še svakinjo in tri nečake. Njihovi bratje in sestre so že pokojni. V starem kraju imajo brata, ki je tudi duhovnik in še enega z družino. Torej več bratrancev in sestričen! Živeli so tudi v Porturiku in v Kaliforniji. Bili so premeščeni v Kanado, kjer so ustanovili faro Sv. Gregorija, Hamilton. Po upokojitvi so prišli sem k svojemu bratu. Odkar sem jih jaz poznala, so vedno maševali pri Mariji Vnebovzeti. Mrtvi so ležali

tukaj v cerkvi dva dni, vsakdo se je lahko poslovil od njih. Ob sebi so imeli lep šopek nageljnov. Slovenci iz Kanade so jim poslali krasen in velik venec tudi rdečih nageljnov. Iz fare Sv. Gregorija se je k pogrebu pripeljal en avtobus faranov. Pogreb je bil lep in precej ljudi. A dan je bil mrzel. Ob oltarju je bilo okrog 30 duhovnikov. Pridigo je imel sam g. škof, žal nevem imena.

Pri pogrebni maši mu je pel moški zbor iz Hamiltona. Ob grobu mu je v slovo govoril mlad človek tudi iz Hamiltona, ki je povedal, da je bil on prvi krščen v novi cerkvi sv. Gregorija, v fari, ki jo je ustanovil g. Tomc. Gospod je umrl 4. marca, pogreb pa 9. marca; pogreb je bil na pokopališču Vernih duš. Njegovim sorodnikom izrekamo globoko sožalje. Isto izrekamo družini ge. Štefi Koncilija in ostalim, ki so izgubili drage!

Lepe pozdrave vsem članicam v naši novi domovini.

Vsem bolnim čimprej zdravje. Vsem ki imate rojstne dneve ali godove: "Vse najboljše."

Pozdrav!

T. FERRACCIOLI

ŠT. 25, CLEVELAND, OH

Mati! Mati je kakor nebo polno zvezda! Vsaka zvezda izžareva njeno ljubezen v milijon prečudovitih žrtev za njenega otroka. Poklonimo se jim. Vrnimo jim njihovo ljubezen. Sedaj, ko so še žive.

Marijo, našo nebeško Mater pa prosimo za blagoslov naših živih, kakor tudi naših pokojnih mamic.

Sedaj pa še nekaj. Dobro bi bilo, da bi priredile enkrat en sestanek pod geslom: "Spoznajmo se!" Potem bi pa rezervirali sobo za nedeljo popoldne 10tega septembra pri sv. Vidu. Pomislite! Kličite: 881-4798 ali pišite na moj naslov: 6610 Bliss Ave – Cleveland, OH 44103, če bo dovolj zanimanja, potem bomo pa začele s pripravljanjem. Torej, na delo!

Pa še malo pogledite za kako novo članico. Se kaj dobro sliši to?

Z majskim pozdravom, kateri je ves v cvetju in brstju...

P.S. V torek 9tega maja se vidimo pri Sterletu ob enih, da počastimo našo Jennie Strumbel.

CIRILA KERMAVNER

NAŠA POT PO SLOVENIJI

Iz "Slovenske ure" na radijski oddaji v Chicagu



PRIMORSKA GORNJE POSOČJE

Zahodni del Slovenije se že oddavna imenuje Primorska. Ime samo pove, da je pokrajina ob morju – in sicer ob **Jadranskem morju**. Res, samo majhen del tega so "zmagovalci" po II. svetovni vojni prisodili Sloveniji z mestom **Koprom**. K Italiji so prisodili znani **Trst** in na samem slovenskem ozemlju našo **Gorico**.

Primorska pokrajina sega od Jadranskega morja navzgor na sever prav do Julijskih Alp. Je tako malo podnebne razlike med tema dvema, da se smučar v Alpah že čez nekaj ur lahko koplje v morju.

Izvir reke **Soče**, ki je po velikosti tretja slovenska reka, je visoko v Julijskih Alpah – lahko bi rekli na drugi strani našega Triglava. Svet, po katerem sprva teče Soča, imenujemo **Gornje Posočje**, ki je obdano z visokimi gorami in z globoko skalnato globino, kjer drvi planinska Soča. To slovensko reko je znani alpenist **Kugy** imenoval za najlepšo reko v Evropi. Vsak, kdor jo prvič vidi, se čudi njenij izredno lepi zelenkastoplavi barvi.

Življenje v krajih ob gornji Soči je izredno trdo – o kmetijah tukaj ne moremo govoriti. Hišice so alpske



BOVEC

Foto Kompas

z zunanjimi stopnicami, z visečimi "ganki", skodljasto streho in ovčjim hlevom pri tleh. Čez reko drže lesene brvi, čez dolino vise strme gorske stene. Dolino imenujejo **Trento**, v kateri je vas z istim imenom. Tukaj je hrib – skalnjak – kije zasajen z vsem gorskim ali planinskim zelenjem in cvetjem in imenovan "Juliana" s spomenikom izrednega gornika Kugy-ja. Ob reki



Dolina Trenta s Sočo

navzdol so raztresene vasice, med njimi zelo prijazna in urejena vas **Soča**. Ljudje se največ živijo od živinoreje, gozdarstva in v prvi vrsti od turizma. Ta je živ in uspešen poleti in pozimi.

Ko se Soška kotlina nekoliko razširi, je mestece **Bovec**, kjer je tržno središče doline in znano urejeno

letovišče. Tukaj so že zeleni obširni travniki, kamor se stekajo številni potoki, ki curljajo s hribov. V čudovito lepi gorski okolici je dalje ob Soči kraj **LOG** pod Mangartom, ki spada med najlepše gorske vasi. Turistov ne manjka. Reka Soča se počasi umiri, ko pritece v širšo dolino. Tu je zrastel večji in znani **Kobarid** s spomenikom pesnika Simona Gregorčiča, katerega so imenovali "goriški slavček". Značilne za ta kraj so zidane primorske hiše z alpskimi "ganki". Nad Kobaridom se dviga visok **Krn**, primorski Triglav. Proti jugu se iz Kobarida vidi grič **Sv. Lovrenc**, na čigar vrhu je pokopan Simon Gregorčič, malo naprej leži vas **Vrsno** z Gregorčičevo rojstno hišo.

Dalje ob Soči je prijazno mesto **Tolmin** na ozemlju, kjer se končujejo Alpe in se pričinja tako imenovani Kras, ki je znan po svojih planotah. Ob hišah v tej dolini se že vidijo brajde z vinsko trto, a ravne površine je kaj malo. Po strmih bregovih je tolminski kmet pripravil svet za senožeti in senike. Trava tukaj mora imeti svojo ceno, ker domačini zelo cenijo svoj tolminski sir. Ta kraj ima starodavno gotsko cerkev sv. Urha iz 15. stoletja. Vsa okolica Tolmina je izredno slikovita.

Starodavni znani kraj **Sv. Lucijo** so po vojni krstili na ime **Most na Soči**. Reka tukaj teče v globoki in ozki strugi. To je prijeten letoviški kraj in prometno izhodušče v zogrtnjo Soško dolino. Pri Sv. Luciji je bil rojen profesor in slovenski pisatelj dr. Ivan Pregelj.

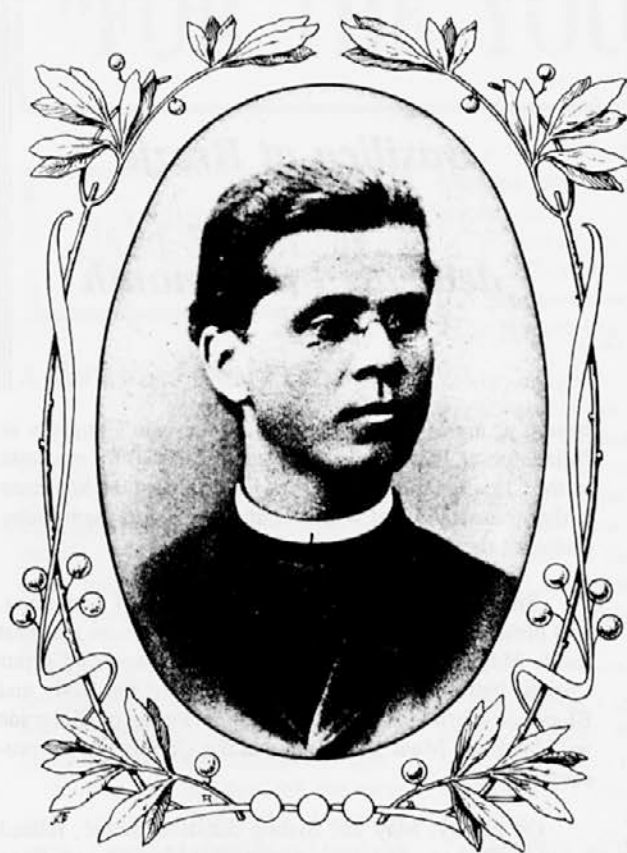
V prejšnjem stoletju je bila vsa Soška dolina na Primorskem zapuščena in neznana. Ta svet se je odprl z zgradnjo železnice iz gorenjskega Bohinja leta 1906 z dolgim predorom prav do Gorice. Dolina ob Savi je bila povezana z dolino ob Soči.

Prav Primorska je **strahotno** trpela v I. svetovni vojni, **po njej** po zasedbi Italije in tudi sedaj po II. je **okrnjena**.



Spomenik Simona Gregorčiča v Kobaridu

Foto: Ančka Tomsic



Simon Gregorčič

SOČI (odlomek)

*Krasna si, bistra hči planin,
brdka v prirodni si lepoti,
ko ti prozornih globočin
nevihte temne srd ne moti,
krasna si, hči planin!
Tvoj tek je živ in je legak,
ko hod deklet s planine,
in jasna si ko gorski zrak,
in glasna si, ko spev krepak
planinske je mladine –
krasna si hči planin!
Rad gledam ti v valove bodre,
valove te zeleno modre:
temna zelen planinskih trav
in vedra višnjevost višav
lepo se v njih je zlila;
na rosah sinjega neba,
na rosah zelenih gora
lepoto to si pila –
krasna si hči planin!*

PESNIK, SIMON GREGORČIČ

“goriški slavček”

Ko že opisujemo Primorsko, se še ustavimo pri priljubljenem slovenskem pesniku Simonu Gregorčiču. Rojen je bil v vasi **Vrsno**, planinskem kraju pod visokim Krnom blizu Kobarida in umrlim v Gorici – (1844 – 1906). Naša domovina Slovenija ga je pred tremi leti – 1986 – ob njegovi 80-letnici smrti tako slavila in počastila, kakršnje časti ni bil v življenju nikoli deležen. Pri svojih starših je živel kot pastirček in tako srečen, da tega vse življenje ni pozabil. Kot nadarjenega, so ga starsi poslali v šolo v Gorico; pozneje se je odločil za duhovniški stan, česar so bili nekdanj kmečki starši najbolj veseli.

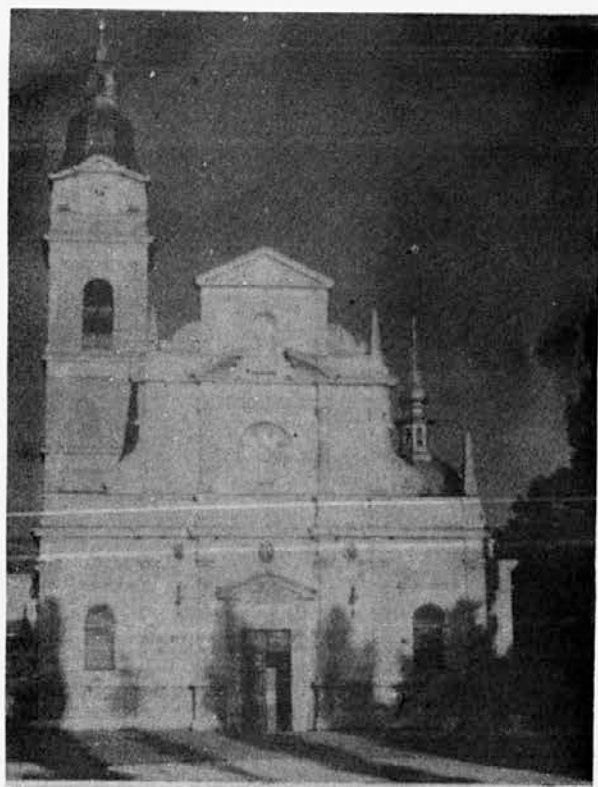
Kmalu v mladosti je pričel pesniti in pokazal je izreden talent; prijatelji so ga k temu vzpodbujali in sam se je čutil pri tem srečnega in zadovoljnega. Kritika škofa Mahničarja zaradi “neprimerne” vsebine ga je zelo zadela. Mohorjeva družba v Celovcu je dve leti po njegovi smrti (1908) izdala njegove pesmi pod

naslovom “Poezije” z izvirnimi slikami. Ta knjiga je vzbudila med Slovenci izredno pozornost in veselje. Po vseh šolah so se teh pesmi učili na pamet, skladatelji so se vneli zanje, fantje so jih prepevali.

Eno najlepših svojih pesmi je Gregorčič posvetil svoji domači reki soči z istim naslovom. Ta pesem ni samo lepa, ampak tudi preroška! Odkod to, da je pesnik slutil, da bo “Soča krvava tekla?” Res! (1914 – 1918)

Pesnik je bil vse življenje bolj bolehen in umrl je star 62 let v Gorici. Pred smrtjo je prosil, naj ga pokopljejo v domačem kraju pod planinami, kar so mu prijatelji izpolnili. Pripravili so mu tak pogreb-kakršnjega Gorica do tedaj še ni videla. Ko so krsto položili na voz, mu je moški zbor zapel njegovo “Nazaj, nazaj v planinski raj” ni nobeno oko ostalo suho. Dokler bo živel slovenski rod, bodo živele Gregorčičeve pesmi.

A.G.



Marian Shrine, now a Basilica, at Brezje in Slovenia

Basilica at Brezje

dedicated this month

present at the 1976 International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia. This candle will burn as the faithful meditate on the Christian traditions which have formed the Slovenes in their homeland and which continue to form them today wherever they live in the world.

Bishop Jožef Kvas, auxiliary Bishop of Ljubljana, will preside at the Mass and Marian devotions on the feast itself, May 24. The following day is the feast of Corpus Christi, better known today as the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Archbishop Francè Perko of Belgrade will celebrate Mass and preside at the Corpus Christi procession.

On Friday, May 26, Bishop Stanislav Lenič, retired auxiliary Bishop of Ljubljana, will offer Mass for vocations and preside at the Marian devotions which include a candlelight procession. This day has been designated as a Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Last year on October 4, the Holy Father approved a declaration raising the church in Brezje to the status of basilica minor. When the Ljubljana religious authorities petitioned for this honor, many American and Canadian Slovenes helped by sending in their reports. These reports detailed devotions in honor of Marija Pomagaj on this continent and were supported by photos and pictures of shrines and church windows.

The solemn proclamation of the renowned shrine church in Brezje, Slovenia, as a basilica will take place on Saturday, May 29 this year. Archbishop Giuseppe Montalvo, Apostolic Pronuncio to Yugoslavia, will preside at the solemn ceremonies and at the concelebrated Mass. Combined choirs from the parish churches in the Brezje area will sing Beethoven's Mass in C Minor.

Preparations for this solemn occasion will begin on May 23, the vigil of the feast of Marija Pomagaj, Our Lady of Brezje. That evening the Most Rev. Alojzij Šuštar, Archbishop of Ljubljana, will be the main celebrant of the Mass and will preside at the Marian devotions with sung litanies and candlelight procession. A large candle will be lit in accord with the resolution passed by the Slovenes

Marija Pomagaj's Feastday on May 24th will be celebrated at the American Shrine in Lemont, Illinois on the vigil of Her day, May 23. Throughout the U.S. churches and chapels will conduct services, too, and you are urged to participate. But, perhaps the best place is right in your own homes, with your families gathered around a lighted candle, praying the Rosary for Slovenians wherever they live in the world!

Zbor Slovenska Pesem vab i na koncert v nedeljo 14 maja v cerkvi Marije Pomagaj v Lemontu po šmarnicah ki se prično ob 2:30 popoldne. Ker je materinski dan, darujemo koncert Božji Materi in našem materam. Po koncertu vabljeni na zakuski v Domu. Vstopnine ni. Dobrodošli so prostovolni prispevki.

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Slovenska Pesem Chorus is presenting their annual concert on Sunday, May 14 at St. Mary's Seminary Church in Lemont after the 2:30 p.m. May devotions. As this is Mother's Day, we are dedicating the concert to our Blessed Mother, and all of our mothers. There is no admission, but donations to the church will be appreciated. Reception with refreshments will follow concert at Baraga Dom.

"FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART"

DAVY'S COLUMN

A Mother and Child Relationship

As my mother put the finishing touches to our Sunday noon meal, I sat at the kitchen table and read her the clues to the Sunday cross-word puzzle. My five year old daughter came into the kitchen.

"Mommy, I'm starving. Can I have a piece of cheese?"

"No. We're going to be eating dinner in a matter of minutes." I returned my attention to the puzzle and read aloud the next clue. "European eagle."

Pouting, my daughter left the room and stomped down the basement stairs. I was just about to call her back up, to go down properly, when I heard her shout up.

"I am not a peeing eagle!"

My daughter and my mother were playing a game of "Roll the Dice." It's a game my daughter and her late great-grandma (lovingly referred to as G.G.) would play for hours. The object is to roll doubles. If you roll doubles you roll again. My five year old was not getting any doubles.

Suddenly, without warning, she looked to the sky and shouted at the top of her lungs, "G.G., what are you

doing up there?! Kissin' Great-Grandpa John? You're supposed to be helpin' me!"

She picked up the dice and threw them. They landed doubles. She glanced upward with a look that said, "That's more like it."

My daughter had the flu. Her grandma told her she had a flu bug. My mother explained to my little one the "bug" was very, very tiny. Later that evening while I read her a bedtime story, a tiny gnat flew by her nose.

"Mommy, is that the bug that made me sick? Grandma said it was small. Will I get better now that it flew away?"

This month's article was dedicated to my daughter. After all, if it wasn't for her I wouldn't be a mother; a station in life I wouldn't trade for the universe.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

DAVY

RIDDLES

Why is the letter V like a young girl?

Because it is always in love.

What has many teeth but can't eat?

A comb

Why is a policeman like a crack in a bench?

They will both pinch you if you park wrong.



DRAWING BY MARK NUSKO

Why has Santa Claus taken up gardening?

Because he likes to hoe, hoe, hoe.

What is a calf after it is six months old?

Seven months old.

If two is company and three is a crowd, what are four and five?

Nine

When do the leaves begin to turn?

When the teacher announces a test for the next day.

When are eyes not eyes?

When a sharp wind makes them water.

Collected by Amy Nusko, Br. 2, Chicago



Mothers

By Becky Johnson

branch 33 Duluth Mn.

Mothers are very special
Very special in deed
Their there when you are sick
Or when you skin your knee
Their helpful and consideret
and know when you are blue
So this poem I wrote is not a note
But from me to you.

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