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nila po zelenih tleh.

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Janko Ravnik — Marijan Lipovšek



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## ON THE COVER...

Fresh, bright glory spreads over the land where the  
Karavankan mountains are at home. The majestic evergreen  
renew their deep colors and blankets of fresh,  
white narcissus cover the reawakened grass.

This is the enchantment of spring in Slovenia.



Happy Easter  
to all our members!

Vesele velikonočne praznike  
vsem članicam S.Ž.Z.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN APRIL

### National Officers:

- Apr. 16 - Emily Skull, Regional President, Duluth, MN  
Apr. 21 - Hermine Dicke, Cookbook Editor, Pots &  
Pans, Madison, WI

### Presidents:

- Apr. 1 - Frances Korosec, Br. 59, Burgettstown, PA  
Apr. 3 - Matilda Simcic, Br. 43, Milwaukee, WI  
Apr. 4 - Margaret Gricar, Br. 71, Strabane, PA  
Apr. 10 - Jeanette Killoran, Br. 6, Barberton, OH  
Apr. 17 - Virginia Uhernik, Br. 74, Ambridge, PA  
Apr. 24 - Charlotte Laurich, Br. 38, Chisholm, MN  
Apr. 25 - Kathleen Emerson, Br. 105, Detroit, MI

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- Apr. 3 - Vida Lanari, Br. 19, Eveleth, MN  
Apr. 17 - Mary Jo Hartman, Br. 71, Strabane, PA  
Apr. 18 - Katherine Knuth, Br. 38, Chisholm, MN  
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## NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### SPRING - EASTER - - NEW HOPE!

According to the calendar Spring is officially here and our thoughts turn to a multitude of things that require our attention. It's too cold in Northern Minnesota to plan any outdoor activities now although some regions of our country may be gardening already. We should heed the advice of English naturalist, Edythe Soper who states, "Early gardens are planted on the pray-as-you-sow plan."

For years much has been written about our Slovenian heritage and the necessity for our branch membership to recruit new members, especially the young. Apparently it has fallen on deaf ears and one wonders what the future will hold if we continue to be complacent. This is a real concern which needs to be addressed. Our elderly members are passing away and very few branches take the initiative to replace or increase membership.

We can be grateful for the Lenten Season which gives us moments to ponder in silent prayer. We need not feel abandoned and can turn with confidence for

help in solving our problems no matter how difficult they may be.

While cleaning out my files, I came across this article written by Fr. James Keller, founder of the Christophers, titled, "WHAT THIS COUNTRY NEEDS IS"

...more to inspire others with confidence, and fewer to discourage any initiative in the right direction.

...more to get into the thick of things, fewer to sit on the sidelines merely finding fault.

...more to point out what's right with the world, and fewer to keep harping on what's wrong with it.

...more who are interested in lighting candles, and fewer who blow them out.

May the peace and joy of the Risen Christ abide with you today and every day! HAPPY EASTER!

*Victoria "Tory" Bobence*

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF TWO PIONEER SWU OFFICERS

MAY THEY REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!



**Rose Kraemer**  
Born February 5, 1909  
Died March 9, 1993

Rose passed away after a stroke that left her lingering between life and death for some weeks.

She was a 60 year member of Br. 43, serving as Secretary for 38 consecutive years until her death. She was active in the SWU Bowling League and as a State President of Wisconsin. After her retirement from National Office she served on the Scholarship Committee.

Rose is survived by her son, Richard, daughter, Rose Lee, granddaughter, Kyle and two brothers.



**Anna Pachak**  
Born Oct. 15, 1894  
Died February 27, 1993

Anna was a resident of a nursing home for the past few years and died there peacefully at the age of 98 years. Her husband and the three children preceded her in death.

Anna was a 58-year member and served Br. 3 as president for a long time. She was the State President of the states of Colorado-Kansas-Missouri also and was given the title of Honorary President after retirement.

Her daughter-in-law, Elsie, six grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren survive.



## HISTORY OF S.W.U. BRANCHES

# Looking Back

# to the Future

### BRANCH 23, ELY, MINNESOTA Continued

The 12th National Convention of the Slovenian Women's Union of America was held in Ely, Minnesota on May 21-24, 1961



#### The Convention Committee

First row left to right: Mrs. Frank Vranesich; Mrs. Joseph Jamnik Sr.; Mrs. John Rosandich, Chairman; Mrs. Anton Omerza. Second row left to right: Mary Hutar; Mrs. George Ferderber; Mrs. Frank T. Pucel.



#### The entertainment Committee

Front row left to right: Barbara Rosandich, Mary Hutar, Mary Shikonya. Back row left to right: Mary Skufca, Rose Pucel.



Minnesotske obiskovalke konvencije, Mary Dejak, Agnes Shega, Katherine Spritzer in Katherine Slogar.



Župan mesta Ely, Dr. J. P. Grahek s soprogo in z gl. odbodnicami M. Prislant, J. Livek, F. Globokar.



This picture taken around 1942 shows the officers of the SWU and the Dawn Club. First Row, left to right: Mary Stublar, Barbara Brennan, Anne Rowe, Amelia Malnar, Mary Skufca. Second row left to right: Mary Vidmar, Barbara Rosandich, Mary Jamnik, Mary Shikonya.



The ladies pictured are charter members of Branch #23 and were honored for having served as officers of the Ely Branch.

First row, left to right: Mary Gornik, Katherine Slogar, Katherine Kapsh. Second Row, left to right: Theresa Koschak, Katherine Grahek, Barbara Rosandich, Mary Shikonya, Mary Preshiren.

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Branch 23 in Ely, has been a very active branch since its inception in 1928, hopefully this interest and enthusiasm will continue in years to come.

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## BANQUET

The annual Dawn Club banquet was held on May 17, 1948, at the American Cafe. This was typical of the yearly banquet and Angela Godec, reporter for ZARJA, relates:

*"We had a wonderful time, many thanks to Barbara Brennan and Emily Malner who worked very hard to make it a success.*

*Two new members who joined our happy group are: Pauline Polyner and Angeline Zbashnik. Welcome to the fold, girls!"*

An article appeared in the local newspaper on Jan. 5, 1950 and excerpts from the article are as follows:

*"The Dawn Club members are busy with plans for a card party to be given at the next meeting on Wednesday, January 18. The committee has planned for pinochle and rummy... each member may invite two guests..."*

*At the last business meeting donations to the church and a special gift to Miss Mary Hutar, in appreciation for her work with the choral group, were approved... The club agreed to discontinue the Birthday Club during the coming year. Another feature of the business meeting was the reading of the by-laws.*

*The slate of officers for 1950 were presented as follows:*

*President, Mrs. Emily Malner*

*Vice President, Mrs. Florence Markovich*

*Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Vranesich*

*Secretary, Mrs. Anthony Skradski*

*Publicity, Mrs. Joseph Godec*

*Auditors, Mrs. Lyle Brennan*

*Mrs. William Rowe*



This photo was taken in the 1980s and show the officers. First row, left to right: Margaret Preshiren, President, Mary Starkovich, Mary Jamnik. Second row, left to right: Margaret Somrock, Rose Lobe, Ann Miklausich, Florence Markovich.

## **BRANCH 23 OFFICERS THROUGH THE YEARS**

**1929 and 1930**

Pres. Mary Jerich  
Secy. Katherine Slogar

**1937**

Pres. Mary Shepel  
Secy. Mary Jerich

**1950 thru 1957**

Pres. Katherine Slogar  
Secy. Barbara Rosandich

**1980 and 1981**

Pres. Marge Preshiren  
Secy. Angela Mobilia

**1931**

Pres. Ursula Golob  
Secy. Mary Stukel

**1938 thru 1942**

Pres. Mary Shepel  
Secy. Barbara Rosandich

**1958 and 1962**

Pres. Katherine Grahek  
Secy. Barbara Rosandich

**1982 thru 1984**

Pres. Mary Petritz  
Secy. Angela Mobilia

**1932**

Pres. Mary Skalar  
Secy. Mary Kurre

**1943 thru 45**

Pres. Angela Kriznar  
Secy. Barbara Rosandich

**1963 thru 1966**

Pres. Katherine Slogar  
Secy. Barbara Rosandich

**1985 thru 1989**

Pres. Ann Saari  
Secy. Helen Strukel

**1933**

Pres. Mary Jerich  
Secy. Mary Kurre

**1946**

Pres. Mary Gornik  
Secy. Barbara Rosandich

**1967 thru 1969**

Pres. Theresa Koschak  
Secy. Barbara Rosandich

**1990 thru 1991**

Pres. Anne Saari  
Sec. Kris Garni  
Treas. Mary Folio

**1934**

Pres. Mary Shepel  
Secy. Mary Kurre

**1947**

Pres. Frances Erzen  
Secy. Barbara Rosandich

**1970 thru 1973**

Pres. Mary Shikonya  
Secy. Barbara Rosandich

**1992**

Pres. Marcie Zupec  
V. Pres. Rosemary Buchner  
Sec. Jane Yablosky  
Treas. Mary Folio

**1935 and 1936**

Pres. Katherine Strucel  
Secy. Mary Kurre

**1948 and 1949**

Pres. Angela Kriznar  
Secy. Barbara Rosandich

**1974 thru 1979**

Pres. Rose Pucel  
Secy. Barbara Rosandich



This photo taken in 1949 features the members of Br. 23 "Dawn Club which was formed in 1939, by a group of young women for the purpose of attending meetings each month for a social evening.

*First row, left to right: Amelia "Emily" Malnar, Vice President, Angie Godec, (Zarja Reporter), Margaret Pecha, Secretary; Stephanie Vranesich, Treasurer; Mary Zgonc, President; Anne Rowe, Auditor Barbara Brennan. Second Row, left to right: Molly Richards, Mary Sershen, Mary Pucel, Julie Zgonc, Mary Shikonya, Mary Skufca, Mary Vidmar, Mary Skradski, Rose Ferderber. Third row, left to right: Mary Stublar, Elsie Malisheske, Anne Saari, Barbara Rosandich, Marge Skubitz.*



The ladies of the Dawn Club are photographed following a Mother's Day Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Ely and a luncheon.

First row, left to right: Mary Stublar, Frances Colarich, Ann Rowe, Rose Pucel, Barbara Brennan, Amelia Malnar, Emma Pucel. Second Row, left to right: Mary Pucel, Molly Zupancich, Catherine Merhar, Stephanie Vranesich, Mary Shikonya, Mary Zgonc, Mary Skufca, Mary Evanish, Mary Starkovich, Angie Godec, Rose Lobe, Christine Grahek, Mary Skradski, Molly Richards.

## MOTHERS OF THE YEAR

Incomplete records name the following members as being honored as "Mother Of The Year."

- 1953 Catherine Peshel
- 1960 Mary Jerich
- 1962 Barbara Rosandich
- 1963 Katherine Kapsh
- 1964 Angela Marolt
- 1965 Mary Deyak
- 1974 Agnes Skraba
- 1976 Mary Preshiren
- 1977 Angela Miklaucic
- 1978 Mary Zgonc
- 1979 Margaret Preshiren
- 1980 Rose Rucel
- 1981 Molly Zupancich
- 1982 Margaret Klun
- 1983 Mary Gotchnik
- 1984 Hannah Robertson
- 1985 Mary Skufca
- 1986 Mary Palcher
- 1987 Mary Petritz
- 1988 Helen Strukel
- 1989 Catherine Merhar
- 1990 Angela Mobilia
- 1991 All Mothers of Branch 23

No. 23, Ely, Minn.—The Dawn Club met at the Community Center on April 17, with a good attendance. Future meetings will be held in Room 201 about the summer.

## MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM

In the early days of the branch, a typical Mother's Day might be held in the fashion as the one related by Angela Godec in her ZARJA article in 1947. Excerpts are taken from the July issue:

Our Mother's Day celebration May 4th was a grand success. A singing group of eight men rendered some beautiful folk songs and two songs were dedicated to Mother's Day. The group was composed of Edward and Frank Shepel, Peter and Bernard Hutar, Charles Merhar, Frank Milovasich, Dr. J. Skule and Joseph Kobe. Miss Mary Hutar directed the choral group and Mrs. Charles Merhar accompanied at the piano. A saxophone solo was given by Joseph Skufca with Jennie Koschal as accompanist. Miss Mary Hutar attracted the Community singing. having the delicious luncheon was given away.

## ELY SLOVENIAN CHORUS HAS NEW CASSETTE

Members of Br. 23, Ely, Minnesota and their families have been organized into a wonderful singing group and are in existence since the sixties! On this photo, with their beloved director, Mary Hutar (grey-haired lady in the center), they show how they appeared before countless audiences. How proudly they wore their Slovenian national costumes!

Recently, they produced a new audio cassette (adv. is in this issue) called "BY REQUEST", and we wish them lots of success in sales!



Back row: Bernard Hutar, Greg Hutar, Charles Merhar, Frank Levar, Fred Pahula, Frank Shepel, Peter Hutar; second row: Marge Pruse, Angie Godec, Mary Zgonc, Florence Forsman, Jo Luhtanen, Florence Pengal, Irene Levar; front row: Amelia Rozman, Margaret Veranth, Josie Elioff, Mary Hutar, Rosemary Coombe, Ann Hutar, Katherine Merhar and Antoinette Hokkanen.

*Ann Saari has graciously sent us the names on this photo.*



Celebrating 35 years of Br. 23 were these officers, Mary Gornik, Katherine Kapsch, President Mary Jerich and Katherine Slogar. Mrs. Jerich also served on the National Cultural Committee and was a columnist for ZARJA.



**DECEASED MEMBERS OF BRANCH 23**

- 1931 – Mary Agnich  
Anna Skubic
- 1932 – Frances Mikolich
- 1933 – Jerica Ulbar
- 1934 – Katarina Grahek  
Mary Rom
- 1935 – Mary Simonich
- 1937 – Josephine Bolka  
Angela Zupancic  
Anna Golobich
- 1938 – Mary Lobe  
Ursula Prijatelj
- 1939 – Margaret Sustarich
- 1940 – Frances Koschak  
Mary Grebenc  
Frances Fink
- 1941 – Angela Vidmar
- 1943 – Agnes Zallar
- 1944 – Frances Kalan  
Anna Stern  
Frances Vesel  
Agnes Vertnik  
Rose Zgonc  
Margaret Hutar
- 1945 – Elizabeth Janezich  
Jennie Tekavec
- 1946 – Magdalena Slogar  
Regina Mihelic
- 1947 – Mary Grahek  
Johanna Schneller
- 1949 – Mary Shober  
Louise Seme  
Christina Babich
- 1952 – Mary Preshiren  
Frances Pengal
- 1953 – Agnes Petek  
Mary Dolence  
Mary Slabodnik  
Ruth Ann Richards
- 1954 – Mary Pucel
- 1955 – Rose Schiltz  
Patricia Tezak  
Angela Novak  
Mary Pucel
- 1956 – Mary A. Pucel
- 1957 – Mary C. Rom  
Anna Bachar  
Katherine Peshel  
Mary Bambic  
Mary Meden



**Barbara Rosandich, National Auditor also served as State President.**

- 1958 – Mary Skalar  
Ursula Stupnik  
Mary Lobe
- 1959 – Mary Lovsin  
Mary Chernivec  
Anna Terlep  
Angela Lenich  
Mary Polajnar  
Frances Mavetz  
Frances Pertz  
Frances Novak
- 1960 – Mary Sustersich  
Rose Skufca  
Margaret Grahek  
Sophie Prijatelj
- 1961 – Anna Jurisich  
Sophie Petrich
- 1962 – Frances Erzar  
Johanna Kristian  
Louise Petrich  
Mary Jeric  
Mary Stubler  
Mary Pucel  
Johanna Somrack
- 1963 – Mary Knapp
- 1964 – Barbara Shikonya  
Pauline Kastelic  
Frances Tomsich  
Frances Mayerle  
Johanna Tkalcic
- 1965 – Mary Adamic  
Mary Zbasnik  
Frances Colarich  
Ann Grahek

- 1966 – Frances Zupec  
Mary Mosnik  
Josephine Kostelec  
Mary Stepec  
Rose Zajc
- 1967 – Katherine Jeric  
Frances Rozman  
Katherine Strucel  
Mary Glavan
- 1968 – Dorothy Vidmar  
Jennie Zgonc  
Helen Kovall
- 1969 – Ursula Golob  
Rose Pucel  
Anna Majerle
- 1970 – Anna Boldine  
Mary Russ  
Rose Kovall
- 1971 – Katherine Golobich  
Mary Sheryak  
Mary Gorshe  
Katherine Kuzma  
Mary Logar  
Mary Deyak
- 1972 – Mary Merhar  
Rose Chepelnik  
Barbara Chrep  
Ann Sever
- 1973 – Anna Movsin  
Jennie Alar  
Agnes Galin  
Barbara Sever  
Jennie Telich  
Josephine Grahek  
Frances Halweg  
Katherine Skratski  
Mary Shikonija  
Johanna Zupin
- 1974 – Frances Jenko  
Amelia Malner  
Mary Mihelic  
Mary Pusovich  
Josephine Zaverl
- 1975 – Angela Kosir  
Agatha Kelmsich  
Mary Tekavec  
Katherine Cerkovnik  
Frances Kotar

## S.W.U. HISTORY



In June of 1989, this group of Branch #23 members pose for a photo holding the symbolic red carnation. For many years, they have been actively performing the farewell ritual at the funeral of members in church following Mass.

Front row, left to right: Angela Mobilia, Anne Saari, Angie Godec. Second row, left to right: Mary Gotchnik, Mary Petric, Sally Davidson, Mary Starkovich, Rose Pucel.



Mary Hutar was the organist at St. Anthony's Church in Ely and musical accompanist and Choral Director for many programs sponsored by the SWU. At any occasion, Mary was ready to bring music to the forefront, and we all responded under her direction. This photo was taken when Ely visited Chicago in 1981. Mary died in 1986.

1976 – Amalia Veranth  
Agnes Tomsich  
Angela Kriznar  
Stephanie Vranesich  
Margaret Bregant  
Angela Marolt

1977 – Mary Tomijanovich  
Mary Prosen  
Katherine Spreitzer  
Frances Skubitz  
Frances Yakich  
Mary Sasek

1979 – Stephanie Weinzierl  
Mary Omerza  
Angela Champa  
Agnes Skraba

1980 – Barbara Gerzin  
Agatha Marolt  
Mayme Stoll

1981 – Angela Miklaucic  
Mary Markovich  
Helen Marn

1982 – Barbara Rosandich  
Mary Perushek  
Theresa Koscak  
Mary Tomsich  
Josephine Mizera  
Margaret Preshiren

1983 – Angela Zobetz  
Mary Dujak  
Mary Gornik  
Mary Korosec

1984 – Mary Klun  
Katherine Kosmach  
Theresa Lesar  
Angela Horvat

1985 – Katherine Grahek  
Julia Majerle  
Elcey Veranth  
Katherine Slogar

1986 – Anna Zonc  
Anne Tekavec  
Katarina Chimzar  
Mary Bachar

Mary Hutar  
Hannah Senta  
Ann Dergantz  
Ann Huntley  
1987 – Louise Seliga  
Agatha Glavan  
Margaret Klun  
Pauline Pishler  
Jennie Shega  
Mary Skradski  
Victoria Skala  
Ann Merrill  
Mary Zgonc  
1988 – Angela Vertin  
Frances Mulek  
Mary Toljan  
Albena Kotchevar  
Margaret Pecha  
1989 – Jeanette Vidmar  
Josephine Jamnik  
Josephine Tratnik

*May they rest in peace!*

### Slovenian Tape: "BY REQUEST"

Tape of ethnic music by Ely's Slovenian Chorus  
\$8.00 per cassette, plus \$2 p & h  
Contact: Frank Shepel,  
832 E. Sheridan St., Ely, MN 55731

*Many thanks to Anne Mertel Saari, former president of Ely Branch 23, for the information and photos which she sent for this historical article. It was impressive to see the names clearly list each person on the photos. Thanks also to Ursula Tratnik for the back issues of ZARJA which helped with the information.*

# LEGENDARY AND TRADITIONAL SLOVENIAN EASTER CUSTOM

(by *Draga Gelt* in "The Slovenians from the Earliest Times")

**I**n Slovenia, all regions particularly prepare for Palm Sunday. The children's role is to take a special bundle of greenery to the church. In Prekmurje it is named *PRE-SMEC*, *PUŠELJ* or *ŠOP*, and is made of different types of wood. When brought home, it is carried around, inside and outside, over the fields and parts are left on the roofs, above the main door and in store-rooms; some is stored for 'bad' times, such as illness or storms. In Štajerska the greenery is named *VEJNIK*, *PEGELJ*, *ŽEGEN*, *BUTARA*, *PUŠELJC* or *PRESMEC* and is made of hazelwood sticks, decorated with ribbon, flowers and sometimes oranges and apples. In Koroška it is known as the *SNOP*, *PRESTO* or *CVETNIK*, and is sometimes very long, but has to be very thin. It is taken to the church by two or four men, is bound with hoops of a willow tree and decorated at the top with a small cross of willow. Sometimes the *SNOP* is too long to be brought into church, so it is left by the door and is carried in the procession. The children and men hurry home, because being home first with the *SNOP* means good harvest and fortune for the home.

Gorenjska knows the bundle of greenery as *BEGANICA*, *HEBANCA* or *PRAJTL*. Sometimes *BEGANICA* is made of seven to nine types of wood and decorated with apples. Sometimes a small branch of *OLJKA* (palm tree) or a cross is added at the top.

Dolenjska has the *LESENI ŽEGEN* or *ŽEGEN*, which is made of at least 25-year-old hazelwood sticks covered with ivy, and the white band at the bottom has a bunch of red heather (sometimes Gorenjska also used heather, if it is in flower), at the top is *OLJKA* - palm branch.

Palm Sunday procession in Slovenian national costumes is a tradition at St.

Vitus Church in Cleveland, Ohio with many "butarice" carried as this one by Nicole Borstnik, 5 years ago when she was 10.

Photo: Jo Misic.



Bela Krajina has a *DRENEK* or *MOŠKI ŽEGEN*, made mainly of cornel tree sticks, hazelwood, willow, palm branches and juniper-bush, with some walnuts and apples.

Slovenska Istra uses only palm branches, specially that with a fruit, named *PALME* or *PASINE*, decorated with curved roosters *PETEH*, made of the soft inside of fig tree wood, and a small religious picture or gilded palm branches.

Ljubljana and surrounding villages use *BUTARICA* which is made of hazelwood twigs, a juniper-bush at the top and decorated with circles of coloured chippings of wood.

In some areas small crosses are made of the Palm Sunday greenery after the blessing, and put on the fields, parts of the house or behind the picture of Saints.

The days before Easter Sunday are spent partly on field work and tidying around the house, but after Wednesday there is only baking and other preparations for celebration of Easter. Young boys prepare the tree fungus for the blessed fire, which is taken from house to house the Saturday morning before Easter Sunday. On Thursday evening, the church bells toll for the last time and the *RAGLJA* - a rattle, takes over. In the side chapels of almost every church was a "god's grave" which was decorated with flowers and bright lights.

Good Friday brought, apart from the restrictions on work and food, the predictions: if it rained, it meant a bad year for harvest.

Easter Sunday started with early Mass and a procession with many banners, happy singing and praying, then the *VELIKONOČNI ŽEGEN* - specially selected and prepared foods - were eaten. In most regions *KOLAČ* or *POTICA*, meat, mainly ham, Easter eggs, named *PISANICE* and horseradish (root) are included in the *ŽEGEN*, each type of food having its own meaning. *Potica* - walnut roll (or sometimes bread), represents the crown Jesus was given, the meat, His body, the root of horseradish the nails with which He was nailed to the cross and Easter eggs, the resurrection. The foods are taken into the church on Easter Saturday for the blessing, or to the 'Znamenje' - small chapels on crossroads, which priests visited. The foods are placed in special baskets and carried on the head, covered with a white lace cloth decorated, especially in Gorenjska, with flowers.

Easter was a family celebration, so on Easter Monday people visited neighbors and relatives after attending Mass. Many games were played such as the game called *PIRHE SEKAT* (chopping of Easter eggs), (a type of bowling with Easter eggs) and *TURČANJE* (hitting the eggs while they roll on grass). In the *Kropa* district a large picnic was held at which games were played all the afternoon, and in Bela Krajina, the dance such as *MOST* (bridge), *KURJI BOJ* (rooster's fight) and *TURN* (the tower) were popular.

# ACTIVITIES

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## NO. 2, CHICAGO, IL

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Mother Nature was not very good to the midwest for our February meeting; our area was hit with an ice storm and many members could not get to St. Stephen's, however, the 36 members who made it had an enjoyable evening. Ray had the hall decorated in hearts and flowers; Josie and Helen made cute little Valentine candy cups. We celebrated St. Valentine's Day and also a Happy Birthday for our Recording Secretary, Jean Hrastar. She was dressed in a beautiful red sequin hat and blouse (which was made for her by her daughter and sister-in-law) and a long, slinky, black skirt. She was all set for Cupid!

Business part of the meeting:

Julia Petrich was elected as our Mother of the Year. She will be honored in May. All of Julia's family are members of our branch. Chairperson is Irena Kalina.

Remember the Cheer Basket.

Members were treated to a special Valentine/Birthday Supper by Jean, with sandwiches, salads, jello molds and a beautiful strawberry/creamcheese cake. Thank you Jean, and many more Happy Birthdays!

Please keep **May 23, 1993** open. On that day, we will help Father Blaze Chemazar celebrate his 40th Anniversary as a Franciscan. Anniversary Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at St. Stephen's and afterward, dinner at the Gym. Mrs. Frances Fritz will cook. Tickets: Adults \$8.00 - Children under 12, \$4.00. Help will be needed in the kitchen and for the clean-up.

**BARAGA DAYS** - Labor Day Week-End - L'Anse, Michigan. Please contact Irene Kalina (312) 733-7868 for information. Reservations must be in by 6/1/93.

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Frances Zibert is now in a nursing home. Please remember her in your prayers and also send your cards to: **Mrs. Frances Zibert - c/o Alden Nursing Center, 1525 Oxford Lane, Naperville, IL 0540 - Room 137.**

Also, please remember all our sick and those who are unable to attend the meetings any longer. Your prayers and cards will really make them feel better.

Congratulations to Ed and Sophie Bogolin who are now grandparents of another little boy, Robert Anthony.

Congratulations also to grandparents: Ron Zefran, Fran Zefran, Mary DeRusso and to mother, Debbie Zefran Jerry on the arrival of little Gillen Marie.

St. Ann's and St. Stephen's lodges will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of KSKJ with a dinner/dance on May 2 - at St. Stephen's Gym - Music by Eddie Korosa, Jr.

We will be participating in the "Parish Block Party" this summer, more info later.

Dates to Remember:

**May 2** - 1st Holy Communion KSKJ Anniversary

**May 9** - Holy Name Mother/Daughter Breakfast - Mass 8:00 a.m.

**May 13** - SWU Mother of the Year celebration, Mass 6:30 p.m.

**May 26** - Our Lady's Guild Special "B" games 1:30 p.m.

**May 29** - Kindergarten graduation

The best preparation for tomorrow is to give life your best today.

HAPPY EASTER, everyone!

Love,

DAISY

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## NO. 3, PUEBLO, CO

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Twenty members were present at our meeting February 4 and enjoyed refreshments served by hostesses Agnes Cvar, Vera Denny and Mary (Mitzi) Drobnick.

Mary Tekavec, President, opened the meeting with prayers and then called for reports of Secretary Angela Meglen and Treasurer Frances Simonich which were approved.

Lillian Germ, Mary Kochevar and Joe Ondovchik, Frances Ondovchik's husband, were reported on the sick list. We wish them a speedy recovery and any others who are ill.

A discussion was held on arrears in dues by members. It is hoped an effort will be made by them to bring dues up to date because we cannot carry them indefinitely and we also need to remind

those who mail their dues in to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The mystery gift was donated by Helen Galich and won by Frances Simonich.

"B" was played and enjoyed by all after the meeting.

On a sad note, we lost a long-time member, Jennie Lukanic, who passed away February 7. Dominik Zakraysek passed away February 3. We extend our condolences to the families.

Our next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. April 3. Plan to come if at all possible.

Happy Easter to all!

PAULINE PAUCHICK

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## NO. 5, INDIANAPOLIS, IN

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**Hello to all from Texas!**  
**Mark Your Calendars for May 13 '93**

This is the date for our May business and social meeting. The meeting will take place at the Slovenian National Home at 11:00 a.m. We ask that you bring a covered dish and we will provide the meat. This should give you plenty of notice so that you can decide which of your favorite dishes to bring. But, do not let the question of which covered dish to bring keep you from coming to the meeting! We would love to see you all!

We will be honoring our "Members of the Year" as well as our 50 year members. We have three recipients for each honor this year. Please plan to attend to help celebrate these special awards.

We are having a raffle at our May meeting to help raise fund for our branch. Mary Fon has donated an afghan and Tillie Kampovsky has donated a hand painted ginger jar. My mother said that both are very beautiful. You should have received your booklets in the mail by now. Please either purchase or sell them and return the money to Mary Frances Mohr on or before May 13. If you would like any extra, call Mary Frances at 852-8305; she will be happy to send you more.

Sophie Turk has the latest "Pots & Pans" cookbooks for sale. If you would like to purchase one for yourself or someone in your family, please contact Sophie at 247-1015.

**One Year Remembrance  
of the death of  
Mary Hahe**

**Born, 11-8-1897 — Died, 1-4-1992**

Mary was born in Slovenia, came to the U.S. in 1914 and lived in Minnesota till 1929 when she came to Barberton. She was a member of Branch 6 since 1945. Her maiden name was Maria Metelic. First marriage was to Mr. Grudea, then second in 1931 to Joseph Hahe. For two and a half years before her death, she was a resident of Pleasant View Health Care of Barberton. Surviving is a daughter, Mary Daughtery who is a social member of Branch 6.

*O God, the Creator and Redeemer of  
all the faithful, grant unto the soul of  
thy servants departed, the remission  
of all their sins, that they may obtain  
the pardon which they have always  
desired.*

**From the family and friends of  
Mary Hahe....**

"Happy Easter".. All is going well with Branch 6. Am still looking for two members: Margaret Pernell and Frances Smrdel. If anyone knows of them, please let me know. Our three social members keep us pretty well-informed.

Mary Pavlovich was 91 as of February 22, 1993. You can send her a belated birthday card, c/o Mrs. John Novak 24911 Kalmia Ave., Moreno Valley, CA 92577. Mary Daughtery stayed as a social member since the passing of her mother, Mary Hahe, last year. Julia Muren of Riviera Beach, Florida is enjoying the sun! Nice compared to our snowy weather! Mary Okolish lost her husband of 50 years last year, but she writes that she is doing fine. Our other social member, Mary Kovacic is trying to visit all in the nursing homes in the Barberton area. Mary Obreza has had several strokes, eye surgery, and is a bit under the weather. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Would love to hear from all. Wishing you a Holy Easter...

Vesele Velikonočne praznike!

LINDA LAMBRIGHT

I recently received a call from Mary Urbancic. She has lived in Texas since 1945. Mary was in a car accident last year and had several broken bones, but is doing better now. She had read one of my articles, looked under Mohr in the phone book, took a chance and there I was, at the other end of the telephone! Mary started a Pan-Slavic organization here in Dallas about 10 years ago. I attended my first meeting in February as Mary's guest and wore my "flashing" Slovenian flag pin. Everyone loved my pin and was curious as to where my family was from in Slovenia.

They served dinner, held their meeting, and had a guest speaker. I told Mary I especially appreciated the home cooked meal. We had stuffed cabbage rolls and they were delicious. Most of the members I met seemed to have Slovenian roots and I hope to be able to attend the meetings again.

We have had several members sick and in the hospital lately. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. We hope that you are feeling better and on the road to recovery.

Do not forget to mark your calendars and purchase your prize tickets.

BARBARA MOHR

† **COL. JOSEPHINE SEVER**

Retired Colonel Josephine M. Sever, RN, 78, of Forest City died on January 18.

Born March 2, 1914, in Forest City, daughter of the late Anton and Mary O'Peka Sever, she was graduated from Forest City High school and Mid Valley School of Nursing., She was a member of St. Joseph's Church, the KSKJ, SWU Br. 7, the Business and Professional Women's Club, and the American Slovenian Heritage Club. A registered nurse, she was a member of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, serving from 1942 until her retirement with duties at Walter Reed Medical Center, Washington, D.C., and in Japan, Korea and Germany.

Surviving are two brothers, Francis, Browndale, and Joseph, Carbondale; two sisters, Ann Sever, Harrisburg, and Cecelia Lisowski, Largo, Fla.; nieces and nephews.

Our deepest sympathy.

(The Forest City News)

With a cold day our attendance was down to 25 people. We enjoyed home-made soup and sandwiches made by our able cook, Phylis Pruschick. Of course, we had the desserts and home-made potica from one of the birthday girls, Kate Osep. And, our candy treat was from Agnes Morrow (she had a store years ago and we get treated by her concoctions often).

Rose Larek brought her delicious baked cheese cake.

So, thank you to all for your donations; we are fortunate in having such good members, willing to help, willing to donate. And, a big thank you to Ann Paulin and Rose Leubke who help clean up every month.

Our meeting was short. We discussed our Usinger's Sausage Luncheon. It will be held the same as our other luncheon. Members are asked to bring prizes and door prizes. Usinger's furnishes the sausage and members bring salads and desserts.

We have a few ailing members. Ann Grambow spent some time in the hospital, we all hope for a speedy recovery for all our ailing members. Alma Hoelzer can't seem to shake off the flu bug. Ursula Ruppe has changed her address from St. Jude's to Hillcrest Nursing Home, 1467 So. 75th St., West Allis 53214. Cards and visits are always welcome.

On Feb. 21st we lost a dear and dedicated member, Mary Starich. Mary and her husband, Tony were always there to help at our State Conventions. Mary and Tony would come in early to set up the hall and helped clean it after everybody was gone. With Mary's limited eyesight, that did not stop her and she was at every meeting, pitching in where needed. She will be greatly missed. Our sympathy to the family. May she rest in peace. Tony, we still want you to be with us as an auxiliary member - so do come to our affairs!

After the last meeting we played our famous game.

Josephine Prozman will spend Easter with her son and family in Indiana. Hope to see her back for our luncheon.

A joyous and Blessed Easter to all.

MARY KIEL

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## NO. 16, SO. CHICAGO, IL

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Our Mother of the Year Party will be held at the Crow Bar, 106th and Ave. C at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 13th!

Condolences to Gloria Seraphin and her husband, on the death of his brother, Pete Serapin. They traveled to Hot Springs Village, Arkansas for the funeral.

Sandi and Bruce Bittner became parents of a beautiful girl, born Feb. 1st. Proud grandparents are Joe and Edna Winters – we motored to Noblesville, Indiana to get acquainted with our new granddaughter, Katie Marie.

Congratulations to Draga Pavlovich on becoming a great grandmother to two lovely baby girls!

Our best wishes to Romaine O'Brien on her forthcoming marriage and also her move to a new condo in Orland Park. Fran Konac moved to Lansing and Helen Gornik now resides in Crete.

Madeline Jerich is visiting with her sister in Florida.

We send special get well wishes to our many sick members: Mary Christine Whalen, a broken wrist, Mary Krznaric, sprained ankle from a fall, Helen Batista, broken wrist, Helen Milanovich, eye surgery and Jo Hester, recovering from the flu.

Happy Easter to one and all!

E.W.

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## NO. 17, WEST ALLIS, WI

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Our Valentine Party at the close of our meeting was a good way to forget the late winter snow storm of last weekend when Mother Nature dumped 10 inches of snow our way in two days. We were unable to hold our meeting on the regular Sunday.

We celebrated two birthdays, Loni Limoni and Mitzie Marolt; the treats being carrot cake and candy – as we sang Happy Birthday to them.

Just a reminder: we will honor our Mother of the Year, Helen Pizar on Wed. May 19th at a 12:30 luncheon at Kegel's Inn on So. 59th and National Ave. Please plan to attend and make this a happy, memorable day for Helen, a day she will long remember.

If you plan to attend, please contact our Sec. Robin Marolt, 327-1444 or

pres. Marion Marolt at 327-3871, so reservations can be made.

Coming Events: The USPEH Chorus will present their annual spring concert on Sun. afternoon, April 25th at the Nathan Hale high school auditorium on 116th St. and Lincoln Ave. Tickets are available from all chorus members and Jackie Nimmer. Plan to attend this splendid concert; it will be well worthwhile.

Sloga Lodge will hold their dinner dance on Sat. May 1st at Kuglitsch's on So. 43rd and Greenfield Ave. Tickets can be obtained from Adolph Kovacic at 545-5402.

After a short stay in the hospital we extend get well wishes to Bonnie Wagner.

May the beginning of spring bring renewed strength and good health to all, and a Happy Easter, too!

FRAN PIWONI

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## NO. 14, EUCLID, OH

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Let's hope that as you read this article we've begun to see the beginning of budding spring. After surviving a very mild winter, we were hit full force with blustery snows. Can't wait to see the first signs of blazing colors in our gardens.

Members are busily preparing for our annual Mother of the Year Dinner, this year honoring Mary Sintic. Get your reservations in by calling Vice Pres. Vera Bajec at 481-7473. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, May 4 starting at 6:00.

Congratulations to fifty-year members Jennie Vidovich, resident of Geneva Health Care Nursing Home and to Jean Lourin.

We also send congratulations to Alma Tercek who retired after 28 years as secretary at St. Christine's Church. A reception honoring Alma was held following Sunday Mass with friends and well wishers. Best of luck to you, Alma!

We received greetings from Mary Hosta Seme, now residing in an apartment in Parma and also from Mary Uzman who has been ailing and recuperating at home. Max Gerl, husband of member Mary Gerl, is recovering from a stroke.

Just heard that Mary Strazisar (Arrowhead) had a nasty fall and injured her arm. Olga Ozanich is recovering

from a broken hip. Speedy recovery to all of our ailing members and their families!

Condolences to Josephine "Pep" Stupica and her six lovely children on the loss of their husband and father Laddie and to the family of Florence Lapuh who passed away in February. May our merciful Lord guide our loved ones into the safety of His arms.

Another reminder to make your dues payments if you haven't done so as yet.

Wishing you and yours a Blessed Easter!

ALICE KUHAR

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## NO. 20, JOLIET, IL

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Can you believe it's April already and Easter is upon us? Seems like we just celebrated Christmas. A lot has happened in the lives of branch members since I last wrote.

A questionnaire was mailed out to all our branch members asking for their input on various subjects concerning the future of the Union. Of the questionnaires returned, the vast majority mentioned they'd like to get more involved. The best way to do this is to come to the meetings. They're once a month with summer off for good behavior. We'd love to see and hear from you.

Also, if anything of interest is happening in your life or the life of someone you know in our branch, please let me know and I'll include it in my monthly report. I'd love to hear from you. We all would. After all, the S.W.U. is nothing without its members.

Oh, and while I'm thinking about it, don't forget about our membership drive to honor our 65th anniversary. We need 65 new members. Convention will be here before you know it, and who knows? You just might win the Pheasant Run GetAway.

At this time, we'd like to acknowledge two of our Jr. members for maintaining an Honor level in academics. Good job and keep up the fine work to:

Jr. member Dean Gudac of Hufford Jr. High and Kathleen Hrubos of St. Joseph's in Joliet.

Another Jr. member deserving recognition is Jr. member Jill DeJule, who danced in the annual Kiwanis Show. Although, I missed her performance, I'm told she did a beautiful job.

## Br. 20 Welcomes New Officers



**Standing:** Immediate past president and reporter **Deanie Gudac**, trustee **Mary Kay Demick**, trustee **Marcia Judnick**, financial secretary **Patricia Figurowski**, scholarship branch chairlady **Ann Dragovan**, treasurer **Josephine Lustik** and recording secretary and ZARJA reporter **Diane Hrubos**.

**Seated:** trustee **Marie Scheidt**, vice president **Agnes Dobczyk**, spiritual advisor **Rev. David Stazler** (who swore in the officers) and president **Charlene Kobe**.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to the son and new daughter-in-law of member, **Deanie Gudac**. They were married 2/6/93.

Congratulations and best wishes, also, go out to the son and new daughter-in-law of member **Agnes Dobczyk**. They were married 4/3/93.

Speaking of marriages, congratulations to member **Judy Dosnak** and her husband who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and to member **Anne Kobe** and her husband who just celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary!

Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to members **Molly Gregorich**, **Claire Jagodnik** and **Dorothy O'Connor**. Ladies, we hope to see you up and around soon.

Finally, we extend our deepest heartfelt sympathies to members **Vicky Bernickas**, who recently lost her husband, **Lorraine Lane** on the loss of her mother and **Dorothy Smith** on the loss of her sister.

Until next month, have a very Holy and Happy Easter.

DIANE HRUBOS

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### NO. 22, BRADLEY, IL

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We have a new president! At our February meeting at the **Lustig** home, where **Gabrielle** and sister **Toni Legris** were the gracious hostesses, **Mollie**

**McIntyre** accepted the position of president and **Ann Richards** the vice presidency. **Helen Sebastiani**, secretary, **Toni Legris**, treasurer, and **Emma Lustig**, reporter, retain their offices, while **Mollie Starasinich**, **Elizabeth Kinder** and **Gabrielle Lustig**, trustees, aim to cast a wary eye on the money-changers! All of us are deeply grateful to **Margaret Planton** for her years of service as president; she did a great job! And to the new officers, our cooperation.

The good news from Indianapolis is that **Rose Barothy** is doing okay but **Mary Anne** writes that her brother **Charles** is very ill. Our prayers for healing go heavenward for him and for all the sick among us. We appreciate hearing so faithfully from **Mary Anne** and for her generous gift over and above her dues. Our Christmas gifts were acknowledged with many thanks by the Dominican Sisters in **Bradley** and **United Development Services**, and "za podpora" by **Ann Richards** (helped you to overcome the flu, didn't it, Ann?).

**Barbara Rittmanic** fashioned a big party for her dad's 88th birthday on February 20, and on the 26th her parents, **Mary** and **Leo**, celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary, beginning both days with **Mass**. Congratulations from the Branch and a thousand wishes for God's continued blessings on this cherished couple!

On February 20 there was a unique

**Please turn to page 14.**

## JOLIET BOWLING NEWS

The bowling season is coming to an end, we have just a few more weeks of bowling.

Plans are being made for our banquet which will be held at **Syl's Restaurant** in **Rockdale** on April 26th. Hope to see everyone there.

We have some very good news -- **Nancy Churnovic** bowled a 668 scratch series -- 209, 223 and 236. With her 33 pins handicap she had a 701 series. Sure glad I'm on her team. Some other 500 series bowled were: **Sue Mihelich** 589 -- 201, 219, 169, **Dodie Regis** 566 -- 187, 201, 178, **Darla Tomac** -- 563 -- 197, 168, 198, **Carol Doszak** 544 -- 180, 174, 191, **Laura Mataya** 509 -- 149, 179, 181, **Sharon L. Homerding** -- 500 -- 195, 162, 143. Keep up the good work.

### 200 Games Bowled

**Nancy Churnovic** -- 200, 209, 223, 236

**Sue Mihelich** -- 201, 219

**Dodie Regis** 201 (Was this game bowled before or after the "G" ball?) Our Sub, **Terri Derlinga** 203 -- Welcome back **Terri**, we missed you.

**Dorie Papesch** still has high average of 169. **Nancy Churnovic** is second with 166.

Team leader is **All Pro Custom Builders** 58-34, followed by **Schrader Trucking** with 54-1/2-37-1/2 -- **Slovenian Home** 52-1/2-39-1/2, **Tezak Funeral Home** 49-43, **Fred C. Dames Funeral Home** 42-1/2-49-1/2, **Merichka's Restaurant** 40-1/2-51-1/2, **S.W.U. Home Office** 39-1/2-52-1/2 and **S.W.U. Branch #20** 31-1/2-60-1/2.

### Loads of splits were picked up:

**Darlene Marquardt** 5-10; **Nancy Churnovic** 5-10, 2-10, 3-10; **Donna Thompson** 5-10, 5-7; **Debbie Ashley** 3-10; **Sue Mihelich** 3-10, 4-7-9; **Lois Geary** 3-10; **Lauri Mataya** 3-10; **Janet Smith** 3-10, 2-7; **Rose Horvat** 3-10; **Joyce Vicich** 2-7; **Carol Doszak** 4-5, 2-7; **Sharon L. Homerding** 2-7, 4-7-10; and **Cheri Nelson** 3-5-10.

Remember our banquet on April 26th.

Well, girls until next month. GOOD BOWLING!

GEN KLAINSEK,  
Reporter

## Branch 26 officers at the 1992 Christmas Party



*From left to right: Magdalen Burns, auditor, Helen Gratkowsky, treasurer, Mary Slaney, secretary, Agnes Widina, president, Jane Lynch, rec. secretary, Josephine Rolik, vice president. Would you believe that the youngest in this picture is Josephine at age 71. The oldest is Mary Slaney – over 80! What lovely ladies – and not one looks her age!*

### No. 22:

event in the small town of Momence, IL – the closing of Jensen's Rexall Drug Store, after 132 years of service and only six owners. What's so special about this store? Well, representatives from the Smithsonian Institute found something! They came and toted away all the goodies they wanted, including old, old Rexall drug products for display in Washington, D.C. "Nothing was ever thrown out -- never!" Found among the treasures was a box of Christmas cards, the work of illustrator N.C. Wyeth, father of the famous artist, Andrew Wyeth. Momence is right under our noses, just 13 miles east of Bradley.

It'll be "green Tuesday", April 20, when Mollie Starasinich and Elizabeth Kinder plan to entertain the Branch. Hope to see you there, Jo Zaletel. We miss you!

Springtime and Easter! What a glorious time of the year! May you all find joy in the sweet odor of sanctity and sweet blossoms of Spring!

EMMA LUSTIG, Reporter

*See Br. 25 report on page 26.*

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### NO. 24, LA SALLE, IL

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I wrote at the end of January about the lovely weather we were having, and then, just as I expected, Mother Nature reminded us that it was still winter and we produced a few weeks of extremely cold days with plenty of snow and freezing rain. The weatherman predicted that March will come in like a lamb -- does that mean that March will go out like a lion? followed by April showers?

Anne Kastigar had surgery recently in Peoria and is at home making a good recovery. You are in our prayers, Anne, as are all of our sick and shut-in members.

The members offer their sympathy to Theresa Jensen and Shirley Miller, whose brother, Raymond Rolando passed away on February 17th. May God grant his soul Eternal Rest.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 15th, at 6:30 p.m. (note the earlier time) in the La Salle Catholic School South Library. We will be enjoying a POTS and PANS POTLUCK DINNER at that time. We ask each

member to bring a covered dish (recipe from the ZARJA "Pots and Pans" Page or the Pots and Pans cookbook) and their own table service. Reservations should be made by Monday, April 19th with Betty Stack (224-1949) or Anne Wangler (223-5556) so we'll know how many members to plan for. We should have a good time -- plan to attend.

I wish all of you a most Blessed and joyous Easter.

ANNE WANGLER, Reporter

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### NO. 32, EUCLID, OH

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Feb. meeting was a Valentine celebration! Our Sweetheart Queen was member, Ceal Znidar. Pres. Anne Cooke put a heart crown on her head and gave her a red rose. All the members received Valentine candy which was brought in by some of the members. Thanks to them for candy and door prizes!

Speaking of prizes, it is time for members to be gathering up gifts for our Chinese Auction in October, our main fund raiser for this year.



We have many members on the sick list. Vice-pres. Faye Starman is recuperating at home after a stay in the hospital. Eleanor Latkovic, also recuperating at home as are Mary Zakrajsek, Mary Golobic and Ann Godlar. We are happy to see Mary Ster doing so well and getting out after her stroke. We wish all our sick members a speedy recovery to good health.

We are sad to report that we had one death recently. Mary Kovach Strnad, age 101 passed away on Feb. 2nd. She resided at the Slovene Home for 11 years. Another member, Rosemary Bour lost her husband on Feb. 7th after a long illness. Our deepest sympathy to the Kovach, Strnad and Bour families.

Our Mother of the Year is Jean McNulty. We hope that our members will attend the dinner and bring a guest with you! That'll make it a great day for Jean, one that she will long remember. She is our very active member. So, mark your calendar for May 19th for our Mother's Day Dinner!

Hermine Strainer led us in saying the rosary in March for our lenten devotion. We should all try to do something special in Lent, for someone less fortunate than ourselves.

We received a letter from our Regional President for Ohio and Michigan, Evelyn Majercik, that our Ohio Convention meeting will be on Oct. 17th, hosted by Br. 15 at St. Lawrence Church. Members, please mark that date so we will have a nice turn out to make it a very successful day.

Member, Jo Comenshek has a supply of the new cookbooks, Pots & Pans. This makes a very wonderful gift for someone who likes to cook and try new recipes.

Thanks to our members, Mary Ster, Vida Cinco and Hermine Strainer for their donations to the refreshment fund. Our hostesses, Ceal McLean and daughter, Adrienne do a very nice job decorating the tables for the holiday of the month. This time we had hearts and Valentines. Thanks, ladies, for all the work you do to make it look so nice.

To all members who will be celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries in April, we send wishes for happiness and good health.

Members, please check your dues books to make sure you are paid up to date. It will be a great help when Secretary Charlotte Perdan has all dues

## A CRAFTY IDEA!

When you visit your favorite craft store, look for *Caron Christmas Knitting Yarn*. On some of the labels is a pattern for a crocheted Christmas Tree Skirt. Pattern uses 10 skeins of Christmas Ombre and 2 skeins of white yarn. My Florida/Canadian neighbor made one, it is beautiful. I will start my skirt this week. If the pattern is not available in your area, \$1.00 and a self-addressed stamped envelope will bring it to you. Make checks payable to ZARJA, and mail to:

Evelyn A. Majercik

49 Beverly

Port Orange, Florida 32127

paid and the books closed. Thanks, ladies.

Members, try to attend our meetings and bring a friend. We are always happy to welcome new members and guests.

Happy Easter to all.

FRANCES OGOREUC

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### NO. 33, DULUTH, MN

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The Spaghetti Dinner/Bake Sale set for Wed., Apr. 21.

Discussed trip to Festival of Nations, St. Paul, Sun., May 2.

Ann Menart showed slides on Guatamala.

Sympathy to members on death of brothers to: Florence Burger, Rose Krall and Rose Kresky.

Prayers for sick members: Thyra Rukavina, Betty Picconatto, Sentina (Louis) Spehar; also family members.

Mother of the Year Party, Wed., May 5.

LOIS PELANDER, Reporter

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### NO. 34, SOUDAN, MN

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Eleven members of Branch 34 met for our regular meeting on February 17. We received a letter from our Heritage Director, Irene Odorizzi and we will be looking forward to reading about our branch in a coming issue of the ZARJA.

St. Martin's hosted the Peace Mass

on Thursday, February 25. It was dedicated especially to pray for peace in the former Yugoslavia. Our branch members prepared the refreshments for coffee an', served after the Mass. Thank you, ladies, to all who donated and those who helped serve and clean up afterward; we appreciated your help.

Again our branch sent used Christmas cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder City, NV, a project we have had for a number of years.

Hostesses for our February meeting were Lucille Svatos and Angeline Morin; the door prize was brought by Agnes Mattson and won by Adeline Mustonen. Others winning during the social hour were Agnes Tekautz, Angela Tekautz, Molly Wilson and Adeline Mustonen.

Lucille Svatos is visiting Paris, France, the lucky lady! She was accompanied by her daughter, Kathy Bush. Kathy's daughter, Amy Bush, is studying in Paris for this quarter -- what a wonderful opportunity for all of them.

Our March meeting was held during Lent so we had no hostesses, but we enjoyed a games party after our meeting, proceeds went toward paying the premiums of our members 80 years of age and over. (This has always been enjoyed by our members.) Agnes Mesojedec provided the door prize for our meeting.

The weather is getting warmer, it is a beautiful day here in Soudan today and it makes a person feel so much better. Have a nice spring, everyone!

ADELIN MUSTONEN

## *Tons of Thanks on Successful Card Party*

Br. 38, Chisholm, MN, had a very successful Card Party and Luncheon on February 28th. 75 card players attended... we even had a gentleman join us! The delightful luncheon, recipes mainly from the Pots and Pans Cook Book, was a great hit.

Prizes were donated by the following members: apple strudel from Jennie Samsa, Potica Cake from Jennie Briski, and Slovenian egg noodles from Fran Zalec.

Door prizes were donated by the following members: from Veda Ponikvar – two annual subscriptions to her local newspaper, from Florence Fryckman, a pound of Calif. walnuts, from Fran Zalec, egg noodles; from Rose Niemi: a 5 lb. box of candies, and Br. 38 gave a Pots and Pans Cook Book.

Br. 38 is grateful to these members for their generosity, and the lucky recipients were delighted!!! The weather was beautiful, about 50°, and the friendship of all attending the party made it a perfect day.

Members who worked in the kitchen under the able chairmanship of Jennie Samsa were: Anne Polichnik, Rosemary Tanko, Rose Niemi, Jo Zupancich, Fran Zalec, Florence Fryckman. President Charlotte Laurich and V.P. Jennie Briski welcomed the guests. and... Charlotte served the luncheon to the 75 people! It's great to be YOUNG!

Thanks to all who contributed of their time, and to those who decorated, and the calling committee, and to Veda for her great publicity. Br. 38 is truly fortunate to have such active, helpful, and wonderful members.

We welcome others who would like to join our branch. Please call any officer for details.

Thank you.

*Ann Nusich, Reporter  
(218) 254-2590*

## NO. 35, AURORA, MN

The Dime Social meeting was held on Feb. 7th with 20 adults and 2 junior members present.

All officers were present and the annual report was given by Dorothy M. Jamnick. We have 135 paid-up members. The treasurer's books were audited by Janice Grebence and Phyllis Turk and found in good order.

I neglected to report the results of the election held in December. Thanks to the following officers who agreed to serve "one more year": president Florence Holland, vice-president Anna Rose Smolich, secretary Alice Wilson, treasurer Dorothy M. Jamnick, sgt. at arms Betty Turk auditors Janice Grebence and Phyllis Turk.

Thanks to everyone who donated the lovely prizes for the Dime Social which brought in \$36, enough to pay for our over "80" members' dues. Special thanks to Jr. members Courtney Kalar and Katie Martinetto who were in charge of the drawings. They also made

the Valentine Centerpieces for the tables! They were beautiful!

To our ladies who made and donated a quilt to the Holy Rosary Youth Group, to be used as a money-raiser for their trip to Denver in August at the Conference of Catholic Youth meeting with His Holiness, Pope John Paul II.

Anita Vovk is teaching Slovenian heritage, culture and language classes twice a week at our Holy Rosary Church hall. We appreciate this work, Anita!

Get well wishes to all our members and their families who are ill, especially to Mary Nosan and Betty Orazem (we miss you at quilting), and to Helen Simonich's husband, John.

Our sympathy to Mary Landgren who lost her son, Robert and to Anne Saari, who lost her husband, Uno. May they rest in peace.

We will meet at Megan's Restaurant in Aurora on Sunday, May 2nd at 3 p.m. for a short meeting and Mother of the Year celebration.

Happy Spring!

ANNE M. ORAZEM

Our March meeting was attended by 19 members. Jennie Samsa gave her report on the Card Party Luncheon and thanked all who helped make it a great day.

It was decided to have a Mother's Day Brunch at St. Joseph's after the 7:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday, May 2nd. We will attend Mass in a body and will be seated in a reserved section, before the Virgin Mary altar. Members voted to have guests to come with a member to Mass and to the Brunch. Details will be arranged to our April 7th meeting.

Our May 5th meeting will again feature a parade of hats. Make your own, dig one out of an old trunk, buy a new spring hat... anything you wish! Prizes are offered for the most innovative creation, of course.

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### †Frances Kelly Verant

Our branch was saddened by the sudden death of member Fran Kelly Verant on February 8th, 1993. She had held office in Br. 38, and attended meetings faithfully. She was a great asset to this organization, and was proud of her Slovenian heritage.

Fran wore her *Národna Noša* proudly on many occasions. At our State Convention on September 8th, in Chisholm, she dressed up two of her granddaughters, Christine and Elizabeth Kelly, Junior members, in their Slovenian costumes. Their picture appeared in ZARJA with Pam Zalec, as they brought up the Gifts during Mass at St. Joseph's.

Fran will be missed by all of us. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family.

Members with birthdays in March were Gert Zakrajsek, Rose Faras, Helen Segan, Marie Newman, Lorraine Novak, and Jennie Briski. The traveling prize was won by Rose Niemi, and door prizes were awarded to Gert Zakrajsek, Ann Nusich, and Rose Sterle. Lunch committee for April will be: Rosemary Tanko, Jennie Samsa, and Gert Zakrajsek.

President Laurich read correspondence from the main office regarding the recruiting of new members. We definitely must work hard on this so that

SWU will prosper...that it will go ahead and not backwards. Members, strive to enroll a new member this year! Branch 38 expresses sympathy to member Lucille Palcich whose sister, Florence Margo, died recently.

ANN NUSICH,  
Reporter

#### NO. 39, BIWABIK, MN

Br. 39, Biwabik, MN always looks forward to our "Valentine Party meeting. We had hoped to have a guest speaker, Anita Volk from Aurora, MN to talk about her visit to Slovenia last year, but she had a previous commitment so we will be asking her for a future meeting.

I came prepared with a column my great aunt had written in a Slovenian newspaper about her experiences "Coming to America" as a child, but also put that on hold, as Agnes Licari had a very recent letter from a cousin in Slovenia! It was a very articulate story of the problems and hopes concerning their New Democracy. What a thought-provoking message; all of us present were moved by the hopes and fears of these people, expressed firsthand in such a touching way. Our prayers are needed to help these struggling newcomers to democracy to adjust to new life-style.

Members voted to send a donations to each of the following: Scholarship, Heritage and ZARJA funds. Fran Bezek donated a huge shopping bag of fall-colored yarn so we will be scouting for a volunteer to knit an afghan for a future raffle.

Our Woman of the Year" will be Celeste Spehar; a member since 1966 living in Minneapolis.

Members enjoyed Valentine decorated cupcakes and a cherry dessert served by hostesses Jane Purkat and me. Helen Milos won the door-prize.

JEAN KORSMAN,  
President

#### NO. 40, LORAIN, OH

On Feb. 10th twenty came and enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Francine Pavlovcic, Agatha Donges, Molly Glavan, Angie Martin and Irene Kokinda. There were prizes galore for our money-making project. Thanks to all.

Door prize went to Agatha Donges. Meeting was brought to order by Agatha in the absence of our president. I wish to thank Francine and Agatha for reading the minutes which I wrote prior to my trip to Scottsdale, Ariz. to visit with my daughter, Ellen and family.

Glad to hear that Genevieve Wenzel is back after a month's visit with her son and family in Colorado.

Marin Ferlic, the most valuable volleyball player for Lorain Catholic Hi School this past season and who carries a 3.9 grade point average, was awarded a full scholarship to Bowling Green State University where she will also play volley ball. The proud grandma is our Mary Ferlic.

Mickie Tomazine, husband of our president, Agnes, was voted as the Slovenian Man of the Year by the Lorain Slovenian Club and will be honored next month in Cleveland.

The crew who help with the fish fries at the Slovenian Home every Friday surprised our Francine on her birthday with lunch at the Renaissance Inn.

We wish a happy birthday to all who have them in April, especially Angie Kozjan who will be 92 years young on April 8th.

We sent get-well cards to our Mary Kurjan and Ann Brobrowski to wish them speedy recoveries.

Have you paid your extra dollar to help defray the cost of the ZARJA? Hope so.

See you at the April 14th meeting at 12:30 p.m. at the school hall. We wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter!

MARY MATOS

#### NO. 42, MAPLE HTS., OH

Our February meeting was very enjoyable as we combined the meeting with a Valentine's Day party along with a surprise birthday party for Niki Lerchbacher. Niki was presented with a flower basket, balloons and cards. A real happy occasion for her. Happy Birthday and may you have many more, Niki!

Jennifer Kosak married Anthony Latonia, Saturday, Feb. 13, 1993 at St. Columkille Church. Our best wishes to them.

Other happy news is that Ellen Kastelic Bodziony is expecting a baby in May.

Jo Stoltz and her sister recently traveled to Adrian, Mich. to visit her aunt, Sister Joseph Marie at the Dominican Convent. Sister Joseph Marie is now retired.

Our sympathy goes to Camille Lao. During the last two weeks in February her two sisters, Isabelle Hido and Geraldine Bonifay, both passed away.

Members please remember that your contribution for the "Bakeless Bake Sale" is due by Easter Sunday. Also please remember to pay your dues to Marge Church. As a money maker, we are having a raffle that will be held on May 11, 1993. Two handmade afghans made by and donated by Marge and Anne Zupancic along with a Fruit Basket and a Food Basket will be the prizes.

Happy Birthday to our April birthday members: Frances Stavec, Joyce Kosak, Margaret Roznik, Arlene Legan, Helen Prudic, Eleanor McArdle, Imelda Blazy, and Terry Anzo.

We are sending a special prayer for all our shut-ins and members who are ill.

DOROTHY MEHOSKY

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TO ALL MEMBERS**

**FOR A HOLY AND HAPPY EASTER!**

*From Branch 42*  
Maple Heights, Ohio



Our February meeting was poorly attended. We missed many regular members. Two of our officers were absent due to illness. We did discuss our Mother of the Year luncheon. As you already know, we are honoring a lovely member, Arlene Fritz. It will be on May 12th at 11:30 a.m. in Pleasant Valley Inn, 9801 W. Dakota Ave., West Allis. Please attend the April 28th meeting as we have to decide on the menu and get the count as to how many will be attending the luncheon. I am sure everyone wants to be there for Arlene, to show our love and appreciation.

**Sorry, very sorry, to report the death of Rose Kraemer, secretary of our branch for 38 years! She was a 60 year member of SWU and at one time held National Office as State President of Wisconsin. We will miss Rose a lot as she held the branch's interests well above her own and was dedicated to all members. Her death occurred on March 9th. She leaves a son, Richard, daughter, Rose Lee and granddaughter, Kyle and other relatives. We attended her funeral and will always keep her in our prayers. May she rest in peace.**

Since things must go on, we remind those owing dues for 1993 to make checks payable to SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION and mail to me. Thank you.

Mary Musich is home from the hospital. Fran Widemshek and Patricia Goldman are recuperating at home. Get well soon, all of you! We miss you!

Remember to attend the mass for our living and departed members on April 18th at St. John's at 8:45 a.m. The front pews will be reserved for us at St. John's. Hope to see you there. For information, please call me at 421-1243.

MATILDA SIMCIC

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NO. 50, EUCLID, OH

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Just became aware that February has only 28 days – so, short month means short column!

Met many members at Mae Fabec's wake, but didn't have a chance to talk to them. Mae, well-known in the

Slovene circles, belonged to many clubs and shared the work entailed, too. She was our reporter for a while some years ago. She shall be missed by family, friends and clubs.

Our parish of Holy Cross this week also lost Rev. Martin J. Skully, Pastor Emeritus, who had been ailing for some time. Sympathy to Sophie Japel, also a past reporter of our branch, whose sister, Jennie Marolt died. We were neighbors when kids on the block on Glass Ave. where St. Vitus church now stands!

Found some notes that I neglected to put in ZARJA, so ... better late than never.

Sherri Lyn Bencin, granddaughter of the late Molly Mauer and our 1987 scholarship recipient is in her fifth year at Ursuline College studying interior design and has one more year to get her "sheepskin". Ann Kristoff's granddaughter, Kristen Marie graduated from Miami U. and now has a position with the Federal Reserve Bank in research. Sara Ann, her sister, is attending Ohio U. and received a one month scholarship for achievement. Their mother, Doris, is attending Ursuline College studying for a degree in Home Care Management.

Ann Kristoff loves her Gateway Manor apartment in Euclid and Jane and Angelo Vidic, Frances Hrovat and Frank and I (the Sebeniks) will be going there soon to join members and friends. Can hardly wait. Looks like Gateway Manor will be a second Slovene Home and with kitchens and other amenities.

Josie Arko is a busy gal traveling and taking trips. Also went to Canada to attend a grand nephew's wedding. My granddaughter, who graduated summa cum laude in Occupational Therapy is now in Nicaragua with an O.C. group helping the ailing and poor people there. Each therapist took a suitcase of much needed articles for sewing and materials. Of course, grandma helped. My Frank gave Kathy Sebenik, our other granddaughter and a junior at Santa Clara College, all kinds of tools (hammers, nails, screw-drivers and wrenches), to take to Hawaii where a group from several colleges is helping to build homes in a project there. California had one like it too, and she also responded. Who says young people don't care?

Our Valentine Queen was Stella Koporc and she made a pretty one. She

was a big help in the kitchen last year. Rosemary Marn says we should come to hear ZARJA Singing Society on April 24th at their Spring Frolic. Always good listening!

Caroline Lokar is in the hospital – cards will help. Carol Piccerello still is very sick. Our prayers go out to all members convalescing or hurting. Have faith!

Saw Theresa Clements from Florida doing wonderfully after her double knee operation. Only uses a cane! Great!

Ellen Tofant – hope you're enjoying good weather in Florida. Miss you at our meetings.

We are having a picnic on June 23rd at the Euclid Club House. Mark your calendar! More details later.

Please pay your dues to Evelyn Pipoly. Dues, plus one dollar!

Have a Happy Easter. Aren't you glad the snow is gone?

"Did you know NO is a complete sentence? It is.

"Love cures people – both the ones who gave it and the ones who receive it.

"He who is good at making excuses is seldom good at anything else."

*(Ben Franklin's Thoughts)*

VERA SEBENIK

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NO. 54, WARREN, OH

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Our meeting this month was cancelled due to wintry weather so there isn't much to report, except that my aunt, Margaret Racher had a massive stroke and is in critical condition as I write. She is a young 87 years and had been leading an active life, driving, etc., a very self-sufficient, feisty lady. We are all praying for you, Teta!

Elsie Persin is convalescing at the Rehab Center and we all send her our prayers and best wishes.

Our sympathy to our Pres. Jo Kassin on the death of her Aunt Agnes of Renton, Washington. Jo had a nice visit with her in December and was very close to her. She will really miss her.

Happy and Blessed Easter to all and hopefully, spring will soon be here. Our next meeting is Wed. April 21st at the Elks at noon – and remember on May 19th at 1:00 we will celebrate with our Mother-Daughter Luncheon and especially honor Mother of the Year Mayme Sporich. See you soon!

JOANNE PONIKVAR

Our February meeting was held 2/10/93 at the Girard Free Library. I was surprised that we were able to use the Conference Room for our meeting since the library is undergoing renovations. Twelve members were in attendance. Mary Selak looks wonderful and she said she's feeling much better - she no longer uses her cane! It was great to see our Recording Secretary - Tillie Cigolle - at our meeting. Tillie had been off for a few months to recuperate from her surgery and she looks super! Maria Selak, our president, read a letter from headquarters regarding the declining membership in all of the branches. Please ladies, do whatever you can to enroll a new member this year!

Rose Juvancic has added a new grandchild to her family. Her daughter, Janet Mirto, gave birth a boy, Brandon Alexander. Congratulations to all! Our Mother of the Year, Joan Twaddle was also present. She said she will let us know which restaurant she will choose for the Mother of the Year banquet on May 12, 1993.

Our junior member, Monica Selak, also attended the meeting. She helped her Aunt Dori during the meeting. Monica will be making her First Holy Communion on April 25, 1993. May God Bless you always, dear Monica!!

Andrea Selak was a member of the cast of Ursuline High School's school play, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Great performance, Andrea, and you literally did "break a leg" didn't you?

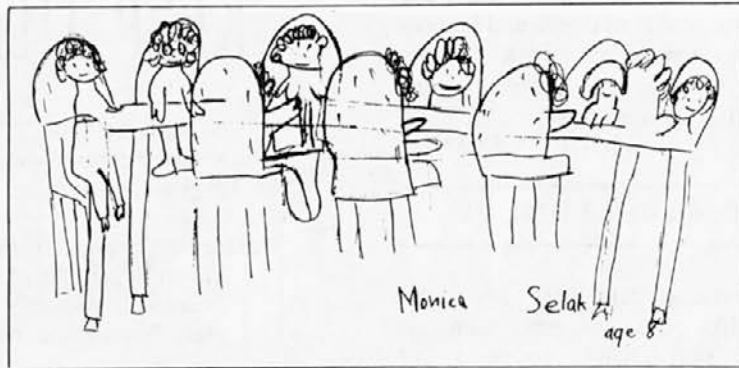
My sister, Anka, my boyfriend, Frank and I have been doing quite a bit of skiing at Brandywine. I think we're ready for the Austrian Alps!!

Virginia Bestic's daughter, Maryann Canter of Portsmouth, Ohio gave birth to a baby girl on 12/9/92 - Virginia Therese. The baby's great grandmother, Frances Juvancic, was a charter member of our branch.

This year our branch will be celebrating its 60th anniversary! Our branch was established on June 8, 1933, and after 60 years, we are still going strong.

February birthdays include, Sophie Kren, Tillie Cigolle, and Rosemary Gordon. April birthdays are Lena Modic, Jason Sefcik and Virginia Bestic.

In the Jan.-Feb. - issue I forgot to



**Through the eyes of an eight year old, the ladies attending the meeting in February of Br. 55 looked like this! Monica's mother, Maria, and her aunt, Dori are officers. Monica doesn't give us a picture identification - just like when one looks at a Picasso - it's up to you to see what you see! Huh??!**

mention our January birthdays which included Mary Kristin, Anna Catone, Dolores DePietro, Daniel and Jessica Gordon.

Hope all of you had a wonderful Valentine's Day!! Hope you have meaningful Lent and a Blessed Easter!

Spring is finally here - "Prišla bo pomlad, čakal bi jo rad..."

Nasvidenje,

DORI KREGAR

NO. 56, HIBBING, MN

Our branch began the year 1993 with a meeting on Feb. 9th at the First Ave. Apt. There was no meeting in Jan.

Prayers were led by our president. Br. 56 will be 50 years old in August of this year!

In old business, Mary Sickich reported on the flowers that were delivered to our shut-in members. She said all the members were very happy to receive them. Mary also said it was an enjoyable experience delivering the flowers as the members were so happy. It was suggested we do the same for Mother's Day.

Installation of new officers: Mary Micheletti was the only one who had to be installed - she is our new treasurer. Ann Satovich did the honors.

Pres. Carlson brought up the Mass for our deceased members and Mary Sickich reported that she would talk to Father about the time. The dates of Nov. 7 or 14th were preferred; if not, then the 21st. Mass will be at 11 o'clock at Blessed Sacrament.

Convention will be held in Eveleth on the first Sunday after Labor Day.

Pots and Pans Cookbooks are on sale for \$11.

Birthdays for Jan. and Feb. were recognized. Lunch committee for March were Liz Spolar, Rose Maras and Mary Johnson. Jackpot winner, Josephine Erickson, Cannasta, Dorothy Oberstar, 500, Valeria Carlson and Bunco, Edith Jones.

We had a delicious lunch after the meeting.

Sincerely submitted,

EDITH JONES

NO. 57, NILES, OH

Our Feb. meeting was held at Paul's Restaurant with 15 members present. We had the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved as were our secretary's and treasurer's reports. Our by-laws were read and approved as we did make some changes at our last meeting.

We were sorry to hear of members on the sick list. Julia Yakop was in the hospital with foot surgery; Mary Lukz had knee surgery and Adella Sabatt also was in the hospital. We wish them all a speedy recovery and hope to see them back at our meetings. Hostesses in Feb. were Elizabeth Havaich and Helen Misel.

Elizabeth and her husband have just returned from a cruise, along with her sister and brother-in-law, Jennie and Joe Novak.

We enjoyed playing our favorite game, winning prizes that our hostesses donated. Birthdays celebrated in February were Mary Spoljaric and Frances Racher. A lovely afternoon was had by

all and we hope to see many more of you at the next meeting. In March our hostesses were Ann Dzeda and Frances Yerman – report next month.

Stay healthy, take care of yourselves, till we meet again.

FRANCES STANEC

**NO. 67, BESSEMER, PA**

No meeting held since 1990! We would like to get together with our ladies to start having meetings again! There is just Ann Markovich, our treasurer and yours truly, Mary Percic, secretary. Trying to hold the branch together is very difficult – so we hope you will help us.

Reminder! If you remember, in 1991 and 1992 there were notices in ZARJA advising each member that there would be an extra assessment of \$1 per member per year for the increased expenses of SWU. This was decided at the 21st National Convention in May, 1991. We paid this extra dues for every member last year (\$37.00) having to take it out of the bank to pay for you. We ask that you remember to add the dollar when paying your yearly dues for 1992.

Sick list: Mildred Katich was in the hospital for a check up – hope everything is o.k.

Ann Lukestich is home with a back problem. We wish her a speedy recovery as we do to Katherine Susany who is getting along as well as can be expected. Her husband, Joe is with her all the time. May God comfort them. Send a card, or try to visit, won't you?

Victoria Puz passed away Feb. 1st. We send our sympathy to the family. Please call me when there is any news, happy or sad, so I can write in our article and gather all the good thoughts for our members. Sometimes I only get the news by overhearing people talking about it! So, please let me know so we can share.

Our treasurer went on vacation to Florida with her sister, Marie, to visit another sister, Esther. They had a good time for two weeks.

Congratulations! I have become a great grandma! My daughter Barbara's daughter, Michele Nelson had a boy and they have named him Brandon Cole. My daughter, Linda's daughter, Julie Marie Daniel also had a baby – a girl named Linda Rose and baptized

# KEEP THE CONNECTION...

A SINCERE THANK YOU to "Keep Our Connection" contributors, which arrived during November, December, January and February. They are listed according to our seven regions:

<b>California-Oregon-Washington</b>		\$23.80
Lillian Eggen (30), Benicia, CA	\$16.20	
Deanna Carlson (30), Richard, WA	6.40	
Mary Piunti (30), Oxnaid, CA	1.20	
<b>Colorado-Kansas-Missouri</b>		3.40
Helen Kukar (30), Montrose, CO		
<b>Illinois-Indiana</b>		513.20
Br. 20, Joliet, IL -- 65th Ann. 6-11-93	500.00	
Josephine Lustik (20), Joliet, IL	10.00	
Vern Zadel (30), Villa Park, IL	3.20	
<b>Minnesota</b>		31.20
Br. 39, Biwabik, MN	20.00	
Anita Vovk (35), Aurora, MN	10.00	
Frances Bogatich (39), W. St. Paul, MN	1.20	
<b>Ohio-Michigan</b>		126.00
Br. 47, Garfield Hgts., OH	25.00	
Br. 50, Cleveland, OH	25.00	
Ann Tercek (50), Euclid, OH	20.00	
Memory of Gertrude Laurich (50), Cleveland, OH:		
Vera Sebenik, Euclid, OH--sis.-in-law	20.00	
Roger & Betty Sebenik, Boulder, CO	20.00	
Ann & Dorothy Winter, Cleveland, OH	10.00	
	50.00	
Mary Laurich (30), Chatham, MI	6.20	
<b>Pennsylvania-New York-Washington, D.C.</b>		20.00
Br. 103, Washington, D.C.		
<b>Wisconsin</b>		20.00
Br. 43, Milwaukee, WI		
Total for four months		\$ 737.80
Previous Total		3,468.00
<b>Total to date (27 months)</b>		<b>\$4,205.80</b>

her Mary after both her great grandmothers. Makes us 4 generations and hope we make five!

Want to wish Ann Novad a Happy Belated Birthday, Feb. 12th and Katie Herbolich, a Happy Valentine birthday! May they have many more!

We wish everyone the best of health and good care in the hospitals, homes, nursing homes. May God bless you all. Say a prayer for the ones across the sea – they need our prayers!

We will try to get you all together for a meeting.

MARY PERCIC

**NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE, OH**

As I wrote to many of our friends, we arrived in Florida on the 3rd of February--the warm weather did not arrive until a few weeks later. Today it is sunny and bright, warm breezes prevail, so I think we will stay for awhile.

Prior to leaving Ohio we did have opportunity to be with our Slovenian friends. It was especially nice to see so many of you from surrounding Cleveland branches at the Polka-fest in Akron, Ohio. The following day, Jan-

uary 31st. I attended Mass at St. Wenceslaus Church. This was an inspiring experience where the celebration was dedicated to those of Slovenian descent. Planina sang all our favorite hymns, Msgr. Heruday spoke kind words to those who treasure their heritage and gave them credit for promoting interest in the nationality. I thank Branch No. 42 for the invitation to join them at Mass and again, it was so nice to see so many of you.

Many of our members, whether they be the wiser ones or the luckier ones, will be heading south for vacations, leaving all the beauty of winter behind. We do wish you safe travels and hope that the sunshine you enjoy will keep you well for the remainder of winter.

We wish that we could spread that sunshine among our members who are ill, those who never get to feel the warmth of the sun or the cooling breeze. We do think of you often and pray for you always.

Please remember our afghan raffle that is in progress (already have two donated). It will be our fund raiser for 1993. For \$1.00 you can have a chance on a warm, colorful afghan--in preparation for next winter's bitter winds! Why don't you send in the extra dollar with the payment of your dues? You would save one postage stamp?

Our anniversary mass is April 18th, 10:30 A.M. mass at St. Jude's Church. Please make every effort to attend.

Happy Easter to everyone. Isn't it nice that this fresh start, this new beginning, this breath of spring comes at just the right time--when we need it the most. Take care of yourselves.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN A. MAJERCIK

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#### NO. 85, DEPUE, IL

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We have had our fill of snow and ice and now we are having rain, fog and gloomy days.

Our church had Confirmation this week. Bishop John Myers was the celebrant and many of our grandmothers and mothers participated in the service with their children being confirmed. Gen Grilc had two grandchildren in the group, Theresa and Joshua Kimble. Mary Benkse's grandson, Ryan Benkse was also among them as was Jacqueline Barto's daughter, Jana Barto whose grandma is Connie

## JUDGE WILLIAM BANICH TAKES OATH OF OFFICE



We are so proud of our native son, William Banich who invited us to attend the swearing in ceremony that took place on Feb. 1st, 1993 as he was sworn in as Associate Judge at the LaSalle County Criminal Justice Center in LaSalle, IL.

Judge William Banich credited his father, Rudolph and his mother, the late Christine Banich, for helping from through seven years of college and law school. Without them, he wouldn't have been able to make it to becoming a judge, a life-time goal which he has attained.

The above picture shows Judge Banich with his family, Mitzi, his wife, who is our member of Br. 89, sons Christopher and Adam, his dad, and sister, Kathy.

We were very happy to add our congratulations to the many he received on this occasion, wishing him success as he presides "on the bench!"

E.K.

Benkse. A social hour was held after the service and despite the hard rain, there was a nice crowd.

One of our members, Caroline Widmar was in the hospital for four days. We are glad to report that she is now at home and we wish her only healthy days.

It is good to see the longer daylight and during this lenten season, must pray that the spring will bring an end to the war among Serbia and Bosnia-Hercegovina. It just must be terrible there and how can anyone ever forget what has been going on?

Wishes to all for a happy and blessed Easter!

MARY JERMENC

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#### NO. 89, OGLESBY, IL

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A short business meeting was held on Feb. 8th. Discussed were plans for the coming year. Cards were sent to the birthday celebrants of January:

Alice Piecha, Fran Kirbach and Mary Kotar.

February birthday: Agnes Supan, and, in March: Angie Nico, our liaison officer and Mary Stubler.

Auditing of books was held and all found in order. No installation of officers -- postponed until March. No members were reported on the sick list at this time. We are happy to acknowledge that all are well!

Our Mother of the Year will be announced next month. A card was signed by all present for Hon. Judge and Mrs. William R. Banich to congratulate Bill on his new position as Associate Judge. Meeting closed and an angel food cake with ice cream and cherries was served by the officers. Rose Ann Prey made the cake but was unable to be with us to enjoy it. Prizes were won by Marilyn Argubright and Darlene Wasielewski.

For March, the hostesses were to be Rose Ann Prey and Rose Kellet.

Respectfully submitted,

EUNICE KOMATER

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apr. 3-4 - BAKE SALE, Br. 102, Willard, WI  
Apr. 4 - EASTER BAKELESS SALE, Br. 42, Maple Hts., OH  
Apr. 15 - SAUSAGE DEMONSTRATION-LUNCHEON, Br. 12, Milwaukee, WI  
Apr. 15 - POTS & PANS POTLUCK DINNER, Br. 24, LaSalle, IL, LaSalle Catholic School Library, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr. 18 - ANNUAL COMMEMORATIVE MASS, Br. 43, Milwaukee, WI, at St. John Evangelist Church, 8:45 a.m.  
Apr. 18 - ANNIVERSARY MASS, Br. 73, St. Jude's Church, 10:30 a.m.  
Apr. 21 - SPAGHETTI DINNER, Br. 33, Duluth, MN  
Apr. 25 - PLANT SALE, Br. 102, Willard, WI

- May 11 - PRIZE PROJECT, Br. 42, Maple Hts., OH  
June 24 - ANNUAL PICNIC, Br. 50, Euclid, OH at Euclid Park Clubhouse, 1 p.m.

## Mother's Day Celebrations

- May 2 - Br. 35, Aurora, MN at Megan's Restaurant, 3 p.m.  
May 2 - Br. 38, Chisholm, MN, 7:30 p.m.  
May 4 - Br. 14, Euclid, OH, 6 p.m. Call Vera Bajec, 481-7473  
May 5 - Br. 33, Duluth, MN  
May 12 - Br. 55, Girard, OH  
May 13 - Br. 5, Indianapolis, IN  
May 13 - Br. 16, So. Chicago, IL  
May 19 - Br. 32, Euclid, OH  
May 19 - Br. 54, Warren, OH

### NO. 95, SO. CHICAGO, IL

Sorry, members! My mother's illness and my own caused me to neglect my duties to write. Maybe it was the snake venom that the doctor shot into me to break up the clot in my lungs! Whatever - greetings to all once again!

Don't forget our next meeting on April 7th. Hostesses are Marge Simunich, Ann Starcevic, Helen Santy, Bernice Morrison and Marie Maras.

Members recently voted on eliminating winter and summer meetings. We will now gather in the months of April, May, June, Sept., Oct., November and for Christmas.

Our dues assessment marches on, ladies! Please mail dues promptly to our financial secretary: Dolores Hennesly, 6815 Bementown, Tinley Park, IL 60477. Call her at (708) 429-0975.

A double whammy was dealt to the Krmptic family. Within a week, Frank, (Marge's brother) and Carl Oberman (Olga's brother) were buried.

Also deceased are Emma Yergovich's sister, Catherine Nelson and Aunt Rose Sajatovich, our member.

Our sympathies and prayers to the families.

We hear that Marge O'Connor is back in the hospital. Hope all is well by now.

MARY MARAS

### NO. 102, WILLARD, WI

By now, many of us are suffering from "cabin fever", but spring is just around the corner! We enjoy watching the bird feeders. Right now, a squirrel

is up there enjoying a good meal! The cardinals are such a beautiful red color this year! It's so nice to see so many species of birds that fly in for food, even the "lord and masters", the bluejays. The good Lord created them all for us to enjoy. The rabbits also come to partake of the "leftovers" that fall to the ground. Each season has its special beauty.

Our Valentine Party and Pot Luck dinner was well-attended and enjoyed by all. We also had our meeting. We will have a bake sale on Palm Sunday, April 3rd and 4th, after the Masses. This has always been our best money-maker of the year! Our Plant Sale will be on April 25th, one week earlier than usual, because of other parish commitments. Our local bank gave us a generous donation for the use of our Game Cards, which we greatly appreciate. We will have a Welcome Pot Luck dinner for our new pastor, Fr. Steven Paures. We are a few months late with this, but the activity calendar was overloaded.

We are happy to see our former shut-in members have recuperated quite well and are home again. Joan Trunkel had the misfortune of falling on the ice and breaking her wrist. In spite of the left hand cast, she is back at her job again. Betty Jordan is fighting a bout with pneumonia. To all those who are ill and homebound, we pray for a speedy recovery. The health of Fr. Urbic is slowly improving.

Thanks, Corinne, for putting our special Holy Family picture on the Jan.-Feb. ZARJA cover. This beautiful picture is placed on the wall on the choir side of the altar. We are very proud of it as it is dedicated to all the early Slovenian pioneers who organized this parish

and with such hard work, struggled to create the beautiful farmland that we now have here, where once was complete wilderness. The community of Willard is a result of their hard work.

Until next month, na svidenje!

MARY STAUT

### NO. 103, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Our January meeting was cancelled because of weather conditions; therefore, we convened on February 7 for the first meeting in 1993.

We were grateful that Father Raymod Wadas, our Spiritual Advisor, was able to attend our meeting and officiate at the Installation of Officers. This was followed by refreshments served by Antonia Cigale, Ica Zebot, and Dora Voyatzis.

The meeting began with considerable discussion of our participation in donations for the Slovenian Cultural Center in Lemont, Illinois. Branch 103 hopes to receive enough donations to purchase a Bronze Leaf to aid in the completion of the Slovenian Tree of Life at the Center.


More discussion was devoted to our future activities for the year, and this will require a great deal of effort on the part of all members. The ladies of Branch 103 are to be complimented on their talents and expertise that are always evident especially during important events when the job needs to be done.

Our best wishes to all SWU members. If you plan a visit to our Nation's Capital, you might consider coming during one of our special events which will be mentioned in our news reports.

MATILDA AUSICH,  
Recording Secretary



# Pots and Pans



If your Easter ham with bone-in (best flavor) weighs 7 to 8 pounds bake 18 to 25 minutes per pound, uncovered at 325° without adding water, using a rack in a shallow roasting pan (a boneless 5 to 6-pound ham also takes 18 to 25 minutes per pound). The inside temperature of both hams should reach 135°. A meat thermometer is advised. Let stand 10 minutes, covered, for easier carving. OR, follow directions on your ham wrapper.

Leftover ham is used in HAM POLYNESIAN STYLE recipe by Mary Ann Samuelson of Br. 89, Oglesby, IL and HAM ROLL-UP from THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION COOKBOOK. The PASTA SALAD is highly recommended in My Golden Care Update newsletter. APRICOT-ANGEL FOOD CAKE is a delicious dessert from Ann Dragovan of Br. 20, Joliet, IL.

Affectionately,

*Hermine*

To make the Stuffed Shells with Crab recipe a little more moist (in last month's issue), you can add 1-1/2 cups of chicken broth to the sauce.



## HAM POLYNESIAN STYLE

- |     |   |     |                       |
|-----|---|-----|-----------------------|
| 3   | cups diced cooked ham                       | 1/3 | cup brown sugar       |
| 2   | tablespoons butter, melted                  | 1   | tablespoon cornstarch |
| 1   | can (8 ounces) pineapple tidbits with juice | 1/2 | cup chicken bouillon  |
| 1/2 | cup raisins                                 | 1/3 | cup vinegar           |
| 1   | medium green pepper, cut in strips          | 2   | teaspoons soy sauce   |
|     |   |     | Hot cooked rice       |

In large fry pan, heat ham in butter. Add the pineapple with juice, raisins and green pepper strips. Cover and simmer 15 minutes. Mix the brown sugar, cornstarch, chicken bouillon, vinegar and soy sauce. Add to simmered ham mixture and cook until boiling, stirring constantly. Serve over hot rice. (Cooked fresh carrots can also be used). Yield 6 servings.

## HAM ROLL-UP

- |   |   |    |  |
|---|---|----|--|
| 8 | thin slices baked ham                                 | 16 | cooked fresh asparagus spears or canned or frozen, if frozen, thaw first |
| 8 | slices low-fat cheese (mozzarella or low-fat Cheddar) |    |  |

Roll each slice of ham around 2 asparagus spears and pin with toothpicks. Place 1 slice of cheese on top of each roll; place under broiler until cheese melts. Serve immediately. 1 roll 200 calories.

*Parade Magazine:* "Select asparagus with tips that are firm and tightly closed. Fat spears are just as tender as thin spears. Wash asparagus to remove any sand. In a large frying pan or roaster, heat 1-inch lightly salted water to boiling; add asparagus and boil slowly, uncovered, for about 5 minutes. Drain. Serve hot with melted butter or hollandaise sauce, or cold with French dressing.

## PASTA SALAD

- |       |  |     |                             |
|-------|--|-----|-----------------------------|
| 1 1/2 | cups broccoli florets                                  | 1/4 | cup cider vinegar           |
| 1/2   | cup thinly sliced carrots (if desired, cook 5 minutes) | 2   | tablespoons Parmesan cheese |
| 3     | cups cooked pasta spirals                              | 2   | tablespoons mayonnaise      |
| 1 1/2 | cups zucchini slices                                   | 1/2 | teaspoon garlic powder      |
| 3/4   | cup plain non-fat yogurt                               | 1/4 | teaspoon pepper             |

Cook pasta according to package directions, omitting salt. Drain and rinse under cold water and set aside. In a small bowl, mix yogurt, vinegar, Parmesan cheese, mayonnaise and seasonings. Set aside. In a large bowl combine pasta, yogurt mixture and vegetables. Mix well. Chill thoroughly and serve cold. Makes 4 servings. 269 calories per serving.

## APRICOT-ANGEL FOOD CAKE

- |     |                               |   |                                  |
|-----|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 1   | angel food cake               | 4 | tablespoons cornstarch           |
| 1   | can (16 ounces) apricots      | 1 | package (3 ounces) Apricot Jello |
| 3   | cups Apricot Nectar           | 1 | container (8 ounces) Cool Whip   |
| 1/2 | cup sugar or sugar substitute |   |                                  |

Break up angel food cake into small pieces and spread in an ungreased 9 x 13-inch baking dish. Drain apricots; cut into small pieces and scatter over angel food cake. In saucepan, mix together the 3 cups apricot nectar (shake can before using), 1/2 cup sugar and 4 tablespoon cornstarch. Cook mixture until thickened, stirring constantly. Take off heat and stir in 3-ounce package Apricot Jello. Stir until Jello is melted into the thickened sauce. Pour over angel food pieces and refrigerate until cold and set. Spread with Cool Whip. Refrigerate until ready to serve. ENJOY!

## FIRST LADY OF SWU REMEMBERED

In response to my request for members to submit memories and experiences relating to the founder of the SWU, Marie Prisland, I received the following incident as written by Matilda Ausich, Charter member and Recording Secretary of Branch 103, Washington-Virginia-Maryland. A very interesting aspect of Tillie's experience is that she received Marie Prisland's autograph in her book, FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA.

*"In reflecting on our Slovenian heritage, one cannot do so without realizing the unity of the Slovenian women immigrants and their children which became a reality with the formation of the Slovenian Women's Union by the founder, Marie Prisland--this was indeed a dream come true.*

*Many events were enjoyed by the various branches, including the visits to Washington, D.C. for the National Convention, and the dedication of the Slovenian Chapel at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. We owe a big thank you to Irene Odorizzi, the founder and first President of Branch 103 and now the National Heritage Director, for her tireless efforts in uniting the women in this area.*

*You may recall the late arrival of members coming to Washington for the Chapel dedication. Branch 103 provided refreshments for the weary travelers at St. Thomas Church Hall in Washington, D.C. under the direction of Irene. It was at this time I purchased a copy of Mrs. Prisland's book, "FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA." It was indeed a privilege when Irene introduced me to Mrs. Prisland, who was seated at a table busy with other matters, yet graciously took time out to autograph my book. Her own inscription follows:*

To, 12 August 1971  
 Mrs. Matilda Ausich,  
 with best wishes  
 for  
 her health and happiness.  
 Marie Prisland  
 Tjepomin  
 povelitve slovenske kapelice,  
 15. avgusta 1971.  
 Washington, D.C.

*What a nice remembrance from a great lady, and the founder of our organization! Thank you, Marie Prisland."*

Thank you, Tillie, for sharing this experience with us. We hope that other members will take the cue and write or call me about the memories they have of the SWU's First Lady.

Welcome to the Washington, D.C. area, Patty Satch, member of Branch #1 Sheboygan, and most importantly, the daughter of Mary Turvey, granddaughter of Margaret Fischer, and the great granddaughter of Marie Prisland. That's quite an impressive SWU ancestry.

Patty, her husband John, and infant daughter, Lauren make their home in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Patty works as a medical technologist in the Cancer Institute of the National Institute of Health. Her laboratory research is in breast cancer.

Patty's husband, John, a medical doctor is employed as a surgical pathologist working for the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. He also does research and diagnoses cancer in soft tissue. Both Patty and John worked at Mayo Clinic before moving to the suburban Washington area.

It was a very welcome surprise to receive a phone call from Patty in answer to my advertisement asking about stories relating to our First Lady, Marie Prisland. We had some interesting chats about her great-grandmother. Thanks so much for calling, Patty, and do keep in touch! A check will be forwarded to you for your interesting experiences about that very special lady, our first lady, Marie Prisland.

Additional incidents, descriptions or experiences about Marie Prisland are still being accepted so don't hesitate to call or write:

**Irene M. Odorizzi,**  
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## KUDOS TO JO LUSTIK

A special thanks to National Auditor, Jo Lustik, Branch #20, for her monthly article on special artifacts in the Slovenian Heritage Museum. The articles are interesting and give ZARJA readers a sense of what is on display in the museum.

We encourage all members to keep in mind that artifacts and monetary donations for museum upkeep are still being accepted. Keep the Museum in mind when you count the proceeds from your next fund-raising activity.

## GREETINGS FROM SLOVENIA

On a nice chilly Sunday in February, I received a phone call from Don Klemke, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, stating that he had received his copy of the book, "Greetings from Slovenia," and was very happy with the book, especially the lovely and colorful photographs of the Slovenian cities and countryside.

Copies of this lovely book, printed in Slovenia, and written in the English language, are still available for sale from the SWU National Office. They are going like hot cakes! Don't miss out by neglecting to send for your copy. The price is \$28.00 and includes postage & handling.

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## REQUEST TO KENNEDY CENTER FROM SLOVENIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

Can you recall your visit to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.? If so, you undoubtedly saw the colorful national flags displayed overhead in the Hall of Nations. The following article was printed in the March 1st issue of the Washington Post newspaper.

### Unfurling a Miscue at the Kennedy Center

• *When Ernest Petric, Slovenian ambassador to the United States, visited the Kennedy Center recently, he was surprised to see the flag of the former Yugoslavia still hanging in the Hall of Nations.*

*"That flag is absolutely nobody's flag anymore," he said yesterday. "Imagine if my prime minister or foreign minister would want to go see a beautiful performance... then he would see the flag and say, 'Haven't you done anything to remove it?'"*

*So we tracked down those responsible for the center's flags. "I'm really not quite sure whether it is up there or not," admitted Susan Creger of the National Park Service. "The State Department contacts us and then we take it down... It's probably on my list... It will be removed."*

*As for Petric, he'll celebrate, he says, if "one day we see the flag of Slovenia up there."*

Congratulations to Slovene Ambassador, Ernest Petric for notifying the Kennedy Center of the omission of the Slovene flag to the Hall of Nations.

The next time you visit Washington, D.C. visit the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and when you walk through the Hall of Nations, look for the Slovene flag. We hope that very soon, it will be displayed with those of the other nations of the world.

## MAGAZINE ARTICLE

The February 1993 issue of Conde Nast Traveler Magazine featured an article with colorful photographs on Slovenia. The article is entitled, "Saved from the fire" and was written by Patricia Corbett. It appears on pp. 106-113.

The article not only mentions the political situation Slovenia has experienced historically but its search for independence. One hardly considered Slovenia as a tourist attraction in the past but it's popularity is reaching beyond the borders of Germany and Italy to other countries worldwide.

The article quotes rates in terms of lodging, and mentions outstanding dining spots and sporting attractions. Transportation within Slovenia is also mentioned.

One can judge by the length and beauty of the presentation that Slovenia is one of the choicest spots to visit and the publicity surrounding this gem of the Adriatic should increase the interest of would-be tourists around the world.

Slovenia is making a concerted effort to increase tourism and bring more revenue into the country. It is anticipated that the beautiful cities and countryside, delicious food, sightseeing attractions and sporting events coupled with the well-known Slovenian hospitality will make them truly successful and Slovenia will be recognized throughout the world as a delightful vacation spot.

## DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Wally and Josephine Lustik (Jo is a National Auditor) donated \$10.00 to the Heritage Fund in memory of Jo's parents, having known them when I lived in Joliet. They were very nice neighbors and good customers at my parents' store.

Matilda Simcic, President, Branch 43 in Milwaukee, sent a donation of \$20.00 to the Heritage Fund. I'd like to share a part of her short note with ZARJA readers.

*We had our Christmas party on Dec. 15, 1992. I donated a beautiful afgan, a pillow & broiler oven for raffles. Since there were 39 members attending the party we sold 43 tickets and the nice lady who won the afgan, gave me another \$5.00. I added another \$12.00 to make \$60.00 or \$20.00 for each fund: Heritage Museum, ZARJA and Scholarship Fund. I know it is not much but it comes from the heart.*

Every bit counts, Matilda and ladies of Branch 34, and as we all know, the best gift comes from the heart. Your donation to the Heritage Fund is greatly appreciated.

## ATLAS OF SLOVENIA

Another new publication from Ljubljana is the Atlas which covers in aerial detail the major cities, farms and countryside of Slovenia. Some of the views actually show the streets and houses. In addition, similar information included in Greetings from Slovenia can be found in the book. The price is \$105.00 and can be ordered from the SWU National Office. Delivery in 4-6 weeks.

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## ST. VITUS ENDOWMENT TRUST EXCEEDS 70% TO GOAL

The Board of Trustees for the St. Vitus Endowment Trust is pleased to announce that the endeavor for the Parish's Endowment Trust has surpassed the 70% to goal figure effective March 5, 1993. It has raised an estimated \$530,000 of the minimum goal of \$750,000.

The Endowment Trust endeavor will continue until April, 1993 and resume in late autumn or early winter 1993. Regarding the renovation work of the Church's interior thousands of volunteer hours by parishioners and friends of St. Vitus have been ongoing since February. Work from carpentry, masonry, paint removal, moving of various objects, and other tasks have been completed at no cost to the parish.

God's blessings to all volunteers and participants engaged in enhancing the House of God for St. Vitus Parish.

We know it's spring. The sun is creeping and inching higher and higher into the sky. And it's also Easter time. Does not this tell you something? Yes, we feel energetic and full of new life. Our souls and bodies are aware of it.

Did you select your new Easter outfit? OR bought a nice Easter bonnet? This year for the first time I saw a spring fashion show, I had to travel to Toronto to see it! (Well, who cares where I saw it!) I noticed there were a lot of pastels, plain and in beautiful prints. So, it looks like we have a marvelous selection for spring and Easter; there is something for everyone.

We extend warm greetings to Antonia Selesnik! Welcome to our branch and we're glad to have you.

Some of our ladies flew to Florida with their families, or visited their loved ones there. Francka, Gregory,

Lynn Arko (Kelly) and the whole clan went exploring the Florida beaches. Gene went to visit her family, daughter, Lois and son, Dr. Victor. I hope all had good time there.

Wish speedy recovery to the ladies who had to visit doctors or go to hospitals: Dorothy Kirk, Cecelia Kermavner, Adrienne Armbruster, Helen Glivar, Millie Chesnik, Helen Pisek. Keep your chins up!

Please pray for Christine Sustersic, who is in the Holy Family Cancer Home. May the Lord give you strength.

Belated birthday wishes (and current ones, too) to Mary Jeraj, Jennie Strumbel, Mimi Yavornik. Jennie and Mimi are like spring chickens in their 85th years. You should see them in action when they are baking! MMMM May God's sweetest blessings be yours on your birthday and always, Jennie and Mimi.

Our deepest sympathy to Mamie Willis and Sophie Bradach. They lost the loves of their lives. There are no

words, we can only help them along with good wishes and God bless you, Mamie and Sophie.

Here is what a lady from Valley View, Ohio told me once, her mother was always telling her: "Everything comes to him who waits." Then, a few years ago, she came up with the farmer's version of that saying: "All things come to him who waiteth...if he worketh like heck while he waiteth." I think it's kind of cute!

May our Risen Savior bless you in His most gracious way with all the joy and promise of this happy Easter Day and all throughout your future.

CIRILA KERMAVNER

*P.S.: Please, ladies look your policies. Maybe the person who is your beneficiary is no longer among the living. Please contact the secretary of your branch. Also ask your daughters, their friends, if they want to join SWU. THANKS!*

## 1993 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT received in January and February

Branch	Amount
3, Pueblo, CO	\$197.00
5, Indianapolis, IN	69.00
6, Barberton, OH	28.00
12, Milwaukee, WI	92.00
13, San Francisco, CA	99.00
14, Euclid, OH	208.00
16, South Chicago, IL	121.00
17, West Allis, WI	110.00
19, Eveleth, MN	51.00
20, Joliet, IL	558.00
22, Bradley, IL	17.00
25, Cleveland, OH	270.00
26, Pittsburgh, PA	40.00*
32, Euclid, OH	166.00
33, Duluth, MN	161.00
35, Aurora, MN	91.00
38, Chisholm, MN	70.00
39, Biwabik, MN	68.00
42, Maple Heights, OH	83.00

43, Milwaukee, WI	7.00*
47, Garfield Heights, OH	92.00
50, Cleveland, OH	394.00
57, Niles, OH	34.00
59, Burgettstown, PA	26.00
74, Ambridge, PA	18.00
79, Enumclaw, WA	48.00
83, Crosby, MN	4.00
91, Oakmont, PA	48.00
93, Brooklyn, NY	21.00
97, Cairnbrook, PA	6.00
100, Fontana, CA	40.00*
101, Bedford Heights, OH	15.00*
102, Willard, WI	42.00
103, Washington, D.C.	55.00
Home office branches-- 7-30-46-63-88-90-92	113.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,462.00</b>

*Olga Ancel, Nat'l Sec'y.*

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FRANC JAKLIČ

### BARAGOVO PRVO POTOVANJE V EVROPO

(29. septembra 1836 do 8. oktobra 1837)

Baraga je prišel v domovino samo zaradi svojega misijona; zato se je v domovini ustavil še manj ko dva tedna. Niti ljubljena sestra Amalija ga ni mogla za dalj časa privezati nase in svojo družino; samo nekaj dni je ostal v trebanjskem gradu, kjer je takrat bivala.

Da je Baraga že takrat slovel po domovini, nam priča tudi tole: Nekaj ljubljanskih duhovnikov je hotelo izdati knjižico "Pripomoček, sveti rožni venec Bogu in Mariji dopadljivo moliti". Prosili so Barago, da naj pred odhodom v Ameriko napiše uvod. Res ga je 14. aprila 1837 napisal in vanj izlil svoje globoko prepričanje o vzvišenosti, potrebnosti in uspehih molitve, zlasti rožnega venca. Na koncu pravi: "Sedaj grem zopet nazaj v Ameriko in bom skušal z božjo pomočjo še kaj nevernikov k naši sveti veri spreobrniti in na pot zveličanja pripeljati. Ali prosim vas, pomagajte mi z gorečo molitvijo. Misijonarji ne bodo nikoli nič opravili pri nevernikih, če jih verni kristjani ne bodo podpirali z molitvijo."

"Jožefove ustanove", ki si jo je bil zamislil, da bi v Ljubljani nabirala letne prispevke za njegov misijon, pa ni ustanovil.

Ob odhodu se je poslovil od rojakov s temle pis-mom: "S čustvi najprisrčnejše zahvale za lep sprejem, s katerim so me moji spoštovani rojaki počastili, zapuš-

čam domovino, svojo drago, nepozabno domovino. Bridkost ločitve mi zelo omiljuje zavest, da se velika večina mojih spoštovanih rojakov toplo zanima za vse, kar je plemenitega in svetega. Ta zavest mi bo ostala globoko zapisana v srce in domovina mi bo tem ljubša, čim več dolžnosti imam, da jo spoštujem. – Čeprav me poklic, s katerim me je Gospod v svojem usmiljenju oblagodaril, pelje na drugo zemeljsko poloblo, vendar ne bo minul prav noben dan mojega življenja, da se ne bi v duhu mudil med svojimi ljubljenimi rojaki in se veselil krščanskega duha, o katerem sem med obiskom dobil tako lepe vtise. Dal Bog, da se v večnem blaženstvu vsi snidemo v tisti pravi domovini, kjer ne bo več ločitve."

Moj zvesti služabnik Andrej mi je bil do zdaj na vsem potovanju, po suhem in po morju, zelo vdan in koristen. Ko bi ga ne bil imel na morju s seboj, bi bila težave še hujše občutila. V njem imam velik zaklad, za katerega se pogosto zahvaljujem božji previdnosti. Zmerom je dobre volje in za vse voljan in pripravljen. Je tudi zelo pobožen in vesten in povrh tega še cel vseznalec, ki mo bo v veliko korist, posebno ob Gorenjem jezeru, kjer ni delavcev, ki bi znali cerkev urediti.

Dodatno Ti moram še tole sporočiti da sem na ladji tri nedelje nemško pridigal, – kolikorkrat so mi pač okolnosti to dovolile. V 2. razredu, kjer smo bili mi, je bilo okoli 230 potnikov. Skoro polovica od njih je bilo katoličanov, drugi so bili protestantje in judje. Pa tudi ti so z velikim zanimanjem poslušali pridige in so vsako

nedeljo vpraševali, če bo gospod imel službo božjo.

Proti koncu naše dolge morske vožnje sem zložil pesem za pri izkrcanju, po nekem znanem nemškem napevu, ki smo jo, brž ko smo zagledali suho zemljo, peli s tako ginjenostjo, da so nam solze zalivale oči. Dal sem jim jo en dan preden smo zagledali zemljo. In vse, kar je le znalo pisati, si je pesem prepisalo; ljudje so komaj mogli dobiti dovolj papirja. Izšla je namreč prav ob času, ko je morala vsakoga zanimati, čep-rav ni sama na sebi prav nič-zanimiva."

V New Yorku je moral z Antonijo in Češirkom ostati štiri tedne. Tovorna ladja, na katero so bili naložili njegove zaboje s cerkvenimi potrebščinami in indijanskimi knjigami, je namreč zadela na skalo in bi se bila kmalu potopila; morala je nazaj v Havre, da so jo popravili. V New Yorku je Baraga pridno pomagal župniku nemške cerkve. Antonija je bila največ pri družini avstrijskega konzula. Njene družbe so si tako želeli, da so jo s kočijo hodili iskat pred njeno stanovanje. Iz njenih pisem se vidi, kako dobro ji je to delo. Vsa Antonijina pisma do dolga, da ji večkrat zmanjkuje prostora. Iz njih odseva duhovitost in precejšnja razgledanost. Mnogo je dala na zunanosti. Bila je vedra in živahna do razigranosti, vse drugačna kakor brat ali kakor Amalija. Zanimajo jo naravne lepote; včasih tudi pomodruje. Njen slog je šaljivo nagajiv in večkrat dolgovezen, njena nemščina ne brez napak. Težko je v njej zaslediti še kaj pristno slovenskega.

New York je s svojo novostjo, bogastvom, resnobo in vpludnostjo napravil nanjo velik vtis. Seznanila se je tudi z Ramasayem Crooksom (Kruksom), predsednikom Ameriške družbe za nakupovanje kož, ki je imel

tudi veliko uvozno in izvozno podjetje in je bil lastnik več ladij. Baraga ga 12. oktobra 1842 v pismu do nadškofa Mildeja imenuje svojega "posebnega prijatelja indobrotnika." Crooks ga je vsako leto obiskal, ko se je zaradi poslovanja družbe in plovbe ladij vozil po Gorenjem jezeru. Baragi in drugim slovenskim misijonarjem je oskrboval razne pošiljatve. Pozneje se je videlo, da je bolj poslovni človek in trgovec kakor pa Baragov prijatelj. Njegova hči se je poročila s sinom protestantovskega pasterja.

Iz New Yorka so na počasni tovorni ladji odpluli po reki Hudson proti severu. V Búffalu je dal Baraga natisniti zvešček z glavnimi pravili očipvejske slovnice in z navodili za učitelja, kako naj indijanske otroke nauči lastnih imen, ki se omenjajo v Jezusovem življenju. Knjižico je dal leta 1845 ponatisniti. Na Erijskem kanalu se je čudil živahnemu prometu in mestecem, ki so v tistih mesecih, kar se je on tu vozil, zrastle na obali.

Dne 8. septembra je Antonija obširno popisala Amaliji svoje vtise s potovanja. Njeno versko naziranje nekoliko spoznamo iz tehe stavkov: "Zelo tuje mi je v Ameriki versko življenje. Saj bivam prvokrat v deželi, kjer katoliška vera ne prevladuje, in večkrat sem si mislila, kako se kakšen protestant ali jud počuti pri nas. Naše (to je katoliške) cerkve so povsod najmanjše in najubožnejše, templji raznih krivih ver se pa košatijo v svojem blišču. Američani si seveda vso stvar olajšajo in se kratko malo ne priznavajo k nobeni veri; vendar so prav dobri, skromni, zares vpludni ljudje in imajo gotovo najblažja čustva. V srcu so večkrat boljši kristjani kakor tisti, ki se imajo za kristjane."

*Nadaljevanje*

## VELIČASTNA VELIKA NOČ

Pred stoletji so naši predniki najprej opravili strogo zapovedan post. Nato so živo občutili s srcem in dušo prelep velikonočni praznik. Ta je po lepoti in veseljem vsa praznovanja tekom leta: prekosal.

Pomlad, že topla in zelena, je veliko pripomogla k najlepšemu dnevu leta. Travniki so bili že očiščeni, na polje je redkokdo še stopil. Ljudje so se oprijeli dela doma. Vse, kar je navlekla zima v hišo in zunaj nje, je moralo biti pospravljeno. Gospodar je pregledal dvorišče, skednje in hleve.

Gospodinje so imele dela na pretek: peklo so potice in kolač, kuhale klobase in prekajeno gnjat; če ni bilo hčera, so morale barvati pirhe. Otroci so se vrteli okrog mater in matere so jih morale poditi izpod nog.

Velika sobota je bila že vsa praznična. Delo je že počivalo-vsaj za moške. Če je bil v navadi blagoslov jedil popoldne, je gospodinja sama napolnila pisan jervas, ki je smel biti samo za velikonočno rabo. Z nekako slovesnostjo je polagala jedila v jervas in otrokom pojasnovala, kaj pomeni kolač, kaj hren, kaj gnjat, kaj rdeči pirhi. K materi je nato pristopila odrasla hči, jervas pogrnila z

velikonočnim prtom, katerega je sama okrasila z vezenjem in obrobila s čipkami. Hitela je z jervasom na glavi v farno cerkev k blagoslovu; če je katera izmed deklet želela poročiti tisto leto, je morala prva poleteti iz cerkve.

Na veliko soboto so bile proti večeru ponekod tudi velikonočne procesije. Zvonovi so se oglasili. Otroci so oblekli nove obleke. Skupine mladih in starih so se razvrstile v procesijo, katero so vodili fantje z velikimi banderi. O, kakšna slovesnost: zvonarji so pritrkovali, pevci so peli, ministranti so zvončkljali, starejši pa molili. Župnik je nosil monštranco in blagoslavljal.

Na nedeljo, na praznik Kristusovega stajenja, so morali biti ljudje samo doma ali v cerkvi. Gostilne so bila prazne. Šele v pondeljek, ki je bil tudi praznik, je bil dan veselja, dan obiskovanja sosedov, dan igranja in nabiranja pirhov. Dekleta so že vedele, kateremu fantu bodo pirhe podarile.

Prišli so pa novi časi  
in marsikaj se je spremenilo.

SPOMINI

### Za pomladansko utrujenost:

Spomladansko utrujenost bomo omilili z dodatkom vitamina C. Več počivajmo in sprehajajmo se po svežemu zraku.

### Zdravljenje:

Čaji: kopriva, meta

Jedi: čim več sadja in zelenjave: fige (figs), grenivke (grapefruit), jabolka (apples), pomaranče (oranges), slive (plums), kisló zelje (sauerkraut), kopriva (nettle) kot špinaca, korenček (carrot), rabarbara (rhubarb), redkvice (radishes), regrat (dandelion) kot solata, repa (turnip).

Za boljše spanje pa poskusimo z medom (po dr. Jarvisu): V skodelico damo 4 zličke medu in 4 zličke jabolčnega kisa. Vse to zmešamo in premešamo. Pred spanjem vzamemo 2 žlički te mešanice. Če v eni uri ne zaspimo vzamemo še dve žlički in kadar se ponoči zbudim pa še po dve žlički.

Na zdravje! Pa Bogu se priporočite!

## CIRILA

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dobri tebi gre hvala, čast in slava  
in ves blagoslov edinemu gre.  
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Hvaljen bodi moj Bog, Gospod  
zavoljo vseh svojih stvari,  
posebno za voljo sonca, tvojega  
velikega brata, ki razsvetljuje dneve  
za nas.

Lepo je v svojem velikem sijaju žari  
tebe Najvišji obseva.

Hvaljen bodi moj Gospod  
zavoljo sestre lune in zvezd,  
ustvaril si jih na nebu jasne in lepe.

Hvaljen bodi moj Gospod  
zavoljo brata vetra in zraka.  
V oblačnem in jasnem vremenu  
vsakega časa,  
ki z njim svoja bitja ohranjaš.

Hvaljen bodi moj Gospod zavoljo  
naše sestre vode: kaj bi mi počeli  
brez nje.  
Zelo koristna je ponižna in čisto  
dobra.



Hvaljen bodi moj Gospod zavoljo  
luči svetlobe, drage nam, ki z njo  
razsvetljuješ nam noč, lepo vedro  
in krepko.

Hvaljen bodi nas Gospod zavoljo  
naše zemlje sestre, ki nas kakor  
mati hrani in vodi in nam daje  
mnogotere sadove, pisano cvetje z  
zelenjem.

Hvaljen bodi nas Gospod zavoljo  
njih, ki iz ljubezni do tebe odpuščajo  
in prenašajo težave in nadloge  
svoje, blagor njim, ki prenašajo  
vdano, zakaj ti Najvišji jih boš pov-  
išal.

Hvalite in povečujte našega Gos-  
poda Stvarnika, zahvaljajte se mu,  
služite mu v veliki ponižnosti.

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V začetku februarja smo se veselili, da bomo zimo dobro prebili. Pred dobrim dva tednoma, vrtovi že zeleni, danes pa ko to pišem je 26. februar in imamo pa snega za dva čevlja visoko in barometer pa kaže 4 stopinje (F°). "Je vse belo, dol in breg, pod nogo pa škriplje trdi sneg, uboge ptičice zmuzejo, nožice gole prizdigujejo."

Sedaj imamo 40. dni posta, ki ni samo post za zdrževanje mesa, po naši veri, ampak tudi dobro za naše zdravje. Vemo pa tudi, da se mnogi danes borijo za vitko linijo in se odpovedujejo raznim jedilom, da bi ostali primerno vitki in zdravi sredi – "družbe obilja" – v kateri ljudje preveč jedo in pijejo.

Želimo vsem za velikonočne praznike mnogo veselja, zdravja in zadovoljstva! To so želje od naše podružnice iz Fair-port, Ohio.

Za kratek čas še pesmico –

Bom šel na planince,  
na strme gore,  
bom slišal od daleč  
zagorske zvone,

Zagorski zvonovi  
premilo pojo,  
nemara preljubo,  
k pogrebu neso,

Pa če jo nesejo,  
le naj jo neso  
saj dolgo nebode  
ko pojdem za njo.

Zvoniti bom pustil,  
kropiti pa ne,  
kropile jo bode,  
le moje solze.

Prav vesele Velikonočne praz-  
nike, vsem bralcem Zarje.

Želi

JULKA KLAMMER

# LEARNING SLOVENIAN

*How are you doing? Do you think you can manage the following lesson on Declensions of Nouns? Try it!*

## LESSON III

### DECLENSION (sklanjatev)

In our language declension denotes the relationship of individual words in the sentence, which in English with only some exceptions (like the Saxon genitive) is expressed by the use of prepositions. These different forms of nouns are called "cases" (skloni). There are six cases: Nominative, Genitive, Dative, Accusative, Locative, Instrumental (imenovalnik, roditeljski, dajalnik, tožilnik, mestnik, orodnik).

The declension of nouns follows mostly the following four patterns:

Singular	Dual	Plural
I. miza mize mizi mizo pri mizi z mizo	mizi miz mizama mizi pri mizah z mizama	mize miz mizam mize pri mizah z mizami
II. nit niti niti nit pri niti z nitjo	niti niti nitima niti pri nitih z nitima	niti niti nitim niti pri nitih z nitmi
III. korak (step) koraka koraku korak* pri koraku s korakom	koraka korakov korakoma koraka pri korakih s korakoma	koraki korakov korakom korake pri korakih s koraki
IV. mesto mesta mestu mesto pri mestu z mestom	mesti mest mestoma mesti pri mestih z mestoma	mesta mest mestom mesta pri mestih z mesti

*\*If a masculine noun denotes a living being the Accusative in the sing equals to the Genitive; on the other hand, if it denotes a thing, the Nominative and the Accusative are the same.*

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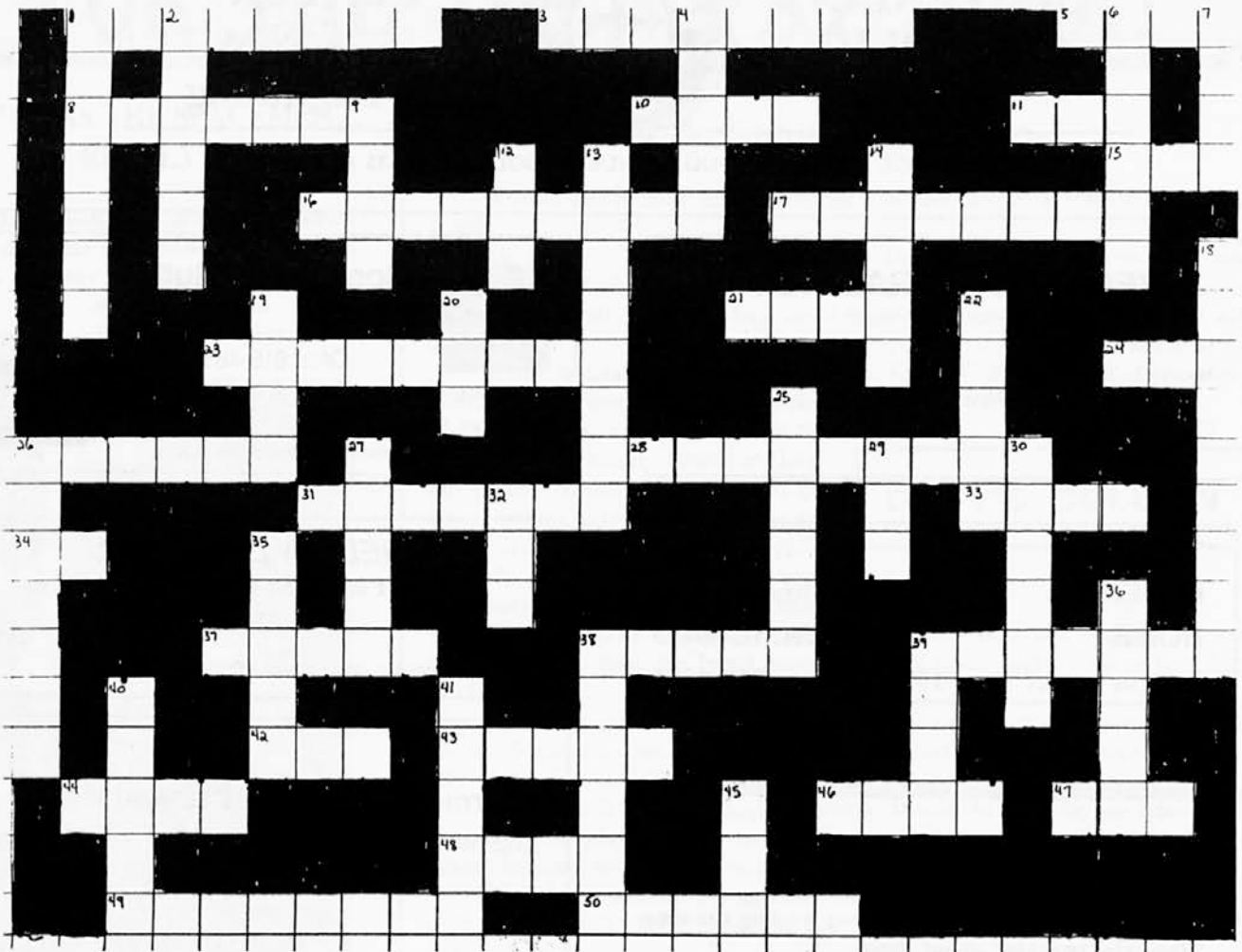
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# "THOMAS THE SPACEMAN" CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Miriam Leskovar Burkland



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## ACROSS

1. What astronauts wear on their backs to fly in space
3. This happens after countdown when rockets go up
5. Opposite of hot; Pluto is this temperature
8. There are 9 of these; Earth is one; they circle around the sun
10. Shape of the Earth
11. Where clouds are; it usually is blue
15. Saturn is made up of this
16. Objects that astronauts put up in space to study things and do experiments
17. All of the planets, stars and galaxies put together
21. Are stars low? No, they are \_\_\_\_\_
23. The vehicle astronauts use to move around while on the moon
24. The sun is this temperature; opposite of cold
26. We have 4 of these each year – spring, summer, fall and winter
28. The men **and** women who travel in rockets and explore space
31. The force on Earth that keeps us from floating around
33. Haze around sun that looks like a circle; what angels have on their heads

## 34. Opposite of down

37. An icy cold planet, farthest from the sun
38. A ball of fire and gases with a tail that flies through the sky
39. The planet closest to the sun
42. The color of Mars
43. Having to do with the moon
44. Opposite of up
46. Abbreviation for the people who own the Space Shuttle – National Aeronautical Space Administration
47. Short for United States of America
48. Sometimes you use this when you want to send a secret message
49. One of the things astronauts collect on the moon and bring to earth to study
50. Machines that sometimes look like and can act like people

## DOWN

1. The biggest planet
2. Another word for taking a trip
4. Where astronauts go into
6. The air in spacesuits that astronauts breathe
7. We have 7 of these in each week



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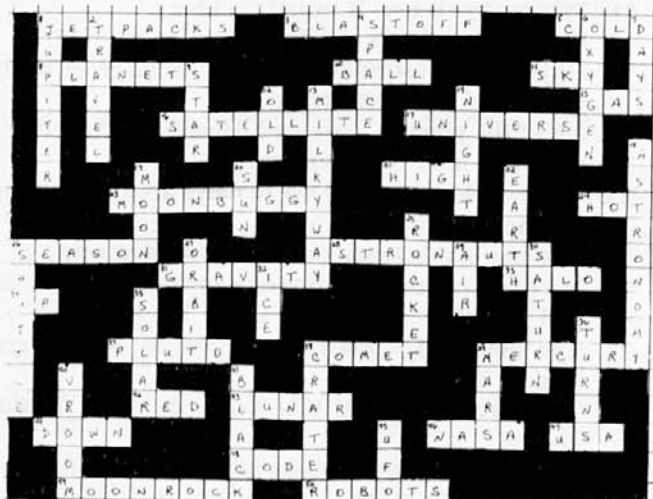
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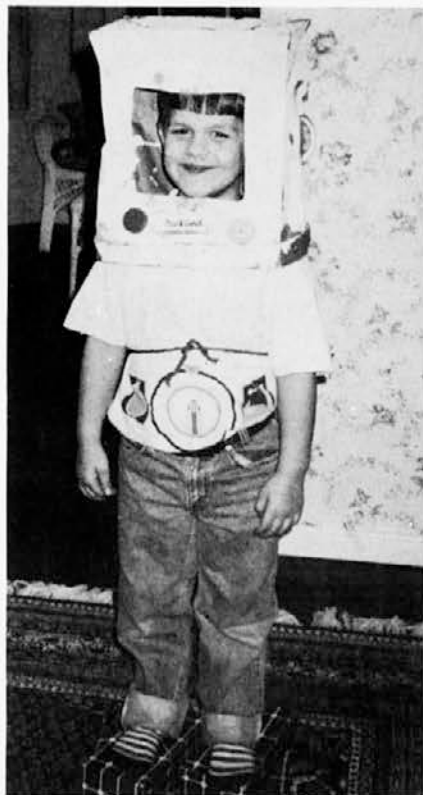


9. The sun is the largest one of these; we sing the song "Twinkle, twinkle" about these
12. Are stars new? No, they are \_\_\_\_\_
13. The name of our galaxy
14. The time we sleep; when the moon is out
18. The science where we study the stars and planets
19. The planet that moves around our Earth; 3 of these would fit into the Earth
20. The center of our solar system
22. The name of our planet
25. The part of a spaceship that has the boosters in it; another name for a spaceship
26. The name of the spaceship that can land like an airplane; the space \_\_\_\_\_
27. The path a planet takes when it moves around the sun or another planet
29. What we breathe
30. The planet with rings; it is made up of gases
32. When water freezes, it is \_\_\_\_; Pluto is this cold
35. Having to do with the sun; the \_\_\_\_ system
36. How the Earth moves on its axis
38. Holes on the moon's surface made when something crashes into it
39. The red planet
40. One of the sounds made when a rocket blasts off
41. The color of space
45. Short for Unidentified Flying Objects

# "FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART"

## THOMAS THE SPACEMEN... REALLY IS!

There really is a spaceman named Thomas! He's a wonderful, almost 6 year old boy who lives in Oak Park and goes to kindergarten there. When the class had a special day



called "space day", Thomas dressed up in a space suit he made himself! All his classmates did the same thing and they had a lot of fun!

For this occasion, they had a party and entertainment and played all kinds of games. One of them was to do this Crossword Puzzle we've printed here that was created by Thomas' mom. Do you think you can do it, too? Why don't you try? (The answers are at the bottom of page 32, in case you need to check if you're right!)

Thomas and his mom and dad Miriam and Mark Burkland, and

## *Holy Saturdays of Yesterday*

When I was a child, Easter was, as it is now, a special time to spend with family.

All of Holy Week was special with last minute preparations for Easter Sunday. But of all the days of that week, it is Holy Saturday that holds a special place in my heart. It's Holy Saturday I seem to remember the clearest and with a fondness.

It was special in a quiet sort of way. Good Friday was over. Therefore, there was only one big task left to perform in the Easter preparations. In the afternoon we'd head to church and have our baskets blessed. We were over the lenten hump, so to speak. Only the excitement of Easter morning was ahead.

My two sisters and I would each have our own little basket, which mom would let us fill with whatever we wanted. Only one item was a standard; a ham sandwich made from the bread mom baked for Easter and a slice of ham from the Easter ham.

My cousin, who lived next door, would go to church with us with her own basket. Sometimes one or two of our neighborhood friends would join us. (Naturally, they each brought along a basket with the mandatory ham sandwich.)

Holy Saturday had a "magic" about it. It was the only day we could go to church in our play clothes, and no one scolded. In fact, ladies came for the basket blessing with curlers in their hair. No one seemed to notice.

When I was a child, during Lent, all the statues in the church were covered with purple cloth. They remained that way from Ash Wednesday until Holy Saturday afternoon, when the church was prepared for the evening Easter Vigil. For the first time in over a month, we'd see the statues and flowers being brought in to decorate the altar.

As I sat in the pew, waiting for the priest to come out and bless the baskets, I would close my eyes and inhale the scent of the Easter lilies. It was so good to smell flowers in church, again.

After the baskets were blessed, we all would pile back into the car and show each other what we packed for the blessing, but best of all we'd eat were our blessed ham sandwiches. Even though supper was only an hour away, mom didn't yell. She couldn't. It was "holy food," and everyone knows "holy food" isn't bad. It can't spoil supper.

HAPPY EASTER!

## DAVY'S COLUMN

baby sister, Katharine Eloise, whose second birthday is April 13th (Happy Birthday, Katharine!) hope you all have fun with the puzzle...

...and Thomas says he'll wave to us from the moon, when he gets there! (Thomas and Katherine are members since birth, at Br. 2, Chicago)



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ŠTRUKLJI

Štruklji (shtrū-klē) are dumplings prepared with or without a dough, frequently molded into a long roll, wrapped and tied in cooked in boiling water. They were especially popular w/ not eat meat on Fridays. Substantial and economical, they the main part of the meal (often preceded by homemade soup

BUCKWHEAT DUMPLINGS

- 2 cups white flour
- 1 cup buckwheat flour
- 4 tablespoons butter (1/4

Sift flours into mixing bowl and salt. Knead to form a soft cloth covered table sprinkled w/ Spread dough with filling.

Filling:

- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup finely ground walnut.

Mix together the sour cream, egg sugar. Spread filling over dough. S up into tight roll. Place in boiling s Remove from water. Cut in small : crumbs and finely chopped parsley.

CHEESE DUMPLI.

- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon lard, melted
- 2 tablespoons oil

In bowl, add the ingredients except wooden spoon until a soft dough is form 10 minutes or until smooth and elastic. cover w in bowl; cover and let "rest" for about 2 hours in

Filling:

- 1 1/2 sticks melted butter (to spread on dough)
- 1 pound cream cottage cheese
- 1 pound dry cottage cheese or Ricotta cheese
- 4 egg yolks

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