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FATHER BLASE CHEMAZAR MEETS THE HOLY FATHER

As Custos (superior) of the Slovene Franciscans in the U.S., Fr. Blase Chemazar OFM is a member of the OFM English-speaking Conference. Members are the provincials and custodies of the Franciscans in the United States, Canada, England, Ireland and Malta. The conference members meet twice yearly. In 1988 the fall meeting was held in Rome, so that on Sunday, September 25, the members could attend the beatification of Junipero Serra, OFM, who worked in present day California, and Frederic Janssoone, OFM, who worked in French Canada.

On Saturday, September 24, 1988, the 23 members of the Conference, with 30 other priests, celebrated Mass at Castel Gondolfo with Pope John Paul II. After Mass, all the concelebrants and the people present received a souvenir rosary from the Holy Father. On the picture, the Pope is giving Fr. Blase a rosary.

After the beatification a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated in the chapel of the General Curia OFM (general headquarters in Rome). One of the most distinguished American bishops who had come for Serra's beatification reported that as he had thanked the Pope for the beatification of Serra he also reminded the Holy Father that Bishop Baraga, an American of Slovene birth, was currently a candidate for beatification.

It is significant that the sainthood process for Bishop Baraga has come within sight of success, with the news from the Baraga Association that the final paper work is to be concluded in the spring. American Slovenian Franciscans, under the leadership of Fr. Blase, have wholeheartedly supported this Cause and are to be commended for the promotional work being done through their religious monthly publication "Ave Maria."

The Franciscans were also in the forefront for the drive to have the *Marija Pomagaj* chapel at Brezje in Slovenia dignified as a Basilica, which gives it landmark status.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Feb. 11-12-BAKE SALE, Br. 1, Sheboygan, WI
Apr. 2- CARD & GAMES PARTY, Br. 16, So. Chicago, IL

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY

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MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

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National President's Message

"Shine Your Light!" 1154788

Our annual Board of Directors meeting of the Slovenian Women's Union will be held at the Home Office in Joliet on March 6, 8, and 8, 1989. There undoubtedly will be many important discussions and recommendations made during our three day assembly. We welcome suggestions; this is where we're depending on our Regional Presidents to report on matters discussed at our State Conventions and branch meetings.

Branch Presidents, please encourage your Junior members who are eligible for Scholarships to apply. Discuss this at your meetings as it's usually the parent or grandparent whom we must reach first.

Most branches plan Valentine parties during the month of February. To those who do not, we encourage you to do so in the future. These celebrations have a much deeper meaning than we realize.

The second phase of our membership campaign is drawing to a close; there is still time to make a concerted effort to increase our membership in each branch. Let us add a "Rose" to Tory's Bouquet!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 8th, rather early this year. Once again we are reminded that our very being depends on God's infinite love and compassion. A reading from Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14 reminds us all that we were once in darkness but are now light in the Lord. Among the fruits of light Paul numbers especially moral goodness, justice and truth which is the total spectrum of moral attitudes towards others, God and self. To love one another just as Jesus has loved us requires reaching out. May our light shine throughout this Lenten season!

Victoria Bobence



TORY'S BOUQUET CAMPAIGN

TORY's BOUQUET CAMPAIGN which commenced April 1, 1988 gathered 190 members as of the end of the year. The Bouquet is made up of 18 Class A members including three Junior transferees, 109 Class B including twenty transferees and 48 Juniors plus fifteen socials. Twenty-three branches participated thus far, as well as twenty-two members-gardeners.

Among the branches in top place is No. 20 of Joliet, IL with 47 as of December, 1988. Joliet has attained its goal of 60 plus in observance of the branch's 60th anniversary by enrolling eleven new members in the first three months of 1989 plus 7 socials. The branch was organized June 11, 1938.

Other top ranking branches are:

No. 105, Detroit, MI
No. 23, Ely, MN
No. 2, Chicago, IL
No. 25, Cleveland, OH
No. 30, Home Office
No. 34, Soudan, MN
No. 39, Biwabik, MN

Top ranking workers are:

24 Jonita Ruth (20)
13 Pauline Adamic (105)
11 Kathleen Emerson (105)
8 Cirila Kermavner (25)
7 Olga Ancel (20)
7 Theresa Papesch (20)
6 Margaret Striner (71)

In the remaining two months, it is sincerely hoped that all branches will be represented in Tory's Banquet by at least one new member.

Olga Ancel, Nat'l Secretary

INVOCATION BY FR. BERNARD HORZEN AT ILL.-IND. CONVENTION

Lord, you recognize us as Slovenians because there is love in each of us. On this special day of the Illinois-Indiana Regional Convention and the 60th birthday of Branch 20, we pray to You, Heavenly Father.

For our parents who gave us life and so much more and for all who have given us of their labor and love.

For the older ones in our families and in our community that we may share their lives, enjoy them and help each other.

For our families, that we may strengthen and enjoy each other, that dissension may end quickly and love prevail.

We beg you, bless us, our friends, and this food and those who prepared and served it. Reward those who have preserved our Slovenian heritage and culture, especially our Founder and ZARJA Editor and all members who have been the caretakers of the Museum and those who assist them, and all the officers through the years.

May we appreciate each other and find refreshment of body and soul in our gathering today. Amen.

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SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN ITS 40TH YEAR!

This year, we observe the 40th anniversary of the Scholarship Program. To highlight this memorable occasion, letters were sent to the 47 scholarship winners who are members – from the 109 recipients from 1949-1984 (1985-1988 winners are still in college). Each was asked to comment on the academic experience and how it affected their lives, and to give any personal remarks, if desired.

I was very pleased to receive 20 replies, excerpts of which will be published in ZARJA periodically. **Marie Bombach Dye**, our first scholarship winner in 1949, writes:

"I received a double Bachelor's degree in three years (rather than the usual four) in fields of English and Psychology. During the years I have also pursued graduate studies in field of Educational Psychology and received post-graduate degrees.

I have pursued my love of writing by serving as Assistant Editor at a newspaper, a quality magazine and a prominent radio station where entire programs I had written were broadcast. As a free lance writer, I have had many articles published in professional journals and other publications, anthologies, etc. This year I received the GOLDEN POET AWARD of 1988; awarded in California.

I have taught school in Michigan – and in Indiana. I have been the head librarian and student counselor. My teaching experience was in the grade school, high school and college levels (mostly with disadvantaged).

I am married; we have an adopted daughter who is married and has her own daughter who is our pride and joy. Both my better half and I are now retired. Though we are not yet of regular retirement age – my health problems and his vision problems have necessitated this.

We still live in the home where I was raised. I am a founding member of Branch 105, Detroit, MI.

Louise Godec Brindza, a 1959 scholarship winner, began: "Thank you for the letter – it is nice to be remembered. Congratulations on the 40th anniversary of the Scholarship Program.

"Yes, with the help of Slovenian Women's Union Scholarship, I was able to complete my Administrative Assistant College Course at Dyke College in Cleveland. The \$100 was wonderful and really helped ... you may recall that I went to college after a bout with Polio back in 1956 and I really needed all the help I could get. It was almost a necessity that I return to "school" ... I literally needed to be retrained after spending two years hospitalized.

Upon graduation I immediately was able to secure a position with Stouffer's Somerset Inn ... starting at the PBX and working myself up through various positions to secretary to many General Managers and then becoming Director of Sales...and now...and since 1976 I am employed as Sales Reservations Manager at the Sheraton Beachwood! I obviously love the hotel business ... it's been 30 years.

I lived with my mother, Alouise Epley, secretary of Branch 73, Warrensville Heights, until I met my wonderful husband, George ... we were married in July of 1978. This past April we purchased our first home ... right across the street from my mother, sister and brother! My mother

usually hosts most Club functions because of the ample space and parking available between the four homes...its wonderful! My grandmother was Alojzia Turk, a founder of the Branch...so the entire family are members including nephews: Billy Mandich, Christopher Mandich, Lee Epley, and niece, Tracy Epley...Life is good.

Thank you for your part in making my career successful!

A 1971 scholarship winner, **Carita Ancel Girman**, says: "Since the Slovenian Women's Union supported me in pursuing my education, I am pleased to provide some updated information on the results of that education. My scholarship was applied toward tuition at Loyola University where I was a Liberal Arts major back in 1971. I later transferred to the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle where I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. Being dissatisfied with my employment situation after graduation, I began to take evening courses in a variety of subjects. This eventually led to a reawakened interest in higher mathematics and physical sciences. I eventually earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

While pursuing my second degree, I married Scott, also a civil engineer. We have in the past worked for competing consulting engineering firms. However, we are now both employed by Greeley and Hansen at their Indianapolis office. I am quite fortunate to have had the opportunity to work only part-time for the past two years since we are the proud parents of a beautiful two-year old daughter named Hannah MeeEun.

I thank you for your past financial and moral support and encourage you to continue providing support for the youth of the Slovenian Women's Union. Just as you encouraged young women to do the nontraditional 40 years ago and earn a college degree, I hope you offer encouragement today to young women to pursue nontraditional careers in higher mathematics, sciences, and engineering.

Hearing from these and other Scholarship winners has been enlightening and inspiring. Don't you agree? We all should be proud of these young achievers.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT July 1 – December 31, 1988

Dear Contributors:

During this special observance of the 40th anniversary of the Scholarship Fund we wish to extend heartfelt thanks to ALL the contributors since 1949, making this an ongoing vital program for our organization and for our deserving scholarship winners. We thank you with deep gratitude for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

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Scholarship Fund

ATTENTION: GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS APPLY NOW FOR A \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP

Dear High School Senior:

If you have been a member of the Slovenian Women's Union of America for at least three years and are contemplating enrollment in an accredited college or university in the fall, you are eligible to apply for one of the five \$1,000 scholarships. GO FOR IT!

We urge you to immediately request from Hermine Dicke, 3717 Council Crest, Madison, WI 53711, the application brochure listing the necessary information from you to apply for a scholarship. The deadline for sending that information is March 31.

The Scholarship Committee wishes you much happiness, success and satisfaction during this final semester in high school.

Cordially,

Hermine Dicke, chairman
S.W.U. Scholarship Committee

GREETINGS FROM THE OHIO-MICHIGAN REGIONAL PRESIDENT

How fast the year has gone by and here we are into a new one. Wishing all of our SWU members and ZARJA readers a very Blessed, Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 1989. God willing, we will all be here and have a good year, a better year!

Our Zveza is only what we make it and I do hope and know that you will all try your best. Keep your meetings interesting so to keep the attendance up, have the reporters send in articles, and some in Slovenian, and above all, we should get some new members! I think we should try just a little bit harder!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our twelve branches of Ohio-Michigan for all cooperation throughout the year. The Regional Convention was very well taken care of by Branch 10 of Collinwood. Also, thank you for all the invitations to the different activities. It is a pleasure to be with you and to see and hear what goes on with each individual branch.

The 1989 Regional Convention will be held in conjunction with Br. 32 of Euclid which will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary. It is only two years since our National Convention in Joliet and it already seems so far away. Four years between conventions and here we are only two years away from the next one. The time is coming when we will have to start planning. This will be a big job for all of our Cleveland branches to get involved. Since there was no National Convention in Ohio we will have to do our very best to make this a super National Convention in 1991. There will be more details on this in later issues!

February being the month of LOVE, I wish all of you a very Happy Valentine's Day and to our out-of-towners, too, as they are not forgotten.

With love and prayers,

Ann J. Tercek

ACTIVITIES

NO. 1, SHEBOYGAN, WI

Dorothy Brezonik and I visited our elderly and homebound members for Christmas. We were so glad to find them all in good health and happiness.

Our Christmas party was very well-attended. Thanks to all who came to make an enjoyable evening. Father Richard Fleishman opened our dinner with a prayer, followed by singing of Christmas carols. Election of officers also took place. Spiritual Director, Fr. Fleishman will advise us thru the year. President is Ruth Sheck, Vice President, Janet Maurin, Treasurer and Recording Secretary is Aggie Gruenke, Secretary, Dorothy Brezonik, Sentinel Dorothy Behnke, Sunshine, Mary Udovich and Auditors, Mary Udovich, Molly Sterk and Mary Renee Vertacic. Funeral prayers will be said by officers and attending members.

Pauline Ruper was nominated as Mother of the Year. Pauline graciously accepted; further plans to be made at the next meeting.

Our Bake Sale is Feb. 11-12, just in time for Valentine's Day. We are asking everyone to please help make this a big success.

Hi! to Dorothy Brezonik in sunshiney Florida. We miss you but hope you are having a great time.

Respectfully submitted,

AGGIE GRUENKE

NO. 2, CHICAGO, IL

"Želim Vam srečno in zdravo novo leto - 1989"

Around St. Stephen's during December we had so many activities. All the lodges had Christmas parties for the children, the Senior Mens' Club members and guests enjoyed a pork roast dinner, the Senior Ladies had a buffet spread and were entertained by Magician Mike Magajne.

Br. 2 children's party - "Have a Beary Christmas" down Candy Cane Lane was really delightful. Sharon Naudziunas, chairperson and Ray Nusko as decorator did an excellent job. The children brought their favorite Teddy Bears to the party. It was

good to see so many young mothers and fathers with their children; these same parents use to attend parties when they were children. Even some of the grandparents came to watch the happiness of the children when Santa came calling. Percy made each child a pretty "sled" ornament. Mike Magajne had the children wide-eyed with his magic show.

Our officers co-chaired the "Advent Tea" December 4, after all Masses with lots of home baked goodies by our expert bakers. Each person that attended received a beautiful book mark.

December 15, St. Stephen's Hall was transformed into Snow Ball Inn, by Terry Morison and Ray Nusko. Joe Worth donated beautiful Christmas floral center pieces (25) which some 25 lucky persons were able to take home after the party. Fran and Percy made "snow ball" favors for everyone. Our hostess, Jean Hraster had 13 door prizes. There were 170 members and guests: Fathers Thad, Kalist, Christian from St. Stephen's, Fathers Vendelin and Fortunat from Lemont, Father Ciril Božič from Australia, Father Bernardin from Rome. Sisters: Rose, Cynthia, Regina Marie, Vendelina and Gregory from St. Stephen's School; we were also happy to have members of Branch #20 from Joliet. The Anniversary Mass was said by Father Thad for S.W.U. concelebrated with Fathers Božič and Fortunat. Father Vendelin played the organ and chimes - it was beautiful and we sang those heart warming Slovenian songs. The blessing of the food by Father Thad and then Bon Appetit! Chefs Martin and Julia Kacin prepared an old-fashioned American dinner with turkey and all the trimmings. Members also baked and we had a lovely sweet table. Sister Cindy's eighth graders helped serve, they did a good job.

There were many gifts which helps the general fund. President Fran presented Father Thad with a Christmas check to St. Stephen's for \$250.00 and also Father Vendelin for Lemont \$250.00. Also a check of \$365.00 from the cheer basket went to Father Thad. Father Vendelin closed the party with a prayer. We really had a

nice time. Thank you Percy Morison and Jean Hraster and your committee for a job well done.

I hope you all listened to the Christmas show of the Slovenian Radio hour, it was so touching, so real. Little children talking about Jesus and Christmas and what it meant to them. It brought tears to your eyes.

Father Thad celebrated his birthday on December 26th. God love you and grant you good health.

New Years Eve - Baraga Mass at Lemont - A nice crowd. After Mass a dinner was served at the Baraga House. Hostess Ann Sam prepared a beautiful table and Julia and Martin Kacin put on a big spread of ham, salads and home baked pastries. Mary Ann Oblak gave a talk on how Bishop Baraga worked with the Indians, not only helped with their religion but was a helpmate to them with any problems they encountered. Everyone had a real nice time saying goodbye to the old year and a good start for the new year. Mike Morison was up for New Year's from Huntsville, Alabama. He still looks terrific.

A big New Year's Party was held at the St. Stephen's Gym by the Slovenski Športni Klub. That terrific dinner was prepared by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Gregorich and their committee. There were many out-of-towners. The hall was jumping with all the dancers, Frances Maxwell and Frank Pristave among them. At midnight favors and champagne, also, coffee, potica, krofe, and sandwiches. Everyone had a good time dancing the old year out and celebrating the new year in.

Mary Muller is visiting her family in California. She will be there for 6 weeks. Getting away from all this cold weather.

Amelia Smith came north for the holidays. It was good to see her.

New members: 1 B member is Therese Schultz and daughter Olivia - other Juniors are: Jennifer Anderl, Jamie Bulgajewski, Angeline Nusko, Carol Nusko, Stephanie A. Petrich and Elliott Pisarczyk.

Our condolences to the Ribich family on the death of Johanna Ribich (Styer); she was president of K.S.K.J. St. Mary (Marija Pomagaj) Lodge. Also, Dorothy Foral on the death of

her father-in-law in Wisconsin; to Mary Poppish on the death of her brother-in-law; Marie Knych on the loss of her brother; and to Chet Zurek and family on the loss of Barbara Zurek. She was on the bowling team years ago and a member of our Sports Club. To the Slabe family and Mary Vrhovnik on the death of her father, Frank Slabe. Please remember them in your prayers that they may rest in peace. Molimo za vse; naj počivajo v miru.

Please pray for our sick members: Mary Krzysnik, Lottie Skinkis, Jennie Puhek, Antonia Densa and Stella Longosz (who is in the hospital with a broken leg).

The Boy Scouts of St. Stephen's had their Pancake Breakfast. It was their 13th year for this event. Now you know why Chicago has such good restaurants, they get their training early.

John K. McCormick was selected as an outstanding student by the Outstanding High School Students of America for his outstanding merit and accomplishments; he is the grandson of Johanna Oblak and son of Adrianne McCormick.

January 23rd, at 11:00 a.m. bells tolled one time for every million babies killed since 1973 to celebrate the end of abortion or to voice our concern over the continuance of abortion.

Dates to remember:

February 5 - Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women presents a Mardi Gras Square Dance - Josephinum High School, 1501 N. Oakley, Chicago - Contact Irene Kalina for information.

February 7 - Our Lady's Guild, Penny Social, St. Stephen's Hall.

February 9 - S.W.U. Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Mass for the Ailing Members, 8:00 a.m.

February 11 - Valentine Masquerade Dance - St. Stephen's Gym

February 25-March 26 - Art of Botany - Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit, Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe, Ill.

March 5 - Koline - Sausage Feast

March 9 - S.W.U. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Mass for the Ailing Members 7:00 a.m.

March 12 - Baraga Dinner - St. Stephen's Gym

March 19 - Altar & Rosary Society games party - St. Stephen's Gym

March 25 - Baraga Mass - Lemont, 5:30 p.m.

Congratulations to Jean and Sylvester Hrastar on their 25th Wedding Anniversary Feb. 5th. Mass 11:30 a.m., February 8.

Until again. Love,

DAISY

NO. 3, PUEBLO, CO

November Report

The holiday season is in full swing and preparations are being made for the usual round of parties. Despite all this, we don't forget our people in rest homes. Gifts, oranges and candy are taken to them.

Anne Spelich, Pres., opened the meeting with prayers and then reports were given and approved. The attendance was fair. We give our thanks to Mary Yanks who furnished the dessert.

A very nice thank you letter was read from Rose Mary Mlakar and Ann Kapel from Fontana, Ca., who attended our State Convention. We were happy to have them.

The comforter donated by Anne Spelich will be given at our Christmas party, which will be Dec. 7 at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement. Members are contributing \$2.00 and will bring a covered dish. Hope we have a good turnout.

Mary Perse is still on the sick list. Agnes Roitz is at the Minnequa Medical Center. Friends are welcome to visit her. Let's remember them in our prayers.

After the meeting, "B" was played.

December Report

Hope everyone had a nice Christmas. How fast the holidays come and go!

Our Christmas party was held Dec. 7 with 23 members present. We had a delicious covered dish dinner and then opened our gifts. Fun was had by all.

We had a very short meeting. Anne Spelich, Pres., opened the meeting with prayers. Minutes were read and approved as were reports.

The comforter was won by Frances Simonich. Our thanks to all who helped with this project, whether it was buying or selling!

We miss members who are unable to attend meetings. Ann Pryatel, one of our faithful members, is unable to attend due to failing eyesight. The following members are residents of care

centers: Anna Pachak is at Minnequa Med Center, Mary Miklich at University Park, Louise Piserchio at Four Seasons, Marie Muhic at Highland Park and Rafaela Francel at Pueblo Manor. Others have been mentioned in previous articles. Visitors are always welcome.

Our present officers have agreed to remain for another year.

Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month except summer at St. Mary's Hall at 1:00 p.m. Plan to attend if at all possible.

With my best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

PAULINE PAUCHICK

NO. 10, CLEVELAND, OH

President Marie Gombach called the meeting to order on Wed. Nov. 16th. Prayers were said for our sick and deceased members. 26 members were present. Minutes were read by Faye Moro, Treasurer.

Rosemary Susel gave her report and also on the State Convention. A note was read which had been sent by Albina Cimperman with a generous donation in memory of her deceased mother, Antonia Baraga and her two deceased sisters, Sophie Magayna (former Treasurer) and Frances Zager (Vice-president). All members of Br. 10 thank you, Albina. You remember us every year and we appreciate it.

Helen Suhly will be in charge of our banner. We had one death, Rose Vicic. Deepest sympathy to the family. Please notify our secretary-treasurer immediately in case of death. Our ladies do pay their respects to a deceased member and our banner is displayed. Dues are now being collected for 1989. Send dues to Rosemary Susel, 9965 Knollwood Dr., Mentor, OH 44060. Phone, 352-3652. Also, notify her if there is any change in the beneficiary on your policy.

Get well wishes to our sick members. Happy Anniversary to Mary and Ed Krann, Ann and Steve Stefancic.

Pots and Pans cookbooks are on sale - they make nice gifts for new brides, etc.

Faye Moro and Joyce LeNassi, our sunshine ladies, will again visit our members who are in residence at the Slovenian Home for the Aged on Neff Rd. These ladies look forward to their visits and are happy to have visitors any time. We thank Faye and Joyce who take the time to do this. If you have time to spare, try to visit. They

ILLINOIS-INDIANA STATE REGIONAL CONVENTION REGIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On Sunday, October 2, 1988, Branch No. 20 of Joliet, Illinois hosted the Illinois-Indiana State Regional Convention. On this day, Branch 20 was also celebrating their 60th Anniversary. It was a rainy morning when members and guests arrived for the Convention meeting, but, by the time the meeting ended, the sun came out and the sky was clear and beautiful.

The morning began with rolls and coffee served by our Hosting Branch at Ferdinand Hall. At 9:30 a.m. the meeting was called to order by Regional President, Sharon Nauziunas.

Greetings were extended to the National Officers present, members and guests. A letter from our National President, Victoria Bobence, was read to all. Tory congratulated Branch 20 on their 60th Anniversary and for hosting the Convention. Tory also wished us much success for the day.

Since time was of the essence, our guest speakers and delegates were asked to limit their reports to ten minutes. The meeting had to be completed by 11:00 a.m. in order for everyone to assemble for 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Our National Secretary, Olga Ancel, stressed the importance of bringing in new members to SWU. Sylvia Vukodinovich, National Treasurer, congratulated Branch 20 on their anniversary. Sylvia also stressed the fact that

our membership is down and it would be nice if every member could bring in one new member. Corinne Leskovar, Editor of the Zarja, also told of the importance of new members and how it will solve many problems. Frances Morison, Womens Activities Chairperson, spoke of faith and family and how to continue for this to be the basis of family life. Frances is also working on a Women's Retreat Conference. Helen Horwath, who is one of the Coordinators of the Heritage Museum, spoke on the National Conference of Canals which she had attended. It was a very enlightening speech. She spoke of the importance of the canals and the way it had affected everyone's life. Angela Nico, past Regional President, told of her trip to Michigan for the Baraga Days, which took place last September.

Eight out of ten branches were present for the Convention. Branch No. 5 was unable to attend the Convention but sent their report, read at the meeting by Regional President, Sharon Nauziunas. All of the reports were beautifully read and compiled by the delegates of the respective branches.

After the meeting, we attended Mass at St. Joseph's Church. The Church was filled with our members and guests as well as with the Church's regular parishioners.

After Mass, everyone attended the dinner which was held at the Renaissance Center. The food was delicious, the atmosphere festive and it was the end of a perfect day for Branch No. 20.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon Nauziunas
Illinois-Indiana State
Regional President*

do like to see you at the Home.

Election of officers took place and the following for 1989 were elected:

President, Mary Gombach, Vice-President, Dannielle Susel, Secretary-Treasurer, Rosemary Susel, Recording Secy, Ann Stefancic, Auditors, Helen Suhy, Mary Prince, Sunshine, Faye Moro, Joyce LeNassi.

Discussed and plans made for our belated Christmas party on Jan. 18th. A short business meeting would be followed by a light lunch served by the members. We also expected to have a lot of good refreshments. Will report on this next month.

We wish good health, happiness in the new year to all members and friends.

ANN STEFANCIC

NO. 12, MILWAUKEE, WI

November meeting was well attended and it was good to have Frances Plesko with us again to start our meeting with a prayer in Slovenian. All officers were present and reports were read and accepted. It was decided to send Christmas greetings to all our Nursing Home members because of

the uncertain cold and snow conditions that usually are with us at that time and also due to the fact that too much territory has to be covered with all the Homes being in all parts of the city and outskirts. Visits and goodies will be done for Easter instead.

Members also voted to go out for our Christmas dinner. Jo Wilhelm and Mary Starich volunteered to visit a few suggested places but we ended up with the Crystal Palace again. We know we can have our usual meeting as well as the usual games we play after a good dinner is served. We were hoping for favorable weather so all would be able to attend.

Stavia closed the meeting with prayer and we sang Happy Birthday to the Birthday Girls who served the luncheon: Mary Starich, Frances Plesko, Julia Peseck, and Ann Jelinek. The lunch was very good and Agnes Morrow treated with a chocolate turkey to remind us of Thanksgiving. Thanks to all who donated the refreshments as well as wine which seems to be a regular treat.

Stavia and Jenny Zelesnikar went on with the door prizes and then we played our favorite games.

I wish to thank Mary Kiel for taking over with the writing of these reports

as it's good to have a different view of things and I've been getting too swamped with my own work as well as feeling myself "slowing down".

Glad to have Celia Kastelic and Gertie Schunk back with us and I just heard that Ursula Ruppe is still in the hospital.

Best to all in the new year. Remember our ill members in your prayers.

M.D.

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We had a large crowd as usual for our Christmas Dinner at Crystal Palace. We missed some of our old timers but Ann Gorishek sent her greetings to all from the nursing home. After our delicious meal we had our meeting and exchanged gifts.

Our present officers will remain. Thank you Stavia Dobersek, President, Jo Wilhelm, Vice-president, Recording Secy. Chris Boyance, Treasurer Mary Dezman, Auditors Mary Starich and Sophie Stampfel. Our Sunshine Girl, Mary Evanich, does a great job. The pay is satisfactory because we can't raise it to congressmen's wages anyway but they like to see so many smiling faces at the meetings.



Mr. & Mrs. Richard Miller

Happy Bride and Groom

The granddaughter of our Br. 10 member, Caroline Gricar was married to June 10th at Zermatt, Switzerland. The photo shows the happy couple, Richard and Judith Miller after the civil ceremony was performed and we can see some of the beauty of the Alps in the background. A second ceremony was held in a chapel where the couple was driven by horse-drawn carriage decorated with flowers.

Judith is a graduate of Wheaton College in Boston, Mass and Richard is a graduate of Oklahoma University. They now reside in San Francisco, California where he is an executive vice president for an electric power development company.

Judith's father, Dr. Donald Anderson hosted a reception for the newlyweds at Moonbrook Country Club in Jamestown, N.Y. and friends came from New York, Canada, Wyoming, Cleveland and San Francisco.

We know Mrs. Gricar and the family are proud of the newly married couple and indeed they should be. We extend our very best wishes for happiness and long life to Judith and Richard!

Reporter

Our Mother of the Year will be Mary Bucovnik. By coincidence her mother Mary Rajster was Mother of the Year twenty-five years ago. Mary Bucovnik is also a charter member.

We decided at our January meeting that we would discuss our card party and Sept. 10th the State Convention in Willard, WI. I remember the last time we went to Willard and never saw such gracious hospitality. The food was super—good home cooking.

Also, the nursing home residents will be remembered at Easter time as their families provide goodies at

Christmas. Our sunshine girl did remember each with a card for the holidays.

We miss Ursula Ruppe who is at St. Jude's nursing home. She always brought the "South Side Spirit" for us. Her son is the editor and we enjoy reading news from the old Slovenian neighborhood.

We hope the nursing home residents and all who are ailing are feeling better in the New Year. Dec. and Jan. birthdays were celebrated at the Jan. meeting. The best to you all.

MARY KIEL

A NAME LIVES ON

The Statue of Liberty — our great symbol of freedom and opportunity is now restored and proudly continues to stand as a beacon of Hope. Our Slovenes throughout the United States have been most generous in the restoration project. We are justly proud of our giving.

We are now being called as grateful Americans to help in the Ellis Island Restoration Project. The Island is being cleaned up and some of the more historic buildings are being restored. There will be a major United States museum that will continue to tell the immigrant story of so many people from so many nations and lands.

Also being introduced is the Immigrant Wall of Honor. If you contribute \$100.00, the name you designate and the country of origin will be permanently placed on this Wall of Honor. You will receive a certificate for framing and also, all donors will be entered into a computer register, so that you and others, can see who donated to this worthy project.

Why not get your family together and consider contributing \$100.00 for your family name. What about our lodges making a contribution to this project? Here is fraternalism extending its hand to the nation.

Contributions can be made and sent to:

Ellis Island Foundation Inc. — SFL

PO Box Ellis

New York, N.Y. 10163

For the Statue of Liberty Restoration Project our Slovenians contributed \$40,600.00. If we give the additional \$9,400, we will officially be recognized with a special plaque as donors of \$50,000 or more. Not only will family names be remembered, but our ancestral name of "Slovenian" will be seen by thousands who come to Ellis Island each year.

Let your family name live on, and let the Slovenian name be remembered and pronounced for many years to come.

If you or your lodge make a contribution put the code "SFL" on your letter and check.

Thank you for your good will and generous spirit.

Fr. David Stalzer

Co-Ordinating Chairperson

NO. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

There is not much news from the West Coast. We met on the first Thursday in November and had 10 members present. It was so nice to have Ann Vercelli back with us. She also brought her marvelous home-made cookies. We really missed her while this remarkable gal had a pacemaker put in. Bless you, Ann!

Vice-president, Anna Fabian gave her report on the Convention in Fon-

Pots and Pans



How very nice to receive recipes from two former scholarship winners: Carita Ancel Girman of 1971, and Ann Marie Zak Kloder of 1979. Carita's fast and easy POTATO CHEESE CASSEROLE is great for a crowd, with 12 to 16 servings. Ann Marie's CHRISTMAS CHERRY COOKIES which won first place in a local cookie contest, are too delightful to wait for the 1989 Christmas article. Helen Plut of Joliet, IL, shares her flavorful WHITE BREAD recipe which I had asked for. Bernice Jar-kovich of South Chicago offers her LEMON APPLESauce CHEESE-CAKE which will enhance any menu.

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CORRECTION, sorry: Nov. issue, Bavarian Apple Cake - bake 400° for 10 minutes (375° if pyrex pan); then 25 minutes at 325° or until apples are tender.

Love,

Hermine

tana, CA. She said she couldn't have been treated nicer and really enjoyed herself. She gave a very informative and interesting report. Rose Scoff, past president of Br. 13 and the Western States, gave her report also. Both ladies thank everyone for their gracious hospitality.

We still have many members on the sick list. You are remembered and thought of each time we meet.

Again I mention how very lucky we are here in California - tomorrow is our Christmas party and it is a beautiful day. Sun is shining and living near the ocean as I do, I can see for miles. No harsh winds, snow or rain - just blue ocean.

Hope the new year will bring good health and a blessed year to all our members in Br. 13 and all our sister members across this beautiful country.

BEVERLY JACKSON

POTATO CHEESE CASSEROLE

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| 2 | pounds frozen hashbrown potatoes | 2 | can (10 ³ / ₄ ounces each) condensed cream of potato soup |
| 1 | carton (8 ounces) sour cream | 1/4 | cup grated Parmesan cheese |
| 1 | package (8 ounces) Cheddar cheese, grated | | |

Thaw potatoes. Butter 13 x 9-inch pan. Heat oven to 300°. Combine potatoes, sour cream, Cheddar cheese and potato soup. Turn mixture into buttered 13 x 9 pan. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese on top. Bake at 300° for 1¹/₂ hours.

WHITE BREAD

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| 5 ¹ / ₂ | to 6 ¹ / ₂ cups unsifted flour | 1 ¹ / ₂ | cups water |
| 3 | tablespoons sugar | 1/2 | cup milk |
| 2 | teaspoons salt | 3 | tablespoons margarine |
| 1 | package Fleischmann's active dry yeast | | |

In a large bowl thoroughly mix 2 cups flour, sugar, salt and undissolved yeast. Combine water, milk and margarine in a saucepan. Heat over low heat until liquids are warm (margarine does not need to melt). Gradually add to dry ingredients and beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl. Add ³/₄ cup flour, or enough flour to make a thick batter. Beat at high speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Stir in enough additional flour to make a soft dough. Turn out onto floured board; knead until smooth and elastic, about 8-10 minutes, adding more reserved flour, if needed, until dough is easy to handle. Place in greased bowl, turning to grease top. Cover; let rise in warm place until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. Punch dough down; turn out into lightly floured board. Cover; let rest 15 minutes. Divide dough in half and shape into loaves. Place in 2 greased 8¹/₂ x 4¹/₂ x 2¹/₂-inch loaf pans. Cover; let rise in warm place, until double in bulk, about 1 hour. Bake in hot oven (400°) about 25 to 30 minutes (until loaves sound hollow when tapped). Remove from pans and cool on wire rack.

LEMON APPLESauce CHEESECAKE

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| 1 | package (3 ounces) lemon flavored gelatin | 1 | cup graham cracker crumbs (about 14 to 16 crackers) |
| 1 | envelope unflavored gelatin | 2 | tablespoons brown sugar |
| 3/4 | cup boiling water | 1/2 | stick butter or margarine, melted |
| 1 | package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened | 1/2 | cup chopped walnuts |
| 3/4 | cup granulated sugar | 1 ² / ₃ | cup OR 13-ounce can evaporated milk; chill in ice cube tray in freezer until crystals form around edges - (do not freeze solid) |
| 2 | cups applesauce | | |
| 1 | teaspoon vanilla | | |

Mix both gelatins in small bowl. Add boiling water and stir gelatins to dissolve. Cool. In large bowl, mix cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Stir in applesauce, vanilla and cooled gelatin mixture; chill until well thickened. Mix cracker crumbs, brown sugar, melted butter and 1/4 cup nuts. Press crumb mixture into bottom of greased 7 or 8-inch spring form pan. Whip thickened apple gelatin mixture while gradually adding chilled milk. Keep beating until fluffy and about double in volume. Turn into prepared pan; sprinkle top with nuts. Chill until set (approximately 5 hours or overnight). Serves 12.

OH — WHAT A DAY IT WAS!!!

On Monday, November 7, 1988, 93 old friends and former neighbors met for lunch at Squire's Restaurant in Solon, Ohio. This happy day came about because of the marvelous idea and tremendous effort of Julie Bartol Mezgec (Branch 47). Julie was assisted by a committee, but the original idea of getting all the ladies from the "old neighborhood" together was thought of by Julie. The "old neighborhood" consisted of all the streets surrounding the Slovenian Hall located at E. 109th Street and Prince Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. This was the area in which we had all lived. Some of the ladies came to live there as young brides 50 to 60 years ago, many of us were born there, went to school, and created lasting friendships.

Julie greeted everyone at the door and presented each lady with a lovely tulip magnet. The tulips were made and donated by her daughter Jean, and daughter-in-law Joanne. Each lady was asked to sign a guest book, giving her marriage name, maiden name and the street on which she had formerly lived.

A table was provided for treasured photographs and other keepsakes brought in by some guests to share with all present. So in addition to all the socializing and, "my goodness, I haven't seen you since...", we were able to view pictures that brought back many, many beautiful memories. A number of photographs were of the Kanalčki Singing Club. All the members of this group were the young sons and daughters of the Slovenian families who lived in the area. The club met at the Prince Hall, where they presented many concerts which were always well attended by the proud parents of its members! The Kanalčki Singing Club was under the direction of Louis Seme. Društvo Cvet Singing Society also met at Prince Hall and presented various functions. A number of ladies brought in old programs of events that had taken place years ago. There were also wedding pictures of parents and family members. Everything displayed reminded everyone of a happy time of their lives, when all our families were together.

We were fortunate to have 8 of our truly "Golden Agers" with us. Julie made arrangements for all of them to sit with her at the headtable. Our Golden Agers are:

Rose Ban, Jennie Gerk, Mary Lavrencic, Stella Ban Machnic, Mary Taucher, all five of Branch 47 and Antonia Vrh, and Frances Zadnik.

Antonia Vrh (91) was the oldest guest. We were pleased that she was able to attend. Mary Lukac Hryb of Wadsworth, Ohio came the greatest distance to be with us.

The tables at which we sat all had lovely floral centerpieces. Julie presented each lady at the headtable with one of the centerpieces. She also mentioned several old friends not with us because of ill health. Jennie Mezgec (Br. 47 was 100 in December!), Caroline Zadnik and Anna Cvet reside at the Slovene Home for the Aged on Neff Road. Others unable to attend were Antonia Dolinar (Branch 47), Pauline Bubnick, Frances Persin (Branch 47) and Frances Vesel. Julie also arranged for each of these very fine women to receive a centerpiece. They may not have been with us in person, but we had them in our hearts!

Before lunch was served, Millie Mertel Stautihar led us in prayer of thanksgiving. After lunch, a number of old Slovenian Songs were sung by the Golden Agers and former members of Kanalčki — the rest of us joined in, remembering the words as best we could.

It was a happy day and a tearful day — a day we will not soon forget!

Thank you to:

.... All the ladies who generously volunteered to pick up the women who required transportation.

.... Everyone who brought in pictures, or other memorabilia — they really made 'yesterday' seem very close to today.

.... All of us who attended. WE'RE A GREAT GROUP — do you know of 93 other women who can meet after 30 plus years and still all be a family of friends and share common interests?

.... JULIE BARTOL MEZGEC. It was Julie who put this all together. We all enjoyed the fruits of her hard work. Thanks Julie, we all love you!

*Elsie Lavrencic
Branch 47*

CHRISTMAS CHERRY COOKIES

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| 1 | cup butter (2 sticks) or margarine, softened | 2 | cups all-purpose flour |
| | | 1/2 | teaspoon salt |
| 1 | cup confectioner's sugar, sifted | 1/2 | teaspoon baking soda |
| | | 1/2 | teaspoon cream of tartar |
| 2 | egg yolks | 1/2 | cup confectioner's sugar, sifted |
| 1 | teaspoon vanilla | | Halved candied cherries or whole walnuts |

Heat oven to 325°. Cream butter or margarine and 1 cup confectioner's sugar; add yolks and vanilla. Mix until well combined. Sift together flour, salt, baking soda and cream of tartar. Add and mix well. Shape dough into nickel-size balls and roll in 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar, shaking off excess sugar. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Press halved cherry or whole walnut in the center of cookie. Bake at 325° for 10 to 12 minutes until cookies are set and bottoms are light tan. Makes 5 dozen.

*Happy Valentine's Day Wishes
From Officers and Members*

*Br. 50, Cleveland, OH
to all members and out-of-towners, too!*

Greetings from Br. 89,

OGLESBY, ILLINOIS

*"Peace, Health, Happiness
and Good Luck to dwell with you
all as we greet 1989!"*

NO. 14, EUCLID, OH

The grip of bitter winter cold and snow will soon give way to bright days of spring with new budding green growth.

Lots of news to report this month. At our November meeting, we welcomed new member Ann Dus whose mother, Pierina Dus, transferred to our group from No. 14. Welcome Ann!

Election of officers was held with the following results: Martha Koren, President; Vera Bajec, Vice-Pres.; Donna Tomc, Sec./Treas.; Addie Humphreys, Rec. Secy. Auditors are Antoinette Zabukovec, Dianne Varny, Marilyn Fitzthum. Sunshine Committee, Rose Rodgers, Frances Erzen, and Ilene Collins. Sentinel is Jennie Fitzthum. Reporter Alice Kuhar. Spiritual Advisor is the Rev. Francis Sterk of St. Christine Church. Congratulations to all!

We extend sincere appreciation to Mary Strazisar (Arrowhead) who has been an officer of No. 14 for the past 34 years and who has stepped down from her duties as Vice President. Mrs. Strazisar has been a dedicated officer always ready to lend a hand and carried out her duties conscientiously. Mary promises to continue to provide our after-meeting entertainment. From all of us, thank you for your dedicated services, Mary Strazisar.

Congratulations to Mrs. Josephine Lustic, selected as our Mother of the Year. Jo Lustic (mother of Ilene Collins) is the sweet, smiling, ever-pleasant loyal member. Congratulations on a well deserved honor, Jo!

Greetings have been sent to members from Frances Mocnik and also from Jennie Stopar who are both residents of Slovene Home for the Aged.

Mary and Max Gerl celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on October 21. Blessings to you both for many more years of health and happiness.

Our Christmas dinner was held Dec. 6 with Regional Pres. Ann Tercek as special guest who wished all season's greetings. It's always a pleasure to welcome Mrs. Tercek to our events.

We were also delighted to have several of the members' husbands present to help celebrate the Yule season.

Chicken dinner, with all the luscious trimmings was prepared by Mary Ster for our enjoyment.

Newly elected Vice-Pres. Vera

Bajec hoped we could have as large an attendance at all of our monthly meetings. Remember, our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Slovenian Society Hall annex on Reher Ave. Hope to see you all there!

The evening ended with the singing of our well known Christmas carols in Slovenian led by Tillie Spehar. Thank you ladies for a touching and emotional display of beautiful bright voices.

Once again we urge members to keep their dues current. This is a most difficult job for our Secretary, so let's get in those delinquent dues now to Donna Tomc, 2100 Apple Dr., Euclid, Ohio 44143. Phone 481-9374. Those sending in dues for others are requested to indicate on the check or a slip of paper whom they are paying the dues for.

Reminder that the Mass for living and deceased members of No. 14 will be held on Ash Wednesday, February 8 at St. Christine Church.

Wishing you all a Happy St. Valentine's Day filled with hearts and flowers!

Alice Kuhar

NO. 16, SO. CHICAGO, IL

Our meeting opened with a prayer for our living, sick and deceased members by President, Marge Prebil. There were 35 ladies in attendance. Cards were sent to Dorothy Perko and Emma Kralj who had been hospitalized.

Minutes were read by Phyllis Perko and approved.

A beautiful handsome Slovenian Doll by Catherine Cereny was a prize.

Our Branch No. 16 has been invited to attend a meeting in April at Branch No. 95's Home.

The culinary art of Mary Brozinovich won first prize at the Chicago Park's Bake-off (Calumet Park — 98th and the Lake) with her "Cheese Strudel." Congratulations, Mary!

Congratulations to Ann Ksiazek on the birth of her new granddaughter and our new member, Antoinette Artegea. Congratulations also to Polly Klobucar on a new Great-grandchild. We'll have to give details on this happy occasion later.

Mary Myers, daughter of a charter member of our Branch and former

president, Josephine Sumatorchen, (Summers), has also joined our group.

Our Christmas Party with 63 in attendance was a great success. We were celebrating our 60th Anniversary. Cards were sent to all members who were unable to attend because of weather or illness.

As usual — the ladies in charge: Marge Prebil, Gladys Buck, Maryann Starceovich, Marge and Sylvia Spretnjak did a spectacular job.

All members received a Santa needlepoint lapel pin, a handmade pot-pourri flower and basket plus an additional surprise gift.

A special "thank you" to Maryann Starceovich, her mother Catherine Cereny and mother-in-law Elsie Starceovich for the handmade baskets and Marge and Sylvia Spretnjak for the Santas.

The homemade goodies were terrific. (Could they be anything but — from SWU members?)

Games and singing plus the delicious dinner and delightful companionship made a most beautiful beginning for the Holy Season of Christmas.

Sympathies to the family of Allen Tomczak, son-in-law of Josephine Rosiack and husband of Joan and father of two, who was involved in a fatal accident. Sympathies also to Agnes Krich and family on the death of her son-in-law and sister-in-law. May they rest in peace.

Our next meetings are the 9th of both February and March. Please attend. Remember our upcoming Games Party. Date not definite as yet.

Pay Your Dues for 1989 By April and Be Eligible for One-YEAR Free.

May all your troubles be little ones in this year of 1989.

Fran B. Zupancic

NO. 17, WEST ALLIS, WI

Greetings and a Happy New Year! As I started to write this article, I glanced out the window. It was starting to snow!

Am very glad Mother Nature held off the snow until the holiday rush was over before she returned on the snow machine. For those of us who do not relish the cold and snow, we must be content to sit indoors, watch TV or indulge in some sort of indoor hobby.

At our Dec. meeting all officers were unanimously re-elected except

auditor Vicki Kastelic who due to ill health declined the position for the new year. We have elected Lorraine Johnson in her place as auditor.

The slate for 1989 is as follows: Marion Marolt, President, Lil Hartman, Vice-president, Joan Yaklich, Sec.-Treasurer and Fran Piwoni as Recording Sec'y. Auditors are Katie Matzelle, Lorraine Johnson and Pauline Gudac. Sargent at arms is Mary Zimmermancich. Scribe in English is Fran Piwoni and in Slovenian, Jo Imperl. Many thanks to our outgoing auditor, Vicki Kastelic for her many years of loyal service and for a job well done.

We have chosen our secretary Joan Yaklich for our honored Mother in 1989. She is very active not only in our branch but other fraternal organizations as well. She is very active at St. Mary's Help of Christians Church and is a member of St. Mary's Choir. She will be honored at a luncheon sometime in May, a place yet to be chosen.

It's with a heavy heart that I write about my dear friend, our president and national officer, Marion Marolt on the loss of her husband, Anthony Marolt who passed away on Oct. 30th, 1988 at the age of 69. He was the father of Ray (Linda), and Robin, the brother of Fred (Mary) and Edward (Hazel) Marolt. We extend our sincere condolences to Marion and the family. He will be sadly missed not only by his family but by his many friends as well.

Another dear friend and co-worker, Angie Starich, after a courageous three year battle with cancer, passed away on Dec. 5th, 1988 at the age of 69 years. She was president of Sloga, Lodge No. 3 and was also active in various fraternal organizations. She belonged to the KSKJ lodge 165, SWU No. 17, the Retirees' Club, Progressive Women, USPEH organization and the Wabbe's. She gave a helping hand to whoever and whatever organization needed assistance. Many of you will remember Angie taking over the kitchen duties at the meetings and treating us with her delicious puff pastry. Or as the lady who was always selling tickets for some fraternal function or other. With her flair for selling - it's no wonder she was a top-notch salesperson. I could write pages on her accomplishments, but we know in our hearts and minds what she had done for us and for the organizations. We extend our sincere condolences to her sons, Edward (Pat), David

(Linda), her brother, Anton (Florence) Kastelic, the late Joe (Helen) Kastelic and to the Starich families.

Members in arrears should please contact our secretary, Joan Yaklich, 281-8983, and bring your payments up to date. If you are sending your book and payment, please enclose return postage. Thank you.

Happy Valentine's day to all and don't forget that our lovely cookbook or poetry book are nice Valentine's gifts.

FRAN PIWONI

NO. 20, JOLIET, IL

Happy 1989!!! As the second month of the new year is already upon us, let me wish you all God's blessings, guidance and protection in the months ahead. In the words of my 3 yr. old grandson: "Grandma, the clock is clocking!" Don't let the time get away!

The November meeting was an active one for us; getting through reports of all events of the year and the election of officers. We have several new faces on our board; the nominees elected were: President: Joyce Vicich; Vice President: Josephine Tezak; Treasurer: Diane Kalcic; Financial Secretary: Ardis Gregorich; Recording Secretary: Helen Plut; Auditors: Virginia DuVall, Josephine Lustik, Cele Wolf; Sgt. at Arms: Marie Malnarick; Sunshine Chairman: Jonita Ruth; Spiritual Director: Father David Stalzer. Installation of the new officers took place at the January 15th meeting. We welcome the new officers and look forward to working with them. Heartfelt thanks to the officers who served so faithfully and diligently.

Belated 50th anniversary congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Krause; the big day was in November; hope it was a happy one and may there be many more.

We have several members who were reported ill; hopefully, by this time, they have recovered somewhat. Prayers and get-well wishes to: Ann Jerisha, Marge Briese, Shirley Dzurko, Louise Dobczak, Loretta Fuchs, Eric Pucel and Laura Mrozek.

The IHSA Bradley-Bourbonnais Sectional swim meet took place and Colleen Gunier, a SFA freshman, was seeded seventh in the 100 backstroke; she also competes for the Joliet YMCA Jets.

Open house was held at the Heritage Museum the week-end of Dec. 3-4, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Featured were the Slovenian Christmas tree, potica, apple strudel and the various heritage articles always in stock. The attendance and sales were very good, as were several comments made on the Museum. Ladies donated bakery were Helen Plut and Josephine Lustik; helping with hospitality were: Helen Horwath, Chairman, Theresa Marencic, Olga Ancel, Mildred Pucel, Helen Plut and Mary Anzelc. The Heritage Committee prepared the Museum for the Open House.

Sincere condolences to Delores Zbacnik, Claire Yaggy and Doris Papesch who lost loved ones recently. Delores lost her father, Thomas Haggerty, and Claire and Doris lost their mother, Mary Bistry. Mary was a fifty year member of Branch 20. She was the seamstress who made the first cadet uniforms in 1938. She measured, altered and sewed each one to perfection.

Congratulations are extended to Olga Sebalj on being awarded the 1988 Employee of the Year at St. Joseph Medical Center; just a few months ago she was chosen Employee of the Month. Congratulations also to Jane Kociuba Polnaszek, the mother of three children, who received her RN Degree from Lake County College.

On Thursday, December 15, Branch 2 hosted a Christmas party. Five members of Branch 20 attended. We attended the Slovenian mass, after which we entered a beautifully decorated hall and were served a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. We have attended several of their functions, and it is never a disappointment - they are forever full of ideas and provide a fun filled evening. Percy, you're a wonderful MC - Santa's helper was a big hit, too, making animals from all the balloons he carried with him. Thanks for an enjoyable evening.

Our Christmas Party was held at the Renaissance Center on Dec. 18. We had 80 members and guests attending. Diane and Marie Kalcic greeted each guest as they arrived; a bar was set up for those wishing to partake of Christmas Cheer and the tables were set for groups of 8. After visiting and enjoying a delicious meal, and exchanging gifts, we were entertained by Tony Brandolino with his accordion and beautiful singing voice. He went from table to table for requests, which were

mostly Christmas songs, and this nice Italian boy, who travelled with the "UP With People" group, "faked" his way through some Slovenian music, egged on by Ed Ancel! Tony recalled their appearance before the Pope; he was very impressed with Rome and sang for us "Beautiful Rome." He is a great entertainer. President Mildred Pucel extended Season's Greetings to all in attendance and co-chairman, Diane Kalcic and Kathy Harvey thanked everyone for attending and participating in the program. Several door prizes were awarded and each one in attendance received a Christmas memento.

We did it!!! We reached our goal — 60 new members in honor of our 60th year — we were one ahead — the last report I received! Congratulations to the recruiters and congratulations and welcome to the new members.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21, at 7 pm at St. Joseph's Park. We will have a guest speaker, Dr. Karl Fritz, ophthalmologist. Plan to attend and bring along a friend. Till then, a little thought; Love is a power that transforms the soul.

HELEN PLUT

NO. 22, BRADLEY, IL

The Holidays are now just a memory of hurry, scurry, and many parties. Br. 22 ladies had dinner out Dec. 11 (look, ma, no dishes!), savoring our favorite food at South China Restaurant and having a chuckle over the good fortunes, or flattery, the cookies held. Then off to Mollie McIntyre's for meeting, games, and an attractive, tasty dessert. For this wonderfully light-hearted day, we are deeply grateful to Mollie and her helpers, Anna LaMontagne and Doreene Althaus.

At the meeting: Christmas giving included gifts to St. Joseph's Church, the Dominican Sisters of the School, and United Parents. With so few Sisters, the untimely death of Sr. Margaret Sienna three days after a stroke suffered while directing at 11 a.m. Mass Oct. 23 was especially painful for the parish family.

Congratulations to Mary Anne Barothy upon being named Woman-of-the-Year. In the November Zarja Mary Anne has given us another very fine account of the recent Baraga Days and the progress toward the good Bishop's canonization. We appreciate

Exhibit their art



Sisters, Lillian Brulc and Lucille Dragovan are gifted artists and members of Br. 20, Joliet.

The Second International Fine Art Exhibit for Slovenian emigres and their descendants was held at the Cankarjev Dom in Ljubljana in September, 1988. Eighteen painters and sculptors participated in the show; Lillian Brulc and Lucille Dragovan of Joliet, Illinois, were present for the formal opening on September 5th. Lucille's entries were two watercolors, "Marigolds I" and "Marigolds II", and an etching "Wood Nymph". Lillian's works included three figurative paintings, "Chicago Blues", "Italian Peasant Woman", and "Bedouin Women - Jerusalem".

Many of their friends in Ljubljana attended the opening of the exhibit, one of whom was Darja Groznik, cousin of SWU member Bea Metesh of Joliet. When Darja was in the U.S. in January, she had interviewed Lillian concerning her work and philosophy as an artist. The interview was published in the September issue of "Jana", a Ljubljana magazine, to coincide with the exhibition. The title of the article is "Leto dni v Sloveniju, to si želim".

Slovenska Izselsjenska Matica, sponsors of the exhibit, provided all the participating artists a tour of art highlights, including the Bienale in Venice, a rare exhibit of Piranesi prints in Piran, the 20th century Slovene Artists' Gallery in the modern gallery in Ljubljana, and visits to a number of churches and castles. They were given a preview of the new Graphic Arts Center in Tivoli Park by its Director. A visit to Bled, Bohinj, Lipica and other lovely tourist centers were also a part of the tour.

American artists came from Joliet and Wheaton, IL, Cleveland, OH; others from Canada, Australia, Argentina, Venezuela, Wales and Sweden.



Lillian Brulc and Darja Groznik before two of Lillian's paintings shown at the Ljubljana exhibit.

Learn Slovenian!

"Let There Be Peace On Earth," was one of the songs our Festival Singers sang at a Heritage Festival held in Aurora in December. The last line of the song says, "Let there be peace on earth and **let it begin with me.**"

I didn't make any definite resolutions for the new year but I am going to **try** to live the last line of that song. I am going to try to brighten up the lives of all the people that I come in contact with. I am going to try to be a better listener, less critical, kinder, gentler, patient, understanding, loving and caring. I am really going to **TRY!**

Among our prayers for peace, let's first pray for peace in our own families. God said, "Before you come to the altar, go first and make peace with your brother." Then let's pray for peace and harmony in our organization. Our fellow countrymen in Slovenia are having some difficult times, so let's ask God to bring peace and harmony over there.

I wish to extend a Happy New Year to our National President, Tory Bobence and all our National Board members. Thank you for serving us so faithfully and may you enjoy a successful year.

Peace--**Mir**
earth--**po svetu**
to begin--**začeti**
definite--**določen**
resolution--**odločitev**
to try--**poskusiti**
to brighten--**rasveseliti**
life--**življenje**
people--**ljudje**
really--**zares**
to contact--**dotikati**
better--**boljše**
listener--**poslušalec**
less--**manj**
critical--**presojeten**
kinder--**prijazna** (fem.)
gentler--**mila** (fem.)
patient--**potrpežliva** (fem.)
understanding--**razumljiva** (fem.)
loving--**ljubezniva** (fem.)
caring--**skrbiliva** (fem.)
fellow countrymen--**rojaki**

your keeping us so well informed, Mary Anne.

Congratulations too to Barbara Clutter, daughter of member Ann Richards, for her October Employee-of-the-Month award at First of America Bank (a new name for City National). Not only is Barbara an efficient Agri-Business gal, she has participated for years in the promotion of sports at St. Joe's; that comes from having two sports-minded children.

Incidentally, the McIntyre home has bulged with guests. First came granddaughter Aimee with little Nicholas from Vista, Ca. at Thanksgiving, along with Lynn Bergstrom from Huntington Beach, Ca.; then for Christmas, Jeff and Karen Metschuleit from New Hartford, NY, besides all the local kinfolk to share the food on these special days.

Christmas has a bittersweet side, when loved ones are no longer here to share in the joy of the Season. Our condolences to the Anna LaMontagne and Josephine Zaletel families upon the loss of husbands and fathers in November (Bernard LaMontagne and Joseph Zaletel). We pray for their peace.

St. Valentine's Day! Here's little ditty for the occasion: "Love and potatoes are two of a kind. Both have eyes and both are blind!"

Happy Day!

EMMA LUSTIG

NO. 23, ELY, MN

Meeting on Nov. 7th with Ann Saari opening the meeting with prayer for deceased members Margaret Pecha and Jennie Marianni. Ann Miklaucic read "Olden Days". Treasurer's report was accepted. Auditor's report was also accepted. SWU would donate \$50 to the parish. Accepted by Fran Pengal and Ann Miklaucic.

Cards were read from the Pecha family. Articles are wanted for the Museum. We donated \$25.00 to ZARJA, ordered 10 cookbooks. All agreed to have a special mass in the spring for all the deceased members. Helen Strukel read a letter to Kerntz's about member.

42 members were present. Lunch committee: Hannah Robertson, Olga Ferani, Agnes Zaverl, Mary McNeal, Mary Berrini, Mary Folio.

Our Christmas party was Dec. 5th, catered by Zup's. Committee: Fran Pengal, Katherine Klabe, Ann Saari, Emma Pucel, Chris Cadari, Angie Godec, Molly Zupancich, Sally Davidson.

Birthdays were Katherine Merhar and Jennie Zupec. Closed with prayer - also nominations for office. Lunch was a treat, nice krofe. Helen Strukel won the door prize and we played "B".

Nov. 14th meeting of the Dawn Club. Angie Mobilia opened with

prayer and Dorothy Papesch read the minutes. Treasurer Sally Davidson gave her report. Officers agreed to serve another year. No meeting in January but a Valentine Dinner in Feb.

Dec. lunch committee was Caroline Deyak, Rose Pucel, Rose Buchner, Mary Pucel and Molly Marolt. 30 were present. Nov. lunch committee: M. Tkalcich, M. Tomljanovich, F. Zavodnik, D. Popish, A. Mobilia, Mary Gotchnik, M. Pulia. Real variety of breads and bars were served.

Mary Petritz observed her 80th birthday. Member Mary Toljan passed away. Frank and Helen Strukel, their 54th anniversary. Caesar and Chris Cadari, their 55th anniversary. Angie Godec won the door prize and Helen Strukel another prize.

DECEMBER REPORT

Dec. 5th was the night of the Christmas party. Father Hoffman said Grace but couldn't stay for dinner as he had evening mass. Tory Bobenc and Sister Cabrini were guests, about 90 present. Nice party and chicken dinner catered by Zup's. Very good and also the punch served before dinner was very good. Table was decorated with boughs and colored tree decorations.

Ladies on the Dec. committee were: Ann Saari, Emma Pucel, Chris Cadari, Rose Pucel, Sally Davidson, Kathy Klabe, Fran Pengal, Mady Zupancich, Mary Jamnick. Carols

were sung with Katherine Merhar playing the piano. "B" played after with nice prizes given. Two men were present, Tony Gornick and Bill Slogar.

Jan. meeting cancelled. Katherine Merhar will be Mother of the Year. Well-deserved honor.

Tory Bobence thanked us for the invitation and wished us all a happy holiday season. Also agreed to donate \$50 to St. Anthony's parish at Christmastime.

DAWN CLUB, Dec. 12th

Angelia Mobilia called the meeting to order and opened with a reading "Show Me the Way." Treasurer and Secretary gave their reports. Also, the same people will stay in office for another year. 35 members were present. Mary Mavetz on the sick list. Will decide in Jan. about our Valentine party. Margaret Maki won the door prize. Ann Saari read from a 1942 ZARJA magazine that belonged to Mrs. Tratnick, Molly Grahek's mother. Closed with a prayer. Nice fruit salad and cookies served. "B" played.

KRIS GARNI

NO. 24, LA SALLE, IL

We had a very nice Christmas party on December 15 at the Maples in Peru with 18 members present. There were three cancellations due to illness. We enjoyed having Angie Nico as a guest, too. Sincere thanks to Chairman Frances Puetz and her committee, Mary Gramc, Theresa Savnik, Jo Foley and Minnie Carter. The table favors and appointments were lovely. Games were played with prizes going to Agnes Ostrowski and Anne Wangler. After dinner several of the members went to visit our members in Care Inn and Heritage Manor Convalescent Centers.

Emma Shimkus is now a resident at Heartland Health Care Center in Henry, IL. Emma celebrated her birthday on January 15th. We hope you had an enjoyable day and are comfortable in your new surroundings. We think of you many times.

It is good to see Toni Hoeffler up and about again. We hope to see you at our meetings now, Toni.

Congratulations to Evelyn Kastigar. She recently became a great grandmother again. The new baby is Anthony Edward Haupt, named after great grandpa Tony and his grandpa.

Evie and husband, Tony drove to Waukesha, WI to spend New Year weekend with their daughter and son in law, Joanne and Edward Haupt and to meet the newest family member.

Michelle Gende has transferred from the Junior Division to Adult membership.

Marianne Schweickert has been appointed Minister of Music and Choir Director of the new "Our Lady of Mercy Parish" in Aurora, IL. It's a lot of work but from experience I know there is none more rewarding. Marianne also teaches a fifth grade CCD Class.

It's that time again — time to pay 1989. dues. Call our Financial Secretary, Betty Stack, to make arrangements. Her phone number is 224-1949 and her address is, Mrs. LeRoy Stack, 6524 Calhoun St., Peru, IL 61354. Betty will appreciate hearing from you.

I hope the winner will be kind to all of you, with good health and much warmth so you can work with us when we meet in March to begin a new season. We look forward to a good SWU year.

ANNE M. WANGLER
Reporter

NO. 32, EUCLID, OH

NOVEMBER REPORT

Nov. meeting was opened by Pres. Lamm. Once a year we have our prayers said in Slovenian which were led this time by Josephine Comenshek. Veronica Dalton read two poems which got the group into the holiday spirit of Thanksgiving.

Discussed at the meeting was our Christmas party and plans for the 60th anniversary and the Ohio-Michigan State Convention to be held Oct. 1, 1989. More about that in my coming articles.

We had election of officers. President is Dorothy Lamm, Vice-Pres. Ceal Znidar, Rec. Sec'y Rose Hahn, Treas. Ann Cooke, Fin. Sec'y Josephine Comenshek, Reporter Frances Ogoreuc, Sgt. at Arms Caroline Lokar, Auditors, Josephine Skabar, Lavona Avitt. Hostesses, Rose Brancely, Mary Zifko and Veronica Dalton for Jan., Feb., and March.

Meeting place is the Slovenian Society Home (Recher) on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 o'clock. Lavona Avitt bought two tickets to Tony's Thanksgiving dance and do-

nated them to the Club which were then given out to the members.

Members on the sick list; Angie Zust in the hospital, Barbara Baran moved to Mentor and she will be with her daughter and son. Joann Floryancic has been ill since June with arthritis. Hope all members who were sick will have a speedy recovery.

Mary Golobic took her daughter, Joann, granddaughter and her great grandchild to Texas for a two week vacation to visit daughter Cindy Jud. Polly Pike is leaving for Orlando, Florida Dec. 13th to visit daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Al Allen and granddaughter, Victoria. She will enjoy the holidays there and will be back in time for 1989. Agnes Ward will visit her daughter, Donna, for Thanksgiving in Doyelstown, PA. For Christmas and New Years, Agnes was in Phoenix, Arizona with daughter, Marge Rohrsen. Vicky Holny is on vacation in Florida. Jean McNulty's parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Massek of Uniontown, PA celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on Nov. 7th with their two daughters and families. Esther Garbincus, celebrated their 41st anniv. on Nov. 22nd. Marge Sas and husband of 53 years had their anniversary on Nov. 27th. Birthdays this month: Ceal Znidar, Esther Garbincus, Helen Kovacevic; and, all other members that have anniversaries or birthdays are wished good health and happiness.

Ceal and Esther brought in cake for refreshments and we also had cheese and crackers. Rose Hahn helped Helen Kovacevic as Vicki Holny was on vacation. Thanks to all who donated goodies and helped.

CHRISTMAS REPORT

We had our Christmas dinner this year before the meeting as the food was ready and hot. The members enjoyed a very nice chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Our hostesses really do a nice job of setting the tables and getting things ready. After our meal the meeting was called to order by Vice President Ceal Znidar as our president, Dorothy Lamm was absent. Also, Caroline Lokar, our Sgt. at Arms. Prayer was led by Josephine Comenshek and special prayers said for our sick and deceased members. A special prayer also for Bob Lamm, Dorothy's husband, who was in a very serious automobile accident.

Our member, Rose Jenko, passed away in Dec. Our deepest sympathy

to her family and friends. May she rest in peace. Barbara and Jim Foster presented Ann Rossman with a great granddaughter, Amanda. She is now six months old. How time flies. Anna's grandson, Joseph Foster is in Scotland for three months.

Carmella Carotenuto had a visit from her brother and sister-in-law from Escondido, Ca. They all went to Columbus for a family reunion. Carmella's four year old grandson, Matthew Scott was crowned Prince of Euclid, Ohio at Merida Euclid Hospital. He received many gifts.

Kirsten Frech, daughter of Marilyn, graduated from Ohio Univ. She is working in Washington D.C. as an accountant. Tinca Kastelic, and husband, Tony, celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on Nov. 3rd. May they have many more with good health and happiness.

Rose Brancely and Mary Latkovic had birthdays this month. Grandma Latkovic celebrated her 91st birthday. She resides in the Slovene Home for the Aged. She has been there for six years. She has a very devoted family that someone visits her every day. Eleanor, her daughter, is helpful in our branch. Best wishes to all our members that have anniversaries or birthdays in Dec.

After the meeting we had a split pot game and door prizes were given out. It was so nice that almost everyone received a prize. Thanks to all who brought them to the meeting. Thanks also to all the members who helped to make the Christmas party so nice. Also, to those who brought in the refreshments.

May the new year bring to all good health and happiness. Try to attend the monthly meetings which are on the third Wed. of the month at 7 p.m. Bring a friend, you may get her to join our group of fine ladies. Please check your dues books to make sure your dues are paid up to date. Thanks.

FRANCES OGOREUC

NO. 33, DULUTH, MN

Officers for 1989 elected at the Dec. 7th meeting include only one new officer, Josie Rzatowski as Vice-president. Lucy Olaf will be the new auditor and Father Rudolph Faith, Spiritual Director. Virginia Mikrut was voted as Mother of the Year for Br. 33.

November Bake Sale put \$282.00

into the treasury. Penny Social will put \$72.00 in the junior treasury.

Doris Skull was "Queen" for December with Ann Strukle for January. Josie Rzatowski won \$20 attendance prize. Gifts of \$5 were to go to home-bound and older members.

Visitors were new arrivals from Poland, Mariola and Barbara Przylucki. Barbara sang Polish songs while Lucy Olaf played the button box. Junior member, Teresa Rzatowski danced, Frank Bucar joined his daughter, Junior member, Barbara, in an accordeon duet.

Prayers of sympathy for member Harriet Ostazeski, 62, who died in Nov. She was a 15 year member. Her daughter, Sharon Baker, is also a member. Betty (Braye) Baran, 62, a 22 year member died in December. To Mary Flodid for her husband and Agnes Galleberg, brother.

Congratulations to Clem Spehar on the weddings of three grandchildren.

Members over 80 will no longer pay into the funeral fund. All members pay \$1 to Louis Pelander, 113 N. 65th Ave. W., Duluth, MN 55807 or include it with your yearly dues to Beverly Menart, 1111 98th Ave. W., Duluth, MN 55808. Add the extra dollar if you owe for 1987 or 1988, please.

LOIS PELANDER,
Reporter

NO. 35, AURORA, MN

This year we chose to go to Mary Ann's Supper Club for our meeting and Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 11th.

Vice-President, Anna Rose Smolich, opened our meeting with prayers, and forty-eight adult members and ten juniors: Cindy and Courtney Kalar, Allison and Adam Ferris, Katie and Nicholas Martinetto, Janelle and Lindsey Antella, Allysa Hodnick and Jennie Menart were present.

We received Christmas greetings from our national officers, Olga Ancel and Sylvia Vukodinovich. We were also happy to hear from two out of town members, Ann Kocak from Pennsylvania and Ann Hren from Minneapolis. They said they enjoy reading ZARJA very much! Christmas cards and a note were sent to all our "over 80" members to let them know that their 1989 dues were paid.

Our Heritage Festival Bake Sale was a success. Thank you to all our

ladies who made the delicious ethnic goods, apple, cheese and chive strudels and breads, krofe, noodles, etc., also who gave monetary gifts and worked at the bake sale. The profits of \$224 was divided between the 4th of July committee and Sr. Citizen's Building Fund.

If you are interested in the **Diary of Bishop Baraga**, contact Dorothy Jamnik who also has **Pots and Pans** cookbooks for sale and memorial cards for the Scholarship and Heritage Museum funds.

Congratulations to Betty Orazem who will be graduating from the Blandin Leadership program in Grand Rapids, MN on Feb. 5th. Betty has reported on activities in our community and they were impressed with what we do, such as, our Grape Festival, SWU activities and Amer. Yugoslav Club, all done to preserve our culture and heritage.

Our sympathy and prayers to our members, Anita Vovk who lost her sister, Erika Hodnik who lost her dad and Mary Kocyan who lost her son, Joseph. May they all rest in peace.

Election of officers was made easy as most of our officers agreed to serve another year. They are: President Florence Holland, Vice-President, Anna Rose Smolich, Treasurer, Dorothy M. Jamnik, Sgt. at Arms, Betty Turk. Ann R. Mismash was elected as our new secretary. Our thanks to all of you and special thanks to Dorothy Ceglar for serving as secretary and reporter for the past several years.

Watch the church bulletin for the date of our Dime Social to be held in February. Hostesses will be Anna Hodnik, Frances Stark, Bernice Ceglar and Vida Marinsek. Our meeting was closed with prayers for our friends and families.

The beautiful Christmas decorations at the Club was a perfect setting for a party. Twenty-two guests including Fr. Joseph Vovk and our spiritual leader, Fr. John Sustersic and our husbands joined us. We were happy to have our charter member, Mrs. Eli Smolich, (93 years young!) and Marion Potacnik, our Mother of the Year, with us, too.

Christmas is such a beautiful time of the year for families and friends to be together. It is a time for sharing and caring - let us continue this throughout the year.

Our junior members, some were only 2 and 3 years old, were so patient and well-behaved during our meeting while they waited to entertain us and

this they did so well! They sang Christmas carols and danced the "kolo" and Slovenian "Ring Around the Rosy". Children – how precious they are! The Festival Singers sang several Slovenian and English Christmas Carols and led us all in a Sing-along. Stanley Trost accompanied both groups on his accordion. Fr. Sustersic led us in saying Grace before dinner. The chicken dinner was served family style and enjoyed by everyone.

A beautiful Christmas centerpiece made by Mary Westlund was won by our accordionist, Stanley Trost. Instead of a gift exchange, we gave monetary gifts to the Board and Care Unit of our local hospital for their Crafts and Bingo. This total was \$81.00 – thank you, ladies.

Thank you to our hostesses for making all the arrangements, Phyllis Turk was chairman, Betty Turk, Janise Grebenice, Margie Ball, Erika Hodnik, Helen Simonich and Helen Zupancic.

Another beautiful gathering of family and friends has come to an end until next year.

Happy Valentine's Day – you will be preparing for Easter with Lent this month.

ANNE M. ORAZEM

NO. 38, CHISHOLM, MN

December Report

On Dec. 7th, Br. 38 members met at Valentine's Supper Club for a meeting and Christmas party. Forty-eight members were in attendance, as well as a prospective new member, Pat Rice. She will be initiated at our January 4th meeting. Welcome to our group, Pat!

Our meeting was presided over by Jennie Briski in the absence of President Charlotte Laurich who was in Arizona to meet her brand new grandson. Congratulations, Charlotte and Tony.

The slate of officers for 1989 was unanimously voted in. They are: President: Charlotte Laurich; Vice-Pres.: Jennie Briski; Financial Secretary: Kathy Knuth; Rec. Sec'y: Ann Nusich; auditors, Rose Faras, Norma Salvini. Anne Walach is the Sunshine chairperson, and Fran Bizal, the historian. Fran is a patient at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis where she has undergone emergency surgery. Fran and her sister, Sr. Antonia of the Villa Scholastica in Duluth, were preparing to fly to Mexico for the special annual celebra-

STUDENT EXCELS



Brent Kalar

Brent Kalar, Mesabi East Advanced history student, recently scored 780 out of a possible 800 points in a special achievement test in world history conducted nationwide by the American College Board. According to High School Counselor Robert Springhetti, "The test Brent took was designed to measure understanding of western and historical techniques." Springhetti went on to say, "The score on a comparative scale places Brent at the 99th percentile, this is clearly an elite ranking for this particular field."

Kalar attributed much of the credit for his outstanding performance to his participation in the Mesabi East advanced history program last year. "I think it was the college level approach to history that did it for me, the essays, the writing, the in-depth study of historical concepts," said Kalar. "History became much more than some words, names or dates. It became a way to look at things."

Brent's interest in history ties in with his goal for a career in international studies.

Brent is also the creator of a cartoon called "Skeeters" which appears weekly in the local Aurora newspaper. We hope to have one of his cartoons for a future issue of ZARJA. He, his mother Barbara, and members of his family are all members of Br. 35.

Our heartiest congratulations to the Kalars and Aurora members who are indeed proud of Brent and confident that he will be among our best achievers in the years to come!

tion honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe when Fran was stricken. We, of St. Joseph's Parish, are storming Heaven with our prayers for her swift recovery.

Our condolences to the family of Mark Sinko, whose husband and father, John, passed away last month.

Frances Setina, our centenarian, attended our party and stayed to play "B" with us! Mary Sinko and Irene Sinko were the lucky winners of a year's paid up dues. Door prizes were won by Kathy Knuth, Norma Salvini, Rose Faras, Rose Niemi, Fran Lucas.

Many thanks to Rosemary Tanko who surprised us with a beautiful Christmas cake for dessert. It was a lovely party. Thanks to all who attended! Happy New Year to all!

January Report

Due to the cold weather, and possibly to the business of the holiday season, only 10 members attended our meeting, which prompted a discussion on the advisability of not having meetings in January. Although we had a quorum present, it was decided to further discuss and act on this issue at our next meeting.

Also, with so few members present, plans for a spring card party will have to be made at the Feb. meeting. A suggestion to have the party for St. Patrick's was well received.

Member Helen Segan is resting comfortably after fracturing a bone in her shoulder. Sylvia Lipovetz is home from the hospital after a bout with an infection, and Fran Bizal is recuperating after being a patient at Abbott Northwestern Medical Center in Minneapolis. She is so grateful for all the prayers for her recovery.

One of our charter members, Mrs. Mayme Pahule, reached her 90th birthday on December 21st. She was born in Chisholm in 1898, the daughter of John and Teresa Loushin. Mayme's husband, John Pahule, died in 1975. They were the parents of 4 children, 3 sons and 1 daughter. Now there are 4 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Pahule entered the Leisure Hills Convalescent Home in Hibbing on Jan. 12th, 1989. We appreciate all the work Mayme and other charter members have done for the Slovenian Women's Union throughout the years. May our Lord bless you, Mayme.

Our condolences are offered to Bertha Urbha and Lillian Lopac who lost a brother, Albert Pluth.

Our next meeting is on Feb. 1, and Fran Zalec has volunteered herself and Jo Zupanich for the lunch committee.

Door prizes were won by: Frances Zalec, Anne Walach, and Rose Faras.

After the meeting, Charlotte Laurich and Ann Nusich served a Sunshine Salad from "Pots and Pans" cookbook. For your information it is on Page 228 — very good! And we had a "Round Table" discussion, which included subjects from spaghetti sauce recipes to memories of by-gone days of the SWU Branch 38. Fran Zalec, in her own inimitable way, told us a humorous story which a missionary priest once told in our parish. I am sure she won't mind my relating it!

Two elderly men were discussing life and death, and the first man said, "I don't care how I die, or when I die, but I do want to know where!" His friend said, "If you don't care how you die, or when, why do you want to know **where**?" And the first replied, "Because then I won't go there!"

Frances tells it better than I can write it. Anyway, the meeting was delightful, friendly, and entertaining. Next month we will get down to serious business. And, please, members, if you have any pictures of the early days of Branch 38, will you please call us so we can begin a history of our branch? Thank you.

Since I wrote the December letter, we have some good news! Fran Bizal came home from the hospital before Christmas and is well on the road to recovery. She wishes to thank everyone who prayed for her to return to health. And Jennie Briski had a good report and is feeling wonderful. Sylvia Lipovetz is also recuperating nicely.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ANN NUSICH
Reporter

NO. 39, BIWABIK, MN

The members of Br. 39 have been holding their regular meetings on the first Sunday of the month. Our September meeting was not held because of the Minnesota ZVEZA Day scheduled then. What a day that was! Thirty-three of our members attended and such a lovely day was in store for us. Our Aurora neighbors hosted the

eventful day with good food, music and costumes. Everyone who attended had a grand time and it was fun meeting friends and renewing acquaintances. Thanks for such a great time, ladies!

A project committee has been established to work on the history of Br. 39 for the Slovenian Women's Union History Book; Jean Korsman, Mary Lou Crotty, Marge Dewhurst and Fran Anzelc have volunteered for the committee.

Our branch has been sending monetary donations to various communities and activities. Some of the recipients have been White Community Hospital, the Wichnachtsfest and St. John's Church. A turkey was also donated to the Merritt House for Thanksgiving. Notes of thanks have been received for the generosity of the members. The membership also agreed to send a donation for Joey Purkat's electric wheelchair fund. The Purkat family all have been active members of the Branch.

December found our members busy making strudels and poticas for sale at our annual Wichnachtsfest (Christmas lighting festival). We made over \$300 and sold out early. We'll just have to make more next year. It seems everyone wanted the cheese strudel so we'll be busy with that next year.

Our annual Christmas party was held on Sunday Dec. 11th. Forty-two members attended including six girl scouts from the Troop that Br. 39 sponsors. Florence Milos made her delicious home made ice cream for dessert and Angie Karish was in charge of decorations. The meal was catered so all the ladies could enjoy the day. A gift exchange was held and games were played. All the members also attended the mass honoring our deceased members.

The first meeting of 1989 was held on Jan. 8th.

ROSEMARY RIBICH

NO. 40, LORAIN, OH

I wish you all a Blessed, Healthy, happy and prosperous 1989.

There were 14 members present at our Nov. meeting. Molly Glavan was given the door prize.

After our reports were read, Pres. Agnes gave us a run down on our Christmas Dinner which was to be held at Campbell's Cafeteria on Dec. 13th.

Instead of electing officers they were asked to accept for 1989. They all accepted.

They are as follows:

Pres. Agnes Tomazine, V. Pres. Francine Pavlovic, Sec.-Tres. Agatha Donges, Rec. Sec. Mary Matos, Auditors Mary Ferlec and Sue Tomazic and Reporter Mary Matos.

We picked Angie Martin for the Mother of the Year award. We couldn't have picked a more deserving member. Congratulations, Angie! We wish you a happy reign.

Our hostesses for the evening were Agnes Tomazine, Angie Tomazine and yours truly.

There seems to be no end to honors for Michael Cioffi, son of Jean Joy. He not only was elected Pres. of his 1989 graduating class at Lorain Hi, he was also inducted into the National Honor Society.

He is also a 3 year football player and walked off with the Dr. Kishman and Steelman awards. Plus he also made the honor roll. His proud grandparents are Agnes & Bill Bucher.

My grandson, Marine Captain Douglas Yurovich has been assigned to the Test Pilot program at Patuxent River, Maryland.

Captain Yurovich has been flying the F-18 Hornet at Lemoore, Calif.

Ann and Frank Rozanc will be celebrating their 49th Wedding Anniversary on Feb. 5th. Congratulations!

Genevieve Wengel is visiting her son in Colorado over the holidays.

We made a monetary donation to Angie Voytko's Slovenian Folk Dancers; and a Christmas donation to the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church.

We sent gifts to Angie Kozjan and Mary Ploszaj, to show our appreciation for being our faithful officers for many years. Angie spent over 50 years holding various offices and Mary was treasurer and reporter for many years. Angie comes to our meetings once in a while, but Mary is too ill to come. We miss them very much.

Our Christmas Dinner was a lovely affair. 23 members and friends were present. The food was delicious. We sang carols in Slovenian and English. We also had a gift exchange. The door prize was awarded to Agnes Serazin.

After dinner we went to our meeting room at the S.N. Home and played "K." We were also entertained by the Button Box Accordion band of which our Pres. Agnes Tomazine is a member. A good time was had by all.

A happy way to end the year!

Lest we forget:

Due date for Hi Lights of our lodge from the very beginning is June 1st.

With the new year well on its way, please try to keep our secretary happy by keeping your dues paid up to date.

Our meeting is held on the second Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you on Feb. 8th which is the beginning of lent, Ash Wednesday. The place the S.N. Home at 7 p.m.

Wish you all a Happy St. Valentine Day.

God Love you all!

MARY MATOS

NO. 42, MAPLE HTS., OH

Hello to all! Belated greetings to the December birthday ladies: Frances Wenckus, Marge Church, Chris Hajek, Eleanor Lipnos, Yung Hui Shega, Donna Stubler, Susan Shega, Julia Lipnos, Anne Tomsic, Frances Zakrjsek and Mary Yemec. The Christmas party was Dec. 13th.

January Notes

Hope all of you had a happy holiday. Best wishes to the January and February celebrants.

Our Christmas party was a success. The attendance was good and the food and prizes were enjoyed by all.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Helen Lipnos who recently passed away.

Our member, Helen Prudic will be traveling to Hawaii to visit her daughter for a month. Aloha, Helen!

Here's wishing a Happy Valentine's Day to all.

DONNA STUBLER

NO. 43, MILWAUKEE, WI

The November meeting was the end of our get together. In December we had our Christmas luncheon, the middle of the month. Election of officers and all other business on the agenda were finalized at the November meeting.

The officers for 1989 are: President, Sandy Schachtschneider; Vice President, Mary Martino; Secretary, Rose Kraemer; Treasurer, Christine Kokalj; Recording Secretary, Mary Musich; Auditor, Mary Bushnik and Stephany Sterbenz; and Sergeant at Arms, Frances Widemsek. The above officers

will be installed at the January 25th meeting.

Several of our members were on vacations visiting relatives and friends. Fran Widemsek went to visit her daughter in Columbus, Ohio. I'll bet all she did was bake and cook her favorite meals. She is an excellent cook. Christine Wisler was visiting her cousin in Florida. She had a great time. Rudy and Pat Pugel went to Hawaii for a vacation and I'm sure they enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to Mary and Henry Strukel who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They are retired and live in Florida.

On Sunday November 6th our member Mickey Cerar was on T.V. bowling with the champs. She was a little shaky as her father was in the hospital with a heart attack, but she bowled well. Our congratulations to her, and get-well wishes to her dad, Joe Cerar, Sr.

Get well wishes for 3 of our members who are in nursing homes. Anne Gaggins and her husband Jim are living at the Marian Franciscan Catholic Nursing Home on 9632 W. Appleton Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53225. Tillie Slatinsek is at the Kappes Nursing Home, 8300 W. Beloit Rd., Milw., WI 53219. Ella Udovich is at Cameo Nursing, 5790 So. 27th St., Milw., WI 53221. It would be nice to send a card or to visit them.

Our condolences to these two families: James Karwick whose mother Rose passed away after a long illness. She was at the St. Sylvester Church on Friday nite from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for the wake. Matilda Simic lost her sister-in-law in September, and in December she received word from Slovenia that her brother passed away. May God bless the above.

To all our sick and shut-ins a speedy recovery. Don't forget to attend the February meeting. Happy Valentine's Day.

R.K.

NO. 50, EUCLID, OH

It's Christmas and I'm writing my column in Colorado while visiting son, Roger and family. I'm looking out the patio windows at 8" of powdery snow and in the background are the beautiful snow covered Rockies and sun shining brightly. Ideal weather for skiing for my grandchildren, a sport they have learned and love. I'm just watching, of course.

Also going west is Ann Kristoff to see her daughter, Donna and family, which includes her grandsons in Clark Fork, Idaho, which is a stone's throw from Canada. Beautiful rustic location. In another western state, Mary Cesnik's grandson, age 15 bagged a deer and an antelope. Hope you had some "deer" venison meet delivered to you Mary and John.

Millie and Victor Petrovic chose Hawaii for a 15 day trip which they enjoyed very much and upon returning, when she attended our Christmas Dinner Party, Millie found she was selected to be our next Mother of the Year. Millie is a very dedicated member of Branch 50 and deserves the honor.

Mary Miller celebrated her Thanksgiving Holiday in Los Angeles, her first airtrip in 25 years. Nothing to it, eh? Fast and easy! Going "East" to Spring Valley, New York, Bea Tomc visited her daughter and family and they all helped to celebrate her birthday with presents, cake and everything that goes with a nice party. She even was on a movie set with Louis Gossett, Jr. Bea's family often get parts on movie sets in New York which proves very profitable for her granddaughter. Bea even brought gifts from New York for all officers of the branch and we say "Thank You".

From New York State, Harold and Maria Paulin of Br. 103 came to Euclid to attend Ann Orlikowski's nephew's wedding making it a nice family reunion, too. Heard that Dorothy and Peter Hribar who live in North Post, Florida celebrated their 50th anniversary. Congratulations; and to Mary and Joe Winter who were married 54 years on Nov. 29th. Hoping you are feeling better, Mary.

Our first drummer boy marching with the cadets about 30 years ago was Jimmy Kikel, son of our Frances and Charles Kikel. Frances brought a picture to the meeting to prove it. He was a cute blond curly-head!

Irene Jagodnik was honored as a 50-yr member of SDZ at a large dinner celebration and she and Tony took off to New York for one month to visit her son and family and probably help spoil her new granddaughter, Tonia Rudi. Also Olga Skodlar has a new great grandson, Dominic, s.n. of Gayle Brewer that she can help "spoil", too, besides her other grandchildren. Rose and Clarence Roesch also became grandparents for the 10th time when Nancy and John Howe be-

came parents of a son, Jeffrey, a future football star along with Dominic Brewer.

Mary Blatnik will be honored as the Woman of the Year from the Federation of all the Slovene Halls on Sunday March 19th. Mary has the gift of making any celebration look professional and scrumptious and her willingness to cooperate are deserving of the honor.

Mary Marinko's grandson, Christopher M. Marinko was sworn in as an attorney by Supreme Court Judge Lokar. That ceremony gives Mary her third attorney in the family. She won't have to worry about lawyer fees, and I'm sure she is a proud "granny." Also proud is Ann Tercek whose granddaughter, Sharon Mramor received a scholarship from University Hospital and will graduate from OSU in June as a registered nurse.

Our sick members are hopefully convalescing already. Frances Stariha, Jean Tomsic, Jean Miller, Isabelle Hirsch, Katherine Dissauer Albina Kocisko (a sprained ankle) and three husbands named Frank - those of Mae Fabec, Jane Berkopec and Justine Picman. Also Dorothy Lamm, president of Br. 32, whose husband, Robert was in a serious auto accident. Take care and get well soon. Cards!!

Belated sympathy to Ann Cern whose husband, Adolph passed away and to Joseph Matejka whose grandson, Robert Washburn, age 24, died as a result of an accident. Josephine Levstick, sister of Helen Levstick passed away after a long illness and members were able to go to her wake right after our Christmas Party which was in Zele's neighborhood. Stanley Gercar, husband of Jean (deceased), father of Barbara Zgonc and brother of Albert Crzen also passed away. They will be missed. Our prayers are with the families.

Our Christmas party was attended by about 150 members and guests who enjoyed a super, tasteful, flavorful and plentiful dinner cooked by Julie. If one went home hungry, it was her fault.

Our members attended and again were volunteers at community affairs, namely the annual Polka Bash at St. Joseph High. Buses from many states, east and west and Alaska came to celebrate Thanksgiving and I, as I was serving food, was glad to see that many younger people were enjoying the Slovene music. The next Saturday at the Euclid Civic Center, 5 polka kings were inducted into the Hall of

Fame, where a museum of polka artifacts, pictures and anything that pertains to polka music will be exhibited. It seems the center of all Slovenes is in Euclid and Mayor Lynch offered the Foundation rooms for the museum which was gratefully accepted by the Cleveland Style Polka Foundation Hall of Fame, a long awaited creation to preserve music we call our own.

The Saturday afternoon concert was a beautiful tribute to our polka kings. Their music entranced the audience of nearly a thousand people and brought nostalgia with their renditions of favorite polkas and waltz numbers, and standing ovations. Truly it was time to have a Hall of Fame for our Cleveland Style Polka Beat. It was happy music and singing (by Zarja Singing Club and Glasbena Matica Singers) and all went home enthralled. My husband, Frank Sebenik and I enjoyed the whole afternoon, dispensing coffee to the entertainers and honorees and band leaders we haven't seen in a long time, between sneak views of the concert. With all the singing talent and musicians in Cleveland and vicinity the concert after Thanksgiving should be an annual affair. I heard many say the Euclid Civic Center has one of the best acoustic stages and a concert would be welcome. I'm sure many of our members would agree.

For those of you who can't make all our meetings I would like you to see our new slate of officers: President, Ann Tercek; Vice-President, Anne Ryavec; Recording Secretary, Ann Winters; Mary Miller and Mary Maxim, Auditors; Mary Jo Rom, Treasurer; Vera Sebenik, Zarja Reporter; Dorothy Winter, Sentinel; and Jo Smith, Historian. Membership Secretary is Evelyn Pipoly, 23330 Williams Ave., Euclid, Ohio 44123.

Please pay your dues to the above address and make our new officer happy she accepted the position and our treasury needs the dues too, and one of the reasons is our donations as follows:

Slovene Home for the Aged, Holy Family Cancer Home, Mary Mavec Opportunity School, Euclid Public Library, American Home Publishing, ZARJA Publishing and SWU Heritage Room. With no dinner parties or card parties to make money our branch operates on a tight budget.

Let the New Year be a happy and lucky one for us all.

February is Valentine Queen time at our meeting. Do attend. It might

be you! Remember your loved ones -

Because,

*Where there is love there is a song
To help when things are going
wrong -*

*Where there is love there is a smile
To make all things seem more
worthwhile,*

So SMILE

So says your reporter,

VERA SEBENIK

NO. 54, WARREN, OH

We had a lovely Christmas luncheon at the Elks Club Room. We had a smaller group this year but it was still very enjoyable. We had tree ornaments for favors made by Jo Kasson's son, Joe and daughter, our member, Barb Jeras. They were so cute, cute! Our tables were decorated with red poinsettias and these were given away during the evening as were delicious cookies brought by the members and other gifts plus 3 food baskets. We sang Christmas songs after the lunch and were all in a happy mood when we went home.

Our officers are the same as in the past and it's fortunate that my cousin, Jo Kasson, our president, and yours truly have been officers for the last 26 years or more. Nobody will accept. Heaven forbid when we won't be around. Oh, well! We do it out of love for our heritage and for my mom, Rose Racher, who organized the branch.

Saw Patty Shine at the AMLA meeting and she is now a working woman for General Electric having graduated from College. She is one of our younger members. Congratulations to Jeff Miller, my aunt Margaret's grand son-in-law who was appointed superintendent of Twinsburg, Ohio public schools. He's only in his 30's and this is quite an accomplishment.

Our family was all home for Christmas and it was wonderful to be all together.

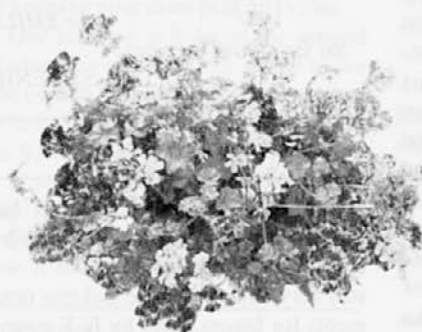
Our next meeting is Feb. 15th at noon at the Elks Club Room. Please come for a Valentine celebration. Then a meeting will be held on April 19th at noon and our Mother-Daughter luncheon on May 17th at 1 p.m. We will honor our president, Jo Kasson. We are starting over again, honoring a mother each year.

Happy New Year to all and Love and Peace!

JOANNE PONIKVAR
Secy-Treas. & Reporter



Geraniums



Having stored the last of our Christmas decorations for another year, avid gardeners are delighted to have some leisure time to sift through the multitude of seed catalogs, thereby mentally planning our summer gardens. Perhaps you can call us "Dreamers in Fantasyland." Each year brings varieties of new fruits, vegetables and flowers which introduces the latest hybrids in an unusual array of color and choice.

One of the important tasks for me this month is getting the summer geraniums (botanically known as *Pelargoniums*) started. Growing geraniums from seed has increased rapidly for a number of reasons. First, they have been bred to be practically disease free; second, they have become shatterproof which prevents petal drop that causes 90 percent of botrytis blight and infection; and third, they are much more prolific in flowering.

Geranium seeds are easy to sow in a medium of Jiffy-Mix or a fine mixture of one part vermiculite, one part perlite and one part milled sphagnum moss. Twenty-four hours before seeding, soak the seed in a wet paper towel. Then gently press the seed into the sterilized growing medium. Cover with plastic wrap and drench in a bath of warm water with Terrachlor and Benlate. Pour into the bottom tray; then place them about 3 to 4" beneath fluorescent light tubes which are turned on for 24 hours a day.

After the seedlings germinate, they can be grown 5 to 6" from the lights for 18 hours per day. Transplant into 2 1/2" pots when they are about 2 1/2" tall and are then grown 8" from the lights for 18 hours per day. The plants are repotted in standard 3 1/2" pots and grown to a good root bound stage for transplanting into your garden or large planters usually in late May. Most seed geraniums DO NOT need pinching. Be sure the plants are hardened off

in a greenhouse or cold frame for best results.

To prevent soil born diseases, good air circulation is extremely important! Clean pots with 1 part chlorine to 10 parts water; rinse well before using. Use a treatment of Benlate every month (can use a sprinkling can). Don't plant in the same place every year; skip a year or two and then plant again. Fertilize every 2 weeks from May 15th to September 15th with a 2-1-2 ratio. Dr. David Wildung, Director of the Experiment Station in our area, gave me this formula which is a high phosphorus fertilizer alternating with high nitrogen every two weeks. This proved to create dramatic results. After a rain, fertilize. Geraniums like air more than ever — they need oxygen! Use 1/3 perlite, 1/3 peat and 1/3 sand for your potting mixture or you can eliminate the sand completely and add peat or Pro-Mix.

Occasionally I have been asked what causes the leaves of geraniums to turn a red glow. A clue is the small leaves on the new growth. Lack of nitrogen and low temperatures below 54 degrees will cause the red glow. Avoid extreme temperature changes if at all possible.

To grow plants that are as wide as they are tall, Florel (brand name) is on the market. To grow tree geraniums, spray a cutting with gibberellic acid to speed up the growth. Let it grow up, removing the bottom leaves, pinch off terminal (top) growth (only four or five leaves) and give more light than less.

The varieties and selections of geraniums are too numerous to list. They have made remarkable improvements hybridizing geraniums in recent years. Some of my favorites are Steady Red, Marathon (double red), and Jolly Red and this year we will be eagerly waiting to see our Picasso Hybrid geraniums in bloom.

Happy Gardening!

On Dec. 12, 1988 we had our Christmas party at Lamancus's Rest. We had a nice turnout and the food was very good I hope all enjoyed themselves.

We also had our election of Officers; they will remain the same as last year. They are, President Louise Catterlin, Vice President Martha Ambrose, Sect. Treasurer Anka Kregar, Recording Sect. Tillie Cigolle. Auditors are Mary Selak and Sophie Kren and Reporter is Rosemary Gordon.

It was brought to my attention that a member passed away, her name was Anna Umek. Services were held at St. Stephen's Church in Niles, Ohio. Anna died Oct. 23, 1988 at the age of 93. She was living at the Glen View Manor Nursing Home, her former address was 2229 Garfield Ave. She worked as a clerk for the Republic Corp. during World War II. She was a member of the Blue Star Mothers, Catholic Women's Union No. 55, St. Patrick's Lodge No. 250 Pensioners Club, Honorary member of the Slovenian Club and SNPJ. No. 643.

Her husband died on Sept. 30, 1988 at the age of 100. Surviving are two sons, Joseph and William, three daughters, Rose Cherne, Beatrice Matuswski and Alice Umek. We extend our sympathy to her family.

Members having Birthdays in Dec. are Gala Jhoss, Helen Dagati, Ivanka Florjanic, and Rosemary Juvancic. In Jan. there are Anna Catone, Delores DePietro and Mary Kristen. Junior members are Danny Gordon and Jessica Gordon. We wish you all a Happy Birthday and a very Happy New Year.

Love,

ROSEMARY

NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE, OH

Happy New Year! A whole new year for us to deal with. I wonder how each of us will handle what the year holds in store for us. Let's hope and pray that it will be a year filled with good health, that we will be blessed with good friends and that at this time next year we will find many things to thank God for blessings and favors we received in 1989. Make a resolution to live everyday to its fullest, and to do everything you can to make everyday a good day.

We have avoided some of Ohio's (early) cold weather, having migrated



Frances Travnik, past treasurer of Br. 73 and little Brett Nemeth, the grandson of Virginia Nemeth, liked having a visit with Santa (Emil Mandich) at their Branch Christmas party.

to Florida early in November. As I write this article it is a cloudy, damp day and we are waiting to see where "Keith", the tropical storm, will hit, and what effects, if any, it will have on us. We will get much needed rain, so you see, even bad things have good within them. Flowers are blooming here, and I did have time to start a few geraniums and to take cuttings from my impatience for some fresh new plants. New life from old life! I find much pleasure in watching my efforts "survive". A gardener I am not. It's all a combination of luck and prayer.

CONGRATULATIONS: John and Josephine Turk marked up fifty-seven years of wedded bliss. Channel eight (WJW-TV) saluted them with a tribute submitted by one of their nieces. Josephine is a very faithful member of No. 73, very seldom misses a meeting. We all miss her when she is absent. We all wish you both the very best of everything.

With the beginning of the New Year, let me again remind each of you about paying your dues. Our secretary (God Bless her) has a tremendous task of keeping track of each and everyone of you, and it is much easier to keep records when everything is up-to-date. Let's make it a banner year for S.W.U. 73, let's all try to have our dues paid by July--and no later than October. No more begging in December for what should have been taken care of in January. Come on, we can do it!!

Remember our meetings, first Monday of each month, 20294 Emery Road is the address and you are all

invited to attend. Believe me, a good time is always had by all.

FEBRUARY NOTES

We are among the many millions of Americans who traveled home for the holidays. We left behind sunshine, palm trees and 70-degree temperature, and were greeted in Cleveland with below freezing weather--and blustery winds. But, like the song says, "There is no place like home for the holidays," and before this article is printed, we will be back in the warm climate to "enjoy" the rest of the winter.

Our Christmas party was a huge success, so I am told. Forty-eight members attended (that included the Junior Members). The buffet was well supplied with all the usual goodies. A big Thank You to the Buggy Works for letting us use their facility to accommodate the gang. Glad to hear some of the menfolk joined the celebration. You really ought to do that more often.

Lots of holiday comings and goings: Frank and Ann Yoger visited their daughter and son-in-law in California. Joann Tomsick and daughter Jennifer visited John David Tomsick (son/brother) and his wife in Utah where John is stationed with the Air Force. The young couple then came to Cleveland for the holidays. Annette Yuratovac (Florida) visited with her Mom and Dad, Kay and Pete. Jack and Ann Yane spent a week in Las Vegas. Louise Bernstine visited with her sister in Arizona, then continued on to California to visit with friends there.

Jean and Bill Novotny have plenty to be proud of in their grandson, Thomas Novotny. Tom, an aeronautical engineer has been recognized by the Outstanding College Students of America Board for his performance and merit at Penn State University, where he was awarded for outstanding achievements. Such honors deserve recognition and our heartiest congratulations.

We trust that the members that have been somewhat under the weather are all gaining back their good health. We hope the one thing that Santa left in your stocking was a generous dose of happiness, good luck and good health. We appreciate all of you who take the time to drop us a note. The notes are read at the meetings, and it is nice to know we are not forgotten.

Our January meeting, held a week later because of the holiday, was very well attended. We even greeted some new members. Highlight of the evening was the installation of officers for the New Year. We regret that Frances Travník has given up her position as treasurer. She has been a faithful officer for eight years. Her office will be filled by Angela Musil. We thank Frances for all the time she has spent on the "books", and we wish Angie well with her new job.

Our evening concluded with coffee and enough bakery to warrant a bake sale. Wish all of you could have been with us to share the laughter and fun that filled the three hours we were together. No meeting in February, maybe you can join us on the first Monday in March, April, etc..

Another reminder to settle up your dues for 1989. Get that chore out-of-the-way early, so we won't have to bother you again.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL OF YOU, we do keep all of you close in our hearts and our prayers.

See you next month -- from sunny Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN A. MAJERCIK

NO. 81, KEEWATIN, MN

Our meeting was held November 23 in Father Frederick Hall. Prayers were said for our sick and deceased members.

The main order of business was to make plans for our Christmas party which was held on December 13th. The members decided to cater the dinner.

On December 13th, the members met

in Father Frederick Hall. The dinner was preceded by a social time.

A delicious dinner was served. The tables and hall were nicely decorated with a Christmas motif.

After the dinner games were played.

Our guests were Father Tom Fister, Rose Maras, our past State President, and Mary Johnson.

An enjoyable evening was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY MICHELICH

NO. 85, DEPUE, IL

Now that the busy holiday season is over maybe we can settle down and get going on other things. I am sure everyone, hopefully, had a good Christmas and New Year.

Our lodge had their meeting on Nov. 29th at the home of our president, Gen Grilc. Election of officers was held and the same officers agreed to continue. Cards were sent to our "shut-ins", Mrs. Josephine Slatner who is in the Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Peru, Caroline Widmar, Mary Suarez and Pearl Drennan who is in St. Margaret's hospital after having knee surgery. We hope everyone is feeling better. Gen served

Departed Members

2 - Mary Hozian (88)
47-yr member

2 - Barbara Zurek (52)
36-yr member

10 - Frances Hitti (89)
57-yr member

10 - Anna Strnad (79)
28-yr member

14 - Anna Novak (80)
32-yr member

15 - Madeline Zupancic (75)
38-yr member

17 - Angeline Starich (69)
21-yr member

20 - Mary Bistry (84)
53-yr member

23 - Alben Kotchevar (90)
48-yr member

23 - Mary Toljan (76)
49-yr member

25 - Mary Kotar (94)
51-yr member

25 - Agnes Krebel (97)
51-yr member

25 - Theresa Tomic (96)
49-yr member

28 - Theresa Bagatini (84)
54-yr member

28 - Alice Frasier (77)
37-yr member

31 - Mary Burt (73)
42-yr member

32 - Rose Jenko (76)
46-yr member

33 - Harriet Ostazeski (63)
25-yr member

42 - Helen Lipnos (76)
25-yr member

43 - Rose Karweik (79)
57-yr member

59 - Olga Buratz (89)
54-yr member
Charter member

63 - Martha Popovich (86)
46-yr member

74 - Sophie Gorup (86)
52-yr member
Charter member

84 - Josephine Kukovic (98)
47-yr member

93 - Ursula Barich Zwein (85)
44-yr member

a delicious lunch and of course, we got some new recipes.

Bertha and Syl Marcinak celebrated their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary on Thanksgiving Day. Our congratulations and best wishes for many more years of wedding bliss.

My congratulations to Mike and Tory Boyle who were married in October. May they have many years of happiness.

A new year is upon us and we all look forward to a good one. May God look after and bless all of us.

MARY JERMENC

NO. 89, OGLESBY, IL

Meeting was held on Nov. 14th at Dickinson House with Rose Ann Prey, presiding. Frances Gorisek, Chaplain led the opening prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance. Frances also recited the prayers when our Charter was draped for Sister Irene Peterlin who passed away Oct. 17th. Irene will always hold an enviable position in our hearts. We shall all miss her.

A report on the bakeless bake sale was given and as always, it was a success. We are proud of our branch.

Nomination of officers took place. All were in accord to hold their same office for 1989. Marilyn Argubright was nominated to serve 3 years as Auditor to replace Helen Komater.

There was no meeting in January, and the first meeting 1989 will be in February. March has been scheduled for the installation of officers. All dues are asked to be in by Jan 1, 1989.

Marilyn Argubright will show slides of a Slovenian wedding which she received. Date to be announced later.

Our December Christmas Party was held on Dec. 12th at Dickinson House.

Happy New Year everyone. May hope of heart and peace of mind, beside you ever stay.

EUNICE KOMATER

NO. 92, GUNNISON, CO

NOVEMBER REPORT

This report includes the October meeting which was held on the 25th at the home of Frances Guerrieri, who served a pizza dinner before the meeting. We enjoyed every bit of it, but missed some of our members. Rita Bartelli conducted the meeting which centered around a project for the Sugar Plum Fair at Webster Hall. We decided that we would save our projects for a later date and maybe have them ready for next summer, especially if we host the State Convention.

In November we met at Loretta Szaller's and finalized the Christmas party plans to be held at Rita Bartelli's home, on December 2 as a pot luck dinner and gift exchange. Members were asked to bring a home-made Christmas ornament, food for a needy family, and a gift for the name of the person drawn that evening. It promised to be a lot of fun.

The travel bake sale is doing well. New members include Sally Duck and Carol Visconte.

Bunny Spritzer read several letters she had received concerning her duties as State President. Cookbooks were advertised and some members expressed some interest in them. I think we all have copies already. Loretta Szaller will get information on the story of Mother of the Year, who will be Beth Weaver.

Dues were collected. Beth and Kathy Adamich were to audit our books. Sally Duck received her certificate and we are all happy to have her

"You Are Special"

JOSEPHINE MORRISON

Jo was born in Peru, IL, to Michael and Katharine (Ryzhlewski) Orzechowski on August 13, 1907. Jo had 10 sisters and 3 brothers. She is the sole survivor. She attended St. Valentine Catholic School.

Jo also was married at St. Valentine's Church to Lyle Morrison on August 1, 1936. They were blessed with 4 sons. Lyle Jr. is in business and Douglas manages the company for him. They live in Cumming, Georgia. Dennis, in Oglesby, is associated with Industrial Plumbing. He is a son-in-law of Rose Ann Prey, our president. He married Francine Prey.

Robert resides in Washington, IL. He is a captain in the Reserves. Robert's twins died at birth.

Jo and Lyle are blessed with 11 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and another on the way which is due in February 1989.

Jo has been a loyal member of Branch 89 for 37 years, of the Polish Alliance for 63 years. She was employed at Westclox in Peru, IL, for 13 years and at Duffy's Cigar store for 20 years. She retired in 1985.

Her husband, Lyle was employed in the laboratory at Lehigh Cement Co. for 38 years.


Jo collects stamps, coins, antiques and autographs. She has traveled through the States. She was happy to have tea with our former First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson and also met past president, Lyndon B. Johnson. She received their autographs and also the autographs of former Presidents, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter. In 1980 she visited Plains, Georgia, the birthplace of Pres. Carter.

Jo has led a full and happy life. May she always have the strength to help Branch 89 and be as dedicated as she has been through the past years.

You are special, Jo, and a very loyal member!

We all love you!

Reporter



as a member. She keeps us all informed on Margaret Malinsek who had her other knee operated on this past week. We hope you get well soon!

Chili suppers were tabled until after the holidays.

In election of officers, the present officers were retained. Bunny will be President; Loretta Szaller, Vice-president; Secretary, Betty Stefanic and Treasurer is Rita Bartelli.

We appreciate and thank them for their participation. I will still do the reporting. Fern White announced that she would no longer be a member. She plans to do other things since her husband is retired and they will have time for enjoying their family. We will really miss her - her help, sense of humor, and her willingness to share. She has been a member for many years. She will be included in my report for the history of our lodge.

The mystery box was won by Rita Bartelli. Betty Stefanic donated that one; Frances Somrak donated a mystery gift for which all members put their guess on paper as to the contents. Fern White guessed the closest and received a beautiful Christmas candle.

Hostess prizes went to Betty Stefanic, Elsie Massaro, Bunny Spritzer and Rita Bartelli.

DECEMBER REPORT

Rita Bartelli's home was gaily decorated for our Christmas party. The dinner was enjoyed by all who attended. We missed Margaret Malensek who is still recuperating from knee surgery and Margaret Depew who was out of town.

Father James Vandenburg was our guest. Each member brought a local scenery picture for a guessing game "Where is this?" Sally Duck had the most correct answers, thanks to several friends who helped!

The Christmas ornaments which were all hand-made were beautiful. We each donated towards an ornament which we received. Some of them ended up on Father's tree at the Church.

After dinner, gifts were exchanged and enjoyed. Thanks are extended to the officers who planned the party and contributed towards its success. Bunny Spritzer, Rita Bartelli, Betty Stefanic and Loretta Szaller worked hard to get everything going. A box of donated canned foods was given to a needy family.

Thanks to all who participated. We can look forward to a New Year filled with activities, especially since we host the State Convention. We are behind you, Bunny. You'll do great!

FRANCES SOMRAK

Members of Br. 95 were welcomed by President, Mary Brozynski at the annual Christmas party.

A review of things to come – social with Br. 16 included – was the only business of the day and the fun continued!

Winners of prizes were Mary Duich, Lu Galdina, Helene Golich, Ann Granic, Helen Rapaich, Helen Jerbic, Josephine Bruzdinski, Bernice Bubel and Delphine Stempel.

Exchange of gifts was followed by "split the pot" won by Hanna Pikarski who also was Santa.

Olga Krmpotic of Arkansas was a guest of cousin, Marge Krmpotic. Ann Granic returned from Delaware having attended her niece's wedding. Mary Muzda's daughter, Donna was also recently wed. Congratulations.

December was 48 years for popular Mary and Bob Perkovich. Many more years!

Armed with pictures, long-time member, Sophie Barbich announced that five great grandchildren were born within five weeks! The count now is up to nine and 25 grandchildren!

Prayers still asked for Mary Malcic, who underwent two major heart surgeries with another scheduled soon. Josephine Bruzdinski is recuperating from surgery also.

Buried was Margaret Doherty from Sacred Heart Church. May God have mercy on her soul!

Happy New Year to all!

MARY MARAS

NO. 100, FONTANA, CA

On November 4, the meeting was held at the home of Chris and Linda Costell. Elections were held. Our officers for 1989 are: President, Anne Kapel; Vice-president, Mary Lou Vidergar; Secretary/Treasurer, Ann Arledge; Recording Secretary, Carol Harley; Auditors, Chris Costell & Henrietta Bledsoe; English Reporter, Linda Costell; Slovenian Reporter, Jean Kurilich. We decided to send Christmas cards and a small gift to Fr. Snoj and Fr. Strancar.

Our Branch plans to do something for the residents of the Slovene Rest Home in Fontana for Valentine's Day. This was to be planned at our January

TORY'S BOUQUET MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN!

*Make Tory's bouquet
especially beautiful
with a new member
enrolled during this
Campaign!*



meeting. We planned our Christmas party at the November meeting.

Our Christmas dinner was held at the Golden China restaurant in Rialto on December 2. We all enjoyed a very good meal there, then gathered at the home of Carol & Jim Harley for dessert and Christmas cheer! We also had a "white elephant" gift exchange. Musical entertainment was provided by Frank Kapel and Frank Vidergar. Some danced, and we also sang Christmas carols, Slovenian songs and some other oldies but goodies. Thanks to our musicians, and to Carol & Jim Harley for being wonderful hosts. We all had a very good time.

Our members were saddened by the death of our member, Rose T. Novak in November. She was the mother of our Western States President, Rosemary Mlakar. She will be missed.

Our meetings are still planned for the first Thursday of the month at different members' homes. Someone will call to let you know where the next meeting will be. Hope to see you all at the next meeting. Wishing everyone peace, happiness and health in the New Year.

LINDA COSTELL

Our December meeting was very well-attended, indicating the genuine interest the Slovenian women have in perpetuating our heritage and culture. Since this was our "Christmas Meeting", we enjoyed more socializing than we normally have time for, and especially enjoyed the Christmas buffet served by Mary Lou Terselic and Matilda Terselic. Thanks, again, ladies, for making our party so enjoyable.

We are sad to report the deaths of Tony Terselic (husband of Matilda Terselic), and the father of Mary Mejac. Our sympathy goes out to them, and we offered our prayers for them, and hope many of you will also do so in memory of these very fine people.

Our annual dinner-dance was held in October. The music was exceptionally good, and the food was outstanding. Branch 103 ladies worked hard, giving up so much of their personal time, preparing this outstanding home-cooked meal. Maria Paulin deserves special recognition for her efficiency in preparing the meat; while Nika Kovacic, Jane Bevec, Antonia Cigale, and others made the most delicious strudels. Thank you, ladies, for all this work, and thanks to all the other ladies who worked so hard in lending their support.

Our January 8th meeting was well represented despite the inclement weather. Our Spiritual Advisor, Father Wadas, presided over the Installation of Officers.

We discussed a great many projects planned for the coming months. It seems that 1989 will be a very productive year; so we hope you will continue to read Branch 103 articles to learn of these activities as they unfold.

We were very sad to learn of the death of Dr. Cyril Zebot, husband of Branch 103 member Iča Zebot, on January 9th. Our deepest sympathy to all members of his family. He will be remembered in our prayers.

Good wishes are extended to all SWU Branches for 1989, which we hope to be a very exciting year.

MATILDA AUSICH
Recording Secretary

The driver who has, "one for the road", is likely to have a highway patrolman for a chaser!!!

A.T.

THE IMMIGRANT

JOHN FROM KOZJE

My father had a nice farm in Slovenia. His brother had it before him but couldn't make a go of it. So my father received a loan for nine hundred goldinars from a woman, because he could not get a loan from a bank. The woman who loaned the money wanted it paid back immediately so his friend said, "Give me half of the forest on lease for ten years and I'll pay the loan for you. You won't owe the woman or me anything after ten years."

It was going nice for ten years and then the man that made the lease for the forest died and there were no witnesses to the lease, because the last witness had also died. The man produced the papers that stated my father sold one half of the forest to him. He had my father arrested for cutting the trees in the forest. My father had been taking timbers out of the forest for three years and selling them. After the last witness died the man brought a policeman with him and had my father arrested. He was put in jail in Celje for three months, just for cutting the trees in his own woods!

The case went on in court. Both men were suing each other for so long, that the lawyers took everything and the property was to be sold at auction. My father didn't get anything and the other man didn't get anything either. They were both broke.

An auction was to be held the next day. My father sold the livestock to the neighbors and in the evening took everything out of the house and loaded it in two wagons. The next day, when the auction was supposed to start the only thing that remained was the empty house. We went to Croatia.

It was a cold November day in 1895. Even though I was only twenty-three months old, I can remember how my mother was wrapping me in her shawl to keep me warm. We stopped at a roadhouse and ate there. My father asked the owner, "Can you give us some place to sleep because it is too cold to sleep outside?"

The man replied, "No, No."

My father continued, "We are satisfied just with some straw on the floor and we will lay on the straw."

Still the owner replied, "No."

Well my father was desperate and answered, "If you won't give us a place to sleep then I will burn your village." After that the man gave our family a room to sleep.

My father got a job in Zagreb where they were hiring teamsters to haul wood which had been cut down in the forest. The pieces were put in the wagon and arranged, one meter long, equivalent to a cord of wood. My father had a team of horses and every day he made a trip to the town hauling the wood for this rich man. When his services



Handsome John Jasbec after his arrival in the U.S.

were no longer needed, he knew where he had delivered wood and who would then need help cutting the wood. He didn't get that much money but it was a living anyway.

Our family consisted of two brothers and three sisters beside myself, Mike, Albin, Louise, Mary and Barbara. I was the baby of the family but wasn't spoiled. I wasn't liked within my own family and beatings were common even for silly reasons like playing cards.

When I went to school, the kids didn't accept me and called me names because our family was poor and didn't have anything. The other children's parents were farmers.

I attended first grade in a school outside of Zagreb and could speak Slovenian and Croatian. The teacher, Olga Mazzi, gave me a printed book for being a good student in the first grade. I'm sorry that I never brought the book with me to America.

After my one year of schooling in Zagreb, my father informed the family that we must return to Slovenia as he was tired of listening to the Croatian guys swearing so much. I was eight years old when we returned to Slovenia.

Our next home was at Brežica on the river Sava. My father worked as hired help cutting wood at a big forest by the bridge. Sometimes he had a hundred or a hundred and fifty cords to make and I helped him. That's the way he made his living.

I wanted something different from being a lumberman and teamster. I wanted to work in a store but had to serve an apprenticeship first. No one could get a job in any business unless he had a diploma stating he was prepared for the craft. At the age of fourteen, I began working as an apprentice for no salary. I completed my three-year apprenticeship and then remained another year at a salary. The business establishment was a general store with ready-made suits, boots, groceries, hardware, whatever you wanted, even iron. The wagon maker made only the wooden part and then the blacksmith bought the iron for

the wheels at the store, finishing the wagon. We didn't have a hacksaw to cut the iron and used a chisel and a sledge hammer to do the job.

As an apprentice, I lived at the store with eleven other boys and got up at six in the morning and worked till ten-thirty at night. We got our food and lodging but no salary. When I was sixteen years old, I carried one hundred kilograms on my back (two hundred twenty-five pounds)! Even the big fellows who worked there said, "Look at how much that man is carrying. His bag is bigger than his back." I was strong at that age.

After my fourth and final year, during which I still received a salary, I came to America. I was nineteen. World War I had not yet started and my brother, Mike, and sister, Barbara were already in America and they wrote and told me that I should also come to America.

Mike was single but decided to go back to Slovenia to get married. I said, "Don't go back. Stay in America. But he said, 'I promised a girl that I would marry her and I've got to come back.'" Later on, he was really sorry that he had decided to return to Slovenia to get married.

My brother sent me the money for the trip and I was supposed to get a good ship but the LaFrance left before I arrived at the port and I remained in LaHavre for a week. I decided to take any ship that went across and booked passage on the "Niagara" which was big but slow. It took eleven days to cross the Atlantic. I traveled in March and landed on the 22nd arriving in Chicago on the 24th of March. I traveled alone in third class. It was rotten traveling third class. There were two sets of berths made of pipes, for six people. There were three beds in a berth and I took the top bed in one berth. There were so many lice but I was lucky not to get any of them. The food was very poor and when I was hungry I walked to the bakery on the boat and wanted to buy some bread but the man wouldn't sell me any. I didn't understand why.

Before we arrived at Ellis Island and got off the ship, a sailor, (I supposed), came around to ask for money before we left the ship but I wasn't so stupid to give him any.

I went right through Ellis Island in the long lines. They looked at your eyes and if the eyes were healthy, they let you go on. If you were not healthy they made a mark on your back and you were pulled aside. I just walked straight through and on to the ferry which took me to the train. It took two days on the train to arrive in Chicago.

Food was available at the depot where the train stopped. A man who had been on this trip before took a group of people to a restaurant. He said, "I know a good place to eat and also a saloon. I've been here before." I went along with the group and had a good meal and a couple of glasses of beer. One thing I didn't like was when the people began shoving the glasses into their pockets, "Stealing," I thought, "this is a strange way to come into a new country, like a thief." I didn't like that at all. In my life, I never took anything, never tried to or even thought about it.

In fact, once when I had been in America for a while, I found a \$5.00 bill in my yard and asked my neighbors, "Did you lose any money?" They all said, "No." Then I asked the Italian fellow that lived next door, and he said, "What kind of money was it?" I replied, "If you lost it you would know what kind it was." This guy was always around asking for something and I guess this time he thought he'd get some easy money. So I kept the money. I had asked all my neighbors because the wind could have blown it into my yard. If I lose something I know what I lose.

Then I came to Chicago and found lodging at a boarding house and began working. The hardest thing to get used to in America was the language especially when you have a job and somebody tries to tell you how to do something and you don't understand him. I went to night school a couple of times but when I started working nights I couldn't continue.

I was working at Marshall Fields, not in the store but at the barn, washing wagons. They didn't have motor trucks. After the cars came along it didn't take long to get rid of the horses. Down there on LaSalle Street, next to the LaSalle St. train station, Marshall Fields had seven hundred horses in their stable. They did a lot of delivering. They also had to take newly arrived merchandise from the depot to the store. Marshall Fields was the biggest store at that time. After the horses, they got motor trucks but down there by LaSalle they couldn't have trucks with gasoline so they used electric batteries to drive the trucks.

My social life those early years was limited. I didn't like to go to the saloon, order a beer and sit by the bar and listen to someone brag about all kinds of things. If you didn't believe the braggart he would get mad. One day a guy said he had wrestled a bear in Grant Park and that he threw the bear. I guess he saw the disbelief on my face because he immediately said, "You don't believe what I'm telling you!"

I replied, "If I want to believe I will, if I don't I won't!"

He said, "Do you want me to show you a trick?"

I answered, "No."

He insisted, "Just grab me around my waist."

I grabbed him around the waist with a good grip. He turned me around and my feet went flying up in the air. I told him, "When my feet hit the ground, I'll show you!" Just as soon as my feet reached the ground, I raised him up with his feet underneath him and then threw him down on the floor landing on top of him. He yelled because I hurt him so much.

Then he stood up and said, "We didn't agree that you were going to throw me."

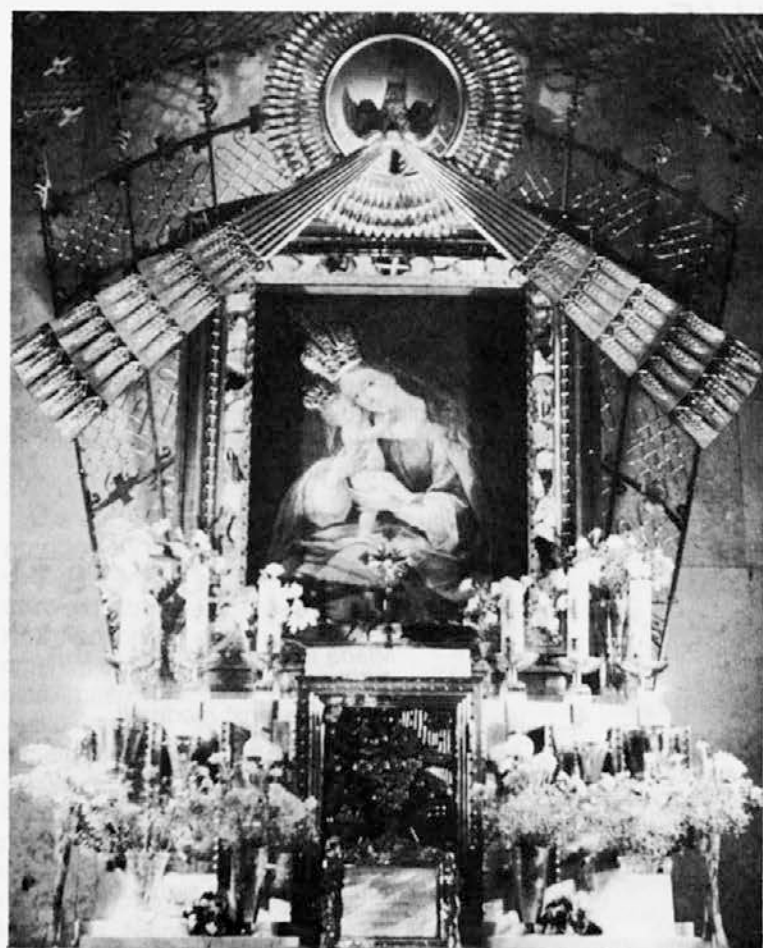
I stated, "we didn't agree either that you were going to break my arms."

He pulled a knife on me. Remember the bar stools they had along the bars? Well, I grabbed one and said, "Put that knife away before I crack your head." He left. I saw him a couple of times after that but I kept away from him. That's why I didn't want to go to a saloon anymore. If I wanted to drink, I'd buy beer and take it home to drink. There wasn't much to do after work except sit at home and talk or go to the saloon.

(To be continued)



John proves that they did carry beer home in buckets at 5 cents per fill-up!



CERKEV MARIJE POMAGAJ NA BREZJAH — BAZILIKA

Oltar Marije Pomagaj na Brezjah v Sloveniji
Foto: Zdravko Pfeifer

Pismo, katerega je poslal Fr. Mirko, brezjanski gvardijan.

Na praznik svetega Frančiška, 4. oktobra 1988, je sveti oče Papež Janez Pavel II. podpisal dokument, v katerem razglša Marijino svetišče na Brezjah za baziliko.

Tako se je uresničila velika želja Slovencev po vsem svetu, ki so že leta čakali, kdaj se bo to zgodilo.

Najlepše se zahvaljujemo, da so se lansko leto Slovenci v Združenih državah in Kanadi tako številno odzvali prošnji, da bi sporočili, kako so prenesli češčenje Marije Pomagaj v Ameriko in drugam. Vse, kar ste nam poslali (pisma, fotografije), je veliko koristilo vsej zadevi. Vsi vaši odgovori so skrbno spravljani v samostanskem arhivu na Brezjah.

Slovesne razglasitev cerkve Marije Pomagaj na Brezjah za baziliko bo sredi drugega leta (zaradi vremena), verjetno zadnjo nedeljo v maju.

Franciskani na Brezjah
Fr. Mirko Silvester, O.F.M.
Gvardijan

Na začetku drugega zasedanja pastoralnega občnega zbora ljubljanske nadškofije 22. oktobra je člani zbora in opazovalce razveselila novica, da je papež Janez Pavel II. romarski cerkvi Marije Pomagaj na Brezjah podelil častni naslov bazilika.

V antični dobi je bila bazilika javna zgradba, sodišče, zbornica in podobno.

Od 4. stoletja dalje so začele rasti krščanske cerkve po vzorcu starih bazilik, vendar z nekaterimi novimi prvinami. Najznamenitejše so štiri velike rimske bazilike: sv. Petra, sv. Pavla, sv. Marije Velike in sv. Janeza v Lateranu. Na našem ozemlju je ena najbolj znanih starih bazilik Evfrazijeva v Poreču (5. in 6. stoletje). Pozneje je papež začel podeljevati častni naziv bazilika posebno imenitnim cerkvam po svetu.

V Sloveniji smo imeli že pred Brezjami nekaj cerkva, ki se ponašajo s tem naslovom: Mati milosti v Mariboru, Petrovče, Brestanica (Rajhenburg), Stična, Sveta gora pri Gorici.

IZ ČASOPISA: "DRUŽINA", 30.10.1988:

Mesec februar je čas pustnih šem in kurentov

Na Ptujskem polju hodijo od hiše do hiše našemljeni *Kurenti*, k so oblečeni v svetle ali črne kožuhe – nekaj živalske kože; na glavah maske, ki spominjajo živalske podobe: široke oči, dolge jezike in na vrhu so rogovi, vsi pokriti s pisanimi trakovi. Odkod in od kdaj prihajajo te šeme v naše kraje, nihče ne ve. Prav iz davnih časov, iz različnih verovanj in polnih skrivnosti! Pravijo, da so kurenti znanilci pomladi, vsesplošne rodovitnosti. So klicarji novega življenja pomladi s svojim objestnim veseljem, zvončkanjem in poskakovanjem. Slovenski Linhart (vešč gledališča) je mislil, da je bil Kurent ljudem v poganstvu nekak bog rodovitnosti.

Cerkljansko – Idrijske pustne šeme – po domače imenovani "laverji" so pokrajinska posebnost – na meji Kranjske in Primorske – prav tako kot so "kurenti" na Ptujskem polju. Tukaj je svet z visokimi hribi, z ozkimi grapami in skritimi domovi. Pustne maske razlajo iz lesa že od bogvekdaj – navado so že opustili in nanovo začeli; starim maskam pridružujejo nove. Doživetje pusta je v Cerknem prav posebna reč.

Mary Štangelj Murn

ČAS NOROSTI

*Mlada leta, čas norosti,
mlada leta, čas veselja;
nismo imeli nič modrosti,
spolniti morala se želja.*

*Kdo bi skrbel, ko je mlad,
uživa le življenja hrup;
ko si poln življenja nad,
potisni v kot vso skrb, obup.*

*Prehitro le bo prišel čas,
ko brezskrbnost bo za nami,
ne bodeš vriskal več na glas,
skrb bo vedno za petami.*

*Pleši, vriskaj in zapoj,
svet je poln radosti in veselja,
zavrti se nocoj z menoj,
spolni naj se vsaka želja.*



Znameniti "cerkljanski lauferji" – Kurenti po slovensko.

DOPISI

ŠT. 10, CLEVELAND, OH

Stopili smo že v novo leto!
Bog daj, da bi bilo nam vsem s
srečo in zdravjem odeto!

Da bi sovraštvo umrlo in
hudobijo zatrl!

Vrnili nazaj nam vsem veselje,
radost in ljubezen!

Tudi vsem bolnim članicam naj
ljubi Bog vrne zdravje. Posebno še
Lojzki Laurich, ki je bila v decem-
bru težko operirana in se sedaj
zdravi pri svojem sinu. Naše
globoko sožalje vsem, ki ste

zgubile svoje drage: zelo so bile
prizadete: ga. Trček je zgubila
svojega moža, ga. Gerič (160 St.)
je zgubila svojega starejšega sina,
ki je bil zadet od kapi pri svojem
44 letu. Zapustil je ženo in tri male
otroke.

Vsem članicam in bralkam naše
ZARJE pošiljam lepe pozdrave!

Vsem srečno in veselo novo leto
1989!

T. FERRACCOLI

ŠT. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Božični prazniki so minuli. Tista
tajinstvena sreča božičnega več-
era ostane v srcu vseh vernih. Vse
ljudi spremljajo skozi življenje vi-
harni bolezni in bolesti srca. Naj
božje Dete blagoslovi v letu 1989
vse, Vas sestre, in seveda tudi
našo urednico ZARJE. naj bi

ZARJA ljubezni do Boga in bliž-
njega odsevala v vseh srcih, naj
mili Bog podeli vsemu svetu bla-
ženi mir. To je molitev nas
kristjanov.

Pri svetih mašah v naši cerkvi je
zbor prelepo prepeval pri vseh
treh mašah božično sveto mašo od
Carla Rosini-ja-posebno v "Be-
neditus" so tako lepe melodije, da
vam izvabijo solze v oči. Naše
slovenske božične pesmi so
čudovito lepe, posebno tista:
"Božična noč, kako si lepa..."

Amerikanci so se res z veliko-
dušnostjo odzvali z darovi za re-
veže in brezdomce. Amerikansko
srce je vedno odprto za tisoče
ubogih ne le tu, ampak po vsem
svetu. Naše mesto je zgledalo kot
gledališki oder ves v lučih različnih
barv. Z vrha stolpa je pod nami



Ura polnoči že bije, na nebu blede luna sije.
V daljavi slišim fantov zbor, ki poje v daljavi, vzor.
Harmonika doni; se fantje vračajo v vas,
sladka pesem iz mladih src jim zveni.
Se ustavijo pod oknom pri mladi deklici.
Prepevajo podoknico na glas, da pesem doni v drugo vas.
Ljudje so poslušali, pri oknih se naslanjali:
saj to je mladih fantov glas,
mladost jim vre iz src in grl kar na glas!

T.F.

prelesten pogled na mesto, tako kot bi gledal "Rimsko cesto" zvezd.

Članice smo imele lep večer – predbožični ball z darovi in okusno večerjo. Hvala vsem delavkam za trud, ki ga žrtvujejo za našo Zvezo. Ko že govorim o dobrih ženah, naj omenim svojo sestrično Anno Judnich, našo nekdanjo pevko, ki vsako nedeljo in vsak praznik napolni svoj avto z onimi, ki avta nimajo ali pa ne morajo dolgo hoditi. Pelje v cerkev in nazaj. Ta plemenita žena se žrtvuje za Boga in za bližnjega; kakor njen pokojni mož John je tudi ona človekoljubna kristjanka. Njen sin Johnny se odlikuje po očetu, ki je bil izvrsten mehanik. John je čelo sestavil sam svoj eroplan.

Izgubili smo svoja dva doktorja: dr. Ravnik, živinozdravnik, in dr. Erlacha, kirurga. Oba bomo zelo proglašali. Bila sta slovenskega duha in vernega srca. Vsem lep pozdrav.

POLDICA PODGORNIK

Draga ga. Poldica! Iskrena hvala za vaše lepe in dolgo-letne slovenske dopise. Iz Vas seva velika ljubezen do slovenstva in do lepega petja. Ste tudi pesnica, ko napišete tako mile spomine pokojnemu možu. Bog naj Vam ohrani zdravje in srečo v tem novem letu. Pozdrav – Uredništvo.

ŠT. 68, FAIRPORT HRB., OH

Prav lepo pozdravljene članice Slov. Ženske Zveze, vse katere čitate naš mesečnik Zarjo. Minulo je že nekaj mesecev, od kar se nisem potom ZARJE z Vami pogovorila. Saj sem s tem prijetnim kramljanju v duhu med Vami. Radi svoje bolezni nisem bila sposobna, da

bi se pripravila k pisanju. Imela sem v pretečenem poletju na želcu operacijo, čez dober mesec se mi je pojavila pa še hernija, in tako sem morala na ponovno operacijo, radi katere sem pa do sedaj, že kar dobro okrevala.

Moram reči; Bogu hvala! Prav srčna hvala vsem, ki ste me obiskale v bolnici in na domu. Prav tako se zahvalujem vsem za bodrilne kartice, posebno duhovnikom od cerkve Sv. Antona iz Fairporta. Rev. Josephu Cappelletti od naše St. Mary cerkve v Painesville hvala in zgoraj imenovanemu, ki sta me prišla obhajati z ljubeznivo prijetno tolažbo. In pred vsem pa za molitve, katerim sem se priporočila za zdravje, vsem stokrat Boghlonaj.

Za naše božične praznovanje je naša tajnica Fany Ulle organizirala in rezervirala v tukajšnjem bližnjem restavrantu v Painesville, da smo imele odlično kosilo. Naša zapisnikarica Welma Zalar je imela prijazno sestrice na obisku iz North Carolajne. Čez vse praznike ji je delala družbo. In hčerka od Welme Anica je dobila za praznike luškano deklico, ki bo delala družčino starejši sestrici. Tako je gospa Zalar že večkrat stara mamica.

Zima nam je do Božiča prizanašala. Zadnji teden v decembru je skoro vsaki dan pomalem snežilo in tudi takoj skopnelo.

Srečni smo bili to leto, da tista bela nepoklicana žena ni obiskala nobene hiše od Slovencev. Mogoče je kaj okrog naše obletavala, pa najbrže ni vedela, da sem v bolnici. V bolnici pa tudi ni imela prilike, ker moj mož me je dvakrat na dan v bolnici obiskoval in ni imela prilike, ker je vedno prišel z palico v roki. Malo pa mora biti za smeh! Tudi doktorji so rekli!

(Laughter is The Best Doctor).

Pri naši cerkvi St. Mary Painesville je bil res sveti večer brez snega-v pričekanju in praznovanju rojstva našega Odrešenika deteta Jezuščka. Z mojim možem se rada udeleživa te polnočne sv. maše. Cerkev je bila zelo lepo okrašena, in nebesko razsvetljena. In farani smo jo napolnili, do zadnjega kotička. "Slava Bogu na višavah in mir ljudem na zemlji, ki so blage volje".

Miklavž se je tudi oglasil pri nas; z košarico sadja nas je, obdaril; bila je z njim tudi njegova soproga Carol. Prav lepa hvala obema.

Iz časopisov čitamo, da je tudi po ljubljanskih ulicah Miklavžev sprevod prosto, svobodno hodil in otroke obdaroval. Seveda staro tradicijo se ne sme opustiti, to je bilo veselje za mladino, posebno za male otroke, z njimi so se pa gotovo veselili tudi starejši.

Ko to pišem sem slišala, da je bila naša članica gospa Jelka Germek v bolnici: operacija žolča in ima tudi nekakšne težave, da bo morala še ponovno na operacijo radi tega. Draga Jelka, kar korajžo, vse bodo popravili, kar prvič niso mogli. Želimo Ti vse sestre članice ljubega zdravlja in hitrega okrevanja.

Tele vrstice so bile pisane nekaj v starem l. 1988, in nekaj pa že v našem novem letu 1989; tako boste te vrstice čitale v mesecu februarju, pa vam tem potom, če prav malo pozno, voščim, Srečno, zadovoljno in zdravo leto 1989.

Do prihodnjic lepo pozdravljam in pazite kadar vozite avto, sploh ponoči.

Naši urednici gospe Corini Leskovar pa veliko uspeha pri urejanju ZARJE in božjega blagoslova in zdravja v novem letu 1989.

JULKA KLAMMER

NAŠA POT PO SLOVENIJI Iz "Slovenske ure" na radijski oddaji v Chicagu

LJUBLJANA in njena zgodovina



Ljubljana nekoč – Frančiškanska cerkev Marjinega Oznanenja, okoli 1840.

Ljubljana je glavno in največje mesto v Sloveniji. Ima sedaj več kot 300.000 prebivalcev. Njena lega med Alpami na severu in Jadranskim morjem na jugu je zelo ugodna. Je lepo evropsko mesto in je civilno, cerkveno, kulturno in gospodarsko središče Slovenije.

Ljubljana z lepo zeleno okolico so nekaka vrata od morja v srednjo Evropo, kar so spoznali že pred več stoletij stari narodi. Po zgodovinskih virih vemo, da so bili tukaj Iliri, Kelti, Rimljani in končno Slovenci. Ob prihodu so ti tukaj našli vojaško taborišče z imenom *E m o n a*, skozi katero je peljala rimska cesta dalj na Celje in Ptuj. Že v 12. stoletju so zgodovinarji našli v listinah ime Ljubljana.

Skozi mesto teče reka Ljubljanica, ki se na ljubljanskem polju izliva v Savo. Nad mestom se dviga grad — zgrajen v srednjem veku, ki daje mestu lep vtis in meščanom krasen razgled. Na južni strani mesta je ljubljansko *b a r j e*, nekaj močvirje in pred tisočletji plitvo jezero. Tukaj je vzrok neprijazne pogostne megla, ki zlasti v zimskem času pokrije mesto in okolico. Zgodovina pričuje, da so na tem jezeru v davnih časih živeli *m o s t i s č a r j i* v kolibah zgrajenih na koleh, ki so jih zabili v jezersko dno. Iz teh časov je pisatelj Janez Jalen napisal zanimivo zgodbo, ko je preštudiral najdene izkopanine v ljubljanskem muzeju. To so *B o b r i*, zanimivo čtivo.

Ko so Turki pričeli napadati slovenske pokrajine,

uničevati vasi in pobijati ljudi, so se v Ljubljani zavarovali z visokim obzidjem; isto drugod. Ko je Napoleon zasedal Evropo, so njegovi Francozi si polastili tudi Ljubljano in jo proglasili za glavno mesto Ilirske pokrajine. Iz tistih let (po 1800) so nam znane pesmi rojaka Valentina Vodnika, doma iz Šiške. Ljubljana se je po časi razvijala. Velik gospodarski pomen je dobila, ko je skozi njo stekla avstrijska Južna železnica, ki je vezala Dunaj — Ljubljano — Trst. Pri otvoritvi leta 1857 je priredila Ljubljana velike slovesnosti. Meščani so bili na železnico sila ponosni, ne tako kmetje, še manj vozniki — furmani, ker jim je odjedla zaslužek.

Ljubljano je leta 1895 zadel močan potres, ki je pretresel zemljo daleč naokrog sredi noči. Dolge tedne so ljudje ležali na prostem brez vsega. Hiše se bile večinoma porušene ali tako razdejane, da so morali mesto znova graditi. Denarno pomoč je nabirala vsa tedanja Avstrija in že po desetletih je zrastle nova Ljubljana. Sreča pa zopet ni trajala dolgo!!! Po umoru avstrijskega prestolonaslednika Ferdinanda v Sarajevu je 1. 1914 izbruhnila I. svetovna vojna; vsi moški v monarhiji so bili vpoklicani pod orožje nad 40-tim letom: najprej proti Srbom, nato proti Rusom in kmalu proti Italijanom. Ne samo Ljubljana ampak vsa Slovenija je bila polna avstrijsko — ogrskega vojaštva; nastala je lakota, bolezni in vsestranska revščina. Prišlo je 1. 1918, ki je prineslo razpad tisočletnega vladanja Habsburžanov in pričetek države Srbov, Hrvatov in

Ker so bili Italijani med zmagovalci, je Slovenija in z njo Ljubljana utrpela veliko škodo: tretjino slovenske zemlje smo izgubili: Trst, Gorico, Postojno in vse Posočje. Prerokba pesnika Simona Gregorčiča, ki je napisal: "in Soča bo krvava tekla," se je do bridkosti izpolnila. Pokrajina Prekmurje je bila tedaj dodeljena Sloveniji.

Po I. svetovni vojni je Ljubljana dobila svojo uni-verzo. In tudi: zelo se je razširila in polepšala z novimi zgradbami z izvrnimi načrti arhitekta mojstra Jožeta Plečnika, Ljubljancana. V tem času je dobila pravi nebotičnik, tromostovje preko Ljubljanice, Žale, preurejen Tivoli in drugo. Znano je pa mesto ohraniti svoje staro središče prav pod gradom, — ki je bilo okusno in umetniško grajeno pred stoletji in kaže novim časom svoje stoletno kulturo. Sem spada stoletna stolnica sv. Nikolaja, nadškofijska stavba, semenišče, katerega vhod stražita dva kamnita velikana, znamenit Robbov vodnjak pred starim rotovžem in preko Ljubljanice zelo obiskano frančiškansko cerkev in nekoliko dalje nekdanjo prelepo baročno uršulinsko cerkev Sv. Trojice. Zadnja desetletja se je mesto znova povečalo z novimi nebotičniki in dobilo je vse, kar imajo sodobna in moderna mesta. Naj omenimo samo pomemben in mogočen Cankarjev dom za vsesplošne kulturne prireditve.

Sedanje 20. stoletje je ogrozilo in spremenilo vso Evropo: velike in male države, mnogoštevilne in male narode. Mnogi samodržci in diktatorji so zgrabili za bič, da bi prekucnili stari red: najbolj so znani Hitler, Stalin, Musolini. Njihov bič je zažvižgal tudi na Slovenijo in Ljubljano. Leta 1941. je v enem tednu bila strta Jugoslavija.

Štajersko in Gorenjsko so pograbili Nemci, Ljubljano z Dolenjsko in Belokrajino Italijani, Prekmurje pa Madžari. Takratno leto pomlad je vsem Slovincem zagrnila prava tema. Nemški škorenj je najbolj udaril duhovnike, redovnike, izobražence in župane. Hitlerjevo povelje je zahtevalo takojšnjo izselitev brez vsega. V Ljubljanski pokrajini so bili Italijani sprava obzirnejši, kamor se je zateklo več tisoč pregnancev. Okupacija je trajala dolga 4 leta.

Kruto in najhujše je udarila Slovence stalinistična revolucija ali državljanska vojna. Ljubljana je bila vključena v komunistično kletko, slovensko podeželje je krvavelo. V l. 1945 je tisoče beguncev prekoračilo mejo Slovenije in šlo na tuje.

Od leta 1945 je Slovenija socialistična republika v socialistični Jugoslaviji.

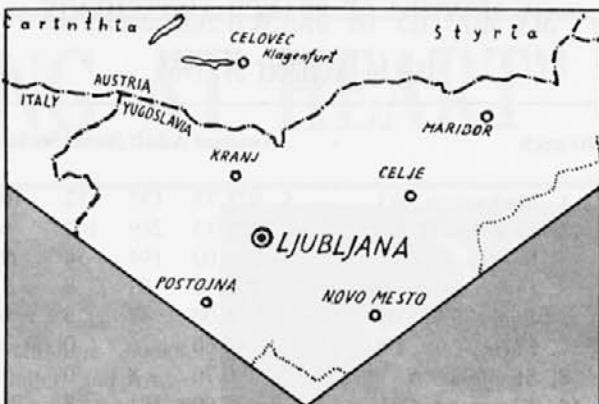
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Znamenita baročna cerkev Sv. Trojice — Uršulinska cerkev.

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Ljubljanski grad — veličanstvena trnjava Ljubljanske samobitnosti.

Sredi Ljubljane kraljuje spomenik največjega slovenskega pesnika Prešerna.



SIX MONTHS' OF BRANCH ASSESSMENTS

July to December 31, 1988

Olga Ancel, Nat'l Secretary

Branch	Amount	Adult	Junior	Social	Branch	Amount	Adult	Junior	Social
1. Sheboygan, WI	\$ 978.75	132	12	10	52. Kitzville, MN	112.40	33	0	3
2. Chicago, IL	2,188.45	289	162	46	54. Warren, OH	140.10	28	0	2
3. Pueblo, CO	1,076.00	194	38	9	55. Girard, OH	184.35	34	10	1
5. Indianapolis, IN	290.70	63	8	1	56. Hibbing, MN	242.30	51	3	3
6. Barberton, OH	6.00	48	5	6	57. Niles, OH	183.154	38	2	0
7. Forest City, PA	44.60	26	0	1	59. Burgettstown, PA	130.65	26	1	1
8. Steelton, PA	26.70	8	0	1					
10. Cleveland, OH	1,008.00	191	8	26	63. Denver, CO	67.80	27	0	1
					64. Kansas City, KS	28.65	16	0	0
12. Milwaukee, WI	458.00	83	13	20	65. Virginia, MN	27.60	10	0	0
13. San Francisco, CA	630.35	86	7	8	66. Canon City, CO	188.40	35	1	0
14. Euclid, OH	1,166.05	196	6	9	67. Bessemer, PA	194.40	37	0	2
15. Cleveland, OH		83	0	0	68. Fairport Harbor, OH	245.85	45	2	0
16. South Chicago, IL	762.85	120	37	15	70. West Aliquippa, PA		6	0	0
17. West Allis, WI	801.90	144	39	0					
19. Eveleth, MN	346.05	61	2	2	71. Strabane, PA	450.45	88	15	2
20. Joliet, IL	3,104.75	482	94	30	73. Warrensville Hts., OH	393.00	80	27	0
					74. Ambridge, PA		17	0	0
21. Cleveland, OH	307.20	64	1	1	79. Enumclaw, WA	77.40	42	3	6
22. Bradley, IL	72.90	14	0	3					
23. Ely, MN	945.70	175	14	18	81. Keewatin, MN	148.00	19	1	4
24. LaSalle, IL	388.30	82	6	6	83. Crosby, MN	24.90	6	0	0
25. Cleveland, OH		255	8	10	84. New York, NY	59.90	11	0	0
26. Pittsburgh, PA	465.55	104	2	0	85. DePue, IL	100.80	19	0	1
27. North Braddock, PA		12	0	0	86. Nashwauk, MN	39.00	5	0	0
28. Calumet, MI	234.80	43	3	0	88. Johnstown, PA	57.05	15	0	0
30. Home Office	148.85	38	0	22	89. Oglesby, IL	149.00	34	0	0
					90. Bridgeville, PA	27.60	10	0	0
31. Gilbert, MN	194.00	40	0	0					
32. Euclid, OH	1,118.00	189	36	25	91. Oakmont, PA	117.00	39	1	0
33. Duluth, MN	1,216.15	173	25	21	92. Gunnison, CO	122.80	24	4	2
34. Soudan, MN	289.45	49	14	7	93. Brooklyn, NY	89.25	26	0	0
35. Aurora, MN	509.80	70	30	17	95. South Chicago, IL	765.70	124	2	11
37. Greaney, MN	21.90	5	0	0	96. Universal, PA		14	0	0
38. Chisholm, MN	410.20	69	7	4	97. Cairnbrook, PA	34.20	6	0	0
39. Biwabik, MN	200.70	46	3	6	99. Elmhurst, IL	12.60	4	0	0
40. Lorain, OH	513.20	74	5	2	100. Fontana, CA	207.00	45	11	15
42. Maple Heights, OH	398.80	71	15	5	101. Bedford Hts., OH	128.85	19	8	0
43. Milwaukee, WI	1,025.55	173	23	10	102. Willard, WI	196.20	36	4	5
45. Portland, OR	261.30	32	2	5	103. Washington, DC	8.40	36	4	5
46. St. Louis, MO	35.40	14	0	0	105. Detroit, MI	371.15	55	4	4
47. Garfield Hts., OH	399.75	76	23	0	106. Meadowlands, PA		15	0	0
50. Cleveland, OH	2,277.45	350	41	74					
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"FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART"

MY SLOVENIAN PRINCESS

by Ann Dragovan

Almost all little girls dream of being a princess. The children's books have stories of Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Nutcracker Ballet, and many more, which all tell the story of how beautiful young women met a prince and lived happily ever after. Isn't this what most girls dream? My grand-niece, Lauren Colwell, always wanted a princess outfit after seeing the video tapes on some of these fairy-tales.

One day when I was visiting, Lauren watched one of the stories on video and said "Mom", I'd like a princess outfit! Do you think I could have one. So, I thought perhaps I could make one for Lauren.

I was on the committee to make the hats for the S.W.U. 60th Anniversary Banquet which Branch 20 in Joliet was sponsoring. The hats were very attractive - which a princess could wear. I proceeded to make a hat, jumper and apron, and gave it to Lauren as a Christmas present. When Lauren opened the package, she exclaimed in delight. "Mom", look it's a princess outfit. I will wear it to "show and tell" at school. She was admired by the class to have a princess outfit. She explained to them it was a Slovenian Princess Outfit, and she was the envy of her classmates. She is learning about her Slovenian heritage at an early age. She will always be our Slovenian Princess!

She will join S.W.U. juniors when she gets older. Her Mom, Kimberly Colwell is a member of Branch 20, as are her grandmother, Josephine Krohn, her grandaunts, Bernadine Micci, Lucille Dragovan and Ann Dragovan. Her second cousin Wilen Dragovan is also a member of S.W.U. Our heritage will live on.



"Slovenian Princess" Lauren

DAVY'S COLUMN

How Do I Love Thee?

Mention the month of February and one of the first days to come to mind is St. Valentine's Day.

The newspapers, television and radio are flooded with suggestions of what to give or do for that special someone on Valentine's, in order to let him/her know how you really feel about him/her.

In the malls, just about everywhere you turn, there's a heart-shaped box of candy. (Sweets for the sweet!)

Flowers (especially red roses) become almost impossible to find a few days before the 14th.

As a general rule, in the mad stampede to the florist you'll not see my father. If you asked my father what

day it was, you'd probably get his classic answer, "Today's Tuesday." (Which is what he says no matter what day it is. Once a week he's right, and, hey! sooner or later Valentine's is bound to land on a Tuesday!)

Because of this, I never classified my dad under the description of romantic. At least, not until a couple of Christmases ago.

That's when I found out just how romantic my father really is.

Since I was going to mall anyway, dad asked if I'd do some of his Christmas shopping for him. He gave me some money and asked me to buy my mother some nylons. Then he told me the department store I could find this certain brand of nylons. He said it was the brand she always wore while they were dating, but after they married, well, with the house and children, she couldn't afford them any more.

Did I misjudge him or what? I have men come into the insurance office where I work who can't remember their wives' birthdays let alone what brand of nylons she wore while they were courting.

Flowers and candy are nice, but they don't mean much if one forgets to keep that special someone feeling special the rest of the year.

'Til Next Month,

DAVY

LAUGHLINES

"Honey," whispered the ardent young man, "when I think that tomorrow is your birthday, and when I think that I didn't even know you a year ago..."

"Let's not talk about the past," she murmured. "Let's talk about the present."

Three little boys were bragging. "I wear out a pair of shoes in a month," the first little boy said. "I wear out a pair of jeans in a week," the second boy said.

"That's nothing," the other boy said. "I can wear out a new babysitter in twenty minutes."

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