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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY & JUNE

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June 15 - Robin Marolt, Br. 17, West Allis, WI
June 19 - Dorothy Brezonik, Br. 1, Sheboygan, WI
June 29 - Elizabeth Spolar, Br. 56, Hibbing, MN

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

On the Cover...

The magnificent St. Vitus Church in Cleveland, Ohio after extensive renovation was recently re-dedicated in honor of its Slovenian pioneer parishioners. The interior, main altar and sanctuary are breathtakingly beautiful, focusing on the figure of the resurrected Christ as we see on this photo obtained through the courtesy of pastor, Rev. Joseph Boznar.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1 PLANT SALE, Br. 102, Willard, WI
May 11 POSTPONED CHRISTMAS PARTY, Br. 52, Kitzville, MN at Elks Club
June 2 50 YEAR MEMBERS HONORED, Br. 13, San Francisco, CA, noon
June 5 66th ANNIVERSARY, Br. 20, Joliet, IL, Commemorative Mass at St. Joseph's Church, 8:30 a.m.
June 18 ANNUAL PICNIC, Br. 105, Detroit, MI at Council Park, Martin Rd., Warren, MI
Jul 17 ZVEZA DAY IN LEMONT, Br. 2, Chicago, IL

MOTHER OF THE YEAR CELEBRATIONS

May 1 Br. 35, Aurora, MN, Program and Brunch at Community Center after 9 a.m. Mass
May 1 Br. 38, Chisholm, MN, Brunch after 10 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph's Church Hall
May 2 Br. 23, Ely, MN
May 4 Br. 14, Euclid, OH, Dinner. Call Vera Bajec, 481-7473 for reservations.
May 4 Br. 33, Duluth, MN, St. Elizabeth's parish hall.
May 7 Br. 47, Garfield Hts., OH, Luncheon at Quinn's in Solon, 1:00 p.m.
May 7 Br. 105, Detroit, MI, Luncheon at L-Bow Room, Schoenner Rd. near 12 Mile Rd., Warren, MI
May 10 Br. 42, Maple Hts., OH, Celebration Mass at St. Wenceslaus Church, group meets at 6:45 p.m.
May 12 Br. 6, Barberton, OH, Covered-Dish, SND, 11 a.m.
May 12 Br. 50, Euclid, OH, Dinner at Sterle's, Call Ann Tercek, 261-3615.
May 14 Br. 16, So. Chicago, IL at Golden Shell
May 15 Br. 1, Sheboygan, WI, Mass at St. Cyril's, 10:30 a.m. followed by Lunch and Program at Fr. Cherne Hall.
May 15 Br. 13, San Francisco, CA, Brunch at Marriott after 9 a.m. Mass, Call Jo Aiuto, 863-8632.
May 15 Br. 79, Enumclaw, WA, Potluck at Kathy Vogel's
May 18 Br. 32, Euclid, OH
May 18 Br. 34, Soudan, MN
May 18 Br. 43, Milwaukee, WI, Old Country Buffet, 12:30 p.m. Call Matilda for reservations, 421-1243.
May 18 Br. 54, MOTHER-DAUGHTER Luncheon, Br. 54, Warren, OH, Elks Clubroom, Rt. 422, 1 p.m.
May 18 Br. 55, Girard, OH, Banquet at Little Peppino's, 5:30 p.m.
May 19 Br. 28, Calumet, MI at Shawn's Restaurant, Laurium, MI 6 p.m.
May 25 Br. 10, Collinwood, OH, at SND, Holmes Ave., 1 p.m.
May 25 Br. 17, West Allis, WI, Kegel's Inn, 59th and Nat'l Avenue.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A YEAR TO GET READY

A year from now, the 22nd National Convention of the SWU will be held in San Francisco, the dates set for May 19, 20 & 21, 1995! This will be another "first" for our organization since a National Convention has never been held on the west coast. We are all looking forward to convening in one of the most interesting and exciting convention cities.

A considerable amount of time was spent discussing convention business during our recent Board of Directors Meeting. It is imperative that our branch presidents and secretaries discuss ALL information printed in ZARJA and ALL correspondence mailed to branches from now on until Convention 1995.

Each branch should elect a qualified, enthusiastic and responsible delegate who would be willing to accept a National Office if nominated and elected. Prepare to make wise decisions regarding the future of the **entire organization**, not only her branch.

We also completely revised the SWU Ritual Book and Funeral Ritual. New booklets will be printed and distributed as soon as possible.

During the month of May, our SWU "Mother/Woman of the Year" will be honored by their respective branches with a meaningful celebration. Mother's Day holds a special place in our hearts for our mothers who are living or deceased. First Communion, Confirmations, and Graduations are often scheduled in May; may these celebrations be cherished throughout their lives with steadfast faith, love and gratitude.

In a lighter vein, a poem you may have heard before bears repeating,

WHEN GOD CREATED MOTHERS

by Erma Bombeck.

When the good Lord was creating mothers He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order?"

She has to be completely washable, but not plastic;

Have 180 movable parts... all replaceable;

Run on black coffee and leftovers;

*Have a lap that disappears when she stands up;
A kiss that can cure anything from a broken
leg to a disappointed love affair;
And six pairs of hands!*

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands... no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, "What are you kids doing in there?" when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, 'I understand and I love You' without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, "Come to bed. Tomorrow..."

"I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick... can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger... and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You You were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord, "it's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You are a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked somber. "I didn't put it there."

Victoria "Tory" Bobence



HISTORY OF S.W.U. BRANCHES

Looking Back

to the Future

BRANCH #14, CLEVELAND (EUCLID), OHIO

Continued



Frances Rupert, organizer of Br. 14 and her daughter, Mary Rupert Dolzak, from our memory book of many years ago.



NO. 14, EUCLID, OHIO

September, 1977

Our Branch No. 14 was formed at a meeting of a few ladies who gathered at Matilda Ropret's home on Shawnee Ave. in October, 1927. Mary Darovec was the first one to make a motion to inlate a branch of Slovenska ženska Zveza in Nottingham, Ohio, and with the moral support of Frances Rupert thus was formed Branch No. 14 of Nottingham, Ohio (now Euclid, Ohio).

The first month there were 50 members and the first officers elected were: Frances Rupert, president; Angela Benčin, Vice-president; Frances Novak, secretary; Mary Darovec, treasurer; and Matilda Ropret, assistant secretary. The first "veselica" was held on January 11, 1928 with a nice crowd in attendance and by February, 1928 our branch had 71 members.

There are two charter members still living. Frances Fortuna resides in Fontana, California and corresponds with us by letters. The other charter member is Amalla (Sterger) Legat, who was the president of our branch for fifteen years and worked very hard for our progress. Mollie was the State Queen in the 1956 membership drive.

The following members are also 50 year members who are still living: Mary (Perdan) Dolšak who is very active and hardworking in many Slovenian projects. She is on the board of S.N.P.J. farm and on the board of Waterloo Workmen's Slovenian Home. Mary was elected Woman of the Year of all the Cleveland Slovenian Homes this year. She is the daughter of our hard-working founder, the late Frances Rupert.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

October 3, 1977, marked the 50th anniversary celebration of Branch 14, Euclid, Ohio. In commemoration of the important event, a gala anniversary dinner and dance was held at the Slovenian Society Home on Rechar Ave. attended by a capacity crowd of members and friends.

President, Pauline Krall, welcomed the guests and Mayor Sims of Euclid was the guest speaker. The hall was filled to capacity for the dinner and dance which followed.

The Dawn Choral Club under the direction of Frank Zupan delighted the audience with a selection of Slovenian songs from their annual concert. The Dawn Choral Group

was celebrating its 10th anniversary and for the occasion were attractively gowned in long pink concert dresses.

Two charter members, Frances Fortuna and Amalia (Sterger) Legat were honored. The 50 year members who celebrated the anniversary were: Mary Perdan Dolsak, Jennie Golic, Mary A. Novinc, Frances Stupica, Anna Rossman and Frances Opara.

The Twirlettes also performed for the event and one of the members, Jeanette Hiti, was a third generation SWU member. Her mother, grandmother, Mrs. Mary Stefanich, and several aunts were all members of the SWU.

Jennie Golic lives in Willowick, Ohio with her daughter and family. Frances (Cesan) Mochnik who lives on E. 171 St. Street in Cleveland and attends our meetings often.

Mary A. Novinc of Schenley Ave. just celebrated 50 years of Wedded Life with her husband, Albert on July 30, 1977. Mary attends many of our meetings. Frances Opara lives on Ivan Ave., Euclid, and Anna Rossman lives on Harland Ave. in Cleveland. and Frances Stupica who attended many of our meetings until she became ill, is now staying at the Slovenian Home for the Aged, on Neff Rd.

Congratulation to all of the above 50 year members. **May God bless them always and watch over them.**

At the present time we have 268 adult members and 33 juniors. We hold a card party every year — our annual fund raising project and we have our three month "Birthday Party meeting with delicious refreshments. Our after meeting "social" is always enjoyed by our members too.

We hope that all Branch No. 14 members and members of other branches will come to celebrate with us on October 23, 1977 with our 50th. Anniversary Dinner and Dance. It will be held at 3:30 p.m. at Slovenian Society Home on Rechar Ave., Euclid, Ohio. **A. Z.**



CHORAL CLUB performing at the 50th Anniversary with Frank Zupan, musical director.



FOUNDERS OF BR. 14 — the 50 and 60 year members are photographed at the festivities. They were honored with lovely corsages.



Mollie Legat
State Queen for 1966
Membership Drive



Vera Bajec
Secretary and Reporter
diligent to this day!



Antoinette Zubukovec
Reporter in Zarja
for many years

OUTSTANDING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Branch 14 has selected the following officers and members to be commended for their long years of service and dedication to the branch:

MOLLY LEGAT

Molly Legat, was crowned "State Queen" in 1956. Molly also presided as president of the branch for 15 years and worked very hard for the progress of the branch. The annual picnic was held at her farm for many years.

MARY STRAZISAR

Mary served as Vice President for 34 years from 1954-1988 and her dedication and leadership was invaluable.

THERESA SKUR

In May of 1976, Theresa Skur was named to the 50th Anniversary Honor Roll, Second Degree, for enrolling 236 members during the 50 years that the organization was in existence. There were only 9 ladies that earned that honor. She is to be remembered for her part in determining the size of Branch 14 by all the members she brought into the group.

FRANCES MEDVED

Frances enrolled 80 members and was recognized on the membership honor roll, Third Degree for the part that she played by enrolling new members and increasing the membership of Branch 14.

MARY STRUKEL

Mary Strukel enrolled 100 members. She was also a member of Branch 100 in 1976 and is listed on the 50th Anniversary Honor Roll for Branch 100.

VERA BAJEC

Vera performed duties of Secretary for her branch for 17 years from 1967-1984 and was instrumental in working with the committee to document the history of the branch. She was also branch reporter for the ZARJA.

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

November 30, 1987, marked the 60th anniversary of Branch 14 and the 60 year members were honored at a dinner at Rechar Hall with over 300 people in attendance. Tickets were \$8.00.

Alice Kuhar in her ZARJA column wrote the following:

"...we remember our Christmas in November Dinner celebrating Branch 14's 60th Anniversary which was an overwhelming success. The gaily decorated hall greeted the crowded house with a festive air... the program and festivities commenced with presentations of a proclamation by Mayor Tony Giunta, who honored us by spending election evening with us, and a commendation by County Auditor Tim McCormack.

Vice President Mary Strazisar's grandson painted a vibrant picture of the SZZ banner... It's also time to thank all who worked so hard for countless hours to make this evening special. Ed Koren, Martha's husband, for all around help; excellent cook, Millie Krulc and her crew; Max Kobal for help on stage; and all the ladies who helped with the enormous task of assembling gifts for the raffle, bartenders, musicians and all who donated gifts and services... to Tony Petkovsek for publicizing the event on his Slovenian radio program. And a special thanks to all supporters who attended."

TWIRLETTES

The twirlettes began in 1965, participating in parades and other SWU functions and delighting audiences with their baton maneuvers and colorful outfits. The group was comprised of girls from the age of 5 thru 17. There isn't an accurate account of how many junior members participated in the twirlettes through the years but there were quite a number.

An outstanding twirlette, Joyce Zabukovec, was a faithful member for many years and later became an instructor of the group for three years.

Cecilia Dolgan, a member in Branch 50 wrote in an article in the ZARJA in 1987, the following:

"... (they) are carrying SWU banners in parades crisscrossing all of Northeastern Ohio. Under the leadership of the dynamic duo of Tim Mathis and Marty Zadorozny, and baton teacher, Mary Gentile, the young members: age 6-17, have marched in 12 parades this year. The group has been in existence for 22 years and this promises to be one of the best. The Twirlettes have won a first place award in all the parades they have participated in except one.

The corps is divided in two... The newest members make up the first corps and the experienced make up the other corps. The feature twirler heading the SWU Twirlettes is Diane Hodnichak. Her mother, Dorothy, was the director of the girls for several years. Tammy Mathis is the leader of the Junior Corps. Amy Lindic and Kim Mathis co-lead the first corps.

The girls are accompanied by a color guard formed by little brothers who carry the U.S. flag, Slovenian flag, costumed in royal blue and white... the Marching Moms pace next to the paraders giving them a squirt of water when walking gets tough. Some of the parades are up to 2-1/2 miles long. These youngster are covering the Northeastern Ohio on foot in behalf of SWU."

The twirlettes performed annually at Chardon Ohio Maple Festival as well as many other functions. This is the only large twirlette group that was formed in any branch in the SWU.

Annual picnics were held for many years at various locations. The Committee was comprised of the Branch Officers who delegated certain responsibilities and activities to various members.

In the formative years, the event was held during the Fall of each year at Molly (Stergar) Legat's farm in Painesville. Then the location was changed to the Suster's farm in Willoughby. The group enjoyed their annual event at Ilene Collins' home the last few years and then at President, Martha Koren's home. They all took part in recreation such as Balinea, card playing, singing and socializing.



Top: First Corps with 1st Place Plaque for Juvenile Marching Unit at Chardon.

Bottom: SWU Twirlettes, 2nd & 3rd Corps at the Chardon Maple Syrup Festival - 1st place - Junior Marchers!

1st row: Joy Lewin and Tami Mathis. 2nd row: Sandy Brown, Laurie Marido, Kimi Mathis, Lisa Farren, Jamie Haller, Liana Lang. 3rd row: Krissy Dempsey, Michele Zadorozny, Davi Zadorozny, Missi Mathis, Stacey Brown, Krissy Peacock and Ann Dolgan. (Missing her Heather Whitehead and Tracy Chadwick)

From ZARJA, Sept., 1989

Appreciation to the following ladies, who as a committee, compiled the information which was used for this historical article:

Vera Bajec, Pauline Krall, Mary Strazisar, Lucille Korencic, Jennie Fitzthum, Marie Hosta, Mary Fakult.

Many thanks ladies for responding to the call.

Irene M. Odorizzi

Mothers / Women of the Year, 1994!



Mary Suscha Ziegenhorn

No. 1, Sheboygan, WI

Mary is a native of Sheboygan. Seventy-five years ago she was born in a Slovenian family that operated a tavern. She has 2 brothers and a sister. She attended St. Cyril & Methodius grammar school and Sheboygan High School, also Badger Academy Beauty School where she earned a beautician's and manager's-owner's license. After graduation, she worked for a while, then opened her own shop called the Modern Beauty Salon. With the onset of World War II, she gave up her business in order to help her mother in the Suscha Tavern and when the war was over, Mary and her husband took it over. Maurice Ziegenhorn, whom she married in 1943, was a professional basketball player with the Sheboygan Redskins. He died in 1970 after a marriage of 27 years. Mary has been a widow for 23 years.

When Mary retired in 1983 she left a reputation as being a famous cook, known for her Friday Fish Frys. She still helps the church once a month when they serve fish frys to parishioners. Besides volunteering at St. Peter Claver Church, she enjoys working puzzles and music. In fact, on her 65th birthday, she hosted a party when her good friend, Frank Yankovic showed up with his band and played in her tavern. When the band took a break, Mary's son, Patrick played on the Hammond organ, the place was jam-packed

and made it a very memorable occasion for Mary. For her 70th birthday, she received a special music box with the replica of Yankovic's Grammy Award for 1986 from Frank and Ida Yankovic.

Mary's daughter, Janie is married to Art Eisenshink and their daughter, Maureen, is Mary's only grandchild. She is currently attending Marquette University for International Business and has studied at Madrid, Spain. Maureen and her grandmother have a deep bond that is quite evident to everyone who knows them.

There is also a son, Patrick, mentioned before. Patrick is a musician, currently employed as Minister of Music at St. Peter Claver Church, before that at St. Cyril & Methodius. He has been playing the organ for 31 years. He was the first recipient of the Archbishop's Vatican II Award for Service in Liturgy in June, 1991. He will be receiving his Master's degree in Theology this month from St. Norbert's College in DePere, WI.

There is one more thing to say about Mary. Her personality is delightful. She is talkative and hospitable and has a beautiful face and smile. Her grey hair is the only thing that shows her age, and even then, it's very becoming. Because of her spouse passing away at such an early age, Mary has had to be a strong woman, able to face life with a touch of humor and lots of determination.

Mary says her greatest inspiration was her mother because she taught her the values of family life. She is very proud of her Slovenian heritage, handed down to her by devoted parents. This honor is her greatest personal thrill, exceeded only by the honor given by the Archbishop to her son, Patrick.

To Mary, the branch extends its warmest wishes and congratulations!

Jennie Mishmash

No. 3, Pueblo, CO

Our Mother of the Year, Jennie Mishmash, was born in Midvale, Utah. She lived with her family of three brothers and one sister in various little towns in Utah where her father worked in the mines. After the death of her mother in 1927 and her father in 1929, Jennie, her sister and a brother moved to Pueblo to live with an aunt, Mary Nezieh and her family.

Jennie worked for the National Broom Factory when

she was still a teenager. After her marriage and expecting her first child, she left this employment and concentrated on being a homemaker. After the death of her husband, she again entered the work force and was employed as a cafeteria worker for fourteen years for School District 60 and, in the summer months, she worked for the City Recreation Department at the swimming pool in Minnequa Park.

Jennie is an excellent seamstress. She made clothes for herself and her children, sometimes even making her own patterns. She could remake or fix almost anything. Crocheting and embroidery were and still are relaxing hobbies for her.

She married Victor Mishmash in 1935 at St. Mary's Church in Pueblo. Victor was employed by the CF&I Corporation for many years. They enjoyed taking the family fishing in the mountains of Colorado. They were married for thirty-five years and enjoyed doing many things together until his death in 1970.

Jennie and Victor had two daughters and one son. Joanne taught school in Pueblo School District 60 for 27 years. Myrna, who moved to Bremerton, Washington in 1964, has done some teaching while raising her family of six children. Vic, Jr. lives in Pueblo and is employed by the Colorado State Employment Department. There are nine grandchildren and the first great grandchild is expected in September.

Jennie has been very faithful about attending meetings and is always willing to do her share and more. She is also active in various organizations such as St. Mary's Altar Society, Senior Sociables, AARP, Eagles Auxiliary 145, Retired Eagles Association and Immaculate Conception Lodge 104.

Because of the circumstances of her family, Jennie did not have an opportunity for much formal schooling--neces-



sity and experience have been her teachers. She was always aware of the importance of education and instilled a value of learning in her children. She always encouraged them to do their best and strive to excel, resulting in all three of her children and some of her grandchildren having university degrees.

It is with pride we honor Jennie as Mother of the Year of Branch 3, Pueblo, Colorado. Our congratulations to you, Jennie.

Reporter

Agnes Morrow

No. 12, Milwaukee, WI

Agnes was born and raised in Soudan, Minnesota, the daughter of John and Magdalena Brulja. She was introduced to SWU at an early age. In 1929 her sister, Mary Pahula, and her mother were instrumental in the forming of Branch 34. Her mother served as president and Trustee for many years; Mary was the first secretary and held that position for fifty years. Her nephew, Fred Pahula, was among the first three scholarship recipients in 1949.

Rose Stupnik, her sister, is a member of Branch 23 in Ely, Minnesota. Agnes spends part of every summer visiting her, as well as, nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. Agnes has been a member of Branch 12 for 27 years. Her granddaughter, Sandra, was a junior member and her great grandson Patrick (age 8 months) is also a junior member. Although she lived some distance away she attended meetings regularly. Agnes served one year as vice president, but she could usually be found in the kitchen and during the years she was involved in arts and crafts she was very generous in her donations to the branch.

After graduating from Tower-Soudan High School, Agnes eventually settled in Milwaukee. For the greater part of her life family, home and church took all her time. Her husband, Sam, and she raised a daughter, Jane and two sons, Sam and John. She served as President of the Christian Mothers for many years and she was chairperson of the Annual Dinner and the Christmas Bazaar. Her children will always remember her years as chairperson of the Doll Booth when the house was loaded with hundreds of dolls that were all hand-made by Agnes and her helpers. Then, there were the bi-monthly card parties, Mothers' Day Breakfasts and, of course, the many school activities that resulted from having three children in Catholic Schools.

When her husband, Sam retired they moved to the south side of Milwaukee, where they joined their daughter in her candy business. When he died in 1985, they closed the store, however, that did not stop Agnes from continuing to make candy and she was very generous about sharing her Turtles, Chocolate Covered Cherries, Chocolate Covered Potato Chips and even a "Bingo Card" with Branch 12 members where they referred to her as the "Candy Lady."

Agnes and her husband loved to travel. They traveled all over the United States, including Hawaii. They also went to Canada, Mexico and the Bahamas. On one of their trips

to California they took their two grandchildren, Sandra and Rick Ziol. They went to Disneyland, drove up the coast on old Highway 1, which was quite an experience, then to Yellowstone National Park. On another trip, they took the grandchildren to Minnesota to see where their grandmother had grown up and to meet their many relatives that still lived there.

Since being a widow, Agnes still travels through the generosity of her children. Her son, Sam lived in Anchorage, Alaska and Agnes was able to make four trips to visit him. On one trip, the company plane took them to the oil fields at Prudhoe Bay, the Glaciers in the south and Mt. McKinley that the pilot circled several times to give everyone a good view. They then crossed the Arctic Circle before returning to Anchorage. Sam relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1993 and Agnes was able to escape the cold this January by traveling there to visit.

One of the special moments was a surprise party on her 75th birthday; her entire family was present as well as her many friends and relatives. Agnes will continue to help whenever the occasion arises, in the meantime she does what she does best, being a mother, grandmother and great grandmother!

Faye Aleks

No. 14, Euclid, OH

Our Chosen Mother of the Year is Faye Aleks, who was a member of Br. 41 for 40 years until she transferred with several other members when Br. 41 disbursed. So, for the last 8 or 10 years, we have had the honor of having Faye with us.

Faye was born Sept. 12, 1915, one of nine children, six boys and three girls. Her father worked at the New York Central RR and her mother was a homemaker. Mother did all her own baking, cooking, etc. Faye went to Nottingham school, then to Collinwood High and transferred to Jane Addams Vocational School where she graduated in 1934 with skills of a Beautician. She worked at this profession most of her life. It wasn't until she suffered a heart attack in 1978 that Faye has tried to slow down from a life of "running" as she says.

Faye married Marion Aleks in 1942. He was a kind and loving husband. He worked at TRW Corp in Cleveland. When he was given a bonus for 25 years of service, he gave the money (\$1,000) to Faye for a trip to Slovenia with the Jadran Singing Society and said: "Go and have a good time!" This was such a pleasant surprise to Faye and she had an enjoyable two weeks. While there, Faye was able to visit her only living relatives, teta Angela and two cousins, Danica and Milena. What a happy reunion! She was wine and dined like a queen, she says.

Faye's dear husband died in 1980 after suffering a heart attack.

Their only child, a son, Richard was born in 1946. Richard and his wife, Holly, have two children, a son, Mark and daughter, Christi. The family lives at the present time in Norfolk, Virginia and he is employed with Xerox Corp.

Faye's active life as a member of the Altar Society and

SAN FRANCISCO MEMBERS ARE ALL WOMEN OF THE YEAR, 1994

This year, Branch 13 is honoring all of the members in our branch, as Women of the Year. You are all hard working members of Branch 13, and we must all work together and keep our lodge going. In the 1940's and 1950's there were approximately 200 women in our lodge. Today, as of May 1994, we have a total of 101 members. There are 92 adult members and 9 junior members. Our junior members are:

Anna Flynn, Katherine Flynn, Mary Beth Flynn, Katrina Frick, Laura Frick, Alesa Hornsby, Lynn Shaffer, Stephen Stimach, Joseph Stimach and are very precious to Branch 13, for they will be the future of the Slovenian Women's Union in San Francisco.

All of our members must work diligently to keep our lodge alive by bringing in new members, attending meetings, pot luck dinners, luncheons, and our Women of the Year brunch. It is a nice time to visit with each other, and reminisce about the past and how lovingly our parents, grandparents and the many families worked together to keep the Slovenian Hall a wonderful place to be.

This year, because all of our members are being honored, and because our precious Church of the Nativity is being closed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, June 30, 1994. It would be very special and most fitting if our Branch 13 members and their families make a special effort to attend our last blessings from Church of the Nativity as a branch, on May 15, 1994, at 9:00 a.m. Mass. And after Mass, please attend our Sunday Brunch Celebration at the Marriott Hotel, Fourth and Mission Streets, San Francisco (\$17.00 for each person). If interested in attending the Sunday Brunch, please call Josephine Aiuto at 863-8632. Congratulations members of our Branch 13, all our love and may God bless you.

Beverly Jackson, Nat'l V. President
Josephine Aiuto, Br. 13 President
Officers and Members, Br. 13



Faye Aleks and her son, Richard

Progressive Women adds to her social circle. She is a generous and loyal member of Br. 14 and we love to see her at our meetings. Congratulations, Faye and all the best!

Reporter

Bernice Jarkovich

No. 16, So. Chicago, IL

Bernice joined Branch No. 16 on September 11, 1947, thus making her a 47-year member this year. She was born in Chicago on May 28, 1925 and has one brother, Edward. She graduated from Bloom Township High School and while attending high school, she worked for the Jewel Food Company. She also participated in a Work Program at Sears in her Senior Year. From 1943 to 1950 she was employed at Carnegie-U.S. Steel in South Chicago.

It was during the World War II years that Bernice met Harold Jarkovich at a Welcome Home Party for Edward Franko at Popovich's Club Room on the East Side. They both attended this party with their parents and through this meeting began a 3-year courtship which led to their marriage at St. George Church on August 16, 1947. They were blessed with 3 children, Robert who resides in Lombard, Ill., Janice residing in San Antonio, Texas and Judy in Oak Lawn, Ill. She has 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Her husband, Harold was employed at Amoco in downtown Chicago as a Manager of the Plans & Benefits Department. He passed away on August 23, 1977.

Bernice's hobbies are ceramics, baking, knitting, crocheting and crafts. She is a member of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers, East Side Seniors, DeSales Senior Center and Calumet Park Seniors. She attends meetings faithfully and supports all branch sponsored activities.

We are unhappy to report that our community is losing Bernice as she is moving into a brand new condominium this month. We wish her much happiness in her new home,



but we will miss her pleasing personality in our circle.

Bernice will be crowned 1994 Mother-of-the-Year by our 1993 Mother-of-the-Year, Manda Maggio, at a dinner to be held in her honor at the Golden Shell Restaurant on Saturday, May 14th. Along with the honor of being our Mother-of-the-Year, Bernice, we wish you a very happy Mother's Day and may you be blessed with good health so that you will enjoy your lovely family and your new home for many years to come. We all love you and will miss you. Congratulations!

Reporter

Theresa Fedran

No. 17, West Allis, WI

Our beloved Mother of the Year of Br. 17 is Theresa Fedran who was born on the south side of Milwaukee about 75 years ago. She is our diligent member for exactly 25 years!

Theresa has always been mindful of the need for a good education so she has seen to it that her three sons have all achieved professional life. William is an engineer, James is an attorney and alumni of Notre Dame University and Kenneth attends Marquette University. She also has two stepchildren; son, Tony Fedran, Jr. lives in Texas and daughter, Sandra is in California.

Theresa has 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren and one of her favorite pastimes is attending the sports of the colleges they attend.

She and her husband, Tony, love to work in their garden and have a great social life. They both have youthful smiles and attitudes! She is a member of Sloga and past president of the women's auxiliary of the Elks.

Our very best wishes and Happy Mother's Day, Theresa.

Reporter



Jonita Ruth

No. 20, Joliet, IL

Jonita Ruth became a Junior member of the local branch 20 in 1939 right after the Junior Department was established in Zveza. Thus, she is already, a 55-year member! She serves the branch as the Sunshine Chairlady for over ten years.

Jonita was born at the family home on North Chicago Street. Her father, Joseph Erjavec was a well-known Joliet bricklayer. Her mom, Josephine helped organize the Joliet branch and was one of 14 charter members. She was National Secretary of S.W.U. for thirteen years (1939-1952) with the office in a room on Chicago Street. Her older sister, Olga Ancel is the National Secretary since 1976; another older sister, Mildred Pucel held various branch offices including the presidency of the branch; her younger brother Ronald is a trustee for the First Midwest Bank wherein Zveza has its investments. All three girls were deeply involved in the Branch 20 drill teams and Slovenian dancing groups.

She attended St. Joseph grade school, St. Francis Academy and one year at the College of St. Francis. Her working career began as a ticket seller at the downtown movie houses (no longer in existence). She worked for Illinois Bell, a Joliet attorney and Rands card and gift shop. With the Home Office move to Joliet she became a part of the staff. And when needed she serves as a guide for our Heritage Museum.

This year she and husband Fred will mark their 30th wedding anniversary in May. The oldest daughter, Janice and husband, Dr. George Singletary reside in Ankeny, Iowa. They have four children: Kelsey (12), Kyle (6) and twins Hayley and Hannah (4). Jonita's two other daughters who reside in Joliet are Rosanne and Lorraine. The grandchildren's birthdays are always celebrated in Ankeny, Iowa where the grandparents love to travel.

All her children and grandchildren are members of Zveza, as well as many of her aunts, cousins, nieces and



nephews. Jonita has been very much involved in membership campaigns and has to her credit over 125 members! In the past year she was involved with the renovation of Chicago Street on which the Home Office and our St. Joseph Church exist. Via many appearances at Joliet City Council meetings our section of No. Chicago Street is being renovated with new sidewalks, street lamps and trees.

She holds memberships in the parish Rosarian Club, St. Genevieve KSKJ, auxiliaries of American Legion 1080, Cantigny VFW 382, Slovenian American Home, Slovenian Radio Club and is past president of St. Joseph's Parents Aid Association.

Jonita is very dedicated to Zveza, the branch, the Slovenian parish, church and school serving on its school board.

Grandma Mary Setina, one of the branch's charter members, from her heavenly abode would be happy to know that her daughter, Josephine and her three granddaughters were at various times all chosen to be the branch's Mothers of the Year.



Mary C. Jannik

No. 23, Ely, MN

Mary is a native of Ely and stalwart member of Br. 23 for 60 years! She was the oldest of eight children of John and Mary Omerza who immigrated to Minnesota from Slovenia. She attended Ely Memorial High School and has earned a reputation as one of the best cooks around! She has cooked for many dignitaries such as U.S. Senator Walter Mondale, Vice President Hubert Humphrey, Lady Bird Johnson and Governors from many states. She has been active in Red Cross volunteerism and currently helps at Ely-Bloomenson Hospital and Nursing Home.

Mary married Joseph Jannik of Aurora, Minnesota on April 25, 1933 at St. Anthony's Church in Ely. Joe was a miner, and also a fine carpenter and built many homes in the Ely area. Mary has been a widow since 1978.

Her two children reside in Ely. Son, Joseph is married to Theresa Zupancic and daughter, Mary is the widow of Ernest Ravnikar. She has eleven grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren! They live all over the U.S. and usually get together for the holidays.

Mary's activity with S.W.U. dates back to the drill teams when she was marching along with the Ely Cadets in the 40's. She was chairman for various branch events. Though she has always been small, Mary is a bundle of

energy. Still today you can see her driving around town, taking her friends here and there, shopping, helping out where she can. We can always count on her to transport our members around, too!

She says that her pride in her Slovenian heritage has never diminished and she is very pleased to be Mother of the Year for her beloved Br. 23.

Reporter

Katerine Wickstrom

No. 28, Calumet, MI

Like so many of us, Katerine Wickstrom credits her mother for instilling in her the family values and pride in her heritage that she has lived by and which have made her happy as a person and as a mother. Katerine's mother, Josephine Crnkovich was a member of S.W.U. and taught her to be friendly and to like people. It was at her mother's knee that Katerine learned to be a homemaker. These things have given more meaning to her membership in the organization as her mother loved it.

Katerine was born in Calumet and had three brothers and three sisters. A brother and two sisters are still living. She graduated from high school in 1939 and began working even before she finished school. She was a waitress at the Parkside Restaurant. Since 1982 Katerine has been retired and says she misses meeting and talking to people from all walks of life.

Her mom taught her how to make poticas and strudels, and she has a large selection of strudel flavors for her family, husband and five children, to choose from.

Now that her husband, Al has also retired, they both attend senior services and play cards. They loved watching



their grandsons play hockey, too. Al makes beautiful furniture in his spare time.

All together they have 10 grandchildren. One is a Doctor of Pharmacology from the Univ. of Michigan. Another grandson has a Bachelor of Business degree from Michigan Tech Univ.

Kay is a very outgoing person, loves to socialize and always has a sweet smile. She has beautiful gray hair and brown eyes.

Our biggest bunch of sweet wishes to her!



Dorothy L. Jacobson

No. 33, Duluth, MN

Dorothy L. (Viergutz) Jacobson was chosen to be honored as "Mother of the Year" for Branch 33, Duluth, MN, of which she has been a member for 30 years. She was born at home in West Duluth, March 23, 1921, the 9th of 10 children, of Irish-German parents. Dorothy attended Fairmont, West Junior and Denfeld High School, and Duluth School of Beauty for Cosmetology.

Dorothy is a member of St. Elizabeth's parish. She is a Cosmetologist with a Managers-operators license. She also worked at Klearflax Linen Looms and was a seamstress at Nopeming Health Facility for 17-1/2 years. She is active in Slovenian Women's Union, Br. 33; Stowe Morgan Park PTA, American Legion, VFW 6320 Auxiliaries; West Duluth Women's Club; Happy Wanderers Travel Club, Tops, Senior Citizens and Community Clubs. She was in a movie "Iron Will" filmed in Duluth and worked on Cancer

and Heart drives. At Christmas time has been Santa and a Clown when ever asked. She also visits her sister in the nursing home where another one died recently.

She married Orville "Jake" Jacobson June 27, 1942 in Good Shepherd Church. They were married 42 years and had four children. She has many good memories of her marriage and greatest inspiration and very wonderful time in her life was a trip to Hawaii in March, 1984, with husband and two dear friends, Elinore and Lucian Landry. Jake died in Sept. 1984. She continues to live in her Grandmother's home, where she often visited as a child, and where she has lived since her husband came home from the Navy after World War II.

Their children: Jim and wife, Carol, Chub Lake, Carlton, MN; Judy and husband, Larry, Stillwater, MN; Mary Beth and husband, Greg, Duluth, MN; Rick and wife, Cindy, Manassass, VA, have given her 7 grandchildren and 3 great grand children. Dorothy is a "typical" grandmother who likes to "spoil" them with good things to eat, etc. She played Santa Claus for them until they said "Hi, Grandma!" as she came in the door!

Dorothy was always involved in activities of her chil-

dren, such as scouting, both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, skiing, baseball. She broke her arm at Girl Scout camp. The family tries to get together at least once a year. In 1986 the children and spouses spent a week in Jamaica. Dorothy's daughter-in-law, Carol Jacobson, is a member of Branch 33. Her daughter, Mary Beth, is a former member.

Dorothy is a very creative person. Her many hobbies include figurine painting; flower arranging, making corsages; cake decorating (wedding, etc.); decorating tables for weddings, anniversaries, etc., cooking, gardening, ceramics, sewing, crocheting.

Dorothy is a bubbly, generous, talkative, caring, helpful, fun-loving person, always thinks about others and doing special things for them. A hug and kiss are always in order where Dorothy is concerned.

It is a pleasure to know and be with Dorothy, as she always goes out of her way to make you feel better, no matter what.

"A loving family is a caring family! whether it is Dorothy's, mine, or yours.

*By Jacobson Family
and Lois Pelander*

Marge Skala

No. 34, Soudan, MN

Because our Mother of the Year had been ill with the flu for weeks, I interviewed her at her lovely home. The first thing I said to her was, "Marge, I don't know anything about you! She said, "I know you don't." So here is what she told me about her interesting life!

Marguerite (Marge) Prodinsky Skala was born in Virginia, MN, on June 20, 1915, being the second child of James and Margaret Prodinsky. James, of Polish descent, was born in Winona, MN, and was a butcher by trade. Margaret Pearce, of Irish descent, was born in Ashland, Wisconsin. James was a from a family of 12 children, Margaret, from a family of 11 children, so Marge has many cousins and relatives.

Her father died when Marge was 4 years old, a sister, Geraldine, was 6 years old and a brother, Jim, was just 5 months old. That meant her mother had to raise the three young children by herself without any help from the government, etc. At this time, they were living in Gilbert and Mrs. Prodinsky found work as a Police Matron, as a helper at the Graham Funeral Home in Gilbert and also the Gilbert School... what an inspiration her diligence was for the family to follow! Margaret moved to be with her daughter, Geraldine, during World War II and worked at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle. She died in 1963, at 71 years old.

Marge attended school in Gilbert, moving back to Virginia, where she found work at the Roosevelt Cafe and then the Spaghetti Inn, doing waitress work. It was during this time she met her husband, Matt Skala, of Tower.

Matt and Marge were married in Virginia on November 5, 1936, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with Fr.



Walsh officiating. Their attendants were her sister, Geraldine, and Matt's closest friend, Nick Tekautz, of Soudan. As was the custom of the day, the celebration included a family dinner at her sister's home. They then moved to Tower, where Matt worked at the family business, Skala's Grocery and Bar; both businesses were in separate buildings but became just Skala's Bar, run by Matt and his brother, Joe, in 1933. The bar was remodeled in 1940. Skala's Bar was a popular place for a good time, with live music provided; it was well known in Ely and across the Range. Matt ended up being sole owner and Marge was his helper during these times.

They built a new home on North Third Street in 1947 and I was always fascinated by it, an attractive home with a large picture window that even had a fireplace! The yard was always so neat as Marge took care of the flowers.

Matt Skala was an easy going, likeable man, who belonged to the Knights of Columbus and the Moose Lodge for many years, he also worked in the Soudan Mine for

three years. He died on July 31, 1987, but Matt and Marge celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1986, with an open house at their home. The Skala family was well-known, there were eight in their family, Jack, Frank, Joe, Matt, and Mayme, Ann, Angela, and Agnes. His sister, Mayme, now deceased, was a former SWU member and Agnes is one of our members. Agnes and Frank are the only ones left in the original family.

Matt and Marge became parents of three children -- Barbara Baucom of Andover, MN, who works for social services in the county where she lives; Marguerite, of Burnsville, MN, who teaches in Richfield; and Matt Jr. of Tower, who is a Millwright at U.S. Steel's MinnTac in Mt. Iron. Barbara has one daughter, Kathy, who has three children, Heather, Emily and Megan. Matt Jr. has two children, Casie and Jess, who work and attend college in Bemidji, MN.

The family traveled to Seattle to visit Marge's sister and mother in 1953; they also went to Denver, Arizona, New Mexico, Mexico, Mackinac, Michigan, New York City (where they attended some shows), and Notre Dame. After Matt died, Marge visited Seattle by herself.

Marge worked at the Tower school as a cook, sold tickets and supervised in the lunchroom, and retired after fifteen years at 70 years of age. What ambition!

Marge has been in delicate health, having had open heart surgery and received a new valve in March 1992! One sees her walking often, she tries to get in two miles a day. She joined the SWU on September 21, 1988; she also is in St. Jude's Circle of St. Martin's Parish. She was one of the first women to join the Council of Catholic Women of St. Martin's, taught religion classes, was a charter member of the local Women of the Moose, and now is a member of Northwoods Senior Citizens.

A group of her friends get together to go shopping or just to enjoy the day with Marge driving, which she said she loves to do. She learned to make potica from her sister-in-law, Agnes Tekautz, and to make Irish stew from her mother.

We hope that Marge will continue to have better health, and come to our meetings when she can. We thank her for sharing her life with us and are happy to honor her as our Mother of the Year for 1994.

Adeline Mustonen, Reporter

Anne Katherine Royer

No. 35, Aurora, MN

Anne Katherine Berdice Royer was selected to be honored this year as Mother of the Year. She has been a member of our Br. 35 for 53 years, having joined in 1941. Mother, Ann, was also a member.

Anne and three brothers were born to Anton and Ann Berdice, immigrants from Slovenia. Her father was killed in an iron ore mine accident and one brother drowned. Anne then took over to care for her mother and in order to help out, worked in a WPA job after school to support the family. She graduated from the Aurora school system.

On Feb. 3, 1940, Ann married Frank Royer in Aurora. They were blessed with two children, Frank and Patricia. Frank and his wife, Jean live in Camarillo, California. He is retired from the U.S. Navy and is with the United States Water Conservation District there. As he was, Frank's sons, Scott, Jason and Todd are busy with the Boy Scouts, earning Eagle Scout ranking. Frank still is involved as Scoutmaster.

Anne's daughter, Patricia and husband, Tom Malovah live in St. Cloud, Minnesota with granddaughter, Jennifer Ann Hoffman.

Our Mother of the Year was not active in Br. 35 in the early years, except as an auditor for a while. Her main interests were caring for her mother, raising her two children



and helping her husband, Frank work in his sawmill. She was considered a very good cook and baker.

The Royers like to travel and every year visit California to see their grandchildren and son.

Ann was very happy to be named Mother of the Year. A celebration hosted by her sister members will be held on May 1st with a Mass and Brunch. Her children expect to be there, too.

Congratulations, Anne!

Florence Holland, Pres.

Happy Mother's Day, May 8th!

Molly Zamlen

No. 39, Biwabik, MN

Our Woman of the Year for 1994 is Molly Plattner Zamlen. Molly was born in 1927 in Gilbert, MN, one of nine members of the Brula Family. Her mother worked hard taking care of the animals and maintaining a large vegetable garden while her father owned and operated a tavern. One of Molly's fondest memories as a girl was listening to her four brothers play accordians and sing Slovenian songs. Her favorite is still the polka.

Molly graduated from Gilbert High School and worked at the Arrow Shirt Factory in town. She later cooked at Giant's Ridge Ski Facility and also did waitress work.

Molly and her first husband (deceased) raised three sons. Joseph Plattner lives in North St. Paul, MN and works as a Tool and Dye maker. Anthony Plattner lives in Aurora, MN and is a milwright at L.T.V. Mining Co. William of Biwabik is a Maintenance Tech. at L.T.V. (As youngsters, Joe and Anthony were altar boys at St. John's Church.)

Molly married John Zamlen (a retired railroad worker) seven years ago, and they continue to live in Biwabik where they enjoy their retirement years. They love the Saturday morning visits of her two sons who live nearby, and Molly and John often take care of and entertain their six grandchildren: Lisa, 26, Jean 26, Teresa 25, Jodi 18, Billy Joel 13, Amber 11 and great-grandchild, Brett, 2. They also visit regularly at the local nursing home to cheer the sick members of their family.

Molly and John enjoy eating out and still love to dance, especially the polka. Molly says they do most everything together except golf. Molly is a hands-on grandma and her grandchildren love to visit. It is a joy to be in Molly's company as she is always smiling and ready to liven up a



group. She is a fun-loving lady and has a reputation as a true friend and confidante; a warm and generous hostess as well as a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

A close friend of many years, Margaret Setnikar writes:

"Molly's greatest attributes are her caring manner and her willingness to help whenever needed." She has been a member of Br. 39 for 34 years and always participated in the branch activities, while also donating additional time to her church. Her main "hobbies" are cooking and her family. On holidays she frequently entertains 12 to 15 family members, serving up tons of delicious food and fun. Love and laughter are a trademark of Molly and her husband, John. Branch 39 is honored to have Molly as our Woman of the Year for 1994!

Jean Korsman



Rose and Erv Vodnik

Rose Vodnik

No. 43, Milwaukee, WI

Rose Vodnik of Branch 43 has been nominated Mother of the Year. She is a long-time member and has rarely missed a meeting. Rose's mother-in-law, Louise Vodnik (dec.), was also Mother of the Year about ten years ago for Branch 12.

Rose was born in Milwaukee of Slovenian parents on August 7, 1922. Rose's father died when she was 11 so she and her brother, Frank, who was 7, were raised by their mother through difficult times and the depression, yet there was always happiness and love.

Rose grew up belonging to many Slovenian singing and dancing societies. She met her husband, Erv, at age 16 at a Slovenian dance. They dated for four years and were married at age 20 on February 20, 1943 at St. John the Angelist church. Erv then served in the navy for two

years, allowing both to travel across the country.

Rose's Slovenian heritage has always been a very important part of her life. Rose and Erv have been members of many Slovenian organizations including the Slovenian church choir, Lily's singing society, Slovenian drama club and the Slovenian Carnation Dancers. They were two of the original members of the Slovenian dancers under Father Shifferer, then years later under Dari Strmsek. Rose and Erv danced at many events including the International Folk Fair in Milwaukee and in St. Louis. They have also performed on TV.

Rose and Erv's first home together was the home Rose grew up in on Milwaukee's Slovenian south side and where backyard barbecues, singing, table hand dancing with family and friends was a common summer Sunday activity. Somehow Rose always got around to playing the accordion, even though she only knew how to play four Slovenian polkas and waltzes. In 1967, Rose and her family moved to Milwaukee's southwest neighborhood along with other Slovenians, to be closer to St. John the Evangelist Church which had rebuilt there.

Both she and her husband enjoy going to Slovenian

picnics, especially those at Triglav park every month during the summer. Rose works and donates at all the card parties. Rose, formerly "Mitchell Street Rosie", also loves to shop and can be found almost daily browsing through the stores and shopping malls. Rose loves all Slovenian cooking and baking. She bakes poticas and strudels for the entire family for Christmas and Easter.

Rose has two daughters, Sharon and JoAnn, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Rose has always put her family first and helps at a moment's notice whenever needed. Her family and her brother, Frank Dezelan, and his wife, Lucille all live nearby and spend many good times together, especially holidays and birthdays.

Her daughter, JoAnn, was a debutante in the first Wisconsin Slovenian Debutante Ball, held at St. John's hall and sponsored by Branch 43 and organized by Rose Kraemer (dec.). it was at this ball JoAnn met her husband, Peter.

Rose and Erv celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1993. They were given a lovely surprise party by their children where many friends and relatives attended. The picture is of them on their 50th anniversary.

Stella Koporc

No. 50, Euclid, OH

Br. No. 50, is happy to pay tribute to our gracious member, Stella Koporc (nee Shine) (Sajn). Stella was born in Jursee near Trieste, Slovenia and was brought to the United States when she was 6 months old. She lived in Masontown, Pa. In her family were 11 children, of whom 3 are now living, 2 sisters, Angie Shine and Lillian LaBianca who resides in Florida.

Stella came to Cleveland in 1929 and lived in the St. Clair area on Lockyear; then on E. 79th; and on Homer Avenue off E. 55th St. While there she joined Br. 25 (Mrs. Mary Otonicar's branch). In 1973 she transferred to Br. 50. She is an S.W.U. member for 43 years and 4 members of her family are, too. While single she worked at various places such as Osborn Brush Co., Leese Neville and G.E. Her very first job was in a factory manufacturing hair curlers (remember Marcel Waving?). She was a cook at two establishments. Her husband, Edward owned and managed a saw factory on E. 55th and St. Clair.

Edward and Stella were married in 1932 at St. Vitus Church and were blessed with four children, a daughter, Arlene; and four sons, Edwin, Richard and Ronald. Edward and Stella celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1982. Shortly after, Ed passed away. Stella is the grandmother of 10 and a great grandmother of 13.

After her children grew up, Stella moved to Euclid, Ohio. She currently resides at E. 210th and Lakeshore Blvd. Since Stella is such an energetic person, she decided to get out of the house once again, so, she worked for her son-in-law, Joseph LoConti who owned the Twisty Foods Company and later at the American Vending Co. She finally retired in 1972, so at the age of 82 she shows she has been a hustler!



As for her family, she surely is a super loving mother and grandmother – she's made everyone an afghan. One grandson lived with her for 10 years. They get together every Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving and all birthdays which seems to happen one every month! What an excellent cook and baker she is – always has food on hand for her family and friends – very hospitable and gracious hostess. She does not brag about her children but is humbly proud of them. Her daughter, Arlene is a school teacher for 31 years, and is doing some work for a T.V. station. Her son, Edwin was an airline pilot for 31 years. Ronald resides in Mentor, Ohio and comes home pretty often, especially at

lunch time. Richard who now resides in Las Vegas, at one time was the builder of Solar Homes in Mentor, Ohio. He visits his mother often, too. Yes, there is a beautiful relationship with Stella and her family.

Her talents include crocheting, as she has made over 75 afghans, all gifts. She's a beautiful sewer and distinguished cook.

Twice a week she bowls in a Senior's league where she carries a high average of 157.

Stella was Vice President of Br. 25 and is the Sunshine Lady of Maximilian at St. Vitus Church for 20 years. She also belongs to the following clubs: Club Ljubljana, Slovenian Pensioners of Euclid, and St. Clair Pensioners Club.

In terms of personality, she is sweet, generous and hospitable. She is of medium height, good looking, always wears a smile and has a good appearance. She comes to the meetings faithfully. She has taken over the kitchen at our meetings the last 2 years – always ready to help when needed. With all this, she is well-deserving of this honor – Br. 50's Mother of the Year.

We will celebrate her day at Sterle's on May 12th.

*We love you, Stella!
"May God Bless You and
Keep You in Good Health"!*

Pres. Ann J. Tercek

Angela Zotlar Gliha

No. 73, Warrensville, OH

Many, many years ago, before the turn of the century, John Zotlar came from Europe to the United States. Here, he met and married his wife, Frances. This young couple started their family which in time would consist of eight girls and one boy. Frances died at the age of thirty-eight, leaving John to raise the family, the youngest only an infant.

Nine years after the death of Frances, John married Rose Walters, my grandmother. The second oldest of that family is our Mother-of-the-Year, Angela Zotlar Gliha who was just nine years old at the time of her mother's demise.

Angela has been a member of Branch 73 for forty-two years. We do get to see her on occasion. This happy-faced, quiet woman always has a pleasant greeting for everyone. Her grey hair and sparkling eyes do not reveal her eighty-six years.

In November, 1933 Angela married Louis Gliha. They had fifty-three years of marriage before she was widowed in 1966. The last twenty-seven years of that marriage found Angela playing the role of caregiver, nursing Louis everyday after he suffered a serious auto accident in 1960.

Their marriage was blessed with three sons, Louis, Jr., Raymond and Joseph. The sons, in turn, gave Angela and



Louis seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren (one grandchild is deceased). The family will celebrate a grandchild's first communion in May.

Angela worked for the May Company as a sales clerk for several years and any spare time was filled with crocheting, a hobby she enjoyed.

We congratulate Angela for being selected as our Mother-of-the-Year and hope that we can see her a little more often in the future.

A special thank you to her sister, Louise Samardge for the information and the photo for this tribute. *Reporter*



Staci and Dan Layman and family

Staci Sleigh-Layman

No. 79, Enumclaw, WA

Our honored Mother of the Year is an energetic, fun loving, young, working mom... Staci Sleigh-Layman. Her enlistment in the Slovenian Women's Union was initiated shortly after her birth some 36 years ago. Our charter member, Anna Lokovsek Faulk, is her grandmother.

When still an elementary student her musical endeavors began to be shared with members at Christmas parties, various lodge gatherings, and at other functions in her hometown community. This talent culminated in her piano-guitar-choral directorship within the local Catholic Church. This

lasted through high school graduation when her college education began.

Thanks to the Slovenian Women's Union National Scholarship she received and on her own initiative, Staci attended Seattle University where she met and married her husband. Dan's work took them to Central Washington University in Ellensburg. She supervised the Conference Center on campus for some eight years.

Claire Elizabeth, age 9, and Andrew Charles, age 7, were welcomed into the family there. Her energy, interest and work-load did not deter her from returning to college studies and earning a degree as well as giving birth to Elinor Ann, now two years old. Staci is presently employed as Administrative Assistant in affirmative action on campus.

Not one to sit idly by while her children participate in sports, she is a basketball coach on week-ends, Little League baseball coach during the summer, and sits on the Little League Baseball Board for the city of Ellensburg.

Still having more energy, Staci is also head of the Catholic Church Christian Education for grades Kindergarten thru sixth grade. This past fall, thru necessity, she also took over the Children's Choir at church and has done a number of special masses. She still gets requests to sing at weddings and funerals, which she started as a junior high school student. While in college, Staci made a record which included a number of these special songs, and the sale of these records helped finance her education.

Staci takes pride in making matching Christmas outfits for her three youngsters every year. Recently, she had her mother and sisters help her make seven teddy bears for keepsakes from material in her Grandpop Sleigh's suit which she had kept since his death in 1982.

A highlight in Staci's life was a trip to Slovenia with her mother and grandmother for a three week visit when she was sixteen years old. While there, she helped the town of Škofja Loka celebrate its two-thousandth (2,000) birthday.

To keep the heritage alive, her family makes an effort to attend our meetings whenever possible through they have to travel some two and one-half hours to do so. Valuing family ties, her family hosts a four day camp-out every Labor Day Weekend. This includes a golf tournament, an on-going barbeque and two days of river-rafting.

Perhaps Staci's strongest attribute is that she likes to champion the underdog.

Our lodge is proud! Staci Ann Sleigh-Layman is a loving, busy, talented and deserving "Mother of the Year"!

Reporter

Staci's beautiful message in which she describes what has inspired her life is on page 23. We thank her for sharing these thoughts with us.

C.L.

Gerry Papenfus

No. 100, Fontana, CA

Mother of the Year of Br. 100 likes to do all those things that teachers do for grade school children! And why not, she is one and besides, has her own children, too! It's no wonder that among the things she enjoys most is doing crafts, sewing (she made her own wedding dress!), collecting bunnies and music boxes; and she treasures everything she can share with her grandchildren. She is an expert coupon shopper and likes to save even more by sending in for rebates!

Gerry is the mother of three sons and was a mom who stayed home to care for them when they were little. She was Room Mother at their school and PTA officer. Now that they are grown up and married, she has fun with her grandchildren. Let us name all the children and grandchildren for you now. Mom and dad: Gerry and Corky Papenfus; sons, Chuck, age 30, Michael, 27 and Bob, 25; two granddaughters, Jessica, 2-3/4 years old and Emily, 1-2/3 years old!

Now let's give you some background on Gerry. She was born in Toledo, Ohio on April 4, 1941 and has two brothers and two sisters. Her mother is Polish and father is German. She lived in the same house from birth until she left home in 1963. Her schooling was in Toledo, culminated by her earning a BA in education from the University of Toledo in 1963. She always worked, especially as she attended college and later as a 1st grade teacher.

Gerry was married in 1964 in the same church where



they both received their sacraments since childhood, namely Gesu Church in Toledo. They moved to California for better jobs in 1963. Husband, Corky is a manager of internal financial services at Calif. Steel Industries. They live in Fontana and recently celebrated their 30 wedding anniversary by taking a cruise, their 10th – they love to cruise!

Gerry is outgoing and helpful; she cares about people and gets much satisfaction and happiness from her social contacts. She says she was inspired to believe in herself from her teachers at Notre Dame Academy. Her attachment to teachers and students who were dear to her as family began then. "Memories of those years are treasurers to me!" she says.

We know, however, that the best moment in the day comes when little Jessica talks to grandma on the phone and ends by saying, "Bye, Grandma, I love you!"

We love you, too, Gerry! Happy Mother's Day!



Members of Br. 101, Bedford Hts., Ohio

All Members

No. 101, Bedford Hts., OH

For the year 1994, Branch 101 has elected to choose All Members as "Mothers of the Year."

Our group picture was taken at Sterle's Country House where we all gathered for our annual Christmas dinner. Due to inclement weather it was postponed until February 11. Sadly, one member is missing from the photo, Albina Konecny. After a short illness, she passed away in January.

Whether it's a holiday get together, monthly meeting

or working together at a fund-raising event our members are cordial, fun-loving and industrious. They contribute so much of themselves to the branch. They identify with each other, sharing the same fundamental beliefs of their heritage. "In giving of ourselves to others in love and understanding, and in getting to know the needs of others, we bring joy to our hearts!"

It was Pope John XXIII who said; Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give. This is so true of the spirit in our branch.

Congratulations to all members of Branch 101.

Florence Mirtel, Reporter

Dorothy Gregorich

No. 102, Willard, WI

Dorothy Gregorich was born in 1918, the youngest of ten children in the family of John and Mary Petkovsek. Three of her family are still living. Grammar school in Willard was the only preparation she had for life, at the time when schooling was difficult for families to give their children. As a young lady, she went to Chicago to work at Western Electric for five years, during the war time.

She married and became a farm wife in 1947. The wedding took place on May 17th at Holy Family Church in Willard, in the old church, and they have been parishioners ever since. Dorothy and Leo Gregorich reared four sons. They all live close to the family home and mom is happy to see them often. They are always nearby to help out, too. She has a large garden that produces what she needs for canning and preserving – they also diligently make sausages, both smoked and blood sausages – all a part of farm life for a mother who loves to cook!

There are seven grandchildren, the oldest is 24 and the



youngest is 3 years old. They are the light of grandma's life, especially the two little ones – for whom she baby sits, sometimes.

Dorothy's mother died when she was very young, then when she married Leo, she says, her mother-in-law became the most wonderful person to her, helping her in many ways. Dorothy remembers Mary Gregorich fondly and says she misses her very much. She died at the age of 97.

One of the members of Br. 102 says about Dorothy:

She is a generous, thoughtful person, a faithful member, always attending meetings. For our Pot Luck dinner, she never fails to bring her delicious "Štruklje" or štrudel which everyone enjoys. She loves her grandchildren and is

a good baby sitter. She is a wonderful homemaker and a wonderful lady!"

We know all the members concur in these words and they wish Dorothy a Happy Mothers Day and Every day!

Marie C. Robinson

No. 103, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Marie Cacie Robinson was unanimously elected for the honored position of "Woman of the Year" from Branch 103. Marie is an accomplished artist. A sample of her artistry is displayed on the October, 1994 Zarja Anniversary Calendar. Her picture entitled, "Country Road" was painted in Pennsylvania and depicts an autumn scene in the Pocono Pines.

Marie was born on July 18, 1922, in Ely, Minnesota. Her mother was Slovenian and her father, Croatian. She has a twin brother, Daniel, and another brother, Edward. In 1942, Marie left Minnesota and moved to Washington, D.C. as she was recruited for the war effort by the Forest Service of the Dept. of Agriculture. She was married in 1945, and lived in various places including Virginia, Okinawa, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

In 1990, after 35 years of service, Marie retired as Program Analyst for the Army Corp of Engineers. As a retiree, she attended the University of Maryland and participated in the Elder Hostel Program, traveling to England, Wales, France, Hawaii and the U.S. Her hobbies are reading, watercolor painting, travel, hiking and friendships. She has three children, Greg, Barbara, and Pamela, who passed away several years ago.



Marie says, "I was inspired by my mom and dad. They were thrifty, hard-working, loving and caring parents who had the spirit of self-reliance and provided security for our entire family."

On many occasions Marie has contributed her art work for various advertisements and events for Branch 103. The ladies of the branch have enjoyed the contributions she has made for us and are so grateful for having such an accomplished person as a member, not only for her artistic ability, but generally for her very pleasant manner and willingness to assist in all ways. Our branch has profited on many occasions by her expertise. Congratulations, Marie!

Reporter



Louise Maisel

No. 105, Detroit, MI

Branch 105 of the Slovene Women's Union in Detroit is proud to announce the selection of long-time member, Louise Maisel, as our honoree for Mother of the Year 1994.

Born February 27, 1928 in Auburn, Illinois, Louise is the daughter of the late Matthew and the late Mary Pink. Matt is remembered as an accomplished buttonbox musician who taught many of the Detroit area buttonbox accordionists their skills.

Louise married Robert Maisel on October 22, 1955. They have three children: Gregory who married Marjorie in 1987. They reside in Lancaster, PA and have three children (Matthew Robert, David Franklin, and Katharine Ann). Beth Ann married Gregory Rosinski in 1984. They live in Canton, MI and have two children (Brandon Paul and Justin Robert). Beth Ann is a Registered Nurse and works part-time

in the Thoracic Surgery Unit at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Mary married Robert Vangieson on April 17, 1993. She is currently working on her Master's Degree at Wayne State University in Detroit. She is employed with the Wayne County Health Department – Environmental Technical Services Division.

In 1968, Louise joined Branch 105 of the Slovenian Women's Union; joining her late mother-in-law, Zorka Maisel and her late sister-in-law, Betty Karas. Both Beth Ann and Mary also are members of our Branch.

For fifteen years, Louise was a coordinator for the Religious Education Program at St. Alfred Catholic Parish in Taylor. This program provided religious education to 1200 public school children. At the present time, she is a volunteer for St. Alfred's Grief Support group.

In 1976, Louise graduated from Henry Ford Community College as a registered nurse. She worked a full-time midnight shift at Heritage Hospital in Taylor and spent the twelve years before her retirement in 1988 in the Intermediate Cardiac Care Unit.

Louise is very active in the Detroit area Slovene community and is the Recording Secretary for Branch 105, SWU

Recording Secretary for the Wolverine Lodge of the SNPJ Federation Delegate for the Wolverines; and a member of the Slovene American Club Seniors. She attends most of the Slovene sponsored events and sure can dance a "mean" polka.

In addition to capably handling all of our volunteer work, she is an accomplished cook and her needlework is absolutely gorgeous. The beautiful Maisel home in Taylor is filled with lovely examples of her creativity.

In her "spare" time, Louise is a fond grandmother who frequently babysits for her grandchildren.

Bob and Louise love to travel and have scheduled a wonderful Alaskan trip later this year. In 1988, they toured Europe with friends and family, visiting Slovenia, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. They often visit the Cleveland area to enjoy Slovene-style music and dancing.

We, in the Branch are fortunate to have such a lovely and dedicated member and are very proud to honor her as our Mother of the Year for 1994.

Louise and her family will be feted on May 7, 1994 at the L-Bow Room in Warren where the Branch will host a luncheon in her honor.

*Patricia Adamic
Branch 105*



VSAKO LETO, na predvečer praznika Marije iz Brezij, ki varuje slovenski narod in slovenska izročila v svetu, to je 23. maja zvečer, bomo v svojih domovih prižgali sveče in preživeli večer v mislih na krščanska izročila, ki so stoletja vodila naš rod v domovini in oblikujejo danes nas v svetu in po nas narode, med katerimi živimo.

VABIMO Slovence v domovini in vse rojake slovenskega izročila v svetu, da se nam pridružijo



Spomenico je predložil Koordinacijski Odbor za Slovensko Udeležbo na 41. Mednarodnem Euharističnem Kongresu v Filadelfiji leta 1976. In jo je soglasno sprejelo nad 700 udeležencev med zaključnimi slovesnostmi, ki jim je predsedoval škof Janez Jenko iz Kopa.

EVERY YEAR on the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Brezje, the Patroness of the Slovenian people and Protector of the Slovenian heritage, on the 23rd of May, we will light a candle in our homes and spend the evening in meditation.

We will reflect on the Christian values and traditions that guided our people through the centuries, that mold us today and through us the nations where we live.

WE INVITE all Slovenes to join us in this observance.

Resolution presented by the Coordinating Committee for Slovenian Participation in the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia in 1976 and unanimously endorsed by the more than 700 Slovenes participating in the concluding ceremonies, at which Bishop Janez Jenko of Koper presided.



THE FIRST LADY

It is gratifying to read that the grandchildren of our First Lady remember her so fondly and that even though their experiences were varied, a common thread runs through them all, and it is the unique personality of their grandmother. Marie Prisland had the ability to weather any situation, and live life as it should -- an important adventure -- no matter what one's age might be.

It is evident that she established a wonderful relationship with each grandchild. This month, Mary Dicke of Sebastopol, California, shares her remembrances with ZARJA readers. Mary recalls incidents experienced as a child as well as the tender moments of her grandmother's advanced age.

Mary Dicke:

GIFTS FROM MY GRANDMOTHER

She called me "Mitzka," which I can still hear. As a child she showed me how to type her own self-taught style using two fingers. Her fingers were knarled and bent. I can see her intent at her work at her desk in the dining room by the French windows above dark wooden window seats. She died in just this way, at a desk, working on ZARJA. For this image of dedication I am grateful.

She made things fun, anything was an adventure and a special thing to do for the day. She taught me four crochet stitches. I still have the pink sampler we made, and I remember my joy in making it. Counting the cookies as they came from the oven was important. We made egg-drop soup, pouring the mixture from high above the boiling soup, turning it instantly into wiggly noodles. When I was small I slept on the burgandy velvet couch, and every night she placed dining room chairs with the backs against the couch so I wouldn't fall out. As I grew older I slept in the front guest room which was also her sewing room. As she worked on projects, I sat on the floor. In this role we are all vital teachers for the next generations. Those stories we all take for granted as no big deal, are jewels to the grandchild and not forgotten.

She told me about how she earned money as a seamstress as a young woman. She would take a dress of hers apart to make a pattern out of newspaper, for buying a dress pattern was too expensive. Since I also did some sewing, I couldn't believe all that extra work. And then she'd have to put the original dress back together again so she could still wear it. What she was really teaching me, of course, was the strength and perseverance of a woman who did not take life lightly and who valued her contributions and plans. I felt her confidence in meeting life's challenges and her endless sense of adventure. For that example of optimism and courage I am grateful.

Laundry day had to be Monday, she said. Why was

In the letter which accompanied her article, Mary wrote the following:

"I was delighted to read in your magazine, ZARJA, your interest in hearing memories of my grandmother, Marie Prisland. I will try not to be a biased relative. I salute what she did for women, to give us courage by her example: Courage to go ahead with what we believe in even if it's ahead of our time or not the usual thing to do. I only wish our immigrant grandparents had had an easier road, that life had dealt them a less harsh and arduous time. I also wish for them to be able to peek into the future to see the benefits of their labor to the generations that follow."

Thank you Mary, for sharing these wonderful memories with ZARJA readers.



Mary and her Grandmother, Marie

that?, I asked. It just was that was, she said. She told me some people blamed immigrants for bringing bed bugs to this country. That made her mad, "I never saw a bed bug until I came here," she said indignantly.

I never saw her cry, although her life was harder than I knew. Only much later did I learn of her being orphaned at the age of five and of the famine that devastated her country.

When I moved to California, she gave me a copy of her book, **From Slovenia to America**, and wished me a good adventure. Even making my way in this country at 24 was difficult, but I thought often of her traveling alone at 16 to a foreign land. She was so proud of her Slovenian heritage and never left that behind. The last time I saw her she came to visit me at my apartment. She was quite old by then. I only had three-inch foam pads on the floor for beds, and worried it would be too difficult for her. She treated it like an adventure, which was her style. She perked up and laughed at the challenge of getting in and out of such a bed at her age.

As a modern woman I benefit from the ground she helped to break, where women are able to pursue what they believe in. Her courage to be herself was her gift to us and her never ending determination and commitment to what she valued.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MY "SISTERS"

My dear sisters,

For the past twenty years or so I've had this nagging sense that something was amiss... that there was some hole in my life that I hadn't been able to fill. I think I have finally figured it out. This letter is written in the hopes that you won't have to wait as long as I did for the fog to clear... that you won't wait until you're close to the half-century mark to look at how good a life as a woman could be.

When I was growing up... as was probably the case with most of you... Dad went to work, Mom stayed home with the kids... there were lots of kids... and life was simple. And then some one "out there" started to tell us that this situation was bad... that somehow we "girls" were missing out on things... like a 9-to-5 job and combat duty and other such things that we didn't know we needed... but they must have been important... and they must have been fun... because the "boys" got to do them. And I was "out there" with the best of them... turning away from God in high school... the sexual revolution of the sixties... the women's liberation movement of the seventies. We women were told... and we told each other as well... that the simple life was not enough... that we should complicate our lives to make them more "interesting" and "fulfilling". That being a homemaker and mother was not enough. That we were capable of more... and so we had to prove that we were... and we have proven that we are. We proved it to the world... to men... and to ourselves.

And now two decades later... I have a very good management job. I have a masters degree. I make more money than most men I know. I am, in a lot of peoples' eyes, a success. But do I feel fulfilled like the women's lib movement told me I would? Not really. I have a loving, but not perfect, husband. I have a wonderful, but not perfect, son. I have come to a strong, but not perfect, relationship with my God, who is perfect. I have returned to my roots in the never-to-be-perfect Catholic Church. But do I feel that there is something still missing? Absolutely. "Why", I wondered. "And what is it that I long for?"

In the early 70's the theme song of the women's movement was Helen Reddy's "I Am Woman". I know the chorus well since I would sing it night and day... when I was up or when the world got me down:

Yes, I'm wise, but it's wisdom born of pain,
Yes, I've paid the price, but look how much I've gained.
If I had to, I could do anything.
I am strong.
I am invincible.
I am woman.

It has only been recently that I've realized what a lie that was. It is only within the last several months that I recognized that I, like millions of other women, was brain-washed. I heard someone say that women's liberation is the biggest joke that's ever been played on women by men. The women's lib movement... for all the financial, professional and academic gains it has given some of us... has deprived most of us of something very basic... contentment with being a woman, a wife, a mother... and the knowledge that there's nothing wrong with that.

Yesterday in a stream of tears I admitted out loud for the first time that if I had to do it all over again, when my son was born, I would have quit my job and stayed home to be with him... to cherish him as he grew from a baby to a young man... to spend the time with him that I never seem to have to give him... because my job... my busy-ness... my obsession with being the super-woman that society says I'm supposed to be... my foolishness didn't and doesn't allow it. There was a time when I vocally ridiculed those "poor, unenlightened" women who stayed at home to raise a family when they "could have been contributing something to society by getting a job"... "they could be doing something useful with their lives". What I didn't realize then, but do now, is that the most important work a woman can contribute to society is to be the daily stabilizing influence on her children... to be there for them when they need a mother most... in their early years.

The wisdom that I now have IS born of pain... it's a deep pain of loss... of sorrow... of grieving for something that can never be replaced. Yes, I've paid the price and on the outside you can look at what I've gained... but I feel that I've lost much, much more. I've lost time to be with my family. I've lost opportunities to develop the relationship with my son. I've lost memories that I can never buy with a paycheck... like the first steps that he took... at the day care center, for his teacher. I've lost my "self" to the demands of what was expected of me by society, my financial and material "wants", my bosses, my husband and even my self.

I'm not recommending that we turn back the clock and go back to the way things were. There have been a lot of very positive things that have come out of the women's movement... the recognition of our skills, our talents, our contributions to the work place. Sensitivities have been raised. Doors have started to open... barriers have started to fall. I could never have come as far as I have in my career if the business world had not been pressed to change. But have we really been liberated? Or have we just taken on more responsibility than we had in the first place? And have we lost some of our womanly identity in the process? Is life really more interesting or just more chaotic?

There are those things that uniquely belong to us women that we should never let go of at any price... our femininity, the joy of motherhood that only a mother can experience, being part of the "gentle sex". We shouldn't try so hard to be "one of the guys"... hard and hardened... that we lose

sight of what it means to be a woman. Some of us want so much to compete with the men... to be like men... that we have forgotten the specialness of being a woman.

The time has come for each one of us as individual women to honestly look at where we are in this life... and what choices we have made and will continue to make. Steve Covey in his book, **The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People**, says that there are no "have-to's" in this life... only choices. And that each choice is like picking up a stick... when we pick up one end of the stick, we pick up the other. I think we, as educated women, need to make our choices wisely... learning from each others' and our own experiences what's at the other end of the stick.

I find myself in envy of my good friend, Sheila, who last year... after a life-time of being a career woman... took off on the "career" of her life, raising three precious little boys. She told me that it's been the most rewarding job she has ever had. It was a courageous choice. I have so much respect for her for being able to do that. My hat's off, too, to my sister, Marie... to my husband's sister, Lori... to my brother's wife, Pam... to Lauri... and Lynn... and Mary... to everyone else who has made "the switch"... and to all those "stay at home moms" who, along with their husbands, somehow find a way to make it work financially... and have come to terms with their special role in this world.

I've made my choices and I'm not going to go through life living on "what-if's" about the past. At the time I made those choices they were based on who I was and what I knew then. I am, however, sharing those choices and the consequences of them with you so that those that follow can make more informed choices than I did. I listened a few weeks ago as my sister, Carie, who after finding out that she had cancer for the second time in her 40 years of living, told me that the hardest time for her is when she tucks her little girls in at night... knowing that she probably won't be around to watch them grow up. Well, most of us aren't living with that kind of imminent threat... but in many other ways we're not around to watch our kids grow up either... we're too busy pretending that other things are more important.

Yes, we are strong... in many special ways, stronger than men... but, no, we're not invincible. We have our limits. We have our frailities. We have our concerns. We have our feelings. Let's open up to who we are... women first. Let's be honest with what really counts in this life... and the life to follow. Then let's make our choices about where God is calling us to be in our homes and in the world.

*With all my love,
Vera*

Vera Ancel Muir is the daughter of our Nat'l Secretary and her husband, Olga and Ed Ancel and lives in a suburb of Chicago with her husband, Richard, and son, Gordon.

Motherhood is the Sweetest Inspiration

Describing only one "greatest inspiration" in my life is difficult...I have been lucky enough to have a wide range of inspirations! Of course, my parents and grandparents afforded me great opportunities during my formative years. My four siblings gave me varying views of the world and kept me in line! Extended family members and friends, including those from the nearby Slovenian lodges, taught me how to have fun and enjoy life! My husband, Dan, inspires me to "take it easy." But probably the sweetest inspiration of all comes from our children: Claire, Andy and Ellie. They, somehow, make the fun more enjoyable, make Mass each Sunday more holy, and (miracle of miracles!) make all the work a little easier.

Lazy warm and sunny Sunday afternoons at our family's nearby cabin, jovial Sunday afternoons dancing the polka and listening to accordians at lodge parties, quiet snowy Sunday afternoons spent with Dan and the children... these are all fond memories I will treasure forever.

The honor of being Mother-Woman of the Year means that I carry on a tradition. Grandma Lokovsek was Mother of the Year. My mom, Dorothy Sleigh, was Mother of the Year. Each of us has made our own way in the world while carrying on traditions from "the old country." We are each unique; yet each of us looks back to the same traditions and, in different ways, passes something on to our children. I am honored to be the next link in the chain.

*Staci Ann Sleigh-Layman
Scholarship Winner of 1976
Mother of the Year of Br. 79*





Most Revered Portrait of Mary and Child

The famous portrait, Marija Pomagaj z Brezj, "Mother of Help at Brezje," is deeply revered by Slovenes. Many copies of this lovely portrait of Our Lady and Infant hang in Slovene chapels and churches throughout the world.

The first individual to portray this image, which is still worshipped in the Church of St. Jakob in Innsbruck, was Lukas Cranach. Legend states that during the Holy Family's flight from Herod's pursuit, the Infant Jesus, embraced his Mother and pleaded, "Mother, help." This was the basis for the first painting.

The current portrait was created during the Napoleonic era by the famous artist, Leopold Layer (1752-1828) who lived in Kranj. During the war when he was jailed by the Franks he prayed to Marija Pomagaj, promising her that he would re-paint her chapel and make a new portrait for the altar if he would be rescued from jail.

Marija Pomagaj answered his prayer and the artist kept his promise. He painted the chapel in 1814, and the portrait now on display is the one that Layer painted. The painting is still in good condition. A legend has been passed on during the years claiming that the artist painted the portrait in jail with his hands in chains.

Bishop Anton Jeglic requested permission from Rome, which was granted, that the portrait be crowned. On Sept. 1, 1907, Bishop Jeglic placed two gold crowns, which were made by the famous jeweler, Ivan Kregar, on the heads of Marija and the Holy Infant seated in her lap.

Slovenes the world over have prayed devotedly to Marija for assistance. Many an immigrant woman has whispered, Marija Pomagaj! (Mary help me), to herself as she struggled through the problems and difficulties of the day.

Turn to Marija with your needs and love.

Life in Slovenia

If you intend to be a tourist this year, especially to Slovenia, you may be interested in some of these facts taken from the Fraternal Voice, September, 1993.

"Prices. Per capita, the income is only about \$400 per month so you can gauge the following prices based on that fact.

Non-food prices in Slovenia are high with a few exceptions such as gasoline. They are similar to prices in rich European countries, sometimes higher.

Some examples: Small food processor, \$185.

Kitchen cooking range (coal) \$375.

Washing machine \$560.

Small refrigerator \$1,029.

Dishwasher, \$1,000.

Toaster \$79.

Iron \$80.

litre of Jim Beam Black Label Whiskey \$45.

KHS Montana mountain bike \$1,100.

Nokia 19 inch television \$769.

Telephone hookup \$1,750.

Videotape of "Dances with Wolves" \$37.

The rule of thumb is that most products are twice as much as in the United States. You might want to keep that in mind when sending gifts to relatives living in Slovenia.

Interesting Heritage Idea

Leon Borst, SWU member #30, recently sent me a photograph of a novel heritage idea that I'd like to share with you.

Leon took a photograph of his grandparents and mounted it on the page of his scrapbook. Underneath the photo, and taking up the width of the page, he placed the SWU love bumper sticker, "It's in every Slovenian." This made a very attractive page in his scrapbook of family pictures.



If you have a heritage idea you'd like to share with readers, please send it to me for publication in this column.



The National President has accepted the resignation of Scholarship Fund Director, Carita Girman with regret. Wishes to Carita for a return to good health and many blessings to her and her family.

To fill the vacancy, members interested should contact President Tory Bobence, 3587 Highway 169, Ely, MN 55731, telephone (218) 365-4180.

Convention Comments:

In just one year, the 22nd National Convention takes place in San Francisco, California.

Our hostess branch is No. 13 which has a long history with our SWU. Through all the years, they have loyally worked for the progress of our organization. Now, they have undertaken the chores of preparing for our very first visit to California for a National Convention. It is a historic celebration as this organization reaches the threshold of its 70th Anniversary in 1996!

In order to inform you, our members, of the important details for the forthcoming National Convention, we will bring your facts and requirements pertaining to your branch's participation in the Convention and other interesting items to help you plan your visit to San Francisco next May.

IMPORTANT CONVENTION NOTICE

The fiscal year of Slovenian Women's union ends June 30th. In other words, that is the cut-off date for counting your membership total as a requirement for the number of delegates you may elect.

By-Law 4.10:

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

a) Each branch of the Adult Department shall be entitled to one delegate.

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

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

By-Law 4.11:

No branch shall be entitled to more than three National Convention delegates.

The following By-Law deals with election procedure.

By-Law 4.12:

Delegates and alternates to the National Convention will be elected within the three month period consisting of October, November and December immediately preceding the convention. Elections held before the first day or later than the last day of this period will not be valid. All delegate and alternate nominations shall be public. Elections shall be by secret ballot. If more than one candidate is nominated, and if a majority is not achieved by any one candidate, the two nominees with the highest total vote shall be voted upon to decide the election. Separate elections shall be held for each delegate position. Alternates will be elected in a similar manner. Unanimous elections by voice shall be valid only if one candidate has been nominated and all members assembled so signify.

Please refer to Constitution and By-Laws of SWU, pages 15-19 for more information.

VERY IMPORTANT CONVENTION NOTICE

Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, March 15-17, 1993 and in accordance with Article IV of the By-Laws, has issued the following change in By-Law 4.14 referring to Delegates' paying the expenses. This decision was made in 1993 and reaffirmed at the recent meeting, March 20, 1994. Primarily, the reason for it is that the burden of financial stress which the Convention expenses will place upon the organization comes at a time when low interest income, our primary source of expense fund income, is insufficient.

By-Law 4.14

Delegates shall be entitled to reasonable travel and per diem expenses for the National Convention. Transportation should be arranged by the most economical means available.

The following is taken from the Minutes of the 1993 Annual Meeting and supersedes old 4.14. (above).

Contribution will be given to each delegate from the S.W.U. in the amount of \$225. Other expenses incurred will be her own to cover. It is recommended that the branch helps to finance its own delegate(s)' expenses in some way, to be decided by the branch itself.

Notice to all officers and members: Please refer to the above and By-Laws 3.09, 3.10 and 3.11 when preparing your delegate elections. These By-Laws provide additional regulations on Social, Associate and Junior members' ineligibility to be elected to office. A delegate must have full qualifications for further high election.

ACTIVITIES

NO. 1, SHEBOYGAN, WI

Thanks to all the ladies who helped with our Bingo in April.

Mother of the Year for Br. 1 is Mary Zigenhorn. We will celebrate with Mass at 10:30 at St. Cyril's on May 15th and a lunch and program at Father Cherne Hall. Mary's son, Patrick Zigenhorn will be graduating from St. Norbert's College the same day. Congratulations to Pat!

We have some sad news from Br. 1. Janet Maurin, our vice-president and Regional President for Wisconsin had a stroke on March 16th. She has been at St. Nicholas Hospital. I'm sure she would appreciate a "get well" wish from you while she is recuperating at home. Her address is 1133 Ashland Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081. Our prayers are with her and all our members who are ill at home and in the nursing homes in the area.

Our sympathy to the family of Antoinette Zore who passed away March 15th. May her soul rest in peace.

Happy Spring and summer! Our next meeting will be in August. See you at the Mother's Day program. Please don't forget your dues payment!

DOROTHY BREZONIK

NO. 2, CHICAGO, IL

St. Joseph Table was well-attended, the hall was decorated in red and green to help celebrate St. Patrick and St. Joseph Days. Our president Fran Morrison read a beautiful poem on the life of St. Joseph. Father Kalist blessed the food after Ray Nusko's committee had it all arranged on the tables, what a spread! It was good to see so many of our members who are unable to attend all our meetings; we were lucky also that the weather was good to us so that driving was no problem. Thanks to everyone for making this a fun time each year.

Pearl Walski sent a note that she could not attend, also Frances Silko misses our meetings; due to age and distance she is not able to attend our

doings. She sent her regards and wishes us well.

On February 13th, the Holy Name Society honored the ladies who have been preparing breakfast for their meetings each month for the past 40 years. The ladies were: Sally Bogolin, Mary Jagar, and Julia Petrich. They were given a plaque for the years of help to the Society.

Good Luck to the Juniors who have applied for a SWU Scholarship, we hope that one will be from Branch 2.

Congratulations to great grandma Elsie Cizek and grandma Donna Cerer on the arrival of Michael Alexander Cerer.

Our condolences to Marie Knych on the loss of her brother-in-law and to Theresa Rhoads who lost a son. Please remember them in your prayers, that they will rest in peace.

We hope that Beverly Brniak is doing better, she had surgery on both hands.

Our PICNIC - July 17 - please keep the date open. If you have any suggestions contact one of the officers. Johnny Amon and Vince Rigler will keep us entertained with that great Slovenian music.

CHEER BASKET - Your contributions is well received by St. Stephen's.

BRAG PIG - Let us hear of all good things that are happening.

THE DEMŠAR TRADITION

described in last month's issue of ZARJA has another interesting facet for us in the U.S. Besides the reference author Anita Vovk gives to Vilim Demšar's violins being seen at a shop in St. Paul, MN, we have heard from Fr. Blase Chemazar, OFM, pastor of St. Stephen's Church in Chicago, IL and Custos of the Slovenian Franciscan Fathers (Lemont). Fr. Blase and his sister, Dr. Angela Chemazar are closely related to Blaž and Vilim Demšar who are their uncle and cousin.

So, the Demšars in Slovenia and Chemazars in America are a direct family connection, too!

Frances Maxwell always shares her prize recipes to anyone who asks her. I saw this in a magazine and thought of her.

"If you have a good recipe, share it with a friend, just remember, a recipe that is not shared with someone will soon be forgotten, but when it is shared, it will be enjoyed by future generations."

Thanks also to the members who share their recipes at the meeting each month so we can make cooking enjoyable.

This reminds me of the wonderful recipes we get every month in ZARJA's Pots & Pans column, thanks to Hermine Dicke!

Happy Mother's Day! Give each mother a great big hug.

REMEMBER: **May 19th - 6:30 p.m.** - "Crowning of the Blessed Mother".

7:30 p.m. - meeting.

Love,

DAISY

NO. 3, PUEBLO, CO

After attending Mass on Wednesday, March 2, and then partaking of the delicious soup prepared by our ladies of the parish, and, incidentally, many of these ladies are members of our lodge, we had our meeting.

Prior to the meeting, a dessert was served by hostesses, Anna Klun, Mary Yanks and Pauline Pauchick.

Our President, Mary Tekavec, then opened the meeting with prayers and then called for reports which were given and approved.

A candle was lit and a tribute given for deceased members, Mary Frances Hribernik, Frances Kaplan, mother of Eileen Kaplan, and Mary Frances (Kochevar) Miller, daughter of Katherine and Edward Kochevar, by our President, and then closed with prayers by all. Our condolences are extended to the families of the deceased.

There were no sick members reported except that Eileen Boitz was recuperating at home. We would like to extend get well wishes to all who are ill. We do remember our homebound

and those in nursing homes in our prayers.

Margaret Cullen donated the mystery gift which was won by Anna Klun.

Frances Simonich, our Secretary-Treasurer is so faithful to the lodge and is to be admired for her efforts in coming to the meetings even though it is very difficult with her knee problems. Such stamina is quite an attribute.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned and "B" was played.

PAULINE PAUCHICK

NO. 5, INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Our annual May meeting will be held on the twelfth at the Slovenian National Home at 11:00 in the morning. Please plan to attend and bring your favorite covered dish. We will supply the meat, so bring a vegetable, fruit, appetizer, dessert or any other dish you love.

We shall honor our Mothers-of-the-Year: Emma Stevens and Angela Moos. Phyllis Cesnik, our only 50-year-member, will also be honored on May 12, 1994.

Now do not read on unless you have already marked you calendar for May 12, 1994, at 11:00 a.m.

If you will not be able to attend the meeting and have not paid your dues for 1994, please send them to Mary Frances Mohr (317-852-8305). It is best to get everyone paid, so you do not have to hear me mention it again.

I will not be able to attend this meeting on May. I will try for our December meeting. I hope you all have a good time and enjoy all the food that is brought.

I will be thinking of you all and especially those who have been sick and not able to attend the meeting.

With love from Texas,

BARBARA MOHR

NO. 6, BARBERTON, OH

We sadly announce the passing of our dear member, Frances Smrdel.

IN MEMORIAM

Frances Smrdel was born in Eveleth, MN in 1907 and was reared in Dolenja vas, Slovenia. She returned to Barberton and lived here 66 years. She was a member of many lodges and active in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was a very diligent person and many remember how she directed plays at the Slovene Center and sang with the Slovene Women's Choral Group, sponsoring many concerts. During the war years she volunteered to help with local groups sending packages and mail to servicemen and with the Red Cross. She helped with the fund raising for our Barberton Citizen's Hospital.

As a Slovenian, she did much to promote her language and culture and was often seen dressed in her native costume at parades and ethnic functions. Besides all this, she had a beautiful garden and kept her home neat as a pin.

Mrs. Smrdel will be truly missed among us. She was a member for 66 years!

She died February 21, 1994. Our condolences to the family and may she rest in peace.

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From Jeanette Killoran, president as well as from myself, we all hope you had a Holy Easter holiday. Belated Happy Birthday to our Jeanette on April 10th!

Mary Pavlovich's daughter, Mary Novak has joined us as a social member. She likes the ZARJA-The Dawn magazine. Welcome aboard, Mary. We hope Julia Murin is warm

in Florida and hope our warm weather will soon return to this area.

Again, with Mother's Day this month of May, I want to salute all the members of Br. 6. Without you here in Barberton and all over in the branches, our Slovenian heritage would not be strong. God bless you all.

MOTHER'S DAY

**Though she may not understand
life's winding way...
Lead her in peace divine.**

**I cannot pay my debt
for all the love she's given...
But Thou, Lord, will not forget
her due reward...**

Bless her on earth and in heaven.

Moms have always been the rock of the family, the mediatrix, the peacemaker, the nurturer and the healer. Happy Mother's Day!

LINDA LAMBRIGHT

NO. 10, CLEVELAND, OH

The first meeting for 1994 was on March 23, called to order by Steffie Segulin, president. There was no meeting in Jan. due to the bad weather. Prayers were said for our sick and deceased members. Business meeting took place with minutes, treasurer's reports given and correspondence read. Present were 14 ladies. Mary Prince read the article written in ZARJA by our Slovenian reporter, Theresa Ferracioli. Thanks, Mary.

Dues for 1994 are still being collected. Thanks to all ladies who so generously donate to the branch each year. The cookbooks are available -

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Our deepest sympathy to the families of Josephine Sustarsic and Mary Camloh.

Discussed and voted upon was our Mother of the Year, Antonia Kerzisknik. Congratulations to her from all of us. In May we will honor Antonia at the Collinwood Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave. first floor, at 1 p.m. The date is Wed., May 25th. Members and guests are cordially invited to attend and honor Antonia. Reservations must be made in advance by calling 944-4954 or 531-7635.

Congratulations to Frances Zupancic who is a new member of Br. 10!

Our get well wishes to all members who are sick!

After the business meeting, refreshments were served and a raffle was held. Thanks to the ladies who baked and served. Keep in mind our Ohio-Michigan Convention which will be held in October in Detroit, Michigan. Many thanks to Judith Anderson Miller for the article she wrote about her grandmother, Caroline Gricar who was a member of Br. 10!

Happy Mothers Day to all! Remember the dues! Secretary is Theresa Dagg, 1910 Rosemond Rd., East Cleveland, OH 44112, tel. 681-5377.

ANN STEFANCIC

NO. 12, MILWAUKEE, WI

This is a winter all of us would like to forget. Just received a letter from Slovenia and they must have read or seen on television news about our winter.

I missed a very important birthday in December. Our member, Anna Gorishek celebrated her 100 years! She resides in a nursing home and we wish her the best.

Dolores Kodrich was going to surprise us with her home made "punchkas" at our February meeting for Lent but she was in an accident on her way home from work that day. A car backed into her and broke her leg, so she is on crutches now. An ambulance was on the other corner so she got good service fast, plus a witness. Hurry and get well, Dolores.

We had a nice lunch for St. Patrick's Day – breaded chicken, delicious rice

and the sweetest carrots. Matt Dobersek treated us to his colored eggs. Thank you. The tables were decorated with shamrocks and Easter goodies. Phylis said we'll have spaghetti next meeting.

I have been home-bound for 3 months due to a bad back. I'll never look at a shovel again. I want to thank everyone for the phone calls and cards. Friends like you are dear.

In May we will honor our Mother of the Year Agnes Morrow. Nice seeing Mary Pontar at the meeting again. I want to thank Evelyn Laurich for taking me to the meeting and St. Peter's Church for their electric chair lift, without which I wouldn't have made the meeting.

A Happy Mother's Day – stay well!

MARY KIEL

NO. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

I have just returned from a wonderful week in Joliet. I had three days of intense but productive Board meetings and then four days to relax and visit with wonderful friends. Olga Ancel taxied us every where for seven days. This gracious lady always makes my week a joy. We saw a concert by the U.S.A.F. Air Mobility Command Band at the beautiful Joliet Central H.S. auditorium, an old, but gorgeous building. We had a lovely tour and reception at the Convent of St. Francis. On Friday night, Olga Ancel, Millie Pucel, Mary Anzele, Tory Bobence, and myself went to a fantastic performance of "Godspell" performed by Joliet Catholic Academy. It was most difficult to believe these were high school students because it was so professional. We finished our week with a beautiful Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday night. A very special thank you to my friends in Joliet.

Our President, Josephine Aiuto, has had surgery on both feet. She has had a difficult recovery, but has a wonderful nurse in daughter, Michele and support and help from son-in-law, Dennis. Get well soon, Josie. Ann Nanut's husband, Joe has had very serious surgery also and our prayers and love to both of them.

Congratulations and Happy 18th Birthday to Laura Antoinette Frick on May 5, 1994. Laura became a member when she was 1-1/2 years old. She will

become an adult member with one year free dues. Laura has a sister, Katrina Noel Frick, who is also a junior member. Laura and Katrina are daughters of our member, Donna Starkovich Frick and great granddaughters of the late Margaret Radosovich.

Branch 13 has a special event in June. We are honoring this year's 50 Year members at a celebration luncheon on Thursday, June 2 at 12:00 noon. Please come to the luncheon to help celebrate this wonderful day. Honorees are: Josephine Aiuto, Mary Coppinger, Marie Health, Lois Stanfel Jensen, Virginia Sustarich, Mary Yerman, and the late Kathryn Maher. We would like very much for husbands and friends to join us.

Our Woman of the Year Brunch is at the Marriot on May 15, 1994. We are honoring All Members this year. Mass is at the Church of the Nativity at 9:00 a.m.

Wishing all our members a beautiful Mother's Day. Our prayers to all those who have passed on, our love and thanks to all of you who can no longer join us, and God Bless all of you who do work so hard to support our Branch. A special thanks to Moreen Spencer who keeps me in touch with all the news.

BEVERLY JACKSON

NO. 14, EUCLID, OH

Our winter chill is still hanging on, but with Easter Sunday only a few days away as I write this, we know that welcome warmer spring days will finally arrive.

At home recuperating after being in the hospital are Fay Aleks and Jean Lourin. Secretary Diane Varney recently had carpal tunnel surgery and is back at all the writing she must do as Secretary. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to all our ill members! Hope all our members have recovered from the flu and colds which have been so prevalent this past.

Another reminder that our Mother of the Year dinner takes place on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:00 in which we'll honor Fay Bohinc Aleks. Call in your reservations to Vice-Pres. Vera Bajec at 481-7473.

Wishing you a joyous spring with warm days and flowers all in bloom!

ALICE KUJAR

Pots and Pans



En route to our cabin in Northern Wisconsin, Bob and I have enjoyed many meals at the Norske Nook in Osseo, Wisconsin, ranked by the Esquire Magazine as one of the USA's 10 best restaurants. Helen Myhre, the founder and owner of Norske Nook and "Queen of Pies" received national recognition. She was featured on "NBC News" and appeared on "Late Night with David Letterman" to teach the host how to make a good pie. Mrs. Myhre has now edited the cookbook, "FARM RECIPES and FOOD SECRETS from the NORSKE NOOK", filled with simple, reliable and good country recipes, as; soups, breads, dumplings, mouth-watering meats, farm lunches and suppers, desserts – especially – pies, 26 varieties. 210 crusts are rolled out every day from April to December at the restaurant. With Mrs. Myhre's permission her BASIC PIE CRUST and MERINGUE recipes follow, along with STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB PIE.

If you wish to purchase the cookbook, please send \$26.00 (includes postage) to Helen A. Myhre, P.O. Box 55, Osseo, WI 54758.

Happy Mother's Day to All,
Affectionately,

Hermine



BASIC PIE CRUST

Makes four (10-inch) very thin crusts. "Keep practicing and you'll get four", says Helen.

2	cups flour	Enough salt in hand to scatter in
1	cup Butter Flavor Crisco (or 1 scant cup lard)	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup cold water

Helen's Instructions: In a bowl, using your fingers, mix the flour, shortening and salt together until a crumbly mixture. Add the cold water, and mix until smooth (don't overmix; the crust will get tough.) Place the dough on a floured table or board. Cover your hands with flour and knead the dough back and forth a few times like you would bread, then spank it. Take a ball about the size of a tennis ball, make it nice and round, set it on the floured board, then flatten it, keeping it round. Take a floured, wooden rolling pin and roll in every direction so the crust stays round. Keep rolling until the crust is 1-inch bigger all around than the pie tin. Lay the bottom crust in the pan. For a baked single crust, take a fork and poke holes all around in the bottom and on the sides, to keep it from bulging while baking. Now, take your fingers and make a fluted edge around the pie rim. Bake at 350 – 375 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes until nicely browned. Cool; then put the filling in.

If you're making an unbaked single crust lay the bottom crust in the tin **but do not poke holes**. Flute the top and add the filling. If you're making a double crust, lay the bottom crust in the tin; add the filling; then roll out the top crust and make slits: fold crust in half, then half again, then half again. Take a paring knife and cut a little slit $\frac{1}{4}$ inch long on the folds about 1-inch from the center, then $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from that make another; and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, from that, another. Unfold the slitted crust over the filling, and flute. (The slits keep the pie from bubbling over.)

If you have baked crusts for future use for a single crust pie, cover the crust tightly with plastic wrap so it does not absorb flavors from the air. Tightly wrap unused balls of dough in plastic and refrigerate until ready to use within one week. Take out a few minutes before rolling. Bake according to the recipe.

Variations: If you want a crust not quite so tender – a crust that won't break quite so easily – just add a little more flour. For a quick treat; roll out any excess dough as cookies; sprinkle with sugar and a little cinnamon and bake.

MERINGUE

For a 10-inch Pie Tin

12	medium egg whites	2	cups powdered sugar
$\frac{1}{4}$	heaping teaspoon cream of tartar		

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Use bowls and mixer that are completely clean – no specks. In a bowl, separate the yolks from the whites, being careful not to drip any yellow in the whites or they won't beat up. Add cream of tartar and beat until stiff, using electric mixer on high speed continually. Add the powdered sugar (all at one time) and beat until it forms soft peaks. Using a rubber spatula, spread a layer of meringue onto the pie. Spread until it meets the edge of the crust to keep the meringue from shrinking as it stands or bakes. Repeat until the meringue is used up, then gently swirl the top to make it pretty. Bake about 15 to 20 minutes until golden brown. Cool. Eat immediately or keep in a cool room. Do not refrigerate unless keeping it overnight.

Note: Large eggs make poor meringue. Small eggs do not necessarily have less egg white and are preferable to large if you can't get medium. Do not double the recipe.

Hints: If you beat the whites too long before adding the powdered sugar, the meringue won't have a nice firm texture. Spread meringue with a rubber spatula to get the bubbles out. Don't dump it on all at once; add about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch at a time.

STRAWBERRY – RHUBARB PIE

For one double crust 10" pie

1	double crust	2	cups sugar
3	cups rhubarb, cut into <i>5/8</i> -inch pieces	<i>1/2</i>	cup flour
2	cups strawberries, stemmed and halved		Dash of nutmeg
		3	eggs
		6	tablespoons butter
			Sugar, for sprinkling

Heat oven to 350°. Press the bottom crust into a pie tin. Combine the rhubarb and strawberries. Onto the top, dump the sugar, flour and nutmeg. In the center, make a well. Break the eggs into the well and mix using a fork. Beat the eggs thoroughly, then gradually work them into the rhubarb and berries. (Do not overmix.) Use your hands to put this mixture into the bottom pie crust. Dot with thinly sliced butter. Cover with top crust, and slit the crust decoratively. Flute, then sprinkle with sugar; bake for 1 hour or until a knife inserted in a slit comes out clean.

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NO. 16, SOUTH CHICAGO, IL

Gladys Buck boarded Amtrak for Lakeland, Minn. to visit with her niece, Barbara Ireland and family; after spending a few days up north they all motored back to Chicago. They also enjoyed a couple of days at Frankenmuth, Michigan before the relatives returned home before Easter.

Helen Milanovich flew to Orlando, Fla. on April 2nd to attend the wedding of her granddaughter.

Zora Yurkas was hospitalized at St. Margaret's Hospital and Romaine Jablonski had major surgery. We are wishing them a speedy recovery – and will remember them in our prayers.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Tina Sertich and family. Matthew's death was due to an automobile accident.

Condolences to Mary Peloza and family on the loss of their husband and father.

We were also saddened to hear of the death of our sisters of Br. 95, namely, Louise Dichele and Regina Buchanan. May the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

We will be celebrating our Mother of the Year party for Bernice Jarkovich on May 14th, a Saturday, at 12 noon at the Golden Shell restaurant. Deadline for reservations is May 9th. Please call Edna or Gladys.

E.W.

NO. 17, WEST ALLIS, WI

We welcome Spring with its warm and sunny days as we go about our various outside chores and activities and correcting the damage the snow and ice did to our lawns, etc. We'll get to planting our gardens and flowers or whatever outside things have to be done this month. And with May we honor our Blessed Mother and also pay tribute to all mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers. It's your special day!

This brings a reminder. We will honor our Mother of the Year, Theresa Fedran on Wed. May 25th at 1 o'clock luncheon at Kegel's Inn on 59th and National. Theresa is always ready with a pleasant and happy smile and her cheery nature shines thru every time she attends our meetings. Ladies, please, if you plan to attend, contact our secretary, Robin Marolt at 327-1444 so that reservations can be made for you.

Let's make this a great day for Theresa, a day she will long remember. Members, please note. There will be no meetings for a while – until Sept. 18th when we will resume our regular meeting schedule.

Our president, Mary Marolt is temporarily at the Audubon Nursing Home, 601 W. Glencoe Pl., Milwaukee, 53209. She is doing quite well and hopefully, will come home soon. Wishes to Marion and all our members and friends for happy recovery. May

the beginning of spring bring you renewed strength and better days.

Happy Mother's Day and Happy Fathers, Day, too!

FRAN PIWONI

NO. 20, JOLIET, IL

Hi! Is it spring yet? It sure is taking it's time about getting here.

We honored all Josephine's at our March meeting in honor of St. Joseph's Day, March 19th. Those present were Josephine Muster, Josephine Rositch, Jonita Ruth, Jo Lustik and Joanne Legerski.

Our hostesses for the evening, Deanne Gudac and Marcia Judnick gave all who attended a Holy Card of St. Joseph. We did not have a guest speaker scheduled for the evening so we played Bingo along with our usual 50/50, attendance and some door prizes. The winners of these abundances were: Jo Lustik, Mary Kay Demick, Josephine Muster, Margaret Stalzer, Betty Burkhardt, Rose Marjasevich, Margaret Dusa, Agnes Dobczyk, Anna Marie McIntosh and myself. How would our luck be at the lottery?

On May 8th, Charlie and Marge Franze will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Marge and her husband have a daughter and a son. Congratulations to a very nice couple.

Member Anna Marie McIntosh was named Diocesan Woman of the Year for St. Joseph's Church in Joliet. The parish is very lucky to have someone like Anna Marie working for them.

Junior member Amy Tezak was named March student of the month for Joliet Catholic Academy. In the musical "Godspell", she played one of the leading rolls, the part of "Peggy". She was also involved as play coordinator, photographer and program flyer designer. Amy's dad John helped with stage construction. Our National President Tory Bobence and National Vice President Beverly Jackson attended the play and enjoyed it immensely. What a way to go, maybe we'll see Amy on "All my Children" someday.

Josephine Muster just had a birthday on the 8th of March and turned 91 years young! She is still very active and attends our monthly meetings. Mrs. Muster is a very sweet lady.

Branch 20 sends our deepest sym-

pathy to Evelyn Marvic on the loss of her mother.

There are get-well wishes in the air for John Konopek, Kathryn Pavnica, Emma Nosse and Jill Vicich.

Woman of the Year and Scholarship awards banquet for Branch 20 will be celebrated on May 17 at 6:30 in the evening. The dinner will cost \$3.00 for members and \$5.50 for non-members. Hope you can all attend. At this time we do not know what the entertainment will be but I am sure it will be something nice.

For those of you who are looking for a day out, St. Joseph's Altar and Rosary Society will have a card party on Sunday, May 22 at 1:00 p.m.

Don't forget Sunday, June 5 when Branch 20 will celebrate its 66th Anniversary at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is most welcome to attend this Mass. Let's make a really good show this year. This is a way of showing our heritage and being proud of it.

Have to close now, running out of space. Until next time, take care and may God bless.

JOYCE VICICH

NO. 22. BRADLEY, IL

"The Slivovic will flow tonight!" I chuckled at that remark broadcast world-wide from Norway's Winter Olympics as Jure Kosir of Slovenia won the bronze medal in the slalom. Little did I realize that a week or so later the Slivovic would flow in Bradley, to honor Sr. Jessica Karlinger, SND, from Chardon, Ohio and, remotely, even Mr. Kosir! (Oh, for that deliciously warm after-glow!) All thanks to Ruth Drassler for the treat! Too bad Louie D. was in the hospital at the time; he missed the occasion to have a visit with his cousin, Sr. Jessica, and to share the fun. Louie, we wish you a smooth and steady improvement from this day forward; you know the tomato plants are awaiting your green thumb!

Congratulations galore: To Leo and Mary Rittmanic on their 67th wedding anniversary observed with a Mass on Feb. 26. To Mayme Drassler as she celebrates her 85th birthday in Sun City, AZ, in late May. To Kevin Metschuleit, grandson of our Pres. Mollie McIntyre, on his marriage to Laura Blanchette in April.

Felicitations also to Mary Dressler Hartman, granddaughter of our late charter member Anna Ponickvar. Mary, profiled in a local paper, recalled in "earliest childhood memory" going to grandmother's house every Sunday after Mass for "coffee, mostly cream -- but it made us feel grown-up -- and home-made Long Johns with white icing." Probably krofe. Anyway, grandma Ponickvar would be proud of Mary, as she not only became a nurse but later got her BA degree, no small feat considering the heavy schedule of work, child-rearing, and study. Mary's husband must be a "good joe" because she wishes for her three children to have spouses "as caring as their father."

The Kankakee Daily Journal photographer caught sight of Ann Richards' frontyard guard goose dressed in her snow-capped finery during this winter's big one. It made the front page.

We're happy to see Marge Planton back on her feet after a bout of pinched nerve that required hospitalization and for my sister Gabrielle's successful right corneal transplant in December (what wonders God has wrought!). At this reading she will be undergoing follow-ups from similar surgery on the left.

May! Time out to breathe in the fragrance of blossoms and see the beauty of Nature's designs and colors. God gives us these things for our pleasure!!

EMMA LUSTIG,
Reporter

THINK HERITAGE!

A CRAFTY IDEA!

I have a busy summer to prepare for, and will need as much spare time as possible. So -- *Crafty Idea* will be on vacation. During the next few months, I will try my best to accumulate patterns that will interest you. Your personal favorites are always welcome.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation during the past several months. The project certainly got off the ground and ZARJA benefited from your interest.

Happy and safe summer to all of you. Watch for our return in the fall.

Evelyn A. Majercik

LILLIAN BRULC EXHIBITION IN MILWAUKEE

For one month beginning on June 17th, the Slovenian Arts Council of the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee and its Art Department will present an exhibit of the work of artist, **Lillian Brulc** on their Milwaukee campus. Lillian's work has been seen in many places before, such as at Ljubljana and Panama City, Chicago and other U.S. cities. Lillian is the renowned artist who completed the monumental Tribute to Slovenian Immigrant Miners and Laborers in Chisholm, Minnesota that stands at the entrance to the Mining Museum. She recently completed the painting of Marija Pomagaj that will be placed in the cemetery chapel of St. Joseph's church in Joliet, IL and is featured this month of May in our ZARJA Anniversary Calendar.

Her paintings of Slovenian peasants have been reproduced in ZARJA and are remarkable, compelling studies of peasant life. She has achieved recognition for capturing the spirit of the people of Central and South America in various forms of religious art placed in churches there.

The Slovenian Arts Council will present Lillian Brulc the Slovenian Award of Merit on June 17th in conjunction with the opening of the exhibit. A reception will follow.

We congratulate Lillian and urge our members and friends to attend the event.

Master of Education



Guadalupe Ancel, who is a member of Branch 20 in Joliet, received her Masters of Arts in Teaching degree from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont, on February 15, 1994. Guadalupe has always been interested in education – both her own and that of others.

Guadalupe's college education began at Joliet Junior College. She received her B.A. in the Teaching of Spanish from the University of Illinois – Circle Campus in 1979. Since then she has obtained a French major from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and is currently studying Japanese. In her studies she has attended schools in Mexico City, Paris, and Quebec.

In the education of others she has worked with students of all age levels. Her first teaching job was as a Spanish teacher at Providence High School in New Lenox, Illinois. She has also taught Spanish to adults and elementary school children. For the past 10 years she has worked for the Wisconsin Rapids School District in Wisconsin at both the high school and middle school levels. Her subject areas have included Spanish, French and ESL (English as a Second Language).

Guadalupe is married to Joseph Ancel, whose mother, Olga, four sisters, one sister-in-law and seven nieces and nephews are also branch 20 members. "Lupe" and her husband Joe live in Wisconsin Rapids with their dog, Miska.

NO. 23, ELY, MN

The weather was a lot milder tonight than last month and our attendance of thirty-eight members was proof.

President, Marcy Zupec, opened our meeting with a prayer. After the necessary reports there was mention of the "Pots and Pans" cookbook. It seems our Ely unit does not have any more cookbooks on hand and right now our funds do not allow us to purchase any extras. Upon some research, we found there are some of these cookbooks available for sale at the Vermillion Community College Interpretive Center, so if anyone is interested or knows of someone who may want one, please let them know or you may write to: Slovenian Women's Union, 431 North Chicago Street, Joliet, IL 60432.

A discussion about the future plans of placing an elevator in the church lead to a unanimous decision that a letter should be written to Father Hoffman stating we support this project and we will be willing to help raise funds, if necessary, in the future. Our secretary will take care of this.

Gert Mosnik was the "Lucky Door-prize" winner this evening.

The April Lunch Committee was to be: Pat Boitz, Ann Lunka, Amelia Grahek, Dorothy Grahek and Rose Stupnik.

An apology goes out to Rosie Starkovich, as I listed Mary Starkovich on the March Lunch Committee instead. -- And, by the way, gals, the Pistachio Dessert looked scrumptious and so appropriate for March (St. Patrick's Day). I couldn't stay for coffee because of another commitment, but I heard everyone enjoyed it and socializing after proved to be very entertaining.

JANE YADLOSKY,
Reporter

Dawn Club

A poem read by President, Angie Mobilia started off the evening. A report was given from the "Mother of the Year" Banquet Committee. There will be a choice of a 2-piece broasted chicken or a pork roast dinner at Vertine's Restaurant on May 2. We can sign up tonight, plus the Calling Committee will be notified.

The April lunch committee was to be: "Dodie" High, Mary Smuk, Flor-

ence Markovich, Rosie Pucel and Mary Jannick.

There were thirty five members present and Ann Lunka won the door prize.

An assortment of cakes (Angel food, Devil's food, lemon, orange, cherry, etc.) was served with coffee. It was hard to decide which to take, they all looked so good! Of course, I couldn't resist the chocolate with cherries in it and frosted with chocolate frosting -- Oh, it was so delicious and satisfied my craving for chocolate!!!

After coffee 'n, we all enjoyed socializing with the big "B", and much laughter filled the hall. A good time was had by all!!!

JANE Y.
Reporter

NO. 24, LA SALLE, IL

There were eleven members present at our March meeting. The meeting opened with prayer for our sick and shut-in members and prayers for the canonization of Bishop Baraga.

We are sorry that we couldn't have our after-Easter potluck dinner as planned, due to a conflict with La Salle Catholic School activities in the school gym. We will discuss the possibility of having a potluck dinner at another time at our next meeting. We won't have a special Mother of the Year this May. Those present agreed to a May Dinner, honoring all members as we have done in the past few years. Betty Stack agreed to serve as chairman of this dinner with Doris Hallett assisting her. The date and time and place will be announced in our church bulletin and the local newspaper after the April meeting.

Congratulations to Sharon Brady and her husband, James, on the birth of a daughter on March 7th. We welcome the little one, Josephine Pohar Brady, to our membership.

Father Bernard Horzen will lead the Slovenian Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Sunday, May 22 at Resurrection Church at 2:00 p.m. All are encouraged to participate in this beautiful devotion to our Blessed Mother.

The meeting closed with a prayer for our deceased members and especially for Mary Sell who passed away after our last meeting in November.

Best wishes for a Happy Birthday to May birthday celebrants. Auditor Jo

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Foley, Rita Mae Pyszka, Sherrie Plowman and Elizabeth Ritz.

There won't be a regular meeting in May -- the May dinner instead -- so our next meeting will be held on June 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the La Salle Catholic School Library.

We congratulate all the elected Mothers of the Year and wish them a Happy Mother's Day and we wish all of our mothers good health and much happiness.

ANNE M. WANGLER,
Reporter

NO. 26, PITTSBURGH, PA

Greetings from Br. 26! Our first meeting of the New Year 1994 was held on the 21st of March at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, our new time. Prayers were said for all the members, sick and deceased. 27 members attended this first meeting. No minutes were read by the recording Sec'y as our Christmas party was held on Nov. 29th which was the last meeting of 1993.

Mary Slaney read the financial report for the past year and it was discussed and accepted. Also passed was an order stating that if the members do not pay their dues for three months they will automatically be dropped from the branch.

In January we had another 58 year member pass away, Mary Moravec. Our prayers and sympathy were sent to the family, and a thank you card has already been received from them.

We also have a few social members of long-standing that have been very active for many years and we would like their birth dates so we can wish them health and happiness on their special days.

Sophia Jarnovich is presently recuperating from an accident and an illness. Prayers and best wishes. Hope to see her back soon as she was a very active member for 30 years.

We also had election of officers at the March meeting and all present officers accepted for another year. I think they must like us!

Birthdays for January, February and March were honored at the meeting: Mary Slaney, Frances Lokar, Mary Capasso, Mary Anne Zigon, Anne Cesnik, Ann Zalec, Antoinette Jaketic, Catherine Jaketic, Marie DeMauro, Virginia Ford and Katherine Takac.



Beth, Michael and Mary Pavlich of Chamblee, Georgia say Hi! to all members especially those of Br. 30 whom Mary is serving as their news reporter.

We also must mention a few of our active members who had April birthdays: Sophia Jarnovich, Sister Barbara Slaney, Marjorie Rosenberger, Janet Rosenberger, Anne Check, Louise Stadjuhar, Mary Trontel Fabus, Stella Latwin and Patricia Warren. Health and happiness to them all! March was spring break month and we were all looking forward to it. We had an atrocious winter, the worst we have had in years-now, sleet and freezing rain, low, low temperatures, the kind that makes for hibernating which, I think, is what we all did!

After all the business was discussed and agreed upon, a motion was made by Magdalene Burns to end the meeting.

Bingo was played and all our delicious baked goodies were enjoyed. A welcome back to the meeting to Mary Bratetich. Come often, Mary, we need you.

Br. 26 wishes you all a very beautiful spring and Happy Mother's Day!

Sincerely,

JANE LYNCH

NO. 30, HOME OFFICE

A heartfelt thanks to all the members of Branch 30 who wrote me with their interesting news. I heard from folks living in Arizona, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, New York, Oklahoma, Ohio, Texas, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, and Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Klemke of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. Mr. & Mrs. Lewis (Frances) Pajak of Phoenix, Arizona celebrate their anniversary on June 22. Josephine S.

Lozar of Wickliffe, Ohio celebrates her 83rd birthday June 23, and Beth Pavlic of Chamblee, Georgia will be 28 on May 21. Florence Dezelon wrote that her mother-in-law, Alice celebrated her birthday April 11, and mentioned she would enjoy birthday cards -- even if a little late! Her address is Mrs. Alice Dezelon, Laurel Cross Manor, P.O. Box 360, Room 319, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania 15931. Congratulations to all these members!

Julie Jackson of Lancaster, Wisconsin is recovering from a broken arm and Jenniebelle Stagny of Wadsworth, Ohio is recovering from a broken hip. A speedy recovery, ladies! Bondena Candela of Conneaut, Ohio is suffering with a chronic kidney problem and is on dialysis. Our best wishes and prayers go out to her.

Jean Stueland in Minnesota, Donald Klemke in Oklahoma, Gene F. Rak in Louisiana and Stephanie Spacek in Kansas are busy researching their family genealogy. Maybe they'll share some interesting findings with us in future reports.

Many members are keeping the Slovenian customs and heritage alive even though they live far away from Slovene communities. Potica is baking all over the country this spring! Can you smell that delicious aroma? Gardening and needlework also seem to be favorite pastimes for us. Does anyone have recipes to share from their vegetable patch fare?

Several members have traveled to Slovenia in recent years, and a few plan to visit the home country in 1994. Branch 30 member, Dr. Silvija Onusic of The Ministry of Health in Ljubljana writes "Slovenia is a modern country. Come visit and you will be pleasantly surprised!"

One of our businest members is Stephanie Jacobson Spacek, who works as a registered nurse for a cardiac surgeon in Kansas City. In her free time, she quilts and does historical interpretations of pre-1840's American history. She has adopted Slovenian traditions for her husband, Richard and their three children. For Kansas Day at her daughter's grade school, they dressed in costume and made a coal mine out of cardboard boxes complete with chunks of coal and a candle lantern. She took "potica" and "klobase" to class and wrote that "It was a hit, better than Cowboys and Indians."

Please keep those letters coming, dear members. This is your report and I want to include everyone. Let me know of upcoming birthdays, anniversaries and other special events. God bless you all and have a healthy and happy summer!

MARY PAVLIC



32, EUCLID, OH

Our March meeting we welcomed our Pres. Ann Cooke back from a two month vacation in Florida. She spent it with her daughter and family. Anne looked well rested and has a beautiful tan. It was hard for her to get back into her routine again after such a long vacation. We had a guest at the meeting, Vice-Pres. Faye Starman's friend, Mary Kulisek. It is always nice to have guests at the meetings.

The main topic was about Mother's Day dinner honoring our hostess, Ceal McLean. It will be on May 18th. Our cook will be Sophie Maizie. She is an excellent cook and will serve a very delicious meal. Members, plan to attend this dinner and bring a friend! Ceal has been on the sick list as have many of our members, with the flu. We wish all of our sick members good health soon.

Our member, Mary Cooke's husband, Edmund had surgery in January and we hope that Edmund is well on his way by now to a speedy recovery.

Members, please don't forget to keep open the date of Oct. 16th for the bus trip to Michigan for the Ohio-Michigan Regional Convention. Our State President, Evelyn Majercik is chartering a bus from Cleveland. Evelyn would appreciate having a full bus as we have many branches in Ohio. Let our Pres.

Anne Cooke know if you are planning to make the trip. It will be a one-day event.

Congratulations to Ann Rossman selected as a Woman of the Year representing the Slovene Society Home on Recher Ave. Ann enjoyed her big day on March 20th with her family and many friends who attended the affair. Ann wants to thank everyone for the many cards, gifts and good wishes she received. It is a day that she will never forget.

Congratulations to Ann and Raymond Deptola. Their son, Charles and wife, Joyce presented them with their first granddaughter, Lauren, on Dec. 20th. Lauren has twin brothers. Now Ann and Raymond have three grandsons and a granddaughter. Good health and happiness to all.

Firefighter husband of our Sophie Phillips died at the age of 84. Edward Phillips also is survived by three brothers. The funeral was at St. Christine's Church in Euclid here after he was brought home from their retirement home at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida where they lived about 30 years. He was an avid golfer and bowler and member of the KC's and Slovenian Club. Our sincere sympathy to Sophie and family.

Our sympathy to Betty Perme and her brother, Dominic Werknyak of Lawrenceville, Ga. Dominic and his wife, Anne, were in an auto accident and Anne died from the injuries she received.

Mary Drobnick and her sister, Sophie Phillips are extended our sympathy, too. Sophie's husband, Edward passed away. His remains were brought back to Cleveland from Florida where they lived. May our departed rest in peace.

Please attend our monthly meetings. Happy Mother's Day to all.

FRANCES OGOREUC



34, SOUDAN, MN

When our branch met for our monthly meeting on March 23rd, we did things a little differently, we had an afternoon meeting, which was well-attended. We did not know when our Lenten services would be held, so we had our meeting at one o'clock in the afternoon.

We were happy to have our member,

Aggie Yapel, of St. Paul, with us -- she had come up north to bring a load of things for her cabin on Lake Vermilion -- she beat the snowstorm that we had that afternoon. I'm sure all of us were glad we had concluded our afternoon meeting when the snow hit around 4:30.

We received a thank you for our donation to the MN Citizens Concerned for Life. Member Aggie Yapel is active in the organization in the Twin Cities and was happy to hear that we were supporting the cause. A donation was made to the Bishop Baraga Foundation also.

Plans for our Mother of the Year celebration on May 18th were to be made in April. Hostesses scheduled were Tory Bobence and Agnes Mesojedec, with the door prize brought by Frances Tanko.

We will be waiting to hear Tory Bobence's report on her Board of Director's meeting held in Joliet in March.

My sister, Emma Betourne, and I were hostesses for the March meeting. Emma made her delicious tuna salad, served with green colored finger sandwiches, which created a pretty place setting... hoping our spring would not be far away! Mary Gornick, our charter member, won the door prize which was brought by Lucille Svatos.

During the social hour, we had a games party with each member bringing a gift for the prizes and none other than our pastor, Fr. Pakiz, volunteered to call the numbers, interjecting his humor here and there. He also distributed copies of the Ave Maria magazine to us and was happy to hear that we say the opening prayers in Slovenian.

Helen Adkisson returned from a two week vacation to Texas, where she visited with her sister, Betty Spreitzer Murphy and shared fruit she brought back with some of us.

We remember our shut-ins, Helen Chiabotti, Anne Frazee, Angela Planton and Ann "Inky" Stefanich. We hope they are feeling better, also the many who had their bouts with the flu this winter.

We can only look for warmer, nicer weather after such a harsh winter, let's enjoy the spring!

ADELINE MUSTONEN,
Reporter



With sunny days and temperatures in the 40's most of our snow was gone and we thought Spring was here. Our Mother nature surprised us with 8 inches of snow on March 24th! At least we know it won't last too long!

On Fri. Feb. 25th, 59 youths (including Jr. members, Janelle Antilla, Courtney Kalar and Katie Martinetto) and their 15 chaperones from Embarrass, Aurora, Hoyt Lakes, Ely, and Duluth gathered at the Holy Rosary Youth Center and raised \$1,700 for the hungry while fasting for the 30 hour famine. They only drank liquids which they brought, along with a can of food for the food shelf.

They kept busy with projects such as checking donated jigsaw puzzles to make sure all the pieces were there (these were then given to Toys for Tots in Eveleth); also making centerpieces for the Ely Nursing Home and place mats for the Biwabik Senior Citizen's Center.

Before the fast ended on Sat. Feb. 26th, they all attended the 5 p.m. Mass at Queen of Peace Church in Hoyt Lakes celebrated by Fr. Peter Muhich. They returned to Holy Rosary Church Hall at 7 p.m. for a Pizza Party, feasting on 25 pizzas and that ended their fast.

Congratulations to each of you and a special thank you for thinking of those less fortunate. We are proud of you!!! And to Courtney Kalar who raised \$200 and to Katie Martinetto who had 26 pledges for \$161!!!

The Bulletin in the H.R. Youth Center has a quote, "Life is a bank account, you get out what you put in. Experience is the best interest."

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who took part in this worthwhile project!

Congratulations to Lindsey Antilla, Alyssa Hodnik, Nicholas Martinetto, Jennifer Menart (Eveleth) and Katherine Furry (of Lino Lakes, MN) who made their First Holy Communions this Spring. God Bless You!

Congratulations to Tony and Connie Menart who are the happy parents of another girl, Julia Marie born on March 3rd. Julia is enjoying a lot of tender loving care from her two sisters, Jennifer and Maria. (Yes, Julia will be a member of our branch!)

Marlys and Steven Rabb are enjoy-

*Take care of yourself,
whatever you do -
There aren't many people
as special as you!*

Wishes as warm as the springtime sun to our National Officers Marion Marolt, Carita Girman, Romaine Jablonski and Janet Maurin. They all were in our thoughts and prayers recently as they recover from serious illness. We hope to see their beautiful smiles at our various gatherings soon.

MARION MAROLT

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ROMAINE JABLONSKI

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Sheboygan, WI 53083

CARITA GIRMAN

Home: 7607 Blain Way
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ing "Tulip Time" in the Netherlands, while visiting their son, Jeffrey who works as a Dental Hygienist there. They also plan to visit London, Paris, Rome and relatives in Slovenia.

Prayers are with our members and their families who are ill, and for Helen Simonich and Mary Smolich's husband Rudy who had surgery. Take care.

Our sympathy is with Ann Royer who lost her brother Frank Berdice, and to all his family. May he rest in peace.

Brent Kalar has just returned home from Slovenia where he completed his studies at the University of Ljubljana. This Fall he will be attending Harvard University as a graduate student, working on his Doctorate of Philosophy.

Congratulations to Mike Potochnik's brother Joe, who celebrated his 100th birthday on March 26th!

To all the Mothers, Have a Happy Mother's Day!

ANNE ORAZEM

Another successful Luncheon/Bake Sale was held on St. Patrick's Day at the Slovenski Dom. Jennie Briski made the table centerpieces of lovely shamrocks and a bouquet of spring daffodils (a fund-raiser of the American Cancer Society), graced a table which was laden with freshly baked goodies. Members of Br. 38 who so willingly worked at the luncheon also sported "a bit of green" in keeping with the holiday. Thanks, Charlotte Laurich for the daffodils and Jenny for the shamrocks.

A delicious luncheon of Brunswick Stew was catered by our own Jennie Samsa, aided by Br. 38 members Florence Fryckman, Anne Polichnik, Frances Zalec, and Jo Zupancich. Serving the meal were: Charlotte Laurich, Ann McAlpine, Rose Sterle, and Gert Zakrajsek.

Marie Newman had charge of the dessert table and Ann Nusich and Rose Stonemark took care of the home-made bakery sales. And the cashier was Jennie Briski.

By the way, our pastor of St. Joseph's Church attended our luncheon sporting a green shirt and jacket - although Father Ronald Gagne's ancestry is questionable as far as being Irish!!

To sum it up -- we all had a wonderful time!

Our next meeting is Wed., May 4th, and we would like to see every member wearing a spring chapeau, like, maybe, a treasured hat which you wore for Easter a long time ago.

We will see all of you at our Mother's Day Brunch on May 1st at St. Joseph's Church Hall. Arrangements will be made at our April 6th meeting.

Two members of Br. 38 have been hospitalized recently and we pray for their complete and rapid recovery. Rosemary Tanko is at the Mesabi Regional Medical Center in Hibbing, and Mildred Bashel is recuperating at Heritage Manor in Chisholm.

Branch 38 wishes to extend sincere sympathy to Katherine Knuth whose mother passed away recently. May her soul rest in peace.

*SWU Crest indicates the
65th Anniversary of this
branch in 1994.*

Congratulations!



Officers wish to express their sincere appreciation to all members who contributed to the luncheon and bake sale, as well as those who worked. You were great!

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A group of 20 members attended the April 6th meeting of Br. 38. Our main business was concerning the Mother's Day brunch which will take place after the 10 o'clock mass on Sunday, May 1st. Mayme Pahula, our only living Charter Member, will be our honored Mother. She is 95 years of age! We are looking forward to having Mayme in our midst that day.

Committee reports were given relative to the successful luncheon and bake sale of March 17th. Thanks to all members who contributed, worked hard and attended!

On Mother's Day, May 8th, Frances Zalec and Jo Zupancic will present a carnation to each of our shut-in members. This is our annual custom.

Members with birthdays in April were Charlotte Laurich, Jennie Samsa and Katherine Knuth.

The traveling prize was won by Jennie Samsa. Prize drawings went to Charlotte Laurich, Rose Sterle, Lorraine Novak. Lunch committee for May 4th: Angie Nelson, Fran Techar and Fran Komidar.

Wishing Rose Ekar and Rosemary Tanko a speedy recovery!

ANN NUSICH

NO. 40, LORAIN, OH

I'm writing today as the sun is shining and it looks like spring is here at last!

On March 9th seventeen members came to our meeting. The president led us in prayer after which a delicious dessert was served by Angie Voytko, Agnes Mroske and Angie Zgonc. Thanks, girls!

Thanks also to all for the many prizes for our money-making project. I was the lucky one that won the door prize.

Agatha read us a list of various donations requested by the Heritage Museum. If you are interested call Agatha at 988-7768. Pres. Agnes also received a letter from Evelyn Majercik, our Regional President of Ohio reminding us that our State Convention will

DR. TEITLBAUM CARES FOR OUR CHILDREN



Mary Ann Ferlic Teitelbaum earned her doctor of philosophy degree from Kent State University on December 18, 1993, in counseling and personnel services education in school psychology from the Graduate School of Education. Her dissertation was "Ecological and Social Competence Correlates of Retention in Grade." She is a 1972 Southview High School valedictorian graduate. Dr. Teitelbaum received her B.Ed. in 1976 from the University of Toledo, Ohio, with a major in English education and a minor in Spanish. She received her M.Ed. in guidance and counseling from Cleveland State University in 1981 and her M.Ed. in school psychology from Kent State University in 1988. Dr. Teitelbaum is certified by the state of Ohio as a teacher, guidance counselor, and school psychologist. She is also a Licensed Practicing Counselor.

Dr. Teitelbaum taught high school English at Lorain Catholic High School. She left the field of education for several years and became a protective social worker and group home administrator. She returned to the

field of education as an elementary guidance counselor, creating intervention programs to address chemical dependency, divorce adjustment, social skills development, and children's bereavement. Dr. Teitelbaum has also conducted groups in her private practice designed to help survivors cope with incest and to help delinquent and abused and neglected children cope with placement in group home and institutional settings.

Presently, Dr. Teitelbaum is a school psychologist for Cleveland Public Schools, and she is also engaged in private practice. In the school setting, she provides psychological services to parents, preschool children, children in regular education, and children with low-incidence disabilities such as blindness and deafness. She continues to be actively involved in providing services to children in placement and families in crisis.

Mary Ann and her husband, Martin will be celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary. Their oldest son, Emmanuel is in the Honors Program at John Carroll University where he made the dean's list. Daniel, their younger son, was named a Most Valuable Player in his baseball league.

Mary Ann has been supported throughout her endeavors by her loving parents George and Mary (nee Mlach) Ferlic of Lorain, Ohio. Her mother, who was named Mother of the Year in 1986, has been an active member of Br. 40 along with both her daughters, Mrs. Joyce Ferlic Arredondo and Mary Ann.



be Sunday, Oct. 16th, 1994 at Detroit, Michigan. Although it is early now, we should try to see how many are interested in going so they can provide transportation for the one-day trip.

If you have not already done so, your contribution for the ZARJA celebration calendar should be sent in. Evelyn sends her personal regards to all for happy springtime holidays.

Our May dinner will be held at the German Villa. Come to the next meeting and help us set the date.

Congratulations to our Mary Evanish

who celebrated her 104th birthday on March 22nd!

Ken Pogachar, son of Sophie Pogachar, was selected as the "Coach of the Year" by the local basketball coaches and was honored as such by the Lorain Journal. An award was presented to him in recognition of a very successful basketball season just concluded. Ken coaches the Girls' Varsity Basketball team at Lorain Catholic High School. They ended the season with a record of 17-3. Congratulations!

Annette and Sam Sepatric are the

proud great grandparents of Sean Patrick Collins, born on St. Valentine's Day to Laura and James Collins.

Sister, Megan will be making her first Holy Communion on April 17th and her brother will be christened the same day at 1 p.m.

Best wishes to all.

Happy Mother's Day!

MARY MATOS

NO. 42, MAPLE HTS., OH

We had an excellent response to our "Bakeless" Bake Sale. Thanks to all the ladies!

At our March meeting, a meeting schedule change was made. It was decided to meet in February, April, June, September and November on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We will also have our special dates throughout the year, which includes the Mother of the Year Mass in May; the Grape Festival in October and the Christmas Party in December. Please make note of this change.

Mitzi Champa went to Atlantic City recently and Jeanne Legan spent a month in Florida with her sister in Pembroke Pines.

Jeanne Legan is looking forward to granddaughter Jennifer Weimer's graduation from Ohio University in June.

The Mother/Women of the Year Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 10th. We will meet in the vestibule at St. Wenceslas Church at 6:45 p.m. Please plan on attending.

Marge Church had the pleasure of meeting Milan Kucan, the President of Slovenia, at a reception that was held in his honor at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave., in Cleveland.

Donna Wilk had surgery in March and is doing well now. John Gruden, husband of Mary Kay and son of Josie Gruden had emergency surgery in March and is also doing A-OK now. Our best wishes to Donna and John and also to all our members who are ill.

The State Convention will be held in Michigan on October 16th. We understand that there will be a bus from Cleveland available. More details later on this.

Marge Church still has some cookbooks for sale. Contact her if you wish to purchase one or more.

A small reminder... please send in

A NEW COLUMN BEGINS THIS MONTH

Make yourself feel better!...

Alternative medicine has become very popular offering choices to *Make Yourself Feel Better*. Sometimes we overlooked the wise advice given to us by our parents.

My father often mentioned the health benefits of buckwheat flour, long before his death in 1964. He said it maintained elasticity of the blood vessels. We know now how important it is to keep the blood vessels as clean and pliable as possible. We also know that buckwheat contains a substance called "rutin" that helps to maintain good blood vessels.

So father was right when he had high regard for "Ajdove Žgance" and "Ajdove Štrukle". I often wonder now why I crave buckwheat pancakes which can be purchased in a prepared mix in several brands, or made with the light or dark buckwheat flour. It also has less calories than other flours.

Happy and healthy eating!

Angela Kuhar Nico
115 Portland Ave.
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A great lady, Angie Nico, former National Officer and member of Br. 89, Oglesby, Illinois loves to read about and keep tabs on home-cures, or the use of everyday products for better health. She's agree to share some of the things she knows about with us and we're delighted! If you have any suggestions for Angie to include about how you and your families stay in good health, Angie would love to hear from you and maybe include it in our new series!

your dues should you not have done so by now. Happy birthday to members with May birthdays:

Clara Hrovat, Dorothy Mehosky, Vida Shega, Samantha Thompson, Shawn Thompson, Dorothy Ponikvar, Mitzi Champa, Donna Wilk, Melinda Prhne and Angeline Zupanc.

Also Happy Birthday to members with June Birthdates: Mary Ann Filips, Dolores Lipnos, Ann Trattar, Robert Kastelic, Jennie Intihar, Betty Ann Kastelic, Sally Prhne and Katherine Gruden.

Please remember to send a card to our shut-in members. They really enjoy hearing from you.

DOROTHY MEHOSKY

NO. 43, MILWAUKEE, WI

It was a beautiful Spring day on March 23rd, our meeting day. We had 20 members in attendance. After a nice lunch served by the birthday girls, including Easter eggs and other goodies, we went on with the meeting.

Mother of the Year celebration was finalized. We will meet on May 18th at 12:30 p.m. at Old Country Buffet. Let's be there for our nice lady, Rose Vodnik, whom we will honor this year. Place has to be reserved for this occasion so please call us; we would like to know how many will attend.

Fran Widemsek and her husband will attend their nephew's wedding in Columbus, Ohio on May 14th. Have a nice trip and safe return.

Anne Zakrajsek was hospitalized in March.. Hope you feel better, Anne. We wish you a speedy recovery. Also, Br. 17th president and 1st National Auditor, Marion Marolt was hospitalized for a month at St. Luke's hospital and now resides in a Health Care facility. Marion, you are in our prayers and we hope your health will improve each and every day.

Happy birthday to all members who celebrated their birthdays in May and June. You are not getting older - you are getting better!

Warm welcome to our new members, Janice Gorsha and Milka Menchak who joined our branch in March and April. Janice is the daughter of our

late Mary Frankowski. Also, Sophie Grdadolnik, who joined our branch back in November, is extended a warm welcome. We love you, ladies, and are happy to have you. Let's keep our Zveza strong. We need more new members. Please ask your relatives and friends to join us in Br. 43!

One of our younger members will say "I do!" to her future husband, Manuel Zelarya. Kyle M. Kraemer and Manuel will be married on June 11th at St. John the Evangelist Church in Greenfield at 12:30 p.m. Her mother, Rose Lee Otto is our long-standing member as is her uncle, Richard Kraemer. Bride's late grandmother was our secretary, Rose Kraemer. Kyle joined the branch at birth, or... 26 years ago! Our best wishes to the newlyweds and congratulations to the parents, Uncle Richard and other relatives.

Welcome to our youngest member, Enea Emily E. Her proud grandma enrolled her. I saw them in church on Easter Sunday and she's a little cutie! Frances Sagadin became grandma for the 10th time. After 22 years and 8 boys in between, another little girl was born in Arizona to her son's family. Congratulations to Frances and family.

Greetings and well wishes to our sick and shut-in members. You are in our thoughts, always.

Our meetings take place every fourth Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you there.

Till next time: *Lep pozdrav in navidenje!*

MATILDA SIMCIC

NO. 50, EUCLID, OH

Dober Dan! We have been dominated here lately by various animals. First the sleepy old groundhog, then the tempestuous roaring lion, who should have been sent to the zoo, and thereafter, a lamb and bunny rabbit. All right already! Let's get on with the sun and showers which bring us all those beautiful flowers, the sweet sound of birds and "UGH" lawn mowers. Oh happy days. Spring has sprung!

As per usual, we have good news and not so good news. Our sick list consists of Mary Alice Primuth who was under observation, Ann Tomsick with a second knee surgery, Jean Tom-sic at the Wickliffe Country Place un-



Departed Members

- 1 - Antoinette Zore (90)
57-yr member
- 2 - Veronica Gorkis (92)
43-yr member
- Stephanie Osterman (82)
51-yr member
- Anna Zorko (91)
53-yr member
- 3 - Agnes Roitz (86)
60-yr member
- 10 - Mary Camloh (94)
52-yr member
- 12 - Angeline Pipan (101)
63-yr member
- 13 - Kathryn Mahar (79)
50-yr member
- Merver Mary (85)
39-yr member
- 19 - Albina Mihelich (75)
55-yr member
- 25 - Rose Chandek (80)
26-yr member
- Stella Dancull (87)
43-yr member
- Jennie Lunder (89)
43-yr member
- Theresa Novsak (83)
51-yr member
- 32 - Kathryn Majcen (80)
54-yr member
- 47 - Victoria Hocesvar (70)
55-yr member
- 63 - Marie Jersin (69)
27-yr member
- 73 - Frances Kainec (84)
44-yr member
- 90 - Ann Pantner (81)
46-yr member
- 95 - Louise Dichele (84)
42-yr member

dergoing therapy and the same for Mary Budas at Western Reserve nursing home. Helen Bonac and Vera Sebenik both had Cataract eye surgery. A speedy recovery is wished for all.

It fills us with sadness to have Eleanor Femec lost to us. She died March 23, 1994, following her husband, Charles who died suddenly a couple months ago. As was stated, a beautiful life has come to an end, one we will never forget. Another sad loss was Jean Krizman's sister in law, Katherine, the wife of Jean's brother Fred, the aunt of Corinne Leskovar, our editor of ZARJA, who made the trip of respect with her daughter from Chicago. Our condolences go to all concerned.

We can announce two applications for scholarship, one by Donna Bischof and the other by Mellissa Somrack. Good luck to both. May the winner prove her worth.

Birthday cards were sent to our out of town members. We hope to send you many more with a few visits to us in between.

We must congratulate the following sister members, Mary Blatnic, Frances Kajfez, and Josephine Wutthiett plus their sister in law, Evelyn Pipoly all elected to the Board of Trustees at the Collinwood Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue. Also, congratulations are in order for Tony Petkovsek, our Slovenian radio personality, who is now a part owner of radio station WELW, Willoughby, Ohio. Best wishes to all the above.

A geneology research program was suggested by Helen Petcha which was held by the Slovenian American National Art Guild of Euclid on Sunday, April 17th at the Slovenian Home on Recher Ave., in Euclid. I hope you had a chance to attend. Go for it! Geneology is not all trees and branches! Who we are, where everyone came from, and whatever surprises from these unfold can be a fascinating revelation and presumed good, but not always. Skeletons in closets can suddenly emerge. Also, we must remember the Garden of Eden was not where we are. Everyone is related. Ethnic cleansing is absurd.

We give special thanks to Florence Unetic for delivering a concise report on the Republic of Slovenia's recent history which earned its present independence peacefully. Previously established multi-Yugo ethnic military bases

among three borders saved Slovenia from a blood bath since it was targeted as the initial point to subdue separation plans from Yugoslavia. As a result, a new and promising parliamentary democracy has been established where the 100% literate citizenry can control their own affairs and destiny. We wish the new country a prominent place in our world.

As a reminder, if you haven't visited the Croatian Heritage Museum, located at Lake Shore Blvd. and Route 91 in Eastlake, Ohio, you are missing a fine collection of Croatian Folk Dress and Textiles. The public is invited and the exhibit will run thru June 30th. The hours are from 7 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 to 5 p.m. on Sundays. It is free, the telephone number is (216) 442-0231.

Now to get to some business-to-be. Our next meeting will be on May 18th where we will decide our picnic plans and even, perhaps, more of our Christmas dinner which will be again at the same place, Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue.

Remember before the May meeting, on Thursday, May 12th, we will celebrate the Mother of the Year occasion, the honor being bestowed on our dear member Stella Kopore, it will take place at Sterle's Slovenian Country House at E. 55th Street, South of St. Clair Avenue. Call our President Ann Tereck if you will attend. Her number is (216) 261-3615.

By the way Ladies, this is a reminder to pay your dues because at the May meeting we will draw the lucky winner of free dues.

On Memorial/Decoration Day, don't forget to remember.

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MAY "MARIJA POMAGAJ" BLESS US!

This month, in your prayers and as you attend Marian devotions in your churches, you will be undoubtedly be thinking of the picture of Marija Pomagaj we have depicted in the ZARJA Anniversary Calendar. Let it be a reminder that the Blessed Mother is blessing us in many ways, and not forget that one of them is Her guidance in our everyday family life.

Zveza, too, is a family, one which we all have, by our membership, committed to serve in one way or another. Some of us are officers and deal with many programs and events that keep our organization active. Some of us are members who are not too active, but still comprise a major part of our family - by keeping "the faith" and our sisterhood alive wherever you are.

The comments we are receiving with your contributions for the Calendar are most heartwarming. As we face a future of increased costs in publishing ZARJA, this is the time you can act on your commitment and help us with financial support. Please think of this as you enjoy May and the Calendar months ahead.

C.L.

CALENDAR DONATIONS FROM MAR. 15 to APR. 15, 1994

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<p style="text-align: center;">Br. 2. Chicago, IL</p> <p>Lauretig, Mary* Nauheimer, Dolores Seme, Marina Siebert, Lillian</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Br. 20. Joliet, IL</p> <p>Anzele, Mary*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Br. 50. Cleveland, OH</p> <p>Castrovince, Nanci Golobic, Wanda Skebe, Anna Turk, Antoinette Vidmar, Bertha</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Br. 3. Pueblo, CO</p> <p>Schneider, Dr. Sandra*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Br. 25. Cleveland, OH</p> <p>Mills, Marcie</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Br. 74. Ambridge, PA</p> <p>Sylvester, Frances*</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Br. 16. So. Chicago, IL</p> <p>Enhat, Mary Therese Milanovich, Helen Rossi, Dorothy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Br. 38. Chisholm, MN</p> <p>Arko, Ann</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Br. 42. Maple Hts., OH</p> <p>Church, Marge</p>

*Denotes contribution of more than \$10 - thank you!

- The Calendar is just beautiful. I am glad to see and read about Slovenian artists.
- Beautiful! Thank you for connecting me with my roots.
- The calendar is beautiful - thank you for sending it to me.
- Would enjoy a calendar with scenes of Slovenia - all the various regions.
- Enjoy your magazine. Keep it coming.
- Zelo je lep. Lepe slike!
- At our last meeting we collected from the members with what they felt they could afford.
- Compliments to a great job on the paintings on the calendars to members and friends.
- I'm glad I'm a member. Love the Dawn. Sorry I'm late.
- Very nice but I can't afford \$10. Hope \$5 can help.
- Beautiful calendar. It's worth it.
- It's proudly hanging in my kitchen and enjoy sharing with my children - one more aspect of our heritage!

Slovenian Women Unsurpassed Campaign

April 1, 1993 to April 1, 1994

The 25 branches participating were:

20, Joliet, IL	55	71, Strabane, PA	3	13, San Francisco, CA	1
30, Home Office	16	73, Warrensville, Hts, OH	3	26, Pittsburgh, PA	1
24, LaSalle, IL	14	103, Washington, D.C.	3	35, Aurora, MN	1
14, Euclid, OH	8	3, Pubelo, CO	2	42, Maple Heights, OH	1
2, Chicago, IL	5	5, Indianapolis, IN	2	55, Girard, OH	1
39, Biwabik, MN	5	12, Milwaukee, WI	2	100, Fontana, CA	1
43, Milwaukee, WI	5	23, Ely, MN	2	105, Detroit, MI	1
50, Cleveland, OH	5	33, Duluth, MN	2		
16, South Chicago, IL	4	79, Enumclaw, WA	2		

Sixty-five individuals enrolled a total of 145 members:

Irene Odorizzi (103)	16	Virginia Nemeth (73)	2	Mary Ann Brunner (24)	1
Jonita Ruth (20)	13	Anna Anderson (79)	2	Anne Wangler (24)	1
Patricia Figurowski (20)	10	Nika Kovacic (103)	2	Mary Slaney (26)	1
Diane Varney (14)	8	Deborah Jerry (2)	1	Mary Malone (30)	1
Josephine Grabowski (24)	7	Corinne Leskovar (2)	1	Sharon Bucar (33)	1
Theresa Papesch (20)	6	Susan Nusko (2)	1	Josie Rutkowski (33)	1
Jean Korsman (39)	4	Dolores Pubek (2)	1	Anna Hodnik (35)	1
Matilda Simcic (43)	4	Mary Reich (2)	1	Jane Purkatt (39)	1
Olga Ancel (20)	3	Phyllis Fon (5)	1	Marjorie Church (42)	1
Charlene Kobe (20)	3	Sue Ann Yovanovich (5)	1	Shirley Schulte (43)	1
Betty Stack (24)	3	Sonja Stimach (13)	1	Donna Bischof (50)	1
Frances Simonich (3)	2	Margaret Prebil (16)	1	Cecilia Dolgan (50)	1
Mary Dezman (12)	2	Mary Rago (16)	1	Jane Somrack (50)	1
Dorothy Rossi (16)	2	Michalene Ferguson (20)	1	Beatrice Tome (50)	1
Agnes Dobczyk (20)	2	Linda Grisham (20)	1	Barbara Zgonc (50)	1
Bernadine Gudac (20)	2	Lee Ann Johnson (20)	1	Virginia Bestic (55)	1
Lorraine Hrubos (20)	2	Marcia Judnick (20)	1	Margaret Stunic (71)	1
Josephine Lustik (20)	2	Frances Kodrich (20)	1	Alouise Epley (73)	1
June Muren (20)	2	Eleanore LaFontaine (20)	1	Rosemary Mlakar (100)	1
Virginia Ivacich (23)	2	Helen Minnick (20)	1	Mary Mejac (103)	1
Frances Ficek (24)	2	Darla Tomac (20)	1	Marie Dye (105)	1
Sophia Kern (71)	2	Cecilia Wolf (20)	1		

Of the 145 members 29 were enrolled in Class A including 2 Junior transferees, 65 in Class B including 17 transferees and 51 Juniors. Cash awards totaling \$184.50 were sent via the presidents or secretaries to the 65 campaigners. Our sincerest "thank you" to all the workers who are concerned with Zveza's membership and future. We look forward to seeing your name as a campaigner in the *next* campaign known as "San Francisco Welcomes Us.!"

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NO. 52, KITZVILLE, MN

Our first meeting of 1994 was called to order by president, Rose Trombly with 13 members present. Opening prayer by the president. As usual, the weather man didn't cooperate - for many members to venture out at night is dangerous.

Since we didn't have election because the annual meeting and Christmas party was cancelled due to bad weather, the following were elected at this meeting: President Rose Trombly, Vice President Julia Mancuso, Treasurer Jennie Crea, Recording Secretary Dorothy Russo, ZARJA Reporter Millie Barbato, Auditors, Anne Mansfield, Alice Baratto and Margaret Andrican, Calling Committee, Rose Trombly, Thresa Montcalm and Alice Baratto. Postponed party will be in May.

Reminder that our branch will host Minn. Zveza Days Sept. 11th and there will be more details in the next few months.

Our greetings to all members who are ill. We wish you a speedy recovery.

Hostesses were Lu Strom, Margaret Andrican and Josephine Yeshe. Winners in cards were: Smear, Dorothy Russo, Florence Techar, Carmella Bonazza and Theresa Montcalm. Bridge, Julia Mancuso, Millie Barbato, Door Prize, Alice Baratto.

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April meeting was called to order by president, Rose Trombly with 9 members present. Meeting opened with a prayer after which the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Reminder: Dues for 1994 can be mailed to Mrs. Dominic (Jennie) Crea. We will have our postponed Christmas Party on May 11 at the Elks Club. Guests are welcome. For reservations, call Rose Trombly.

Very brief meeting. Next meeting is May 4th. No meetings in June, July and August.

Hope you all had a nice Easter with family and friends. Happy Mother's Day to all, to members who don't have children we send congratulations, also.

Let's try to visit our members residing in health centers and who are homebound. Enjoy your summer.

Hostesses were Rose Trombly, Shirley Oberstar and Gail Carlson. Door

prize: Jennie Crea, Smear, Dorothy Russo, Rose Trombly, Carmella Bonazza and Millie Barbato.

Mark your calendars for May 4th, May 11th and for Minn. Zveza Day in Hibbing on Sept. 11th.

MILLIE BARBATO

NO. 54, WARREN, OH

Happy Mother's Day to all!

May we all have good health and God's blessing.

We are honoring all our members for the annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon on May 18th at 1 o'clock at the Elks, Rt. 422. We are hoping to have entertainment and we always have an enjoyable afternoon. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 21st at noon. Those of you in arrears with dues, Pay Up!

We are leaving for Alabama this week to see our son and family. Their home was destroyed by a horrible fire and they are still living in an apartment. They have done well coping with the nightmare that fire brings. My husband and I will also travel to South Carolina to visit our daughter, Pat. Hopefully, the azaleas will be in bloom and we can enjoy the beautiful gifts of nature.

My husband's cousin, Josephine, from Slovenia, is visiting in Toronto, Canada and when we get back from the south, we shall head for Toronto to see her for our first meeting. I hope I can still speak Slovenian a little - having no practice - as she speaks very little English.

Get well wishes to all those ailing and Blessed Mother's Day to all, especially to Helen Kohli, Mayme Sporich and Angela Kaferle. You are in our prayers always.

JOANNE PONIKVAR

NO. 55, GIRARD, OH

May 1994

Spring is here! Hope all of you had a wonderful Easter! Please mark Wednesday, May 18, 1994 on your calendars. We will be having our May meeting at Little Peppino's in Girard, at 5:30 p.m. We hope to see all of you at the banquet. I'm sure all of us will have LOTS of news to share.

The Girard High School Ski Club travelled to Peek-n-Peak twice this season. We had a terrific time on the slopes, especially, yours truly, Dori...

I invested in a pair of skis this year because it looks like skiing will be part of my future. I was especially happy that the skis I purchased were made in Slovenia!

The Ursuline High School boys basketball team won the Division III State Championship in Columbus, on March 26, 1994. Congratulations to Coach Mitch Cerny and the team who captured the first state title ever for the school! My niece Andrea, nephew Mark and my brother-in-law Gus travelled to Columbus to cheer them on.

Our May birthdays include: Mary Macek, Virginia Rostan, Andrea Selak (Sweet 16), Anka Kregar, Frances Lukz and Dori Kregar.

Please remember in your prayers, Lena Modic, who passed away in March. May God grant her eternal life.

Our family attended the play, "Deseti Brat" in Collinwood, Ohio. The Slovenian drama society "Toronto" from Canada gave a superb performance.

Now, here's an interesting fact for you Slovenian buffs: The Šmarna Gora mountain is a beautiful mountain about 1/2 mile from my father's hometown of Šentvid. The mountain is 669 m. or 2,194 ft. high. Many people climb this beautiful mountain every day. There's an interesting saying that is quite appropriate for travellers: "Šmarna Gora ni nora; samo tist' je 'nor' ki gre gor." When I visited Slovenia with my father in 1989, we started up this mountain very early in the morning, it took us about 1/2 hour to reach the top, at which time we had tea and fresh baked pretzels. We also visited the church and the bell tower. Oh, before I forget, on the way up, there is a bell that single people are supposed to ring. According to the legend of Šmarna Gora, ringing this bell and making a wish will help single people find their true love! Now, who said that Slovenian people aren't romantic??

That's all for this month. Thought for the Month of May: "*First love yourself, and then you can love me.*"

St. Bernard of Clairvaux.

Nasvidenje,

DORI KREGAR





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Harriet Ewinski,

Ely, MN

(Note: Tory Bobence had her husband deliver a cookbook to Ms. Ewinski in person!)

After reading "From the Editor" column I went to read the Calendar (did not read it before) and it sure has a lot of interesting information. The pictures are very nice, too. A lot of hard work put into all of it.

Alouise Epley

Br. 73, No. Randall, OH

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NO. 56, HIBBING, MN

Meeting was held on March 1st at the First Ave. Apt. at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call was read and all members present. The meeting was mainly about the State Convention which will be held in Hibbing at St. Leo's Parish on September 11th, 1994.

A donation of nonperishable foods for the food basket raffle at the convention was asked by the members. Three more cookbooks were sold.

March birthdays were recognized. Jackpot was won by Mary Masich. April lunch committee was selected: Ann Satovich, Fran Tobey and Agnes Barkis. Winners of games as follows: Jennie Sator, Bunko, Elizabeth Spolar, 500 and Ann Satovich, Cannasta.

No further business - meeting closed with prayers.

Sincerely submitted by,

EDITH JONES

NO. 57, NILES, OH

Our meeting was opened with a prayer after having a delightful lunch. We had a nice turnout of 15 members present.

Our Mother of the Year, Mimi Shirkman made lovely crocheted shamrocks for the occasion of St. Patrick's Day for each member present. She is one of our very talented members as we have many in our group with talent.

Not too many of our members have been traveling since we had such cold and wintery weather. But, one of our members, Patty Rusk and her husband drove to California to visit her husband's family for two weeks. They were able to get away from the cold weather. Hopefully, spring is not far away!

Elizabeth Havaich and Helen Misel were our hostesses for March. Birthdays celebrated in March were Carol Abdolla, Patricia Rusk and Nancy Lambert, but we were sorry to say none of the birthday girls were here. Hostess for the April meeting were selected: Frances Yerman and Ann Dzeda.

Wishes to all for happy holidays this spring and hope to see you at the next meeting.

FRANCES STANEC

NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE, OH

Happy Mother's Day. Let's hope that the day is filled with sunshine, so that everyone can enjoy their travels and visits to see the V.I.P. in their life.

Judy Tintera will celebrate the day as a brand new great grandmother. What greater joy can anyone ask for! We appreciated and enjoyed the pictures of the new arrival at our last meeting.

SYMPATHY: To Helen Kenik whose sister, Lottie Varkett, passed away in January (Helen's sister-in-law, Frances Kenik passed away in December, as mentioned in ZARJA). Our prayers are with you, Helen.

Josephine Nowak has taken up residence in an assisted-living facility. Her daughter (Gloria Dusek) reports that she is adjusting to the new surroundings. The family rests a little easier knowing that she is well-taken care of. Theresa Ferfolia (formerly of Branch 15) is in residence at Light of Hearts Villa. We wish both of these lovely ladies good luck and good health.

No ZARJA publication in June. Please keep us posted on your comings-goings throughout the summer. We are always glad to have news for our report. We will let you know if we plan a summer get-together.

Have a happy and safe summer that lies just ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN A. MAJERCIK

NO. 81, KEEWATIN, MN

Our meeting was held on Wed. Mar. 23rd with Pres. J. Kapla presiding.

Special prayers were recited for all departed sisters.

We received a small refund from the National Office according to membership standings in 1993.

A discussion was held in regard to our Annual Mother's Day breakfast. It will be held tentatively at Sylvia's Cafe - attending the 8:30 a.m. Mass in a 'body'.

Greetings were received from Anka Jackovich in a Sauk Centre Home, via several members who recently visited her. She will be 94 years on May 18th.

Another member, Ann General Prebeck resides at Hibbing-Leisure Hills.

Our President Josie K. recently returned from a month vacation in Hawaii.

TONI D., Reporter

NO. 85, DEPUE, IL

Spring is in the air but it sure doesn't feel like it. We have had so much changeable weather that we will all be glad when the weather gets better. We haven't had any meetings recently but hopefully will do so before too long.

Navy Seaman Recruit Jason L. Barto, son of Joseph and Jackie Barto and grandson of Connie and Frank Benkse, recently completed basic training at Orlando, Florida. He will now be attending school at Great Lakes, Ill. We wish him much success in the future.

Pearl Drennan is recuperating at home after having knee surgery. Frank Benkse recently returned home after being in the hospital for some time. We hope both will be feeling better soon.

Jordan Hultini and Allison DeBord will making their First Holy Communion this spring. They are the grandchildren of Ann DeBord and the great niece and nephew of Muriel Jermenc and yours truly. Barry and Emily DeBord made the high honors list. We are all very proud of these young people and are looking forward to their future successes.

Pretty soon we will get into our flower beds and gardens, so good luck to all of you gardeners!

My best to everyone for Happy Mother's Day and happy springtime. God bless.

MARY JERMENC

NO. 89, OGLESBY, IL

March 14th found 12 members of our branch on hand to discuss the preliminary plans for the Ill.-Ind. Regional Convention which we will host on Oct. 4th, 1994. Members were going to vote on ideas for the convention at the April meeting.

Thought you'd like to know what's going on:

Grandmothers all aglow: Helen Komater's grandsons, Adam and Christopher won a trophy in Bowling.

Catherine Golick received word that her great grandson received the sacrament of Confirmation. Anne Batty was happy to report her son-in-law, M. Dooley has been promoted to Vice President at the bank. Mary Stubler, Angie Nico and Marilyn Argubright served as judges at the election on March 15th. Mitzi Banich and her family spent a short vacation in Florida recently. Rose Ann Prey and Jo Morrison were very proud when their granddaughter, Vanessa Morrison won an essay which was sponsored by the K of C #7801 of Oglesby. The subject was "Pride in America's Past and Confidence in its Future". Her essay has gone on to further competition. Helen Komater showed us snapshots of her great grandson, Brandon Rehn, born Dec. 21st, 1993. Marilyn Argubright had lovely snaps of her granddaughter, Ellen Frances Wiley.

Rose Ann Prey received word that her son, William A. Prey of San Diego, Calif, a construction engineer for the Metropolitan Transit Development Board of California and his company are involved with a plan for a regional light rail system to link downtown San Diego with outlying areas.

Recently he addressed the American Society of Civil Engineers on several projects which are a part of the overall plan. Branch 89 members wish him all the luck in the world in all of his future ventures.

Rose Kellett and Eunice Komater served on the committee. Door prize was won by Marilyn Argubright.

EUNICE KOMATER

NO. 95, SOUTH CHICAGO, IL

Our number was small due to other activities on our meeting night. Vice President, Ann Yosue ably chaired the group in place of President, Millie James. Dolores Hennesly also deserted us for the sunshine state! Our Secretary, Frances Benkovich had additional heart surgery. Our best to Fran!

Books were audited by Manda Dosen and Mary A. Perkovich who lauded Treasurer, Marge Krmpotic on her fine bookkeeping! Lo and Behold! Who has moved back to her beloved South Chicago but Sophie Barbich! She is with her daughter, Violet.

Prayers were said for our recently deceased members! 39 year member,

Mary Plesha and her son-in-law, Matthew Zec were killed in a horrible accident that happened in Sun City, Arizona in January. God spared his wife, Mary's daughter, Helen, to continue her work in Medjugorje.

Another long-time member of 49 years, Louise Dichele passed away in March., "A tireless fund-raiser and officer of our branch, Louise was also very active in the Sacred Heart church and school building committee," said Marge Krmpotic. "She was a gracious lady!"

Regina Buchanan, a well-known member of 26 years, also died in March.

Our sympathy to Marge O'Connor and Mary Jurko on the deaths of their husbands. Also, to Ann Sertich on the demise of her brother-in-law.

Our hearts go out to member, Mary Toporis, whose mother, Helen Pesut died in her sleep on the day of our April meeting.

Thanks to Ann Yosue, Frances Benkovich and Helen Santy for their successful yearly raffle, netting the branch 645 dollars.

Split-The-Pot Winners were Marge Krmpotic, Eleanor Bandera and Yours Truly. Other winners were Ann Cikulin, Helen Price, Evelyn Driscoll, Marge Niksich and Ann Yosue.

Hostesses were Marge Krmpotic, Ann Yosue, Bernice Morrison and Yours Truly assisted by Marge Niksich and Helen Santy.

Our thanks to Maria Kompare for her lovely note on family news along with her contribution for our raffle.

MARIE MARAS

NO. 102, WILLARD, WI

Greetings, everyone! What a surprise to have had such nice weather for March up here in the north woods! Sure hope April won't turn the tables on us! It's a joy to see the warm sun and longer days.

How interesting to read the special articles regarding our "First Lady of Zveza", Marie Priland. She certainly deserves a lot of credit for all her accomplishments. We are very proud of her.

I'm happy to report our Bake Sale was quite successful. Thanks, ladies. Just received word that Ann Boh has hospitalized recently. We pray she will return to good health again soon.

Our sincere condolences to the Bayuk family on the death of their sister, Verna Hollman, who died in Montana where she was staying with her daughter and son-in-law. Verna spent the last few years in the Willard-Greenwood area, staying with family members.

We are quite occupied with preparations of moving soon. We will be leaving our country home for a much smaller place in the nearby city of Greenwood, leaving here by the end of May.

A pleasant spring to all.

MARY STAUT

NO. 103, WASHINGTON, D.C.

We've experienced the most severe winter here in the Washington, D.C. area, and one of the longest winter we've had in a long time. The snow and cold weather were tolerable, but the ice was a real hazard. However, we were certainly blessed since other locales suffered much more than we did. We enjoyed a very beautiful day for our meeting on Sunday, March 6. We had a good attendance, and a very productive, but short, meeting. We discussed our future activities, and Molly Thomas presented a report on the Heritage meeting she had attended. Thank you, Molly, for keeping us informed.

At this point, "happy birthday" was sung for Mary Bodeling and Tillie Ausich who share the same birthday on March 11. Everyone's kind wishes were indeed appreciated.

We were saddened to learn that Jane Bevec's sister in Cleveland had passed away. Our sympathies are extended to Jane and her family. Our prayers and best wishes are also extended to Ivanka Antolin who had recent surgery.

We enjoyed refreshments served by Nika Kovacic, Marie Robinson, and Tillie Ausich. This gave us all ample time to enjoy visiting and discussing a variety of subjects.

We hope everyone enjoyed a happy Easter! Let's hope we can now look forward to a beautiful spring. Best wishes to all.

TILLIE AUSICH,
Rec. Secretary

Mamica je kakor Zanja. jutraj se smehlja.

poje stara slovenska pesem, ki hoče povedati, da je mati tisti zaklad, ki naredi življenje svetlo, lepo, polno nežnosti in dobrote. Mati je tista, ki poklanja življenje, ga plemeniti in obenem najbolj razume. Materino srce je tisto, ki prenese še tako veliko žalost, je sposobno posredovati ljubezen v največji meri in razumevanje ter upanje tam, kjer se zdi, da je vse izgubljeno in da nas nihče več ne razume.

Mati je tista, ki posreduje upanje in hrepenenje, ki tolaži ter prinaša svežino v naš vsakdan in kadar zamrejo njene oči, tedaj je vse temno in prazno, kakor pravi pisatelj, tedaj se razgubi svežina jutranje zarje in razblini hrepeneče upanje, da nas ima nekdo zastonjsko, brezpogojno rad.



Mamica je kakor Zanja. jutraj se smehlja.

poje stara slovenska pesem in upam, da je naša revija ZARJA vsaj majhen del te zarje, ki tudi želi prinašati vsem vam materinsko upanje, upanje matere, da bodo njeni otroci in rodovi za njo še vedno spoštovali njene vrednote, jih gojili in jim dali pravo mesto.

ZARJA nas je povezovala skozi leta nastajanja, v letih naših največjih uspehov nas je obveščala, s ponosom pripovedovala o naših dosežkih in tudi v letih žalosti, v letih, ko smo se s težkim pridihom spominjali naše boleče preteklosti, je bila ZARJA z nami. ZARJA nam je dajala upanje, budila nov zagon in klicala k novim podvigom. Zato ji lahko danes rečemo, da ZARJA, vedno si bila kakor mamica, ki nam poklanja nežen nasmeh nežnost, miline in ljubezni.

Ko boste za materinski dan izrekli priznanje svojim materam, se jim zahvalili, molili zanje, naj v vas vstane tudi tiha prošnja za vse tiste matere, ki so preko ZARJE poklanjale svojo energijo, ljubezen in skrb nam in bodočim rodovom.



Mati ziblje, lepo poje

Mati ziblje, lepo poje,
dete milo se smehlja,
še ne ve za tuge svoje
ne za žalosti sveta.

Mati umrje, zlata mamica
milo joče deklica,
po širokem svetu sama
se ozira Milica.

Le za mamu srce bije
mamo išče le oko,
mami le ljubezen klije
mamo usta kličejo r

Tam na grobu ji venec dene
žlahtnih rozič, lep cvetoč,
z vencem deklica povene
nju zdaj nič ne loči več.

DO P I S I

ŠT. 10, CLEVELAND, OH

Pred kratkim sem čitala v enem časopisu vseh vrst novic. Pisec se sprašuje, kdo je svetnik. Po mojem je svetnik vsak veliki dobrotnik in katoličan. Poleg tega je svetnik tudi tisti, ki je med vojno veliko pomagal v domovini. Sedaj se imajo v domovini veliko bolje kot mi, ker imajo drugačen sistem in so navajeni varčevati. Imajo drugačne navade. Ko pridemo domov, nam postrežejo, vse znajo obrniti na dobro, tudi če gre včasih njim v škodo. Kljub temu znajo pokazati, da so dobri do vsakega tujca. So kakor Beneška kraljica Vida. O njej vam bom povedala, čeprav je preteklo že več stoletij. Ko je drvel po Evropi Atila, ki je

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Varujte se premastne hrane, prave kave in kajenja. Uživate veliko korenja, rib in zelenjave.

CIRILA



Slovenski motiv ob prireditvi Korotanovega koncerta, 1. 1993, v dvorani sv. Vida, Cleveland, Ohio. Motiv je napravila Zdenka Zarkajšek s pomočjo Maruše Pogačnik. Slikal Stefan Vesel.

Letos ima Korotan koncert 14. maja v dvorani sv. Vida.

pobijal in trošil gorje po Evropi; pred kraljico Vido prijaše Ahilov sel in zahteva naj se Vida preda, "sicer ti bo glavico vzel in narod tvoj bo poginil od glada." Kraljica pa mu je odgovorila: "Gladu in pesjanov se jaz ne bojim, tu vzemi za dar še en meh žita in pojdi nazaj, saj tvoja vojska ni sita. Kolikor zrn hrani ta meh, toliko vreč žita imamo, zato se ne bojimo, da bi naš narod umrl od glada." Ko sel se vrne nazaj h kralju Atilu, prestraši se kralj in zemlja trepeče in se tres, vendar to ni potres, to so kopita konj hunskih. Tako je kraljica rešila svoj narod pred

strašnimi Turki. Turškemu slu pa je dala v resnici zadnjo vrečo žita.

Upam, da ste lepo praznovali velikonočne praznike, želim vsem, da bi Vstali Zveličar prinesel novega zdravlja in vstajenjskega upanja v vaše domove.

Kmalu bo potrkala pomlad z vso silo na vrata in tedaj bomo spet na vrtu in okrog hiše.

Bodite lepo pozdravljene.

Vsem, ki ste izgubile svoje drage, pa v imenu vseh naših članic, naše podružnice, iskreno in globoko sožalje.

TEREZIJA FERRACCIOLI

BARAGA



Začetki Katoliške Cerkve v Ameriki

FRANC JAKLIČ

VII. BARAGA V L'ANSU

ZAČASNO V L'ANSU. POTEK ZA STALNO

(Pomladi in jeseni 1843)

Da je položaj Indijancev dobro pogodil in jim s skupnim naseljem mnogo pomagal, je pokazala prihodnost. Seveda so ga žganjetrzi in drugi zlomiselnih belokožci zato še bolj sovražili, ker jim je iztrgal velik del plena. – Po njegovem zgledu so tudi protestantje-metodisti v L'Ansu postavili podobno indijansko redukcijo.

Neutegoma je šel na delo. Najprej je hotel kot središče katoliške naselbine imeti dovolj veliko cerkev. Od podružnice Ameriške družbe za nakupovanje kož je kupil za 40 dolarjev prazno skladišče, 22 m dolgo in 6 m široko. Družba mu ga je prepeljala na zahodno stran zaliva, na grič blizu obale, in predelala v cerkev. Postavila je tudi zvonik. Zvon je kupil Gotté. Družba je na griču pri cerkvi napravila tudi stanovanje za Barago. Iz svoje sobe je imel lep, širen razgled po jezeru. Stroške za cerkev je kmalu plačal.

Dne 29. septembra je cerkev kar najbolj svečano posvetil na čast Jezusovemu Imenu. "Moj Jezus, tvojemu Imenu v čast sem postavil to hišo: ta misel je mojemu srcu vlivala neizmerno veselje. Cerkev je sicer majhna in lesena, pa bolj sveta, kakor je bil Salomonov tempelj, saj jo posvečuje s svojo resnično

pričujočnostjo On, ki ga nebesa in zemlja ne moreta obseči. On, čigar prvo stanovanje na zemlji so bile jasli, ne zaničuje ubožne hišice." Tako je 4. oktobra pisal na Dunaj. Veseli ga, da se bo v tej cerkvi Jezusovega Imena še prav posebno izpolnjevala Jezusova obljuba: "Ako boste Očeta kaj prosili v mojem imenu, vam bo dal."

Nato je od vlade kupil med gričem, na katerem je stala cerkev, ni med obalo precèj zemlje, jo razdelil v parcele in nanje postavil v lepi vrsti enodružinske prtilične hiše, lesene, v več prostorov razdeljene, z ognjiščem iz kamna ali iz opeke. Hiše se niso držale druga druge; vsaka je stala zase, kakšnih 200 m od zaliva, proti kateremu se svet polagoma niža. Na ta prostor pred hišami so Indijanci lahko potegnili svoje čolne z jezera; tukaj so sušili ribe, ženske so prale in sušile obleko. Hiše so imele tla iz desk, kar je bilo za Indijance nekaj nenavadnega. Pokrite so bile s ukodlami (deščicami). Baraga je pri vseh tesarskih in mizarskih delih z lastno roko pridno pomagal. Prebivalcem teh hiš je kupil tudi najpotrebnejše pohištvo, ki ga poprej skoraj poznali niso. Kupil jim je tudi peč za kuho, nekaj živil in obleke, nekaj poljskega in gozdarskega orodja. Redukcija je štela prvo leto kakšnih 20 hiš, o. Škola jih je pa leta 1850 naštel že 42. Sleherma družina je dobila tudi 30 akrov (12 hektarjev) gozda, da ga poseka in iztrebi, zemljišče ogradi s plotom in obdela. V redukciji sta stali tudi šola in prodajalna.

Baraga tega svojega dela ni obešal na veliki zvon; o njem zvemo iz drugih virov.

Krščanske Indijance je odtegnil vplivu poganstva, gozdov in žganjetrčcev. Najel jim je za tri leta nekaj poljedelcev, da so jih učili kmetovanja. Vendar jih za obdelovanje zemije ni mogel dosti navdušiti. Kakor drugod, tako so se Indijanci tudi v Baragovi redukciji rajši oprijeli mizarstva, tesarstva, kovaštva in ključavničarstva. Tudi so hodili sekati gozde.

S temi stavbami se je Baraga zelo zadolžil. Denar mu je posodila tamkajšnja podružnica za nakupovanje kož. Zelo se je razveselil obvestila Leopoldinine ustanove, da mu pošilja 1000 goldinarjev; neznan dobrotnik je priložil 100 goldinarjev. Dne 24. oktobra 1844 se je dunajskemu škofu Mildeju prisrčno zahvalil. – Naslednje poletje 1845 je zopet dobil sporočilo z Dunaja, da mu pošiljajo po škofu Lefèvreju 690 dolarjev. Škof jih je pa spet hotel pridržati za potrebe škofije. Baraga ga je moral trikrat terjati.

26. junija 1845 je umrla soproga Petra Cottéja, ki je skraja učila v njegovi misijonski šoli. Mož ji je že preje umrl.

Koncem leta 1845 je v Baragovi redukciji zaropotal prvi mlin in zapela prva žaga. Spomladi leta 1847 so na prošnjo Barage in na priporočilo škofa Lefèvreja dobili mizarja in kovača. Beli pripriseljenci, večinoma drugoverci, so rajši videli, da prideta v katoliški misijon kakor v metodistovskega.

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Protestantovsko-metodistovski pàstor Brown in njegovi verniki so z zavistjo in gnevom gledali Baragovo misijonsko delo. Da se ga znebijo, so ga tožili v Detroit Robertu Stuartu (Stjuertu), ki je bil vladni pooblaščenec (superintendent) za indijanske zadeve in njihov velik zaščitnik. Barago so tožili, da povsod zaneti razdor med krščanskimi skupinami, ki bi morale složno delovati za napredek Indijancev. Če bo ostal v L'Ansu, bo gotovo prišlo do verskega boja.

Stuart je to takoj sporočil na Vojni odsek v Washingtonu, ki je bil vrhovni urad za indijanske zadeve. Predlagal je, naj dovoli v vsakem indijanskem kraju misijon in šolo samo tisti krščanski veroizpovedi, ki je prva prišla. Vojni odsek je predlog sprejel in njega pooblastil, da ga izpelje. Stuart je 3. aprila 1844 izdal okrožnico s to vsebino: Razne krščanske veroizpovedi se v indijanskih krajih med seboj prepirajo in ovirajo, namesto da bi oznanjale blagovest miru. Tega vrhovni ruad za indijanske zadeve ne more več dovoliti. Zato odreja, da kjer je ena vero-izpoved začela z misijonom in šolo, je ne sme nobena druga vero-izpoved motiti pri delu in ji jemati vernikov in šolarjev. Vero-izpoved, ki bi se te odredbe ne držala, bo izgubila pravico do podpore za šolo.

Stuart je Baragi poslal 6. aprila pismo, v katerem obžaluje, da si Baraga ni izbral za svoj misijon in svojo šolo kakšnega drugega kraja. Da ne bo trenja z metodisti, naj odide kam drugam. Ord, vladni zastopnik v Saultu, mu bo izročil okrožnico v tej zadevi.

Baraga je prejel okrožnico in pismo 18. maja 1844 na krovu jadrnice Algonquin (Algonkin). Izročil mu jo

je kapitan ladje. Takoj je sprevidel, da če okrožnica ostane v veljavi, bo moral iti iz L'Ansa. Pa tudi povsod drugod bodo katoliškim misijonarjem vrata zaprta, kjer so se – s podporo vlade – že vgnezdili protestantje. Zato ni mogel molčati. Napisal je 23. maja Stuartu obširno spomenico. V njej se sklicuje na pravno pravilo, da vsaka postava in odredba začne biti obvezna šele z dnem, ko je bila objavljena. On je prejel okrožnico 18. maja; ta dan mu je bila objavljena. Od tega dne se je bo zvesto držal. Pred tem dnem pa zanj ni obvezna. Njegov misijon in njegova šola sta pred objavo okrožnice delovala že skoraj pol leta.

O vladni spomenici pravi: "To, gospod, je res nova postava v Ameriki, ki se ponaša s svobodo vere in vesti. Pa naj že bo, kakor je. Jaz sem svoj misijon in svojo šolo ustanovil zadnje jesen, ko je bila verska svoboda še v veljavi. Ustanovil sem jo na željo in prošnjo Indijancev, ki so se pridružili mojemu misijonu. Od zdaj naprej se hočem iz pokoščine do te postave bolj ko kdaj várovati vsakega vmešavanja v metodistovski misijon, čeprav Vam lahko zagotovim, da od moje strani ni bilo nobenega vmešavanja. Vi ste dobili od tukaj mnogo napačnih obvestil." Na koncu odkrito pove svoje prepričanje, da je Stuart skoval to okrožnico, "ki je za te širokosrčne, svobodne in zato srečne Združene države pravo presenečenje"; skoval jo je zato, da ga spravi iz L'Ansa.

V svoji borbi je prosil tudi škofa Lefèvre za pomoč. Poslal mu je vse zadevne listine in mu 3. junija pismeno razložil vso zadevo. Potožil mu je: "Strašno preganjanje se je vzdignilo zoper mene." Prepričan je, da se tajnik Vojnega odseka ne strinja z okrožnico, "saj je svoboden ameriški državlján". Škofa prosi, naj gre z listinami v Washington in naj izpodbije okrožnico.

In je zmagal. Iz La Pónta, kjer se je začasno mudil med Indijanci, ki so prišli po plačo, je 27. avgusta škofa obvestil o Stuartovem zagotovitlu, da okrožnica ne bo imela za njegov misijon nobenih slabih posledic. In jih res ni imela. Naklonjeni mu pa Stuart in metodisti niso bili. V istem pismu Baraga prosi škofa, da bi mu preskrbel semenskega krompirja za Indijance. "Res je v L'Ansu državni pooblaščenec za Indijance, ki dobiva mnogo krompirja zanje; niti enega pa še ni naklonil kakšnemu katoličanu. Zdaj, po Stuartovem nastopu, bo to še manj storil."

Baraga je bil pisal Stuartu, naj mu na podlagi pogodbe med Indijanci in Združenimi državami iz leta 1842 daje podporo za šolo. Zdaj je pa zvedel, da so ga metodisti črnili, da je njegova šola "francoska" in da se pouk ne vrši v redu. – To je bilo nekoliko res, ker je bil zaradi bolehnosti Cottéjeve gospe glavni učitelj na šoli Baraga sam; kadar je šel na misijonska potovanja, je moral šolo zapreti, včasih kar za več mesecev. Vendar je njegova šola uspešno vzgajala in poučevala Indijance. Zato je krivično, da so protestantovske šole dobivale visoko državno podporo, katoliške pa nič.

— NADALJEVANJE —

"FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART"

ALL MAJERCIKS!

ALL MEMBERS!

Evelyn Majercik's grandchildren are this adorable "bunch", from left, Patrick, T.J. holding David, Stephanie, Maggie, Meghan, Stephen holding Christopher Lax. We love seeing these children and congratulate them for having such a thoughtful grandma who sent in this photo!



The Run For the Roses

"April showers bring May flowers" is how the saying goes. It hard to think of flowers and not think of roses. Roses + the 1st Saturday of May = **The Run for the Roses**, otherwise known as the Kentucky Derby!

One hundred plus years have gone by and the Kentucky Derby has become as much of an American tradition as apple pie and baseball. Like clockwork, this annual event takes place at 5:00 p.m. the first Saturday of May and lasts approximately two minutes, but what a two minutes they are! The whole nation holds its breath and waits with excitement and anticipation to see which three year old thoroughbred will be the first to cross the finish line and take the first of the Triple Crowns. (The Preakness is the second race to be held the second Saturday after the Derby, and the Belmont Stakes is the third race of the threesome to be held the fifth Saturday after the Derby.)

So what makes the Derby so special? Why does anybody who's anybody or somebody who wants to be thought of as somebody arrange their schedule so they're at the Downs on Derby Day? I don't know, and apparently neither does anybody else. Perhaps that's the Derby's greatest mystique.

The Kentucky Derby isn't the oldest

horse race. The first Derby was raced in 1875 and won by a horse named Aristides. They are races that are older, for example the Belmont Stakes which was first raced in 1867 and the Keeneland's Phoenix Handicap which started in 1831.

First Prize or the "purse", as it's called in racing, isn't "horsefeed" but by no means the richest in the world of racing. Others are far larger.

Yet, in Kentucky there's a week's worth of festivities in anticipation of that two minutes race.

Ya' know, even though I'm not a horse lover, I still find myself near a T.V. at 5:00 p.m. the first Saturday of May, holding my breath with the rest of the nation. I have to admit I get a real thrill to see some unknown horse,

DAVY'S COLUMN

with the odds stacked against it, come up from the rear to be the first to complete "the Run for the Roses".

'Til Next Time

DAVY

P.S. Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms.

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