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Singers of Ely to perform at 18th Tri-ennial Convention!



The Ely Slovenian Women's Union Octette of Ely, Minnesota will be performing at the National Convention in Duluth on Sunday, May 20. The ladies are back row, left to right; Rosalyn Perko, Mary Ann Starkman, Molly Zupancich, Mary Zgonc, Rose Pucel, Barbara Rosandich. Seated, left to right: Darlene Nemanich, Mary Hutar, Director and Pauline Ferderber.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY

May 1 — Hon. Regional President, Mary Tomsic, Strabane, Pa.

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May 2 — Frances Anzelc, Br. 39, Biwabik, Minn.
May 5 — Bernetta Mische, Br. 84, New York, N.Y.
May 11 — Christine Konte, Br. 66, Canon City, Colo.
May 23 — Mary Rittmanic, Br. 22, radley, Ill.
May 25 — Frances Yerman, Br. 57, Niles, Ohio
May 27 — Anr Hođnik, Br. 35, Aurora, Minn.
May 29 — Rose Kosko, Br. 21, Cleveland, Ohio
May 30 — Mary Snezic, Br. 67, Bessemer, Pa.

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May 1 — Marie A. Floryan, Br. 17, West Allis, Wis.
May 3 — Anna Mae Anderson, Br. 79, Enumclaw, Wash.
May 9 — Catherine Hoeffler, Br. 106, Meadowlands, Pa.
May 13 — Helen McFarland, Br. 66, Canon City, Colo.
May 13 — Mary F. Mejac, Br. 103, Washington, D.C.
May 14 — Mary Pabijan, Br. 15, Cleveland, Ohio
May 16 — Gladys Buck, Br. 16, So. Chicago, Ill.
May 19 — Mary Macek, Br. 55, Girard, Ohio
May 22 — Jennie Tavchar, Br. 65, Virginia, Minn.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

PITTSBURGH FOLK FAIR

The 23rd annual Pittsburgh Folk Festival will be held at Pittsburgh's Civic Arena Friday, May 25 through Sunday, May 27. This folk festival, probably one of the largest in the nation, will have groups representing 24 nationalities presenting their cultural heritage during this three evening event.

Slovenian night will be held on Friday, May 25 and will feature authentic Slovenian Food, entertainment, and a display both of genuine Slovenian artifacts.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- MAY 1 - Br. 24, Euclid, Ohio, Party
MAY 2 - Br. 33, Duluth, Minn.
MAY 2-3 - Br. 42, Maple Hgts., Ohio, Bake & Rummage Sale
MAY 3 - Br. 100, Fontana, Cal., Pot-Luck Dinner
MAY 4 - Br. 101, Bedford Hgts., O. Dinner
MAY 5 - Br. 38, Chisholm, Minn. Mother's Day Party
MAY 6 - Br. 13, San Francisco, Cal., Mass-Brkfst.
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 8 - Br. 26, Pittsburgh, Pa. Luncheon
MAY 8 - Br. 57, Niles, Ohio
MAY 10 - Br. 2, Chicago, Ill. Mother's Day Party
MAY 10 - Br. 16, So. Chicago, Ill. Mother's Day Party
MAY 10 - Br. 43, Milwaukee, Wis. Dinner
MAY 10 - Br. 55, Girard, Ohio Banquet
MAY 15 - Br. 42, Maple Hgts., O., Mother's Day Mass, 6 p.m.
MAY 15 - Br. 54, Warren, Ohio, Luncheon
MAY 19 - Br. 21, Cleveland, Ohio 5:30 pm Mass
MAY 19 - Br. 105, Detroit, Mich. Banquet
MAY 20 - Br. 1, Sheboygan, Wis. Mother's Day Party
MAY 20 - 18TH NATIONAL TRI-ENNIAL CONVENTION, Duluth, Minn.--
MAY 27 - Br. 20, Joliet, Ill., Party
JUNE 3 - Br. 13, San Francisco, Cal. Trip to Reno
SEPT. 16 - WISCONSIN STATE CONVENTION, Br 102, Willard, Wis.
SEPT. 20 - Br. 17, West Allis, Wis., Card Party St. Mary's Hall, 7:30 pm

Reminder to Br. 21!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

A Mass for all living members of Slovenian Women's Union Br. 21 will be offered on Saturday, May 19th, 1979 at Annunciation Church, 4697 W. 130th St at 5:30 pm.

Please attend.

STELLA DANCULLI

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**A Heart-ful of Good Wishes
to our Members —
Mothers of the Year!**

*May Mary stand beside you
and bless you all your days
For the endless hours of love
You've shown in endless ways.*



Anne Hozzian and family



DOROTHY C. BEHNKE

No. 1, Sheboygan, Wis.

Having fifteen grandchildren is a special blessing in the life of Dorothy Raml Behnke who is also the mother of five children, Mary, Carol, Rose, Fred and Michael. She and her husband, Fred, have been married for 38 years and make their home at 712 A. S. Water St. She is a native of Sheboygan.

Her education consists of grammar and high school and she has always worked in some capacity, either outside her home or with her family duties. She is very active with the American Slovenian Organization, Queen of May No. 157 and with the parish of Sts. Cyril and Methodius and the Christian Mother's Society.

She loves to help people and doesn't mind any kind of job.

Her hobbies include stamp collecting and keeping a large scrap book collection of family activities.

We are very proud of our Mother of the Year of Br. 1 and wish her God's choicest blessings.

ANNE HOZZIAN

No. 2, Chicago, Ill.

A smiling countenance always greets you when meeting Anne Hozzian. She has a cheerful disposition and positive attitude on life which makes her a very good member of Br. 2. All four of the Hozzian children are junior members, namely Rosemary, Joanne, John and Stephen, as was her mother the late Rose Zalik. She has never

held an Office with the branch but is on hand at all their social functions.

Anne was married to John J. Hozzian on Oct. 13, 1956 at St. Stephen's Church. They are both active in parish societies.

She claims that walking, swimming and crocheting take up her time and as for sports, it's bowling she loves! She's a member of the Slovenian Women's League in Chicago and bowls at every S.W.U. tournament.

As a long-time member, and wonderful mother, she has earned this honor as Mother of the Year of Br. 2!

JOSEPHINE REEMS

No. 3, Pueblo, Colo.

Br. 3 is proud to name Josephine Reems as our Member of the Year for 1979. She has been a member of Br. 3 for 19 years and an officer since 1963.

Recording secretary and Auditor for 15 years, she fulfilled her duties very well.

The officers and members enjoyed



Josephine Reems

working with her as she is always willing to help when called upon. She celebrated her birthday in March and served a delicious refreshment to all the members!

Her hobbies include cooking and baking. She is living in Pueblo since 1955. Josephine was born in Leadville, Colorado and her maiden name was Josephine Stevens. She is a widow 17 years. Her late husband, Frank and she were married in Leadville by Rev. Fr. George Trunk at the historic St. Joseph Church there. Father Trunk was well-known priest and died at the age of 102 years, the oldest priest in America at that time.

Congratulations to a most deserving member and we wish her happiness and good health for many years to come!

FRANCES SIMONICH
Secretary



AMELIA CODARMAZ

No. 5, Indianapolis, Ind.

Our branch decided that our older members deserve to be recognized for the honors that come with Motherhood, so we have chosen our

wonderful and long-standing member, Amelia Codarmaz as this year's special Mother. She was born in 1895 in Udine, the Slovenian community near the Slovenian-Italian border. Her maiden name was Florjancic. She was married to Joseph Codarmaz in 1920 and for the past 21 years has been a widow. She has one daughter, Dorothy Haldron and two grandchildren.

All her life, our Mother-of-the-Year was a hard worker, being a factory laborer. She also has a most beautiful garden with well-tended flowers. Naturally, it's her number one hobby.

She has four members of her family enrolled as members of our Branch.

We thank her and wish her all the best for many years to come.

REPORTER

JENNIE GOLECH

No. 6, Barberton, Ohio

Pictured with her 70th birthday cake four years ago, our Mother of the Year, Jennie Golech, is still as smiling as on her photo! Good health and good spirit has stayed with Jennie and we hope it will for many more years to come!

Jennie was married to her husband, Joseph in 1920; their son Joseph and three grandchildren, Jim, Jerry and Danny, comprise the family. She was born in Cleveland and lives now in Akron.

Kindness, thoughtfulness, helpfulness and generosity are some of the words that describe Jennie to her friends. As a member over 49 years, Jennie knows what it means to have a fraternal spirit. She often helps by bringing members to the meetings and has been secretary and auditor in the past years.

We wish her the best life in her retirement and happiness in abundance!

Jennie Golech



FRANCES MATIRCHO

No. 7, Forest City, Pa.

A lovely artist and homemaker is Mrs. Frances Matircho. She was born in Browndale and raised in Union Dale, Pa. where she makes her home with husband, Joseph. They celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary last September. They have two daughters, Shirley Ann Campbell and Dorothy Flynn and seven grandchildren. Most of their leisure time and vacations are spent with their family and they especially look forward to the long summer outings together.

Frances loves to cook and bake and helps her husband in their large garden. She also sews and enjoys bowling and traveling. Recently she and her husband traveled to Slovenia to visit the birthplace of her parents, the Verboys.

She is a member of the Ladies



Auxiliary of the American Legion of Forest City, Pa. and the Senior Citizens Club where she is currently chairlady. Her husband is president of the club.

As a long-standing member of 28 years, Frances is very helpful with activities at Br. 7. She is a wonderful person, they agree!

God bless her and keep her!

ANTONIA (TONI) ALIC

No. 10, Cleveland, Ohio

What distinguishes Mrs. Alic from others? She's just wonderful and "we all like her"! This may not be all that unique, but Mrs. Alic is a special person and her friendship cannot go unrecognized.

She was born in Vrhnika in Slovenia and her maiden name was Trepel. She came to America at the age of 6. Her immigrant story would be interesting to hear!

Tončka and her husband, Joe, are married 52 years! They celebrated their golden anniversary in the company of their son, Ronald, Daughter, Norma Grif and nine grandchildren. Now there's also a great granddaughter to make them specially happy. Six of these children are our members.

For years, Tončka worked at Parker Hannafin but now is retired and spends her free time at home or with her friends. She attends meetings regularly and has "a heart of gold!"

Also a member of the St. Mary's church Altar and Rosary Society and Legion of Mary, Tončka stays busy. She is pictured here in her friendly kitchen on Holmes Ave. in Collinwood.

We hope God will bless her and her family with all the best in life.

BEVERLY JACKSON

No. 13, San Francisco, Cal.

Beverly Jackson, Mother of the Year of Br. 13, is indeed most qualified for this honor, she's a real asset to the branch with her friendliness and constant help. Bev chairs our most successful games party each year with the help of her sister, Barbara and needless to say, it is a most successful venture. Each meeting she donates a good home made cake which we all enjoy.

For 20 years, she has been a teacher of religion at the Church of the Nativity, thus keeping in constant contact with many of our sister members. Bev is a graduate of the



Antonia Alic

D.D.C. and is licensed to teach all grades of religion.

Her hobbies are numerous, Knitting, sewing, cooking! Bev teaches quilting and has made numerous quilts which she has given to friends and put on the market.

Her devotion to home is uppermost; her husband, Brian, a California Highway Officer, and daughter, Janet, can attest to this. While Janet was younger, Bev was a Girl Scout leader and did much for her community, generously giving of her time and effort toward these projects.

How am I able to tell you so much about Beverly Jackson? She is my dear daughter and a great pride to our entire family. Truly God has been kind, blessing my Joe and me with such a wonderful family.

So, Happy Mother's Day Blessings to all our mothers-of-the-Year and especially Bev who was chosen this year, just 20 years after it was given to me, too. God has been good.

FRAN CHIODI



Beverly Joan Jackson

FRIEDA MILLER

No. 14, Euclid, Ohio

A lovely silver-haired lady, Frieda Miller, was chosen by the members of Br. 14 as their Mother-of-the-Year. She is a native of Cleveland and now resides in Wickliffe. Frieda lost her husband, James T. Miller three years ago. Their children are William, Peggy who resides in California and James, and grandchildren number two.

Frieda is a high school graduate and with her husband operated a bake shop for 17 years, then worked in a school cafeteria for 12 years. She was a volunteer at the Sisters of Mt. St. Joseph Nursing Home for several months and at this time works there part time.

She has two sisters who are also members of Br. 14, Margaret Pugel and Mary Uzman and her deceased sister, Anne Perko, was also a long-time member. Their late mother, Anne Slopko was very well known.

For her willingness to be helpful and dedication to the organization the members are very grateful and they wish her all the best for a long and happy lifetime.

ELSIE STARCEVICH

No. 16, So. Chicago, Ill.

The honor of Mother-of-the-Year for 1979 is bestowed on Elsie Starceвич, maiden name, Laich. Elsie was born in Chicago on January 23, 1906 and was married to John Starceвич on November 15, 1925. She is the Mother of two children, Elsie Grunhard and John Starceвич with 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchildren completing her family. Her husband passed away five years ago. Elsie has never been employed during her marriage, but has been a homemaker devoting all



Frieda Miller

her time to her family.

Her hobbies are knitting and crocheting of which she has many works of art. She also enjoys playing cards.

She is a member of the Women's Club and Medical Missions at Annunciata Church, the East Side Citizens Club and attends ceramics classes at the De Sales Center.

And, in between all the foregoing activities, Elsie has done extensive traveling made a 2-1/2 month tour of Europe, a Caribbean Cruise and visiting members of her family in Florida and California.

Elsie joined Branch No. 16 on September 1, 1936. For several years, Elsie did an outstanding job of selecting, purchasing and gift-wrapping the toys for our Children's Christmas Party. Her husband was a milkman and they donated all the milk for the children along with treats of candy.

Elsie is also a member of the Branch No. 16 Kitchen Band which was organized to celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

Congratulations, Elsie! And may you have a Happy Mothers Day.

GLADYS K. BUCK, Secretary

ROSE MARY SCHUBERT

No. 17, West Allis, Wis.

Rose Schubert is the daughter of the late Frank and Mary (Pepan) Fierst who settled in Chisholm, Minn. after the first World War. They decided to relocate in Poplar Bluff, Mo. where they purchased a cotton farm and where Rose Mary was born. A few years later, they returned to Chisholm and when

work was offered in the Milwaukee-West Allis area for builders, seven year old Rose Mary and her parents made another move to this area.

As she got older, Rose became active in many charities and was a volunteer nurses aid for the parochial school and participated then and as now for church and school. She has lent her helping hand on many occasions and has very constructive ideas to help promote good cause. We are grateful that she helps promote our lodge too, as a long-standing member for 20 years.

Rose was our recording secretary for 14 years and was an officer of the KSKJ and bowling scribe. She helps us out with her bowling talents, too.

Her education includes advanced secretarial courses and at the present time she is with Bel-Aire Enterprize, a concern owned by her brother-in-law and sister for the past 11 years.

She and her husband, John, are



Elsie Starceovich

the proud parents of a daughter, Sandra Lee Shimetz and two sons, Scott Johnathan and Dean Michael. She has two grandsons, Jeffrey John and Craig Allen Shimetz.

Her charming personality and all around good humor make her a joy as friend and sister member of Br. 17. Our very best wishes to her on this happy occasion.

MARY T. BRANK

No. 19, Eveleth, Minn.

A very well-known and distinguished lady, Mary T. Brank, was selected for this year's honor by Br. 19. She is an outstanding member having been a leader of their



Rose Mary Schubert

juvenile groups, chairman of programs, delegate to various civic committees and has been the Mistress of Ceremonies at social events and conventions.

As a 39 year member, she has served as reporter and leader of projects bringing the Slovenian Women's Union into the combined activities of other fraternal and societies on the Iron Range. Mary was instrumental in establishing the Annual All-Slav Day Picnic which will have its 30th event on July 23rd and is an active member of the American Yugoslav Association of Minnesota Scholarship Program. She now resides in Virginia, but when living in Eveleth, she served on the Library Board and on the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of which she was also chairman for a time. She received the rank of Lieutenant in Civil Defense work during World War II.

Mary and her husband, William, lost their only daughter, Marilyn in a tragic accident. This year they will celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary.

Her mother was a charter member of Br. 52 and three of her sisters, Katherine Adamich, Frances Rapovich and Josephine Fryckman are members of that branch.

Due to failing health, Mary has not been able to undertake too much lately, however, she still remains loyal and dedicated member.

We salute her and thank her for her many contributions to our branch and community.

REPORTER



Mary T. Brank
with
her husband

ANNA JAMNIK

No. 22, Bradley, Ill.

Mrs. Anna Jamnik, former Anna Rozman, was born Aug. 29, 1898 in Bela Krajina, Slovenia in the village of Borst, where she received her schooling. In May of 1921 she came to America, settling in Bradley, Illinois, where she has since made her home. She found employment in kitchen and dining room services at St. Viator College in the neighboring village of Bourbonnais. Here she was kept busy, indeed, with the many priests, religious brothers and students. She continued this work until Nov. 25, 1922 when she was married in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley, to Joseph Jamnik, whom she met after her arrival in Bradley. He passed away on May 17, 1954.

Mrs. Jamnik had five sons. Her first children, twins, John and Frank, died shortly after birth. Now a widow of 25 years her three sons, (Elmer, Louis and Anthony) their wives and her nine grand-children bring her much joy and consolation. Elmer of Joliet, is a teacher in the new Joliet West High School. "Louie" is assistant post-master in the Bradley office. "Tony", also of Bradley, is a salesman for Mobil Chemical Co. of Kankakee.

"Grandma" Jamnik had the pleasure of joining in the happy family celebrations this past year at the weddings of two grand-children—Susan, daughter of the "Elmer Jamniks" and Joseph, son of "the Tony Jamniks". May God bless their marriages!

A member of 50 years, Anna Jamnik was honored as one of branch 22's four charter members at the state convention here in October, 1977. She was our "special guest" at



Pauline Stepic

MARGARET STALZER

No. 20, Joliet, Ill.

Branch No. 20 did not have a difficult time selecting this year's Mother of the Year. Although herself a very unassuming lady, her dedication and service to the church and her branch are obvious. Always ready to give and do what needs to be done, she becomes a very deserving honoree. Mrs. Margaret Stalzer is Branch No. 20's Mother of the Year for 1979.

She and her husband, John, retired from U. S. Steel, reside at 258 Hutchins St. in Joliet. They will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in September of this year.

They have four children: Mary, Mrs. Paul Wanthal of Spring Grove, Ill.; Janet, Mrs. Dennis Steensland of Casper, Wyoming; Rev. David Stalzer of Winfield, Ill., former associate of St. Joseph's Parish in Joliet and present spiritual director of Branch No. 20; and Louis Stalzer of Joliet, a probation officer for Will County and also a student of Law.



Margaret Stalzer

She also has five grandchildren.

Mrs. Stalzer is active with branch activities, in addition to being a member of the Rosarian Club, Altar and Rosary Society, and Senior Parishioner all of St. Joseph's Church and the K.S.K.J.

She enjoys crocheting, baking, gardening and she is especially known for growing those beautiful "Boston Ferns" that adorn the picture windows of her home. As one lady put it, "When in need call Marge." We did. She always responded.

Much thanks and appreciation, Margaret, and congratulations to a beautiful lady!

REPORTER

PAULINE STEPIC

No. 21, Cleveland, Ohio

Honoree from West Side of Cleveland, Br. 21, is Pauline Stepic, a past and present officer and reliable member, always on hand with smiling helpfulness. She is a willing worker who took her job as auditor very seriously. This brings the warmest wishes to her on this wonderful and happy occasion.

Mrs. Stepic is a widow for the past five years and has four children, 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. As a young girl, after graduating from Jane Addams H.S., she went into the workday world and was employed for many years at Block Bros. and Joseph & Fliss. She is also secretary of the West Side Slovene Home, Secretary of Holy Cross Lodge KSKJ and a Dem. Committee woman. In 1975, she was named Woman of the Year by the Slovenian Home.

Embroidery and crocheting are nice pastimes and she loves to bake, especially at holiday time.

She is a member of Br. 21 for 27 years! A lot of time to make good friends and loyal attachments! The members are ever grateful to her and wish her the best.



Anna Jamnik

a dinner on her 80th birthday, August 29th of '78, when we observed our 50th anniversary.

In the early years of organization, Anna served as an auditor. Always willing to do her share, she has contributed much of her handi-work, beautiful crocheted articles, to use for our projects. She continues to keep us happy and well fed with her "huge" dinner rolls that she brings to our Christmas pot-luck and other gatherings. She enjoys her miniature garden around the back corner of her modest little home. We dare say, her greatest joy and "hobby" is baking the Slovenian goodies, potica and apple strudel, to pass around to her sons and families, at Christmas, Easter and many other occasions.

A kind, most pleasant person, one so nice to know and be with, 80 years young and "young at heart" is Anna Jamnik, our Mother of the Year! Congratulations, best wishes!

GABRIELLE LUSTIG,
Secretary



MARGARET PRESHIREN

No. 23, Ely, Minn.

Margaret Pucel Preshiren, a member of Branch 23 for 27 years, is

Ely's MOTHER OF THE YEAR for 1979.

Margie was born on May 28, 1920 and has been a life long resident of Ely, where she attended school.

She married an Elyite, Frank Preshiren, on January 25, 1941, and they spent thirty-one happy years together until his death in 1972.

Margie and Frank were the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Jerome (Darlene) Nemanich and a son, Franklin. Darlene's four children, and Franklin's two children make Margie a proud grandmother of six.

One of Branch 23's first members was Mary Pucel, Margie's mother. Margie's sisters, Rose Lobe, Pauline Polyner, and Ann Miklavcich; two nieces; her daughter and two grand



Christine Glavan

daughters are all members of the Branch 23; so the Pucel family is four generations strong in membership. Margie and her sisters are also charter members of the DAWN. Ely's social branch.

Whenever our Branch is planning a program necessitating special entertainment and table decorations, Margie is the gal called upon to get the task done, and we are always in for a real treat!

Our MOTHER OF THE YEAR has held offices in the Hospital Auxiliary, Girl Scouts, PTA and is currently the Reporter for the ZARJA-The Dawn.

Spare time will find Margie busy with needlework and ceramics. Margie is one of Ely's most avid sports enthusiasts. She's one to find time to cheer our teams on to victory.

Our widowed mother/grandmother, Margie, is most grateful for the many hours of enjoyment and pleasure provided her by her six precious grandchildren.

REPORTER

CHRISTINE GLAVAN

No. 25, Cleveland, Ohio

Our dear "Chris" Glavan was unanimously voted as Woman-of-the-Year by SWU Br. 25. She was born in Cleveland. Chris and Frank were married on her birthday, June 29, 1935 at St. Vitus Church. Classmate, Father Max Sodja, officiated. Now both are happily retired.

"Chris" is a member of our lodge, also Martha Washington Carniola Hive 493, Maccabees, the Altar Society, St. Vitus Christian Mothers' Club and St. Clair Slovenian Pensioners.

She is daughter of well-known and beloved Julia Brezovar, who organized many lodges here in our city. She was the president of St. Anne's Lodge and secretary for the Maccabees for over 37 years. Mrs. Brezovar was first to open the door at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. After mother's death in 1953, Chris carried out the secretary's job for six additional years.

Not blessed with children of her own, she was involved with many others. Her nephews and nieces shared a lot of her love. She had a gym class for girls ages 7 thru 14 here at our Bathhouse, was herself active in sports and played basketball with the Sokols who were four year champs. When the St. Vitus girls had a basketball team, Chris was the lady coach! As a result she was made honorary member of the Mothers' Club. Always active in the church, missionary works and clubs, she attended Mass daily and once a week does volunteer work at the school cafeteria for the children.



Mary Bratetic

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Chris is much like her mother who sold tickets and participated in all the doings! When the St. Vitus Mothers Club compiled a cookbook, Chris sold over 375 of them!

She enrolled three new members this year. Chris and Frank attend most of our members' funerals and Frank drives the car for lodge members.

Since her retirement five years ago, she attends monthly meetings and celebrations and is responsible for more attendance at the meetings, as she makes sure her sister members attend, too. It was due to her diligent work that our 50th anniversary was such a success last year. She took complete charge of the entertainment which everyone enjoyed.

Her hobbies are knitting, crocheting and gardening. Her flowers are the envy of the neighbors. Loves sending cards to people for all occasions.

Congratulations, Chris, we all wish you many more years of good health and fraternal participation in the S.W.U. Br. 25, Slovenska Ženska Zveza!

REPORTER

MARY BRATETIC

No. 26, Pittsburgh, Pa.

She has a special knack in the kitchen and a special talent for cooking up good things to eat! That's why Mary Bratetic is one of the best caterers in her town and brings success to every dinner she manages. We often read of Br. 26 banquets and references to her loyal help in the kitchen. That's where many of our members shine, as experts in the domestic arts!

Mary and her husband of 32 years, Michael, have a son, Michael and two daughters, Patricia and Mary Lou who is also our member. There is one special person in this world, Mary's one and only grandchild!

Let's go back to the years of the drill teams and when the cadet groups were formed. Pittsburgh had one of the best teams and Mary was one of their first cadets — and a good one, too! For 39 years, as a good member, it's now her turn to be recognized and given the accolades of her sister members who all say: Very Happy Mother's Day, Mary, and many more of them! Our thanks!

BETTY ELENICH

No. 28, Calumet, Mich.

As for many mothers, the war



MARILYN FRECH

No. 32, Euclid, Ohio

A champ all the way, is our Mother of the Year, Marilyn Frech! Champion bowler (1976 finalist in "I Beat the Champ" bowling contest), champion singer (past Dawn Choral Club), champion auditor (her employer at Friedman Jewlers, Account Payable Dept. thinks so! and she's auditor of Br. 32) and champion mother — and that's the best (two sons and two daughters at home and she's active with the SWU Baton Twirlettes with daughter, Kirsten)!!!

years were worrisome times for Betty Elenich whose oldest son, Lawrence served in Viet Nam. Surely she prays that another war would never happen again so that other members would be spared the anguish of a mother's heart.

Betty's younger son, Joseph and daughter, Patricia complete the family that she and her husband of 32 years, Lawrence, Sr. reared at their home on 6th St. in Calumet. There she enjoys being a housewife and belonging to church and veterans organizations such as the VFW and American Legion. She also sings in the church choir, and enjoys bowling, knitting and sewing.

One of the highlights in their lives was the celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary seven years ago.

Betty is a member for 15 years and a trustee at the present time. She attends all meetings, works at all their dinners and enjoys calling numbers for their popular games.

To a very faithful member, Betty is wished a mother's heart full of love and appreciation.

Marilyn is one of our youngest honored mothers with grown children. Her maiden name was Zakrajsek and she graduated from East High School, the east side of Cleveland being her home area. She lives in Euclid, now on E. 219th St. She is a busy, busy gal, with volunteer work, as a 4 gal. blood donor, an Honor Guard, a sports woman and now, learning the Slovenian language!

With a pleasing personality, she is always ready at branch meetings and is wonderful with the young and the adult members alike. "We just love her!" That says it all!

DELORES HESKI

No. 33, Duluth, Minn.

Delores Heski has been named Mother of the Year of Branch 33, Duluth, Mn. Delores, maiden name, Swanson, is of Swedish-English descent, but since her marriage Sept. 20, 1945 to Martin has also followed many Slovenian traditions in her home and family life, including being a member of Branch 33 since 1958, with all of her children as Junior Members. She resides at 1503 99th Avenue West in Gary and is a



Delores Heski

member of St. Elizabeth parish.

The Heski's have four children: Tom, a teacher and author, lives in Cannon Falls, Mn., with wife, Linda, and children, Chris, Tommy and Mikey. Bob, single, works at Minnetac in Mt. Iron and lives in Eveleth. Sharon and husband Lanny live near Eveleth with daughter Becky. Nancy and husband, Steve live in Duluth with daughter, Amy.

Delores attended Irving, West Junior and Proctor High School. She has been active in many past years in teaching Religious Education, Girl Scout Brownie Leader, Cub Scout Den Mother, and worked with sons and husband in the Boy Scout program.

Delores' pride and joy are her

grandchildren and the other children she baby sits for. Her hobbies include bowling, cooking, sewing and reading.

She has been a member of our branch for 21 years and is the current president, just beginning her third year, which will prove to be an extremely busy one for her. She is chairman of the 18th National Convention which will be held in Duluth in May of this year. In September our branch will have its 50th anniversary which will be celebrated when we are hostess branch for Minnesota Day.

Delore's sunny smile and disposition, along with her willingness to do whatever is asked of her, and much, much more, make her a valuable member of our group — and much loved by her family, relatives and friends.

LOIS M. PELANDER,
Reporter

MOLLY WILSON

No. 34, Soudan, Minn.

Molly Zeleznikar was born in Ely in 1922 where she grew up; later marrying Leo Wilson and moving to Soudan in 1948. God called him to his eternal rest in 1977 and now Molly lives for the pleasure of the company of her two daughters, Marica Miller, Patricia Helin and son, Leo, Jr. Molly has three grandchildren, Nathan Miller, age 3 and Leo's two sons, Matt, age 2 and Chris, one! What happy moments these are for Molly when they are all together!

Molly graduated from Ely High School then was employed in Milwaukee before her marriage.

She is now employed as a clerk in the Soudan Community Store. Besides being a member of Br. 34 since 1963, she is a member of the Council of Catholic Women and the Tower-Soudan Women's Bowling League; also, the VFW Auxiliary and a trustee of the Sts. Cyril and Method Society KSKJ. We are happy that she is so active with our own Zveza activities and a willing worker for all functions!

Molly has held no office, yet helps at all monthly meetings and attends Minnesota State Day each year. Since her husband's death, she has made a trip to Hawaii when her son and family were stationed there.

Molly is a cheerful person, gets along beautifully with the members and her co-workers. Her daughter, Marica, is a kindergarten teacher in Parkville, Minn. and she and her husband, Dana employed at the



GERTRUDE HUDELA

No. 35, Aurora, Minn.

It is true, that the objective of our Mother's Tribute in ZARJA is to recognize those among us who live the good life and are often otherwise forgotten by the world for their great contribution to society. We have to know these women to appreciate them and when knowing them, we are inspired and blessed. Thank God we have such mothers in our Union and that we can share with each other their lives and experiences.

This introduction leads to the report of our wonderful secretary of Br. 35, Aurora, Minn. Ann Hodnik, who writes of their chosen Mother as follows:

"Our branch has so few of the older members left who were born in Yugoslavia and came to settle in our country in the early 1900's. Our lodge felt we'd like to honor them all before they leave this earthly life because they deserve the honor; because they are courageous, hard working Christian women. They all survived much hardship and raised large families on very little. But the basics of motherhood were there — clean simple homes, good wholesome family meals, God-living

Minntac Taconite plant in Mt. Iron, and son, Nathan, live in Cherry, Minn. Daughter, Patricia works at Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis and her husband, James in a State Bank Examiner. Youngest son, Leo, is a career Navy man stationed in Australia with his family.

Br. 34 is proud to have such a lovely Mother of the Year and wish her much happiness with her family in the years ahead.

BARBARA YAPPEL
Reporter

(Ed. Note: Barbara's report is the last she submitted to us before her untimely death early in April. Our deepest sympathy to her husband, Tony and family.)

and God-fearing women who by their example installed in their children love of God and country and love of neighbor. They formed a society of Christian women, the Slovenian Women's Union in Aurora, with the express purpose of getting together socially to exchange ideas and problems and also to be supportive and helpful to each other during tragedy, death or hardship.

"Mrs. Hudela was such a mother. She never was written up in the Who's Who of Aurora but in her quiet unassuming way will leave her mark and I'm sure our Lord will write her up in his Good Book, which is really the only book that counts!"

Let us just add that Mrs. Hudela is a widow for 46 years and at the age of 86 still enjoys her home and garden. She was born near Grosuplje in Slovenia and bore six children, one of whom is deceased. She has 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. During her earlier years, she worked as a laundress and had only 6th grade education.

To Mrs. Hodnik's words we can only add, Amen.



MARY BRISKI

No. 38, Chisholm, Minn.

When we visit Minnesota this month for our 18th National convention, we shall be meeting members like Mary Briski, charter member of Br. 38! There are many of our finest immigrant mothers and members in Minnesota and hers is a life story reminiscent of others.

In 1889, Mary Plese was born in Delnice, Slovenia and came to America as a young woman. She was married to her husband, Marko, in 1910. They had four children, three sons and a daughter; She has become grandmother to six and great grandmother to 9.

Her schooling was only the basic grammar school in Europe; after her

arrival in America she had to work and there was no time for school.

Her spirit is dauntless and at age of 90, she still is very active attending all meetings and contributing to everything. She is a widow for the past six years and spends her time sewing, knitting and reading.

She is Br. 38's oldest active member and very proud of it! We're even more proud to have her!

ANN GERZINA

No. 39, Biwabik, Minn.

Ann was married to Frank Gerzina on May 25, 1957 in Biwabik, Minn.

She is an LPN employed by the East Range Clinic at the Erie Mining Company Dispensary, a position she has held for the past 16 years.

Her daughter Carol lives in Duluth with her husband, Ronald and son, David. Carol is the Supervisor of Admittance at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth.

Son, Frank Jr. attends the Eveleth EAVTI and is in his second year of Auto Mechanics.

Ann is an active member of the American Legion & Auxiliary and St. John's Altar Society.

She has been a very active member of Branch 39, since 1955 — 24 years of dedicated service and always willing to help whenever needed.

It is a pleasure to honor "Ann Gerzina as Mother of the Year" for her past services and duties as a lodge member. We in the lodge know that anything we ask Ann to do will be done in a first class manner, and honoring her in this way is our way of saying, "thank you Ann and keep up the good work as a dedicated lodge member".

FLORENCE J. MILOS
Recording Secretary



Ann M. Udovich

ANN M. UDOVICH

No. 40, Lorain, Ohio

Mother Ann M. Udovich has a daughter Beverly, and three sons, Arthur, a former Marine, Terrance, a Lorain policeman for the last five years and Bob. She is a widow since 1970 when her husband of 32 years died in his sleep, leaving the family deeply shocked. Ann has six grandchildren, among them a set of twin girls, Denise and Diane.

She is a good homemaker and a member of various societies, including the Slovenian National Home Auxiliary, the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Ladies Guild and with the Slovenian Women's Union, she has been a loyal member for 36 years!

Very active in past years, Ann just recently had an eye operation which has curtailed her participation in her favorite, sport, bowling. One year she was named the most improved player in her Union of Poles league.

Among her hobbies is crocheting, following the sport of horse racing and she enjoys playing "B"! She is a good donor for the branch's various projects and is always willing when asked to help.

Our heartiest wishes!

JUSTINE GIROD

No. 41, Cleveland, Ohio

The members of Branch 14 have chosen a very gracious lady, Justine Zele Girod, as their Mother of the Year for 1979. Her late Mother, Theresa Zele, a charter member of Branch 41, enrolled her into our organization in 1944 and instilled in her the responsibilities and privileges of belonging to our beloved SWU.

In September of 1936, Justine married Sutton Girod. This happy union produced two daughters and a son; Juliene Broenne of Malvern, Pa., Janice Quintin of Phoenix, Arizona, and Sutton Joseph, an apprentice at Zele Funeral Homes, Inc. They are proud grandparents of Erica and Ian Broenne.

Justine graduated from Collinwood High School and is a licensed cosmetologist. She is also a Notary Public since 1934. She has been secretary-treasurer of Zele Funeral Homes, Inc. for 44 years.

Her loving and compassionate personality have endeared her to innumerable people and especially to the members of Branch 41. Currently, Justine is vice-president of our Branch and is also on the



Justine Girod

auditing committee. Her advice and comments at our meetings are always fair, sincere and highly respected by the members.

She has contributed greatly to our becoming reunited in frinedship and efforts for the benefit of our organization. It seems she always has the right answer to a perplexing problem.

She is very generous with donations and prizes to say nothing of the goodies she donates for our after-meeting socials. We appreciate her regular attendance to our meetings knowing how exacting and demanding her duties are at the funeral home and her private home. The following are organizations to which is a member:

Charter member and past president-Shoreview Kiwives (Kiwanis club women's auxiliary); Women's City Club; Women's Senior Board-Euclid General Hospital; Booth Memorial Hospital-Women's Auxiliary; Member Loyalties No. 158, SNPJ (past Pres.); Progressive Slovene Women, Circle No. 2; American Mutual Life Ass'n. No. 2; Euclid and Waterloo Pensioners Clubs; Club Ljubljana; Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary's Church.

Our Mother-of-the Year collects carvings and artifacts-especially of Jugoslavia; has an American Indian collection, antiques and with the help of her husband, a collection of old clocks and watches. Quite an impressive hobby indeed.

Sunday, April 29th has been designated as the day we shall honor our distinguished Mother of the Year. Following a Mass at St. Mary's Church, a dinner will be held at the Slovenian Workmen's Home with Mary Dolsak in charge.

All members and friends are invited to attend both the Mass and reception. Tickets may be obtained by contacting Secretary Valeria Fortuna by calling 531-5191.

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CILKA HOCEVAR

No. 42, Maple Hgts., Ohio

Last month, Cilka was our "Sweetheart"! This month, she's our Mother-of-the-Year! Yes, such is the case when we love her so much!

She is one of our charter members, always helping faithfully, is a good baker, especially her strudels and flancate and has held an official position almost all 49 years since she is a member. In fact, she was our second branch president way back in 1931 and now is our treasurer.

She has a nice big vegetable garden and beautiful flowers plus gorgeous plants in her home. John, her husband, and she are now celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary.

After 36 years of employment at Richman Bros., Cilka retired recently and spends her time enjoying the



Cilka Hocevar

company of her many friends.

Well-liked by all, she deserves to be Mother-of-the-Year and with it goes our love and admiration!

SHIRLEY SCHULTA

No. 43, Milwaukee, Wis.

With a membership standing of 40 years, Shirley Schulta must have been enrolled as a child! And, so she was, by her very active mother, Ceil Groth. Currently and for the past 4 years, Shirley has also been Vice-President of Br. 43, really following in her mother's loyal footsteps. Ceil also was Mother-of-the-Year some years back.

Shirley has a daughter, Mary Ellen



Shirley Schulta

and son, Dale John. She and her husband, Edward, married in 1956, enjoy their home in Greenfield, Wis. She is a good homemaker, proficient in baking and handwork and for past-time, gets to the bowling alleys occasionally. She graduated from Pulaski High.

A very sincere and heartfelt wish to her for a Happy Mother's Day and lots of good luck in the future!

OLGA L. PAPISH

No. 46, St. Louis, Mo.

Branch 46 of the Slovenian Women's Union of America is proud to announce the selection of Mrs. Olga L. Papish as Mother of the Year.

The former Olga Petric is a native of Pueblo, Colorado and comes from a family of twelve girls and one boy. Her mother, the late Mrs. Barbara Petric, was a member of the Mrs. Papish recently celebrated her thirty-third wedding anniversary with her husband Ray, Sr. Mr. Papish works for the Missouri Pacific Railroad as a shop superintendent in downtown St. Louis and has been with the rail company since 1947.

Mrs. Papish has one grandchild, Erika Rae, by her son Ray, Jr. and his wife, the former Rebecca Green. Granddaughter, Erika Rae, celebrated her first birthday this past March 10.

Olga is a member of the Maternal Heart of Mary Sodality, is currently President of her local Women's Clique Club and has been a member of the Slovenian Women's Union for fourteen years.

ELSIE GAZDECKI

No. 47, Garfield Hgts., Ohio

Our mother of the year for 1978 is Elsie Ann Gazdecki who was unanimously chosen by her sister members. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio April 7, 1922. Elsie and her husband Joe celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary this year. They are the parents of 2 boys and 1 girl, Cheryl Ann, Allen, Bruce and daughter-in-law Debra. Joe is self-employed as a grocer in Garfield Hts. Elsie and husband Joe reside in Brooklyn Hts., a suburb of Cleveland. While the children were growing up, Elsie was a P.T.A. and Band Booster member. While both sons were in scouting, she was active for 6 years, a den mother for 2 years and a den mother trainer. Elsie received 2 awards in cub scouting, an achievement award and a merit award. While daughter Cheryl was a Campfire girl, she was assistant Campfire leader. Brooklyn Hts. is a small village where she was active in community projects and service. She was a member of the Women's Service Club.

To her friends and neighbors she is a helping hand, when she is needed, she is there. Thru the years for fun and relaxation,, she did cake decorating, crafts, outdoor and indoor gardening, dancing, stamp collecting, card playing and likes country music.

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Olga L. Papish

Hobbies include bowling with the St. Timothy's Parish Church League, crocheting, swimming and gardening around her home in South St. Louis Country.

REPORTER



Elsie Gazdecki

VERA SEBENIK

No. 50, Cleveland, Ohio

Our MOTHER OF THE YEAR Vera Sebenik (nee Laurich) was born in Cleveland, Ohio on August 29, 1908. she married Frank Sebenik in 1935. On Sept. 14 they will celebrate their 44th Anniversary. Vera graduated from Longwood High School. She and her husband owned a grocery store for eighteen years and later she worked for the Goodbody brokerage firm.

Vera was mother of two sons Alan and Roger. Through an automobile accident in 1970 Alan was killed at the age of 27. This was a great loss to them. Their son Roger and wife Betty and three grandchildren Christine, Kathryn and Jeffrey live in Michigan.

She was always proud of her sons as they were A-1 students. While being active at St. Joseph High School, Vera was president of the Mothers Guild and treasurer of the Mothers Club.

She is also an active member of the



Vera Sebenik

Catholic Daughters of America, Comrades of S.N.P.J., And The United Slovenian Society of Cleveland. She has been a member of our Branch 50 for six years and has also enrolled her two grandchildren.

Her hobbies and interests are playing cards and traveling, but most of all she likes to sew, make aprons, kitchen towels, stuffed toys, etc., sells them, and has given our Branch 50 three large donations. She attends all meetings and functions and helps wherever necessary, so our Branch chose Vera as our most deserving 1979 MOTHER OF THE YEAR.

ANN J. TERCEK

wonderful sister to Mary Walko, our member, who has had surgery and needs help, by doing chauffeuring, etc., getting her medications and really being there when Mary needs her.

After Christmas, we were all very saddened when Josie's husband, Andy, died suddenly. He was a great guy and will be sorely missed by all. Even in her sadness, Josie hasn't missed a single meeting.

We congratulate her as our Mother-of-the-Year. She is very deserving of this honor and we will celebrate the occasion at a lovely Mother-Daughter luncheon.

JOANNE PONIKVAR



Josephine Kassan and family

JOSEPHINE KASSAN

No. 54, Warren, Ohio

Our president, Josephine Kassan has been chosen as our Mother-of-the-Year. She is a very energetic member of our branch and helps out at all our functions and projects to keep our branch going. She has been president for several years and before that, was the corresponding and recording secretary.

Josephine attends all our meetings and 11 of her close relatives are members!

Josie was born in Colorado and came to Warren, Ohio when she was a young girl. Her mother was a widow with a large family and Josie worked very hard at her job to help support her brothers and sisters. In 1950 she married a fireman, Andrew Kassan and they had three children, Barbara Jaras, Joseph and James.

Josie lists as her hobbies gardening, "B", playing cards and bowling in a weekly league, plus, family get-togethers of which they have many.

She has always worked for our parish, St. James, and attends morning Mass often. She has been a

ROSEMARY GORDON

No. 55, Girard, Ohio

A good member with a friendly personality has been chosen to represent Br. 55 in this year's Mothers' Tribute. She is the mother of three, Thomas, Suzanne Deemer and Louis and has a three year old grandson, Danny Gordon.

Rosemary is a member of the Girard Women's Football Club, the Altar and Rosary Society and the 500 Card Club. She dabbles in ceramics and loves keeping her home at 291 Louis Ave. very lovely. Education-wise, she is a graduate of North Ave. grade school and Girard High. Her maiden name was Ambrose and she was born in Fayette, County, Penna.

Many happy wishes for this day, and all the more to come!

ANGELINE PASSINO

No. 56, Hibbing, Minn.

At the turn of the century in 1900 on March 26th in North Hibbing, a baby girl was born to John and Mary Grebence. This daughter was their third and named Angeline.



Angeline Passino

She attended grade school at McGolrick Hall. After the 8th grade, she furthered her education at the Lincoln High school in North Hibbing.

Later employed at various jobs such as clerks in stores, and her favorite, as a telephone operator, Angeline grew into young womanhood. One evening while attending a church dance, she met her future husband, Joseph. They were married in 1924 and had two children, James, who is employed at the Public Utilities Commission and Jean who is a junior high home economics and science teacher. On Oct. 18th, 1974, Joseph and Angeline celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary and renewed their vows at a Mass held at the Hibbing General Hospital Chapel. Fr. Coyle, the officiant, surprised them with a beautiful love song he wrote for the occasion. He sang it accompanying himself on the guitar. Their children and grand children hosted a beautiful wedding reception for them at the church hall. Just two years later, her beloved Joe passed away.

Angeline has been a member for 31 years. She taught religion classes for many years. Her greatest accomplishments have been in the art of homemaking. She was active as a 4H leader and from her group of students, she was able to encourage two girls to become home economics teachers. Her son who is still a bachelor, is an excellent baker and cook!

Angeline is still very busy with her cooking and baking. Her strudels, cream puffs and donuts, are among her specialties. She crochets and loves her house plants.

She lives with a philosophy of life that has especially impressed her daughter. "When people are mean to you, never become angry. It takes minutes, hours and sometimes days, but these people will be punished in a manner worse than they hurt you", she says.

Her members at Br. 56 say, tho she was never a leader, she has been a most dedicated follower! God bless her and keep her.

NANCY SEGRETO

No. 57, Niles, Ohio

Congratulations, Nancy Segreto, our Mother-of-the-Year! She has been an active member and in the last 17 years of being with us, held the office of Sgt. at Arms at one time.

She is a housewife and has suffered the tragedy of losing her only daughter, at the age of 10 in 1960.

With her husband, Sam, she resides in Niles. She was born Nancy Pascarella in Chicago, Ill. In her home, she loves gardening.

Our fondest wishes for a very happy Mother's Day!



Nancy T. Segreto

MARY GREBENZ

No. 67, Bessemer, Pa.

Mary and Adolph Grebenz were married on June 26, 1943, during the war years, and are the parents of four sons, Stanley, Jimmie, Richard and Gary. They also have four lovely grandchildren!

Mary, whose maiden name is Kalcic, was born in Slovenia on May 4th — happy birthday to you!

She loves to dance and is a very sociable person who is always ready to extend her helping hand.

Their home is at 1501 E. Poland Ave. in Bessemer.

Our very best wishes and God's blessing!



FRANCES SKRABEC

No. 68, Fairport Harbor, Ohio

The attributes that make Frances Skrabec a perfect candidate as Mother-of-the-Year are the kind that all women aspire to. She never has an unkind word to say to a person, has always shown willingness to help people in need, is sincere with her friends and has exemplary honesty. At the age of 84, she has gained the experience of a lifetime and given to all who know her, a sampling of the philosophy that makes her so special.

She was born at Vrhnika pri Ložu, in Slovenia in 1895. She and her husband, Mike, who died 12 years ago, were married in 1913 and have three daughters, Frances Ullé, Mary Crawford and Annie Veverka. There are seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren!

She has fulfilled anything undertaken and is a gracious hostess when the branch meets for their social events. She is adept at sewing, crocheting and baking and considers homemaking as the most important job a woman can have. Her own life attests to that.

On this Mother's Day and for many to come, the members of Br. 68 wish her an abundance of God's blessings and good health!

JULIA CUSHMA

No. 71, Strabane, Pa.

Julie Cushma was selected as Mother-of-the-Year by her many friends at Br. 71. She comes to all their meetings and does everything asked of her. Six others in her family are also members. Her mother-in-law was a former Mother-of-the-Year, also.

Julia belongs to the C.D. of A. and the Ladies Guild of the parish of St. Patrick in Canonsburg.

She is the mother of John, Michael and Patricia. Michael is an award winning button box player. She and



Julia Cushma

her husband, John are married 23 years and the family home is on Alexander Ave. in Strabane.

May the blessings of a good life fill her home and heart!

MARY C. SCHNEIDER

No. 73, Warrensville, Hts., Ohio

Being a mother and grandmother fills the life of Mother-of-the-Year Mary Chesnik Schneider. She only had an 8th grade education and has worked most of her lifetime, 10 years at Richman Bros. So, the quality of life is very important to her and she spends her time visiting the sick and aged and taking care of her grandchildren and assisting her daughter, Elaine Ryan whenever needed.

She has been a widow for 18 years. She and her husband, George were married for 28 years.

Mary is an election judge showing her civic concern. She attends meetings, contributing bakery and door prizes, often joining her sister, Evelyn Majercik at our affairs. She is good company, a very pleasant person!

Her mother, Louise Chesnik, was a charter member, as is her sister-in-law, Mary Chesnik.

For her great mother's love, we commend our beloved Mary and wish her all the best in life!

ANNETTE M. JOHNSON

No. 79, Enumclaw, Wash.

A beautiful description of Annette Johnson as our "Mother of the Year" would be: A Mother who has continual concern and love for her family and Slovenian Heritage. She encourages family closeness which is

like a ray of sunshine. Its warmth is felt by all who come in contact with her.

Annette is the mother of two lovely daughters, Georgene and Lynnette. In addition she is also the grandmother to Carrie and Craig.

She and her late husband encouraged their daughters to further their education. Consequently, both girls have degrees in education. During the time they were growing up, Annette was a girl scout leader for eleven years and was active as a Lady Elk in Olympia.

We have certainly enjoyed the long standing association of her family in our lodge. Presently four generations are members. Our "Mother of the Year" is always willing to join in on the work from the beginning to the end. Her contributions are continual to the fun and fellowship which we all enjoy.

Annette is one who has created a sense of unity in our organization this past 32 years. She is most generous with her time in doing for others and has a loyalty towards all of us which cannot be expressed in words. What more can we say about someone so deserving except, "You are our No. 1 Mother of the Year."

REPORTER



Annette M. Johnson

ANNA LOGAR

No. 81, Keewatin, Minn.

She was Anna Stobodnik, born in Bojanjvas, Slovenia (near Metlika) on April 24, 1899. In her youth she attended the church at Radovisa.

When Anna was twenty-four, she left her family and homeland to come to America. A train took her from Ljubljana to Havre from where she started her long ocean journey.



Anna Logar

Her loneliness vanished when, on board ship, she met a group of nineteen Slovenians, all bound for the new land.

By the time she reached Chicago, all of the others had left for different localities.

In Duluth, a small group of Keewatin friends bade her welcome and brought her to Keewatin to make her home. (This was Nov. 27, 1923.) By this time, Anna said, "My English vocabulary consisted of two meaningless words, "Well-well."

On Jan. 24, 1924, Anna traveled to Hibbing with Anton Logar, to be married at the Immaculate Conception Church in Hibbing. They enjoyed forty wonderful years together with their one son, Max, and three daughters; Betty, Annie, and Alvina.

In May of 1933, Anna Logar, became a Charter Member of the Slovenian Women's Union Branch No. 81. She feels that her forty-six years of membership have given and her much joy and satisfaction. Her list of friendships has grown and given her many beautiful experiences and now, memories of neighbors helping neighbors thru good and difficult times. She found a great deal of pleasure in assisting with meetings, activities, and events thru the years, until ill health forced her to become less involved.

Anton died on their Fortieth Anniversary, Jan 24, 1964, leaving Anna to care for the home while keeping herself and the family happy.

Gardening was her Hobby and it kept her busy. It was hard work but enjoyable and fruitful.

Anna expresses her gratitude to all of the members for their visits, Christmas Parties, and Mother's

Day Breakfasts. She continues to look forward to all of these special occasions as the members of Branch No. 81 continue their good work.

Anna's son lives with her. She says that visits from her daughters and thirteen grandchildren light up her life.

"Well, well", didn't mean much on that November 27th day of 1923, but when we take fifty-six years of community service, forty-six as a member of Branch No. 81; and a mother of four; then add Mother of the Year — "Well, well," expresses a great deal.

Members of Branch No. 81 are proud to say, "Well! Well! A well-earned honor for a job well-done, Anna Logar, our Mother of the Year!

Reporter



FRANCES KRESEVICH

No. 91, Oakmont, Pa.

Frances Kresevich, nee Dodich, came to America as a bride of two years, with her husband, Tony, in 1929. They have lived at their current address at 561 Center St. in Verona, Pennsylvania for forty years. In Oct., 1977, two daughters honored them with a beautiful Slovenian-style 59th Wedding Anniversary celebration attended by many friends.

The family is complete with Sylvia K. Provenza and Dorothy K. Gilbert and their families. Two grandsons are Joseph A. Provenza and Randall K. Gilbert.

She has been a member of our branch for 40 years and also belongs to other societies, as she enjoys meetings and being with her friends.

She's called: "The best and most

loving, devoted Mother in the world!" God keep her with good health and happiness!

VIRGINIA KWIATKOWSKI

No. 95, So. Chicago, Ill.

Every now and then a special kind of person crosses our path and makes life the better for all of us, and our members recognized it and selected Virginia Kwiatkowski, 2906 E. 101 St. as that kind of person. Born on March 18, 1924, a native of Chicago, nee, Virginia Graczyk she is graduate of grammar and high schools.

On July 12, 1941, she married Art Kwiatkowski; from this marriage five children were reared and they are: Gregory, 34, Sharen, 32, Cynthia, 27, Michael, 23, and Debra, 17. Virginia finds fulfillment in life surrounded by her nine grandchildren, her mother Chestra Graczyk and her aunts, Minnie Pujdak, and Carrie Plebanski who are our loyal members. Her children are respectful of their elders and well rounded in a moral growth and ethnic heritage.

Duty is her watchword manifested in her care for her mother-in-law whom she is taking care of at the present time, her parents, husband, and children. She respects the importance of an obligation to her loved ones, and it is her rigorous attention to maintaining high standards that obsess her.

Over the years, Virginia has contributed her time, bakery goods and cash, attends our meetings regularly, and she's always there with her helping hands, doing more than her share for our branch.

She unwinds herself in her hobbies such as baking, gardening, but her



Virginia Kwiatkowski



Carol Ann Harley

pride and joy are in crafts; with the flick of her wrists and fingers she could make tissue paper into feathery flower petals, until one after another living flowers emerge. She labored for weeks to make beautiful centerpieces for me when I was chosen the Mother-of-the-year and which I will never forget. Her hands work with astonishing deftness, but they sure know what they are doing. I emphasize this so much because they are standards that are rapidly disappearing, because of the economics, automation and the convenience products, and Virginia is the keeper of a dying art!

Yes, words are truly inadequate to describe the qualities of this woman. She possesses all the attributes necessary for being our Mother-of-the-year. She has worked unceasingly for the betterment of our branch, and she has a great capacity for being all heart. We love her because of her humane attitude and her deep understanding of all of our projects, and it is therefore a cherished privilege for me to come in contact with her, for this we congratulate her, and may almighty God grant her good health, and may she continue to receive greater rewards and recognition. This is my tribute to a lady who always sees a silver lining in dark clouds.

I know that all of our members will share this tribute with me.

MILDRED JAMES

CAROL ANN HARLEY

No. 100, Fontana, Cal.

Carol Ann Harley was born in Warren, Ohio in 1947 and moved to Fontana, California at the age of 4.

Her mother, Dorothy E. Petrich, has been an active member of SWU for 33 years and has held various offices during these years. Her father, John F. Petrich, is well-known in California as a vocalist, musician and as a businessman.

Carol is the granddaughter of Mrs. Anna Petrich who was a great member of ZVEZA. She helped to organize 9 branches in Ohio and was also a member of the National Board back in the '30's.

Carol has two sisters who are also members, Lucille Mlakar, currently living in the Sacramento area and Cindy Conley who is living in the Panama Canal zone.

She has a daughter, Andrea, age 6 and a niece, Colleen Conley age 4 both of whom are members, too, making a total of five members in one family.

Carol and her husband are involved in Steel-Plastic Insulation business and also in real estate. An interesting side-line of business and hobby for Carol is a "Mail order" venture. With her great personality, we know she will succeed in all these things.

Coming to meetings means a drive of 50 miles for Carol, so we know she means it when she says she's a loyal member!

Sports interest her and her husband, Jim and daughter. They love to fish, hunt and all outdoor activities.

A happy Mother's Day and all the best to Carol and her lovely family!



VICKI LYNN MATJASIC

No. 101, Bedford Heights, Ohio

Our Congratulations to Miss Vicki Lynn Matjasic, she has been chosen our "Member of the Year." Vicki has been an active member for many years participating in all lodge



Ann Boh

functions. She has taken on the responsibilities of handling projects and has completed them with great success.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Betty and Victor Matjasic, (Betty is our branch President) and the sister of Mrs. Dorothy Szumski, also a member.

Vicki is currently a Real Estate Agent in the Bedford Heights and surrounding areas. Previous to this she was employed as a Customer Service Correspondent. She enjoys her work and meeting people.

She decorates cakes for every family birthday and occasion. She has made several Wedding cakes in the past and assembled a beautiful 3 tiered 25th Wedding Anniversary cake for her parents last year. Vicki is self-taught in decorating and she does a very professional job.

She graduated from Bedford High School in 1972 with a business background, and attended a branch of Cuyahoga Community College to attain her Real Estate License.

She enjoys handcrafts as a hobby and when in High School she sewed all of her own clothes. She spends a lot of her time with her niece, Lorie and nephew, "J. J."; they call her their favorite Auntie.

Vickie will be honored at our annual Mother's Day dinner which will take place on May 4th. Our sincerest congratulations to you, Vickie, and we wish you continued success in all your endeavors.

REPORTER

ANN BOH

No. 102, Willard, Wis.

Her mother's heart is happiest when the children come home to visit. Mrs. Ann Boh, nee Kokaly, and her husband, William, live on a 280 acre dairy farm in central Wisconsin where they also have a large vegetable garden and many flowers! Their two sons and daughter are

well-educated. William, Jr. is employed at Felhers, Marshfield, Wis., Beverly is a second grade teacher at Jackson School in St. Paul, Minn. and Larry is employed as a clinical assistant professor at the school of Pharmacy of the State University of New York at Buffalo, Erie Medical Center.

Mrs. Boh has three grandchildren, Chris Ann, 14, Jeffrey, 9 and Sandy, 7. All special events are homecomings for them.

Our mother has been a hard-working mother and homemaker. She does hospital work besides her regular chores. She loves crocheting, knitting and sewing plus baking and cooking for family events. She is a faithful member who comes to meetings and is a very pleasant person.

Hearty wishes for a very happy Mother's Day!

BETTY CESNIK

No. 103, Washington, D.C.

Betty Cesnik, nee Havlik, was chosen to represent Br. 103 this year as their Mother of the Year. She and her husband, James, were married Aug. 1, 1959 and have three children, Margaret, a freshman at Marquette University, and Sarah and Michael, teenagers at home.

Betty earned a B.S. degree in Home Economics and is presently working in the Controllers office of a savings and loan association. She is vice-chairman of the Falls Church School Board where they reside and the League of Women Voters, of which she was state treasurer. She represents the third generation of her family to serve on the school board. Many committees, programs, etc. have had the benefit of Betty's expertise. Br. 103 has been pleased with her loyal help at their yearly dinner-dances.

She is also a member of a woman's soccer team that last year won a championship!

A modern, busy, energetic mother is Betty Cesnik, and we salute her!

ALICE BECKER

No. 105, Detroit, Mich.

The members of our Detroit branch have selected Alice Becker for the singular honor as their Mother of the Year. It is a special honor for Alice who tells us she is unworthy of it, and prefers to

remember her own dear mother at this time. We know that the members of Br. 105 feel sincerely that Alice is a perfect mother and it is their wish that she be given this tribute.

Alice was born on June 22, 1913 in Gilbert, Minnesota. She also lived in Eveleth and Virginia in her childhood. The family moved to Michigan in 1929, to Detroit where they found their mother had relatives and where they all became members of "our wonderful Slovenian Women's Union"

Alice has three sisters, Frances Steinbauer of Laurel, Maryland, Josephine Bartlett of Seattle, Washington and Dorothy Hoffman of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

She is a widow with a son and wonderful daughter-in-law and six year old twin granddaughters!

While she was employed, the last 19 years as a secretary to the Director of the Michigan Employment Relations Divisions and Office Manager for the Labor Relations Division, she was the happiest! She misses her work, now but enjoys her retirement when she can take time to do her favorite past-times.

In her own words, Alice Becker credits her mother with the kind of upbringing that has made her a happy person and proud of her heritage. She says: "It is impossible to ask any more of life than God has given me. I am very blessed".

Now we all know why Br. 105 members love Alice and wanted her to be honored in this way. She is a love!

ANGELA VOJE MOURNED

It is with a sad heart that I report the death of Angela Voje on March 30, 1979. During the four years I had known Angela, I admired her for being a proud and devoted mother and a very dedicated President of Slovenian Women's Union, Branch 84 of New York.

She loved Slovenian culture, music and songs, and was elated when her articles would be published in Zarja.

Angela Voje was born in Vas Domžale, Yugoslavia, 81 yrs. ago. She came to America as a young girl and lived most of her life in New York.

She is survived by 2 sons, 2 daughters, 16 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren; and many friends from coast to coast.

May she rest in peace.

ANNE PERHAY
still a member of
Branch 105 in Detroit

A DAUGHTER'S TRIBUTE TO HER MOTHER



The above photo is of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kriser, my mom and dad, who are both remembered with all our love. Mother passed away in 1970 and dad before her.

The honor bestowed upon me as Mother-of-the-Year of Br. 105, Detroit, Michigan is gratefully and humbly accepted. It is not often that I am able to get to Detroit for the meetings, but my heart is with the girls. I love them all dearly.

Because of my sincere feelings at this time, being honored myself by your choice, I wish to give my mother the benefit of this honor, as she deserves to be remembered.

Were it not for my mother who thought us from babyhood up through the years about Slovenia, I would not have the love I now have for my Mother's country. I can't speak Slovenian as my father was not Slovenian and when we asked Mother to teach us her mother-tongue, she explained it was too difficult for her to do so.

Mother was born Josephine Tomsich in Velike Lašče and lived until she was three years old in Stope. The family then moved to Biwabik, Minnesota and settled in Eveleth. In fact my grandfather John Tomsich was the second settler in Eveleth!

It didn't matter that Mother was so young when she left her natal home. My grandparents taught her everything about the land of her birth. This she installed in her daughters, and in particular, myself.

In 1963, Mother and I took a trip to Europe and I saw our Beloved Slovenia. I sobbed with happiness when we reached the border just over the line from Italy (Trieste). She traveled to Ljubljana. We spent 8 days that I shall always remember. No, I don't deserve being Mother of the Year. The honor belongs to my Mother, Josephine Tomsich Kriser. She's the person that not only taught us to live to the best of our ability, to Honor God and our fellow man; she also instilled in us, the gratefulness for our heritage.

As for myself, I love the honor of being allowed to be part of the Slovenian Women's Union. Branch 105 is tops, and Pauline Adamic a wonderful president.

ALICE M. BECKER

Beloved Member, Paula Ozbolt



One of the staunch members of Br. 2 for many decades is Paula Ozbolt who is seen in the left photo at Oak Forest Hospital. She is confined there by illness, but her spirit, at the age of 91, is dauntless and she is always ready to greet you with a smile and cheerful word. Our members Mary Krapence and Frances Zibert visit her often. Paula is at Bldg. J, Room J-11, Bed 2 and the hospital address is at W. 159th St. and So. Cicero Ave., Oak Forest, Ill. 60452.

She'd love to hear from her friends.

Happy Mother's Day, Paula! God bless you!

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH:

POTS and PANS and PASTIME SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Greetings! It is so nice to see you and to be together again.

POTS and PANS and PASTIME:

I would like to suggest that the title of this column be simply POTS and PANS.

Letters of appreciation indicate that the column is well received. Many members have sent in recipes so popular with the readers.

This enthusiastic letter was fun to receive: "Recently you published a recipe for NOODLE STRUDEL which certainly turned out beautifully in this kitchen. The fragrance, the eye appeal and the delicious eating! I was so enthused — so were two of my neighbors who shared this treat with me, hot from the oven. In my enthusiasm I gave away my original typed copy and carbons — the magazine to a very busy and lovely sister-in-law so I ended up with an SOS to a sister in Florida to send me back a Copy! but before it came I recalled it and have baked it again — shared it again — and it is delicious reheated.

Why couldn't the originator of this NOODLE STRUDEL send it in to Bob and Betty Sanders of CBS radio?" They come up with recipes every day — they're too often too elaborate, too rich, too expensive. The noodle strudel is simple enough for the school-girl to exercise her culinary talents and heritage, right?"

A copy of the letter was sent to Frances Bottari, Joliet, through the secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lovati.

All the recipes are pretested much to the pleasure of my family.

Any suggestions will be appreciated.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

The Scholarship Committee consists of: Mesdames: Marie Prinsland, Mary Bostian, Olga Ancel, Rose Kramer, Irene Odorizzi, Antonia Turek and Hermine Dicke, chairman.

As of Dec. 31, 1978 the balance was \$19,453.68 (\$156.13 less than the previous year). During 1978 the Scholarship Fund was very well supported: \$938.00 from 49 contributors and \$1,355.38 earned in interest and dividends from savings and bonds.

Three \$500.00 scholarships were awarded in 1978. One winner was not enrolled full time so did not receive payment.

To date there are five applicants for the four \$500.00 1979 scholarships. Last year there were eight applicants.

This project continues to be most worthwhile. The memorial contributions received honor the beloved deceased member, relative or friend while financially aiding deserving high school graduates in her or his pursuit for an advanced degree.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMINE DICKE

HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Heritage Committee, in its second year of existence, has been very active and productive. The most important event sponsored was the second annual Heritage Day Festival, hosted by Branch No. 20 in Joliet, Illinois on Sunday, June 11, at St. Joseph's Park. Under the co-chairpersonage of Agnes Lovati and Mildred

Pucel, and with the cooperation of the members of Branch No. 20, another successful Slovenian Day was realized culturally and financially.

Branch No. 2 provided some of the workers and also demonstrations and craft booths. Representatives from various SWUBranches, as well as from other Slovenian organizations, were also in attendance. Details of special workers and performers will not be elaborated upon in this report seeing that a full Heritage Day report was published in the Zarja following the event.

Commendations are in order for Branch No. 20. They have made it possible for our Heritage Fund to have reached the sum of \$6,467.09 by donating their time and efforts in making this day a reality. All the profit for 1978 and 1977 were donated to the Heritage fund, which will eventually establish a Museum in the Home Office for the preservation of Slovenian memorabilia.

At the present we are awaiting responses from other branches to undertake the Heritage Day in their area this year. If by the time that this National Board Meeting is in progress, a hostess branch has not been located, it is suggested that the National Board take the measure to secure the location of this year's event. We hope that some of our sister members will be inspired to follow in the footsteps of Branch No. 20.

TEE SHIRTS

A new design "Slovenia" for tee shirts has been on sale for the past six months and is available in yellow, blue, and wheat (S, M, L) from the Home Office.

HERITAGE APRONS

The lovely handmade blue/red aprons, bearing the "It is in every Slovenian" motif, were introduced on Heritage Day and are also available from the Home Office for the price of \$7.00. They make attractive gifts and branches are encouraged to send for one and display it for future sales at meetings.

PRESIDENTIAL GREETINGS

Every month a list of immigrant members who have reached their 80th (or more) birthday is forwarded to the White House in Washington, D.C. Each of these ladies will receive a birthday card from President and Mrs. Carter on the day of her birthday.

OVER 70 CLUB

We still have a number of lovely immigrant members, and how fortunate we are to be able to count them in our ranks. They are history-makers and we must be proud of each and every one. Every month, there appears in the Zarja, a list of ladies who have celebrated their 70th (or over) birthday in the month of issue. We want to honor these ladies in some small way and hope that our sister members will remember one or more of the ladies on this list with a birthday card, a phone call, or maybe a visit.

GOVERNMENT GRANT FOR FUNDS

A request was made to Exxon Oil Company for the possibility of a grant to further the documentation of the lives of our Slovenian immigrants in the U.S. They replied with a letter stating that their interest is not in this area, and that our organization would do well to contact other companies which might be receptive to this type of project.

For the second year we have completed the forms,

narration, budget, and organization plans for a project which was submitted to HEW. Seeing that there are usually in the range of 4,000 requests per year for financial assistance, we are hoping and praying that perhaps this may be our "lucky" year and we will receive a grant to video-tape the stories of many of the immigrant ladies who are members of the SWU.

These televised tapes would be circulated in the state libraries and a set would be retained for our SWU Heritage Room.

HERITAGE ROOM

In my report of 1977, I specified proposals for the establishment of a National Slovenian Heritage Room/Museum in the Home Office. Thus far, nothing has resulted from my proposal. A copy of the suggestions will be included with this report, along with a proposal that the Board study the possibility of proceeding with the plans for such a room at the meeting in March. If they feel that to legislate such a move is not within the scope of their power, then I recommend that this proposal be studied in committee at the National Convention in Duluth and in front of the convention delegates for a discussion and a vote.

SLOVENIAN HERITAGE ROOM

The need for a Slovenian Heritage Room is of utmost importance and plans should be discussed for the possibility of renovating the basement of the home office for the home office for the following:

- (1) Preservation of artifacts donated by Slovenian people.
- (2) National costumes on display.
- (3) Books written by and about Slovenians or Slovenia; also out of print materials.
- (4) Copies of Zarja for study and reference.
- (5) Copies of the Slovenian newspapers from as early as possible.
- (6) Souvenirs, program booklets, branch mementos and from the beginning of our organization.
- (7) Space for a slide presentation of (a) our organization, its beginnings, objectives, activities, etc.; (b) a slide show of Slovenia.
- (8) The above would be made available to guests or members who visit the Heritage Room.
- (9) Artistic exhibits: paintings, prints, sculptured pieces, handicraft.
- (10) Pictures of people and events from SWU activities.
- (11) Phonograph and records of old Slovenian recordings from past to present.
- (12) A card catalogue of all the reference material available.
- (13) A librarian who can properly catalogue and take care of the SWU Heritage Room, and all of the donated items.
- (14) Ample space for study tables and chairs.
- (15) In the event that the government approves our application for a grant, we will need an area for the television, recorder, and tape cassettes.

Planning of this room should be done with care and not haphazardly. Perhaps an architect's drawing and plans would be most beneficial to our ideas because he would: (1) make the best use of space, (2) have modern and interesting ideas for arrangement of displays, (3) is familiar with the techniques of modern displays, as evidenced in the Smithsonian museums — a very interesting and lovely place to visit.

The room should be light, attractive, and have the warm Slovenian mood and spirit as a theme. We do not want a make-shift affair, but a room that our members will enjoy and to which they will be proud to invite their friends.

After the plans are drawn, the remodeling can begin perhaps under the able hands of Slovenian craftsmen. An open-house is suggested upon completion. (The cost of the above would be partly in the hands of the organization and the Heritage Committee Funds — if we have more successful Heritage Days).

ALTERNATE TO THE NEW GRANT

Proposal to the Convention delegates: If the HEW does not assist the SWU with the documentation of the lives of our immigrants this year, by awarding us the grant, I propose that this project be considered at the convention; that our organization fund this project, which would include the purchase of video-equipment, tapes, and recording unit; that members of the SWU be interviewed and these tapes be preserved in our future archives.

HERITAGE FUND REPORT

Prepared by Agnes Lovati, Co-Chairperson of the 1978 Heritage Day, and Secretary of Branch No. 20.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION HERITAGE FUND 1978 Financial Report

Income:

Tee Shirts and Bumper Stickers	\$1,154.85
Aprons	274.00
Heritage Day	3,927.11
Home Savings and Loan Interest	202.33
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	\$5,558.29

Expenses:

Roach Products — Tee Shirts	\$1,088.91
Fast Print — Thank You's	9.00
Postage	20.10
Pictures	5.00
Providence Press — Envelopes	24.10
Aprons	888.95
Raymond Podboy — Donation	50.00
W.T.A.Q. Broadcast — Heritage Day	55.41
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	\$2,141.47

Total Income for 1978	\$3,416.82
Balance December 31, 1977	3,050.27
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Balance December 31, 1978	\$6,467.09
Checking Account December 31, 1978	\$ 464.26
Home Savings and Loan	6,002.83
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	\$6,467.09

Respectfully submitted,
IRENE M. ODORIZZI

YOUTH BOARD REPORT

The Youth Board would like to take this opportunity to express good wishes to all for a successful annual meeting to lead the way to progress for our organization, especially now preparing for our National Convention.

After the last convention 3 years ago, the Youth Board

ruly had visions of doubling the Junior Membership Enrollment. But one cannot do a good job alone, it equires assistance from all the branch officers and present members.

The Youth Board tried the personal touch, communication by mail and tried through research work to get topics that would interest our juniors and young adults, for contributing to the Junior Page in our monthly publication.

Here is what the Youth Board has done to date.

1. Tried to set up interesting messages for the Junior Page.

2. Encourage more group activities among young people.

3. Gave ideas and helped along for Christmas parties.

4. Worked with the Cleveland Junior League at their Oct. 28, 1978 Cotillion Ball.

5. Tried to trace our Scholarship Award winners to encourage them to increase our enrollment.

Am still working on this project. Enclosed is a sample letter sent along with a membership application and the name and address of their branch secretary.

6. Promptly answered all correspondence received. Because of illness this past year, I had to confine most of my work thru our monthly publication.

God willing, see you at the National Convention.

FRANCES SIETZ

REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF PENNA.-N.Y.-D.C.

Sincere wishes for a successful 1979 Board of Directors Meeting and greetings also to our Founder, Marie Prislant and Rev. Claude Okorn.

Thanks to our National President, Mary Bostian who really helped me with just everything I needed. She was a jewel! She helped me with my first State Convention even though she was not present and I have learned a lot.

Our convention was held Oct. 23, 1977 in Strabane, Pa. and it was a success with 200 friends and members attending. Thanks to the members of branches 26,59,67,96,106.

We had a few of our members going to Pittsburgh for their 50th anniversary. It was a beautiful affair starting with a Polka Mass. I will never forget that day!

Also, I visited Johnstown, Br. 88 and talked to president, Mary Kuzma. She cannot seem to get the younger members to take office. I also corresponded with Br. 74 president, Mary Habich but she has sickness in the family and again can't find any younger ones to take over. But she is a wonderful officer and I hope to meet with her again.

We had enrolled 18 new members in 1977-78 but we lost 2 members.

Thanks to our Editor, Corinne, who does a beautiful job on the ZARJA. We read it from cover to cover and also share it with neighbors. Thanks again, Corinne for helping me. (You are most welcome, Lucille, C.)

Thanks to Hermine for her Pots and Pans page which we love to read in ZARJA.

Maybe you have received some letters from our branches. I have asked them for some response to my letters.

God bless you all and I know you will do a good job on this meeting and take care with all that cold and snow.

LUCILLE SMITH

REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA WASHINGTON AND OREGON

To the Board of Directors at the meeting of 1979. I do wish you all a very good year.

Our branch 13 is doing fine. We enrolled 4 new members.

Hope to meet all the fine officers and members again at the Convention in Duluth.

It won't be long and I am looking forward to all your progressive ideas and suggestions.

God willing, I will be there to share in the discussions.

ROSE SCOFF

REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF OHIO & MICHIGAN

My best wishes to the National Officers at this board of Directors meeting, sincere wishes to your great success in all the discussions for the good of our organization.

As the Regional President of Ohio and Michigan, I can report that 1978 has really been a full year. We are so fortunate to have so many branches in Cleveland and Euclid and surrounding areas.

In April Branch No. 21 West Park, celebrated their 50th anniversary. It was a grand affair, enjoyed by all the branches, it was a great honor for me to be mistress of ceremonies.

The month of May has Mother's Day celebrations for all the branches, and I get to go to see the lovely show, all the branches are so nice to the National Officers, but we enjoy meeting all the ladies the most.

Branch No. 25 celebrated their 50th anniversary in October. That, too, was a beautiful affair, over 400 people attended. They also had a wonderful program, as did Branch 21 with lots of singing which made it a perfect Slovenian day. I was honored again to be mistress of ceremonies.

Then we had the Cotillion Ball, honoring all the lovely debutantes, with all the branches participating in every way. It was a most enjoyable evening.

In November we have the concert of the Dawn Coral Group the singers made up from numerous branches; we really have wonderful co-operation from the S.W.U. ladies.

Our State Convention held in Girard, Ohio in September was great. We had a full bus of ladies and were greeted by the ladies of Girard and Niles. The Marie Prislant Cadets opened our meeting and also paid tribute to all our deceased members. Every one surely enjoyed our convention. Thanks to all the ladies of Br. 55 for a wonderful day. The Marie Prislant Cadets are from No. 50 (Thank you, ladies.)

Of course, we have the Combined Branches in Cleveland, and we meet about six times a year, make all our plans, get to hear all the news, wonderful reports, also have report from National President, Mary Bostian and report from Youth Advisor, Frances Sietz. That keeps us posted on the youth. In December, all the branches have Christmas parties for the younger generation; that is what is going to keep our Zveza going for years.

Thanks to our Editor, Corinne Leskovar, for all the lovely work on our ZARJA, and the Immigrant by Irene Odorizzi. We are so fortunate to have Mrs. Prislant with the Capsules column and of course, Father Okorn's articles. Without all these wonderful events and stories we would be lost.

Thanks to all the reporters who take time to let us hear what is going on; without them there would be no ZARJA. Last but the best is our Pots and Pans Lady.

Bless her for all the goodies she writes. Many times I get to hear that some members turn to Hermine's page first. Thank you, Mrs. Dicke, you are tops!

Yes, ladies it was a wonderful full year for me. Bless you all.

SOPHIE MAGAYNA

REGIONAL STATE PRESIDENT OF COLO.-KANS.-MO.

Dear National Officers and Board Members,

Here it is time again to send in the report for the year 1978. First of all I wish to compliment you for the fine work you are doing. Mary Bostian has been a big help to me. Just ask Mary and she comes immediately to help you.

We had two new Junior members in 1978, four new B Class, one Junior member transferred into B Class, six Junior members. A Class and two B-Class dropped out, six adults deceased members. We had a total of 292 adult and 107 Junior members.

Our program is much the same as in the past years. In the month of May we honor the Mother of the Year. She is presented with a gift and we have a Mother's Day Party for all of the members. Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall.

No meetings are held in June, July and August. At the December meeting we have election of Officers and a Christmas Party. We exchange gifts and have treats for the Junior members. We donate twice a year to our Church.

We also donate for our deceased members, \$5.00 for

High Mass and \$5.00 for funeral car. Our br. 3 is in good standing.

Our sincere thanks to Editor Corinne Leskovar and Br. 20, Joliet officer, Millie Pucel who visited us in August. Our members gathered for a short meeting at which time Corinne spoke of our past history and complimented Br. 3 for many years of loyal and dedicated work. We are proud that we have had six national Scholarship Winners from Pueblo. We appreciated this visit of our officers and their husbands to our beautiful Colorado.

On October 22, 1978, the State Convention started with 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church, then on to Minnequa University Club for brunch. We received greetings from Honorary President Marie Prislund, National President and members of the Board of Directors, Br. 92 Gunnison, Colorado, Br. 66 Canon City, Colorado, Br. 64 Kansas City, Kansas, Br. 71 Strabane, Pennsylvania. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Starika from Colorado Springs, Colorado. The State Convention was a great success. We didn't decide who will host the next State Convention. More on this in the near future.

Rev. Father Blane Bebble closed the State Convention with the prayer. Hope all the Branches will accept my thanks for sending the greetings to our State Convention.

Best wishes to all birthday celebrants. Speedy recovery to those who are ill. May God keep you all safe and well until we meet again.

Sincerely,

FRANCES SIMONICH

DECISIONS OF THE MEETING WERE PUBLISHED IN APRIL ZARJA.

ACTIVITIES

NO. 1, SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

We had a productive March meeting and a nice attendance.

The president, Ruth Sheck, introduced a new social member, Nellie Laack, whom we welcomed.

The six month financial report was given by the secretary.

A thank-you to the auditors for examining the treasurer's and secretary's books.

Our president was nominated as chairman for the Mother's Day program and assisting her will be Mary Turk and her committee for the refreshments. The May meeting will be held at 1:30 P.M. Sunday, May 20th and will be followed by the Mother's Day program. We will be honoring Dorothy Behnke as our Mother-of-the-Year. An invitation is extended to all to attend.

The state president, Anna Modiz will be our delegate and alternate is Mary Udovich to the National Convention. We are hoping she will bring back many good ideas and recommendations for the progress of the organization. Our branch is extending best wishes and a successful convention.

We are proud to announce we have obtained 22 new members! Credit is

due to the efforts of: Mesdames Marie Prislund, Anna Modiz, Ruth Sheck, Dorothy Brezonik, Mary Turk and Margaret Fischer. A thank-you to all.

A prayer was said by the president for the departed souls of members, Christine Rupnik and Frances Selko.

Good luck and best wishes were extended to our three bowling teams which were to participate in the mid-west tournament in Milwaukee.

Following the meeting there was a social. The hostesses were Ruth Sheck and Margaret Fischer, birthday celebrants. Thank you, Ruth, for the attractive St. Patrick's theme on the serving table. Refreshments were enjoyed.

Congratulations to the Zarja publication and to its editor, Corinne Leskovar upon its 50th year.

Happy Mothers day greetings to my mother and all the mothers in the organization.

MARGARET FISCHER
Reporter

NO. 2, CHICAGO, ILL.

Spring greetings to all. After this long, devastating winter, we are all ready to enjoy a little sunshine and good feeling.

Our St. Joseph's Table was a huge success, as in the past, because the ladies outdid themselves with

goodies. We have a large appreciative group. A surprise visit by Olga Ancel, Mary Marolt, who are National Officers with Millie Pucel of Joliet added to the pleasure.

This is the month of our Mother; therefore, I want to greet all our living mothers with the best of everything from all of us. To our deceased mothers, our daily prayers that the Lord may keep them in His Presence for eternity. To our chosen Branch Mother, Anne Hozzian, we wish good health and joy with your family and friends.

Father Claude's talk, reminding us of our obligations, especially during Lent, was inspirational. We are always glad to have him in our midst.

I would appreciate if any of you, knowing of a member who is sick would let me know, so that our Sunshine Lady may visit them. Our ailing and confined ladies this month are: Frances Petrovich; Mary Shorner, who is hospitalized in Florida; Mrs. Kleiderman (I just now heard); Mrs. Vera Gorkis was again hospitalized and Pauline Kobal is still not up to par. Recently, we had notes from Mary Korenchan; Mary Kuncic, Jos. Dolinar, Jenny Welser, Caroline Rozich; Frances Sardoch; Angie Simec and Milda Sever. Because they are unable to attend our meetings, they still like to hear about our doings. We want to wish you all

WELCOME TO DULUTH!

The site of our 18th Tri-ennial Convention May 20-23, 1979
Radisson Hotel, Hostess, Br. 33

Convention Notes!

"Convention" planning took a little change upon hearing from National Officers after their March meeting. These "Changes" (for the better for delegates and officers, we think) will also add \$5.00 to the cost of Package A. If you have already sent in original payment send in the additional \$5.00 and if your payment has not been sent in as yet, be sure to include it.

The changes that have been made have been to add a bus tour of Duluth after the brunch and before the banquet on Sunday evening - 2:30-3:00 from Radisson and return. Also everyone will leave at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday for Chisholm and have the luncheon there at 12:00. This way the officers and delegates can attend and they will have their meeting at the hotel upon return.

We hope in this way, everyone attending can really get to "See Duluth" and also take advantage of the experience of going to the "Iron Range" to the Interpretative Center and Museum of Mining as well as a way to meet some of our "Range" members where they live.

The Souvenir Program advertisements will cost \$60.00 for a whole page; \$30.00 - half page; \$15.00 quarter page; and \$7.50 eight page. One line ads (or booster) \$1.00. With the April 15 cut off date this will be all sent to printers by the time this issue is out, but if you have sent in insufficient payment you can still do so.

Mary Hutar and the Ely Octette have offered to sing at Mass and also Slovenian songs at the banquet. We accept their offer gratefully and are looking forward to hearing them. The "Shades of Blue" from Morgan Park High School will also offer selections.

We are especially happy that the Slovenian Folk Dancers of Chicago will also be with us for a brief performance at the Banquet. They will appear in their Slovenian folk costumes.

With the work of planning the committee is doing as well as the work of the convention itself we certainly are looking forward to having a good attendance from places far and near as well as our local members. Think it will be good for all of us to meet in person some of the "names" we have read through the years in "Zarja".

See you there.

LOISM. PELANDER,
Reporter

FOR INFORMATION AND MESSAGES, WRITE:

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CONVENTION CHAIRMAN,
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CONVENTION HOTEL: THE RADISSON, DULUTH, MINN.

YOUTH DIRECTOR REMINDS US . . .

This month we are celebrating our 18th National Tri-ennial Convention. The Youth Board Director hopes that you sign up new members as a gift from your branch which your delegate can present to the assembly. We need the rebirth of young people to join our SWU organization, so have the ambition now to go out and find these new members. We need your strength to win and keep our record high!

Let's raise the past history of SWU. The issue is how much work we are all willing to do for our organization?

Let's match the challenge our charter members had to welcome a women's organization! Think serious thoughts and sign up new members now, today, don't wait until tomorrow!

FRANCES SIETZ

No. 2, Cont'd

recovery in the near future and God's good graces.

I have been asked by several members to publish the names of deceased in 1978: M. Rebrica; L. Duller; A. Repoush; M. Puklavetz; A. Stevens; F. Horwath; A. Marrazzo and A. Oblak. This may be helpful to those who pay by mail.

Let me wish you a Happy Mother's Day. I hope that you all enjoy this special time with your families; mine are scattered far and wide, but our thoughts will be with each other.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Mass on May 10th at 7:00 P.M.; after which we will honor our Mother-of-the-Year and all our mothers.

Happy thoughts till then.
MARY MULLER

NO. 6, BARBERTON, OHIO

It's been several months since I wrote for our branch. A bad winter! First of all, our next meeting is the first Sunday in May. We will have our meeting, then honor our Mother of the Year, Jennie Golech.

I wish to thank the ladies who brought goodies to enjoy after the meetings.

Please help me; pay up your past dues. I need your help to do my job. It will be much appreciated. Get your book and see when you last paid.

We still have some members that have been or still are ill. Please call me at 745-7501 or 753-3920 after 4:15 p.m.

Come to our May meeting. Don't forget that the dates are now **the first Sunday of the month.**

Our get well wishes to members who are ill. Deepest sympathy to Mary Adamich family in the loss of their Mother and Grandmother.

God bless you all. Hope you have a Happy Mother's Day!

MITZI

NO. 12, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Our March meeting looked more like the usual ones with most of the snow and real cold weather absent and with more of our usual members back to enjoy the meeting and a welcome sight it was since we have so



Mary Bostian:
PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE

Rev. Claude Okorn, O.F.M.

Mother's influence

May, the month of beautiful blossoms and pretty birds flying around, is also the month to honor Mothers. Congratulations to all our Members who were chosen as Mother or Member of the Year by their respective branches.

This is the year of Action and Progress! Our 18th National Convention is May 20-23 at the beautiful city of Duluth, Minn.

Our magazine, ZARJA-The Dawn, observes its 50th Anniversary this year while our Zveza has its 53rd! Convention hostess branch no. 33 is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year also, so they will have a busy time! I assume they have many hard workers and all will give a helping hand to work together with great cooperation. I admire them and may God bless them all!

Congratulations to our membership campaign worker from Br. 20, Jonita Ruth! Thanks from all of us for your hard work! It's well-appreciated! Sign up some more pink slips, members! Don't hesitate - we must continuously build up our membership!

Celebrating their 50th Anniversaries this year of 1979 will be branches, 27,28,29,31,32,33,34,35,36,37. Congratulations to them all!

Happy Birthday greetings to our May celebrants and especially Happy Mother's Day wishes to Mrs. Marie Priland, our Founder and all mothers! May God bless you all.

much business going on right now.

Mrs. Plesko started us off with a prayer in Slovenian and ol' dependable Theresa Sukys took Chris Bojance's place taking roll call of officers as well as the minutes. Our vice-president, Jo Wilhelm was also absent and understandably so as it is a year since her twin sister, Anne Meier passed away. God rest her soul!

Reports were given and accepted and we went on to discuss the upcoming National Convention in Duluth trying to get ideas and selling some of our prize tickets to help defray the expenses of our delegate, Sophie Stampfel. Tickets are still available. It was also decided to take an ad for the Souvenir book as well as any personal well wishers.

Our own Card Party discussion followed with volunteer prizes and help. That date was in April and as usual, there were several donors whom I will name later in the final accounting of the party.

Meeting for April included such

good things to eat as Easter Ham baked by Mrs. Plesko.

Door prizes were donated by Stavia Dobersek, Julia Pesec, Mary Potisk, Mrs. Pipan, our Mother of the Year and Pepi and her mother, Mrs. Stiglitz, Fanny Seston, Mary White, Peggy Delahunt and Theresa Sukys. The tickets were pulled for the lucky winners of all these prizes and a total of 17 winners were happy.

Stavia led us in prayer to close the meeting.

Cake and coffee were served and Happy Birthday sung for the Birthday Girls. Our favorite game followed and it was really surprising how long we played as no one seemed too anxious to leave.

MARY DEZMAN

NO. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL

This is our happy article with good news. Kay and Ed Mahar celebrated their 40th anniversary on April 10th; we don't want Kay to think we have

There is perhaps no one who exerts a greater influence upon a child than his mother.

No one on earth will ever be able to measure adequately the virtuous influence of mothers. A virtuous mother holds in her hands as it were a golden vial or flask filled with rare perfume of sacrifice and devotion. Only in heaven the vial will be opened and odor of the saints spilled out.

Take up your Bible and read the long heroic story of the martyrdom of the seven sons of the mother of the Machabees. How she stood like steel before the murderous tyrant. And how her boys took the cue from her as they went down one by one in torture and death — to immortality. More noble words can scarcely be found than these: The mother was to be admired above measure and worthy to be remembered by good men, who beheld her seven sons slain in the space of one day, and bore it with the good courage for the hope that she had in God: and she bravely exhorted every one of them in her own language, being filled with the wisdom: and joining a man's heart to a woman's thought, she said to them:

I know not how you were formed in my womb: for I neither give you breath nor soul nor life Neither did I frame the limbs of everyone of you.

But the creator of the world, that formed the nativity of man and that found the origin of all he will restore to you again in his mercy both breath and life as you despise yourselves for the sake of his law.

This is the picture of every good mother. No wonder that Abraham Lincoln said that he owed everything to his mother — all his goodness and success to his angel mother.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.

forgotten her since she and Ed moved to Auburn 2 years ago. We thank Helen Sustarich for letting us know of this very happy day. Congratulations to two wonderful people, Kay and Ed Mahar!

Rose Scoff, our Regional President is set for her trip to Minnesota for the Convention. Good wishes and happiness to all our delegates. Our prayers are with you all.

Slovenian Hall is enjoying excellent music for dancing thanks to Frank and Peter Pecavar who are most entertaining with their button box accordians. Katie Pecavar is most proud of son Frank. Stanka Pecavar, just as proud of Peter. It means so much when second and third generations take an interest in the function of the Slovenian Hall. The entire Pecavar family is always ready and willing to help at all times. Hvala lepa, wonderful people!

Mother's Day Breakfast is our next BIG function. We are all looking forward to a wonderful day,

May 6th at the Jack Tar Hotel, Mass at 9:30 preceding, then Breakfast at 10:45. May I thank Dora Simenc for her lovely note, telling me of her admiration of our Mother of the Year, Beverly Jackson who I am proud to say is my daughter. I, too, feel she is most deserving of this great honor. Such joy!

Our Reno date, June 3 and 4 is in care of our most able president, Jo Aiuto. Once again, a good time is promised to all. Michelle Seril has arranged our tour as she works for Betty's Tours so you know we will have nice accommodations. Get your reservations in early so you won't be left behind.

May you all enjoy a wonderful Mother's Day and we hope spring will fill your gardens with lovely flowers and your life with joy.

Get well wishes to Katie Pluta

FRAN CHIODO
Reporter

NO. 14 EUCLID, OHIO

At our March meeting all issues were quickly taken care of and we had a good attendance. We discussed having a booth at the Combined Branches Bazaar which is being planned for September. Members were urged to donate some handmade items to be sold at the bazaar. We made a few plans for our Mother-of-the-Year celebration that will be held at our May meeting. So, please circle the date- May 1st- and plan to attend the festivities!

The Iskras and Cekadas were traveling in Florida and having a good time according to the card they sent us. Chuck & Faye Clapacs Starman were also in Florida recently. Sophie McDonough and her husband Bob took a vacation to San Francisco, Hawaii and Las Vegas, a few weeks ago.

Welcome to our new member, Alice Kuhar who's mother, Anna, has been our member for many years, and we welcome Mildred Marolt who transferred from Branch 41 recently. Hope the ladies will enjoy our meetings and activities.

The following Junior members transferred to the adult Division: Natalie (Kastigar) Bowser, who's mother and two sister are members and Mary Lou (Kusar) Matthews; her mother is Helen Kusar from Kirtland, Ohio and is a member for many years.

We are sorry to report that Mary Koljat's son recently suffered a heart attack, hope he is feeling better soon.

Slava Vehovec's husband Frank, passed away and Jennie Stopar's

husband Frank died of a heart attack recently. Our long time member Josephine Kovac passed away in March. May eternal light shine upon them and may they rest in peace. Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased.

Members reported ill are: Rose Maurich, Mary Lada who is still in the hospital, Margaret Tomazin is ill for a couple of weeks but is now feeling better, Louise Korencic was hospitalized and is now recuperating at home, and Mrs. Milkun is also ill. Hope they will all be well soon. Our good thoughts get well wishes and prayers are with them.

Our vice president Mary Strazisar informed us that her son, Colonel Alan J. Grill recently retired from the Air Force active duty. Upon retirement he was presented with the legion of merit and will assume the position of assistant to the Dean of Education at the Pennsylvania State University. Congratulations.

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

By the time you read this it probably will be Mother's Day, so I wish all a Happy Mother's Day.

ANTOINETTE ZABUKOVEC

NO. 16, SOUTH CHICAGO, ILL.

In March we held our games party which was a big success. Anna Lustig was Chairlady and her committee consisted of Mary Brebrick, Helen Gornick, Marge Prebil and Phyllis Perko. Ann Ksiarez and Mary Prisol worked in the kitchen brewing the delicious coffee and setting up a tempting table of assorted cakes. The members were all generous in donating home made goodies and prizes. The two main prizes were afghans, made and donated by Gloria Serapin and Edna Winters. One hundred dollars of the proceeds was donated to St. George's Church.

At our March meeting Sylvia Spretnjak collected dues as our Secretary, Gladys Buck, could not attend because of her mother's illness. Along with Anna Buck on our sick list were Marie Cherne, Julie Vrlich, Edna Winters and Millie Skul. Best wishes were sent their way for improved health.

A note was read from Mrs. Vranicar in Florida in thanks for condolences sent upon her husband's death.

President Marge Prebil said a prayer in memory of Agnes Cherne who died on March 3rd. Agnes was our last surviving charter member and was honored at our 50th an-

niversary celebration last year. Our members met at Kompare's funeral home to pray the Rosary. Funeral Mass was at St. George's Church and Pauline Klobucar read the burial ritual at St. Mary's cemetery. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to her daughter Olga Kowalkowski and her three sons Frank, John and William Zupancich.

Kitchen chores at the March meeting were handled by Dolores Franko, Andrea Kral and Mary Rago. Evelia Sosnowski won the Sunshine prize. Birthdays were celebrated by Mary Brebrick, Mary Fugina, Mary Puterko and Julie Vrlich. Many happy returns!

Please contact Anna Lustig at 221-4586 for reservations to our chicken dinner at St. George's Hall on May 10th at 6:30 P.M. The price is six dollars — or four dollars for members attending six or more meetings in 1978.

MARGE SPRETNJAK,
Reporter

NO. 17, WEST ALLIS, WIS.

To all our ZVEZA mothers, a Happy Mother's Day. Rose Schubert, our Recording Secretary, has been named our Mother of the Year. Congratulations and best wishes to a very dear, friendly and good-hearted, loyal member who is well-deserving of this honor. We are very happy for her to be bestowed with this honor. Have a beautiful day with your family, Rose.

Congratulations are extended to our No. 1 Beatle Fan, Robin Marolt, junior member, who recently entered the Post Magical Mystery Trivia Contest and won First Prize! It was for her knowledge pertaining to the Beatles. She won the Top 10 Albums on the Billboard charts for the week!

Members: We have some changes in the schedule of the monthly meetings for the year and would appreciate it if you would be so kind and jot down the dates as follows:

No meeting in May as the President and Secretary are attending the National SWU Convention in Duluth. As in the past years, there was no meeting schedule for June, but there will be a meeting this year and it is on Sunday, June 17th, 1979 at 2:00 p.m.

July, August and September months are cancelled but remember on Sunday, Sept. 16th, we will attend the Wisconsin Regional Convention at Willard. A bus has been chartered and reservations are being taken

now. Call the Pres. or Sec. for more details.

Oct., Nov. and Dec. meetings will be scheduled as usual on the third Sunday of the month. Please mark these dates on your calendars.

A hearty thanks to the backers of the bowling teams that participated in the Midwest Bowling Tournament March 31st and April 1st, namely, Br. 17, Bel-Aire Enterprize, Frances Potochar's Tap, Schaff's Funeral Home, Ermence Funeral Home, Card Sharks, and Jackie Nimmer! Our thanks to all!

Best wishes and God bless you.

MARIE A. FLORYAN

NO. 20, JOLIET, ILL.

All Josephines attending the March meeting were specially honored. The were Josephine Erjevac, Josephine Goron, Josephine Bostanche, Josephine Karl, Jo Ruth and Josephine Muster. St. Joseph's Day greetings were received from Josephine Buchar who is presently living with her sister in Cleveland, Ohio. It was nice to hear from you, Jo.

Frances Bottari was surprised to hear that Hermine Dicke of Pots and Pans received a letter from Genevieve Spitzmiller of LaSalle, Ill. praising her noddle strudel which appeared in the Zarja recently.

On Thursday, March 8, Olga Ancel, Mary Marolt and Millie Pucel had the pleasure of attending the monthly meeting of Branch 2, Chicago, Ill., with a large percentage of the membership present. At this meeting the St. Joseph's table was featured with delicious dishes and desserts. It was a very pleasant and fulfilling evening.

We received a letter from Irene Odorizzi, Heritage Chairman, commending our branch on the successful 1977 and 1978 Heritage Days held in Joliet and asks that a prayer be said that the 1979 Heritage Days would materialize.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Mary Gerl on the death of her husband Andy and to Marge Stalzer and Frances Kodrick on the death of their brother-in-law.

The 2nd annual Heritage Festival at the Will-Joliet Bicentennial Park on May 19 the branch will have a heritage display table and also will have items available for sale, such as, records, tee-shirts, cookbooks, aprons "Footsteps Thru Time," "From Slovenia to America" and many more interesting items. Our Junior dancers will also perform on stage. For a varied and entertaining

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MARIE PRISLAND:

Capsules

DON'T QUIT!

Many of the great achievements of the world were accomplished by tired and discouraged men who kept on working:

EDISON invented the electric bulb only after he had made 900 experiments, all of which proved to be failures.

JAMES WATT couldn't find a factory in England to make the steam engine that he had invented. For five years he had one model after another, and not one would work. Finally he was successful.

For 10 years after he invented it, no one would buy ELIAS HOWE'S sewing machine. He had to become an engine-driver to earn money to feed his family.

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL could not get the capital for his new invention — the telephone. The company he instituted now has a capital of millions.

COLUMBUS had a hard time pacifying his sailors when even after 69 days he could not find land. He discovered a new continent on the 70th day.

Mother's Day

In the month of May we celebrate Mother's Day. We wish all mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers a beautiful DAY, a day of love, a day of merriment, a day of happiness with their families!

A MOTHER'S TRIBUTE TO HER DAUGHTER

A tribute to my daughter, I am so proud of you.
My highest aim in life is just to keep you pure and true.
I recall the day you came to me in the dusk of eventide;
And the knowledge born upon me, I had this tiny life to guide.

I remember your little rosebud mouth, your eyes of heaven's blue.
Your precious babe face, of a rosy hue.

I remember your first little tooth.
The lisping baby words, when first you called me Mother,
'T was the sweetest word I heard.

The day you first went to school, how I wept to see you go;
How I tried to teach you every day words and deeds
of kindness and love.

All your little joys and triumphs,
Your trust, your faith along the way;
You have made my life worth living, you who were so sweet an gay.

Oh, God, help me to be a Pal to her,
Help me to guide her to Thy throne;
Help me to bring her up right, bless her, and bless our Home!

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Warm greetings to all officers and delegates to our 18th National Convention. May the good Lord bless you and your work!

IRENE ODORIZZI.
2362 Paddock Lane
Reston, Va. 22091

THE IMMIGRANT

AMELIA FROM BEGUNJE

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Part III

A large Slovenian community developed in Cleveland, duplicating many cultural activities that the immigrants had or would have experienced and enjoyed in their homeland. One such organization was "Lilija" the dramatic club, of which I was a member. The leading feminine role in plays was often times assigned to me, since I spoke Slovenian better than the girls who were born in America. I recall dressing up as a gypsy many times and playing the zither, which I had learned in Slovenia at the convent school.

It was also customary years ago, when any family member passed away, to wear black clothing in mourning for an entire year. Such was the case with me, in memory of my father. One day my Aunt Louise asked me to purchase a few things at the meat market, which was located around the corner from where we lived. As I started on my way, a neighbor lady requested that I take her baby out for some fresh air in the buggy on my way to the store, which I did. As I pushed the baby into the store, the manager greeted me in his customary manner, and the handsome new butcher and I exchanged a few pleasant words. Later I discovered that the young man commented to the manager, "She must be a young widow, all dressed up in black." The manager revealed my name, where I lived, and that I was not a widow with a child, but a single woman recently arrived from Slovenia. A new friendship was soon to bloom.

Louis Oswald and I met every morning at 6:00 a.m. as he walked from his boarding house, and as I went to catch the streetcar for my job on Eddy Road. My hourly wage at Enamel Products was twenty-two cents an hour and it took ten hours of work for me to purchase one pair of silk stockings for \$2.50. Louis was rather shy and it took him weeks to summon up enough courage to ask me for a date. He arrived driving a "Cleveland Six" red convertible. Very few boys had cars in those days and he was very proud of his new car.

Louis was born in Ribnica, and upon his arrival in America, at the age of sixteen, resided in McKinley, Minnesota, with his sister Johanna Steblay-Zallar. Work in the ore mines did not appeal to him, so Louis went to Cleveland where he found work cutting meat in a cooperative store. His only relative was approximately 1000 miles away, and without a single relative in Cleveland, he became very lonely.

After weeks of courting, we decided to get married on Saturday, February 21, 1925. Louis returned to work the next day, and my girlfriend and I spent the day washing dishes from the wedding reception. On Monday, I returned to work and we both began our wedded life without the traditional honeymoon.

On our first wedding anniversary, we opened up a

small grocery and meat market. Beginning a business proved to be a difficult venture since most customers purchased on credit and paid their bills only once or twice a month, and meat companies were reluctant to extend credit to small businesses. We were required to pay cash, with the exception of one company which extended us credit to get started.

Our rent was \$75.00 a month for the store and the three small rooms in back where we lived. My husband was losing weight worrying whether or not he would be successful in his business, so I finally went to work in a restaurant at Euclid Beach Park, ten hours a day for \$12.00 a week.

Our daughter, Wilma, was born one year later. When she started to walk it was necessary to hire a ten-year old girl as baby-sitter, while I assisted my husband in the store. Years ago, the going rate was ten cents a day; years later, our baby-sitter recalled how "rich" she felt with a dime in her pocket after tending our baby girl.

By the fourth year, our business had progressed and the landlord, in jealousy, raised our rent to \$130.00 a month. We decided to purchase the single house which was for sale, next to the store. We had it moved back thirty feet on the property in order that a store could be added in front of the house.

A few months later the depression hit, and from 1930-31, we would have lost everything had it not been for some very good friends who loaned us money to pay the mortgage on our new store and home. People were making only \$60.00 a month, and we gave food for credit thinking that times would some day be better and our customers would pay us back when they had the money. By the time our son, Walter, was born, the business went so well that we employed a butcher and a clerk.

In 1937, we decided to return to Slovenia and visit Louis' parents, his six brothers and sisters, and to introduce our children to their grandparents, as well as visit my brother and his family in Begunje. We drove our Buick to New York City where it was loaded in the bottom of the S.S. Normandie, the French liner, which took us to Le Havre, France, and from there we drove our car to Slovenia.

The voyage was enjoyable for all of us; in the evening my daughter played the accordion for us and other tourists on the deck. In the still of the night music floated over the entire ship. On the night prior to our landing, the steward brought my daughter a lovely basket of flowers, a gift from the famous comedian, Jack Benny, who was also travelling on the Normandie.

After four and half days on the ocean, and another four days driving through France, Germany, Italy, and Austria, we finally reached Slovenia. There were no



Louis Oswald stands behind the meat refrigerator of his store in 1933, for this picture. The two children, Walter and Wilma, pose proudly in front of the counter.

expressways or major highways as there are now, and some roads were unpaved and made only for ox carts. In some of the small villages through which we passed, youngsters who had never been close to an automobile swarmed about like bees, just to get a peek.

When we arrived in Ribnica, Slovenia, we started to toot the horn to let the family know we had arrived. They left their tools in the field and rushed home to meet us. The happiness in our hearts during that family reunion is indescribable; to see the entire family running toward us with outstretched arms, then the hugging, kissing, and crying with never a word uttered is a picture so vividly etched in my memory that I will never forget those moments. The only one not present was Louis' father, who was en route as a seller of the wooden products that were made in Ribnica.

The next day Louis, the children, Victor Drobnic, who was travelling with us, and I went to Ljubljana to exchange some money; when we returned home, Louis' father came running from the house toward us. He kissed me and embraced the children, but mistook Victor for his son. Not having seen the boy since he left Europe at the age of sixteen, it was no wonder that the father did not recognize his son who was in his thirties and weighed approximately 220 pounds. Our visit lasted two months, and we returned to Ohio in September of 1937. Shortly thereafter, the war started. Had we remained just a bit longer, we probably would never have been permitted to return to the States. Our first and wonderful visit to our homeland was over, but following World War II we would return to Slovenia on two other occasions.

In 1971, after forty-five years in the grocery and meat market, we decided to sell the business we operated on Grovewood Avenue. Now all the hard work is behind us and our retirement we can look back on more than fifty-three years of marriage, two fine children, and seven grandchildren.

This is my life story, as well as I can remember. Maybe someone will remember who I am, but now, I will sign my name as I was known in my native land, Meniševka...

The End



The occasion of this picture was the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Louis and Amelia Oswald. Standing left to right are: Walter, their son (in the distance); best man for the wedding; Louis; Amelia; their flower girl for the wedding; daughter, Wilma.

Mrs. Oswald is the President of Branch No. 41 in Cleveland, Ohio.

TO YOUR HEALTH!

HEADACHE

A headache sufferer, and there are millions who are subject to them repeatedly, knows what a headache feels like.

Despite medical advances in so many areas, there is no all-out cure for the headache. The most common cause of headaches include stress, tension and depression, low blood sugar, overexposure to the sun and air and noise pollution.

Headaches can also be due to drinking too much coffee, use of monosodium glutamate (used in Chinese cooking), and drinking alcoholic beverages.

Some people experience what is called "week-end headaches", when a person sleeps longer than his usual daily pattern, usually associated on non-working days.

What is the remedy for the headache sufferer? The most common medication used is aspirin and aspirin-like preparations, which can be bought over-the-counter. People who do not receive relief from these medications and who are frequently bothered with headaches should consult a doctor to find the basis for their headaches. The cause of some headaches can lead to the underlying disease, such as high blood pressure.

People can try to avoid some of the factors that may be the cause of their headache. In today's fast paced life we find that stress and tension often are responsible for a person's headache.

Nežka Gaber, R.N.



NO. 20, JOLIET, ILL. BOWLING

As of April 4th, the team standings are as follows:

1. Fred C. Dames Funeral Home; 2. Tezak Funeral Home; 3. Crow's Nest Records; 4. Northwest Recreation; 5. Merichka's Restaurant; 6. Slovenian Home.

Average leaders are:

1. Judy Derlinga 156; 2. Marge Gasparich 150; 3. Marj Wajchert 150; 4. Betty Fassiotto 148; 5. Jo Mlakar 147. Hi Individual Series:

1. Vicki Bernikas 232; 2. B.

Fassiotto 222; 3. M. Gasparich 212; 4. J. Derlinga 211.

Hi Series: 1. V. Bernikas 598; 2. M. Gasparich 537.

Very nice, girls! I should be so lucky!

Just a few lines regarding our Milwaukee Tournament. We had a most wonderful time. We had a very nice bus driver and a big thank-you to M. Gasparich who was in charge of everything. Also, regarding the night club we attended on Sat. evening, the polka music upstairs

and country music downstairs. Who could ask for more?

I am sure that everyone had a very good time - you did a very nice job, Marge!

Very sorry that our SWU Sec. Agnes Lovati was unable to be with us as she was ill at the time. Missed you, Aggie! We are remembering you in our prayers. I am sure you will be with us very soon.

This is it for now, girls. Until next time, may God be willing.

MARY RUDMAN

Hermine Prislund Dicke

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POTS & PANS and PASTIME

With Mother's Day fast approaching I thought you might like the recipe my mother craved as a child called "AJMPREM CUCUMBERS". "It is a dish I was crazy about as a child in Slovenia and still am" said Mrs. Marie Prislund. "It was a meal in itself. Sometimes we were served a bowl of vegetable or milk soup with it. The wealthier families added cracklings (ocvrki) to the sauce". When she visited us recently we prepared this dish according to her recollections and garnished it with crumbled crisp-fried bacon. As she savored the familiar AJMPREM CUCUMBERS she remarked nostalgically: "It tastes just like in stari kraj (the old country)".

AJMPREM CUCUMBERS

2 medium cucumbers
1 tablespoon salt
4 medium potatoes
2 cups water
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons lard
2 tablespoons flour
1 1/2 cups potato broth
1 teaspoon vinegar
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Peel cucumbers and slice paper thin into a bowl (if seeds are objectionable they can easily be removed by cutting the cucumber in half lengthwise, brush out the seeds with a spoon then slice crosswise). Mix in the tablespoon of salt and set aside for at least an hour.

Peel the potatoes and cook as for mashed potatoes in two cups water and 1 teaspoon salt. When tender, drain, reserve potato broth and mash.

ROUX SAUCE:

In a heavy skillet heat the lard. Add flour, stirring constantly, and cook until golden brown (bacon drippings did not brown). Gradually stir in 1 1/2 cup of the potato broth (if cracklings are desired, add now). Add the cucumbers that have been

thoroughly squeezed with the hands to remove all liquid. Stir in the vinegar and cook for 7 minutes. Add the mashed potatoes to the mixture until well blended. Place in serving dish and sprinkle with about 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Garnish with about 1/4 pound crisp-fried bacon, crumbled. This can be served as a main meal or a side dish. Serve 4.

FRENCH STRAWBERRY PIE

This excellent recipe comes from Mrs. Faye Clapacs Starman of Branch No. 14, Cleveland, Ohio who has been using this recipe for over 40 years. What a beautiful Mother's Day dessert!

1 baked pie shell
1-3 ounce package cream cheese, room temperature
3 tablespoons cream
1 quart strawberries
1 cup sugar
1 cup whipping cream
2 tablespoons cornstarch
few drops lemon juice

Blend the cream cheese and cream until soft and smooth. Spread over the cooled pie shell. Wash and hull the strawberries. Select one half of the best ones. If they are large, slice in half. Add sugar to the rest and let stand until juicy. Mash and rub through a sieve. Mix this puree with the cornstarch. Add a few drops of lemon juice. Cook this mixture until thick and transparent, stirring constantly. Cool. Put half over the cream cheese. Arrange the berries in the sauce, then pour the remaining puree over the berries and chill. To serve, top with sweetened whipped cream.

Recently two sisters (age 33 and 30) from Madison who operate a catering service were invited by Ambassador Patrick Lucey of Mexico (former governor of Wisconsin) to prepare a feast for 80 guests including President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter, the President of Mexico, Mr. Jose Lopez Portillo, and Mr. Leonard Bernstein, laureate conductor of the New York Philharmonic. While the recipes of Vicki and Pat are usually secret, I was thrilled to have Vicki give me two for ZARJA from the sumptuous five course dinner: FILET OF BEEF and STUFFED ZUCCHINI. She said one wouldn't believe what a gigantic project it is when the President travels. "It's like moving the White House". President Carter came in

the kitchen the night before the dinner and Vicki was so excited she started to cry. After the meal was over Mrs. Carter came into the kitchen and told the sisters: "Oh, everything was so wonderful".

For a very special occasion you may want to try this tenderest and most expensive cut of beef.

FILET OF BEEF

3 pounds beef tenderloin, room temperature

BERNAISE SAUCE:

1/2 cup of chopped shallots
2 tablespoons dried tarragon
1 cup of white vinegar
1 cup of white wine
Boil above ingredients uncovered until liquid is reduced about half.
4 egg yolks
1 cup butter, room temperature
Beat egg yolks in a double boiler. Gradually add the butter. Keep beating all the time until thickened. Remove from heat and add the shallot mixture.

CHORON SAUCE:

Add 2 to 4 tablespoons of tomato paste and a little garlic to Bearnaise Sauce.

Brush the beef tenderloin with melted butter or margarine. Place on rack in a shallow roasting pan. Do not cover. Roast beef in 400 degree oven 45 to 60 minutes until thermometer inserted in center of meat registers 140 degrees. Serve with Bearnaise Sauce or Choron Sauce. Serve 8.

STUFFED ZUCCHINI

2 zucchini (large)
1 pound fresh spinach
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
Salt and papper, as desired
Onion juice
Parmesan Cheese
Bacon bits

Boil zucchini 5 minutes. Scoop out centers and set the zucchini aside. Wash spinach thoroughly removing stems. Place in a kettle with no additional water and cook for 3 to 5 minutes until spinach is wilted. Drain and chop. In a heavy skillet melt butter, add the flour and stir until thickened. Add the spinach, seasonings and onion juice (I made the juice with a garlic press). Fill the shells. Top with parmesan cheese and bacon bits. Excellent tasting! Serve 4.

(please turn)

PLEASE MAKE CORRECTIONS!

The following errors occurred in the March issue:

APRICOT CUSTARD PIE:

Add 1/2 to 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel to filling.

Use 1/4 teaspoon salt instead of 1/2 teaspoon.

LEMON BREAD:

Last three lines should read: Let rise for 1/2 hour in warm place.

Brush with beaten egg. Bake for 1/2 hour at 350 degrees.

BEEF BOURGUIGNON:

Use 1/2 cup bouillon instead of 1 1/2 Cups bouillon.

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Dear Delegates to the National Convention: Please jot down one or more of your favorite recipes and bring to the convention in May for ZARJA.

**Happy Mother's Day,
HERMINE**

No. 20, Cont'd:

day don't miss attending the festival. Last year the members of our branch took charge of the kitchen, but due to the convention in Duluth we will be unable to undertake this responsibility.

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend our May meeting Sunday the 27th when we will bestow honors on our Mother-of-the-Year, Margaret Stalzer.

See you at the convention.

JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC

NO. 24, LA SALLE, ILL.

Dear members, again I have the opportunity of keeping in touch with you. Since we will not have a Delegate for the Convention in Duluth, we encourage you to read the ZARJA publications of Feb., Mar., April and May. Members interested in attending as guests are asked to make reservations by calling our Home Office in Joliet at 815 727 1926. You will get all information from National Secretary, Olga Ancel.

To this time, I know for 3 members from LaSalle who will join the travelers to Duluth. Since the deadline is over, I don't expect more to respond, but there still may be time, if you hurry.

The entertainments and sight-seeing will be something special, so

don't hesitate another minute if you wish to do.

Please remember our 81 year old member, Mary Furar of 945 Joliet St. in LaSalle, 61301 who has returned from St. Francis Hospital in Peoria having been a patient there since Jan. 6th. The amputation of her leg is reported to be satisfactory and we thank God she is with us. She is happy and uncomplaining. She has been our go-getter for new members with the charter members and was a good friend of the deceased Mary Gregorich and is kindly remembered by Mary Pyzka, formerly Mary Gregorich of Chicago and Jo Sinkovich, Mary's sister and our friends from school days at St. Roch's and members of Zveza.

Also, another dear friend is Rose Furlan (Urbanc). The first meeting of our Zveza was at the home of the deceased Julia Furlan where Rose now resides. We know that Rose would appreciate hearing from her friends. She has courage to get around in a wheel chair. Very brave and with her husband, Stanley's understanding help, she is happy. Another courageous member, Mary Furar, has her dear husband, John at her side day and night. Sadness, joy, happiness and reward; live long enough and we have it all.

The marriage of Joseph Furlan took place the last Saturday in February to someone very dear. Congratulations to the newlyweds and a note of good cheer to our patient Rose and to all our sick members.

God be with all our Mothers and Happy Day to all.

MARY MICI PILETIC

NO. 26, PITTSBURGH, PA.

It was indeed gratifying to have 51 women present at our first meeting of 1979. With the cold weather behind us, we hope the upcoming monthly meetings will bring out as good or a better attendance.

To our aged and shut-in members, you are remembered in our prayers.

Get well wishes are extended to Mary Hudak, Millie Botula, Johanna Cesnik. Mary Kvartnik and Hattie Gratkowski. Hope everyone is on th road to recovery.

Sincere sympathy to the families of Mary Benko and Elizabeth Zinsser who both died in March. May their souls rest in peace.

At this point we, the officers, would like to enlist the help of all members in gaining some new membership. We are losing members in death and our rolls show 197 members at the present time.

The annual luncheon and "B" will be on Tuesday, May 8th. Come and have an enjoyable afternoon with your friends.

Mary Bratetic was selected as Mother of the Year, a member deserving of this title. Also, she has another title, "Cook of the Year!"

Mary Slaney will be the delegate to the National Convention being held in Duluth, Mn. Alternate delegate is Anna Trontel.

Congratulations to Angie and Nick Veselic who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in April. Mass was said at the St. Mary Assumption Church followed by a reception at the Holiday Inn Industrial Park with their family, relatives and friends. Good health and happiness to you both.

The stork paid a visit to JoAnn and Robert Lennon. Congratulations and also to Grandma, Grace Simcic and Grandpa, "Ab"!

God bless everyone.

HELEN CESNIK

NO. 32, EUCLID, OHIO

At our March meeting a nice group of ladies were present. Our Sunshine Lady, Ceal Znidar was in Hawaii with her husband.

Helen Kovachevich and Josephine Baron both fell on ice and got badly hurt. Let's pray for their speedy recovery as spring is around the corner. Mrs. Katherine Zalec received a call from San Francisco that her brother passed away suddenly. This necessitated her first plane experience. May he rest in peace. Hope she has a safe trip back.

Our secretary mentioned that we lost a good member, Frances Braidic who passed away suddenly on March 20th. We paid our respects and had two honor guards at attention as the secretary prayed the Rosary. She was a good member, never missed a meeting. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may she rest in peace. The funeral was at St. Christine's church.

We lost a member, but our secretary has more new ones,

Caroline Lokar and two by Mary Drobnick, Julia Grance and Isabella Kasunic of Kirtland, Ohio.

Mary Ster is our cook for the May dinner. Make reservations early, you may bring a guest and it's on May 16th at 6 p.m. at Recher Hall. Get in touch with Hermine Strainer.

Our new member, Caroline Lokar suggested balinca for ladies, four on a team and one extra. Our new member, Dorothy Lamm's daughter was recently engaged. Wedding is planned for June 16th. Engaged to Dr. Robert Kneisley of Dayton, Ohio. Our former debutante of 1974, Susan Marie Podboy is engaged to Robert F. Coan and a June wedding is planned for them, too. Her mother and three sisters are in our branch.

Happy travelers! Mary Zifko is going to Washington to see the cherry blossoms in bloom. She will also tour the Capital. Frances Ogorenc and her husband, Frank, spent their vacation in Las Vegas.

Marge Sas became a grandmother for the 10th time! Congratulations.

Get well wishes to Christine Verch who had surgery.

We wish all a happy birthday who has had one this year. May the Lord bless all our Mothers this month

A. TEKAVEC

NO. 33, DULUTH, MINN.

Plans were made for our Junior Members to have a bowling session and then went to Sclavi's for pizza on March 25. Reports are a good time was had by all and a "mountain of pizzas" were consumed.

Our May 2 meeting will have a special program and lunch in honor of our "Mother of the Year" Delores Heski. William Radosovich of Two Harbors will tell of his trip to Fatima.

We extend sympathy to Branch 40 of Lorain, Ohio, on the loss of their long-time president, Agnes Jancar.

Mary Skender is recovering from surgery. Our prayers for her health and for our other members also.

"Convention" continues to be the main topic at our meetings. Delores Heski will be delegate for our branch with Delores Dincau as alternate.

At the request of National Officers where will be a change in the cost of package A for delegates and officers so as to include bus tour of Duluth Sunday afternoon and also bus trip to Chisholm (including lunch) on Tuesday.

Our reservation deadline was April 30 for people away and our local members as well.

All reservations (with payments) are to be made in advance with Delores Dincau. If reservation is sent in already be sure to send in the additional payment.

Congratulations to member Ann Clark on marriage of her son James and also to member Janet Mega on marriage of daughter, Faye, who is also a junior member.

LOISM. PELANDER,
Reporter

NO. 34, SOUDAN, MINN.

I was unable to attend our March meeting having been a patient at the Virginia Hospital for 5 days and now "taking it easy" at home, but hope to be back at my old routine shortly. At the meeting last evening (March 21) the new officers were installed, Pres. — Adeline Mustonen, Vice-Pres. — Mary Vollendorf, Recording Sec. Lorraine Berg, Sec-Treas. Victoria Bobence, Sunshine Chmn. — Louise Chiabotti and Reporter — Barbara Yapel. Twelve members were present — as many of our members are on the "sick list."

Members discussed the forthcoming National Convention in Duluth and also the fact that this year is the 50th Anniversary of Branch 34 — no plans for celebration were made because of the absence of the sick members and we hope to discuss and make plans at our April meeting.

A social hour followed the business meeting with prizes at "500" going to Angela Jamnick and Mary Vollendorf and in "COOTIE" to Margaret Mesojedec and Angie Grahek. Angie also won the attendance prize. The evening concluded with refreshments, Mary Rooney and Angela Tekautz were hostesses. April hostesses will be Mary Vollendorf and Molly Wilson.

It is with sadness I report the death of our Charter member Ann (Tekautz) Skala who died at the age of 65 years (following a year's illness with cancer) on Friday March 16th. She is survived by her husband Joseph, three sons, Jack of Mt. Iron, Joseph of Tower, and Jerome of Mt. Iron. Five grandchildren also mourn her passing. Despite the fact that she was crippled by polio 25 years ago when her 3rd son was a baby, she managed her home and family and belonged to Catholic Council, SWU, Sts. Cyril and Method Lodge No. 4 (KSKJ) and the Ladies KSKJ Card Club and enjoyed being with people and loved to do crocheting, knitting and other handwork. In the past 5 years she was confined to a wheel chair, and until her fatal illness a year ago — came to Daily Mass with

her husband Joe (who took her to Mass) — she was an example of a patient, uncomplaining, noble lady — we will all miss her. May she rest in peace — and intercede for us in Heaven. Farewell, Ann — we loved you!

BARBARA YAPEL

(With sadness, we report that Barbara passed away suddenly April 4th. This was her last report and shows her loving attention to branch matters. May she rest in peace!)

NO. 40, LORAIN, OHIO

Hello! A big hug and kiss to all our mothers for Mother's Day, such a truly lovely day! And, don't forget Memorial Day, also important to remember our loved ones that have gone before us. God grant them peace.

Our March meeting was well-attended; after the business meeting, we sang Happy Birthday to Helen Sekular, Agnes Bucher, Angeline Zgonc and Mary Evanish. An especially Happy Birthday to Mary Evanish since she is now 90 years young! How nice to see her at the meeting! May she remain healthy and happy!

Special thanks to Mayme Erjavec and Angeline Brehany on their donations of gifts.

Get well wishes to Rose Cerne and Mary Kobal. May you soon be on the road to recovery.

To Edward and Helen Kozjan, visiting in Florida - have a good time and soak up a lot of that nice sunshine.

Our sympathies to Mayme Hoover on the death of her husband, Paul; also surviving are a son, Gerald and daughter, Marlene Novak. 4 grandchildren and 2 brothers also mourn him. May his soul rest in peace.

I'll close with this lovely poem.

PASS IT ON!

'Twas not given to you alone!

PASS IT ON!

Let it travel down the years.

Let it wipe another's tears.

Till in Heaven the deed appears.

PASS IT ON!

Have a nice Spring.

MARY PLOSZAJ

NO. 41, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear members, our meeting held March 20th was very well-attended,

so members, keep up the good work and bring others with you next time, since the weather is nice again!

Thank you for your willingness to donate to our treasury. It is helping. Justine Girod surprised us with cake and coffee, so we had delicious refreshments and a nice social after our meeting. Thank you for your thoughtfulness to our members. Thanks also to Sutton Girod for all those stamps that he sent over - it helps a lot.

We changed our meeting date for May so mark your calendars for the last Thursday in May which is the 29th at 1:30 p.m. at Waterloo Rd. Hall. We'll get to hear the full report from our Delegate Cecelia Wolf about the Convention. It should be very interesting, so please attend and collection of dues will also be taken before the meeting.

Our Mother of the Year celebration was very well attended. It was especially nice for Justine Girod whom we honored that day. Mary Dolsak prepared a delicious meal and members donated the dessert. Mr. Girod had a large, beautiful cake made especially to honor Justine, his wife. She got a beautiful corsage from our president, Mrs. Oswald and was presented with a gift from the lodge to show our appreciation to her. Everyone enjoyed themselves and "thank you" to each one of you for making it such a success. Congratulations, Justine, our Mother of the Year 1979!

We're also sorry to say we lost two more members, Mary Kren and Anna Lekan and our heartfelt sympathy to their loved ones.

Get well wishes to all our sick members and Happy Birthday to each member celebrating this month.

Remember, meeting is May 29th so please attend and let's try to get some new members.

God bless you.

VALERIA FORTUNA
Reporter

NO. 42, MAPLE HGTS., OHIO

Hello, ladies! Congratulations to our Woman of the Year of Br. 42, Cilka Hocevar! She really is a great member and we all love her.

Congratulations go to Karen Hrovat who became engaged to Mark Weber. Also, to her sister, Lynn Marie (our accordion champion) for being selected for the

National Ohio Teen Age Contest on June 15,16,17 in Columbus. We wish her the best. Their proud mother is Lillian Hrovat. All three are our members.

Congratulations to Theresa Gorup who became a new grandmother again. Her daughter Agnes lives in Finley, Ohio.

Sorry to hear Pauline Hribar was in the hospital and glad to hear things are better for her. Also, to Helen Lipnos' husband, Edward. He had foot surgery and we are glad he, too, is doing fine.

We hear Frances Tomsic went to the Holy Land with Fr. Baznik. More next month.

Get well wishes to all our other members.

Happy Birthday to Mary Filipis, Tonka Kastelic, Dorothy Ponikvar, Angie Zupanc, Joanne Kastelic, Mitzi Champa, her daughter, Donna Wilk and granddaughter, Gretchen Wilk.

Welcome to our branch to Anne Tomsic, daughter-in-law of Frances Tomsic. How about your daughters and daughters-in-law and granddaughters? They'd all be welcome!

Ladies, May 15th is our Mass at St. Laurence at 6 pm. See you there! Meeting afterwards.

Did you know next year, May 30, 1980 is our 50th Anniversary?

MARY LOU PRHNE

NO. 43, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Due to my illness, I was unable to attend the March meeting. I received a letter from Irene Odorizzi in regards to the Slovenian Heritage Day event. It was read at the meeting and discussed by the members who decided that our branch is unable to undertake the responsibility due to our present and future events.

Our Mother's Day Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 10th at the Boulevard Inn, 4300 W. Lloyd, corner of Sherman Blvd. at Lisbon Ave. Cocktails will be served from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner will follow at 6:30 sharp. Reservations for the dinner must be made no later than May 5th with your check enclosed. The chairlady is Stella Pousha and her address is 2981, So. 101st St. Milwaukee, 53227 and phone no. is 543-5205. She will inform you as to the types of food and the costs. Call her at your earliest convenience.

The National Convention in

Duluth is near. I have chartered a bus for anyone wishing to go. There is still room and it would be helpful if Sheboygan, Chicago, South Chicago, Joliet or any other branch would join us. Please write to me or call if anyone is interested. If we don't have enough people, we'll have to cancel the bus.

On Feb. 3rd, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Schulta celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. We wish to extend our best wishes and congratulations to this dear couple. Mr. & Mrs. Schulta are the in-laws of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Schulta, Mr. & Mrs. James Peters and Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Schulta. The daughter, Marge Peters and daughter-in-law, Shirley Schulta are both members and Shirley is our Vice-President. Besides, there are 8 grandchildren and one great grandson, all our members.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the Josph Marolt families. He was the husband of Celia, one of the 3 charter members. He is also survived by two stepdaughters, Olga Siehafer, our member and Ann, her sister. There are several grandchildren.

John and Ann Rebernisek have just returned from Pennsylvania, the trip being another sad occasion. Their cousin, Fr. John Prah, passed away on March 10th. He had spent the winter with them in Florida and on returning to the Carmelite Monastery in Washington, D.C. suffered a fatal heart attack. He will be remembered in Milwaukee because he was always on hand to officiate for weddings and wakes.

He was also a very dear friend of our pastor, Rev. Jerome Sellak. The families of Rebernisek, Tutin, Kouchich and Gilboy were there to pay their last respects. He was buried at Unionton, Pa., his home town. Our deepest sympathy to all the relatives. May God bless him and reward his good services to his many parishioners, students and friends.

To all our shut-in members, a speedy recovery. Thanks to all for the beautiful get-well cards received during my illness.

Are you Duluth-bound? If so, give me a call at 481-7357.

ROSE KRAEMER

NO. 47, GARFIELD HGTS., OHIO

President, Jennie Gerck, opened our March meeting with prayer. In

spite of bad weather, it was well-attended. Our new secretary, Yours Truly, read the financial reports and auditors found books in good standing. A Mother's Day Dinner will be held, date to be announced. At that time, our Mother of the Year, Elsie Gazdecki, will be honored. Anna Kresevic, our faithful cook, will prepare the dinner and other members will help where help is needed.

Members who did not purchase tickets for the convention costs, may do so by calling the secretary. We have quite a few more to sell. Our Delegate for the 18th National Convention will be Yours Truly, alternate is Anna Kresevic. Members who are in arrears with their dues are asked to kindly take care of this, also when mailing in your dues, please send self-addressed, stamped envelope so I can mail your book back without added cost to our treasury.

Joseph Charles Spellacy and Frances Jane Murphy were united in marriage Feb. 10th at the Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho. He is the son of Elsie Spellacy and great grandson of our president, Jennie Gerk.

Home from Ohio State University recuperating with a broken leg is Diane Lee Dorchak, a granddaughter of Jennie Gerk. Others on our sick list are Mary Kresevic, Mary Godec, Stella Mahnic, Rose Ban, Jennie Pugel, Jennie Gerk and Mary Vulcek. To all our sick members, may the dear Lord brighten your days and grant you a speedy recovery.

Happy birthday to all our members who had birthdays in March, April and now in May. Barbara Harsh is our new juvenile member. Welcome Barb!

MARY TAUCHER
Secretary

NO. 50, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Ann Tercek, our president, opened the St. Patrick's meeting with a full house of 129 members present. It was a beautiful spring evening.

We celebrated St. Patrick's day with green shamrock decorations, cute corsages for the officers made by our Marge Inman.

The prize packages were wrapped in green and we even had some green cake!

It was also the feast of St. Joseph. We had 11 Josephines present.

We hope that we won't outgrow

our beautiful meeting room with the pretty new carpeting.

Jean Tomsic, our sentinel, says that we will have to be extra careful not to drop any crumbs of pastry on the new carpeting.

The Cadets were also present for a little drill before the meeting.

The members enjoyed watching the drill team perform to the piano march music of Jane Berkopec. Thanks, Jane. Our thanks to the new cadets that joined our drill team. They are Ann Orlikowski, Mary Sherry, Mary Jo Rom and Sophie Japel.

Sick List — Louise Vovko, Mary Champa, Rose Lo Presti, Rose Mc Hugh and Rose Zelodec. Jean Koessel's husband had stroke. Hoping all are well by now.

Our sincere sympathies to Hermine Prevesk in loss of husband, Frank.

May the perpetual light shine upon him.

Quite a few of our Branch 50 members go the old age home on Neff Rd. every 3rd Thursday of the month to help with the Sing-a-Long for the residents' birthdays. They enjoy it very much, singing Slovenian songs they remember from way back.

The Dawn Choral group are looking for more new singers. Come on you ladies with all your nice voices! How about joining the Dawn Choral group? If interested call 531-0250.

The custodian at the library was so impressed with the delicious pastries that members of Branch 50 donate, that he bought 2 cook books from us.

We are glad to hear that Josephine Seelye and her husband are doing just fine after their long seige of illness. Jack is recovering after a six week hospital stay and Jo is doing just fine after her illness. She was our first secretary and helped to organize Br. 50. The Seelyes reside at Lehigh Acres, Florida.

Vacations — Mary and Frank Wolf were going with Monsignor Baznik on Holy Land trip 2 weeks before Easter. Sophie Volcensek and husband visited her niece in Hawaii for over a month. Nellie and Frank Zaller vacationed in San Juan and St. Thomas in February. Ella, Frank Skoda and son were going to visit daughter, son in law and family in Yardeley, Pennsylvania for Easter. Chris Mishaga and husband who now reside in Sun City, Arizona mentioned how much they enjoy reading the Zarja magazine. Ivanka Matic visited her 2 brothers and

families in Buenos Aires, Argentina in February. They hadn't seen each other in 38 years.

Anne and Frank Doles celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary February 11. They renewed their vows at St. Mary's Collinwood church.

NEW BUSINESS:

Card party in October, need prizes: June 24 Massand breakfast at Lourdes Shrine: Combined bazaar of different branches of Slovenian Women's Union, September 16. Donated hand made articles will be appreciated.

Please come to the May meeting. We are honoring our Mother-of-the-Year.

Irene Jagodnik, our sec.-treas., says, please bring your dues to date.

Marie Dolinar submitted this poem to me.

May You Have

enough happiness to keep you sweet,
enough trials to keep you strong,
enough sorrow to keep you human,
enough hope to keep you happy,
enough failure to keep you humble,
enough success to keep you eager,
enough friends to give you comfort,
enough faith and courage in
yourself, your business, and your
country to banish depression,
enough wealth to meet your needs,
enough determination to make each
day a better day than yesterday.

Your Reporter
VERA MATEYKA

NO. 54, WARREN, OHIO

Happy Springtime to all! Our Mother-Daughter Luncheon will be held on May 15th at 12:30. Millie Pallock and Mary Bakras will be calling you for reservations. Please try to attend. We always have a nice afternoon, chatting and mingling. We will honor our President, Josephine Kassan, as our Mother of the Year. She is very deserving of this honor and helps keep things moving in our branch. Jo became a widow last December and she has the spunk and stamina to keep going and not get too depressed with herself. So, come on, gals, and honor our president, Josie!

Happy Mother's Day to all and get well wishes to all sick members and relatives.

JOANNE PONIKVAR
Sec.-Treas.

NO. 55, GIRARD, OHIO

Here I am writing another article this month, inasmuch as our regular reporter, Frances Hribar is in Trumbull Memorial Hospital recovering from a leg infection. By the time this article gets printed, hope she is fully recovered and will be able to make our next meeting.

Was very happy to see Barbara Umcek up and around. She is one of our members who has had her share of sickness. Had two serious heart operations, but thank God, she has fully recovered now and one wouldn't believe all she went through. All I can say is, keep hanging in there Barbara, and try to come to one of our meetings when you feel up to par! We will be happy to see you get active again.

At our last meeting of March 8th, Maria Cvetnic, our president, presided along with the other officers, and must report we had a good meeting and fairly well-attended. A lot of activity was planned and discussions about our Mother of the Year Banquet took place and here are the following particulars.

Rosemary Gordon was elected the Mother of the Year. Matilida Cigolle and Mary Macek are chairladies for the happy event. On May 10th we will have the Banquet at DUFF'S SMORGOSBORD on Liberty St. in Youngstown, Ohio at 5:00 P.M., and please ladies try to be on time.

Due to many circumstances, please note that this year everyone must pay for their own dinner and their guest's (if they bring one). Each member will be contacted by one of the chairladies, so by the time you receive your phone call, at least try and be ready with your decisions for your reservations. This will help eliminate unnecessary phone calls.

Happy to announce that Maria Cvetnic, our president, was chosen to be our delegate for the 18th National Tri-Ennial Convention, May 20-23, 1979 in the City of Duluth, Minnesota, as many know it to be called the Land of 10,000 Lakes. Her Alternate will be Mary Macek. Proud these ladies will represent our Union, and have a safe and happy journey and enjoy the great fraternalism and fellowship.

Mary Svesko just returned home from a month's vacation in El Paso, Texas. She was visiting her daughter, Margaret Svesko Bartollete and her family. She had an enjoyable trip and just was pleased to be with her family and content to be at their home. Her family also surprised her and took her to New Mexico and Mexico.

I hear the Shopie and Tony Kren are enjoying the visit of their son, Capt. Anthony (known as Sonny to most of us) Kren who retired from the Armed Forces. He and his wife and family are going to visit for awhile in Girard before getting relocated again in civilian life. Good Luck to all of you.

Mary Kristin and Frances Yerman (President of Niles Branch) just returned from a 2 week vacation in Florida. They informed me they enjoyed themselves and especially seeing alot of their old acquaintances.

Lena Modic did a lot of traveling too—she went here and there as we say—way out to California and back.

Anna Strouss is another one who got to California. She visited with her family for 3 months. As all of you can see, our members have been doing a little traveling and happy all of you had a chance to go and enjoy yourselves.

Must mention at this time the Girard Historical Society is across from our Slovenian Home in Girard on State St.

Hope by now Mary Bradish will reconsider all, and return to our Union. Mary who is going to help lead our ladies in the singing at our different affairs we have, especially the Mother of the Year Banquets? You see we need you and want you back.

Believe I covered all the news I wanted to share with all of you, and before I close hope all of you have a Blessed and Happy Mother's Day.

SOPHIE CEKUTA

NO. 67, BESSEMER, PA.

March meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer. Ten ladies attended. The Dec. meeting was well-attended and Feb. very poorly as only 5 attended tho it was our anniversary. It was a nice Sunday in March; maybe there's a lot of flu going around and that is the reason for the poor showing.

Mary Brodesko and Olga Tonsebol are in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery and hope to see them at the meeting.

We all send our deepest sympathy to the Helen Yulich family on the loss of their mother.

Glad to have a new member join our branch, Gloria Perron. Hope she will enjoy our company.

Mother-of-the-Year was picked

and Mary Grbenz chosen. She is well-liked and lots of fun. She deserves the honor. Congratulations, Mary.

The officers for 1979 are the same. Best wishes to all who have birthdays coming up and a speedy recovery to all who are sick at home and in the Hospital.

God bless everyone.

MARY PERCIC
Sec'y and Reporter

NO. 56, HIBBING, MINN.

Greetings to all! Our Slovenian Women's Union met at Assumption Hall on Tuesday, March 13th, our regular monthly meeting.

The main order of business was the election of a Delegate and Alternate for the National Convention. Our President, Rose Maras was honored to represent us and Sylvia Latick was voted alternate.

It was decided to hold a bake sale and this was done on April 7th at th Mesaba Mall.

Lunch was served by the hostesses, Sylvia Latick, Josie Erickson and Mary Micheletti, followed by cards. Winners were Ann Satovich and Mary Meadows at 500; Fran Tobey and Amelia Domen in Canasta; Mary Massich and Melina Koehler, "B".!

God bless you all!

Respectfully,
MARY MICHELETTI

NO. 57, NILES, OHIO

Our March meeting was held at the home of our president, Frances Yerman. Plans were formulated for our Mother's Day dinner which will be held at the Spot Restaurant on May 8th.

After a light lunch, games were played with prizes won by Nancy Segreto, Frances Stanec and Rose Spirko.

Margaret Gilyda is spending a few weeks in Florida and Frances Yerman and Julia Yakup just returned from there.

Birthday greeting to Viola Logar, Leona Molar and Mary Opalka.

ANN PEASE,
Reporter

NO. 59, BURGETTSTOWN, PA.

Hi! I guess we are all happy to see the month of May with the green grass, flowers blooming, gardening

and just being outdoors. It's also a special month to honor all Mothers on Mother's Day. To all, have a pleasant day.

We had 22 paid members at our meeting in March. Hilda Montequin read the past minutes accepted by Virginia Bendick seconded by Jennie Ferbezar. Yours Truly read the report for '78 after which the officers were paid.

Several communications were read by our Pres. and Sec'y. We voted to have an ad in the ZARJA for the 50th Anniversary. A donation was made to the Slovenian Home for the use of their hall each month for our meetings.

Hilda Gavazzi thanked all for the sympathy cards she received in the loss of her sister. Fannie Sage was overjoyed receiving so many nice get-well cards. Jennie Ferbezar's "pig 'n poke" prize was won by Ann Sechan. Hilda Gavazzi was the lucky winner of the special prize.

Theresa Shearson went by bus with the Senior Citizens to Florida visiting 20 different cities. She said she had a wonderful time and would like to make the trip again.

Our Junior member, Tricia Louder and family flew to Disneyworld in Florida for 10 days. They saw several points of interest and spent some time with relatives. Tricia came back with a nice tan.

Cheery wishes to those who aren't feeling well. I'll close with happy thoughts to everyone.

ROSEMARY ORENCHUK
Reporter

NO. 71, STRABANE, PA.

We really had a meeting in March after having all the snow and ice and cold weather. We welcome all the members back to our regular meeting sessions.

We prayed for our member who passed away in January, Cecilia Kubacki.

Had our nomination for Mother of the Year and she is Julia Cushma. Congratulations. We had a very nice turn out at the meeting.

Planning for our April Bake Sale and Flea Market took most of the discussion. Getting the members to bring a friend and maybe get a new member for our branch was discussed. We sang Happy Birthday

to our members and even to those who were at home and couldn't hear us! Afterward, everyone enjoy a very nice lunch and lots of prizes, too.

Had a visitor, Ann Koklich whose sister is our Lucy Koklich. Ann was very happy to see how nice our meetings are and we try to treat all our members alike, so they'll enjoy coming oftener. This way, we hope to get new members, too. We did get some new younger members recently and welcome them.

We ended with prayers and wishes that God blesses you all, also the members who can't attend the meetings. Happy Birthday to all who celebrated in the last four months.

Our new members are the two Wagner boys, Jerry and Danny and also Loretta P. Rathbone. Hope to see them at the meetings.

LUCILLE SMITH
Secretary

NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO

We are happy to report that our President, Kay Yuratovac, will be the delegate this year attending the National Convention. Kay has done an excellent job as President of our branch, and know that her presence at the convention will be a great asset. We wish all the delegates, the present officers as well as any future officers, sister members attending, good health during this convention, as well as a good time to be had everyone attending.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Frank Kainec, and send our sympathy to his wife Agnes, their children and their offspring, as well as his two brothers and one sister still living. The Kainec family was one of the first Slovenian families to settle in Warrensville Heights and were well known throughout this area. Stephen, one of the two brothers still remaining, and his wife Nettie, a member of our branch, came to Cleveland for the funeral from their home in Leesburg, Florida. We have two other Kainec relatives in our branch, Frances and Helen. May he rest in peace!

We are all very happy to hear that Tim Dusek, husband of our Recording Secretary, who was hospitalized for several months following an accident, is home now recuperating. We all send him our best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery, and know that everyone's prayers helped pull him through this ordeal. Member Helen

Dusek, Mother of Tim, returned to Florida still nursing a cold which came upon her as soon as she got to Cleveland having learned about her son's illness, and we trust that the Florida weather will make her feel much better.

We are sorry to report that Martha Herak's husband is hospitalized at the present time, and also that Virginia Cherosky is also hospitalized. Hope to hear real soon that the above, as well as any other members, or members of their families who have been ill, are all on the road to recovery.

Even though our calendars tell us that spring is officially here, we hope that nature won't pull any of its shenanigans and drop some more snow on us.

Until we next get together through the "Zarja", keep well and happy.!

MILDRED D. ROBERTS
Reporting Secretary

NO. 89, OGLESBY, ILL.

Hello, Sunshine! Welcome back, Spring!

We had our second monthly meeting of the year. Many things talked over, especially the convention coming up.

Thank you note was read from Robert Salina for our Christmas gift. He is the custodian of the Oglesby Dickenson House where we hold our meetings.

Darlene Wasielski gave the Sunshine report. She will be sending cards to Ann Vogrich whose brother, Anton Snyder died, to Georgia Dooly who had a baby girl and Ann Krancic, recently returned home from the hospital.

Mitzi Komater, a member, daughter of Helen Komater. became the bride of Bill Banich on Feb. 16th. Lots of good luck to them.

Frances Gorisek's birthday was in March. Happy belated wishes to her.

Have you heard of Starved Rock? It's a State Park at Utica, Ill. just 5 miles from Oglesby. Well, our member, Josephine (Livek) Schmidt and her husband, Max, are managing the beautiful Lodge there. More details on this later.

Our ladies were off to the Bowling tournament in April in Milwaukee. We hope to hear good results from them.

Refreshments were served by Mary Kernz, Josephine Argubright and Frances Meglich.

Door prizes were home-made bread and frosted St. Patrick's Day cookies.

A very Happy Mother's Day.

MARY ANN SAMUELSON
Reporter

NO. 92, GUNNISON, COLO.

March meeting on the 20th was held at the home of Margaret Malensek. Roll Call by Frida showed 8 members present, Rose Carricato, Ann Malensek, Margaret Malensek, Frances Austin, Denise Malensek, Fern White, Frida Forcier, Josephine Krizmanich. It was nice to see Jo back and to know she is feeling better. And, we had one guest, Margaret Depew.

Minutes were read by Frieda and approved. Treasurer's report was given by Margaret Malensek and approved as read. Old business included discussion on the birthday party for the Nursing Home residents on the 5th of May. Frances suggested we have a May Day theme for favors. We worked on the favors at the April meeting. A committee was also chosen in April to help on the day of the party. It will start at 2:30 pm. Rose will ask her husband to provide some accordion music for them. Frances was our representative for the meetings held at the Nursing Home.

New business included planning our Mother's Day dinner. Frances and Fern were to check the Coachlight and Frida to the Diner Inn. We were to make final plans at the April 24th meeting at the home of Betty Starika. Gifts were brought to the meeting and Frida will take them to the Nursing Home. All members were asked to make at least a couple of them and to bring them to Frida.

We didn't have a Mystery Box as our last month's winner was unable to be at the meeting. Cards were played and we had Denise Malensek and our guest, Margaret Depew high score winners, and Ann Malensek and Fern White, low winners.

Afterwards, we enjoyed refreshments served by Margaret Malensek and spent the evening visiting.

May you all have a Happy Mother's Day.

FERN WHITE

NO. 95 SO. CHICAGO, ILL.

Yes, we've read about those record snows and all-time lows, and all that white stuff that fell on us in Chicago. But this year is a 7% rent! The griping has been constant and justified and despite this brutal weather, 31 members attended our March Meeting for a pleasant evening.

The main topic of discussion was focused on our Mother-of-the-Year event. Minnie Pujdak and Julie Hansen graciously accepted the responsibility of being in full charge of the affair. We appreciate the support that these two gals are giving the members, but it will be more impressive by reminding all of you that your attendance is more important, as it promises to be a memorable tribute to Virginia Kwiatkowski, our Mother-of-the-Year.

After all the reports given by the officers, and the business of the evening put to a side, the members sat back and relaxed to enjoy the goodies by: Helen Golich, a huge birthday cake, Manda Dosen, Anne Granich, Virginia Kwiatkowski, and Mary Toporis also donated a prize to be given out later. Hostesses for the evening were Dolores Golich, Manda Dosen, Mary Toporis, Virginia Kwiatkowski and Plesha and Lucille Sarich (Tex) \$2. Lucille Sarich sends us her greetings from Crowley, Texas and greetings and well wishes from Rose Krneta who is making her new home in Port Charlotte, Florida. What wonderful news your letter contained! We are delighted for you, and wish you many years of joy in your dreamhouse.

Get-well wishes are extended to; Mary Kovacevich (Allegan, Mich.) Mary Simunic, Fran Seabloom, who have spent some time in the hospital. We were shocked to learn that Ann Sertich, our past Vice Pres., has undergone a painful open heart surgery. We are grateful to hear that she is making a good recovery and feeling stronger every day. I know that Ann is a model patient and we send you our very best wishes, and our love so that you may be back with us again.

Our condolences to Helen Hoff and Mary Possedi on the loss of their beloved brother, Mike Sertich; he will never be forgotten by the many who knew him so well. To Evelyn Golon we extend our deepest sympathy on the loss of her beloved father, Frank Golon. It will be some comfort to know everyone who knew him will share your grief.

Happy Birthday to the following celebrating in May: Eva Cora,

Lucille Svalina, Mayme Homes, Frances Radosevich, Ann Cackovich, Matilda Turica, (Las Vegas, Nev.) and Mary Barsevac (Med, Tex.)

In conclusion: Our Mother's Day salute goes to all mothers, whether living or deceased. I wish to extend very special Mother's Day greetings to all of our pioneer members whose support and cooperation have made it possible for the leadership to achieve so many notable successes. We will always enjoy their respect, and never forget how important they are to all of us, and the benefits we receive from their counsel and judgment. I can only conclude by wishing the young and the old, the merriest and healthiest, "Mother's Day!"

MILDRED JAMES

NO. 103, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Our April meeting was devoted almost entirely to preparation of the upcoming events in May. We didn't have as much representation as we had hoped for to take part in these important discussions, but appreciated the efforts of all those who did come despite the rather rainy weather.

The first event in May will be a Slovenian Theater Group from Toronto, Canada, who will present an operetta on Saturday, May 19th. This event will be combined with our usual Mothers' Day program. Food will be served prior to the performance. Preparations for this event were discussed and assignments made for the various tasks involved.

The next event is the Northern Virginia International Folk Festival to be held in Arlington, Virginia. Branch No. 103 will participate for one day only, on Sunday, May 20th. This also required considerable discussion as to the preparation of food, and assignments of the ladies to work the various shifts.

The third event, of course, is the National Convention to be held on May 20-23 in Duluth, Minnesota. In the event our Branch will be selected for representation, our delegate will be prepared for her participation.

Because of this event, and the preparation required, our May meeting will be postponed until June, at which time we'll be able to report the results of all these activities.

At the conclusion of these discussions, we did have a short time to relax and socialize with coffee and cake, served by Freda Michelitch and Matilda Ausich.

Good luck and best wishes to all the delegates who will be attending the Convention, and let's hope this will be the best and most productive convention yet.

MATILDA AUSICH
Recording Secretary

NO. 105, DETROIT, MICH.

Our meeting held at the home of Ann McGee, hosted by her sister, Sophie Sunich was a St. Patrick's Day success. We enjoyed a lovely afternoon together, including two guests, Elizabeth Verbiscus, charming lady and Mary Jamsek, a member of long-standing whom we met for the first time. All of us hope you feel well enough to attend our next meetings, Mary. Good health to you!

Our business meeting was opened with prayers by president, Pauline Adamic. She read a letter from Dolores Dinciau of Duluth who is in charge of the Convention of SWU to be held there this month. We send our regrets that we are not able to send a delegate. Our very best wishes and great success to all of you who are planning to attend. We will have an greeting in the special edition of the ZARJA.

May God grant all of us a long and successful association as members of the Slovenian Women's Union of America. God's blessing to each and every member and their families.

Pat Emerson read the minutes of our Feb. meeting and also the treasurer's report. She does her work very meticulously which means every detail is taken care of. Our thanks to Pat for all her time involved in doing so.

Please, ladies, attend our Mother's Day Banquet to be held at the German Cultural Center on East Outer Dr. near 7 Mile Rd. on Sat. May 19th at 7:00 o.m. Please notify Pat Emerson if you are attending and if you are bringing a guest. The dinner will be paid by donations of our kitty. So, only members who attend meetings regularly and donate will have the advantage of a paid meal. The only exception will be our selected honored guests, Mother of the Year, Alice Becker and Fr. Tadd. We are looking forward to seeing both of them and having a nice visit. Thank you, Alice Becker, for your donation to our kitty. Also thanks to

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Pauline Adamic for the \$10 donation by selling two books of tickets for the Convention. I tried but could not surpass you!

Our hostesses were very gracious. We had two door prizes, first won by my sister, Ann Pobanz, a beautiful sterling silver stick pin and I won the lovely set of handmade hot pads and towel. Thank you, again, Ann and Sophie. We were served a beautiful birthday cake for desert in honor of Catherin Music, Sophie Sunich and

my birthdays. It is beautiful to be remember. Love to all, always.

Very happy belated birthdays to our April ladies, Alice Sheets, Fulvia Rosa (we still miss you) and especially Pat Emerson. We love you all. Without any of you ladies, we wouldn't have such a groups as ours, would we?

God grant each and everyone joy in the springtime and to all mothers, a special wish for Mother's Day!

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Daleč v Jutrovi deželi je nekoč bila v puščavi vasica. V njej je bilo le nekaj kočic, zgrajenih iz dateljnovnega lesa, pokritih s suhim bičevjem. Prebivalci so bili revni. Zasluzka ni bilo; hrane je primanjkovalo in obleke, zlastin pa pitne vode. Ljudje so bolehalo največ na gobavosti. Radi gobave boleznici se je vasice vse ogibalo. Niti kraljevi ljudje, ki so davke pobirali se niso tukaj ustavili.

"Revni smo in zaničevani, o Bog! Pošlji nam koga, da nas reši te bede! Pošlji nam svojega Maziljenca, da nas otme!" Tako so ljudje vsak petek molili, ko je zahajalo sonce v rumeni puščavi. Molili so prisrčno in trdno verovali, da bo njih molitev končno uslišana.

Nekega dne so v to vasico prišli potniki. Videti so bili revni, ker vse imetje je nosil samo en osliček. Mož se je oziral po praznih kočah, kje bi našel zavetje za svojo družino. Končno se je odločil za kočico zunaj vasi, kjer je odložil svojo prtljago. Bilo je rokodelsko orodje nekaj odej in nekaj perila. Mož ja za silo očedil hišico ter vanjo odpeljal svojo ženo in otroka. Bili so, Jezušček, Marija in Jožef, ki so iz strahu pred hudobnim kraljem Herodom bežali iz Betlehema in zdaj bodo nekaj časa tukaj živeli, v najrevnejšem kraju dežele.

Jožef je kmalu oskrbel mizico, pručico in nekaj drugega pohištva, da je pripravil tiho in prijazno bivališče. Marija je predla in tkala, pletla in krpala ter s tem pomagala svoji družini pa tudi revnim prebivalcem.

Vode je čimdalje bolj primanjkovalo; Jožef ni mogel več gledati te stiske. Osedlal je oslička nato natovoril mu velik meh za vodo in je nameraval iti v globoko puščavo, da bi tam poiskal kak studenec. Marija mu je branila iti na nevarno pot. Na tihem je odšla, krenila k staremu drevesu v bližini, tam malo pokopala z rokami in glej, iz zemlje je privrela bistra vodica. Marija je prosila Jožefa naj koplje dalje in kmalu je bilo vode dovolj za njih malo družino, pozneje pa tudi za prebivalce v vasi, ki so bilineizmerno veseli in družini hvaležni.

V vasi so se pričeli dogajati čudeži. Sveta moč je morala biti v vodi, ker je ozdravila mrzlico, ozdravila rane in ko so matere svoje otroke skopale v tej vodi so gobe odpadle od njih kot luskinine in ozdraveli so.

Ljudje so pričeli potihoma pripovedovati: "Kdo nam je naklonil to dobroto? Ali ljuba gospa, ki tako rada dela in pomaga? Jožef nas je naučil, umnega rokodelstva, Marija pa naše žene šivanja in tkanja. Mir prihaja od teh ljudi. Pojdemo in izvolimo Jožefa za svojega starešino. Vedno naj ostane pri nas in naš vodnik naj bo."

Tako so ljudje govorili in šli, da se zahvalijo Jožefu in Mariji. Ko so prišli do kočice, je bila prazna. Sveta družina je odšla.

Žalostni so možje odšli in povedali, da so prišli prepozno. Zajokale so matere in otroci neki starček

je pa rekel: "Bog je bil pri nas, pa nismo vedeli."

Studenec je postal ljudem svet. Imenovali so ga MARIJIN STUDENEC. Ogradili so ga z kamenjem, posadili drevje okrog njega in končno pozidali malo kapelico v spomin. Ko so čez mnogo let v ta kraj prišli Jezusovi učenci, so jim domačini pravili o ljubeznivi družini, ki je nekaj časa prebivala med njimi.

Materin Dan

Meseca maja praznujemo Materin Dan, ki je vedno praznično olepšan. Vsem materam, starim mamicam in pra-starim mamicam želimo vse najboljše in jih prisrčno pozdravljamo!

Materine Roke

Mati: "Vprašali so me, če bi še enkrat bila mlada, ali bi še hotela roditi osem otrok kot sem jih? Bi! Zdaj pa sploh: Poleg ljubezni za družino imamo zdaj elektriko, pralne stroje, ledenice, sesalce za prah, otroška hrana se dobi v kantah in prodajalne kar tekmujejo, kaj bodo imele v zalogi za otročičke. Vsega tega ni bilo, ko so moji otroci gor rastli. Me smo poznale le en stroj in ta je bil Materine roke."

Mati - Pionirka

Prav malo še ostaja tistih mater, ki so prišle v Ameriko pričetkom prvih dvajset let tega stoletja. Med njimi sem tudi jaz, a vsako leto nas je manj. Kar jih je še med nami, so živa in zanesljiva priča častne in čudotvorne slovenske in ameriške zgodovine. To zgodovino prepleta pošteno in trudapolno delo, tiho in hudo trpljenje-boleče zatajevanje in prenašanja čuta manjvrednosti v tujini. Koliko potrpežljivosti je bilo treba da se je vse to preneslo...

Zgodilo se je, da je mati postala vdova. Kdo bo zdaj skrbel za vdovo s kopico majhnih otrok? Mati se je vpregla z vso silo ter družini sama peljala voz življenja in z velikim trudom vzgajala otroke večkrat v pomanjkanju, ko ni bilo ne dela in ne jela. Preponosna vprašati za tujo pomoč je prijela za najslabše delo, da je prislužila nekaj za hrano in obleko svojim otrokom. Marsikatera slovenska mati je s svojim delom in trpljenjem postala slična svetnici.

Ko smo prišli v Ameriko, se ni nihče za nas brigal, nihče nam pomagal z nasveti, nihče nam kaj podaril ali, nekaj za nas storil. Vsi smo bili tujci med tujci. Pričeti smo morali prav na dnu. Koliko so naše pionirke pretrpele zlasti za časa depresije. Iznajdlivost gospodinjje je dospela na višek. Dela ni bilo, ne zasluzka, prihranjeni denarci so pošli, trgovec se je uprl še dalje prodajati na kredit, kaj bo pionirka skuhala, da bo skromno kosilo na mizi za moža in otroke. To so bili takozvani dobri "stari časi" o katerih toliko slišimo. Zdaj sem na mojem vrtu med grmiči večkrat našla lepo zavite sendviče, ki so jih otroci, hodeč v šolo, proč vrgil in si morda namesto teh kupili sladščice. Potrata, ki se bo enkrat kaznovala.

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Direktorice odobrijo razširitev šolnin za eno dodatno, ki se v letu 1979 podeli študentu teologije. Z odobritvijo Šolninskega odbora, se bo letos podelila šolnina enemu bogoslovcu. V počastitev 50 letnice ZARJE, se odobri v letu 1980 ena šolnina študentki časnika.

Razgovor se vrši o članstvu vseh podružnic. Povdari se nujnost, da se vedno držimo pravil, glede sprejema novih članic in članov.

Podružnice, ki so imele težave z izvolitvijo odbornic, so večinoma izčiščene. Tajnica poroča o teh, ki so nehale obstojati. Št. 63 v Denverju ne bo ponovno organizirana, ampak bodo članice plačevale članarino direktno v glavni urad. Urednica je poročala, da jih je obiskala to poletje in ugotovila upravičene razloge, da podr. ne more delovati, posebno zaradi velikanskih razdalj članic in večje število starejših članic. Urednica se zahvali Millie Pucel od št. 20, ki jo je spremljala na seje in g. Leo Miheliču, bivšemu župniku fare Rožnega venca ter g. David Stalzerju iz Jolietu za njihovo sodelovanje v zadevi SZZ. Ga. Leskovar in ga. Pucel sta tudi obiskale podr. št. 3 v Pueblo in imele zelo prijetni sestanak z odbornicami in članicami št. 3. Domači župnik Fr. Blane Bebble jim je izkazal prijazno gostoljubnost in je pohvalil odlično delo naše podr. in članic v župniji.

Po poročilu mladinske direktorice, Frances Sietz, so ji direktorice čestitale za njen trud in uspešno delo pridobiti mladino k večji aktivnosti.

Seja v četrtek 8. marca se je zopet pričela z molitvijo za vse članstvo Zveze. Čitani so bili dopisi in sprejeti pozdravi od častne drž. preds. za Penna, Mrs. Mary Tomsic in podr. št. 2 in Chicaga, ki vabi na obisk njihove seje in družbanosti tega večera. Več direktoric napove svoj obisk.

Konvencija

Minnesotska preds., Delores Heski poroča o programu konvenčnih dni od podr. št. 33 iz Dulutha, Minn.

Konvenčne aktivnosti: Direktorice priporočajo, da imajo delegatkinje razgled Dulutha v nedeljo popoldne v prostem času. Možno, da bodo delegatkinje imele priložnost obiskati Chisholm v torek zjutraj, da obiščejo zanimivi rudarski muzej, ki kaže v kakih okolščinah so naši slovenski rudarji delali v Železnem okrožju. Druge priložnosti ne bo za ta obisk, zato se nudi torek zjutraj za obisk podr. št. 38, ki pripravljajo kosilo za ta dan. To bo edina sprememba programa objavljenega v ZARJI.

Za konvenčna zborovanja, preds. imenuje Hermine Dicke za parlamentarko. Vsaka glavna odbornica bo podala dve-minutno poročilo, poleg bolj obširnega poročila, ki bo objavljeno v ZARJI, ali pa razmnoženo in dano vsem delegatkinjam.

Tajnica Olga Ancel bo pripravila gradivo za delegatkinje in trakove za vse.

Konvenčna vožnja za gl. odbornice in delegatkinje se plača v skladu s pravili iz splošnega sklada, po najcenejši poti. Navodila se pošlje tajnicam. Dnevnice gl. odbornice plača Zveza in dnevnice delegatkinj podružnice iz izkupička prodaje listkov.

Preds. imenuje načelnico odbora za pravila, podpreds. Nežko Gaber, ki prosi, da se pošlje vsa priporočila za spremembo pravil njej do 1. maja.

Za konvenčni banket je želeli kulturno predstavo, da bodo navzoči imeli priliko uživati slovensko umetnost. Oktet Slov. Ženske Zveze št. 23 iz Ely je naprošen, da poje na banketu in za sv. mašo. Direktorice so hvaležne oktetu za udeležbo in nastop. Mladina slovenskega radio kluba iz Chicaga bo naprošena, da nastopi v njihovih pristnih slovenskih nošah raznih pokrajin Slovenije in predvaja naše ljudske ples v namenu, da se nudi navzočim prilika bolje spoznati slovensko dediščino.

Načelnica slov. dediščine, Irene Odorizzi se pohvali za njeno delo in delo podr. št. 20, Joliet na tem polju in da je dvignila Dediščinski sklad precej visoko in se bo uporabil pri bodočem delu tega odbora. Med drugim direktorice priporočajo, da se bodoče delo razvija v smeri dokumentacije zgodovine naših imigrantov in da se po možnosti ohranijo odovinski podatki v muzeju in knjižnici, ki bi se morda zgradila v glavnem uradu.

Odbor je navdušen nad predlogi ge. Odorizzi in mnenje je podano, da to delovanje nudi SZZ dodatne namene v bodočnosti.

Med drugim bi naš muzej ohranil mnoge predmete naših pionirjev, kakor se je izrazila gl. tajnica: "Je zelo važno za našo bodočnost, da se ohrani naša preteklost!"

Direktorice določijo tretje nadstropje gl. urada za ta namen. Preds. tudi vpraša go. Odorizzi, da predloži konvencijski program za posamezne podr., ki bi želele imeti svoj dan "narodne dediščine".

S prvim aprilom se prične nova članska kampanja, ki se prične takoj po zaključku prejšnje dne 31. marca. Darila bodo odobrena na konvenciji.

50 letnica ZARJE

Julijska številka ZARJE bo slavnostna izdaja 50 letnice lista. Urednica se pooblašča, da za to številko išče oglase in pozdrave, do 1. junija.

Poročevalke vseh 50 let, bodo prejele posebno priznanje in vse podr. se naproša, da predložijo slike in opis njihovih pridnih dopisnic. Najdaljše poročevalke bodo dobile priznanje tudi na konvenciji.

Tajnica bo naročila v usnje vezane številke ZARJE, ki bodo podarjene poročevalkam, ki imajo od 25 do 50 let dopisovanja za seboj in albumi drugim za krajšo dobo službe. V knjigi bo upodobljeno ime poročevalke.

Predvideva se tudi na konvenciji nekaj časa na banketu za izročitev odlikovanj.

Kuharske knjige in naročnina

Zaradi visoke poštnine, se bo cena knjige "Woman's Glory — the Kitchen" dvignila s poštnino vred na \$6. Cena podr. se bo dvignila za 50¢ in komisija od knjige ostane ista.

S pričetkom 1. julija, 1979 se dvigne naročnina na ZARJO za ne-člane na \$10 letno.

Zborovanje je bilo zaključeno z molitvijo ob 3:30 popoldne in preds. želi vsem srečno pot na domove ter "na svidenje" na konvenciji v Duluthu v maju.

MARY BOSTIAN, gl. predsednica
CORINNE LESKOVAR, zapisničarica

DOPISI

ŠT. 2, CHICAGO, ILL.

Za mater leta 1979 smo v naši podružnici izbrali Mrs. Anne Hozian. K imenovanju iskreno častitamo. Mrs. Anne Hozian je med prekmurskimi Slovenci znana pod imenom Ančka. Njeni ožji rojaki jo zelo cenijo in jo kličejo za pomoč pri njih prireditvah. Že mnogo let jo jaz srečavam v jesenskem času na prekmurskem Rumage sale, ki ga prirejajo v korist beatifikacije škofa Antona Martina Slomška. Pa ne kot gledalko ampak kot pridno delavko. Živi stalno v naši soseski in je dobra žena in mati v svoji družini, ki ima štiri doraščajoče otroke. Njen mož je Mr. John Hozian. Njeno veselje sta dve hčerke in dva sina z imeni: Rosemary, Joanne, John in Stephen. Oba sinova sta ministranta pri fari Sv. Štefana in ona zelo skrbi, da redno in lepo strežeta, čeprav je zgodaj ali slabo vreme. Že dolgo je aktivna članica pri SZZ, sej se pridno udeležuje, vse delo podružnice zvesto spremlja ter pomaga s koristnimi nasveti. Vsi njeni otroci so člani, kakor je tudi bila njena mama Rose Zalik. Mrs. Anne Hozian je vzgled dobre žene in matere.

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Seja v marcu je bila lepo obiskana. Razveselil nas je obisk treh gl. odbornic iz Joliet. Ker čas hiti in je vsedržavna konvencija čedalje bližje, je bila glavna točka seje razgovor in načrti o njej. Tridnevna konvencija je 18-sta in sicer v Duluthu, Minnesota v dneh od 20. do 23. maja 1979. Iz naše podružnice sta imenovani delegatki Mrs. Mary Muller in Mrs. Jean Zubek. Prva je predsednica, druga tajnica — torej najboljša izbira. Urednica Zarje Mrs. Leskvar je podala podrobno poročilo: podružnica 33 v Duluthu se skrbno pripravlja in je resno na delu. Ima izdelan dober in pester program (imamo ga v Zarji za marc). Poskrbljeno je za prevoze, hrano, prenočišče, zabavo; splošni izdatki so preračunani. Pričakujejo več avtobusov obiskovalcev. Koliko bo nas iz Chicaga? Prijavite se pravočasno. Minnesota je prijazna dežela, imenovana "dežela 10.000 jezer". Ljudje so prijazni in gostoljubni. V okolici Dulutha je mnogo zgodovinskih krajev, kjer je toliko slovenskih emigrantov našlo nove domove. Mogoče bo nas najbolj zanimal Chisholm s svojim rudniškim muzejem.

SMRTNA NESREČA MLADEGA ROJAKA

V San Franciscu, smo 28. februarja pokopali Stevena Gregorina, 19-letnega brata Sonje Gregorin, ki je zapisnikarica št. 13, SZZ.

Steven se je smrtno ponesrečil z avtom.

Oče Lojze in mati Tončka Gregorin sta vzgojila vzorno slovensko, katoliško družino. Nenadna smrt mladega fanta je zato močno pretresla ne samo družino Gregorin, ampak tudi vso slovensko kolonijo v San Franciscu in Bay Area.

Steven je bil vzor mladega fanta, veselega značaja, odličen študent in prijetnega vedenja. S posebno pozornostjo je vedno pozdravljal in ogovarjal starejše Slovence, ki se shajajo vsako nedeljo v slovenski cerkvi Kristusovega Rojstva v San Franciscu. Tu je tudi ministriral kot mlad fantek in bil vedno zelo pazljiv, da bi to "službo" dobro opravil.

Za rožni venec na predvečer, kakor tudi za pogrebno mašo in zadnjo pot, so se zbrali do malega vsi Slovenci iz San Franciscusa ter bližnje in daljne okolice. S tem so hoteli izraziti svoje globoko sočutje in sožalje družini Gregorin, obenem pa moliti za večni mir in pokoj dragega Stevena. Slovenski cerkveni zbor mu je zapel par slovenskih pesmi, med njimi: "O, srečni dom nad zvezdami" in "Vigred se povrne".

Dragi Steven, "prehitro si nas zapustil", tako tožimo mi, a Bog ima svoje načrte in Njegova volja naj se zgodi.

ELIZABETH (BETIKA)
WHEELER

V mesecu maju bomo imele svakoletno majniško pobožnost v cerkvi sv. Štefana zvečer na drugi četrtki meseca. Počastili bomo tudi izbrano mater leta Mrs. Anne Hozian. Father Klavdij nas je na marčni seji opomnil na postni čas; to je čas duhovne obnove za vsakega od nas; ne samo zdržek od jedi, ampak dobra dela bližnjemu in potrpežljivost v družini. V križevem potu — v tej pobožnosti imamo tri postaje posvečene ženam: Jezus sreča svojo žalostno mater; Veronika pada potni prt; Jezus tolaži jeruzalemske žene. Ne pozabimo tega.

Imele smo tisti večer bogato St. Joseph table. Mrs. Jager in Mrs. Petrich sta s pomočnicami lepo uredili mizo s samimi okusni jedmi ter dobrim pecivom. Vsem

darovalkam smo dolžni veliko zahvalo. Med vsemi je vladalo prijetno raspoloženje.

Fara sv. Štefana v Chicagu je imela 29. aprila veliko praznovanje; žene pri Oltarnem društvu so obhajale 60-letnico ustanovitve. Mnogo naših je včlanjenih v tem cerkvenem društvu, kjer delajo in zbirajo samo v korist domače cerkve. Slovesni maši je sledil velik banket v farnem centru in nato pester program. Čestitamo!

ANA GABER

ŠT. 3, PUEBLO, COLORADO

Upam, da ste vse članice lepo in slovesno obhajale velikonočni praznik.

Vse zborovalke osemnajste redne konvencije sprejmite tople čestitke v imenu naše podr. št. 3. Vsem gl. odbornicam in delegatkam ter g. Klavdiju Okornu kličemo: "Bog blagoslovi naše delo, da bo obrodilo še lepši uspeh in napredek naši organizaciji SZZ. Vse si želimo, da bomo odnesle najlepše spomine na 18-to konvencijo iz krasne države Minnesote in konvenčnega mesta Dulutha."

V prelepo cvetočem mesecu maju slavimo praznik vseh živih amater, kakor tudi tistih katere je Bog poklical za vedno od nas. Mnogo članic počiva v tihem grobu. Ko pride starost in bolezen, se mati spomni: za me življenja ni, le grob me veseli, da počivala bom tam, v hladni zemlji.

V grobu počiva moja ljuba mati in moje drage stare matere. Kako žalosten je spomin na nje, v letih starosti, ki je bilo obdano s siromaštvom. Otroci so odšli v Ameriko in pozabili, da mati potrebuje pomoči. Ta žalostni spomin, ne morem pozabiti. Bog jim daj zaslužno plačilo v nebesih. Tudi moji materi je trpljenje vrezalo globoke črte v obraz, ki so vedno svete za mene. Bodi zahvaljena moja mati in vse matere za vašo molitev in vaš blagoslov. Bog blagoslovi vse matere na tem svetu. Pokojnim pa blag spomin in naše molitve.

V juniju pride tudi očetovski dan. Živim posvetimo ljubezen in spoštovanje, pokojnim pa spomin in trdno upanje, da vse duše počivajo v miru božjem.

Bolezen je obiskala naše članice. Pod zdravniško oskrbo v bolnici sta rodne sestre Mary in Frances Plut. Želimo da jima Bog nakloni hitro okrevanje.

Vrli soses. Ana Strle v Strabane, Pa. želim ljubega zdravja.

V februarju je umrl za srčnim napadom priljubljeni rojak v naši

MATI

Beseda mati ima privlačen pomen v vsakem jeziku. Matere ne razumemo pač pa ljubimo. Njen poljub, njene solze, njena molitev nam pove kaj je mati.

Otroci so se naveličali svojih iger. Radi bi začeli novo igro. Sklenili so, da naj vsakdo poiskusi najti najlepšo besedo na svetu. Ko pride oče domov, bo odločil, kdo jo je našel, vsi so soglašali.

Vsakdo se je podal v svoj kot, vzel s seboj svinčnik in papir, da v miru more zapisati tisto najlepšo besedo. Po kratkem premišljevanju vsakdo zapiše svojo besedo. Po večerji bo oče napravil končno odločitev. Po kratkem premisleku se je oče odločil. Odločitev je padla na sedem letnega sina. Napisal je: Najlepša beseda je beseda mati.

Veliki moške v zgodovini pripisujejo svoje uspehe svojim materam.

Slavni pevec Enrico Caruso pripisuje svoj uspeh svoji materi. Bila je preprosta kmečka žena. Njegov prvi učitelj petja mu je rekel: Ti ne znaš peti. Tvoj glas je kakor, da bi veter udarjal na polknice pri oknu. Njegova nepismena mati pa je gledala na njegov glas drugače. Njegov glas ji je povedal veliko več. Čutila je, da se v tem otroku nahajajo sposobnosti v izredni meri. Nobena žrtve ji ni bila prevelika za njega. Caruso je večkrat rekel: Moja mati je hodila bosa samo, da bi jaz mogel peti. Ni ji bilo dano, da bi slišala enega največjih pevcev vseh časov. Umrla je ko je bil on komaj petnajst let star. Sin je vedno nosil sliko svoje matere s seboj. Večkrat se je zjokal ko je pogledal na njeno podobo in ko je govoril o njenih preiskunjah in žalostih, ki jih je morala v življenju pretrpeti.

Slavni predsednik Združenih Držav, Theodore Roosevelt je v nekem govoru podal tole lepo misel o žrtvovanju mater: Če to ni res o vsaki povprečni ženi nas

ne bo rešilo prepada in smrti ne bistrost duha, ne materialni napredek, ne iznajdbe znanosti in industrije. Mati je največje poročstvo narodovega življenja. Matere so bolj važne kakor pa še tako veliki državniki, trgovci, umetniki in znanstveniki.

Ko danes mislimo na matere, mislimo na matere, ki se žrtvujejo in tiho ljubijo, ne da bi pričakovale, da bi se jim kaj vrnilo. Ko mislimo na to, v to vključujemo tudi svojo mater. Bog jih blagoslovi.

ZA VAŠE ZDRAVJE

Glavobol

Trpin glavobola in teh je na milijone, katerim se glavobol redno ponavlja, vedo in poznajo ta neprijetni občutki.

Čeprav medicinska veda zelo napreduje v vse smeri, še vedno nimamo zdravila katera bi ozdravila vsako vrsto glavobola. Najbolj pogosti povzročitelji glavobola so napetost, duševni napor, pomanjkljivost krvnega sladkorja, prekomerno odkritje na soncu, zračna in hrupna polucija.

Glavobol je tudi posledica prekomernega pitja kave, raba monosodium glutamate — začimbna sol (dodana Kitajski hrani), in pitje alkoholnih pilač.

Nekateri ljudje dobe glavobol samo ob koncu tedna, kadar spe daljše kakor med tednom ko marajo na delo.

Kaj lahko ozdravi ali olajša glavobol? Najbolj poznano sredstvo je seveda aspirin in druge preparacije katere vsebujejo aspirin. Te se lahko nabavijo po vseh trgovinah brez recepta. Ljudje katerim ta zdravila ne olajšajo glavobola, bi morali iskati pomoči pri zdravniku ker samo on lahko svetuje ali predpiše bolj učinkovito zdravilo.

Nežka Gaber, R.N.

fari, John Zaitz. Pok. je lepo skrbel za njegovo pok. mater v njeni dolgotrajni bolezni. Pokojnica ga je vedno pohvalila: to je moj sin Janez, ki mi lepo streže in skrbi za mene. Tudi sosedje ga bodo pogrešali, ker jim je bil v pomoč. Bil je candy man. Njegova zasluzna dela nam ostanejo v spominu. Sožalje!

Naši preds. Frances Skul, se je oglasila smrt in vzela sorodnico Mary Mihalso. Družinam umrlim naše sožalje!

Iskrene čestitke Mrs. M. Priland, ki bo 21. junija slavila svoj častivreden rojstni dan. Naj nam jo Bog ohrani, da bi imela moč in voljo, da nadaljuje delo naše SŽZ.

Smrt se pogosto oglašja v našo podr. Umrla nam je Josephine Ivan, ki je bila zvesta članica in dobra mati svoji družini. Hitro se nam vsem pomika kolo življenja. Bog ji podeli plačilo v nebesih. Preostalih naše sožalje. Pokojna je zapustila lepo številno 11 otrok, ki so še vsi živi. Poklon vzorni materi in že

pokojnemu očetu Ivanove družine. Oni so pomembni vzor našim mladim mamicam, ker se današnje moderno življenje tako izogiblje bolj številnim družinam.

Sporočam, da smo zaključile naše seje za tri mesece. Prihodna seja bo v septembru.

Na svidenju na konvenciji v Duluthu.

ANNA PACHAK,
časna preds.

ŠT. 14, EUCLID, OHIO

Naša seja v marcu je bila bolj slabo obiskana. Imele smo trimesečno godovanje članic. — Mary Iskra se ni udeležila seje, ker je šla z možem v gorko Florido.

Naša dvorana praznuje 60 letnico obstoja s proslavo dne 19. in 20. maja v Jugoslav center na Rehar Ave.

Članice se pridno pripravljajo za bazar, ki se bo vršil v septembru.

Iz mladinskega oddelka so

pristopile k našemu društvu Natalie Kastigar (Bausir). Mati in dve njene sestre so že dolgo let naše članice. Nova članica je tudi ta večer Elsie Kuhar, hčerka naše dolgoletne članice Mrs. Kuhar.

V tem času je bolana Mrs. Tomažin. Imamo tudi več članic, ki so težje bolane in teh se spominjamo večkrat z obiskom in molitvami. Mrs. Povirk je vedno pod varščino, ne more si sama dosti pomagati, pa so ji hčerke v veliko oporo in ji pridno strežejo.

Izvedela sem novico, da oomo zopet zaplesali. Debby Gril, vnukinja (grand-daughter) naše članice Mary Stražišar, se je ob Božiču zaročila. Dan poroke še ni znan.

Drukih važnih novic nimam, zato bom končala in vse članice na vse strani lepó pozdravljam in obenem vabim, da pridete na seje, da nas bo več.

ANTONIJA ŠUŠTAR
začasna pročevalka

**Ta mesec se vrši glavna konvencija S.Ž.Z. v Duluthu. Naj bo uspešna in plodovita za bodoči napredek!
NAJ BOG BLAGOSLOVI PLEMENITA PRIZADEVANJA NAŠE ORGANIZACIJE!**

ŠT. 21, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Na mesečni seji dne 14. marca, smo sprejele važne sklepe za vse članice.

Dne 9. maja bomo proslavile materinski dan in počastile zaslužno članico, ki je Paulin Stepic. Čas in kraj bo tajnica obvestila vse članice. Za pojasnila pokličite tajnico: 676-9216. Je lepo, da se vsaj dvakrat na leto srečamo, se spoznamo in se skupno pozabavamo.

Čla. Victoria Brack se nahaja v Mount Royal Villa nursing home v North Royalton, Ohio.

Naše sožalje Marie Hosta ob izgubi sestre Cecilia Kolesar.

Dne 4. maja bosta obhajala 50 letnico zakonskega življenja Mary in Jack Gustinčič. Čestitamo! Pozdrav vsem,

ANNA JESENKO

ŠT. 20, JOLIET, ILLINOIS

Naša seja v marcu je bila dobro obiskana. Po molitvi je sledila zapisnega zastavi. Članice z imenom Josephine, so bile posebno počaščene. Naslednje so bile navzoče: Josephine Goran, Josephine Bostance, Josephine Muster, Jonita (Josephine Anita) Ruth, Josephine Karl, in Josephine Erjavec. Josephine Bučar se je oprostila zaradi bolezni sestre v Clevelandu. Poslala je lepo voščilo vsem navzočim Jožicam. Lepo smo se ji pismeno zahvalile.

Frances Bottari je bila veselo presenečena, ko je prejela pismo od Hermine Dicke, ki lepo skrbi za kuhinjski kotiček v Zarji, pod naslovom "Pots in Pans", da se je članica Genevieve Schmitzmilller iz LaSalle zahvalila za lep recept "noodle strudel".

Olga Ancel, Mary Marolt in Millie Pucel so šle na obisk k podr. št. 2 v Chicago ob priliki njihove Jožefove mize, kjer je bilo polno mizo dobrot. Lepo so pohvalile čla. podr. št. 2 za njihovo prijaznost.

Prebrano je bilo pismo od Irene Odorizzi, načelnice dneva "Heritage". Zahvaljuje se za človešanje delo in priporoča, da se uspešni dnevi zopet ponovijo.

"County Joliet Bicentennial" dnevi se bodo letos zopet ponovili in sicer na istem mestu. Naša podr. bo zopet imela svoje mize z izložbenim ročnim delom, slovenskimi ploščami, kuhinjskimi knjigami, knjigami "From Slovenia to America", "Footsteps Through Time" in druge zanimivosti. To razstavo imata v oskrbi Jonita Ruth

Materine roke

*O, krepke roke matere,
ker svet ves ve držite,
stoletja že in veke vse
človeštvo ve krepite.*

*O, srečne roke matere,
veselja vse prežete,
ko božate, ljubkujete
predrago svoje dete.*

*O, blage roke matere,
spet sklenjene v molitev
za svoje drage, ljubljene,
in v božjo še častitev.*

*Uboge roke matere
utrujene od dela,
tedaj še le počivate,
ko smrt vas sklene bela.*



in Rose Tabler. Letos ne more podr. imeti kuhinje, ker gre več članic na konvencijo v Duluth, Minn. Naše mladinske članice v narodnih nošah bodo tudi nastopile.

Po konvenciji bo seja dne 27. maja v Loretto Club, kjer bomo proslavile popularno mater leta, Margaret Stalzer. Na tej seji se bo tudi poročalo o izidu konvencije, zato pridite v velikem številu.

Naše sožalje Mary Gerl, ki je izgubila soproga Andy Gerl, ki je svak (brother-in-law) Marge Stalzer in Frances Kodrich.

Sožalje tudi Anna Jerish, preds. št. 12 Sv. Cecilije in gl. podpreds. H.F.S. ob izgubi sina Bill, ki je umrl in bil pokopan v Madison, Wis. Naj vsem pokojnim sveti večna luč.

Na seji je bilo tudi več kegljačic, ki so podale svoje mnenje o bližajoči tekmi, ki bo v Milwaukee, Wis.

Razpravljalo se je tudi glede potovanja na konvencijo, stroški in dnevnice.

Prečita se zahvala o bolezni Agnes Lovati.

Naši prejšnji kegljačici in odbornici, Josephine Sumic smo poslale voščilno kartico s podpisimi vseh navzočih. Želimo ji mnogo zdravja!

Po seji se je serviralo okusna jedila, katere so prinesle slavjenke

dneva, vse Josephine. Nato smo vse odšle v cerkev, ki je nasproti zborovalne dvorane k zaključku 40 urne pobožnosti.

Čestitke Olgi in Ed Ancel in Mr. & Mrs. Ancel, ki so uspešno vodili slovensko gostilno na dobrodelni prireditvi za St. Francis Academy.

Srečni materinski dan!

JOSEPHINE ERJEVAC

ŠT. 24, LASALLE, ILLINOIS

Drage članice: zopet vam napišem nekaj vrstic. Najprej sporočam, da se bo v dnevih od 20. do 23. maja vršila važna konvencija naše Zveze v Duluth, Minnesota. To bo tudi lepa prilika, da se udeležite izleta v lepo Minnesoto v domači družbi. Posebni bus bo vozil iz Jolieta, kar je najboljšje, saj vožnja ne bo predolga 8 do 10 ur z več pristanki. Program bo izredno lep. Berite v februarški Zarji. Telefonirajte na glavni urad v Joliet, kjer vam bodo dali vsa pojasnila. Naša ljuba Olga Ancel bo vodila skupino. Mi iz LaSalle gremo zagvišno z Greyhound bus. Plačalo se bo skupno za vožnjo, hotel in jedila. To bo res lep izlet, zanimiv za mlade in stare.

Naš priljubljeni g. Bernard Horzen bo šel v mesecu juniju v kraje Svete dežele, kjer je Jezus živel, učil in trpel. Želimo mu res varno potovanje in zdravo vrnitev.

Iz bolnice se je vrnila članica Mary Furar, kjer je bila 11 tednov. Prestala je hude bolečine. Hvala Bogu za pomoč. Mary je 81 let mlada in ji k rojstnemu dnevu pristrčno čestitamo. Hvala ji, ker nam je pomagala ustanoviti Slovensko žensko zvezo z našo pokojno Mary Gergovich iz LaSalle, leta 1927. Mary je polna zadovoljnosti in hvaležna, da je med nami. Pravi, kakor je namenjeno, tako pa bo, ker je božja volja. Ona je res vsega spoštovnja vredna, pridna in delavna. Bog ji nakloni vse najboljše!

Hčer naše sestre, Rose Furlan je tudi med bolnimi v wheel chair, toda ima pridne roke in dobro srce in hekla afgan za spomin svojim otrokom. Njen mož Stanley ji pridno pomaga. Slavila sta svojo 50 letnico, živita v isti hiši kjer so bili prvi sestanki naše podružnice, ki jo je lastovala pok. Rose Furlan-Urbanc in mati Julia, ki je povabila prvi odbor v svojo hišo. — Sin se je poročil v februarju. Eden sin, Mihael, je še samski.

Vsem članicam bolnim in zdravim, upamo, da ste imeli veselo Alelujo. Vedno vaša,

MICI — MARY PILETIČ

"FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART"

"O MARY, WE CROWN THEE WITH BLOSSOMS TODAY..."

Hi Boys and Girls,

May is the Month of Our Heavenly Mother. It is traditional to honor her in this month with a May Altar, shrine, processions, or meeting in church for singing hymns and praying.

"These customs are said to have originated in the Franciscan church of Saint Clare of Naples, about the end of the 16th century, though some investigators do not recognize it before 1815, in Rome.*

The custom of the May Altar and crowning the Blessed Virgin with a crown of blossoms, brings back memories of my kindergarten days.

I attended a Catholic kindergarden (St. Anne's was it's name.) where crowning Mary wasn't restricted to just the month of May, but whenever a boy or girl had a birthday. Whenever, we celebrated a birthday, along with the privilege of holding the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance, the birthday boy/girl also got the honors of placing the crown of blossoms on the head of the BVM statue, while the rest of the class sang "O Mary, We Crown Thee With Blossoms Today".

It was this custom that made me, for the first time in my life, dread my birthday. Reason being, I suffer from a fear of heights. (I won't wear a pair of shoes if the heel is more than 2 inches.) It just so happened, that the Blessed Virgin Statue was kept on a shelf. In order for any student to reach her head, he/she would have to stand on a chair. (The idea of standing on something other than the floor didn't exactly tickle my funny bone.)

I was during the first birthday celebration that I decided I WAS NOT, under any circumstance, whatsoever, going to get up on a chair to crown the Blessed Virgin. If they brought the statue down off the shelf, fine. However, there was no way on earth the teacher was going to get me to stand on the chair.

So when my birthday rolled around and it was my turn to place the crown of blossoms on the Blessed Virgin Statue, where was I? That's right. I was on a chair so scared I couldn't even shake my knees. So there I stood petrified, waiting for my classmates to sing the key verse so I could crown Our Lady and get



Davy's Mother's garden in early May. The flowers in the back ground are red. Our Lady is white with a Sky Blue veil.

the heck off the chair. In order for the experience to be even more memorable, the chair I stood on had one leg shorter than the other three. If there's one thing worse than standing on a chair when you have a fear of heights, it's standing on an unsteady chair with a fear of heights.

Did you ever notice how fast time does not pass when you are undergoing emotional agony? For some reason, while I stood on that lame chair, the hymn seemed longer than usual. I swear, to this day our

teacher threw in a couple extra verses that day.

Well maybe she didn't add a few verses, but I do remember her saying to the class, "Let's not race through the song. If we take it slower, it will be more meaningful to Our Heavenly Mother."

That was my first and last time, crowning the Blessed Virgin. All the other years the most popular, smartest, cutest girl got the honor. (For some reason I was never picked.) Except for eighth grade. In eighth grade all the girls names were put in a box and one of the boys picked a name. I have to admit, that was pretty fair. Needless to say, however, my name wasn't picked.

Well, it does really matter any more, What does matter is that deep down in your heart you love Our Lady. Because if you really love her, then everyday you crown her with thoughts and deeds and, well, your love.

'til next month

DAVY

P.S. I'd like to wish all the mommies a Happy Mother's Day. 'Cause, heck, if it wasn't for mothers where would we all be?

* this information was found in the Catholic Encyclopedia of the Holy Bible; page 162 under May Devotions.

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RIDDLES

What comes all the way to a house but never gets in?

Ans. The Steps.

Why did the fly, fly?

Ans. Because the spider spied her.

Take off my skin, I won't cry, but you will. What am I?

Ans. An onion.

What are the four letters of the alphabet that would scare a thief?

Ans. O I C U!

What has teeth but does not chew?

Ans. A comb.

What does my mother have that no other mother has?

Ans. Me.

Thirty-two white horses on a red hill, when you say stop! they all stand still. What are they?

Ans. Teeth.

What girls are they whose days are always unlucky?

Ans. Miss Chance, Miss Fortune and Miss Hap.

What is the best thing to put into a pie?

Ans. Your teeth.

"LOVE YA'MOM!"

The world would be a better place
I'm sure you'll all agree

If mothers such as yours and mine
could rule it tenderly.

A mother seems to have the heart
That always helps her win

And with this kind of loving heart
She overlooks a sin.

Her voice is soft, yet sometimes firm

When speaking to a child

But always in her special way

She's tender and she's mild

Her eyes are knowing; sometimes glazed
Yes, maybe with a tear

But with her sweet, soft, loving voice
She'll drive away your fear.

We know what Mom means to us all
As we celebrate this day

She's warm, She's soft, She's loving.
In her own sweet, quiet way.

"LOVE YA MOM!"





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