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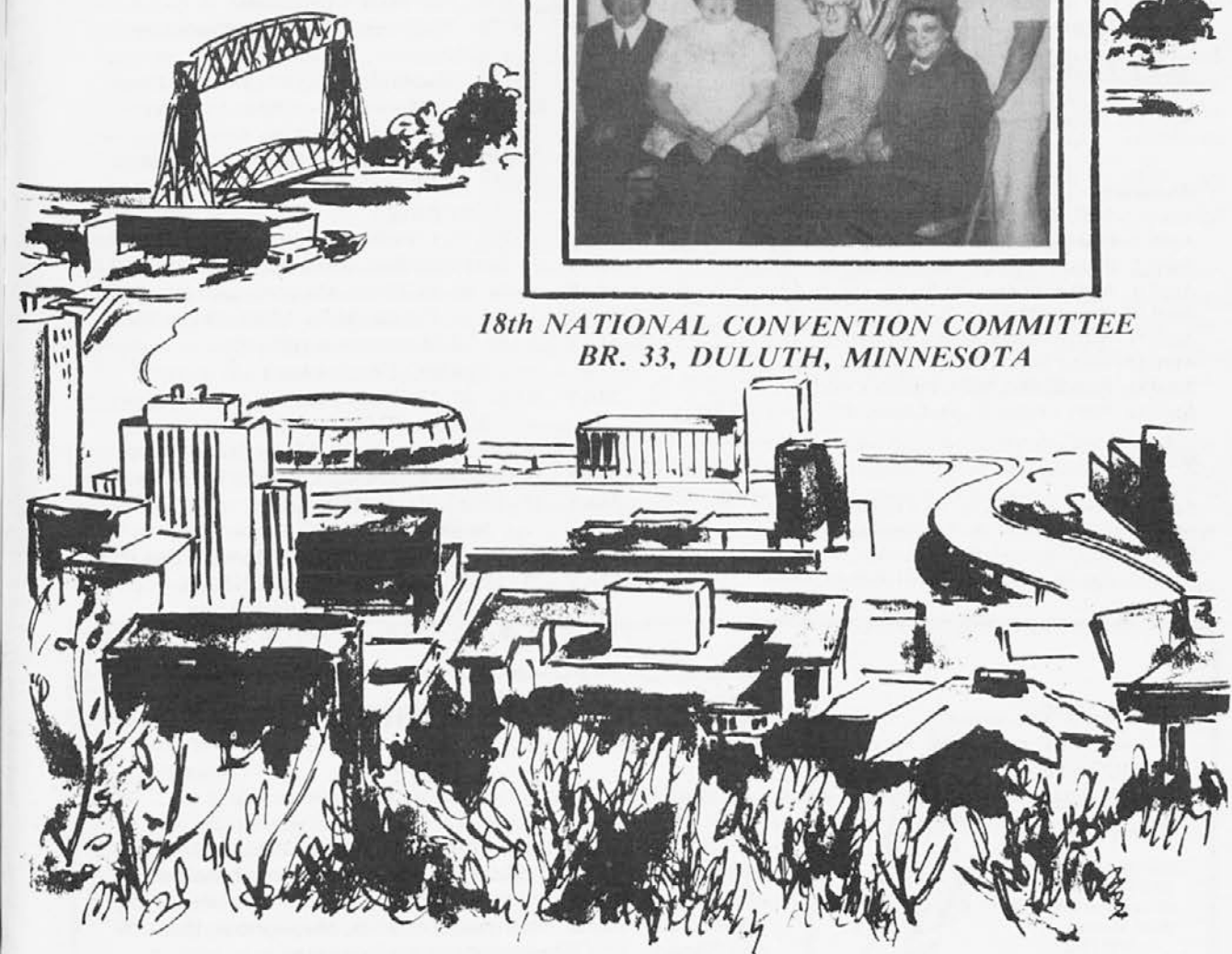
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN APRIL

National Officers:

- April 8 - Lucille Smith, Reg. Pres. Penna.-N.Y.-D.C., Strabane, Pa.
April 21 - Hermine Dicke, Pres. Scholarship Comm., Madison, Wis.

Presidents:

- April 1 - Frances Korosec, Br. 59, Burgettstown, Pa.
April 2 - Emma Planinsek, Br. 20, Joliet, Ill.
April 4 - Anna Rose Smolich, Br. 35, Aurora, Minn.
April 10 - Jeanette Killoran, Br. 6, Barberton, O.
April 11 - Marge Roznik, Br. 42, Maple Hgts., O.
April 13 - Jennie Samsa, Br. 38, Chisholm, Minn.
April 13 - Frances Skul, Br. 3, Pueblo, Colo.
April 19 - Mary Gramc, Br. 24, LaSalle, Ill.

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- April 4 - Irene Jagodnik, Br. 50, Cleveland, O.
April 7 - Stella Dancull, Br. 21, Cleveland, O.
April 8 - Angela Kozjan, Br. 40, Lorain, O.
April 10 - Antoinette Lucich, Br. 31, Gilbert, Minn.

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ON THE COVER...

Convention committee branch 33, Duluth, Mn. First row (left to right) Agnes Skull, recording secretary; Delores Heski, president and convention chairman; Delores Dincau, secretary-treasurer; Ann Strukl, vice president. Second row (left to right) Suintina Spehar, co-chairman; Jackie Rukavina, brunch chairman; Ruth Boben, assisting with dining room for brunch; Cyrilla Collard, cook book chairman and banquet toastmistress; Elizabeth Smolnikar and Frances Danko, scholarship fund table; Lois Pelander, reporter.

Committee members not pictured: Winifred Ellena, brunch dining room chairman; Alice Cacich and Stella Mattson, cook book; Betty Mrak, brunch co-chairman.

Many other jobs are being done by various members who are all working together to have a successful convention.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- APRIL 22 - Br. 46, St. Louis, Mo. Mass
APRIL 22 - Br. 100, Mass & Breakfast
APRIL 29 - Br. 39, Biwabik, Minn. Mother's Day Dinner
APRIL 29 - Br. 42, Maple Hgts., O., Mass & Dinner
MAY 2-3 - Br. 42, Maple Hgts., Ohio, Bake & Rummage Sale
MAY 3 - Br. 100, Fontana, Cal., Pot-Luck Dinner
MAY 5 - Br. 38, Chisholm, Minn. Mother's Day Party
MAY 6 - Br. 15, Cleveland, Ohio, 8 o'clock Mass
MAY 6 - Br. 19, Eveleth, Minn. Mother's Day Party
MAY 6 - Br. 46, St. Louis, Mo., Mother's Day Party
MAY 7 - Br. 33, Duluth, Minn. Mother's Day Party
MAY 7 - Br. 73, Warrensville Hgts., O., Mother's Day Pot Luck
MAY 8 - Br. 25, Cleveland, Ohio, Mother's Day Luncheon
MAY 10 - Br. 2, Chicago, Ill. Mother's Day Party
MAY 10 - Br. 16, So. Chicago, Ill. Mother's Day Party
MAY 15 - Br. 42, Maple Hgts., O., Mother's Day Mass, 6 p.m.
MAY 20 - Br. 1, Sheboygan, Wis. Mother's Day Party
MAY 20 - 18TH NATIONAL TRI-ENNIAL CONVENTION, Duluth, Minn.
JUNE 3 - Br. 13, San Francisco, Cal. Trip to Reno

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SLOVENIAN EASTER CUSTOMS

Spring is here! And, the loveliest holyday of the year! Welcome, Easter, the holyday of Christ's victory! The Catholic church all over the world observes this special day, but we Slovenians in America have the vivid memory of the old European traditions as being the best! Modern times have diminished the importance of this sacred day and even in the homeland it's not as it used to be. Our forefathers cherished the symbolism of Easter and kept the traditions and customs very meaningful. We should, in honor of the past generations, remember too, as it will add beauty and significance to the holiday.

Holy week begins with Palm Sunday. Youngsters and oldsters delight in carrying the Slovenian "butare" into church. They are made of fresh green boughs and spring flowers, perhaps with the addition of pussy-willows in bloom, and tied with colorful ribbons. These spear-shaped "bouquets" are sometimes as tall as trees! How the young men would enjoy carrying them in the processions! Blessed Butare were always kept in the home and burned to ashes to relieve stress and fright, such as during a storm. But, every child who carried one in the Palm Sunday procession was proud and would earn for himself some special sweet treat at home.

On Holy Saturday, the church bells were "tied" so as not to ring and it was said: The bells went to Rome! Instead of the bells, noisemakers were shaken and the children, in some villages, had the habit of bringing tubs and boxes to the church yard and banging them loudly after the prayer hour was over.

The most solemn of days is Good Friday. On this day, the earth is quiet and they say, the earth is dead as it is sorrowing for Christ. Everyone goes to the church to pray and kneel at the crucifix, kissing the wounds of Christ on the cross. There is no work to be done and strict fasting. Holy Saturday is much happier. Already in the morning the religious ceremonies of fire and water

are held. The children carry glowing ashes from house to house and with this, the fires of the day are lighted in each home.

Holy water was also brought to the homes. In the afternoon, the tradition directed that the young girls would carry food to be blessed at special times in the churches. The food was arranged in a basket, the cakes, potica, ham, colored eggs, horseradish root and all covered with a white cloth that might be stitched with appropriate designs. On her way home from church with her basket of blessed food, the girls ran as fast as they could, except the girl who might be interested in marriage that year!

In some villages, the Easter procession took place on Saturday night; other places it was at dawn on Sunday. For most people, it was the highlight of the holyday, with the magnificent tolling of the bells, the singing choirs, the banners flying carried by the strongest boys. A great happiness swelled in everyone's being at the sight of it and the resounding call of Alleluja, alleluja...

On Easter Sunday beginning early in the day, everyone had a share of the "blessed" food, also

the farm hands and maids, and how good it was after the long and hard lenten abstinence! In the afternoon, there were family visits and giving of Easter Eggs. The children, those who were lucky enough to have a coin, broke the Egg by hitting it with the edge of the coin, "sekanje pirhov".

In many Slovenian parishes as we do here in Chicago, some of these traditions live on. We are lucky that they exist. They add enrichment to our lives!

ANNA GABER
Br. 2, Chicago, Ill.
Translated from Slovenian



In this issue...

Come to Duluth! say the wonderful officers and members of Br. 33, our hostesses for the 18th National S.W.U. Convention. Make your plans to visit Duluth and accept their most sincere invitation!

In preparation for this historic event, the Board of Directors, at their annual meeting, deliberated on the many convention aspects. Rushed to press at deadline time, the Minutes of the meeting are printed in this issue, to be completed in the next ZARJA.

Contributions from our branch writers have peaked this month and we are elated! Commemorating the growth of the past 50 years of ZARJA, we are preparing the July issue for your enjoyment. And, next month we honor our Mothers!

Lots of good reading and planning herein.

EDITOR

You'll Like Duluth!



The site of our
18th Tri-ennial Convention
May 20-23, 1979

Radisson Hotel, Hostess, Br. 33

Remember, reservations are due by April 30th for your hotel accommodations.

Addition of \$5.00 to the Package. A for officers and delegates will cover the bus tour to Chisholm on Tuesday morning, total Package A: \$65.00. Visitors Package cost remains \$60.00. Sunday afternoon sightseeing of Duluth for Delegates will be an additional \$2.00. Please refer to March ZARJA schedule of other details.

SOUVENIR CONVENTION BOOK GREETINGS are due April 15 to Convention Chairman,

MRS. DELORES HESKI
1503 99th Ave. W.
Duluth, Minnesota 55808



In Chisholm, Minnesota, the Delegates will visit the Interpretive Center which describes the mining activities of this Mesabi Iron Range district that contributed so much to the World War II effort.

YOU ARE INVITED!

We are hoping you are making your plans to attend our convention, either as a delegate or visitor.

Besides the convention meetings the hostess group has tried to plan things for visitors to do as well as varied luncheons and dinner for all who wish to attend.

The "package" prices as well as individual prices for our local and Range people all include tax and tips for all the meals and events. Deadline for reservations is April 30.

The "Rich and Rare Band", the Stojevich Brothers, will entertain during "social time" at hotel pool side where "coffee and" will be served by Hostess Branch.

The "Shades of Blue" will be part of the entertainment at Banquet.

Red Rudeck and his "Talk Abouts" orchestra will provide music for your dancing and listening pleasure (at no extra cost to those attending the banquet).

On Monday, the "Discover Duluth" is a terrific may to "really see" Duluth. The guided tour leaves "The Depot" at 11:45 A.M. (only one block from Hotel). If you go early you may visit the St. Louis Country Historical Museum, A.M. Chisholm Museum, and Museum of Transportation and Industry.

11:45 Motorcoach to Civic Center, Jeno's Inc., Superwood, Point of Rocks, John A. Blatnik Bridge, Ports of Duluth, Mn. and Superior, Wis.

12:30 Spirit Mountain Recreational Area — buffet luncheon

1:30 Travel 30 mile length of Scenic Skyline Parkway — includes view of Duluth, Lake Superior, St. Louis Bay and St. Louis River. Points of Interest: Enger Park, Enger Tower, College of St. Scholastica, University of Minnesota Duluth, Older homes and estates, Lief Erickson Park and Rose Gardens, Marins Museum, and Aerial Lift Bridge.

2:30-4:30 Water tour of harbor and Lake Superior.

After thie "Tour" you'll know why we love Duluth — and All-American City.

Tuesday visitors may leave at 7 a.m. for trip to Chisholm, Minnesota and tour of Interpretive Center.

Be sure to include hand made items to be sold during the convention for the Scholarship Fund.

Come to Duluth! — Come to the Convention!

TRANSPORTATION TO DULUTH!

Group transportation to Duluth, Minnesota for the National Convention May 20-23, 1979 will be conducted from Cleveland, Chicago (Joliet), Oglesby, (LaSalle) and Milwaukee areas. Please contact the following group leaders for further information and reservations:

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SUFFERING AND GLORY

St. Anastasius writes: Christ who has shown by his words and actions that he was truly God and Lord of the universe, said to his disciples as he was about to go up to Jerusalem, *We are going up to Jerusalem now and the Son of man will be handed over to the Gentiles and the chief priests and scribes to be scourged and mocked and crucified.*

These words bore out the predictions of the prophets, who had foretold the death he was to die in Jerusalem. From the beginning, Holy Scripture has foretold Christ's death, the suffering that would precede it, and what would happen to his body afterward. Scripture also affirmed that these things were going to happen to one who was immortal and incapable of suffering because he was God.

Only by reflecting on the meaning of the incarnation we can see how it is possible to say with perfect truth both that Christ suffered and that he was incapable of suffering and why the Word of God, in himself incapable of suffering, came to suffer. In fact, man could have been saved in no other way, as Christ alone knew and those to whom he revealed it. For he knows all the secrets of the

Father, even as the Spirit penetrates the depths of all mysteries.

It was necessary for Christ to suffer. His passion was absolutely unavoidable. He said so himself when he called his companions "dull and low to believe" because they failed to recognize that he had to suffer and so enter into his glory. Leaving behind him the glory that had been his with the Father before the word was made he had gone forth to save his people. This salvation however, could be achieved only by the suffering of the author of life, as Paul taught when he said that *the author of life himself was made perfect through suffering.* Because of us he was deprived of his glory for a little while, the glory that was his as the Father's only begotten Son, but through the cross his glory is seen to have been restored to him in a certain way in the body that he had assumed. Explaining what later the Savior referred to when he said: *He that has faith in me shall have rivers of living water flowing from within him,* John says in his gospel that he was speaking of the Holy Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive for the Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet been glorified. The glorification he meant was his death on the cross for which the Lord prayed to the Father before undergoing his passion, asking his Father to give him the glory that he had in his presence before the word began.

Happy Easter to you all.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A big hello!! This is really the month of Spring! I am sure you all are as happy as I am. April 8th will be Palm Sunday, April 13th will be Good Friday and April 15th is Easter Sunday! Many children will receive their First Holy COMMUNION. They are so sweet as they walk up the church aisle. The good Lord will bless them and look over them.

In March, we had our Board of Directors' meeting in Joliet and had much discussion about the Tri-ennial Convention in May. The members of hostess branch, no. 33, Duluth, Minn. are working very hard trying to have everything all set up for us and attractive. I am sure all will enjoy the trip as well as the Convention proceedings. If anyone wishes to join us in the trip to Minnesota as a visitor, you will be most welcome.

Come along, members, and enjoy the sights of this great state of Minnesota! In last month's ZARJA, you will find all the details concerning hotel arrangements, etc. The schedule for visitors is very exciting!

Ladies, I have five items that are important for you to take more interest in our S.W.U. Convention. First is **lots and lots of pink slips** signed up for new members. The second item is the book, "From Slovenia to America". The third item is the book, "Footsteps Through Time". The 4th is our cookbook, "Woman's Glory - the Kitchen" and the fifth is "Let's Sing" songbook! All of these are SWU goods and they need our constant promotion as they help to reduce our expenses. This is my suggestion for April. Remember, mailing the books is costly and requires additional postage.

How about those Convention tickets that you all wanted to have at this time? Are you doing anything with them? You know this is to help pay the delegate for her expenses at the convention. In 1976 you voted to have

the tickets as specified. Please use them and if you haven't as yet co-operated with this project, I'm sure your branch will be grateful for your help now.

Be seeing you soon, and let's hope for a successful convention.

My best wishes to you all and the best of luck. Happy Birthday to all April birthdays and a speedy recovery to all who are ill. Bless you all and I hope you have the S.W.U. Convention in your hearts!

MARY BOSTIAN

YOUTH BOARD REPORT

The months ahead promise exciting events. First is the 18th National Slovenian Women's Union Convention which will be held May 20-23, 1979 at the Radisson Hotel in Duluth, Minn.

Then come the Regional Conventions throughout the states.

Our yearly Heritage Day celebration, Zveza's Pilgrimage to Lemont, Ill., also special S.W.U. Anniversaries! All this sounds just fine, but I hope that these affairs will include our Juniors and young adults in every aspect, so that they will learn and in the years to come, they, too, will become the leaders of the S.W.U. organization, thereby keeping up our Slovenian Heritage.

We must remember to involve all our young members in all the S.W.U. important events. Be sure to invite the juniors as guests to your branch's meetings - invite them to act as hostesses to help with refreshments, or if they have talents, let them entertain you. Help them to get started so that they will be ready to carry on the work their parents so proudly carried on their own parents, to keep our S.W.U. alive and strong!

FRANCES SIETZ

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MARCH 6, 7, 8, HOME OFFICE, JOLIET, ILL.

The annual meeting of the Slovenian Women's Union of America Board of Directors was held at the Home Office, Joliet, Illinois on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 6,7,8,1979. The Board of Auditors began the audits of the ledgers at 9 am. on Tuesday. Present were the National President, Mary Bostian, National Secretary, Olga Ancel, National Treasurer, Mary Marolt, Auditing Committee, Anne M. Kompare, Chairman, Barbara Rosandich and Marion M. Marolt. President of the Scholarship Committee, Hermine Dicke was also present on Tuesday.

The above committee interrupted their work at the Home Office for a visit to the Union National Bank of Joliet, Trust Department, for the examination of the S.W.U. investment portfolio with Officers of the bank. All records were examined and verified and found to be in perfect order.

The committee reconvened at the Home Office and continued their ledger examination until adjournment at 7 p.m.

Wednesday morning, March 7th, the Auditors continued their work until completion at 11:15 a.m. The audit included the financial statement and ledgers of the National Secretary and Treasurer, President of the Scholarship Fund and Publisher's Fund. The Auditors found all in order. At the Wednesday meeting, Editor, Corinne Leskovar was present. Thursday, all officers were present along with Vice-President, Nežka Gaber. Luncheon recess was held at 11:30 a.m.

The President called the meeting to order at 12 noon and led the opening prayer while the Angelus bells were ringing from St. Joseph's Slovenian Catholic Church across the street from the Home Office. The President then called for the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read.

Reports of officers in attendance was the first order of business.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Sincere greetings and welcome to our annual meeting. This meeting will be very important as we will have to decide on the proposals to be made at our 18th National Convention to be held in Duluth, Minnesota.

At this time, I wish to thank the Duluth committee for making all the arrangements and I am sure they will do a marvelous job to assure our most enjoyable stay in Duluth.

The HERITAGE IN ACTION Campaign is on until March 31st and we have just a few more weeks to work. With everybody's energy all pouring into this activity, we should have a marvelous success. We are happy to give a ROUND TRIP TO THE CONVENTION CITY as first prize.

I have been attending all the meetings of the Combined Branches in Ohio that are held in Cleveland. Also, I attended the State Convention of Ohio-Michigan branches held at the home of Sophie Magayna, State President who presided at the meeting as she did at the Girard Ohio State Convention.

I have attended the Penna State Conventions and compliment them on their fine work. Anna Trontel, State President and all the State Presidents are to be commended on their fine work and conscientious efforts. There is an enormous amount of work necessary to complete each project and all the States are doing well.

The Cotillion Ball held in Cleveland in the Fall was a grand success as well as the Dawn Choral Concert in November. I am very proud of all these groups. Especially, do I feel proud when I see the Dawn singers appear as this was the group I organized and they are still doing a terrific job entertaining the community. I hope they can keep it up.

To accommodate local branches and individuals, I have been distributing our Zveza Cookbooks and must say, we have had wonderful comments on it by the public. I have also sold many song books and the historical books we are promoting, **From Slovenia to America** and **Footsteps Thru Time**. My best hopes that they will be successful, too.

I have tried my best to represent the SWU at many functions in this area and to try to promote our organization wherever possible. I am sure it is very important that we stay in the public light so that our Slovenian Women's Union and its work will not be forgotten.

I wish to compliment our wonderful National Officers on their work to help our organization progress ahead and their efforts for the good of the SWU. As the president, I am happy to say that the Board deserves praise and gratitude.

Sincerely,
MARY BOSTIAN

HONORARY PRESIDENT

My warm greetings to all of you, dear Sisters!

First of all I wish to report that I was able to attend two golden anniversaries — that of Branch No. 20 in Joliet and Branch No. 17 in West Allis. It was wonderful to see and visit with my old friends and members. Their warm handshakes made me feel many years younger.

I wish I could attend your important meeting when convention plans will be the highlight, but doctor advises me not to. I am confident that the convention will go off smoothly with all your experienced plans and that of the capable Convention Committee in Duluth.

I hope that you will have a successful and productive meeting which will further guide and strengthen our organization!

May the good Lord bless you and your work!

MARIE PRISLAND

NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Sincere greetings to the Supreme Board and Officers. Dear officers and members, as we again meet on the occasion of the annual Board Meeting here at our Home Office, we look at the year's accomplishments and plan for the year ahead.

Joliet, Illinois is the location of our Home Office and also hub of the many activities of the SWU.

Another successful Heritage Day was held in Joliet on June 11th, 1978. The unselfish work of many members and friends who contribute so generously of their time has made this a successful event. The many contributions of the Slovenian people in the past and present should make us proud that from such a small ethnic group so much has been accomplished. I was happy to be able to work for the Heritage Day and also enjoyed seeing many of our members.

On September 10, 1978 I attended the Minnesota Day in Aurora, Minnesota. I had the pleasure of meeting many fine ladies who are dedicated and enthusiastic members of the Slovenian Womens Union. I was honored to be able to share the day with the Minnesota Ladies, answer some of their questions and return with their ideas.

I attended the 50th year celebration at the Branch No. 20 in Joliet, Illinois. The day was filled with meeting members who gathered from near and far. This branch has had a bountiful history of many achievements of its members and has contributed much to the community. The plans for the future look bright and serve as example to other branches.

My concern is for the health of our members. I believe that busy people as our members tend to be are happy and healthy people. Many times one's aches and pains tend to be forgotten when we are busy or when in the company of sister members at a meeting or when you are busy baking for a branch event.

I hope to reach each member through my health articles which appear in the ZARJA—DAWN. If you wish to have a special article of interest, for a member or from a branch, let me know and we will share it with all our members.

To your health!
NEŽKA GABER

NATIONAL SECRETARY

My 3-year term is nearly over and throughout this term my life has been busier and more hectic. My involvements are not only Zveza's but many others for which our organization is directly or indirectly

responsible. And nothing would be possible without the support of my family, fellow officers especially president, Mary, treasurer, Mary and editor, Corinne, the Joliet branch officers and members. A special thank you to my father, Joseph Erjavec for his conscientious attention to our office.

Secretaries of all the branches are to be highly commended for keeping their respective branches together and alive. Because of interested officers branches are actively alive and consequently so is our Zveza.

We mourn the loss of one of our oldest branches, Oregon City, Oregon No. 4, which ceased to exist at the close of 1978.

As of December 31 the amount of total insurance in force was \$1,262,400.00. New members insured amount to 277 for this year. The number of deaths reported during the year were 197 which is 26 more than in 1977. Terminations due to laps totaled 270 with an overall loss of 190. If every deceased member would be replaced by a new member than our total membership would have been stabilized.

40% of our total membership is under 50 years of age, while those over 50 make up 60% which shows the need for enrolling younger members. While the actuary

was here I filled cancellations since the office came to Joliet. It was a depressing task. Since the 1st of January 1976 to the end of December we lost 1,139.

We are in the final month of the 22-month "Heritage in Action" campaign for which 434 were enrolled thus far. Our membership standing is not a very happy situation. For me, our Heritage campaign is a failure. Who among us sitting here have truly tried to carry on the idea of Heritage? Have we enrolled our daughters, daughters-in-laws, sisters or granddaughters to carry on the heritage which is one of the goals of our Zveza?

If heritage is not our goal, what is it? What is our selling pitch for membership. What is the purpose of our concern for our financial situation?

Each of each is responsible for our growth. Perhaps the coming convention will lead us to growth.

I pray God will guide us in Zveza's future.

OLGA ANCEL

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1 to December 31, 1978

FINANČNO POROČILO

1. januarja do 31. decembra 1978

Income — Dohodki:

Assessments	\$54,148.33
Interest from bonds	40,027.07
Stock dividends	750.00
Interest bank certificates and savings	1,528.13
Rental income	1,725.00
Taxes withheld	63.67
Miscellaneous	7.95
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	\$98,250.15

Disbursements — Stroški:

Death Claims	\$22,650.00
Salaries	18,300.00
Administrative, traveling and per diems of officers	8,437.80
Unemployment tax	83.12
Electricity, gas and water	2,240.05
Department on Insurance	50.00
FICA	1,359.90
Real estate tax	1,310.84
ZARJA — The Dawn	32,448.93
Advertising, printing and stationary	1,934.34
Postage and telephone	1,029.76
Loss on sale of bonds	341.25
Office building insurance	565.00
Maintenance	1,121.84
Bowling, Junior and secretarial awards	1,371.75
50-year membership awards	350.00
Legal and other professional services	1,593.13
Paid for accrued interest	1,063.34
Convention booklets printing and mailing	887.54
Miscellaneous	390.50
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	\$97,529.09

Gain for Year \$ 721.06

Balance January 1 659,935.91

Balance December 31, 1978 \$660,656.97

OLGA ANCEL,
National Secretary

Greetings.

One feels deeply proud to have been part of this great fraternal organization. Another year has passed and another "convention" year will soon be upon us.

I feel many good things were accomplished in the past year.

Many organizations celebrated their 50th year, and I attended many of their celebrations. Greetings were sent to other branches that were further away than Joliet.

A second "Heritage Day" was also successful building money for the national heritage fund. There was a great deal of work, but this was accompanied by a great deal of pleasure and accomplishment.

Our membership had a decline, but hopefully it will rise again.

Many new faces are upon the horizon being assisted by the capable and successful older members.

We hope to open these board meetings with ideas and inspirations of the membership so that our organization may carry on the past traditions, and progress with new ideas and inspirations for the future.

I look forward to meeting these obligations and look forward to our convention in Duluth, Minnesota in May, 1979.

MARY MAROLT

1st AUDITOR

Nat'l President, Mrs. Bostian, Officers and members of the Board of Directors: My sincerest greetings to you at this Annual Board Meeting of 1979. As a member of the board, I am submitting the following report of the activities that I participated in during the past year of 1978.

On March 13th, 14th and 15th, I was present at the Annual Board meeting, conducted and fulfilled my duties as chairman of the auditing committee and participated in all discussions and decisions of the meeting.

On Sunday, April 30th, 1978, I was present at the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Branch 16 in South Chicago. A solemn high Mass was celebrated at St. George's Church, followed by a banquet at the Villa Cosenza, with an attendance of over 400 people. Our Nat'l Secretary, Mrs. Olga Ancel, was the guest speaker, as were other dignitaries of the community. After the program there was dancing and singing. A number of members of my Branch No. 95, were also present at the affair, as well as many other branches representing S.W.U.

On May 16th, I was invited by Branch 16 to participate in their Mother of the Year program, honoring my sister-in-law, Mrs. Pauline Klobucar as the mother of the year.

On Sept. 17th, along with several members of Branch 95 of South Chicago, we were present at the 50th Anniversary celebration of Branch 20, in Joliet, Illinois. A beautiful High Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph Church, followed by a dinner at St. Joseph Park. An interesting program honoring about 20 ladies who have been members of Branch 20 for over 50 years, was very impressive.

On October 8th, Branch 24 of LaSalle, Ill. celebrated their 50th Anniversary, also hosted the Illinois-Indiana Regional Convention. The proceedings were presided by the Regional President, Mrs. Anne Vucko. At noon a High Mass was celebrated at St. Roch's Church. After the Mass a buffet was served and an interesting program was presented at the School Hall. A group of us from Br. 16 and Br. 95, were in attendance

National President, Mrs. Bostian, and members of the national board of directors of the Slovenian Women's Union of America:

Greetings and best wishes to all of you present here at this annual meeting and audit, called to order by the National President on March 6th, 7th & 8th, 1979, at the S.W.U. home office in Joliet, Illinois. As Chairman of your auditing committee, I hereby submit a report that, after a comprehensive examination of the S.W.U. transactions, the Scholarship Fund and the Editor's account, all have been found in proper order for the twelve months of 1978.

Income from branch assessments, interest and other sources, were checked. Disbursements were reviewed as to issuance of vouchers and all outstanding checks were accounted for. Bank deposits and records of our National Secretary, Mrs. Olga Ancel and National Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Marolt, were checked and verified. A general review was made of all other items on record. On Tuesday, March 6th, 1979, a visit to the Union Nat'l Bank & Trust Co. of Joliet, was made by the entire board for the purpose of reviewing the investment account of the S.W.U. for the year 1978. The meeting was held with Mr. Ronald Erjavec, our account representative of the Bank and Mr. Paul Ganzert, President of the Trust Department who gave us an explanation of the workings of various investments. The Board conducted a thorough review of the records of our investment account and the Bank's management thereof. After reviewing the examination of all our stocks, Bonds and Securities, the portfolio was found to be in satisfactory order

The committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation for the assistance and cooperation of our Nat'l Secretary, Mrs. Olga Ancel and Nat'l Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Marolt, and commend them on their efficient work. The undersigned members of the Auditing Committee hereby certify that, based on our review, the Slovenian Women's Union records for the year 1978 are correct and true.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION AUDITING COMMITTEE

Chairman: ANNE M. KOMPARE
2nd Auditor: BARBARA ROSANDICH
3rd Auditor: MARION M. MAROLI

and enjoyed very much the events of the day.

During the year I have been consistently in touch by phone or correspondence, with all the members of the Board of Directors and our Founder, Mrs. Priland and tried to be of assistance wherever needed. I was present at all the meetings of my Br. 95, tried to be helpful whenever needed and took part in all the programs and activities of the Branch.

At this Annual Meeting, I am happy to report, as Chairman of the Auditing Committee, that the audit of the Slovenian Women's Union records for the past year of 1978, has been completed and that a signed written report has been submitted to the executive board.

At this time, I wish to thank the members of the auditing committee, Mrs. Barbara Rosandich and Mrs. Marion Marolt, for their cooperation and assistance in fulfilling the task of the audit.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE M. KOMPARE

SECOND AUDITOR

National President, Officers and Members of the Board of Directors, my sincere greetings and best wishes to you all here at this annual board meeting and audit.

As in the past, it was again a great pleasure to be working with you, and I am happy to report that all books and accountings of the National Secretary, Treasurer, Editor of the Zarja and the Scholarship Fund have been examined and are in fine order. The investments at the bank have been thoroughly checked; there too, everything is in order.

This past year, 1978, has been a busy one for me. I attended all meetings of our Branch 23, plus all other special occasions. In May we have our special Mother's Day Dinner, in December our Christmas festivities. In between our monthly gatherings, we have money-making projects such as catering for our Catholic Graduation Breakfast, Knights of Columbus (several times) and our local Senior Citizen's Dinner Parties. In October we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of our Branch 23; a most delightful dinner and program was presented. Our charter members, the Tower Branch, State President — Victoria Bobence, were our special guests.

In September, A bus from Ely went down to Aurora for Minnesota Day; we all had a grand time and enjoyed meeting Nežka Gaber from Chicago. I also had the privilege of attending the SWU Bowling Tournament in Sheboygan, which I enjoyed very much. I have written an article to all branches in Minnesota urging them to voice their gripes, complaints and problems by letter to Headquarters, so that they may present them to the people concerned. Have also corresponded extensively with the Duluth Branch regarding matters concerning the National Convention.

Getting new members has always been a pet project of mine, therefore I am pleased to report I've enrolled 13.

I thank you all for your hospitality and cooperation in making this audit a success!

BARBARA ROSANDICH

THIRD AUDITOR

My sincerest wishes to all of the officers gathered here for the annual meeting.

We have audited the financial records of the National Secretary, Treasurer, the Zarja funds and the Scholarship Fund. The investments were also checked at the bank, and everything was found in satisfactory order.

This past year I had the pleasure to attend the 50th anniversary of Br. No. 16 So. Chicago, and Br. No. 20, Joliet, Illinois. Br. No. 17, West Allis also celebrated its 50th anniversary combined with the Wisconsin Regional Convention. These golden jubilees were memorable events for all who attended.

West Allis again participated in the SWU Midwest Bowling Tournament which was hosted by Br. No. 1 Sheboygan.

I would also like to compliment all the writers in our magazine, Zarja, for their most interesting articles.

Thank you to all the officers for their wonderful cooperation in the past year.

In conclusion, this being the convention year, may all our deliberations be for the betterment of our organization.

MARION M. MAROLT

EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear sister officers,

Two important topics for this meeting to discuss are pertaining to our monthly publication ZARJA—THE DAWN. First of all, we have announced in recent issues that in this July will be the 50th anniversary of our beloved ZARJA, and with such an auspicious anniversary before us, I know that you will want to give some thought and planning to its appropriate observance.

Secondly, we have with the March issue, finally come to a better and more complete printing process and schedule for our organ. Since last September, we have been working to perfect the new electronic setting and off-set printing procedure. It has been very interesting time, and we have learned through it that there's always room for improvement. I feel that now we will be able to be even more proud of our ZARJA and able to do more things to make it serve our members better.

Notices to our branches and reporters will be frequent in the future as we try to pass on our various requests to them and at this time, I will not go into the details, except to ask once again, that our deadline for mailing in material be more strictly observed. Part of the delay in past issues is that reports are so slow in coming into our office, hence, the days go by and ZARJA is late. Some of the members have asked about this and primarily those living in scattered localities and the farthest distance from Chicago may find postal delays as well. As an example of my point, I would just tell you that as of this date, March 6th, I have only 3 Slovenian

language articles received from an average of 10 per month. By the middle of the month the articles will be coming in, but meanwhile, we are holding up the process. Knowing that every reporter's work is to be respected and placed in print as soon as possible, I always try to include all material that comes within a reasonable time, but even this is impossible at times. Nevertheless, I think that it will be straightened out soon and we shall again be rolling along with speed and precision. Any comments you wish to make on this or questions will be very happily received as I do hope that you are as interested in the workings of our publication as I am dedicated to do.

The anniversary — our Golden Year — is certainly deserving of tribute. First of all, I salute the long-standing reporters who have been loyal thru the years. Besides Mrs. Prislant who is the first writer for ZARJA and for its predecessor, "Ameriška Slovenka", we have only one reporter who is still actively contributing as she did in all the 50 years and she is Margaret Fischer, Secretary of Br. 1, Sheboygan. Others who have served many, many years will be listed in our special commemorative issue which will be printed in July. For this issue, I will prepare the names of all our reporters and their years of service and ask them to submit their photos as a real "bouquet" in honor of service they have performed!

Besides this historical sidelight, and other significant essays I hope will be written by our Founder and other officers, I would like to invite any of our members to contribute their thoughts and memories which come from having our ZARJA so much a part of their lives as members of SWU.

Greetings from our branches and individuals will also be solicited for that issue for which I will prepare a special set of advertising rates according to your decision at this meeting.

Since this meeting is also the last time we shall have to discuss the coming national convention, I wish to have us

all consider ways to celebrate the Golden Year of ZARJA at the Convention.

At this time, I think it will be appropriate that our contributors would be given special recognition before the assembly of delegates and officers. With the National Secretary and National Treasurer, we have already discussed several ways of doing this and it will be on our later agenda for your consideration.

The Convention is near at hand and a time again to plan for any changes for the future. A simple statement such as I've heard in the recent months from various members: "no raises, no increases", leaves me feeling that they must be living in another planet. Practical and reasonable thinking is needed at this convention on all facets of our business operation and I sincerely hope that the delegates will come to Duluth with this realization. As an officer of many years standing, I think you know I have the best interests of SWU at heart and a week doesn't pass that I don't consider some idea that has been brought to my attention, or a suggestion that I've heard, of ways we would increase our membership, increase the interest of our present membership and increase the attractions that would bring new members in. Many of these ideas are discounted for their obvious impracticalities, but still, it is my sincere desire as I know it is of every one of you, duty-bound National officers, to find ways of approaching our problems whether they be lack of interest of some of our membership, or lack of activity in others. It is most disturbing to learn of branches that are too small to continue to exist after they lose their veteran officers. Such was the case in our Denver branch which I visited this summer. I found there no one of the present members interested in keeping the branch together, and no new field for activity. We should be happy and satisfied that we have many branches still functioning well, and we must continue to strive to fine ways to keep our "fringe" branches from failing.

In any case, I feel very strongly in the power and prestige of our publication and I do think that we have something in ZARJA that is precious and cannot be duplicated by others. If we realize this and work ahead for our organization by making it always better and always more interesting to the members, we shall have a long and glorious future, both for the ZARJA and the S.W.U.

It still is one of our best selling points.

With all my admiration, I thank those who have been our steadfast writers and ask that you continue for a long time to come. I encourage others to write and to send in your ideas and material that our members would like to read. ZARJA has evolved thru the years as more than just a business report for our branches. It is the life and breath of our thinking and our doing. We have combined in it a lot of good reading, while keeping it to the point of its existence.

So, as we approach 50, may we provide for the next 50.

Thank you very much.

CORINNE LESKOVAR

All reports were accepted for file as given and read.

(REPORTS CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE.)

Discussion on various matters brought to the attention of the Directors during the reading of reports resulted in the following decisions.

Hon. President, Mrs. Prissland's suggestion for an update of the mailing list will be carried out by having the Editor prepare a form for all secretaries to fill out with the names and current addresses of all members in good

standing. This form, intended to eliminate duplication of names and to find any which may not be entitled to ZARJA, will be sent to all the secretaries in April and returns requested either at the Convention or by July 1st, 1979 at the latest. The Editor will check all the names with the Printing Shop as the up-date forms are received. This is the most economical way to handle this problem since mailing plates are not computerized and the work of changing addresses is very tedious and costly.

The Directors approved extending the Scholarship grants for 1979 for one additional Scholarship to be awarded to a student of theology. The student seminarian will be given a full Scholarship for 1979 on the approval of the Scholarship Committee. In honor of the 50th Anniversary of our publication, ZARJA-THE DAWN, the President of the Scholarship Fund will formulate a special scholarship to be given to a student of journalism in 1980.

The heading of **Pots and Pans** column in ZARJA will be shortened from its official three words, **Pots, Pans and Pasttimes**.

The good standing of our branches throughout the US was brought up for deliberation at the meeting on Wednesday afternoon. The necessity of strict adherence to the By-Laws in the enrollment of members was emphasized.

Branches which were undergoing some changes due to problems of not having available officers, have been cleared for the most part. Secretary reported on those that have been cancelled. Br. 63 in Denver will not be re-organized altho the members will continue to pay their dues to the Home Office. The Editor visited them this summer and reported on her findings, stating that she found several sound reasons for their inability to function, namely, the distances between the residences and the elderly age of the group. She is grateful to sister Millie Pucel of Br. 20, Joliet, who accompanied her to the Denver meeting while both were vacationing there and to Rev. Leo Mihelich, former pastor of Holy Rosary Church in Denver, and Rev. David Stalzer of Joliet, for their efforts on behalf of SWU. Mrs. Leskovar and Mrs. Pucel also visited Br. 3 in Pueblo and enjoyed meeting the officers and members there. Pastor, Rev. Blane Bebble showed them the kindest hospitality and complimented the gracious ladies of Pueblo for their work at the parish.

On Youth Director, Frances Sietz' report, the Directors expressed their compliments for her efforts to bring in greater junior participation in the branches.

The meeting on Wednesday adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 8th, the Directors met at 9 a.m. and the president led the prayer for all members of SWU. Correspondence was read. Greetings were received from Hon. Pres. of Penna. Mary Tomsic and from Br. 2, Chicago, Ill. with an invitation to their meeting and social that evening. Several Directors planned to attend.

Convention

A thorough, day by day report was received from Br. 33, Duluth, Minnesota President, Delores Heski. The Board studied this report in detail, noting the various activities being planned.

Convention Activities: The Board recommended that

the delegates be given a sightseeing tour of Duluth on Sunday afternoon since it was a free time. Also, if possible, the delegates will be able to visit Chisholm on Tuesday for a morning visit to the Mining Museum which shows the scope of the work of our Slovenian miners who found their new homes in Minnesota after immigrating from Slovenia. Since so much of their history is tied to Iron Range mining, the Directors felt that it would be desirable that the delegates have the opportunity to visit the Iron Range. No other time is available but Tuesday when visitors are scheduled to go to Chisholm. Also, Br. 38 members are preparing luncheon that day. This is the only deviation from the schedule printed in ZARJA.

For the Convention meetings, the President named Hermine Dicke as Parliamentarian. Each of the National Officers will also give a two minute presentation before the delegates in addition to the detailed report of her work of the past three years which is to be either printed in ZARJA or passed out to the delegates at the Convention.

Secretary, Olga Ancel will prepare materials for the delegates and badges for all.

Convention transportation for National Officers and Delegates will be paid from the general fund as stipulated in the By-laws, 4.14 and 5.11, according to the most economical means. Letters to this effect will be sent to all branches in April. Per diem expense for National Officers is paid by the SWU and delegates' per diems by the branches from their proceeds from sale of the Convention tickets.

The President named the chairman of the Convention By-law Committee, Vice-President, Nežka Gaber who asked that all recommendations be sent to her by May 1st.

For the Convention Banquet, a cultural presentation is desirable so that many more people will be able to see and hear the beautiful Slovenian arts. The Slovenian Women's Union Octette of Br. 23, Ely, have been asked to perform at the Banquet and also at Mass. The Board was very grateful to the ladies for undertaking this effort and heartily approved. The young men and women of the Slovenian American Radio Club of Chicago will be asked to appear with a few authentic Slovenian folk dances in their colorful costumes from various regions of Slovenia to please those who may wish to know more of their Slovenian culture. The Board felt that this is in line with our efforts to advance our Heritage.

The Heritage Officer, Irene Odorizzi's report was given full attention at this time with the Board thanking Irene and the Br. 20 Joliet branch for their efforts to bring the Heritage Fund to such a substantial amount. The funds will be put to good use in future Heritage endeavors. The Board felt that one of the most important works the SWU can undertake at this time would be the documentation of our Slovenian immigrant stories and to preserve as much as possible in a Museum and-or Library that could be constructed right in our Home Office. The Slovenian Women's Union is the first of our Slovenian fraternal groups to begin ethnic studies of this kind and we shall try to continue and expand this work in the future to include professional documentation along the lines recommended by Mrs. Odorizzi in her report.

The Board also felt very inspired by Mrs. Odorizzi' program and stated that this gives the Slovenian

Women's Union a new purpose for the future.

Along with the immigrant histories, the SWU Museum would include all forms of books, memorabilia, heritage items and clothing and all would be preserved in its original form. In the words of our National Secretary, "It's very important to our future that our past is preserved."

The Directors approved assigning the third floor of the Home Office building for this purpose.

The President also will ask Mrs. Odorizzi to present the procedure to be followed by any branches or branches wishing to conduct Heritage Days in their localities, to the National Convention assembly in the hopes that this activity can be continued.

50th Anniversary of ZARJA

The July issue of ZARJA will be the 50th Anniversary commemorative edition. The Editor was authorized to solicit advertisements and greetings for this issue and a new set of advertising rates was agreed upon. Branches will receive a letter with full particulars and it is hoped they will all respond. Deadline for ads will be June 1st.

Reporters of the past 50 years will be given special recognition in this issue and all branches will be asked to submit the names and photos of their long-standing reporters with the notation of years of service each has contributed. Those reporters who are still writing and have the longest years of service will be given special awards at the National Convention.

The Secretary will order leather bound copies of the last three years of ZARJA to be used as appropriate awards for the reporters who have between 25 and 50 years of service and albums for those with less time of service. If possible, each book will have the reporter's name artistically printed on the flyleaf.

Significant events in the history of the SWU will be taken from past ZARJAS and reprinted to lend added importance and interest to the July issue.

If possible, a souvenir of the 50th Anniversary will also be made available to members and delegates at the Convention and the local Committee has been asked to allow some time at the Banquet for the presentation of the awards.

Membership Campaign

A new membership campaign will begin on April 1st, immediately following the current campaign which ends March 31st. Prizes will be decided at the Convention.

Cookbook - Subscription Rates

Due to high postal rates, the cost of a single copy of the cookbook, "Woman's Glory - The Kitchen" will be increased and total cost with postage will be \$6.00. Branch's cost will be increased by 50 cents and commission per book stays the same.

Subscription rates for ZARJA for non-members will be \$10.00 per year beginning July 1, 1979.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with prayer led by the President who wished all the Directors a safe journey home and "na svidenje" until we meet again in Duluth in May.

MARY BOSTIAN, National President
CORINNE LESKOVAR, Recording Secretary

ACTIVITIES

NO. 1, SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

Our first meeting of the year was not very well attended. Beside the weather conditions, several members and officers joined a tour to Las Vegas. Heard they had a great time!

Previous to opening of the meeting we met and welcomed our new spiritual advisor Rev. Michael Sablica, who is the present new pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish.

The minutes were read by Mrs. Marie Priland for the recording secretary, Anna Modiz.

It was decided to hold the May meeting in conjunction with the Mother's Day Program the third Sunday in May.

A motion was made and seconded to send a donation to the Bishop Baraga Fund and to select a delegate to the National Convention at the March meeting.

The meeting was concluded by a prayer by our president, Ruth Sheck and who thanked us for our presence.

The next meeting date will be April 17th at 7:30 P.M. in the Church Hall. Do try and be present.

May all the members everywhere be blessed by our Risen Savior on Easter Morning and throughout the year.

MARGARET FISCHER
Reporter

NO. 2, CHICAGO, ILL.

Despite the 5 below zero weather, 25 ladies were present at our last meeting.

It was decided to purchase tickets for the Baraga Dinner and then we gave them out to 5 lucky winners. We are trying to help with this worthy cause. Hope you all participate.

Our delegates were elected: Mary Muller and Jean Zubek; with alternates: Ann Scieszka and Ann Mladic.

As Mother-of-the-Year, we chose Ann Hozzian. All who know her, love her. Besides being an exemplary mother of four, she is ready to help in any way, at all times.

On our sick list we have: Julia Pavlin, Paula Ozbolt and Vera Gorkis. It would be nice if you remembered them with a card of cheer. Let's pray for their recovery.

Goodies donated at our last meeting from: Julia Petrich, Mary Jagar, Jean Zubek, Ann Hozzian and Mae Persa, many thanks, ladies.

On a recent trip to Phoenix, I

visited my son, Mike and his wife, Sandi; then stopped at Fontana, California to see my aunt, Helen Lapp. While there I had an opportunity to talk to Jean Kurilich and enjoyed my chat with her. If time permitted, I would have attended their meeting; maybe next time.

We still should make an effort to sign new members; let's get with it ladies! We have many young people in the area, who might be interested with a little prodding.

Hope you are all looking forward to spring and it's joys, after this desolate winter; we have many things to talk about at coming meetings, what with the Convention coming and our local activities. I hope that you will all be present at our meetings.

MARY MULLER

NO. 7, FOREST CITY, PA.

It has been a long, long time since I had an article in the ZARJA and I will start with the list of elected officers for 1979. President is Mary J. Kameen, Vice-President, Jane Kalcich, Secretary-Treasurer, Josephine Gostisha (Yours Truly), First Auditor, Mary J. Kameen, Second Auditor, Mary Kotar and Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Sulicki.

Mrs. Frances Matarcko was chosen as our Mother of the Year.

We have two members in the Nursing Home, Mrs. Jennie Terchek, an amputee is doing well and has reached the lovely age of 93 years! Lena Sredensek is fine except for her inability to walk. She is in a wheelchair. Mrs. Sredensek is only 82 years old! Mrs. Kasher is bothered with her leg, too. She is 86. Mary Marolt is doing well at 87 years of age. We wish them all the best.

Our church will be having the Diamond Jubilee (75 years) on May 25th thru 28th. Fr. Sulicki is busy getting events ready. There will be all kinds of celebrations including a big Mass of Thanksgiving.

JOSEPHINE GOSTISHA

NO. 10, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Hello ladies! In the month of April we are going to remember all of our members who are living around the state of Ohio. We have Martha Batich who lives in Akron, Josephine Debevec in New Philadelphia, Verna Marie Hren, in Uhrichsville, Molly Jenko, in Rome, Mary Krasovec, in West Farmington, Josephine Magnacca, in Dover, and Julia Palivoda, in Solon.

Mary Kameen Ends 30-Year Career

At the recent yearly dinner-meeting of the Red Cross, Miss Mary J. Kameen was presented a 30-year recognition pin for her services.

Miss Kameen trained as a Red Cross nurse's aide at St. Joseph's Hospital, Carbondale, during World War II. Following training she worked at the U.S. Army Hospital at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Miss Kameen stated that at times the hospital had as many as 2,000 patients with wounded soldiers being brought in from all sections of the war zones. She also stated that despite the sadness and tragic condition of the wounded, it was a heart-warming experience.

Miss Kameen stated that her services in behalf of the Blood Program will be continued in the temperature and pulse department or wherever they are needed. She expressed her sincere thanks to all who volunteered their services during her programs.

She is the president of our Br. 7, Forest City, Pa. Heartiest wishes.
(Reprint from local newspaper.)

We wish you well, ladies! Just thought we'd let you know, even tho we don't get to see you, we still think about you and wish you well. Happy days, ladies!

February, is behind us and good riddance! We had a lot of snow and cold weather, and since we had no meeting just thought we would remember our sick ladies. My sister, Frances Zagar, slipped on the ice and broke her ankle, and the doctor put a great big cast on her leg which is very uncomfortable, Josephine Oberstar is still on the sick list. Mary Cernigoj and Theresa Ferraccilli are on the mend and recuperating. Get well ladies, we will pray for a speedy recovery to all of you and hope good health returns to you.

Well, as you all know it won't be long and some of us will be our way to Duluth, Minnesota to our Convention. Hope the weather will get a lot warmer than it is now. It will be nice to see all the delegates and officers again but the most important thing is that we do some good for the organization, Slovenian Women's Union.

Thank you ladies for mailing in your dues. The weather has been so bad we haven't, been collecting at the Slovenian Home at all this year; let's hope to see you in March.

Happy Easter to all of you, hope the Easter Bunny is good to you and brings you good health and happiness!

SOPHIE MAGAYNA
Secretary

NO. 12, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

With all our snow and cold weather keeping a lot of our gals at home last month, it was heart-warming to see that a lot more came out in spite of the cold and rough walking as many sidewalks were very poorly shoveled making it difficult to walk. I'm sure glad that on the whole, our Slovenians are of a hearty and tough character and brave most anything!

Frances Plesko led the meeting off in Slovenian with prayers and all officers were present.

Reports were given and approved after which we discussed our coming card party and the picnic in June to be held at Jackson Park with our Juniors in mind especially.

The National Convention in May to be held in Duluth, Minn. was discussed and Sophie Stampfel was elected delegate with Mary Dezman as alternate. Anyone desiring to attend this convention is welcome. Brochures and tours were discussed and if enough visitors are interested we shall have a bus which hopefully Rose Kraemer can fill and we have a good group. It promises to be an interesting tour of the city of Duluth as well as the mining exhibits in Chisholm, etc. As a miner's daughter, I know I'll be interested!

We're also hoping that we can enlist a few new members by then but so far it doesn't look very promising. LET'S GET BUSY!

Booklets to help defray the cost of our delegate can be had from your Secretary as well as card party tickets and Immigrant books.

Frances Jug, Angeline Krolnik, were reported on the sick list as well as our Sunshine Chairman, Mary Evanich who came back from a Florida vacation with a sore throat. Olga Fredericks and Jean Jelenc were also with her but they came back with benefits from the Sun!

Everyone was anxious to get started with our Social portion so we had Stavia close with prayers in English.

There were so many donations again for door prizes that most of us went home with something.

A very good, hearty lunch was prepared by Tillie Vodnik, one of the birthday girls with Olga Fredericks who baked a strudel, Gertrude Schunk brought a cake and Chris Bojance all pitched in and the least we could do was sing "Happy Birthday" and thank the girls.

We ended up playing our favorite game.

MARY DEZMAN

NO. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

President's Day was indeed a huge success with over 30 members celebrating Jo Aiuto's big day. Our breakfast was delicious as usual at the Jack Tar Hotel. Jo was presented a corsage of three lovely white orchids which surprised and delighted her. What a pleasure to be in the company of so many lovely lassies. This will be a yearly tribute to our President. President's Day is a happy day for all!

Sorrow was a part of our day also as we learned just during Mass that Steve Gregorin was killed in an automobile accident. Naturally, six of his family members had to forego our happy day. Sonya, Steve's Sister, is our Secretary and of course we all feel a great loss as we all have watched this boy grow into manhood. To die at 18 in itself is a dreadful thing but to this dear devoted family it is a pain too great to bear. The entire family are members of Zveza, Aunt, Cousins and all, so at this time we can only pray God in all his kindness will give all the strength to bear this great loss. God be with Steve and keep him in HIS care. It is right to say the world was a better place even for the little while Steve was with us, just because he was here.

Reno again enters into the picture June 3 and 4 Sunday and Monday. This will again be an excellent trip under the guidance of Jo Aiuto. Make your reservation early and thus avoid the disappointment of a too-full bus. For those interested brochures will be given out at the meeting so come and hear all the details. Betty's Tours will handle our reservations. A good time as usual will be enjoyed by all, JUNE 3rd and 4th!

We are planning an Invitational Luncheon soon. Beverly Jackson will be chairman of the day. As of this printing we do not have a set date but you will be informed by phone or note, so plan to attend.

Be kind to each other and say a nice word to a friend; this alone will

make life a lot happier for all.

God Bless the Gregorin Family.

FRAN E. CHiodo
Reporter

NO. 14, EUCLID, OHIO

Our February meeting was very well-attended and it was a good meeting.

Frieda Miller — our Mother of the Year — did the installation of officers for 1979. It was done at this meeting because our January meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

Our annual Mass for the living and deceased members of our branch was planned for Ash Wednesday, February 28 at St. Christine's Church. By the time you read this article it will be over.

Welcome to our new member Sylvia Tanko; hope she will enjoy our branch activities and meetings.

Delegates to the up-coming S.Z.Z. convention in May are: Vera Bajec and Antoinette Zabukovec with alternate, Mary Iskra.

On our sick list are: Alma Tercek, Jennie Stopar, Rose Maurich and Mary Lada who is in the hospital. Get well wishes to all of them; hope they will all be feeling better soon.

Mary Dolsak's husband, Frank, passed away recently and Rose Maurich's, grandson, David Zak, also died recently. Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased. May eternal light shine upon the deceased and may they rest in peace.

Thank you to all members who donated monies to our Treasury, Sunshine Fund, and Goodtime Fund.

God Bless You All.

ANTOINETTE ZABUKOVEC
Reporter

NO. 15, CLEVELAND, OHIO

We had a meeting on Feb. 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Our Mother's Day Mass will be on May 6th at 8 o'clock. It would be nice to see many in attendance.

Please make a note of the date and time and do attend.

Get well wishes to all who are ill.

God bless you.

JO KLUN

NO. 16, SOUTH CHICAGO, ILL.

On the night of our meeting in February, the south side of Chicago had a five inch snowfall but still we were fortunate to have twenty ladies attend. In the absence of our secretary, Gladys Buck, dues were collected by Sylvia Spretnjak and

Mary Rago took the minutes for Phyllis Perko.

Plans for our Games party in March were finalized and Ann Lustig passed out tickets and collected prizes for this affair.

The National Convention program was read and Anna Lustig was voted our delegate with Mary Brebrick as alternate. Members are asked to donate samples of their handwork to be sold at the convention for the Scholarship Fund.

Pauline Klobucar urged the ladies to attend the Baraga dinner and program at St. Stephen's hall on February 18th.

The members unanimously agreed that Elsie Starcevic be honored as our 1979 Mother-of-the-Year. Elsie's many activities date back to the days when this monthly article was written in Slovenian by Honorary President, Katie Triller. Congratulations, Elsie! Our annual chicken dinner, when we will honor Elsie, will be held on May 10th at St. George's hall. Please make your reservations early.

Andrea Kral gave a report on the bowling tournament and announced that our team will consist of Mary Rago, Dolores Franko, Chris Tomasik, Mary Christine Whalen and Andrea Kral. Good luck, ladies!

Members on our current sick list are Anna Buck, Julie Vrlich, Agnes Cherne and Marge Monok. Mary Klun, formerly of Br. 72, is recuperating at her daughter's home after a recent heart attack. We send them our best wishes for improved health.

Four members celebrated their birthdays by baking strudels and cakes for refreshments at the meeting. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Pauline Klobucar, Mary Krznaric, Mary Rago and Elsie Starcevic. The Sunshine prizes went to Mary Crnokrak and Mary Priesol.

MARGE SPRETNJAK,
Reporter

NO. 19, EVELETH, MINN.

On March 4th, the meeting was well-attended. We opened the meeting with prayers for our sick and departed sisters, led by our Vice-President, Mitza Isaacson. The usual officers' reports were all accepted as read.

It was decided that on May 6th we will honor our Mother of the Year, Mary Brank at a special Mass and Corporate Communion at 11:15; the Mass to be offered for all our members, living and deceased.

TO BE BRIDE



Mary Ann Globokar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Globokar Sr., recently became engaged to Kevin Blakeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Blakeley, of Euclid, Ohio.

Miss Globokar, a graduate of Villa Angela Academy, attended Hiram College and Cleveland State University. She is employed by Broadview Savings.

Mr. Blakeley, is currently a student at Cleveland State University. He is employed at K and G Machine, Euclid.

A fall wedding is planned.

Our heartiest wishes to former "deb" Mary Ann and her fiance.



Everyone is to meet at the church hall. Immediately after mass, a dinner will be served. Please make reservations early by calling 741 2177 or 741 6928. A short meeting will follow. Ladies, let's all come and help so Mary's day will be a happy one.

We initiated our two new members, Eleanor Ashew and Mary Wolf. Welcome to them.

Yours Truly will be a delegate to the National Convention in Duluth and Mitza Isaacson is the alternate.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mary Jagonich on the loss of her beloved husband, Vladimir. May he rest in peace.

Get well wishes were sent to Helen Yurkovich, Anica Kuntara, Helen Korpela, Mary Charnowski and Rose Brooks. May good health return quickly.

Something nice happened to our member Helen and husband, Mario Percic of Cleveland; after three boys they were blessed with a baby girl, Maria Helena. Congratulations!

Lunch was served by the kitchen committee and the goodies were donated by Veda Lanari and Yours Truly. The door prize was donated by Pauline Turnbull and won by Catherine Pollak.

Remember our May 6th Mother's Day celebration.

OLGA KLUSER
President

NO. 20, JOLIET, ILL.

Two beautiful Valentine dolls were the center of attraction on the buffet table from which delicious bakery was served. Millie Pucel received these dolls over 30 years ago from husband Rudy. The members who treated us to the bakery were Mary Wisemantle, apple strudel; Emma Planinsek, rosettes; Olga Ancel, jelly roll; Mary Marolt, chocolate cake; Agnes Troutman, Texas cake; Emma Nosse, Angel food cake.

Door prizes were donated by Josephine Erjevac, Mary Marolt, Millie Pucel and Olga Ancel. Winners of these surprises packages wrapped in Valentine motif were Kathy Knez, Agnes Troutman, Theresa Marentic, Edith Kunstek, Louise Segal, Jonita Ruth, Ann Kobe, Jo Gordon and Ann Mihelic.

As of this writing our member, Jonita Ruth is the top go-getter in recruiting new members. Next month we will report her grand total.

Get-well wishes are sent to Ann Ragusa, Rose Tabler and Agnes Lovati. Agnes is our secretary and we sure did miss her at the meeting.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mary Spelich on the death of her husband, Joe. He was associated with the Fitzgerald Furniture Company for many years serving as Vice-President.

We also wish to convey our sympathies to Mary Sefcik, Lorraine Hrubos and Mary Jane Hrubos on the death of their husband, father and grandfather Anton Sefcik.

We received two Heritage Festival invitations. The 2nd Annual Heritage Festival at the Will-Joliet Bicentennial Park is scheduled for May 19 and the Louis Joliet Mall Heritage Ethnic Program will be held on May 31 to June 3. Both projects have been taken under advisement.

Chalk up another successful Jubilation held the last two weeks in March. Our two members, Mary Anzelc and Olga Ancel and their husbands took full charge of the "Gostilna" which again proved to be the most popular lounge which featured klobase, potica, refreshments and live polka bands. Another

member Loretta Grzetic did all the artistic wall paintings. Proceeds benefited the two Catholic High Schools — St. Francis Academy and Joliet Catholic High.

Delegates and alternates who were elected unanimously to represent the branch at the national convention are President Emma Planinsek, Secretary Agnes Lovatti and Vice-President Millie Pucel. Alternates are Jo Goron, Emma Nosse and Josephine Erjavec.

Six Joliet Bowling teams participated in the Bowling Tournament held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Good Luck to all.

President Emma Planinsek would appreciate receiving handiwork which will be sold at the convention for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund.

The April meeting will be held on the 4th Sunday, that is April 22nd due to Easter Sunday being on our meeting day.

May you have a Happy Easter, Full of Blessings from Above.

JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC

NO. 22, BRADLEY, MINN.

Our sturdy, steady members braved the icy conditions and made it safely to the February meeting at the home of our gracious hostesses, Toni Legris and her sister, Gabrielle Lustig.

It was a very sociable gathering with much personal and business conversation in the air.

Letters from our long distance members were read: Rose Barothy from Indiana extending her best wishes as well as Emma Snidercich from Wisconsin. Both keep in touch with our branch through the Zveza reports — glad to hear they are well and so interested in their branch activities. We are hoping they can visit and attend our meeting at some future date.

Donations were approved for the worthy Baraga cause and tickets for the upcoming convention in Duluth, Minnesota, which we hope will be a huge success.

Our thoughtful, talented Ann Richards donated a crocheted stuffed animal, won by Ann Kinder and enriching our treasury. Many thanks, Ann.

Our next meeting will be April 22nd with Libby Kinder and Mollie Staresinich as hostesses.

Sympathy was extended to our president, Mary Rittmanic, myself, and all our relatives. Our family and friends were deeply shocked by the sudden death of our brother, Joe

Spreitzer, who died in his sleep on February 8th. He was a dynamic person, who was interested in people and promoted honesty in politics. As a resort owner in Ely, Minnesota, he worked diligently and vigorously for measures to clean the lakes of pollution so that future generations could enjoy the pleasures of swimming and good fishing. Thus, he was instrumental in laying down the ground work for a unique Tertiary Waste Treatment Plant to accomplish this task. His deeds will be recognized for years to come and his rewards will be many in heaven. Joe was married to Alice Dressler, formerly of Bradley. Ely has lost a great crusader; we have lost a wonderful brother.

Member Mayme Drassler is keeping warm in her second home which she shares with sister, Tillie, in Arizona. We miss you; hurry back!

Belated birthday wishes to Toni Legris in March. Have a good day and year.

Blessings of Easter to all! Christ died for us because he loves us. We can always depend upon him to be our most faithful friend. He will always be on our side and at our side.

CORRECTION: My February article should have read; **Anna Jannick will be honored as our "Mother of the Year." Father Vitus will be our new spiritual guide replacing Father McDermott, who was transferred.** (That new printing press is very lively — skips and jumps!)

MARGE PLANTON
Reporter

NO. 23, ELY, MINN.

Weather seems to be the topic on everyone's mind these cold, cold winter days. Our January meeting was cancelled because of this particular reason. It was —35 below. Now that February is almost over, can spring be far behind? The February meeting was well-attended. The agenda was jam packed with business. The major topic of discussion was the National Convention to be held in Duluth, Minn. It is hoped that a bus can be chartered so that our members can take advantage of the convention activities. Delegates elected to represent the Ely Branch 23 are Rose Pucel and Mary Folio with Mary Zgonc as alternate.

The Ely "Slovenian Women's Union Octette" directed by Mary Hutar have been invited to sing both at the Mass on Sunday, May 20 and at the Convention Banquet Sunday evening. The group looks forward to

singing at the National Convention. They have been busy practicing for weeks preparing for both events. Those attending will be in for a treat. The group will be performing both Slovenian and English music for both events. This accomplished group enjoys participating and singing together and agree they could not do it without their director, Mary Hutar.

Members elected Margie Preshiren as "Mother of the Year." (Thank you branch members for this honor!)

Hostesses for the February meeting were: Mary Jannick, Barbara Rosandich, Margie Zgonc, Rose Pucel, Rose Kosir, Rose Koschak and Margie Preshiren.

The annual card party for the public was held on the March meeting date. Pinochle, canasta and other games were available for the guests to play. It is always a success and great fun.

Hostesses for the evening were Katherine Merhar, Mary Zgonc, Helen Theno, Mary Mavetz, Ann Miklausich, Pat Lammi, Helen Strukel, Louise Seliga, Angela Godec and Barbara Rosandich.

MARGIE PRESHIREN
Reporter

NO. 25, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear members of Br. 25. We are extending an invitation to our members and their friends to a luncheon in honor of our Woman of the Year, Chris Glavan, who was unanimously selected at the February meeting. She is a diligent worker for Br. 25 and S.W.U. More about Chris in the May issue of the DAWN. Instead of a meeting on May 8 we will have the luncheon at 1:30 p.m. in the Social Room and afterward, play "B".

1979 started out sadly for Br. 25. The Lord called 8 of our members in the first 6 weeks! They are, Frances Lukanc, Mary Race, Hannah Blatnik, Jennie Zelle, Jennie Loncar, Theresa Levstick, Julia Rascan and Zeno Zak, our only male member, who died at the age of 36. Mr. Zak is survived by his wife and 3 small daughters, the youngest being only 7 months old. He was the owner of the Zak Funeral Home. Br. 25 extends sympathy to the relatives and friends of our departed members. God grant them eternal rest!

Convention time is coming in May. Members, please tell your delegates if you have any ideas for the betterment of Zveza. Come to the

meetings so we can discuss it. Please speak up now and not complain after the Convention is over. Your delegates are Ann Maver and Yours Truly. Please buy the tickets we are selling to help defray the expenses for our delegates. Wouldn't be a hardship on anyone to buy at least one ticket.

Our monthly meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday and lately they are well-attended. Are your dues paid up to date?

Happy Easter to all members of S.W.U. May the Risen Lord bless you all with health and give better health to all our sick members.

JENNIE FEMC

NO. 32, EUCLID, OHIO

We had a very nice group at our meeting in Feb. and new members were present which made us very happy. We have a new baton group leader, very young and happy woman; she is Barbara Grzincic. The Twirlettes performed with other groups on Feb. 14th for the Valentine's party at Neff Road Nursing Home. We wish her success and we love to have her. Maybe more juniors will join. Thanks for entertaining the sick and elderly.

Our Vice-President sent a sympathy card to Mr. & Mrs. Clemens on the loss of her mother in law and a sympathy card to Vida Perme whose mother passed away - Theresa Levstick. Our condolences. We express our sympathy to Mr. Kaplan and family as Jane Kaplan, his dear wife, passed away. It was very nice to see all the branches of S.W.U. come in a group to pray the Rosary for Jane. May she rest in peace; she was a hard worker for the S.W.U.

For March, Hermine Strainer invited Emily Jelenic to show slides of all her trips. She does a lot of traveling.

Our president, Alma Eppick has our Mother's Day celebration started. Mary Ster will cook for us and we will have our dinner at Rechar Hall. This is nice as it's close and we hope to see a lot of our ladies interested. Come to the meetings and of course, we hope you will come to help us honor our Mother of the Year, Marilyn Frech, a young mother.

Mary Bostian, our National President, mentioned that she will have a bus for the convention in

An open letter to all Minnesota members

*Dear Members of the Slovenian Women's Union,
Greetings to you all!*

As in every organization, large or small, everyone is always striving for and looking forward to bigger and better things, ways and means to greater strength and unification. It is like looking forward to spring, a time of sowing, then watching the new growth flourish and bloom for everyone to appreciate and admire.

As you all know, our National Convention will be held in a few months here in our own state, in the city of Duluth. This is a golden opportunity to express your ideas, good or bad; voice your compliments or complaints. Forward your letters according to guidelines set in Article 13.06 of our By-laws to:

*National Headquarters
431 North Chicago St.
Joliet, Ill. 60432*

They will make every effort to see that the issues are brought to the attention of the committee involved. I urge you all to think this over; how else can those in office know of your desires? How can we move forward to achieve that "bloom" we are looking forward to?

*Sincerely yours,
BARBARA ROSANDICH,
National Auditor*

Minnesota and we should try to do our best to help our delegates financially. Each delegate wishes that the Slovenian Women's Union members would be active for the good of their branches.

For February this year, we were all honored instead of a single sweetheart and our president thanked all for working hard. That was nice of her. After the meeting, our hostesses had the tables beautifully decorated for Valentine's Day and tables were loaded with delicious home made specialties and candy. We had many door prizes and refreshments were served. Thank you, ladies, everything was delicious.

Caroline Kaliopie took a winter cruise to Nassau. She also became great grandma to her 12th great grandchild!

Congratulations to Frances Ogorenc and her husband as they celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. Mr. & Mrs. John Tushar, with their daughter and husband; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Pinney, flew to California for Christmas. They spent the holidays in San Diego, Escondido and Poway with their grandchildren. All their relatives came together to celebrate. With so many close relatives all coming together, this will be remembered for years to come.

We are proud of our new members. Br. 32 is growing! They are Carol Rakonovic for Dec., Cvetka Benedejcic and son, John by Annie Godlar. For Jan., 1979, Dorothy Lamm, Vlasta Vrh and Marija Obreza, these last two by Tinca Kanalec. Jean Race and Patricia Suster by Mary Drobnick. For Feb. Jean Krajewski and two daughters, by Ceal Znidar. Mary Zakrajzek by A. Godlar. Terri Rhyand by Barbara Grzincic. We are very proud that three juniors transferred to the adult group. They are Carol Cooke Kozan, Valerie Petrovic Granci and Carol Stopar Horgan. We are proud to have all of these that joined; let's keep it up! We wish to see you at our meetings; it is interesting to see new faces.

We are now in the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday was Feb. 28th and that also means that spring is around the corner (what corner?) Keep in mind your dues payments; don't let our secretary, Josephine Comenshek wait. She has a big job.

Get well wishes to all the sick and have a happy birthday if you are one of our celebrants. See you at the meeting April 18th; this will be after Easter already.

Hope you all had a very nice holiday. May God bless you all.

A. TEKAVEC

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POTS & PANS and PASTIME

When Mrs. Anna Trontel, Mrs Mary Slaney and I visited in Pittsburgh we talked about recipes. It so happens that both Anna and Mary enjoy serving SARMA (cabbage rolls) sometimes with other meats - and always for family gatherings especially on New Year's Eve. In their homes SARMA will accompany the Easter ham. Mary prepared 200 of the cabbage rolls for the KSKJ picnic last summer.

Two other favorites are: BANANA SPLIT CAKE a fabulous dessert, and MINIATURE CHEESE CAKE CUPCAKES. Barbara, Mary's daughter, made a couple hundred of these attractive CUPCAKES for the 50th anniversary dinner of Branch No. 26. No-26.

SARMA (Cabbage Rolls)

Makes about 30 rolls:

- 1 large head cabbage
- 2 pounds meat loaf mix (mostly beef with some pork and veal added)
- 1/2 teaspoon accent
- 2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 eggs, unbeaten
- 1 cup regular rice, uncooked
- 6 slices bacon - regular or smoked
- 1 large can (27 oz.) sauerkraut
- 1 medium smoked ham hock
- 1 pound klobase, if desired

To soften cabbage leaves both Mary and Anna use the freezing method: remove core; place whole cabbage in a plastic bag and freeze for one to two days. Let thaw at room temperature until leaves can be separated. With a knife remove the hard top of the median rib section of each leaf and spread them out on table or counter.

FILLING:

In a large bowl place meat, accent, salt, pepper, eggs and rice (both

women do not precook the rice but pour in into a strainer, let very hot water from the faucet run over it shaking gently). Fry the bacon until crisp, drain and crumble. Add to meat mixture. Fill each leaf with a well rounded tablespoon of filling and on an angle roll up tightly; tuck in the ends.

BAKING:

In an ungreased roasting pan (size depending on number of rolls) line bottom with layer of sauerkraut. Top with cabbage rolls packing tightly together to keep secure. Add another layer of sauerkraut, then more rolls. For added flavor tuck in the smoked ham hock along one side. Add enough liquid to just cover rolls. Mary uses water while Anna prefers tomato juice or tomato soup diluted with water. Whole klobase can be added during last hour of cooking, if desired. Bake covered for 2 hours at 325 degrees. Boiled or mashed potatoes usually accompany SARMA along with jello containing fruit or pudding for dessert..

Mary's BANANA SPLIT CAKE

Excellent for Easter dinner

CRUST:

- 1 1/2 sticks oleomargarine, melted
 - 3 cups graham cracker crumbs
- Line 9 X 13 ungreased cake pan with the above crust (on bottom only)

1st layer:

- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 3 sticks oleo, room temperature
- 3 eggs

Beat altogether for 15 minutes with an electric beater and pour over crust.

2nd, 3rd and 4th layers:

- 1 large can (20 ounces) crushed pineapple, well drained
- Spread evenly over first layer
- Slice 4 large bananas over pineapple
- Spread with 1 large Cool Whip (9 oz.)
- Sprinkle with nuts and cherries.

Refrigerate overnight or 24 hours. Serves at least 15.

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Make this year's Easter memorable with a gathering of family or friends, and special food to add to the festivity.

Fondly and Happy Easter!  
HERMINE

## Barbara's MINIATURE CHEESECAKE CUPCAKES

1 box SUNSHINE small vanilla wafers (this is a very small size vanilla wafer that fits perfectly into the miniature paper liners — regular vanilla wafers will have to be crushed to fit liners).

- 2-8 ounce packages cream cheese
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- Cherry Pie Filling (21 ounce can)
- 1 3/4 inch paper cup liners

Beat together the cream cheese, sugar, eggs and vanilla until smooth and creamy. Put a vanilla wafer in each cupcake liner. Fill each cup with cheese mixture until almost full. Bake in small muffin tins at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Cool. Top each with cherry pie filling, about 1 teaspoon or 2 - 3 cherries.

Chill and serve.

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From California Mrs. Fran Chiodo sent a favorite recipe with a note:

"These are a couple of recipes that have proved to be a good success with our members".



## 7 Layered Salad

"This is a wonderful salad for meeting night (and for Easter dinner) as it can be made ahead of time": writes Fran. Serves 10 - 12.

- 1 large head of lettuce,
- 3/4 cup chopped celery
- 3/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 7 chopped green onions
- 1 package frozen peas (uncooked)
- 2 cups mayonnaise - spread over all
- 7 slices fried bacon cut into small pieces
- 4 ounces grated cheddar cheese over entire top.

"Place each part of salad just as listed in a bowl (looks lovely in a crystal bowl); cover with Saran Wrap and refrigerate 24 hours. Serve just as is and allow guests to dip down and serve themselves."



Amelia sits in the center with her zither. Her friends, Rose Popek sits on the left and Rose Pihovnik on the right.

IRENE ODORIZZI:  
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# THE IMMIGRANT

## AMELIA

### FROM BEGUNJE

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#### Part II

Having father back home again, after so many years, seemed strange to us at first. We were all so very young when he went to America and now, seeing us for the first time in years, as adults, was quite a shock and an adjustment for him. Everything in the house reminded him of our deceased mother and we sympathized with his discomfort. Memories of their early marriage were recalled, and father was unable to stay in the house for any length of time. He either went to Ljubljana or Zagreb, rather than stay on the farm. Four months was as long as father remained in Slovenia before he decided to return to America and take me along with him. To leave my beloved homeland was a difficult decision to make for a girl who only experienced the bad results of American influence: two uncles and mother dead, an estranged father, a crippled uncle.

My brothers convinced me, "Go to America, Amelia! Father will help you get settled and you will have a chance to see if America is for you."

"But look at Uncle John and what it did to him," I replied.

My brother replied, "Yes, I have not forgotten bitter memories, but look at how many people have remained in America and have done very well. You may be one of the lucky ones, but you won't know unless you try."

"But what if I do not like life in America, like mother?"

"Slovenia will always be here. You can come back home. The door will never be closed to you," he assured me.

I decided to take my father's offer and accompany him to America, the land of opportunity. My eldest brother

would be married within the year, so before we left, father signed the property over to him. I was left a room in the house if I decided to come back to the old country.

Three other girls from Begunje traveled along with me: Rose Kranc, Josie Debevec, and Mary Popek. Just before our train arrived at its destination, Cherbourg, France, tragedy befell. A six-year old girl apparently leaned against the compartment door and fell from the train, being killed instantly. The youngster was buried in the same town where the accident occurred, but the mishap delayed our arrival in Cherbourg so that we missed our ship to America.

For nine days we remained in Cherbourg, unfamiliar with the French language, and wandering around like lost sheep. Lodging in barracks were provided, and food was available though not very appetizing. Most of the meals consisted of bean soup; each day there was a different kind of bean. We girls were lodged separately from my father and, being from the same town, had similar experiences, so there was always a topic for conversation.

In the evening, my father took us to the heart of the city where he bought us each a plate of potato chips, which were fried in huge kettles, at the concession stands. A bottle of wine accompanied the chips, and we all looked forward to the following evening when we could do it again.

Finally, our ship, the Berengaria, entered the harbor. This French liner had excellent food-enjoyed by those who were not seasick. I was fortunate to be well most of the time, and could enjoy the food. These days at sea brought a second tragedy. Our waiter, a young man of twenty-three, slipped from the upper deck into the ocean. The ship stopped in an attempt to rescue him, but unfortunately he was lost at sea.

A few days later, crewmen, wearing life preservers, scurried throughout the ship. Since we could not speak French, we would only watch and wonder. Later, news reached the passengers that there was a small fire in the engine room which was extinguished by the crew. This could have been the third tragedy.

On the twelfth day of our trip, the shores of New York became visible. The news quickly spread among the passengers who hurried on deck to behold the land they had heard so much about. All of the passengers, including those who had been sick the entire voyage, were delighted to see the Statue of Liberty waiting to greet them in New York Harbor. We all wondered what the future held in store for us.

Our first stop was at Ellis Island, where all passengers were examined for the possibility of disease or serious illness, and where we were required to show the necessary amount of money needed to take us to our destination. One of the girls traveling with us lacked the sufficient

Louis and Amelia Oswald pose with a friend (right) in 1925.



This photo was taken in 1923 when Amelia arrived in America. She wears her European-purchased clothing.

amount, so my father gave her the balance of money she needed. Even now, many years later, she expressed her gratefulness to my father who made it possible for her to complete her journey, and not be forced to return to the old country.

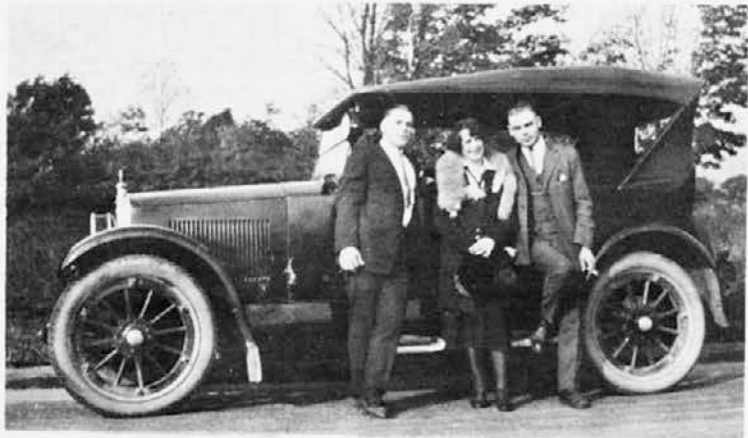
After we cleared inspection, tags were pinned on our clothing designating our final destination. My father, Rose, and I were headed for Cleveland, Ohio, and the other girls, Josephine and Mary, went to Lorain, Ohio. Each of us received a box of food containing salami, bread, cookies, and fruit which was to last for the remainder of our journey.

Our train sped from New York City to Albany, New York, where we boarded another train which would complete our trip to Cleveland. Josie and Mary were to continue on to Lorain. Needless to say, the parting was sad, and we wept as we said our goodbyes.

We finally arrived in Cleveland where my father's two brothers, Frank and John, lived. First we stopped to visit Uncle Frank's home on 61st Street of St. Clair Avenue; then his younger brother, John, who lived in Collinwood on Holmes Avenue.

Upon hearing of father's intention to return to Utah, both brothers urged him to find a job in Cleveland, but he was anxious to continue his former work. I was to remain with Uncle Frank, his wife Johanna, and their six children because my father felt that I would not enjoy the life-style in the west. He promised to return after one year. Prior to his leaving, I remember father instructing me, "If you should ever get lost, just remember, the number one dozen and two dozen, that would be 1224 — the house number of my Uncle Frank.

One month later we took father to the railroad station and, as we bid each other goodbye, he said, "If I should die in Utah, come to my funeral." Six months later a telegram arrived informing us of his death. It happened



when he and another employee went to the mine to check a gas leak, and an explosion occurred killing both men instantly. He was only forty-seven years old. This was a great loss, making me feel very much alone in the world.

Father was buried in Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland, and I remained with Uncle Frank's family doing a variety of chores for his wife, Johanna, as well as working in the factory. I recall helping with the laundry upon returning from work. Johanna would wash the clothes during the day. When I returned home in the afternoon, I was required to wring out all the clothes, using the wooden wringer.

Saturday evening was devoted to carrying pails of hot water to the bath tub so the six children could bathe. Indoor plumbing was not yet installed. This was exhausting work, and I became very tired by the time all baths were completed. Uncle John's wife, Louise, invited me to live with her when she heard my complaints of how hard I was working for Johanna.

Eventually, we were informed that my father had invested money and had stock in the Standard Coal Company in Utah, and had named me as his beneficiary. Uncle John retained a lawyer, who spoke German as I did, to represent me. For one year I frequented his office for word of the inheritance, but there was no communication from the Coal Company. Finally, after one year of waiting, a letter came stating that the money could be claimed in Salt Lake City, Utah. Aunt Louise and I boarded the next train for Salt Lake City. When we arrived, we were told that the money had been turned over to the State Treasurer because we were three weeks too late in claiming it. The officials also stated that my lawyer had started legal proceedings to sue the company, and that his action was not "proper" because my father was insured by the State of Utah and had other insurance policies and bonds.

Gathering together all my papers, I took the streetcar to the lawyer's office. When it was time for me to get off the car, I realized that in my distress and worry, the papers had slipped from my lap on to the floor. As soon as the car vanished in the distance, I discovered that the papers were gone. The next few weeks were devoted in attempts to retrieve these valuable documents through newspaper ads, but no reply came. My only consolation lay in the fact that a death certificate was needed to cash the bonds. Unfortunately, my small inheritance would never assist me in starting my life in this new and strange world. Apparently it was never meant to be, and my destiny now remained in my youth and good health, which promised a hopeful future. It was a tragedy to lose the inheritance, but my father was much more important to me than the money, which could never restore his life.

**End Part II**

*In reference to the package costs, all prices for meals are complete including tax and tip. Varied menus have been planned for lunches and dinners.*

*All reservations should be in no later than April 30 for delegates, members, guests.*

*For local members, guests and those from surrounding areas and Iron Range who may wish to attend Sunday only, the \$13.75 per person cost for Grand Banquet includes Meal (tax + tip), program and dance. Red Rudeck and "Talkabouts" will be playing for dancing and listening pleasure of all.*

Lois



NO. 33, DULUTH, MINN.

On Feb. 7 meeting was another busy "convention planning" meeting. Everything is going along well and we are hoping that as many of you will be attending as possible.

Norwegian foods were to be served as part of our Ethnic Night, Mar. 7 and Slovenian songs to be sung.

Notes from St. Elizabeth's Church Bulletin: Patrick Stojevich and Mike Picconatto will be presented with the Parvuli Dei, Catholic Cub Scout Award. Mike is a junior member and both mothers belong to our branch.

Albertina Bianco, involved with the Social Concerns committee, and a member of our branch, has been sending out cards to parish members in hospitals, nursing homes, etc.

We, too, appreciate this work done by her for her parish and we also appreciate this work done for our group by Ruth Boben.

Marie Diskin is home after a few days in the hospital. Mrs. Rose App is at Park Point Manor. We send our prayers and greetings to all our members wherever they are.

William Radasovich, 16, a junior member of our branch and a Member of Holy Spirit Church, Two Harbors, Blue Army, went on a 15 day pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal last August. He will tell of his trip at our Mother's Day program, May 2. His Mother, Margaret, is a member of our branch, as is her daughter Stacy, last year's scholarship winner.

LOIS M. PELANDER  
Reporter

After an absence of 2 months (we had no meetings in December and January) our February meeting on Wednesday (21st.) was an important one, and we had lots of business to attend to. The meeting opened with prayer lead by Mrs. Anthony Yapel who also presided at the meeting in the absence of our President, Theresa Pahula (who was in Duluth to see her doctor), and our vice-president Mary Vollendorf, who with her husband "Bill," are on a trip out west to visit relatives in the state of Washington and California and elsewhere.

The first business on the agenda was to elect new officers for 1979 which resulted in the following slate of officers:

President — Mrs. Ernest Mustonen (Adeline)

V. Pres. — Mrs. William Vollendorf (Mary)

Sec.-Treasurer — Mrs. John Bobence (Victoria)

Rec. Sec. — Mrs. Ramon Berg (Lorraine)

Reporter — Mrs. Anthony F. Yapel (Barbara)

Sunshine Chairman — Mrs. Louis Chiabotti (Louise)

Mrs. Frank Planton (Angela), Mrs. John Zavodnick (Sophie) and Mrs. Joseph Gornick (Mary) remain as trustees.

We, members of Branch No. 34, acknowledge with deep appreciation the work of Mrs. John Pahula (Theresa) as President, and Mrs. Mary Pahula as Secretary-Treas. Their hard work and devotion for the work of the SWU, and our Branch in particular, for so many years of faithful service we publicly thank them for it. Both had to terminate their offices because of illness. Thank you, Mary and Theresa from all of us!

The next business on the agenda was to choose our **Mother of the Year** and Molly Wilson received that honor! She will be included in the MAY edition of DAWN Magazine.

Then followed election of a delegate for the National Convention in May in Duluth (at the Radisson Hotel) and Mrs. Anthony F. Yapel was chosen to represent Branch No. 34 with Anne Vesel chosen as alternate. However, we do know that our Branch with two other smaller Branches will have only one delegate to represent us, and we must wait to find out who she will be.

Members were informed to bring some handwork or hand made ar-

Following the business meeting the hostesses, Mrs. Joseph Stefanich and Mrs. Angeline Grahek served refreshments. Mrs. Frank Planton was awarded the attendance prize which was donated by Mrs. Joseph Jamnick. Named to the hostess committee for the March 21st meeting were Mrs. Nick Tekautz and Mrs. Jerome Rooney (who was also to donate the attendance prize.)

A social hour was held before the refreshments were served, and winners at "500" were Anne Vesel and Louise Chiabotti, and at "COOTIE" Mrs. John Tekautz and Mrs. Ernest Mustonen.

To all Happy Easter!

MRS. ANTHONY F. YAPEL  
Reporter

NO. 38, CHISHOLM, MINN.

An enjoyable and productive meeting was held on March 7 at the Slovenian National Home in Chisholm, Minnesota. This meeting was called in order to prepare for the Bake Sale, White Elephant Table, and Coffee Social which was to be the following day, March 8. Also, plans were completed for the banquet honoring our Mother-of-the-Year, Mrs. Marko Briski, an event of May 5. Ann Bradach, program chairperson, gave an outline of the entertainment aspect for the evening. She will have all of us attending the dinner travel "Down Memory Lane" with Mary Briski, and even hearing the preliminary outline brought a tingle down the spine! We won't go into detail at this time as Ann wants this program to be enjoyed as a surprise to all present on Saturday, May 5. Jennie Samsa will prepare the Slovenian chicken dinner (are there Slovenian chickens???) with the help of the members. This affair promises to be another happy occasion.

The Convention in Duluth is now beginning to seem more of a reality as the date approaches. Chisholm will host the visitors on Tuesday, May 22, at a noon luncheon at the Slovenian National Home. Convention visitors will be bused from Duluth to tour the Interpretative Center and Minn. Museum of Mining in Chisholm. We welcome the Convention visitors to Chisholm on May 22! All in all, Chisholm Branch No. 38 will be very busy in May.

Our bake sale on March 8 was a definite success. What a variety of Baked goods! President Jennie

Samsa wishes to express her sincere appreciation to all who contributed such wonderful, tasty foods for our table, and also to the many members who worked so diligently. She stated it was a pleasure to work with such happy, pleasant and cooperative women. What could have been a real chore to a few workers turned out to be a day of enjoyment, fellowship and good feelings. Thanks to all and also to those who came to buy. We even had some of our SWU sisters from Hibbing attending our sale!

We hope to see many of you, including Hibbing and Kitzville members, at our Mother's Dinner on May and the Convention Delegates luncheon on May 22. Mrs. Samsa asks that you please make reservations in advance.

Convention visitors, see you in Chisholm on May 22!

Rec. Sec'y  
ANN NUSICH

#### NO. 39, BIWABIK, MINN.

A Happy and Blessed Easter to all!

Recently the lodge gave away a home made quilt donated by Helen Swanson which was a big success. A thank you to all ladies who got out and sold tickets and to Louise Nisen for having the tickets printed.

Election of officers was held in January: President, Frances Anzels — Vice-President, Mary Gerzina — Treasurer, Margaret Setnick — Recording Secretary — Florence Milos, — Sunshine Lady — Mary Gerzina, Funeral Committee, Mary Gerzina — Ann Gerzina and Angie Brennan. A verbal thank-you was extended to Angie Karish for her dedicated services for the past 47 years.

On January 21st the Lodge had a 90th birthday party for Mary Vodnich at St. John's Parish Hall. Mary was happy to see all her sisters who attended to help her celebrate this wonderful occasion in her life. May we help you to celebrate many more birthdays, Mary.

Plans are being made for the annual Mother's Day Dinner to be held on April 29th at St. John's Parish Hall. It was impossible to have the dinner during the month of May because of conflicting events taking place each week-end during the month of May. Our "Mother of the Year, Ann Gerzina" will be honored.

In February three of our members enjoyed a Carribean Cruise for one week, Marjorie Dewhurst, Irma Judd and Margaret Setnick. They reported a good time was had by all and enjoyed the ship cruise very

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## BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

*Remember our immigrant members with a card or phone call on their birthdays.*

|                                                           |                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Emma Planinsek, 1314 Elizabeth St., Joliet, Ill. 60435    | Apr. 2, 1899 Br. 20  |
| Katherine Caxin, Box 218, Aurora, Mi. 55705               | Apr. 16, 1893 Br. 35 |
| Frances Ambrozich, Box 235, Buhl, Minn. 55713             | Apr. 24, 1888 Br. 38 |
| Mary Sterle, 318 S.W. 5th St., Chisholm, Minn. 55719      | Apr. 17, 1890 Br. 38 |
| Mary Urbanich, 402 S.W. 9th St., Chisholm, Minn. 55719    | Apr. 13, 1900 Br. 38 |
| Margaret Zobec, 2632 5th Ave. E., Hibbing, Mi. 55746      | Apr. 28, 1884 Br. 38 |
| Mary Mihelic, 2931 Leavitt Rd., Apt. E8, Lorain, O. 44053 | Apr. 20, 1903 Br. 40 |
| Anna Rosa, 310 W. 7th St., Apt. 813, Lorain, O. 44052     | Apr. 24, 1895 Br. 40 |
| Mary Debevec, 14926 Sylvia Ave., Cleveland, O. 44110      | Apr. 24, 1901 Br. 41 |
| Pierina Dus, 1252 E. 170 St., Cleveland, Ohio 44110       | Apr. 24, 1901 Br. 41 |
| Jennie Lukanc, 15907 Parkgrove Ave., Cleveland, O. 44110  | Apr. 16, 1901 Br. 41 |
| Mary Novak, 19600 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, Ohio 44119    | Apr. 12, 1890 Br. 41 |
| Louise Raddell, 576 Strumbly Dr., Cleveland, Ohio 44143   | Apr. 19, 1897 Br. 41 |
| Rose Sabac, 16103 Huntmere Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44110    | Apr. 29, 1896 Br. 41 |
| Jennie Perko, 615 Concord Circle, Berea, Ohio 44017       | Apr. 3, 1899 Br. 42  |
| Josephine Stavec, 5086 Stanley Ave., Maple Hts., 44137    | Apr. 26, 1888 Br. 42 |
| Josephine Kolar, 3104 W. Becher St., Milwaukee, Wi. 53215 | Apr. 15, 1898 Br. 43 |
| Jennie Prah, 6960 Darnell Lane, Greendale, Wi. 53219      | Apr. 12, 1900 Br. 43 |

much. Their cruise came at a good time as we in Northern Minnesota had to shovel ourselves out every day for the past few months because of the heavy snowfalls. Lucky Ladies!!

Branch 39 has changed their meeting dates to Thursday evenings because of poor attendance on Sunday afternoon. We will meet the second Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in St. John's Parish Hall. Now that spring is on it's way let us all make an effort to attend these meetings — it is important that we all attend in order to keep the lodge "One large happy family".

FLORENCE J. MILOS  
Recording Secretary

#### NO. 40, LORAIN, OHIO

Hello, ladies - how fast time flies. We are already into the first third of the year.

Our February meeting fell on Valentine's Day and was very well-attended. Recording Secretary, Mary Matos was absent. She and her husband, Joe were visiting daughter and family in nice, warm and very sunny Phoenix, Arizona. Many thanks to Rose Cerne for reading the Minutes and taking notes.

Welcome to new social member, Julia Tomazic. May we enjoy many more games of "B" in the future.

To our birthday girls, Agnes Mroski, Pauline Strong, Francine Pavlovcic, Mayme Hoover and Mollie Glavan, happy birthday to all.

Many thanks to Annette Ferlic, Mary Zallar, Janice Diedrick and Louise Sechkar for their generous donations.

To our ill members, especially Agnes V. Jancer and Ann Udovich, get well soon.

A very happy 25th Anniversary to Joseph and Mayme Erjavec and may you have many, many more!

We discussed the coming convention and our delegate is Albina Uehlein and alternate, Angeline Kozjan.

As I sit here and write, we're having a snow and sleet storm, but my calendar says April is coming and we are into the lenten season with a brief respite on St. Patrick's Day and then, Happy Easter, everyone!

Here is a little poem.

*Before God's footstool to confess  
A poor soul knelt and bowed his head,*

*"I failed," he cried. The Master said,*

*"Thou didst Thy best - that is success!"*

Happiness to all.

MARY PLOSZAJ

#### NO. 41, CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEAR MEMBERS:

Our meeting was well-attended and I am glad our members are starting to participate once more in our lodge. Keep up the good work and please try and get some new members. Let's make our motto to try and get at least 5 new members

for our "Mother of the Year" — a friend, daughter or any family member — just phone me, 531-5191 — and I'll gladly help in any way I can. It would be a nice tribute to our branch, so ladies, start asking people to join our wonderful organization.

Our "Mother of the Year" is **Justine Girod** and we will celebrate it by having Mass at St. Mary's Church at 10:30 AM on April 29, 1979 and we will have the dinner at the Workmen's Hall on Waterloo Rd. right after Mass at 12:00 Noon. This will be a Slovenian cooked meal and the price is \$5.00 per person. Friends and relatives are invited to attend with our members so contact me, Valeria Fortuna, Phone: 531-5191 for your reservations. Let's all try to attend this affair to honor our Chosen Mother for she has done much for our organization and it's our tribute to her for all her endeavors. Mark your calendar for **April 29** and call me for reservations early and join in the affair.

We send our deepest sympathy to the Ponikvar family who lost their loved one. May all the faithful departed rest in peace. We wish all our sick members a speedy recovery — Get Well soon, Mrs. Skok! And, "Happy Birthdays" to all members who are celebrating this month.

Our next meeting is May 15 at 1:30 PM and collection of dues will take place but remember April 29 and make reservations now, so we can help our lodge to grow!

**God bless every member!**

VALERIA FORTUNA  
Reporter

#### NO. 42, MAPLE HGTS., OHIO

Hello, ladies! We had a nice attendance at our last meeting Feb. 13th. It was a Valentine Party and we had two Queens, Cilka Hocevar and Theresa Simoncic. Cilka will be our Woman of the Year, also. Theresa comes to all our meetings and is at that nice age of 87. She looks good, they both are our charter members.

Apple-cheese strudel was made by Pauline Hribar (also a charter member), jello cake by Nicoleta Lerchbacher, delicious, ladies! Thank you to all who donated the prizes. We sure had a lot of gifts!

Congratulations to Mary Hocevar who became a Great-grandmother for the first time! His name is Ryan Greg and he was born Jan. 6th, 1979.

Congratulations also to Donna Wilks and her husband who adopted



Cilka

a six year old boy. His name is Brian. Grandma, Mitzie Champa is very proud. Now the Wilks have two boys and two girls. The girls are in our branch, too. They are Gretchen and Jamie.

Yours Truly and Lou were in Ft. Myers for three weeks. We stayed with Betty Gawor. There also lives Frances Legan. They both send their best regards to all. Betty is feeling a bit better. Sorry you weren't feeling well.

Best wishes to all our sick members and elders. We think of you all the time.

Happy Birthday to the April ladies, Frances Stavec, Marge Roznik, Arlene Legan, Helen Lipnos and Johanna Perko.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Jane Kaplan's husband and son. Sorry she was our member only a month, transferring from Br. 41.

Ladies, we decided on a Bake Sale and Rummage Sale combined for May 2-3, two days. On May 2nd it's from 11 a.m. to 8 and on May 3rd, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We are having a Mass for the living and deceased members on Tuesday May 15th at St. Laurence Church at 6 p.m. Please put all this down on your calendar to remember.

Meeting is April 10th. Please attend as we have a lot to talk about. See you there.

MARY LOU PRHNE

#### NO. 43, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

On Thursday, May 10, 1979, our branch will be honoring our Mother-of-the-Year, Shirley Schulta. Dinner will be held at the Boulevard Inn, corner of Sherman Blvd. at Lisbon



Theresa

Avenue at 6:30 P.M. Reservations must be made in advance and as soon as possible. Payment should be included when making the reservation. For further information call Stella Pousha at 543-5208, who is in charge of the dinner.

A bus is chartered for the National Convention to be held in Duluth, Minnesota. Any person who is a member of any branch or guest is welcome. Call Rose Kraemer at 481-7357 for further information. Payment must be made when reservation is made. For further information check the ZARJA.

A speedy recovery for the sick and shutins.

Sincerely yours,

ROSE KRAEMER

#### NO. 46, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Greetings from Branch 46!

This is to remind all members that each year we are invited by the Sacred Heart Lodge to join them at Mass on April 22nd at St. Joseph's Church, 12th and Russell at the 9:30 AM Mass. Hope you can attend.

It is not too early to remind all the ladies to keep open the date of May 6 which is our annual Mother's Day party. It will be held at Lemmons Restaurant at 12:30 PM. We will be honoring Olga Papish as Mother-of-the-Year. Be sure to come and have a good time!

My apology to Clarice Baum for stating that she had a newborn boy — it was a girl, named Kathleen Michelle.

IDA WEBB  
Reporter

#### NO. 50, EUCLID, OHIO

We opened our meeting with a full house, 110 members attending. President Ann Tercek talked about the coming 18th. National Tri-ennial

Convention May 20 thru May 23, 1979 in Duluth, Minnesota.

The delegates elected are Ann Tercek, President, Irene Jagodnik, Secretary & Treasurer. Ann Winters, Corresponding Secretary is the alternate.

Frances Sietz had some wonderful suggestions and hand-made articles displayed for the members to make for the Bazaar at the National Convention.

Our Branch No. 50 sends congratulations for a worthy and successful Convention.

In April we will have Installation of all new members, from throughout the year; also if any other Member has not been installed, please come. The Cadets will be in charge.

We need a few more ladies to join our Cadets. They represent our branch No. 50 S.W.U. at funerals, parades and other doings.

Ann Tercek made a plea for new child members for the youth group, both boys and girls to keep OUR MEMBERSHIP. The dues are only 10¢ per month.

Frances Sietz, national Youth Chairman, spoke and said we are accepting young girls and older to join the Twirllette's at Rechar Hall every Monday at 6 PM. So, if your granddaughters are interested please bring them down.

Rose McHugh and husband Pat just recently came home from a most enjoyable 6 week trip to Granada Hills, California, visiting their son, Patrick and his family. They did not miss our cold Cleveland weather one bit!

10 members celebrated birthdays in February. Happy Birthday to all.

New members: Zora and daughter, Angela Merhulek; Guests: Christine Hospodar, Paula Suhay, Josephine Gilak and Florence Brichta. Happy to have you.

Sick list: Josephine Sieworek, Gerry Plancan, and Rose Lo Presti. Hope you all get well soon, and remember them in your prayers.

Our condolences to family of Mrs. Mary Gombach, our member, who passed away in February.

Frank Kristoff who is in the hospital in Maryland, hopes to be home soon, as he was selected as Man of the Year at Waterloo Hall March 18th.

Also Darlene Kristoff, daughter of Ann and Frank, is getting married April 21 on her parents 39th Wedding Anniversary in Maryland. Darlene graduated from Ohio Dominican College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Our thought for the day.

*Repair man to car owner: First the good news. Your glove compartment and sun visor are in excellent condition.*

Your Reporter,  
VERA MATEYKA  
NO. 52, KITZVILLE, MINN.

Dearest Sisters, here it is again time to observe the lenten and Easter season. We held our meeting at the RAC, a nice place. We had a wonderful turn-out. We are sorry to report that our Recording Secretary, Dorothy Russo was absent. She was missed but our sister, Mildred Barbatto took over for her and did a wonderful job. It is so nice to know that there are friends who are willing to step in when called upon.

We all wish to take this time to say God's speed to our sick members - may you have a rapid recovery.

We also had a deep discussion on the National Convention which is to be held this year in Duluth. Anyone is welcome and if you are interested in attending, get in touch with our president, Rose Trombly who has all the prices for rooms and dinners. She will be more than happy to explain it all to you. There isn't much more that I can tell you but I'm sure there are going to be quite a few going from around Hibbing and Chisholm area. The time is nearing and I believe it will be a big success. Please make arrangements early so you will not be disappointed. We then ended our meeting with a prayer by our President, Rose Trombly.

We continued on with the social of the evening. Hostessing were sisters Josette Maki, Alice Baratto, Celia Palitano and Grace Carozza, who served a delicious lunch. Games followed and honors were awarded to Mary Lucenti in "B"; Smear went to sisters Margaret Andrican, Theresa Montcalm, Alice Baratto, Frances Jerkovich. Bridge went to sisters Julia Mancuso and Celia Palitano. Door prize was won by sister Margaret Kochevar. It was a very delightful evening.

Please try to attend our next meeting which will again be held at the RAC, on the first Wednesday of the month. Please try to bring in a few new members. This will be greatly appreciated.

God bless you all and keep you in the best of health until we meet again. Happy Easter to all!

GERTRUDE KOICHEVAR

## NO. 54, WARREN, OHIO

Our February meeting was held at the home of Mayme Sporich. Assisting her was Rose Yurtin, her daughter. The group was very small but we hope more of you will come when the weather breaks.

We have lost two members since Christmas, Mary Petrovich whom I think I wrote about last month and just last week, our dear Helen Yovich died. She was 77 years of age and seldom attended our meetings in her later years. She was handicapped and had a leg amputated and now suffered a fatal stroke. She always donated to our branch and was a wonderful lady. She was a close friend and old neighbor of Mayme Sporich and Mayme will really miss her.

Congratulations to Isabelle Rik's daughter, Zoe Ann who became the mother of a baby boy in Florida. Issie missed our meeting because she was down there helping out.

Vic Zuga's husband, Frank is in Cleveland Clinic where he had major surgery. He is doing well and we hope and pray he will fully recover. He and Vic are wonderful people.

We have two new members, well, sort of new. Anka Kregar joined our B group after being a juvenile member since birth and her sister, Maria's new baby, Andrea Selak is a new juvenile member. They were over last week with their proud grandma, Mrs. Kregar. Andrea is a darling!

Vacationing in Florida is our member, Helen Kokli and husband, John.

Happy Easter to all and hope spring is on its way!

JOANNE PONIKVAR  
Reporter

## NO. 55, GIRARD, OHIO

Our February meeting was held with a very poor attendance. The reason could have been the severe cold weather we have had. Not much was discussed with so few ladies there.

A speedy recovery to Maria Cvetnic who had surgery and is now at home recuperating. Barb Umeck had heart surgery and is recovering very nicely. Jo Perusek is on the ailing list. Our condolences to Jo on

the death of her brother-in-law in Cleveland. Our sympathy to Tillie Cigolle on the loss of her sister, Josephine Gorenc. She was a long-time member. Two daughters survive, Dorothy and Louise.

Now for the more cheery side of news. Congratulations to our oldest grandson, Steven Popovich, who was confirmed recently at the St. Dominic Church in Youngstown. His brother, Mark, an altar boy, served at the mass and had the honor of holding the Bishop's Miter there. Brother Craig, age 9, and the parents and grandparents were quite proud of him. Our granddaughter, Susan Hribar, though only 12, is a member of the Niles McKinley High School marching band. Her brother, Bob, is achieving honors in the Cub Scouts. My husband, Stan and I are very proud of our grandchildren.

Mary Selak is spending a few months in Florida for a well-deserved vacation. Also vacationing in Florida for 2 weeks are Mary Kristin, Frances Yerman, Julia Jakop and a friend of hers from Warren of Br. 54. While down there they will be attending the SNPJ Days held at New Smyrna Beach. Hope you ladies are enjoying yourselves very much.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

FRANCES HRIBAR

#### NO. 56, HIBBING, MINN

The regular meeting of the Slovenian Women's Union Br. 56 was held on Tuesday, Feb. 13th with president, Rose Maras presiding. The main order of business was the election of the Mother of the Year for our branch. This honor was bestowed on Mrs. Angeline Passino.

Due to inclement weather, the meeting was poorly attended. Therefore, it was decided to elect our delegate to the National Convention at next month's meeting.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses, Mary Meadows, Cathran Marolt and Rose Maras. Cards were played and prizes won by Mary Sikich and Rose Vukich, "B"; Frances Tobey and Agnes Barkis, Canasta and Hilda Pogorelc and Ann Selvo, 500.

God bless!

MARY MICHELETTI

MARIE PRISLAND:

# Capsules

## The Chinese

It was fun reading about the visit of Teng Hsiao-ping, vice-premier of China. When he visited America in 1974 he said: "America is full of tall buildings and big cars, all totally devoid of beauty; furthermore there is no place to stroll."

Now he was returning for a closer and less critical look, spending eight days to talk wit U.S. officials and to tour three states. His visit will provide the first good look a Chinese Communist leader has ever had to at the U.S.

Mr. Teng, is a surprisingly American - style politician - pragmatic, blunt and humorous. And he used his engaging personality to get what he wants - namely U.S. aid and trade.

Mr. Teng's visit was covered by 180 reporters from all over the world. He is a small man, only about five feet tall, but he will woo Americans by telling them what they want to hear. He praised American technology and hinting big U.S. commercial sales to his country. He will be tough on the Russians knowing that his warm reception in America, will make Moscow worry about China ties. How much his visit to the U.S. will help the future will tell.

There are now over billion people in China who will be affected with this visit.

The Chinese diplomat attended a rodeo in Texas, and viewed a parade of prized bulls. The vice-premier was very enthused to see the beautiful animals, because he himself started a small cattle family at home. The Seaberg Ranch made him a gift of a 14 month old Brahma bull, worth \$10,000.00, but will be worth much more because of its pedigree.

I have a friend living close by in Sheboygan Falls who has a farm of pedigree cows and bulls. One bull was sold for 60 thousand dollars.

#### SLOVENIAN RADIO HOUR IN SHEBOYGAN

Yes, what a woman tried in the forties without success, two young men accomplished it now!

Two musicians, Frank and Joseph Koroschetz with their friends started the idea for the Slovenian Radio Hour which now is broadcast every Sunday morning from 11:00 to noon on the WKIS - 930 on your dial.

When I tried to organize the Slovenian radio hour I was unable to get enough sponsors to cover one month of expenses. The business people then did not believe in advertising on the air as they do now, when radio publicity is very important. We had only one radio station in the city; now we have two and the new one is interested in Slovenian songs, polkas and Slovenian language. Rather than begin a failure in the forties, I gave up, hoping that some day times will change and we will have a Slovenian radio hour in Sheboygan.

The above mentioned young musicians have a great help in Anton Simenz, supreme vice-president of SLOGA Fraternal Life Insurance Society with home office in Milwaukee. Mr. Simenz is the father of two daughters, both members of our Branch. The oldest was a City alderman for the 4th Ward. Both girls are highly educated; the father was the live-wire starting the radio hour and is all fired up like I was when organizing Slovenska Ženska Zveza.

We sincerely wish the Koroschetz boys and their helping friends good luck and a fine future! A few years ago with the help of their father and mother, the boys organized a band called "The Jolly Slovenians" and formed the "Slovenian Evening" held yearly with music and homemade food - and now the Slovenian Radio Hour! Sincere congratulations!



## NO. 57, NILES, OHIO

Our February meeting was held at the home of Frances Yerman, and it was well-attended in spite of the snow and near zero weather.

We wish to welcome a new member to the club, Clara Zobitz, Welcome, Clara! One member, Leona Cvengros, is hospitalized and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Trying to get away from the cold are Frances Yerman and Julia Yakup who are spending the next couple of weeks in Florida, and Mary Strah, Nettie Hoffman and Ann Pease were to be in Hawaii for a couple weeks in March.

A lovely lunch was served by Florence Nevis, Virginia Filipan, and Mary Christmas.

We wish the following members a Happy Birthday, Carol Dolence, Florence Nevins, Nancy Zevkovich and Livina Zuzalo.

**Smile at a stranger, who knows how far your smile will go!**

ANN PEASE  
Reporter

## NO. 59, BURGETTSTOWN, PA.

Hi, ladies! As I write this, there is snow and freezing rain still covering the ground. But, when you read this, we'll be seeing flowers blooming and hear the robin's singing! We'll all be glad to see Spring after a lousy Winter! Although we didn't have meetings in Jan. and Feb., I did manage to gather up some news. "Aunt" Mitzi Lawrence retired Jan. 1st. after 23 years of employment at the Ace Reconditioning and Cleaners in Washington Pa. She has been doing what she said she would do, taking life easy. "Aunt" Ann Louder flew down to Boca Raton, Florida in January for a month's visit with her eldest son, Rudy and family.

Our deepest sympathy to Hilda Gavazzi in the loss of her sister, Santina Kunzler and to Stella Dalverney in the loss of her brother, Stanley Gatus.

I hear Fannie Sage is recuperating nicely at the home of her daughter in Canton, Ohio. It will be nice having my neighbor back home in Burgettstown real soon.

Let's light up the candles on the Happy Birthday cakes for April: Frances Korosec and TRICIA Louder; May: Mary Dvorsak, Mary Gosteau, Ann Louder, Virginia Montequin, Evelyn Stetar, Jennie

and Elsie Ferbezar and Yours Truly, Rosemary.

Congratulations to my daughter, Kimberlee Orenchuk on winning a \$10 check and a copy of the World Map for submitting a question on Crickets to the Junior Editors of the Observer Reporter newspaper in Washington, P.A. Her question and answer and picture appeared in the Observer and also her local newspaper, the Burgettstown Enterprise. Kimberlee was very excited about her winnings. (We'd like to hear the question and answer, too, Kim. How about sending it to ZARJA for the Junior Page?)

Hope to have a meeting in March and see all of you ladies come out for an enjoyable evening. Happy Spritme with lots of sunshine and flowers.

ROSEMARY ORENCHUK  
Reporter

## NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, O.

We would like to remind all the members that our annual Mother's Day celebration and Pot Luck Dinner will be held Monday, May 7, 1979. We hope that there will be a large turn out of this affair, as a good time is had by all.

We would like to thank the active members of our branch, as well as sister members throughout the Lodge for the response they have shown already to our appeal for cancelled stamps for the Kidney Foundation to help offset the cost of patients on the Kidney Dialysis machines. In my article which appeared in the January 1979 issue, I explained that the son-in-law of one of our long time members is benefitting from this drive for stamps, so we are all taking a personal rather than just a casual interest in this project. Since it takes a while to save up enough cancelled stamps to send on to our branch, our response so far make us feel that we will be hearing from more sister members as time goes by. As of this writing, we have heard from our beloved Marie Priland; and twice from a member living on E. Chapman St., Ely, Minnesota but this member failed to place her name on the envelope or inside of same, and we hope that the next time she has some cancelled stamps for us she gives her name, so that we can thank her. We also heard from Mrs. A. Klun of Garfield Hts., Ohio, and especially large amounts from two members of our branch, Mary Szabo

and Leona Mandich. Thank you, everyone, for taking time to aid us in this project, and since this will be a continuing project, we hope to hear from many more sister members.

Frank and Ann Yoger vocationed in Florida, and Edward and Sophia Goga recently returned from Florida after visiting members Nettie Kainec and husband Steve in Leesburg, Florida, and Ann and Frank Dular in Sarasota. Louise and George Brindeza took a three week belated honeymoon touring California and a section of Mexico. They stopped to visit Pauline and Tony Svette who now reside in Rialto, California. All the out-of-town members send their best wishes to all the members of the branch.

Sorry to hear that Mary Chesnik was recently hospitalized, but glad to hear that she is now home recuperating. Josephine Grof, daughter of Josephine Kapel and grand-daughter of Sophie Maurer, all members, recently underwent surgery. Jack Modic, husband of member Ann, has been on the sick list for some months, and while still recuperating he fell and broke his ankle. To all the above, we offer them and any of our other members or any of their families who are ill, our best wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery.

We would like to offer our condolences to Anthony Kaplan and son, Dennis, due to the recent loss of wife and mother — Jane Kaplan. Jane was a member of our branch for a while, and we would like to thank the members of our branch who were able to attend the wake, and we know her family does to. May she rest in peace!

Until the next time, health and happiness to all!

MILDRED D. ROBERTS  
Reporting Secretary

## NO. 84, NEW YORK, N.Y.

We had the last meeting in December at president's home. It was very nice and very cold but dry. Ten members attended. We have a new vice-president, Betty Birk, former secretary and treasurer for many years. All the rest are the old "odbor" so I hope everything will be working well in the future as we had for many years, 28 during my presidency.

We had a nice party with a grab-bag and some brought very nice and useful gifts.

Many members are very sick, some in nursing homes, hospitals or at home. It's so sad. They work so hard

all their lives, 50 or more years in shops and factories. Some children take care of them like mine. For 2 years I stayed with two of my daughters, Betty Birk in Middle Village N.Y. and Marion Allgaier and son Frank in Berkeley Hgts., N.J. The 4th is here in Florida, Stanley Voje, where I am now living. They have four children, three sons and a daughter. Three are married and the younger one is in the Navy Submarine Division.

Winter is very nice this year in Florida, no frost, all flowers and temperatures up to 80.

Last Sunday my son and his wife took me to a concert at Florida Institute of Technology at Jansen Beach, a beautiful place. They took me to see different class rooms. My daughter in law is a manager in the book store there. They have 11,000 students studying oceanography and fish breeding, very interesting. I never saw anything like it before. We also visited a Christmas Farm. We came there by night and I wondered why there were all the lights and my son Stanly said, "so they grow faster". It's beautiful to see all the birds and listen to them singing.

My son will go to the V.A. Hospital for very dangerous surgery like on he had in 1978. It is necessary since he is not feeling well. Praying he comes through with flying colors this time! I have to have an operation, too, for an eye cataract.

Hope that our sick members feel better and wishing all a happy Easter.

Mrs. Ana Cerar is great grandma for the second time. Her sister is Fannie Kerch. Congratulations to all "Stare Mamice". Thanks for bringing all the goodies to the meeting. Next one is April 10th.

Best regards to all members of Br. 84.

ANGELA VOJE

#### NO. 92, GUNNISON, COLO.

February meeting at the home of Ann Malensek was called to order by the Vice-President, Mary Volk. Mary led the prayer also. Roll call was made by Frida. We had six members present. Frances Austin who was a guest at the January meeting joined our branch in February. We all welcome you,

Frances. Very happy to have you among us.

Frida read the minutes and since we had no old business, we moved on to the new.

We will make bibs for the nursing home out of hand towels. We were all to make two of them each - more if you want to - and have them in by our March meeting. Anyone who would like to go to the nursing home to write letters or do other errands for the residents is welcome. Frida, Frances, Denise and Fern went to the nursing home for a meeting and offered the Branch to sponsor the birthday party at the home for the month of May. A date will be chosen later.

Margaret hosted the March meeting on the 20th.

Mystery Box donated by Rose was won by Mary. We played "B" which gave high prizes to Mary and Fern; low went to Rose and Frances. Refreshments were served by Ann and enjoyed by all. Those who attended the February meeting were Frida Forcier, Rose Carricato, Ann Malensek, Margaret Malensek, Frances Austin, Fern White and Mary Volk who is our Mother of the Year. Congratulations, Mary!

Our President, Denise Malensek was in Denver. As I write, we are beginning the lenten season so we wish everyone a blessed Easter.

FERN WHITE  
Reporter

#### NO. 95, SO. CHICAGO, ILL.

24 members braved the wintry winds and the mounds of snow to attend our February meeting. Maybe by this time we can think spring. We had a very instructive and informative meeting of the minds as our members are looking forward to very interesting programs which have been planned. Particular emphasis is being placed on our Mother-of-the-Year affair. Again, we are going to make an appeal to set aside this day in May when we will be honoring Virginia Kwiatkowski as our Mother-of-the-Year, and asking your support and your generosity by bringing along some sort of dish of your choice to pass around. By the way, don't overlook the magnitude of this event! Please make every effort to attend!

We kept a busy pace as Ann Kompere installed the following officers: Mildred James, Pres.; Sylvia Vukodinovich, Vice-Pres.

(who in her first performance did an admirable job); Mildred Poropat, Secty; Helen Golich, Treas.; Evelyn Driscoll, Rec. Secty; Auditors, Mary (Bob) Perkovich, Manda Dosen, and Helen Price. My thanks to Ann Kompere for her dedication and support; we would be lost without her.

Yours truly has been selected to represent our branch for the up and coming convention which will be held in Duluth, Minn. and Mildred Poropat will be the alternate.

We are sorry to hear that Ann Sertich has been ailing; we wish her a speedy recovery. Please include all of our members who are ailing in your prayers. Also, Mary Nicksic and Fran Seabloom who are on the mend.

Table decorations using a Valentine theme were lovingly prepared by our hostesses, Julie Hansen and Mary (Matt) Perkovich; and the goodies were donated by: Julie Hansen, Mary (Matt) Perkovich, Bernice Morrison, Carrie Plebanski, Sylvia Vukodinovich.

Cash by: Antonia Mrkobrada \$3 — Marge Krmpotich \$4.60 — and Mary Pavelich \$4.80.

Valentine candies donated by Mildred Poropat and Yours Truly went to: Carrie Plebanski, Minnie Pujdak, Virginia Kwiatkowski, Bernice Morridon, Jan Berich, Ann Kompere, Manda Dosen and Mildred Poropat. Carrie Plebanski won the birthday prize.

Birthday greeting to our April Celebrants: Mary Nicksic, Rose Krneta, Regina Buchanan, Marge Innis, Mary Pavelich, Matilda Quinn, Cecelia Kolavo, Barbara Sambol, Mary Alkovich, Helen Willis Jr., Rosalie Rozek, and Ann Laski.

In conclusion. I would like to announce that if any of our members would like to attend our National Convention, to check the particulars and information in ZARJA; we would be glad to have you attend.

Help stomp out "Cabin Fever"! Come spend an evening with us, and escape from the snow and winter.

It is with a warm feeling of friendship that I send you Easter Greetings and my heartfelt best wishes. And on a warm note, the officers join me to say how grateful we are for the confidence you have placed upon us, we will make every effort to justify that confidence, and our sincere thanks to all of you for the extra cash that was given to the officers for their efforts in the past year. Your kindness will always be remembered by the officers.

MILDRED JAMES

We are saddened by the death of Vickie Tomich of 9518 Escanaba Ave. Family, friends and members gathered at the Golich Funeral Chapel to pay their last respects. She had been in and out of hospitals in the past three years after several surgeries. She was chronically ill and an amputee but her physical incapacitation did not stop her from keeping house, cooking and sewing. She was most proud of her culinary prowess. Mrs. Tomich was known as a quiet, unassuming woman, who shied away from revealing of all the generous donations and contributions she had made to our branch. She was a sincere, earnest, and loyal member, the example she had set, will long continue to influence and inspire us. May she enjoy her eternal rest.

She was in every sense a lady, and I was privileged to call her my friend. I join with the officers and members in extending to her husband, Marko and her bereaved family our deepest sympathy, and pray that in the years that lie ahead of them the good Lord will sustain them and give them peace and health.

MILDRED JAMES

NO. 100, FONTANA, CAL.

We didn't have too much action taking place during our Feb. meeting and we just had a real nice, light-hearted session where all those attending seemed to be relaxed and truly enjoying the good company.

Our ladies agreed to participate in corporate communion to be undertaken at St. George's church on April 22 at the 9:00 mass. They will then proceed to Baker's Coffee Shoppe for breakfast. A favorable turn-out is anticipated, judging by past attendances.

We welcome wholeheartedly, Ann Kapel, a new member to our organization. She will find, I'm sure, pleasure in our midst and we in turn will derive equal pleasure in her presence.

We will honor our Mother of the Year, Carol Harley on May 3rd at the pot-luck dinner planned for the occasion. We will really have a special feast on that day as our ladies with seemingly little effort, like to display their culinary arts to the fullest degree.

Our sisters, Pat Koza, Ann

Smerdu and Rose Perhaj are on the sick list. Gertrude Rupert is another ill member who with Pat, Anna and Rose, is wished better health in all ways.

I really had an especially lovely time with the birthday this month. In all probability, it was because I was one of them. The other happy birthday ladies were Mary Glad, Dorothy Petrich, Teresa Paro, Josephine Pondzo, Agnes Morris and Christine Pierman. God grant us many more returns.

Mary Glad and I re-celebrated our birthdays at the Slovene Rest Home which we visit quite often during the year. We have a grand time with the residents of the home, singing our beautiful Slovenian songs, playing penny "B" and talking of old times - just having nice conversations with nice people.

My friend, Mary Burnach, a member of Br. 100, is also a frequent visitor to the home. Her humor has brought on many laughs and brightened many faces. Her witty talent is spontaneous and is enjoyed by all who come in contact with her.

The television shows us the terrible amount of snow and the unending subzero cold that has befallen Chicago this past winter. It pleases me a great deal that I am a branch member far from the Home Office area where the only snow I see is on the mountains above me just five miles away. Now mind you, I'm looking at the snow while I'm picking lettuce from the garden, cutting flowers for the beautification of the home and gathering mushrooms for canning! Ho hum! Guess I'll finish my letter to Corinne, our editor, then go out again to look at the snow with my hands clasped in wonderment instead of around a shovel! No offense meant. It's just that I'm so thankful to be here in Fontana. (Amen! Wish we could be, too. C.L.)

God bless you all.

EDITH DRAWENEK

NO. 103, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Our March meeting was very well-represented. It was nice to see our friends again after such a long time. The February meeting was cancelled because of all the snow and severe weather. We are very pleased to welcome a new member, Jean Markmann, and hope to see her

In Memoriam  
V BLAG SPOMIN

- 2—Frances Vegel
- 17—Olga Moranchek
- 25—Jennie Blatnik  
Jennie Longar  
Zeno Zak  
Jennie Zele
- 41—Ursula Ponikvar
- 42—Joris Kaplan
- 50—Mary Gombac
- 54—Mary Petrovich  
Helen Yovich
- 55—Josephine Gorenc
- 63—Theresa Znidarsich
- 67—Helen Yevtich
- 73—Anne Predovic
- 77—Mary Yuresic
- 85—Theresa Klemencic
- 89—Julia Kulpa
- 95—Victoria Tomech

often at our meetings and special events.

We spent the major portion of the meeting discussing our future events which will be reported in later reports.

Coffee and delicious cakes were served by Alenka Richardson and Jean Markmann. Several guests also joined us for the special presentation by Mr. William J. Husic, Federal Aviation Administration retiree an avid hiker, who showed colored slides of his recent experience on the "Slovenian Appalachian Trail" (*Slovenska Transverzala*) beginning at Maribor, up to Triglav, then down to Koper. Mr. Husic described the entire hiking trip as each slide was displayed. The lovely pictures of the Alps were breathtaking. Our parents keep telling us how beautiful Slovenia is, and seeing the colored slides leaves no doubt in one's mind that Slovenia is truly a beautiful country. We hope Mr. Husic will return again after other hiking trips to share his lovely slides with us.

Best wishes to all.

MATILDA AUSICH  
Recording Secretary

NO. 105, DETROIT, MICH.

Our Feb. meeting was held at my beloved sister, Ann Pobanz' home and as always, a lovely, gracious hostess was she. Valentine motives were all around and went straight to our hearts! Thanks, Ann.

Due to a snow and sleet storm, our Jan. meeting had to be cancelled at the last hour. Our apologies to Catherine Musick and Pat Emerson,

who were very understanding.

Our meeting opened with prayers by Pauline Adamic, our president. A moment of silence in memory of Rose Jamnik was offered. She is no longer with us. She was president for a number of years when our group was young. Our sympathy and prayers to her family. A donation in her honor was sent to the Heart Fund.

Frances Rosek fell and had to be hospitalized. May she have a full and speedy recovery. Our very best wishes to you, Frances. May God bless you.

Once again, Happy Birthday to a young, 90 year, Angeline Stupar, another of our hard workers from years past. Belated wishes to Sharon Emerson, Katherine Petrich, Ann Lindich and Stephanie Hometz. March wishes go to Jennie Crossman, Catherine Musick, Sophie Sunich and Yours Truly. All of you have our best wishes.

Due to Pat Emerson, our elderly, ailing and birthday ladies will be remembered. You are very caring and thoughtful, Pat. There will be mass cards sent to deceased member's families, too.

We all unanimously supported the motion to have Alice Becker as our Mother of the Year. Please, ladies, attend our next meetings when we will be making plans for the celebration. In March we had planned a meeting to be held by Sophie Sunich at the home of her dear sister, Ann McGee. We will advise you all of our final plans for the dinner. It has always been such a beautiful evening spent together. Fr. Tadd, we do hope and pray that your smiling happy face will be with us, too. Please come, won't you?

We paid dues and held elections for our officers. Fast and furious before we could decline, we were all re-elected. Pauline Adamic, President, Pat Emerson, Secretary-Treasurer, Katherine Mihelic, Reporter. Thank you for all the compliments and trust. We will try our best to please you all. Pauline and Pat, many thanks and admiration for the extra hours of work you are doing for us. Thank you also for the three new members, Sharon and Kathleen Emerson, lovely daughters of Pat and Jennie Crossman. Our blessings to your

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mother, Jennie. May you all spend many happy times with us.

We closed our meeting and hostess, Ann had two door prizes. First one was won by Pat Emerson, a deviled egg plate. She has always wanted one, she said. The second was won by Steffie Hometz, a lovely dried flower arrangement. She, too, was pleased.

We had a delicious hot chili that warmed us all on such a very cold afternoon. Dessert was cherry cheese cake, a recipe of Ann's son, John. It

was luscious as were the strawberry daiquiris served before the meeting began. As I stated at the beginning, she is the "Hostess with the Mostess".

God grant us all a healthy, happy, blooming and peaceful spring. Once again to hear the birds singing joyfully and see flowers, grass and trees green and blooming will warm all our hearts. To mankind, peace and may all countries show love for one another.

KATHERINE MIHELIC

# TO YOUR HEALTH!

## FEVER

*Fever, or an elevated body temperature, signals to us that something has occurred in our body to upset the balance. Some of the symptoms accompanying fever include: hot dry skin, thirst, headache, nausea, vomiting, and a general tired feeling. When fever begins, the person may have cold skin and a shivering chill. At this time the person needs warming. As the body temperature drops he may sweat profusely.*

*The normal body temperature is 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit, with 96 degrees to 99 degrees being a normal variation for individuals. A healthy individual's temperature may vary a degree or two during a 24 hour period. When a person "spikes" or develops a fever, we usually suspect a germ or infection.*

*Probably the fever most recognized is the one accompanying the common cold. The person with a fever usually develops rapid breathing and sweating. These deplete the body of fluid and energy. We have frequently heard that taking extra fluid for a cold; such as juice, favorite family recipes for tea with addition of honey and lemon, help in bringing down the fever.*

*Another important fact to remember that the body battling a fever needs to conserve energy. Rest should be planned in order to fight the inflammation.*

*Fever can be lowered with cool sponging and aspirin or aspirin-type medications.*

*When a child develops a fever it can come suddenly and reach a higher temperature than an adult. A high fever in a child can lead to convulsions and other complications. Parents may need to act quickly to lower the fever, this can be accomplished by cool sponging, ice packs, or immersing the child in cool water. The temperature needs to be rechecked so that it does not fall below the normal level.*

*The fever is one way of the body to indicate to us that there is something wrong with our complex body system.*

**Nežka Gaber, R. N.**

## YOUTH DIRECTOR WRITES:

**I thank you, Mrs. Frances Raspet of Pueblo, Colorado for sending in the photograph of your beautiful grandchildren. It's just what we need for our Junior page - to know that you care to introduce them to us thru our magazine.**

*Miss Mary Ann Globokar is the present Vice-President of the S.W.U. Junior League here in Cleveland, Ohio and was a 1974 Debutante. We congratulate her on her recent engagement!*

**A big thank you to all the S.W.U. Branches who remembered our little ones by including them in their annual Christmas parties.**

Hope you enjoy seeing the photo of our active secretary of Br. 73, Mrs. Louise Epley with her grandson taken at the Christmas party they held. Also, hope you like the Br. 50 picture showing our juniors.

Top picture on this page was taken at Br. 73's Christmas Party with Santa and Mrs. Epley and grandson; the lower photo at the holiday fete of Br. 50 for their Juniors.

Some corrections on the Biographies of our 1978 Debutantes. Kristyne Grdina's grandmother is Mrs. Dolores Meacham, formerly Mrs. Ray Grdina. My granddaughter, Debra Hren is of Br. 50. Kathy Kapel is a member of Br. 73.

See you next month!



## WE THANK YOU, TOO!

Each year the United Slovenian Societies give surprise awards of plaques to outstanding people of the Slovenian community.

There were eight well-deserving recipients this year and among them were the very good friends and helpers of the Slovenian Women's Union, namely, Ann Slapnik Petkovsek who always provides us with the best of flowers for our Cotillion Balls and Al Pestotnik, father of our 1974 Debutante, Donna. Mr. Pestotnik truly was a big help decorating the stage for our 1974 Ball. We really don't know what we would have done without his help. And, another is Mr. John Susnik who always lets the Priland Cadets practice their formations and drills in his beautiful front yard. Thank you all for your help to us.

God bless you all with the best of luck and good health!

MEMBERS OF THE S.W.U.

FRAN SIETZ



MARIE PRISLAND

## OH, TA SVET

### Weekend

Gremo, gremo na weekend! Prišla je sobota in takole se pripravljamo vsi. Samo Dolfe je najpočasnejši in najbolj pozabljiv.

Najprej steče v garažo po avto, pa se spomni, da nima ključev za avtomobil.

Ko dobi ključ in se postavi pred hišna vrata, pride žena, ki ga prosi naj gre in zaklene stanovanje. Ko se vrne mu žena pove, da je pozabila ugasniti luč v spalnici; Dolfe gre luč ugasniti. Ko so v avtu sedel se Dolfe spomni, da bi bilo treba vzeti toplejši plašč; gre ponj. Ko pride s plaščem vidi, da je eno okno v stanovanju odprto, gre in ga zapre; nato se spomni, da ni vzel s seboj denarja za bivanje na weekendu. Torej denar, najvažnejša točka! Ko je prišel po denar se Dolfe spomni, da bi bilo dobro vzeti marelo, morda bo deževalo. Ko gre po dežnik ga žena prosi naj prinese sončna očala in naj pogleda če je zaprla plin v peči.

Konično je bilo vse v redu in odpeljali so se ob eneještih, namesto ob devetih. A kaj zato, samo, da so smeli biti štiri ure na weekendu in bodo drugi so-stanovalci, ki avta še niso imeli od jeze nevošljivi. Prav je uganil. Ko so prišli domov so slišali žene drugih stanovalcev, kako so se kregale nad svojimi možmi, ki ničesar ne znajo in ničesar ne storijo za svoje družine, le Dolfe je tako pameten in dobrasrčen, da na vse misli...

### Basen o dobrotelnosti

Ali poznate zgodbo o kravi in svinji?

Živel je bogataš, ki je imel vsega preveč. Ni pa bil čisto brez srca. V svoji oporoki je zapustil veliki del svojega bogatstva dobrotelnim ustanovam. Vendar — tako je potožil modremu prijatelju — ga nihče ne mara. Imajo ga za skopuha in trdosrčnega in kaj vse še. Nihče ga ne ljubi, zakaj ne? — Moder prijatelj mu je povedal basen o kravi in svinji: "V istem hlevu sta živela krava in svinja. Čas sta si tratili z globokimi mislimi. Nekoč se je svinja pritožila; Poglej, kakšna razlika je med menoj in teboj. Tebe imajo ljudje veliko rajši od mene. Božajo te, dajejo ti včasih kruha in celo sladkorčke dobiš iz njih roke. Otrokom te predstavljajo, češ, to je naša Lizka, ki je tako dobra, da nam daje vsak dan mleko. Radi jo imamo! — Kdaj se bo kdo spomnil, da bi mene pobožal ali celo dal sladkorček. Pred otroki me imenujejo samo takrat, ko je treba reči, da so umazani kot pujs. — In če prav pomislim sem jim jaz bolj koristna od tebe. Od mene porabijo prav vse, ne samo meso, tudi špeh za slanino, kožo za torbe, čreva za klobase, parklje za žolco, ščetine za krtače. In vkljub temu sem zanje le svinja, ti si jim pa dobra prijateljica!" — Krava je razmišljeno dvignila glavo, zastrigla z ušesi in rekla: "Mislim, da

to prihaja odtod, ker jim delam dobro že zdaj in ne še le po smrti, kot ti."

Po smrti bomo vsi delali dobro, to je, naši prijatelji bodo o nas razstresli našo dobroto na vse strani. Zakaj bi naj nekaj dali šekadar živimo in osrečili tiste, ki jih imamo radi. Dokler je luč, hodimo v luči! odmeva že izza Krisusovih časov. Ne le denar, tudi dobro besedo privoščimo prijateljem in tudi sovražnikom!

### ZARJA

Lani smo slavile zlate jubileje naših podružnic, letos pa ima naše glasilo ZARJA svojo 50-letnico. Kako je prišlo do tega?

Ko se je Zveza rodila, smo imele na razpolago dnevnik **Amerikanski Slovenc**, kjer smo klicale in vabile naše žene in dekleta naj se nam pridružijo. Klic je šel po vsej širini Ameriki, da doseže razkropljene Slovenke. S tem gradivom smo večkrat napolnile polovico sobotnega dnevnika, kar mnogim moškim-naročnikom ni ugajalo. Ker je Zveza hitro rastla in je bilo pričakovati vedno več zanimanja za organizacijo, je bilo treba v tem oziru res nekaj storiti.

Na seji glavnega odbora 30. julija 1928 je bilo po tedajni glavni tajnici Juliji Gottlieb predložena resolucija, naj Zveza napove svojo prvo člansko kampanjo in ko bo število 2000 članic doseženo naj organizacija prične izdajati lastno glasilo, brez povišanja asesmenta.

Da si je potreba po lastnem glasilu res bila nujna, smo glavne odbornice imele pomisleke, dali je Zveza dovolj močna pričeti z lastnim glasilom. Zveza je takrat štela le nekaj nad tisoč članic, v njeni blagajni je bilo komaj dva tisoč dolarjev. Kar tresla sem se, kaj bo? Pomirjevalo me je edino dejstvo, da bo prihodnje leto narodna konvencija, ki bo naložila poseben asesment za Zarjo. Ker je spomlad leta 1928 Zveza izdala svojo prvo knjigo z imenom **AMERIŠKA SLOVENKA**, smo rekle naj prebitek od teh knjig pokrije vsaj nekaj stroškov lastnega glasila in konvencija bo naložila poseben asesment za novo glasilo. Dobiček od prodanih knjig je bil precejšen, konvencija pa posebnega asesmenta za ZARJO ni sprejela. Rekle smo naj vsaka članica vsako leto plača po 25 centov v zvezino blagajno; mnoge so to storile, a ne vse. In tako je ostalo do prihodnje konvencije. Ker je Zvezina blagajna rastla, o kakem asesmentu za Zarjo ni bilo ne čuta, ne sluha. In tako je še danes.

Članska kampanja za lastno glasilo je prinesla ne le 2000 članic kot napovedano, temveč 2,816, kar je bil dokaz, da članice res želijo imeti svoj list.

Prva številka **ZARJE** je išla 5. julija 1929 na 20tih straneh. Nadaljne konvencije so glasilo povečale, a kakega asesmenta niso nikdar naložile, čeprav je list bil zvišen na 36 strani s platnicami vred.

Ko je **ZARJA** pričela izhajati je prvi njen račun bil \$169.00 s tiskarno in uredniško plačo, torej okrog 6 centov na članico, zdaj nas glasilo stane vsak mesec nad \$2,700 ali več kot 32 centov na vsako članico. — "Ameriška Domovina," dnevnik v Clevelandu, je v svoji zgodovini zapisal, da je leta 1925 tiskovani papir stal 35.00 za tono, točastno stane isti papir \$350.00 za tono. Vsaki članici mora biti znano, kako so cene vsem potrebščinam narastle v zadnjih desetih letih. Upam, da bo

prihodnja konvencija to upoštevala ter se pametno ravnala, ko bo treba določiti nov asessment, stroškov pa ne zvišati.

Naj omenim, da so ZARJO slovenski-ameriški časopisi, razen enega, novo kolegino na časnikarskem polju prav prijazno pozdravili. Od moške strani ni bilo nikakega nasprotstva, dasi smo se tega kar malo bale. Zveza je k svojemu glasilu prejela obilo priznanja; slišalo se je tudi presenečenje: "Ve ženske si pa res mnogo upateli!"

O ZARJI bom še pisala.

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*Veselo Velikonoč iskreno želimo,  
odbornicam, vsem članicam in prijateljcem!*



## ZA VAŠE ZDRAVJE

### Vročica

Vročica ali zvišana telesna temperatura je znak, da se nekaj dogaja v telesu in zabrinulo telesno ravnotežje.

Med znaki vročice opazimo vročo suho kožo, žejejo, glavobol, slabost, bruhanje in občutek splošne telesne utrujenosti. Ob začetku vročice je telesna koža hladna in oseba se trese od mrzlice. Naravno je, da se moramo pogreti ob nastopu te mrzlice, toda takoj po znižanju vročine nastopi prekomerno znojenje.

Normalna telesna temperatura je 98.6 stopin Fahrenheit, in povprečna sprememba je ena stopinja več ali manj. Temperatura zdravega telesa se lahko premika za dve stopinje tekom dobe 24 ur.

Ko vročica nastopi sumimo, da jo je povzročila kake vrste bakterija ali infekcija. Najbolj poznana vročica je ta katera nastopi z navadnim prehladom. Znojenje in hitro dihanje izčrpa telesne tekočine in energije. Hitra pomoč tem pojavom je pitje čaja z dodatkom meda in limone. Pitje sadnih sokov tudi olajša in pomaga pri znižanju temperature in vročice.

Ker telo upravlja veliko delo v boju proti vročici, je važno da si privoščimo zadostni počitek in s tem hranimo telesno energijo. Drugi način bitke z vročico je hlajenje z vodo in potom aspirinima.

Nastop vročice pri otrokih je bolj hitra in nenadna kakor tudi višji doseg temperature. Višja temperatura pri otrocih lahko povzroči krčeviti pretres in druge posledice. Hitra reakcija staršev je nujna. Najhitrejša znižanje vročine so hladni obkladki ali pa še celo oblivanje telesa z mrzlo vodo. Važno je tudi da se potom vode, temperatura ne zniža pod normalo.

Potom vročica naše telo samo opozarja da nekaj ni v redu z našim telesnim sistemom.

NEŽKA GABER, R.N.

p. Klavdij Okorn, ofm:

## Kristus začetnik vstajenja in življenja

Ko apostol Pavel oznanja srečo, ki jo je prineslo odrešenje, pravi; Kakor je po Adamu prišla smrt na svet, tako se je po Kristusu vrnilo na svet zveličanje. In še: Prvi človek je iz prsti, zemeljski, drugi človek je iz nebes, nebeški. In zopet: Kakor smo nosili podobo zemeljskega, se pravi starega človeka v grehu, tako bomo nosili tudi nebeškega, to je, človeka, ki je bil vzet v Kristusa in po Kristusu odkupljen, obnovljen in očiščen. Po nauku istega apostola je prvi na vrsti Kristus, ki je začetnik svojega vstajenja. Potem pridejo kateri so Kristusovi, to je tisti, ki živijo po zgledu njegove svetosti. Ti so na varnem, njihova varnost sloni na Kristosovem vstajenju. S Kristusom bodo deležni slave nebeške obljube, kakor pravi sam Gospod v evangeliju: Kdor bo hodil za menoj, se ne bo pogubil, ampak bo iz smrti prestopil v življenje.

Potemtakem je Zveličarjevo trpljenje človeku v življenje in odrešenje. Zato je hotel za nas umreti, da bi mi vanj verovali in tako večno živeli. Za nekaj časa je hotel biti to, kar smo mi, da bi potem za vedno z njim živeli, ko bo spolnil obljubo o večnem življenju.

To pravim, je milost nebeških skrivnosti, to je velikonočni dar, najlepši praznik v letu, začetek nove stvarnosti.

Zato, otroci, ki jih je sveta Cerkev rodila v oživiljočem studencu in prenovila v detinski preproščini, veselo čebljajo v svoji nedolžnosti. Zato, tudi krščanski očetje in krščanske matere na svet način po veri kličejo v življenje novo in številno potomstvo.

Iz velikonočne skrivnosti poganja drevo vere, rodovitno žubori krstni studenc in noč prehaja v novo svetlobo. Božji dar nam prihaja z nebesa, evharistični zakrament razdaja svojo nebeško hrano.

V moči velike noči cerkev sprejema v svoje naročje vse ljudi in jih dela brate in sestre. Ko častijo njega samega Boga v treh osebah vsako leto prepevajo s prerokom praznično pesem: To je dan, ki ga je Gospod naredil; veselimo se ga in se radujmo.

Kateri dan? vas prašam. Dan, ki je začetek življenja, izvor luči, pravir svetlobe, to je sam Gospod, Jezus Kristus, ki je rekl o sebi: Jaz sem dan; kdor po dnevi hodi, se ne spotakne. To se pravi: kdor se povsem drži Kristusa in hodi po njegovih stopinjah, bo srečno prišel do praga večne luči. Ko je bil Jezus še s telesom pri nas, je prav to prosil svojega očeta: Oče, hočem naj bodo tudi ti, ki so verovali vame z menoj tam, kjer sem jaz; kakor si ti v meni in jaz v tebi naj bodo tudi oni v nama.

Gornje besedilo je vzeto iz homilije starodavnega pisatelja. (brevir).

Vesele praznike vsem!



## ŠT. 2, CHICAGO, ILL.

V Chicagu nas je zima letos kar zasula s snegom in pritisnila z mrazom. Pota in ceste so bile gorje za starejše ljudi, zato so morali ostajati doma. Prireditve so bile slabo obiskane, ali so sploh odpale. Naše seje v februarju so se udeležile najbolj korajžne. Kar težko smo čakali konec zime in smo tudi to pričakali.

Pomlad je že tukaj. In najlepši praznik pomladi tudi! Pozdravljena Velika noč, praznik Kristusovega zmagoslavja! Cerkev po vsem svetu ta praznik lepo praznuje, pa vendar — tako se nam zdi da nikjer tako lepo, kakor smo praznovali nekoč v starem kraju. Novi kraji in novi časi so v sveti veličastje Velike noči zabrisali in tudi v domovini ni več tako kot je bilo. Naši predniki so praznik globoko doživljali in ustvarili razne šege in navade, do katerih moramo potomci ohraniti upoštevanje in spoštovanje, ker so narodna dediščina. Kar pričnimo s spomini.

Veliki teden se pričinja s cvetno nedeljo. Tedaj nesejo otroci in odrasli v cerkev butare, mlado zelenje in cvetje, povezano s pisanimi trakovi. Včasih so imeli fantje kot drevesa visoke butare. Blagoslovljene butare so ljudje dobro shranili in jih zažigali ob hudih urah. Vsak otrok, ki je nosil butaro, je dobil v dar štrukelj ali desetico. Na veliki četrtek so po cerkvah zvonove "zavezali"; so šli v Rim. Oglasile so se raglje. Ponekad so imeli navadno, da so "Boga strašili". Otroci so navlekli pred farno cerkev stare zaboje in škafe ter jih razbili z velikim truščem, ko so duhovniki končali z molitvijo. Najresnejši dan velikega tedna je veliki petek. Ta dan je zemlja mrtva, pravijo, ker tudi ona žaluje ob Jezusovi smrti. Otroci in odrasli hodijo molit k bo nu grobu, zbrano poljubljajo Kristusove rane na križu. Delo na polju počiva; dan je strog post. Velika sobota je že veselejša. Že zjutraj so po cerkvah blagoslovlili ogenj in vodo. Otroci so ta ogenj nosili po hišah na tleči gobi. S tem ognjem so zakurili po hišah tisti dan. Blagoslovljeno vodo je morala imeti tudi vsaka hiša. Popoldne pa nesejo k "žegnu". To je bilo opravilo deklet. Gospodinja je v visoko naloženo jerbas naložila kolač, potice, gnjat, hren in drugo, vse pokrila z belim, lepo vezanim prtom. Nazaj domov so pa dekleta kar tekla zlasti tista, ki bi se

rada že tisto leto poročila. Ponekod se je na veliko soboto proti večeru vršila tudi velikonočna procesija, ponekod pa zgodaj zjutraj na veliko nedeljo. Za mnoge je bila prav procesija višek praznovanja. Veličastno zvonjenje, petje farnih pevcev, plapolanje bander, katera so nosili najmočnejši fantje, velika radost v srcih in očeh. V vsem zraku je kar prepevala; Aleluja, aleluja . . . Na veliko nedeljo — na samo Veliko noč — se pa načne "žegen", zjutraj. Vsak član družine dobi svoj obilen del tudi hlapci in deklet. Kako je vse to teknilo po res strogem postu! Popoldne je bil čas sekanja pirhov in obiskov.

Po naših slovenskih farah v Ameriki se je precaj teh lepih navad ohranilo. Naj omenim lansko praznovanje v Chicagu Cvetna nedelja je bila pravi slovenski praznik. Otroci slov. šole in mladinci (SARC) so bili oblečeni v lepe narodne noše, vsi so v rokah nosili male butarce. Ob vstopu v cerkev je spredov pozdravilo bučanje orgelj, zvonjenje in lepa slovenska pesem. V dramatični obliki in slovenski besedi je mladina izvedla celotni pasijon. V srcih radost, v očeh solze! Vsa Velika noč je bila kakor šopek najlepšega cvetja.

Ves trud odraslih bo poplačan, ko bo naša mladina lahko ponosna na svoj slovenski rod!

Za delegatinje Zvezine konvencije, ki se bo vršila v maju v Duluthu, Minnesota, so bile izvoljene: predsednica Mary Muller, tajnica Jean Zubek in namestnice: Ann Mladic in Ann Šeska. Ann Mladic se bo informirala glede skupinske cene vožnje v konvenčno mesto.

Za mater leta pri naši podr. je bila zbrana Ann Hozian, ki je zelo delavna članica podružnice in fare, kakor tudi vsa njena družina.

ANA GABER



Velikonočni žegen...

## ŠT. 10, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Drage članice,

Ker imamo toliko članic, ki živijo v Ohio se bomo v aprilu spomnile na njih. Martha Batich živi v Akronu, Josephine Debevec, v New Philadelphia, Verna Marie Hren, v Uhrichsville, Molly Jenko, v Rome, Mary Krasovec v West Farmington, Josephine Magnacca, v Dover, in Julia Palivoda pa v Solon. Tako članice, vidite da se prav rade spomnimo na vas in želimo vam vesele dneve, upamo da ste zdrave da se imate prav lepo. Vesele praznike vam želimo, in dosti pirhov.

Mesec februar je za nami in prav, ker smo imeli kar dosti snega in nismo imele sejo, pa se bomo spomnile na naše bolane članice. Moja sestra Frances si je zlomila nogo, ko je padla ne ledu in se zdaj zdravi doma. Tončka Kapel, se tudi zdravi pri hčerki v Willoughby Hills, bolane so tudi, Mary Cernigoj in Josephine Oberstar ter Rezka Ferraccioli. Upamo, da boste kmalu ozdravele in prišle na naše seje. Vas vse skupaj lepo pozdravimo in želimo vesele praznike.

Lepo se zahvalim za darila v našo blagajno in tudi vsem, ki mi po pošti pošlete asesmente. To leto nisem še nič pobirala pri Slovenskim Domu, ker je bilo tako slabo vreme. Mogoče bo meseca marca bolje, se pa takrat vidimo.

Kmalu bomo potovale v Duluth, Minnesota na našo konvencijo. Komaj čakam, da se še enkrat vidimo z glavnim odborom in delegatinjami in Father Okorn, ki je tako prijazen in naša Mrs. Priland, upamo da bo zopet med nami, da bomo kaj dobrega stvarile za našo ljubo zvezo.

Vsem skupaj želim vesele Velikonočne Praznike, dosti potice in pirhov. Bodite lepo pozdravljene.

SOPHIE MAGAYNA  
Tajnica

## ŠT. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Iz našega mesta poročam žalostno novico, da se je smrtno ponesrečil sin ugledne in spoštovane družine Gregorin. Sin Steve je bil študent San Francisco College in strežnik (altar boy) v naši slovenski cerkvi. Imel je vzgojo vzornih krščanskih staršev. Imel je komaj 19 let in je bil dober, nepokvarjen fant. Father John Mihavilovich mu je naredil krasni poslovilni govor, ravno tako od sestre in bratov od Steve. Lepa belo oblečena deklica, Mary Pečavar, je kot nevesta položila šopek belih nageljnov na krsto. Ob tem ganljivem prizoru, se je zrosilo



marsikatero oko. Po šegah in ravadah v domovini, je nevesta šla vedno na čelu sprevoda, po krsti je pa hodila druga deklica v črnem pajčalanu z zlomljeno svečo, kar je pomenilo mlado življenje, ki ga je smrt prekinila.

Pevci smo mu zapeli žalostinko "Vigred se povrne". Pokojnikova sestra Sonja je članica Zveze in predsednica St. Francis lodge. Mama pa je bila bivša pevka v našem zboru. Vsa družina je marljiva in gostoljubna, res kot prava slovenska duša.

V imenu Zarje, St. Francis lodge in pevskega zbora globoko sožalje družini Gregorin.

Prisrčne čestitke pošiljamo Zvezini materi tega leta pri naši podr., Beverly Jackson, ki je hči naše dopisovalke Frane Chiodo. Saj je Frances res upravičeno ponosna na svojo hčerko, ker ta mlade članice so v resnici naš up in so tako pridne; Pečaverjeve, Sonja Gregorin in druge. Čestitke vsem novim in starim ponovno izvoljenim uradnicam. Posebno State president, Rose Scoff (državni predsednici) delegatinji za konvencijo.

Končno prilagam izrezak iz časopisa, ki razlaga kako napačno je mnenje, da revni ljudje nočejo delati. V Californiji so rezali pomoč od Welfare najprej onim, ki so bolni, stari, ali onemogli, ki si ne morejo sami pomagati. Po proposition 13 pa so milijonerji prišparali milijone. Bogatini delajo inflacijo. Ko bi rezali njihove profite mesto ubogim in rezali velikanske plače nekaterih, bi bilo bolje za srednji sloj, ki živi na svoji Social Security (državni zavarovalnici) ali mali penziji in se bori proti neznosni inflaciji. — Oprostite, vse te nazore sem podedovala po mojem očetu, ki je bil večletni župan mesta Metlike v Beli Krajini, — demokrat in poštenjak!

POLDICA PODGORNİK

#### ŠT. 14, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Februarske seje se je udeležilo veliko število članic. Sklenjeno je bilo, da imamo sv. mašo za žive in pokojne članice na pepelnično sredo pri Sv. Kristini.

Odbor za leto 1979 je bil zaprisežen. Za letošnjo zaslužno mater je bila izvoljena FRIDA MILAR. Čestitke.

Umril je mož naše dolgoletne članice Mary Dolšak. Preminul je tudi soprog članice Mrs. Maurič. Umril je tudi vnuk David Zak in zadnji teden so položili k večjemu počitku moža naše članice Slave Vehovec. Naj jim bo Bog milostljiv pri sodbi božji in naj jim sveti večna

#### VALENTINOVO VOŠČILO VSEM 70 LETNIM ČLANICAM

*Euclidske in Clevelandske podružnice št. 14, 32, 41 in 50 so ob priliki Valentinovega dneva, se pomnile vseh svojih članic, ki so že dopolnile 70 let. Poslale so jim v slovenščini naslednje lepo voščilo:*

**ČESTITKE! DOBRODOŠLE V KLUB 70 ali več let!**

*Najprej Vas vse lepo pozdravljamo in voščimo Vam ljubimsko pismo za Valentinov dan, 14. februarja.*

*Želimo Vam mnogo veselih dni v letu 1979 in v bodočih letih.*

*Vam in Vašim družinam vesel spomin na vse težke dneve od Vašega prihoda v Ameriko.*

*Bog bodi zahvaljen, da nam vera pomaga vsak dan.*

*Hvala Bogu,*

*članice št. 14, 32, 41, 50  
Cleveland in Euclid, Ohio*



luč. Žalujem družinam naše iskreno sožalje.

Millie Marold je prestopila k našem društvu od št. 41. Enako želimo dobrodošlico naši novi članici Silvia Tanko.

Josie Lapuh se je podala na 14 dnevne počitnice z možem Edijem.

Na seji v marcu je bilo tri-mesečno godovanje.

Bolane sta članice Mrs. Lada in Mrs. Maurič. Na počitnice so tudi odšli: Mrs. Iskra z možem Frankom in Mrs. Čekada z možem. Želimo jima srečno pot.

Družina Silve Milavec se je zahvalila. Za obiske bolnih se zahvalijo Mrs. Trček, Antonija Šušter, Mrs. Lada in Mrs. Maurič. V mesecu maju bo naš dom na Recher Ave. obhajal 60 letnico.

Za delegatinje naše konvencije so izvoljene Mrs. Vera Bajek in A. Zabukovec in namestnica je Mary Iskra.

Dne 10. junija bo Club društev zopet imel balinarsko tekmo na Recher Ave. — Drugih posebnih novic nimam, samo smrt neusmiljeno kosi to zimo. Tukaj v Euclidu in Kolinvidu jih je mnogo pomrlo. Naj jim sveti večna luč. Žalujem družinam pa naše sožalje.

Mrs. Mary Stražišar je odšla k sinu Elu v Texas, kjer že 30 let služi kot pilot. V kratkem gre v pokoj iz vojaške službe in je povabil svojo mamo, da se skupno poslovijo od te dolge vojaške službe.

Zaključujem z najlepšimi pozdravi na vse strani.

ANTONIJA ŠUŠTAR,  
poroč.

#### ŠT. 20, JOLIET, ILL.

Naša poznana jolietčana Lottie in John Jevitz, sta bila na obisku pri hčerkah v Floridi. Hvala jima za pozdrave iz dežele sonca.

Po naši zadnji seji smo imele lepo obložene mize in v sredi je bila

krasna lutka, katero je Millie pred 30 leti prejela od moža Rudija. Naslednje so prinesle okusne prigrizke: Mary Wiesmentel, jabolčni štrudel, Emma Planinsek, rozete, Olga Ancel, jelly roll, Mary Marolt, chocolate cake, Agnes Trautman, Texas cake in Emma Nosse, fruit cake. Dobitke so prinesle: Josephine Erjavec, Mary Marolt, Millie Pucel in Olga Ancel. Naslednje so dobile lepe dobitke zavite v Valentinovem motivu: Katherine Kness, Agnes Trautman, Theresa Marentich, Edith Kunstek, Louise Segal, Jonita Ruth, Ann Kobe, Jo Goran in Ann Mihelic.

Do zadnjega poročila je doslej pridobila največ novih članic Jonita Ruth. Čestitke! Prihodnji mesec bo poročan končni rezultat.

Pozdravi za zdravje so bili poslani Ann Ragusa, Rose Tabler in Agnes Lovati, naša tajnica. Upamo, da vse kmalu okrevajo in posebno da se Agnes vrne na seje.

Naše sožalje Mary Spelich ob izgubi dragega moža Josepha, ki je bil nad 50 let podpredsednik Fitzgerald Furniture store. Njega se vsak dobro spominja zaradi njegove prijaznosti v trgovini. Iskreno sožalje tudi Mary Sefčik, Lorraine Hrubos in Mary Jane Hrubos ob smrti moža in starega očeta Antona Sefčik.

Prejele smo povabilo od Heritage Festivala za sodelovanje pri njihovem programu. Drugi letni Heritage dan bo 19. maja v Louis Will Co., dalje 31. maja in 3. junija v Jolietu. Več o tem bo še poročano.

St. Francis College bo zopet imel slavje. Naše Mary Anzelc in Olga Ancel bodo vodile "Gostilno" s klobasami, poticami in drugimi dobrotami ter seveda veselo polka godbo. Naša članica Loretta Grzetic bo uredila umetniški del. Dobiček gre za St. Francis Academy in Joliet Catholic High School.

Delegatinje za majsko konvencijo so bile izvoljene: Emma Planinsek, predsednica, Agnes Lovatti, tajnica in Millie Pucel, podpredsednica. Namestnice so: Jo Goran, Emma Nosse in podpisana.

Šest kegljaških skupin se udeleži kegljaških tekem v Milwaukee. Dobro srečno vsem!

Preds. Emma Planinsek želi, da bi članice prinesle kaka ročna dela, da se prodaja na konvenciji. Dobiček gre v Zvezin Dobrodelni in Šolninski sklad.

Naša seja v aprilu bo v nedeljo dne 4. aprila, ker bi sicer Velikonočni praznik bil na dan naše seje.

Želim vsem članicam veselo Velikonoč, da bi jo v zdravju obhajale. Bog Vas čuva.

JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC

### ŠT. 25, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Drage članice št. 25: Pošiljamo pristrčno vabilo članicam in prijateljem, da se udeležijo kosila v počastitev naše žene leta. Ona je Chris Glavan in je bila soglasno izvoljena za to počastitev na seji v februarju. Chris je delavna članica za podr. in Zvezo. Več o njej v majski številki Zarje. Mesto seje bomo dne 8. maja imeli kosilo ob 1:30 popoldne v Social room. Po kosilu se bomo zabavile s priljubljenimi igrami.

Leto 1979 smo pričeli žalostno pri št. 25. Bog je poklical k sebi kar 8 naših članic v 6 tednih. Te so: Frances Lukanc, Mary Race, Hannah Blatnik, Jennie Zelle, Jennie Loncar, Theresa Levstik, Julia Rascan in Zeno Zak, ki je bil naš edini moški član. Preminul je v najlepši moški dobi star komaj 36 let. Za njim žaluje žena in 3 male hčerke, najmlajša stara samo 7 mesecov. Zeno je bil lastnik Zak Pogrebnega Zavoda. Podružnica pošilja iskreno sožalje družinam in sorodnikom pokojnih. Naj jim Bog nakloni večni mir!

Blíža se konvencija, ki bo v maju. Članice, sedaj imate priliko, da poveste našim delegatinjam kaj želite, da se izboljša pri Zvezi. Če imate kake dobre ideje, sedaj je prilika, da spregovorite. Po konvenciji je prepozno kritizirati. Naše delegatinje sta Ann Maver in Jennie Femc. Prosim, da kupite listke, ki bodo pomagali podr. št. 25 poravnati stroške konvencije. Gotovo ne bo preveč, če bi vsaka članica kupila vsaj en listek.

Naše mesečne seje se vršijo vsaki drugi torek v mesecu. Zadnje čase imamo zelo lepo udeležbo. Poglejte če imate plačan svoj asesment.

## SPOMIN NA ŠOLSKA LETA

Piše Josephine Erjavec, št. 20

Štirje fantje sinovi slovenskih staršev v Jolietu, ki so skupno obiskovali osnovno šolo sv. Jožefa in od takrat vse življenje ostali dobri prijatelji. Njihova zgodba bo gotovo zanimala bravce Zarje.

Prvi je Toni Golobich, sin naše članice Jennie G., se je po končanju osnovne šole sv. Jožefa, vpisal v Joliet Catholic High School. Njegova sedaj že pokojna stara mama je bila Jennie Benedik, zelo navdušena za SZZ. Toni ima lastno podjetje, veliko moderno brivnico "Barons Den" na Chicago cesti.

Drugi šolar je Luj Piskur, ki se je izučil v tehniki zdravstva za oči. Po graduaciji je dobil službo pri slov. zdravniku za oči in Luj meri očala. Zdravniški prostor je nasproti bolnice.

Tretji šolar James Grace, je že dolga leta v policijski službi ter je pred kratkim napredoval v čin policijskega kapetana. Slovenci smo ponosni na naše fante, ki dosegajo lepe uspehe v življenju. Njegova stara mama Mayme Laurich, sedaj Atland je bila prva kapetanka naših kadetk in teta od Grace je Frances Kalcic, je že 50 let vneta članica.

Četrti šolar-prijatelj je moj sin Ronald, ki je z njimi pohajal v slov. šolo. Vsi štirje so bili vedno dobri prijatelji. V času vojne so se vsi prostovoljno prijavili, toda vsak si je izbral drugi poklic. Moj sin se je vpisal v mornarico ter je z ladjo plul po vseh koncih sveta. Ko je bil moj sin na oddihu, je takoj po prihodu domov zaigral na klavir Ave Maria, da so nam solze prišle v oči. Dva tedna predno je bil poklican, si je silno želel imeti klavir in smo mu ga kupili in je obljubil, da bo igral pred odhodom in po vrnitvi. Tako se je zgodilo.

Ko so ti štirje fantje hodili še v Joliet Catholic High School, jih je moj mož Joe vsakidan pripeljal do njihovega doma in jih vozil v šolo v lepem in slabem vremenu.

Vsi štirje imajo svoje poklice. Naš Ronald je že več let podpredsednik Joliet Union National Banke. Lepo je ko se vsi snidejo in ob porokah so bili eden drugemu za priče.

Bog daj tem fantom še mnogo let zdravja in uspehov. Vsi so tudi farani naše slovenske cerkve sv. Jožefa.

Veselo Veliko noč vsem članicam SZZ. Naj vstali Zveličar vas vse blagoslovi z dobrim zdravjem in vrne zdravje vsem bolnim članicam SZZ.

JENNIE FEMC

### ŠT. 103, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Pomlad je pričela kukat v dželo in tudi naša Washingtonska zveza se je prebudila iz zimskega spanja. Jasen dokaz pa je bila udeležba na sestanku v marcu. V prvem delu sestanka smo razpravljale o soudeležbi na "Virginia Folk Festival", ki bo v Arlingtonu 19 in 20 maja. Kot ponavadi bodo tudi naše članice odprle "štant" in postregle obiskovalcem s slovenskimi dobrotami, mnogim pa, ki sploh ne vedo, kdo in kaj so Slovenci bodo razložile kje leži naša prelepa domovina in približale kulturo našega naroda. Razpravljale pa smo tudi o pripravah za gostovanje slovenskega gledališča iz Toronta, ki namerava v soboto 19. maja uprizoriti opereto "NA

PLANINCAH NAŠIH" pod vodstvom arh. Vilka Čekute. Več podrobnosti o tem redkem kulturnem dogodku med Slovenci v Washingtonu in okolici pa bomo poročali v prihodnji številki. V drugem delu programa pa je pritegnil našo pozornost gospod Husič, predan hribolazec, kateremu so k srcu prirasle naše čudovite slovenske planine. S svojimi diapozitivi in prijetnim opisovanjem nas je popeljal po slovenski transverzali od Maribora do Kopra. Komu ni ob pogledu neokrnjene lepote naših planin in kristalno modre barve triglavskih jezer zatrepetal srce? Med gosti je bil tudi naš poznani slovenski znanstvenik dr. Anton Peterlin s soprogo, oba sta tudi velika ljubitelja slovenskih planin. Iz Bridgeporta pa nas je obiskal Father Hribšek. Upajmo, da bo udeležba našega aprilskega sestanka prav tako velika in do takrat vsem najlepše pozdrave.

ALENKA ADAMIČ RICHARDSON

Poročevalka

## "FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART"

Hi Boys and Girls!

### "Veronica's Secret Guardians"

### Part II

You'll remember in last month's article we left Veronica confused and unsure about what she was to do with her life after high school. We also left Jigs, her stuffed monkey, and Louie, her stuffed pink panther, with the problem of how to help her. So without further delay, here's the conclusion to "Veronica's Secret Guardians", "Secret Guardians".

Hay

That night both, Jigs and Louie didn't sleep. All either of them could think of was how Veronica had lain on her bed that afternoon and cried.

"Louie, are you asleep?" Jigs asked.

"No, mon ami, I am not," Louie said. "Have you thought of a way to help Veronique?"

"No," Jigs said. "How about you?"

"I'm afraid I haven't thought of anything, either," Louie said. "If only there was some way we could make her see the obvious."

"That's it!" Jigs said. "That's the answer."

"Shhh. You're going to wake Veronique, not to mention the dead!" Louie said in a scolding whisper. "Now, what are you talking about? What's the answer?"

"The key word is 'see'. You, yourself said that all she does in her free time is write," Jigs said.

"Oui, so," Louie said. He still didn't understand what his small friend was getting at.

"So somewhere in that folder containing everything she's ever written, she must have written someplace about her love of writing," Jigs said.

"All we have to do is find it and put it somewhere where she's sure to see it and read it."

"Your idea is a good one, but just how are we to get a hold of her writing? She keeps them in her dresser," Louie said.

"True, but whenever she writes something new she puts it in her folder. So the next time she pulls the folder out to add to it, we're look through it. When we find something that mentions anything at all about how she likes to write, one of us will knock it on the floor. Then when she picks it up, she'll also read. Voila, mission accomplished," Jigs said.

"Sounds rather iffy to me," Louie said. "For one thing, what if she doesn't read it, but simply puts it away?"

"Must you always be so doubtful?" Jigs asked. "Now let's get some sleep. Good night."

The next day Jigs and Louie watched as Veronica went through the motions of her usual after school routine. After she kicked her shoes off in a fashion that sent them sailing to opposite ends of the room, she changed out of her uniform and into



"Sounds rather iffy to me," Louie said.

a pair of blue jeans. Then the teen opened the second drawer to her dresser and took out a white folder.

"See, what did I tell you," Jigs said. "She's got her folder of writings and she's coming this way. Everything's going as planned."

"Well, mon ami, I think you had better take a second look before you pin a metal on yourself. For there seems to be a slight flaw in your plan," Louie said.

"What's that?" Jigs asked.

"We're on her pillow and her folder of writings is with her at the end of the bed. Just how are we to look through the folder without her seeing?" Louie asked.

Jigs could feel the self-satisfaction drain from his bean bag body. But before either of the toys could say anything from the bottom of the bedroom stairs came a voice.

"Veronica, mom wants you," Veronica's sister shouted.

Veronica got off the bed and headed downstairs.

"Wow, what a lucky break. Now's our chance to find the paper we want," Jigs said. The little monkey waddled to the end of the bed. Louie slid off the pillow after Jigs. The two friends, however, weren't able to get too involved in their search because they heard the sound of someone coming up the stairs.

"Quick," Jigs said. "Get back to where you were. It could be Veronica."

In the panther's hurry his pink tail knocked the folder on the floor scattering all the papers. Louie noticed the disgusted look on his friend's face but there was nothing either could do for Veronica was back in the room.

"Shoot, I must have knocked the folder when I got up," Veronica said. She then bent down and started to pick up the papers and return them to the folder. Suddenly without any warning and for no apparent reason, Veronica froze, and Jigs and Louie heard talk to herself.

"I've been so stupid. This is what I want. I want to write. And I will. I'll go to work after school. I'll be a student of people. I'll observe everyday people in everyday life. And then I'll write," Veronica said slowly to herself.

Jigs and Louie winked at each other. Their plan didn't go exactly as they had thought but never-the-less the main idea happened and worked. Veronica had discovered who and what she was!

DAVY

### Easter

April 15th is Easter Sunday. Hope all our Juniors will have a nice visit from the Easter Bunny and leave you a big basket of colored eggs, jelly beans and chocolate bunnies and, lots of new clothes to wear to church on Easter Sunday.

It would be nice if Junior members would please write a let us know how you enjoyed your holiday.

Your Youth Director,

FRANCES SIETZ





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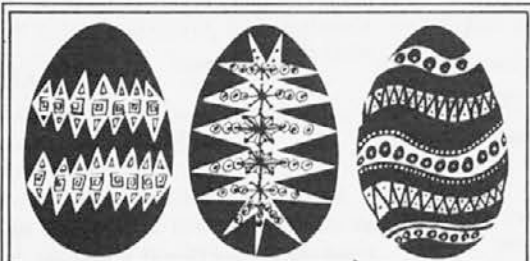
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