



Be My Valentine

The first Valentines in the 19th Century were often made of fine paper laces and embellishments such as this one that says:

"Truly Thine"—

Science and the atomic pace of the twentieth century living haven't dimmed the ardor of an estimated 90 million Americans who will dispatch missives of love and affection this year in commemoration of St. Valentine's Day.

There is little doubt that February 14th is the most romantic day of the year. Some 80,000 sweethearts of all ages demonstrate their super-romanticism in a special way: they send their Valentine to Loveland, Colorado for re-mailing — so they will bear that romantic postmark.

But of course the Loveland post office's Valentine business is but a tiny fraction of the estimated 300,000,000 Valentines that will be dispatched or delivered by hand, according to a spokesman for Hallmark Cards. For more than five centuries a large portion of the Western world has known and sent Valentines, and today Americans send more greeting cards to mark Valentine's Day than any other day or season except Christmas. (See CAPSULES inside for more on this, the most romantic day of the year.)



ZARJA *The* DAWN

URADNO GLASILO
SLOVENSKE ŽENSKE ZVEZE

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION

NUMBER 2

FEBRUARY, 1971

VOLUME 43

ZARJA-THE DAWN

NO. 2 VOL. XLIII
FEBRUARY, 1971

Official Publication of the Slovenian Women's Union of America — Uradno glasilo Slovenske Ženske Zveze. Published monthly except one combined issue, July-August — izhaja vsak mesec razen skupne številke za julij-avgust. — Annual Subscription \$3.00. Naročnina \$3.00 letno

For Social members, \$2.40; za družbanske članice \$2.40.

Publisher: ZARJA, 1937 W. Cermak Rd., Chicago, Ill. 60608.

Second Class Postage paid at Chicago, Ill.

All communications for the next issue of publication must be in the hands of the Editor by the FIRST of the month.

Vsi dopisi za naslednjo izdajo mesečnika morajo biti v rokah urednice do 1 v mesecu.

Editorial Office: 1937 W. Cermak Rd., Chicago, Ill. 60608. Telephone Bishop 7-2014, Area Code 312

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY

National Officers:

February 5 — Rose Kraemer
State President of Wisconsin,
Milwaukee, Wisc.

February 17 — Fanika Humar
National Secretary,
Chicago, Illinois

Branch Presidents:

February 8 — Mary Kuzma
Br. 88, Johnstown, Pa.

February 19 — Sophie Sorcan
Br. 90, Presto, Pa.

February 24 — Mary Oberch
Br. 85, DePue, Ill.

Secretaries:

February 1 — Margaret Fischer
Br. 1, Sheboygan, Wis.

February 2 — Mary Christian
Br. 80, Moon Run, Pa.

February 5 — Margaret Gorensek
Br. 50, Cleveland, Ohio

February 6 — Mary Otonicar
Br. 25, Cleveland, Ohio

February 14 — Matilda Cigolle
Br. 55, Girard, Ohio

February 15 — Anna Kerkovich
Br. 93, Brooklyn, N. Y.

February 17 — Stephanie Plese
Br. 74, Ambridge, Pa.

February 18 — Frances Bradach
Br. 35, Aurora, Minn.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

SLOVENIAN CHAPEL DEDICATION SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WASHINGTON, D. C., AUGUST 15, 1971

Special Group Tour for Slovenian Women's Union Members, Relatives and Friends departs Thursday, August 12 and returns late Sunday, August 15

Plan for the weekend of your lifetime: Slovenian Chapel Dedication and a Tour of the Nation's Capital City.

Group Tour will include the following:

Transportation to and from Washington, D. C.

Hotel accommodations at the Sheraton Park Hotel

Special Sightseeing Tours on air-conditioned buses arranged by Washington Landmark Tours

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner at the best dining establishments in the area

All admissions, fees, tips paid

A large photo of your group in front of the Capitol for each member of the tour

Dedication Banquet and Dance Ticket

Souvenir Booklet and other prepared items for the Dedication

For further information contact Your Local Branch Secretary
or

Miss Irene M. Planinsek, 12 S. Van Dorn St. No. 28
Alexandria, Va. 22304

SEE BEAUTIFUL SLOVENIA, YUGOSLAVIA, AND EUROPE IN 1971!

Fly by Jet to Brnik Ljubljana airport. You will have the lowest fare and most enjoyable trip when flying with a KOLLANDER group to Ljubljana airport.

\$260.00 — is the round trip Jet fare from New York to Ljubljana when traveling in May and September

\$320.00 — is the round trip Jet fare from New York to Ljubljana when traveling in June, July, and August.

Both prices are in effect when you travel as a member in a group of 40 or more passengers. Members of your family traveling with you will pay the same low fare. Children under 12 pay half of the above mentioned fares and infants under 2 only 10%.

From Ljubljana we have very interesting optional tours by bus visiting European countries, Slovenia and the Adriatic Coast.

Our organized departures are:

for 3 weeks: May 24, June 7, 25, 28, July 26, August 1, September 6
for 4 weeks: May 24, July 1, August 12, 30; 6 weeks: May 17, June 21, August 12; for 7 weeks: July 12; 8 weeks: June 18, 24; 9 weeks: July 5; 10 weeks: June 14.

When you wish to visit Slovenia call KOLLANDER for reservations. This way you will assure yourself the most attractive way to travel.

Don't wait, make your reservations early!

KOLLANDER WORLD TRAVEL, INC.

589 East 185th St.

Cleveland, Ohio 44119

tel: (216) 531-1082 531-4066 431-4148

GO TO WASHINGTON, D. C. WITH US!

You may be a winner of a Free Trip to Washington, D. C. PLUS a Free "package deal" including the Dedication Ceremonies and Dedication Banquet, the weekend of August 15, 1971!

All you must do to be eligible is:

EARN 50 POINTS IN THE POST-CONVENTION CAMPAIGN!

A new member in Class B is worth one full point; (1)

A new member in Class A is worth one half point; (½)

A new Junior member is worth one quarter point; (¼)

Besides the point tally, you will be entitled to a cash award for every new member as follows: For every new member in Class B, \$1.00; Class A \$.50 and Junior, \$.25. *Every worker Gets a Cash Award!*

Begin now — write up your new members and send them in. Your branch secretary has the application blanks. Remember: the name of the worker must appear on the application blank as usual as there will be no changes allowed after the application is received in the Home Office. One name can receive credit for the new member.

Every worker who reaches 50 points will win a free trip to Washington. Let one of the winners be YOU!

FANIKA HUMAR, National Secretary

WHO CAN BECOME A MEMBER OF SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION?

All women and their families of Slovenian decent and women and their families of other ethnic groups being in good health, of good moral character and of the Catholic Faith, shall be accepted into the organization. Non-Catholic spouse married by a Catholic priest can be accepted as a member.

A monthly assessment is levied upon each member for the following expenses:
Funeral Benefit

Monthly Magazine ZARJA—THE DAWN and organizational expenses
The branch's organizational expenses

Class	Age	Death Benefit Paid	Contribution to Death Benefit & Expense Funds	Contribution to Branch Fund	Total
JUNIOR	From birth to age 25 years May transfer to adult class at age 14	\$100.00	.10 per month Free to first birthday Free 12 mos, assessment in adult class after 10 yrs. junior membership	(These two columns to be filled out by the Branch Secretary)	
CLASS A	Joins from 14 thru 50 years	\$100.00	.45 per month		
CLASS B	Joins from ages: 14-30 31-40 41-45 46-55 56-60	\$300.00 \$250.00 \$200.00 \$150.00 \$100.00	.70 .70 .70 .70 .70		
SOCIAL	Joins at any age	None, but receives Zarja	.20		
CLASS A	Member 75 years of age or over	\$100.00	.20		
CLASS B	Member 75 years of age or over	According to age when joining	.35		

Compiled by
Irene Planinsek

THE CHURCH AND YOU

What we are talking about here concerns those especially those who feel inclined to resist the Church and what she asks them to do by way of renewing themselves.

What is needed today, if the renewal undertaken by the Church is to succeed at all, is for her members to develop increasingly a deep sense of identity with the Church. We have too many of the "Why does not the Church do something" type of Catholic. We need more of the kind of Catholic who says: "The Church can act only if I act in and through her." To paraphrase a celebrated appeal made by the late president Kennedy in his inaugural address: "Ask not what your church can do for you, but ask what you can do for your church."

To try new approaches; to be frustrated in some of our attempts at reform by lack of backing or even opposition; to argue for our point of view, but then to be patient and cooperative if we cannot make it prevail,

to keep pushing for healthy pastoral renewal, but to remember that it is not force but persuasion which must eventually win the day; this surely is the reasonable course.

One who leaves the Church or rejects the authority of the Church, under the impression that he can do more good outside is deceiving himself. He is like the trickle of water, to use Pope Paul's simile, which departs from the mainstream, only to sink very quickly into the sand and be forgotten. It is within the Church, even, the institutional church, that the central source of strength is to be found.

Both the conservative and the progressive are subject to discouragement and depression in these times as they see their hopes and plans caught up and dissipated in the ferment of the times. To both we commend reflection on God's providence.

By God's providence we mean a comprehensive dominion by which God, never losing sight of us, includes all events within his purposes, never ceasing to love us, and never failing to guide and preserve His Church.

ACTIVITIES

No. 1, Sheboygan, Wis. Our annual meeting and Christmas dinner was held December 20th at Hotel Kneekers. Discussions and plans were made for the branch 45th Anniversary which will be celebrated in October in conjunction with the State Convention. A proposal was made and passed to give each member one month free assessment in December, commemorating the 45th Anniversary to reward our good members for their loyalty through the years.

The appointed Mother of the Year is Dorothy Kregel, treasurer. The secretary read an eleven month report of the branch's progress.

Mother's Day Program will be held on our meeting date May 16th.

Mesdames Marie Prislant and Olga Saye will be in charge. All ensuing officers were re-elected for another term. Installation took place after the meeting.

Dorothy Kregel was selected as Chairlady of the People to People Festival. Names were read of the sick and shut-in members for which each received a Christmas card with money enclosure. After the meeting we sat down to a delicious dinner.

We enjoyed the performance of our Glee Club accompanied by Olga Saye, president and we all participated in community singing. Mary Germ played the role of Santa Claus and distributed the Christmas gifts, assisted by Maria Vertacic.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shircel whose son Airman I-C Randal graduated at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas from the technical training course for missile facilities specialists. His mother is a member of our branch.

Hoping for a prosperous New Year for our organization and best of health to all members and officers.

Do try and be present at our Feb-

1971 SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION SCHOLARSHIPS

One of the outstanding programs of the Slovenian Women's Union is its scholarship awards. Young, competent graduating high school seniors are recognized primarily for their academic ability and participation in school and community activities. Again in 1971, the S.W.U. will award to four qualified high school graduates scholarship grants amounting to \$200.00 each.

To be eligible for such an award, a high school senior must have been a member of the Slovenian Women's Union for at least three years and plans to attend an accredited college or university in September.

In the case of male students, the mother of the applicant must be a member for at least three years, and in the event of her death the grand mother or sister is a member for at least three years.

To receive information and an application form please write Mrs. Hermine Dicke, 3717 Council Crest, Madison, Wis., 53711. The deadline for completing these application forms is March 31st. A prompt request for a form is important to allow time for completing all of the requirements of application.

As reported at the S.W.U. Convention last May, the quality of academic achievement among many of our Slovenian young people is indeed impressive. With their high scholastic records they can compete with the best students in any college or university. They will become outstanding leaders in their chosen professions. Your financial support to make this scholarship program possible is most appreciated.

HERMINE DICKE, Secretary Scholarship Committee

ruary meeting. The date is the 21st. There will be a birthday celebration! Margaret Fischer, Sec'y.

No. 2, Chicago, Ill. We're into a new membership campaign and all winners will get free trips to Washington, D. C. We, too, wish to make a good showing in the campaign and urge our members to scout some new prospects and sign them up. Juniors who have reached the age of 14 can be enrolled in the adult classes and count as new members in this drive. So, please do all you can to bring Br. 2 to success! We'd like to have at least one winner from Branch 2!

The Christmas Party for juniors turned out just fine. The presents and refreshments were very much appreciated by all recipients and the work of our Treasurer, Liz Zefran is to be commended. It shows the fine cooperation of our members attending

the Penny Social in November and those who contributed at the party itself. We thank all for every bit of help. Mrs. Fanika Humar brought the children of the Slomsek Slovenian School to the stage for a fine program of songs and instrumental numbers in Slovenian and English which everyone enjoyed. With carol singing and the visit from the jolliest Santa Claus ever, (Mayme Muller) the party was complete.

A note of special thanks to Albina Novak, our past secretary who donated a beautiful white crocheted scarf she made for our list of gifts given to lucky winners at the Party. Liz Zefran provided the other 7 gifts to make it a really worthwhile project.

Very sincere sympathy to Mary Tomazin on the loss of her husband, Anton, a leading businessman of the area for many years. He was 75.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S FEBRUARY MESSAGE

Congratulations and Happy 35th Anniversary to the three branches as follows:

No. 70, W. Allquippa, Pa. organized March 7, 1936 by Anna Petrich

No. 71, Strabane, Pa., organized March 8, 1936 by Anna Petrich

No. 72, Chicago-Pullman, Ill. organized March 8, 1936 by Agnes Mahovlich, and

No. 73, Warrensville Heights, Ohio organized April 5, 1946 by Mary Miklavcic.

Post Convention Campaign

Winners reaching 50 points in the Post Convention Campaign will win a free trip to the Dedication of the Slovenian Chapel to be held August 13, 14, 15, 1971 at Washington, D. C. There can be many winners, all you have to do is write in new members! Look in this issue for more details under National Secretary Fanika Humar's column and read all about how you can be one of the winners of the free trip that will be well worth working toward. This will be a wonderful three day weekend that you shall always remember and enjoy.

Letters have been mailed out to all previous donors of the Marija Pomagaj Fund pertaining to the reservations of rooms, etc.

The Park Sheraton Hotel was chosen for the overnight accommodations as it is large and can house up to 3,000 people. It is in a very nice section of Washington where we feel you will be safe and not worry that anything might happen to you especially since these days when there are so many turnouts. Some of you may think the price of rooms is high but cheaper hotels, though available, are not too desirable. I also feel that if we can all be together under one roof, we will enjoy the three days like one big family.

Anyone planning to attend the grand occasion in Washington and has received letters for the reservations should take this action immediately and not wait. Send in your reservations as soon as possible. In doing so, you will be among the first to choose rooms and second, the Washington committee wants to have an idea of the number attending so they can make all arrangements ahead of time. Don't wait until the last minute for then you will be out of luck! Please, send in your reservations early.

In the last issue of ZARJA, I mentioned the chartered Greyhound buses for the Cleveland area and the fare of \$17.25 round trip, Cleveland-Washington. This fare is very reasonable and will be more fun for everyone to travel together and not worry about driving. Like they say, relax and leave the driving to us! The trip will take about 8 hours each way.

Arrangements have also been made that the buses

will pick up passengers at 4 different sections of Cleveland providing there will be sufficient number to fill the bus, 43. The places most convenient, I believe, are St. Clair, West Park, Newburgh and Euclid. Anyone interested can call me or Stella Dancull of West Park for bus reservations. Hotel reservations and package deal reservations must be sent directly to the Washington Committee: c/o Mr. Richard A. Terselic, P. O. Box 6295, Washington, D. C. 22015.

S.W.U. History Books—From Slovenia to America

With such a few copies left of the book *From Slovenia to America*, we would like to see all returns made and the final proceeds tallied as they go into the S. W. U. Scholarship Fund. June is not far off and we will have our graduates to think about. They surely would be happy to receive a copy of this book. At the same time, our Scholarship Fund winners will be named and their awards given out so all monies are appreciated at this time. Students appreciate all the financial help they can get and our Zveza has been helping them for many years. It was our organization that started the movement of scholarships among fraternal and it is a very worthwhile idea.

If each secretary would mention to her members at the time they attend meetings or come to pay dues, and show them the book, I am sure that many members would be interested in buying one. Each book sold will help towards the scholarship fund and help a student for college.

We are happy that quite a few branches have donated the history book to their local libraries and this is a very good idea. Many students will have the benefit of its use. History is a must for every student, so this will be very helpful in any library. When you donate a book to the library, do not forget to sign the book with the name of your branch as donor and the date when given. My branch, No. 50, did this at our St. Vitus Library and they were very pleased with it. This is a reminder to all branches that it would be very nice if your branch will follow the many who have done this and I am sure your community will appreciate it very much.

As you may know, there are no cookbooks and we shall try to prepare a new edition for the near future. I shall notify all branches when it will be ready. At this time I also would like to thank all the secretaries and officers for their fine help in selling the cookbooks in the past.

Happy Valentine Day to all and my love goes with it. Happy birthday, too, to those celebrating this month and speedy recovery to all ailing.

Toni Turek

celebrating that birthday just a month before. Mary was our former branch and Supreme Officer, well-known still to many members of Zveza around the states.

The new officers for 1971 include a few new faces and we are most proud to have them. This makes our staff so much richer in talent and ambition. They are: President Mayme Muller; Vice-President Nezka Gaber; Secy., Fanika Humar; Treasurer, Liz Zefran; Recording Secy. Corinne Leskovar, Zarja Reporter, Krista Arko; Auditors: Mitzi Kravenc, Jennie Puhok and Lil Putzell and Sgt. at Arms, Luba Troha. Annie Zorko is in the kitchen as our hostess and Father Tom remains as our

Spiritual Advisor. So, you see, in reading over this list of names, we have a very pleasant new staff and we hope to do many nice things in the year ahead.

First on the program will be the February meeting and Valentine Party. We are sending a special invitation to all Bowlers of the Br. 2 League to come to the party as our guests. We have never had the opportunity of meeting them and showing them that we appreciate their work in spreading the good name of Slovenian Women's Union. Every year they follow a rigorous bowling schedule and participate in numerous tournaments! We'd like to say thanks to them in person and hope

to do so at the February meeting. Since we have a number of members celebrating birthdays that month, we'll combine with a gala party for all and even plan on some entertainment — showing of movies of our members' vacation trips to Europe. Won't you plan to be there? It's Thursday, Feb. 11th, at 8 p. m.

This is the pre-lenten month and there'll be lots of krofe" and other goodies to eat according to the old traditions, so, enjoy — enjoy!

Corinne Leskovar

Love is a beautiful story and marriage is the talkie version of it.

FIRST LADY PUSHES BOWLING

First Lady Pat Nixon pushes bowling as a form of "family togetherness" which the Nixon family enjoy enjoys at the bowling alley in the Executive Office Building next to the White House.

There's a marbelized blue bowling ball there with her name on it ("Pat N"), but she has never used it, "though Julie has" the First Lady confessed to members of the Woman's International Bowling Congress who recently brought life memberships in the 3-million-member organization for her and for both of her daughters.

"But I plan to," the First Lady said, and in fact "I think I'll sneak over here and do some practicing so I can beat Dick. He always wins."

The President is very fond of the game, and bought personalized, fitted balls for her and her daughters, the First Lady said, "he's much better than I am, and besides, he's so busy, there is rarely time to play."

No. 2, Chicago, Ill. Bowling News.
St. Paul Federal rang out the old year by extending its lead in the Chicago S. W. U. bowling league to 3½ games. As of December 22nd, St. Paul had a record of 37 wins and 17 losses.

Zefran Funeral Home held on to second place with 33½ wins and 20½ losses. Reliance Federal and John F. Cuneo were tied for third place with 32 wins and 22 losses. Marquette Service Station's 31½ wins and 22½ losses dropped them down to fifth.

St. Paul also came up with a high team handicap series in December to tie Dr. Grill in that category with 2,744. Other handicap leaders remain: high team game—Marquette, 996; high individual series: H. Fitzgerald, 650; high individual game—A. Persa, 249.

Highlight of the month was, of course, bowling for the bottles of Christmas "spirits", awarded by Townhall Bowling Lanes to the girls who bowled the most pins over average on their teams. The winners were: Ann Vucko, Ruth Fuka, Rose Swartz, Geneva Niedzielko, Rosemary Stanley, Julie Lexa, Evelyn Klecan, Agnes Kovacs, Gloria Wirag and Lorraine Ovnik.

Shirley Melissa was, by far, December's star bowler. She came up with high series three weeks in a row: 514 (216 game), 504 (203 game) and 502. Shirley's average is 157.

Stelle Gorka was again among the top bowlers of the month with a 556 series, which included a 211 game.

Other high series during December were bowled by: Betty Stone, 512; Rosemary Stanley, 512; Elsie Statkus, 506; Ann Vucko, 503; Barbara Jakubowski, 497; Tillie Musica, 493.

The month's railroad pickups were: A. Persa, 4-5-10; L. Putzell, 4-5 and 2-7 (twice); L. Zefran, 2-7 and 5-7-9; A. Hozzian, 6-7; H. Fitzgerald, 5-7 and 4-5-7; B. Zalick, 5-10 and 4-10; D. Ceska, 5-7-10; S. Gorka, 6-7-10 and 3-6-7; M. Zefran, B. Zurek, 5-10; S. Melissa, E. Statkus, R. Swartz, 3-10.

Hope your New Year is filled with health and happiness!

Barbara Zurek

No. 20, Joliet, Ill. Bowling News.
Team standing as of 1-4-71:

	W	L
Northwest Recreation Club	33	15
Tezak Funeral Home	28½	19½
American Slovenian Home	26	22
Merichka's Restaurant	23½	24½
F. C. Dames Funeral Home	17	21
Shep's Sunoco Service Sta.	16	32

Seems as though Fred C. Dames team and Shep's Sonoco team are having a bit of bad luck this year. Don't give up, girls, we still have 14 weeks of bowling to go.

Marge Wajchert had a beautiful series of 534 on Dec. 21st. That's Marge's high this year.

In the Split Dept. we have a few newcomers: Bernie Bluth 4-5; Mary Zadra (our faithful sub) 6-7 and 3-5-10, Millie Briski 2-7-10, Jo Mlaka 5-10, Lil Anderson 6-10, Dorothy Horvat 5-10, Marilyn Nemanich 5-10 and 3-5-7. Nice work girls.

I know it's a little late to report about our Christmas Party but we have to thank Virginia Guertin and her committee for a wonderful time. Games were played, gifts exchanged and songs were sung. A good time was had by all.

The Midwest Bowling Tournament will be held in Joliet, Ill. on March 27-28 at Raynor Bowl, 905 Theodore St. Everyone is welcome to attend. Places to stay: Sheraton Motor Inn, 250 N. Ottawa St., right in town, the Town House Motel, 832 Plainfield Rd. and Joliet Inn, 1622 Plainfield Rd., and many others. Place to eat: Merichka's Restaurant, one of our faithful sponsors. For entertainment: American Slovenian Home and Northwest Recreation Club. If anyone wishes to bowl in the tourney, please contact Josephine Sumic. All the girls will try to make your week-end of bowling enjoyable.

Don't forget to bring your Valentine Card and handkerchief Feb. 15th.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

Gen Klainsek, Reporter

It's a general thing when a young man is in love he thinks nothing is good enough for her except himself.

No. 5, Indianapolis, Ind. — The officers of the S. W. U., Indianapolis No. 5, have remained the same due to lack of members at the last meeting.

Meetings are held the 4th Sunday of January, March, May, September, November at 1:30 p. m. at the Slovenian National Home. Please try to attend.

The date of the sausage supper is March 20th. Contact the officers for tickets. Your offer of help will be deeply appreciated.

The Mother's Day pitch-in party at the May meeting: Christmas party and election of officers at the November meeting — keep this timetable as a reminder of the year's activities.

Reporter

No. 13, San Francisco, Calif. — We had a wonderful attendance at our December meeting. New Officers for 1971 are: President, Rose Scoff; Vice President, Jane Stephan; Secretary, Doris Lovrin; Recording Secretary, Margaret Fager; Treasurer, Rose Bianco; Sentinel, Kate Lampe; Auditors: Kate Plut and Kate Lampe.

Following the meeting we had our annual Christmas Party, with a wonderful selection of foods. Thanks to all who donated to this repast. We also had an exchange of gifts and another game. The lucky prize winners were: First: Tillie Kambic; second: Mary Wraa; third: Tillie Kurnick.

Our best wishes to our "Mother of the Year 1971", Agnes Lampe.

We still have a number of copies of our wonderful publication "From Slovenia to America." Please call me and I will reserve your copy.

We are all sad to hear of the loss of our dear and good member, Mrs. Sophie Sullivan. Our sincere condolences to her fine family and may she rest in peace and may the good Lord give them the courage to carry on with the fine spirit with which she was endowed.

Plans for our "Zveza Day" will be made at our next meeting, so please plan to attend. Our meetings for 1971 will be the same, that is, on the First Thursday at Slovenian Hall. The only exception, no meetings in the vacation months of July and August. Dues can be paid at the meeting or by mail to our Secretary Doris Lovrin at her home, 579 Kansas St. S. E. 94107.

Anyone interested in attending the dedication of the "Marija Pomagaj" Slovenian Chapel in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C., on August 15th, please contact me at 621-0952.

Many thanks to Frances Chiodo for her many years as our Reporter.

Rose Scoff

No. 14, Euclid, Ohio. — With the Holidays just about over, the members got together for their first meeting of the New Year. One of the first items was picking out the Mother of the Year. This year Rose Mikovic was selected to receive this honor. Rose is just about the hardest worker any organization can ask for and she is more than deserving of award. There will be more about our Mother of the Year in the future issues.

Please remember the date—February 24th. On that Wednesday evening there will be a Mass at St. Christine's church on E. 222nd commemorating the deceased members of our branch. The Mass will begin at 7 p. m. which is a convenient time for the majority. We hope you will attend.

Sincere get-well wishes are sent out to Antonia Kutnar who is ill and also to Pauline Bostjancic who broke her arm. We hope that both ladies have a speedy recovery and are back to their old selves again.

Some of our members contributed to the "Goodtime" and "Sunshine" funds as well as to the treasury this month. They are: Josephine Cebul, Frances Erzen, Mary Grill, Angela Kern, Mary Krajacic, and Stana Grill. Thank you very much for your generous donations, it is really appreciated and put to good use.

Our meetings are still held on the first Tuesday of the month at Recher Hall in Euclid and they get started about 7:15 p. m. Won't you try to come and join the other members? The meetings are enjoyable.

Mitzi Globokar, Reporter

No. 20, Joliet, Ill. — Condolences to the family of late Matthew Dragovan of 1113 Clement St. who passed into eternity at the age of 83. He was an old pioneer of our church and is survived by his wife, Mary, our member over 40 years, three daughters and two sons. May he rest in peace.

Congratulations to Frank Skull and his relatives. He was chosen as Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Joseph Trizna. Frank was formerly a captain on the police force and known in Joliet for his friendliness. His mother, Mary Schmidberger is our member over 40 years as are his sisters Theresa and Agnes Lovati (and Agnes' children) and Gen Kleinsek the reoorter of Br. 20 bowling league. We wish Frank many years of health and success in his work for the county.

When the church bazaar was in progress at St. Joseph's Park, our branch also had a stand where secretary Olga Ancel and Josephine Muster, the vice president, took charge. As reported, they sold many "bon bons" and Mrs. Muster takes the credit for selling our From Slovenia to America books. So, in case you members still did not acquire a copy,

MAN OF THE YEAR IN NEW POST



MICKEY DANCULL

A well-known gentleman in Slovenian circles in the West Park area of Cleveland, Ohio. Mickey P. Dancull, was recently elected President of the 37th Division Veterans Association of Ohio. He was past president of the Cleveland Chapter No. 1 three times. He is an Army man and reservist for 36 years.

In 1969, he was selected as Man of the Year at the West Park Slovenian Home, and was instrumental in starting the Federation of Slovenian National Homes, presently holding the office of treasurer.

Mr. Dancull is the husband of the secretary of Br. 21, Stella Dancull who herself has been a very energetic fraternalist for many years. Best of luck and all good wishes.

Anna Jesenko

do so. It is a wonderful reading past time as well as educational. It's a gift for any one.

The bowling committee had its meeting with the officers of the branch where it was decided that Br. 20 will sponsor the Bowling Tournament this year to be held at Raynor Park Bowling Alleys March 27-28.

Our church choir again showed its talent as the best choir in Joliet area. Their singing elevated the Masses on Christmas eve, day and New Year's with Latin and Slovenian singing. We are proud of the organist, Anthony Rosman and all the singers who take time to come out to practice. It takes special effort to do this and we are all grateful. Some of our members are members of the choir and also sing the Slovenian hymns at 7:00 Mass on Sundays.

We hope all members of the branch

and their families entered the New Year with health and happiness. May God Bless you all during the year, and remember, the meetings are every third Sunday of the month.

With best wishes.

Josephine Erjavec, Reporter

No. 21, Cleveland, O. — Another year's end another Christmas. Our annual election meeting followed by a social after elections was attended by about 30 members.

It was a cold wind-blown Sunday Dec. 6th. The business was surprisingly fast moving so that by 4 p. m. elections were over and all scrambled for heartwarming coffee and food after a delectable holiday toast. New officers were installed by Mary Stevens. Guest of the day was a former member of No. 50, Frances Danner who will be a faithful and loyal member, I am sure.

There were gift exchanges and surprises as well as generous door prizes.

We congratulate Marie Plivic and Fran Miklich who so successfully promoted Circle 77 of SNPJ, teaching Slovenian language to the children. The concert was so enjoyable it moved everyone to tears.

This one endeavor was so well accepted we should cooperate to fulfill the same activity from time to time to activate our community social life.

Blessings to Mary Hosta after eye surgery and all our shut-in mothers ever in our hearts.

Congratulations to the Mother of the Mother of the Year, Ann Jesenko.

Our hearty thanks to former slate of officers and newly-elected President, Theres Lach; Vice President, Rose Kosko; Secretary, Stella Dancull; Rec. Secretary, Lois Babnick; they need our sincerest support.

Our New Year's resolution: Talk to your potential friends; let's get more members and plan on that trip to our Washington Slovenian Chapel.

Helen L. Konkoy

No. 23, Ely, Minn. Our December 14th meeting and Christmas Party was held at the St. Anthony's church hall. The meeting began with the discussion of by-laws and the election of officers. The following were elected for the new year: Mary M. Shikonya, President; Katherine Grahek, Vice-President; Barbara Rosandich, Secy-Treas.; Mary Preshiren, Recording Secy and Auditors Mary Zgonc, Mary Tolyan and Mary Deyak.

Meetings will be held the FIRST TUESDAY of the month instead of the first Sunday. New members were welcomed and introduced, namely, Gertrude Mosnik, Millie Gornick, Pat Turwin and Mary Fallo.

In charge of the Christmas Party entertainment, decorations and lunch were the following: Stephanie Vranesich, Ann Lunka, Mary Zgonc, Mary Preshiren, Mary Shikonya, Barbara Rosandich, Margery Gornick and Yours Truly.

Prizes went to Agnes Skraba, the oldest member attending, Johanna Shega, most grandchildren and Angela Miklausich, most great-grandchildren and many other prizes were given out, too. Angela Erchul was lucky for the attendance prize.

Mary Gotchnik led the singing and accompanied on her accordion which was very enjoyable for all. Games concluded the party and prizes again went to many winners.

The January meeting was held on the 5th with a Card Party. In charge of the lunch were Mary Falio, Mary Tolyan, Jennie Deyak and Mary Zgonc.

Wishes to all for a healthful and prosperous New Year. Fraternally yours,
Mary M. Shikonya

ELY DAWN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

No. 23, Ely, Minn. The Ely Dawn Club, social chapter of Br. 22 SWU, combined a Christmas dinner party at Vertin's Cafe with the annual election of officers.

With 58 members in attendance, including three new initiates, all 1970 officers were re-elected with Margie Preshiren, president; Ann Levar, secretary, and Rose Stupnik, treasurer.

The program included quiz games and musical chairs along with Christmas carols and Slovene songs. Mary Gotchnik provided the accordion accompaniment. Margie Preshiren and Rose Stupnik were in charge of arrangements and entertainment.

Rose Lobe and Mary Starkovich were in charge of the social hour which preceded the dinner of steak or chicken with trimmings.

Initiated into the club during the business session were: Gertrude Mosnik, Patricia Tarvin and Milly Gornik.

Commended for their excellent work during the past year as members of the calling committee were: Stephanie Vranesich, Rose Novak, Julia Zgonc and Anne Rowe.

Table decorations of a red carnation with Christmas ornaments in a crystal bud vase, were presented to two members on the sick list who were unable to attend, Mary Vidmar and Amelia Malnar.

The lunch committee named for the January meeting of the Dawn Club are: Mary Skradski, Marge Gornik, Mary Deyak, Jennie Pusari and Mary Bachar.

Members of the Ely Dawn Club hope that all members of the SWU had an enjoyable Christmas and wish all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Margaret Somrock, Reporter

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to what the girls have been thinking about all winter . . .

—Battenhouse

Marie Priland:

CAPSULES

Zveza Members: Please Be My Valentine!

The most popular saint in the month of February is St. Valentine. People send greeting cards called VALENTINES to their sweethearts, friends and families. The cards are adorned with hearts. All ask: "Please Be My Valentine."

The origin of this holiday dates back to an ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia which took place every February 15th. The festival honored Juno, the Roman goddess of women, and Pan, the god of nature.

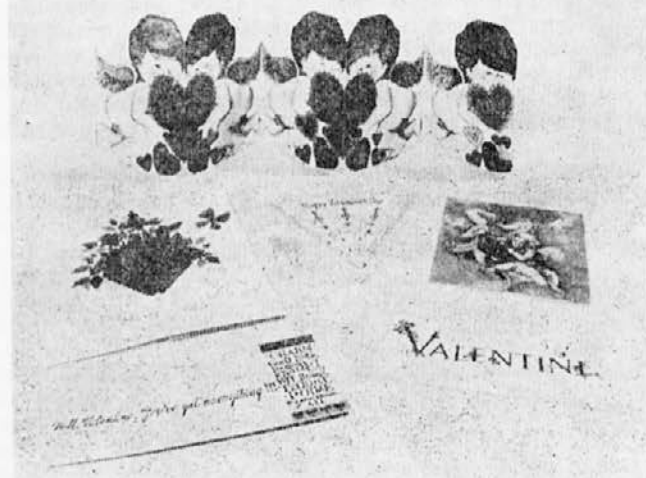
In 496 Pope Gelasius changed the Lupercalia festival of February 15th to Saint Valentine's Day, February 14th, to honor the dead of this young saint. The sentimental meaning of the old festival has remained to the present time.

In England, St. Valentine's Day is celebrated since 1700; in the U. S. since 1800, starting after the Civil War. Many Valentines of that period were hand-painted. Some had satin ribbons, lace trimmings and pearls. Some of the more elaborate cards cost as much as \$10.00. Many old Valentines, valued for their decorative qualities, have become collector's items.

St. Valentine was a young priest who lived in Rome during the third century. The Romans jailed him for aiding persecuted Christians, and about A. D. 270 they beheaded him on February 14th. Many years later Christians named a gate in Rome "PORTO VALENTINI" in honor of St. Valentine.

When selecting a husband, be careful in your selection. Do not choose one too young, and take only such variety as has been raised in a good atmosphere. When once decided upon and selected, let that part remain forever settled. Some insist upon keeping them in a pickle, while others are constantly getting them into hot water. This only makes them sour and bitter. Even poor varieties may be made sweet, tender and good by garnishing them with patience. Well sweetened with smiles, wrapped in a mantle of charity will keep them warm and satisfied. When thus prepared, husbands will keep for years and even improve with age.

May your life in 1971 be like arithmetic:
Friends added, enemies subtracted; joy multiplied and errors divided.



Hermine Prisland Dicke,
3717 Council Crest
Madison, Wis. 53711

POTS & PANS and PASTIME

Let us begin the new year, if we haven't already, to eat for health as well as pleasure . . . and help keep ourselves in the best of condition we can to enjoy many senior years.

Four groups of nutritional food should be included in our meals every day of our lives. For the limited income there are many economical choices.

1. **DAIRY FOODS:** Drink at least 2 cups of milk daily (a third glass pays an extra dividend.) The milk may be fresh fluid whole, 2% or skim, or buttermilk. It can be made from evaporated or dry milk powder. Milk can be counted that is used in creamed dishes, creamed soups, custard, puddings, with cereals, coffee, tea, cocoa, egg nogs, milk shakes or other milk-made foods. Cheddar-type cheese (a concentrated form of milk) cream cheese, creamed cottage cheese and ice-cream are excellent sources of alternatives. Why are **DAIRY FOODS** so important? Because these foods are our very best sources of **CALCIUM** which is needed, even though you're an adult, for upkeep of bone and for proper functioning of nerves and muscles. The dairy foods also furnish lots of **PROTEIN** which is needed by every cell in your body. If daily meals don't provide enough protein, you become tired and listless.

2. **MEAT GROUP:** Eat 2 servings or more (at least 4 ounces cooked), of lean meat, fish, poultry, eggs or cheese every day. Sometimes these can be substituted with dry beans, dry peas, nuts or peanut butter.

3. **VEGETABLES AND FRUIT:** Eat at least 4 servings daily. One serving can be potato. One serving should be a dark green or deep yellow vegetable which is rich in Vitamin A: as broccoli, spinach, kale or carrots, squash, sweet potatoes. One serving of citrus fruit is important in the daily diet: $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grapefruit or orange juice, $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups tomato juice or when in season $\frac{1}{2}$ of a medium size cantaloupe or $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of fresh strawberries. These vegetables and fruits are rich in **VITAMINS**.

4. **BREADS AND CEREALS:** Eat at least 4 servings daily and be sure the bread or cereal (cooked or ready-to-eat) is enriched, whole grain or restored.

Mrs. Victoria Suppanchick and Mrs. Mary Udovich of Branch No. 1, Sheboygan, Wis., have sent recipes which they enjoy preparing for their families. Mrs. Suppanchick included several favorites: **APPLE PANCAKES**, **SOUR MILK PANCAKES**, **RING-A-LING POTATO SALAD** and **STUFFED GREEN PEPPER**, **EGGNOG PIE** in **GRAHAM CRACKER SHELL** is Mrs. Udovich's contribution. I am delighted to receive these recipes and to share them with you.

APPLE PANCAKES

1 cup milk
1 egg
1 tablespoon of liquid shortening
1 cup of pancake mix
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped raw apple
Blend egg, milk and shortening in a bowl. Add remaining ingredients and mix until batter is fairly smooth.

Note: (If regular shortening is used, add it after pancake mix.)

Bake on a greased, heated griddle until golden brown, turning only once. Serve with melted butter, cinnamon and sugar. Makes 7 to 8 pancakes.

SOUR MILK PANCAKES

2 cups flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
2 cups sour milk
2 tablespoons butter, melted
2 eggs, well beaten

Sift dry ingredients together. Add milk. Stir lightly; add butter and fold in eggs. Bake on ungreased hot griddle.

RING-A-LING POTATO SALAD

6 cups sliced cooked potatoes
1 unpeeled cucumber, sliced
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sliced stuffed olives
2 tablespoons chopped onion
1 teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon seasoned salt
Dash of pepper
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup Miracle Whip salad dressing
Lettuce
Red onion rings
Cherry tomatoes

Combine potatoes, cucumber, olives, onion, seasonings and salad dressings; mix lightly. Serve in a lettuce lined salad bowl. Garnish with onion rings and top with tomatoes. Makes a most attractive salad.

STUFFED GREEN PEPPERS

6 large peppers
2 onions, chopped
2 tablespoons butter
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of ground beef (amount may vary depending on size of peppers.)
2 cloves garlic, mashed (I omit it).
1 teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup raw rice
1 can (10 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.) tomato soup, undiluted

Cut thin slice from stem end of each pepper. Remove seeds. Drop into boiling water salted for five minutes. Drain. Sauté onions in butter, add beef, salt and garlic and stir with fork while frying. Cook rice in boiling salted water until almost done; drain and add to beef mixture and cool. Stuff peppers and stand upright in baking dish. Pour tomato soup over stuffed peppers and bake in 250 degrees over for 45 minutes. Serves 6.

* * *

Mrs. Udovich's **EGGNOG PIE** would be a beautiful and most delicious dessert for your Valentine's Day dinner.

1 cup rich milk (canned milk or half and half).
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon nutmeg
3 egg yolks
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon gelatin
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cold water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup coconut or walnut meats
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 egg whites
1 graham cracker crust
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup whipped cream

Some sweet chocolate, grated
Heat milk in double boiler, add nutmeg. Beat egg yolks, sugar and salt together. Add to milk, stirring constantly. Cook until mixture coats the spoon. Soak gelatin in water, add to custard, stirring constantly, then cool. Add coconut and vanilla. Fold in well-beaten egg whites. Put in pie crust, chill. Top with whipped cream and grated chocolate.

Graham cracker crust:

1 pack graham crackers, crushed.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ stick oleo slightly melted. Mix well. Pad it into pie pan or a square 8x8 pan. Bake 8 minutes in 300 degree oven. Cool and fill. Refrigerate 3 hours or over night.

* * *

With love on Valentine's Day and always,
Hermine

Love, you know, is a funny thing.
But the funniest thing about it
Is you never can tell if it is love,
Until you start to doubt it.

No. 42, Maple Heights, Ohio. — We ended the "old" year with a joyous Christmas Party and delicious dinner prepared by Mrs. Dragonic and Tonka Kastelic. Door prizes were donated by several members and all enjoyed the gift exchange. A good time was had by all in attendance.

Happy Birthdays to Mary Yemec, Mrs. Frank Stavec and Mrs. Frank Legan.

As 1971 begins, we wish all a year filled with prosperity, good health and much happiness. God bless you one and all.
B. A. Kastelic

No. 45, Portland, Ore. — We would like to wish members of all branches Happy Holidays. Had our Christmas party Dec. 14th and attendance was small as many were ill with colds, etc. Refreshments were lovely, and our hostess was Mrs. Florence Lolich.

We received a lovely letter from our National Secretary, Mrs. Humar, which we read with pleasure.

Sales from the book, *From Slovenia to America* totaled \$28.00. We also took in \$11 on the sale of Marija Pomagaj stamps for the Slovenian Chapel.

The dance held by our branch with the Croatian Fraternal Union and Katolička Jednota netted us \$20.00 as our share.

The members in rest homes to be remembered with gifts are Mrs. Werdeber and Mrs. Matulac. Members are urged to visit them if possible.

Motion was made and seconded that all officers remain in office for the new year. Our new meeting place will be at the home of Mrs. Florence Lolich. We wish to thank Mrs. Eva Polich for the use of her home in the past year. Mrs. Justine Missetich was voted Mother of the Year.

One of our members, Mrs. Molek is quite ill. Your prayers are requested for her recovery.

Wishing all our sister members from places all over the U. S., all the best in the new year. We had no meetings in Jan. and Feb. so we will ask you to attend the March meeting on the second Tuesday.

Ann Carlisle, Rec. Sec'y.

No. 50, Cleveland, Ohio. — Seems like everyone is afraid of the number 13, but to branch 50, it turned out to be a very lucky number. Our Christmas Party was held Dec. 13th at Ludwig's Hall and 80 members attended. Getting to know each other took so much of our time, that we had to by-pass all the games the committee planned. The punch was good, the dinner delicious. The decorations gave the hall a real Christmas atmosphere. Santa Claus couldn't come but he did send Urna Nežka. (Josephine Arko) to take his place. She passed out the gifts for exchange. Two beautiful Infant of Prague statues were donated to help pay for all the extra expenses we had. Hattie Jenko and her sister were the lucky ones to take the statues home.

Later as the meeting commenced, we again were surprised at the enthusiasm that was displayed and the members really did their best in the election of fine officers for 1971: President, Ann Hocevar; Vice-President, Emily Unik; Sec'y, Margaret Gorenssek; Recording Secy, Irene Jagodnik; Sunshine Secy, Rose Roesch; Sgt. at Arms, Nettie Leslie and Reporter, Jane Novak. Auditors are Mamie Marin and Marie Azman and Mother of the Year, Ann Kristoff.

IN LOVING MEMORY



ANN HERBST
a treasured member of Br. 50,
Cleveland, Ohio
who passed away Feb. 2, 1967
Remembered by her loving husband,
Edward.

To our past officers, the members wish to express their thanks for a job well done.

Gold stars to the Christmas Party Committee, it was a "best" again. At this time all the names of the committee are not complete due to the fact that quite a few extra members had to help. So, we will have all the names in our next report.

Members, attend your meetings to pay your dues and have a good time socializing. Meeting are every fourth Monday of the month at the Euclid Public Library, E. 222nd St. at 8 p. m. Remember, we have a new secretary so help her to keep her books in order by paying your dues on time.

Last month we forgot, to include Eleanor Karlinger's name to the list of our ill members. Please send them cheer up cards.

Jane Novak, Reporter

No. 52, Kitzville, Minn. — As I'm writing, the Christmas holidays are upon us. We held our meeting at the Androy Hotel and election of officers was the main item on the agenda. All the officers were re-elected and will remain the same for the following year: Sisters, Josephine Oswald, President; Dorothy Russo, Vice-President; Rose Chiodi, Secretary and Treasurer; Rose Trombly, Recording Secretary and Gertrude Kochevar, Reporter. Jennie Crea, Ann Roberts and Margaret Kochevar are the Auditors.

All the branch's laws remain the same and our meeting will again be every first Wednesday of the month.

We also selected the Mother of the Year and she is sister Ann Roberts. We all know that she will uphold the title with the greatest honor. She is a go-getter and will do her part. She is very active in sports and with the branch. She is mother of three children, son Bruce, a teacher, daughter Margery a medical technician and another son, Joseph, a college student. With her hands full, she also takes time out for her duties as a nurses aid at the Hibbing General Hospital. Besides this, she takes care of all those who have no place to turn and she invites them all to her home and treats them as one of her own. So, we cannot ask for a better Mother to represent us than Ann. In choosing her, we all feel it is a wonderful thing and we hope that with God's blessing and our prayers, Ann Roberts will live a long and happy life.

We know there are many mothers that are deserving of this honor, but as only one can be chosen each year, we have made this selection knowing from the bottom of our hearts that it is fitting. Again, congratulations and good luck.

We also wish all our sick members God's speed to a rapid recovery and especially to sister Patricia Chisholm's husband who is at the Virginia hospital undergoing surgery.

With the close of our business session, we enjoyed the social of the evening. Christmas party was held at the Androy and a very nice crowd was present. The cocktail hour was held from 7 to 8 and then dinner was served. Afterward, little old Santa delivered the gifts and the exchange was delightful.

The first meeting of the year was held at the Little Grove and new officers were settled for the ensuing year, namely, Josephine Oswald, president; Dorothy Russo, vice-president; Rose Chiodi, secy-treas.; Rose Trombly, recording secy and Gertrude Kochevar, reporter. All laws will remain as before for the new year.

We heard that sister Veronica Kresmonich is back again at the Hibbing General Hospital and we are all wishing her God's speed to a rapid recovery as well as to all other sick members.

We wish you a very blessed New Year and that this year will have a lot of goodies in store for you all.

President Josephine Oswald led our prayer and the social of the evening followed. Hostesses were Rose Chiodi, Rose Trombly and Dorothy Russo. Prizes were awarded to sisters Carmella Bonazza, Jennie Crea, Frances Jerkovich, Josette Maki, Julia Mancuso, Rose Chiodi, Josephine Oswald, Pauline Germe and the door prize to Genevieve Zidarich.

Come to the meetings, the first Wednesday of every month at the Little Grove. God bless you all.

Gertrude Kochevar, Reporter

No. 56, Hibbing, Minn. Mrs. Frank Satovich was elected president of our branch No. 56 at a meeting held Tuesday evening in Assumption Hall.

Other officers include: Mrs. Clifford Barkis, vice president; Mrs. Fred Meadows, financial secretary; Mrs. Vincent Domen, recording secretary; Mrs. Louis Drobnick, treasurer; Mrs. Nick Maras, Reporter; Mrs. Mark Marolt, sergeant-at-arms; and Mrs. Anthony Nabich and Margaret Shelko, auditors.

Chosen Mother of the Year for 1971 was Mrs. Barbara Doshen who will be honored at a meeting in May.

Following the business meeting, gifts were exchanged and prizes awarded.

Lunch was served by hostesses, the Mmes. Barbara Doshen, Mary Sporer, Joseph Oberstar, Sylvia Latick, Margaret Corser, Caroline Kozina, Mel Phillipich, Silvio Badiali and Miss Ann Voyovich.

Prize winners in cards were the Mmes: Louis Drobnick, Clifford Barkis, Dan Skorich, Louis Spolar, Joseph Massich and John Rapinac. Mary Sporer won the jackpot.

Christmas carols and other songs were sung with Anthony Babich accompanying on his accordion.

Margaret Skorich, eReporter

No. 57, Niles, Ohio. — Election of new officers took place at the November meeting and everyone voted to let it stay as it was. So, here we are for another year! Mother of the Year selected was Mary Strah. Congratulations to you, Mary.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Louis Racher whose father died just recently.

Our Christmas Party was held at the Saxon Club where a lovely dinner was served and games were played. Mrs. Gen Loger made and donated a lovely pillow won by Mary Moler also Mary Strah donated 2 door prizes which were won by Mary Vigarito and Jean Pasquale. Virginia Zevkovich donated another door prize won by Tresa Racher.

Josephine Perusek and I motored to Cleveland on a recent weekend where I was fortunate enough to attend the Dawn Choral Club's concert. It was very good and I thank my cousin Ann Bizjak for a very enjoyable weekend. She is one of the group of singers.

Hope you have a very good 1971 and especially, a healthy one.

See you at the next meeting.

Mary Moler, Rec. Sec'y.

No. 73, Warrensville Hgts., O. My dear members of Branch No. 73: those that I have gotten to know personally the short time I have been a member as well as those I have yet to meet, I wish to introduce myself: Mrs. Mildred D. Roberts, Warrensville, Heights, Ohio, as your newly elected "Recorder".

On December 7, 1970, we had our

Annual Christmas Party and Pot Luck Dinner, with our business meeting following the dinner before we got involved in various games as well as card games. As usual, our good cooks outdid themselves and most of us had bigger eyes than what our tummies would hold. I couldn't help but notice when good cooks get together, that after one of our dinners, members bring out their little pads and pencils and are exchanging recipes for one or more of particular dishes served that evening, and could almost picture these ladies as "trying out" that same item of food that made their saliva glands work overtime on their own families within the next week.

Mrs. Anne Grae, our birthday lady of December, a very generous person, went out of her way with purchasing gift items from a "kitty" we collect each month for a prize project held usually after our business meetings. We all knew without asking that Mrs. Grae donated many more gifts for this activity so that everyone I feel sure had a reminder of our enjoyable evening. Thank you Mrs. Santa Claus (alias Mrs. Grae.)

We were very happy to receive back into the fold after a siege in the hospital and recuperation, Mrs. Mary Schneider. Since Mrs. Schneider knew our plan was to play games as well as cards, she beautifully wrapped many little useful items to be used as prizes for "Crazy Game". Dressed in red that night, she, too, was another Santa Claus.

We had previously decided that instead of exchanging Christmas presents by drawing names, that the amount we would have spent be added to an amount taken out of our Treasury and the total amount (\$50 from our Treasury plus \$22 collected from the members) \$72, in all, be presented to the devoted and wonderful Sisters at the Divine Redeemer Home for the Aged, located on Lander Road, Orange Village, a suburb immediately east of Warrensville Heights. Mrs. Louise Epley our Secretary, and Mrs. Agnes Walters our Treasurer, went to the Home on December 15th to present the check to the Sister in charge, Sister M. Leona. Branch 73's gift was so greatly appreciated and Sister M. Leona desired that their many thanks be given to each and every member for being so thoughtful.

Election of officers was also held December 7th, and I am very happy to report that all the officers were unanimously re-elected, with the exception of yours truly, Mrs. Mildred D. Roberts. Mrs. Betty Bayus our previous Recorder is now working, and her working hours are such that they do not coincide with the time of our meetings. Mrs. Bayus was our "Mother of the Year" and thank you Betty for the fine job of reporting you did in the past.

Officers unanimously re-elected were: Kay Yuratovac, President; Ann

DAWN CHORAL CLUB CHALKS UP ANOTHER HIT

The Dawn Choral Group has chalked up another hit—yes, they are really getting professional. A birdie tells me that popular Tony Petkovsek and John Pestotnik will tape their singing. Congratulations! Keep up the fine work!

A note of sadness — one of the Dawn group's fine members, Ann Hovevar lost her husband suddenly. We extend our deepest sympathy to Ann — and keep your chin up.

Talk goes around about an annual concert for Zarja (Dawn Group) and so, now we'll start from scratch again and try to learn a whole new program of songs.

The outcome of the Dawn Choral Club's initial Christmas Party was a happy one. Thru the able work and planning of our Club's president, Mary Bostian and her helpmates Pauline Vegal, Mitzi Globokar and a few who shall be nameless, thanks all members!

We had about 80 in attendance since our husbands were all invited, too. Mary Gerl handled all the Christmas Carols and the men finally got up after a bit of coaxing and gave us their male rendition of some Christmas Carols. They sang very good well with no rehearsals.

What grandpa John Globokar took great delight in was dancing with his granddaughter to the music of son Vince's old-fashioned squeeze box. Very good! Cute grandma Ann Hovevar had a great time with her granddaughter table hopping. I could go on and on telling of the many enjoyments of the evening but the Zarja magazine would have to be twice as large.

Thanks to our daquiri mixers, Fran Nemanich and spouse, very good. Was not supposed to have any but you know, a cheater is a cheater!

To Toni Turek, it was a pleasure to have you in our midst. Always good for a few laughs is her spouse, Frank. The cucumber episode in Barberton, Ohio lately is a funny story. Perhaps we will tell about it later.

To Mr. Gorensek and his entire family, thank you and much happiness. May you find success in your efforts to strive for Slovenian culture. Keep up the good work.

In closing, a happy and healthy new year.

Madame Q

Fike, Vice President; Agnes Walters, Treasurer; Louise Epley, Secretary; Gloria Dusek, Recording Secretary; Mildred Roberts, Recorder; and Ann Yoger, Sunshine Lady. Thank you again ladies for your devotion to your duties, and sincerely hope for your good health to continue doing such a fine job.

God bless all of you!

Mildred D. Roberts, Recorder

No. 77, Pittsburgh, Pa. On December 9, 1970 we held our meeting and Christmas party. The regular small group of members were in attendance. During the meeting the incumbent officers were re-elected to their respective offices: Marie Strauss, secretary; Minka Chrnart, financial secretary; Elizabeth Conway, treasurer and Betty Ann Murphey, president.

We also elected to honor Mrs. Mary Tomec as our Mother-of-the-Year. Congratulations and best wishes.

Other items that were discussed were the following: our meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month: April 14, May 12, June 9, October 13, November 10 and December 8. The location of our gatherings will not be definite until a later date.

At our April, June and October gatherings we will have a meeting followed by our favorite Penny Game.

In the month of May we will celebrate our Anniversary by having refreshments and playing our favorite game for prizes, which we ask you members to donate. In November we again, will play our favorite game for donated prizes, then our December gathering will include a meeting, gift exchange, refreshments and our Penny Game.

Concerning our deceased members, we will have two High Masses read and at 1:30 p. m. the afternoon before the funeral we will recite a Rosary for the repose of our member's soul.

After the closing of our meeting, we exchanged Christmas presents and were each surprised and pleased with our lovely gifts. We then enjoyed our tasty Christmas treat and topped our evening with our favorite Penny Game.

In conclusion, I hope to see our gathering grow larger in 1971 and from us, the officers and our families, to each of you and your families our wish is for a Blessed and healthy New Year.

Betty Ann Murphey, President

No. 81, Keewatin, Minn. — The Slovenian Women's Union Christmas Party was held at the home of Ann, Mary, and Sophie Michelich. All the Christmas delicacies were served by our wonderful hostesses. The attendance prizes were won by Mrs. Antonia Logar, Mrs. Matt Kolak, and Mrs. Matt Brletitch.

Our meeting was opened with prayer by our President Mrs. Matt Brletitch. Election of officers for the year are as follows: President, Mrs. Matt Brletitch; Vice President, Mrs. Edward Golla; Secretary, Mrs. Milo Prebeck; Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Marolt; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Joseph Bohen; Auditors: Ann, Mary, and Sophie Michelich; Sergeant-at-Arms, Mrs. Matt Kolak; Reporters:

Mrs. Mary Kolar and Mrs. Joseph W. Bolf.

Our meetings will be held at the homes of our members on the fourth Wednesday of every other month. The next meeting will be held at the home of Josie Schutte with Ann Preshiren assisting.

Happy New Year to all the Slovenian women from far and near.

Clem Bolf, Reporter

No. 85, DePue, Ill. Eight members met for our last meeting of 1970. After the election of officers, all agreed to serve for another year. There was a gift exchange followed by popular games.

When the men had finished their meetings, they joined the ladies for a delicious spread of Slovenian cooking.

As usual, I went home with more than I had brought! All the pieces of strudel and potica should do for quite a few coffee breaks! A group of the men burst into song in keeping with the spirits of the holidays to the enjoyment of all.

Everyone was surprised how nice and clean the Dom was. Mr. and Mrs. John Zugich are to be congratulated for their diligence in washing down the walls, plastering and painting. God bless you both. It was quite comfortable in the Dom with the new furnace in operation. A good time was had by all.

Our condolences are extended to the family of sister Marie Zabavnik who went to her eternal reward December 28th just one week after her husband John passed away. Both died very unexpectedly. Mrs. Zabavnik was in the hospital just two days.

Honorary pallbearers from the branch were Mary Oberch, Mary Benkse, Carolyn Widmer, Ann Kwit, Mildred Lavrin and Frances Machek. Two sons, Anton Zagar of DePue and John Zagar of Orlando, Fla. survive and two daughters, Josephine Best and Ann Terer of Aurora. There are 9 grandchildren and 8 greatchildren.

We shall miss sister Zabavnik as our friend and loyal member. May she and her dear husband rest in peace. Our sympathy goes to the family. **Frances Machek, Reporter**

No. 86, Nashwauk, Minn. A special meeting of our branch was held at the home of Mary Zakrajsek on Dec. 14th. A report was given on the rummage sale which was held in November and termed a success.

Election of officers was held at this time with Mary Zakrajsek being re-elected president. Other officers re-elected were: Ann Mazar, vice-president, Christine Meyer, treasurer and Katie Stimac, secretary.

The new members on the Board of Trustees are Pauline Stish, Marian Dergantz and Jeanette Stish. The members voted to buy a gift for our

shut-in member, Slava Katalinich. President, Mary Zakrajsek will present it. We also donated \$35.00 to our church and \$10.00 to our spiritual advisor, Father Thomas Stack.

Mary Gram was named sentinel. The branch decided to have a turkey dinner at the January meeting which was also to be a social for guests. Mary Zakrajsek was to prepare the dinner.

Your reporter extends a wish for a very safe and happy new year on behalf of all our members to you!

Anne Mazar

No. 95, So. Chicago, Ill. — Our Christmas Party is always a heartwarming occasion with 62 members and 17 guests attending. This festive party was held at the Jovial Club, 9615 Commercial Ave. Through the gathering such as ours we get a taste of the fine food planned by Helen Spelich and her spouse Joseph and most of all of how our members feel most of the time. What is a Christmas Party, if not a time for memory? For me, it is a time to see all of our members who are unable to attend our meetings for many various reasons of their own and a time for recollections. Each of us can conjure up all this for herself, and each of us can do her part to make the generous, charitable feelings in us all live throughout the year. I would sincerely say, from the bottom of my heart I thank Helen Golich, Chair-lady and Evelyn Driscoll, Ticket Chairlady who have inaugurated the many surprises, the entertainment, the music, and programmed the glittering gathering of the holiday season. Thanks to the zealous ladies who have offered their help: Helen and Mary Price, Helen Golich, Mildred Poropat, Mary Niksic, Mayme Holmes, Ann Kompare and Santa Claus who went booming 'HO, HO!' thru the Jovial Club when the members welcomed him with cheers and jingle bells. He arrived with his pack and distributed the grab gifts to the ladies and kept the fun popping.

The marvelous prizes were donated by: Mary Brezene, Helen Price, Helen Golich, Ann Kompare, Marge Pavletic, Evelyn Driscoll, Mildred Poropat, Frances Seabloom and Yours truly. I also would like to thank Louise Dichele for all the table prizes she donated for our "B" Games. Her generous instincts will always be remembered. I thank all of you most heartily for making me so inexpressibly happy by your presence at our Christmas Party. We also donated \$25 to Sacred Heart Croatian church.

Birthday greetings to the following who are celebrating in February: Polonia Ashenbrenner, Mary Brozynski, Lyuba Brunski, Rose Mary Caelch, Louise Dolan, Benedicto Marino, Sylvia Mitchell, Mary Provich, Ann Hlacer, Anna Velich, Helen Zec and Julie Hansen.

Condolences to Marge Innis on the loss of her beloved husband who was an affectionate man and who loved to be with his family; to Evelyn Driscoll and Polonia Ashenbrenner on the loss of father and husband, who was a quiet, perhaps an overly modest man, and to Barbara Sambol on the loss of her beloved husband whose genial personality and generous instincts will be missed. I extend to all of you my deepest sympathy.

A speedy recovery to all members who are ill. Hope to see all of you at our March 3rd meeting. I hope that the beginning of the New Year will bring to you and yours a full measure of the blessings that make for happiness.

Mildred James, President

No. 96, Universal, Pa. — December seems to be such an extraordinary time of the year for all of us. They tell us that material, outward preparation is not necessary, but a busy mother does have many things to do regardless what time of the year it is.

We hope you have had blessed holidays and that your coming year is a fine year, a blessed year and we wish that better health return to Helen Snoznik, Jennie Snoznik, Jennie Roth, Mary Richter, Mary Likar, Anna Jelovchan and to all of the rest of you, we wish that this year will be one of fine health.

We miss Julia Starman at our meetings and we hope she enjoys her Florida home. We send greetings to Anna Cestnik, Mary Blasky and to Cecilia Gaida in far away places, and ask them to write us letters to enjoy at our next meeting which will be on the second Sunday of March, at 2 p. m. in the Slovenian Association of Center meeting room.

Do not forget March 14th, the date of our next meeting. It is our anniversary month and we generally have something extra for you to enjoy. The telephone committee will contact you the week before the meeting.

Congratulations to Mary Belin, our 1971 Mother of the Year. She has been a longtime member of our branch. Helen Richter, we thank you for having done such a fine job as president. To Mrs. Paula Kokal, as our new president, we wish you much success in Bog naj obe obilo blagoslovi! S srčnimi pozdravi,

Mary P. Klemencic

No. 100, Fontana, Calif. If every branch held a Christmas Party like the one we had, then they had a party that was most, most enjoyable. There were approximately 75 attending our affair.

We didn't have a pot-luck dinner this year, as sisters Kurlich, Krafnik, Omalts and Evanich offered their very capable talents and came up with a dinner that was outstanding.

The strudel was superb and you can take it from me because I am a strudel eater, first class!

The hand-made pillow slips donated to us by our State President, Rose Scoff was won by sister Jennie Stone.

The hand-crocheted bedroom slippers donated by branch president, Jean Kurlich, was won by sister Martin. I never win anything—all I ever do is pass out the tickets! Oh well, better luck next time!

Happy Birthday was sung to Christine Filipis, Jean Kurlich and my dear mom, Louise Pieri. Mary Lou Videgar and Ursula Gorisek were absent but we wish them a happy birthday belatedly.



Barbara Horzen

The Frank Horzens are very proud of their daughter, Barbara Jean who graduated from Chaffey College, Alta Loma, California with an Associate of Science degree in Nursing. While attending Chaffey, Barbara was secretary of Kappa Sigma Nu, the nurse's sorority and also was on the Dean's List for honor students. Barbara was active in the KSKJ lodge. This past August, she was an honorary delegate to the 27th General KSKJ Convention at Milwaukee, Wis.

Barbara is currently employed by the State of California at the Camarillo State Hospital. Branch No. 100 is also proud of her and we wish her heartfelt fulfillment in her chosen profession.

Hoping that you all had lovely holidays, and that Santa Claus was good to each and everyone.

See you next month, God willing.

Edith Drawenok

No. 102, Willard, Wis. Our Christmas Party was attended by 29 members and 3 guests. "B" was played and later we enjoyed a feast of pot-luck lunch. "Jo" Artac brought a potica to help along our treasury.

We have 3 new members: Ann Boh, Lucille Lunka and Helen Stancar. We are looking forward to our February meeting and Valentine Party.

Elsie Perko

No. 105, Detroit, Mich. Our Christmas party and meeting was held Dec. 6th at the home of Jennie Bole. As usual, Jennie and Ann Karun made it a lovely and gay event.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Pauline Adamic. Katherine Musick read the Minutes of the last meeting which were approved. There were 22 members present.

Alice Becker donated a check of \$20.00 in honor of her mother, Josephine Kriser to go towards Masses at the Slovenian church. This was approved by the members.

Pauline Adamic was re-elected president by a great majority. Pauline and her husband left a week later for a five week trip to California. We are all hoping they have a safe and enjoyable vacation.

Jennie had her house all decorated for Christmas. She had knitted Christmas bells for each place setting. They were in red and green with multi-colored sequins around them. The meal was delicious and everyone over-indulged, but we could not resist.

Jennie and Ann had a gift for the two earliest arrivals, who were Mary Zimmerman and Ann Lindich, namely, a soap dish and soap with bath salts. Lucky ladies. I believe Ann won last year, also.

Frances Rovsek attended the meeting. Welcome back, Frances. Hope you can attend more often.

There were three guests. Jennie's lovely mother, Mrs. Seman, Catherine Musick's granddaughter, Kathleen and Alice Sheet's granddaughter, Donna Stockfich. They are both junior members of our group. Donna thanked the members for being so kind to her grandmother and family at the time of the death of her grandfather.

Ann McGee won the 1st door prize which was a box of pine-scented soap. The second prize went to Mary Zimmerman, a box of bubble bath. Mary has a lucky day! Those who donated extra to the kitty were: Ann Lindich, Berry Karus, Mary Zimmerman, Ann McGee, Audrey Krulic, Ann Karun, Fulvia Rosa, Stephanie Hometz, Zorka Maisel and Ann Senko. Thanks, ladies.

The following hand birthdays in December: Katherine Petrich, Ann Lindich, Stephanie Hometz, Mollie Bertrand and yours truly. Hope all the ladies had a happy birthday. The meeting closed with the singing of Christmas carols.

Sorry that I missed this wonderful party since I was out of state due to the death of a very dear friend.

The January meeting was held at the home of Katherine Musick. Hope everyone had a very merry holiday and Happy New Year to all. God bless you. Thanks to Ann Senko for taking notes for this report.

Frances Seman, Reporter

MARIE PRISLAND:

OH, TA SVET...



Na potu Betlehem

Božja mati z Jožefom počiva
prav pod hribom, sredi svetle jase.
Jezušček se ji v naročje skriva.

V svetlem bregu se osliček pase,
težko sedlo več ga ne ovira.
Sveti Jožef dračja si nabira
za Marijo, Jezusčka in zase.

Vsa drugačna kakor v Nazaretu,
zdaj na poti so njegova dela;
prej Marija je zato skrbela,
zdaj skrbi ostanejo očetu.

Prav pod hribom, sredi svetle jase
božja mati z Jezuškom počiva
v sončnem jutru — mati — ljubezniva
kakor roža, ki iz zemlje raste.

Rev. Vital Vodušek
(PESMI. Ljubljana, 1928)

NARODNA BAZILIKA

Leta 1920 so v Washingtonu pričeli graditi mogočno in krasno baziliko Brezmadežnega Spočetja, kjer bo v avgustu posvečena slovenska kapelica. Celih 50 let je trajalo delo na baziliki; zdaj je zgradba popolna in umetnosti v njej izgotovljene. Cerkev stane 24 milijonov dolarjev. Father Nicola, upravitelj, želi naj bi bazilika ne bila turistična atrakcija, temveč hiša molitve.

SPOMINI NA DEPRESIJO.

Pred 40 let je bila v Ameriki velika depresija, kakoršne ne pomni zgodovina naše dežele. Predsednik Herbert Hoover je v svoji politični kampanji leta 1928 obljubljal, da bo vsak državljan imel dva avtomobila v garaži in dve piški v loncu, če bo on ponovno izvoljen za predsednika. Leto zatem se je zgodilo ravno narobe, ko se je zrušila ameriška finančna trdnjava. Nastala je panika.

Nad 20.000 bogatstev, ki so na borzi vso premoženje zgubili, so si vzeli življenje, ker v ubožstvu niso znali živeti. Tovarne so ustavile obrat, ker ni bilo naročil ter odpustile delavce. Banke so zaprle vrata v obraz vlagateljem, ki so zahtevali dvigniti svoj denar. Mnogo bank in posojilnic je bilo popolnoma uničenih radi slabih investicij. Cene takozvanih "Dow Jones" bondov so na borzi padle na \$59. (Zdaj so okrog \$850). Cene potrebščinam in zaslužku so šle rakovo pot. Chrysler avto se je lahko kupil za \$950, gorak suknjič za \$5,98, srajca za 47 centov. Kdor je imel 29 centov je lahko kupil en funt najboljšega steaka. Mleko je stalo 10 centov kvart. kruh 5 centov, hiša z garažo \$2.800.

Natakarice so služile po 10 dolarjev tedensko, tipkarice po 12, če so sploh službo dobile. Diplomirane bolničarke so bile plačane za 17 dolarji tedensko. Moški delavski zaslužki so bili pod ničlo. Moj mož je en mesec zaslužil celih 8 dolarjev, ker tovarna ni stalno obratovala. Mnogo družin, kjer ni bilo zaslužka, niso

imale denarja za nakup hrane ali poravnavo računov, zato jim je bil kredit za nadaljni nakup ustavljen. Večkrat so za kosilo imele le ovsene kosmiče.

Mladi, močni in zdravi možje so na cesti jabolka prodajali, da so nekaj zaslužili. V Chicagu je policija razgnala trupo mož, ki so se topli za ostanke v garbič posodah neke restavracije. Ker niso mogli plačati najemnine in so radi tega bili iz stanovanja iztirani, so nekateri iz starih desk zbili kočjo ter v njej stanovali. Skupino takih koč so imenovali "Hooverville". V Washingtonu je tako vas vlada dala razgnati s puškami in bajoneti. Poveljnik je bil general MacArthur, njevo podpoveljnik pa Dwight Eisenhower.

Mnoga mesta in zavodi so vpostavili kuhinje, kjer so dobili hrano lačni otroci. Brezposelne zavarovalnice seveda ni bilo, niti socialne zaščite. Slednjo je leta 1927 vpostavil predsednik Roosevelt, kar je največja ljudska pomoč sedajnega časa. Odredil je tudi mnogo javnih del, da so delavci prišli do zaslužka.

Mladina o depresiji ničesar ne ve. Mi starejši se pa spominjamo tistih časov, ko je ljudstvo trpelo, zmrzovalo, gladovalo, jadikovalo. Tolažili so nas z obljubo, da je prosperiteta takoj za ogled, ki pa se več let ni hotela prikazati. Zato — brez politike — bodimo hvaležni, ker nismo še nobenkrat tako dobro imeli kot imamo sedaj.

ŽENSKA VRH TRIGLAVA

Vsem, ki smo bili v Sloveniji rojeni je znan oče Triglav, najvišja gora v naši domovini. Kdor pride na vrh je že junak. In vendar je že pred 100 leti korajžna, dvajsetletna mladenka Rozalija Škantar iz Bohinja, s svojim očetom, slavnim triglavskim vodnikom, kot prva ženska stopila na vrh Triglava. Takrat ni na goro vodila steza, kakoršna ja danes, niti ni bilo klinov in jeklenih vrvi. Rozalka je morala plezati vso pot kot so plezali tisti pogumni moški, ki so si upali priti na vrh.

Stoletnica Rozalkinega dosega vrh Triglava je bila praznovana s tem, da je 100 žensk stopilo na triglavski vrh. To je bil ženski jubilejni pohod na Triglav. Na vrh so jih privedli znani gorski vodniki. Navkljub vodnikom, udelani stezi, železnim klinom in vrvem, je to vseeno nevaren in tvegan podvig. V ženski stotnici je bilo nekaj žensk starih nad 50 let. Vsa čast taki korajži! Čestitamo!

SLOVENSKI BOB HOPE

Na Zvezini konvenciji vršeči se v Clevelandu lansko leto, je bil na nedeljskem programu predstavljen g. Božo Pust, bivši član ljubljanske drame, ki ga nazivljajo "Slovenski Bob Hope." Šaljivke prede v takem tonu, da ga je veselje poslušati. Eno sem si zapomnila:

Učiteljica-redovnica se je preselila v drugo mesto. Večkrat je mislila na svoj bivši razred in močno jo je skrbelo, če se učenci poučujejo v verski zgodovini. Šla je na obisk. Njen prvi korak je veljal šoli. Takoj je vprašala prvega učenca, ki ga je srečala, če se uči veronauka. Fantček je rekel, da se uči. Sestra ga je nato vprašala če ve, kdo je podrl steno mesta Jeriho. "Čestita sestra, jaž že ne!" je učenec hitro zaklical. Sestra je nato govorila z učiteljico ter omenila: "Vprašala sem enega vaših učencev če ve, kdo je podrl steno mesta Jeriho, pa je rekel, da on že ne."

Učiteljica odvrne: "Sestra. Lahko mu verjamete, ker ta fantček nikdar ne laže."

Sestra je nato šla k šolskemu predstojniku ter se pritožila, da v njegovi šoli nihče ne ve, kdo je podrl steno mesta Jeriho.

Predstojnik: "Nič ne skrbite, drage sestra. Pošljite meni račun za podrtijo in ga bom plačal."

ZARJA—THE DAWN

DAJ, DAJ, DAJ . . .

Krščansko življenje zahteva od človeka odpoved, premagovanje in pred vsem delo za bližnjega. To ni vedno lahko. Človeška narava je taka, da se rada znebi bremen, če se je more. To pa človeku ne prinese sreče. V tem je vsa čudnost krščanskega življenja, da je človek zadovoljen, ko se žrtvuje ali ko napravi nekaj dobrega.

O nekem župniku pripovedujejo, da je imel pri upravljanju svoje fare precejšnje težave. Kar ni mogel iz dolgov. Dohodki pa niso bili taki kakor je pričakoval. Odločil se je, da bo napisal svojim faranom posebno pismo, kjer jim bo razložil finančne težave fare in jim predložil potrebo po večjem dajanju za cerkev. Po prejemu tega pisma je neki faran takoj odgovoril na svoj poseben način, ki ga vsi več ali manj poznamo. Tako-le je zapisal: "Po vaši zamisli, gospod župnik, je krščanstvo nič drugega kakor samo daj, daj in daj."

Ko je župnik pismo prejel je bil primerno razburjen in je takoj temu razpoloženju primerno hotel odgovoriti. Ko je pa začel malo razmišljati je prišel do zaključka, da ima dotični faran popolnoma prav. Tako-in je takoj temu razpoloženju primerno hotel odgovoriti.

Namesto žgočega pisma, je župnik napisal sledeči odgovor: "Dragi gospod. Hvala vam na lepi oceni krščanstva, ki je res neprestani daj, daj, daj. Tako se je krščanstvo začelo, tako se je vse začelo. Bog je vse ustvaril, podaril nam je ta svet v katerem živimo in se nam še vedno daje. Bil je celo pripravljen iti na križ za nás, da bi nas pomiril s samim seboj."

Njegovi učenci so storili isto. Zapustili so dom, svoje mile in drage, da so tako lahko ves čas posvetili veseli novici, da je Bog med nami in to vse zastoni. Nekateri so celo dali svoje življenje zato resnico. Kristusovo delo je uspevalo v toliko v kolikor so se kristjani naučili dajati in čim obilnejše so dajali bolj je uspevalo božje delo. In to velja še danes."

DOPISI

Št. 1, Sheboygan, Wis. — Letna seja in božični program sta se vršila v hotelu Kneever, kjer so nam po seji servirali dobro večerjo, nakar se je pod vodstvom predsednice Olge Saye s sodelovanjem pevskega zbora vršil prav prijeten program.

Odbor podružnice je ostal nespremenjen. Naša častna mati tega leta je blagajničarka Dorothy Kregel, ki je tudi direktorica našega sodelovanja pri People to People festivalu.

Slavnost 45 letnice podružnice se zajedno z državno konvencijo vrši prvo nedeljo oktobra in sicer v Standard dvorani.

Ker ima podružnica zelo zvesto in dobro članstvo, ki se vedno žrtvuje, je bilo sklenjeno, da se meseca decembra plača assessment iz podružnične blagajne za vse aktivne članice in spomin 45 letnice podružnice in Zveze, ki sta bili ustanovljeni meseca decembra.

Junije in julija ne bo seje. Vse pa pridite na sejo meseca februarja, ki se vrši tretjo nedeljo popoldne.

Odbornicam in članstvu želimo prav srečno in zadovoljno leto 1971.

Odbor

Št. 3, Pueblo, Colo. — Prestopile smo praga novega leta in premišljujemo, ali bo uspešno in srečno, ali pa nam bo prineslo razočaranja. Brez dela ni uspeha; kjer je aktivnost, tam je uspeh. To velja za vse podružnice.

Mnoge članice imajo lepo navado, da že v začetku leta plačajo svoj assessment za celo leto. S tem zelo olajšajo delo tajnice; toda nekatere članice so zelo brezbržne za plačilo in se jih mora zalagati vse leto. Prosim, da bi bile bolj točne v tem oziru.

Dec. seja je bila povoljno obiskana. Obhajale smo božične običaje. Naše mlade čl. so nam servirale ocvrte kokoši in vse druge dobrote. To ni bila navadna večerja, ampak pravi banket. Poklon naj sprejmejo: Jennie Kočevar, Olga Mesojedec, Rose

Ursick in še druge, ki ste pomagale, da smo se lepo zabavale. Ta večer smo imele tudi door prize ter izmenjavo daril. V podr. smo sprejele Richard Wunster Jr.

V preteklem letu nam je kruta smrt pobrala 8 članic. — Sožalje naj sprejemjo sorodniki umrlih. Mary Denaro, je umrla soproga, Louis. Jean Perko še mlada, tako tudi Rose Radavich, ki je bila ugodna in inteligentna žena v naši naselbini. Enako nas je vse pretresla žalostna vest o smrti naše nepozabne gl. blag. Josephine Železnikar. Vsi pokojni nam ostanejo trajno v lepem spominu. — Naše globoko sožalje ob smrtni izgubi dobra mamice Mary Gruden, za katero žalujejo Elsie Barker, Dorothy Ally, hčerke in soproga John.

V času ko to pišem so na bolniškem listu: Rose Grahek, Katherine Krasovich, Milka Henigsmann, Alma Grand. Vsem želimo ponovno zdravljenje.

Poročila se je naša mlada ljubka čl. Marilyn Horvat in Richard Moore. Vse najboljše v skupnem življenju zakonskega stanu.

Z novim letom se nekatere poslavljamo iz urada podr. in med temi je tudi moja malenkost. Vedno mi bodo koristne ideje, ki smo jih skupno vršile za našo Zvezino podružnico. Želim, da naša SZZ napreduje v vseh ozirih. Bila sem preds. podr. 23 let in sedaj prepuščam preds. delo bolj mladim močem. Vsem skupaj izrekam hvaležni z Bogom!

Vsem blagoslovljeno leto 1971!

Anna Pachak

Št. 5, Indianapolis, Ind. — Zaradi male udeležbe na letni seji, so vse odbornice naše podružnice ostale še za naprej.

Seje se vršijo vsako četrto nedeljo v mesecih: januar, — marc, — maj, — september in november ob 1:30 popoldne v Slovenskem Narodnem domu. Prosim, da se sej udeležite v lepem številu.

Datum naše večerje s klobasami je 20. marca. Prosim, da stopite v

stik z odbornicami za vstopnice. Vaša pomoč pri delu za to prireditelje je potrebno in bom vsem hvalilne, zato prosimo, da se javite, katera bi hotela pomagati.

Prosim tudi, da si zapomnite se ostali dve najvažnejši prireditvi naše podružnice v tem letu: Materinska proslava bo na majski seji; Božičnica in volitve odbornic na seji v novembru. Vse vladno vabljen.

Pozdrav vsem.

Poročevalka

Št. 6, Barberton, Ohio. — Dolžnost me veže, da poročam o naši letni seji v decembru 1970. — Ko smo tega večera prišli v naš običajni zborovalni prostor v cerkveno dvorano, smo videli, da je bila dvorana opremljena za poslovlilni večer; torej oddali so, ne da bi nas o tem obvestili. Bil je mrzli večer in nisimo vedele kam bi se obrnile. Bilo nas 15 članic, pa se nas usmili prijazna in vedno nasmejana sestra J. Podlipec in reče le za mano. Tako smo zborovale v njenem lepem domu. "Oh to življenje ne teče vedno po žnori."

Tam smo izvolile kar prejšnje uradnice, ki so sposobne voditeljice. To so: predsednica Jeanette Kiloran, taj. in blag. Mary Lautar, zapisničarica Frances Spice so še mlade in bodo z lahoto opravljale urade.

Na tej seji je bila izvoljena za častno mater ses. Julie Knaus. Ona nas večkrat razveseli s kakšno potičko, seveda ima tudi druge vrline.

V času od zadnjega dopisa, smo izgubili ses. Kathy Shvager. Bilo je tudi več bolnih članic, ki so pa že na boljšem, le ena še vedno trpi, to je Toni Brunski.

Glede nadaljnjih sej bo pravočasno poročano kje se bodo seje vršile. V januarju smo se zbrale kar zopet pri ses. Podlipec. Seje bodo samo 5-krat na leto in sicer: jan., april, maj, oktober in dec.

Za nastopno leto pa želimo vsem ljubega zdravlja in Božjega blagoslova.

Dodatni dopis št. 6. — Zopet se oglašam v naši priljubljeni Zarji, da malo poročam o naši zadnji seji pri ses. J. Podlipec. Vse smo ji zelo hvaležne za nejeno prvovrstno domačo gostoljubnost in dobrosrčnost.

Na tej seji je bilo poročano, da bodo seje odslej v "W. Theatre" in sicer v spodnjih prostorih. To nam je oskrbela naša tajnica sestra M. Lautar. Njen soprog je oskrbnik tega šova, ki je last večjih Slovencev. Prihodnja seja bo 4. aprila, naslednja pa v maju, da počastimo naše matere, posebno še našo zaslužno "mater leta" ses. J. Knaus. Po tej seji pa bomo imele daljše počitnice in naslednja seja bo šele v oktobru in nato v decembru v novih prostorih. In tako bo odjadralo še eno leto, koliko nas ga bo preživelo se ne ve, kakor pravi pesem: "Daleč naš čolnič vesla, kje se ustavi že on zna; skoz trpljenje, bridkost, povsod je dost" — za pridnega je kruha, za lenuha pa skorja suha . . ."

Pozdrave vsem bolnim in zdravim članicam.

Poročevalka

Št. 14, Euclid, Ohio. — Ko pišem te vrstice, so Božični prazniki že za nami. Posebnega mraza nismo imeli med prazniki. Lepo je bilo, da smo šli voščiti praznike našim družinam. Kar prehitro je vse minilo. In sedaj smo v Novem letu, ki sicer ne kaže nič preveč veselega in vsi se sprašujemo kaj bo med letom. Mnogo ljudi je brez dela in davki so tako porastli, da se zdi, da gremo naproti slabim časom.

Na naši letni seji smo imeli navzočih precej članic. Od št. 41, je prestopila k naši podr. Martina Hribar in ponovno je pristopila k podr. Frida Miller. Obe sta dobrodošle med nas.

Vse članice opozarjam, da bo dne 24. februarja sv. maša v cerkvi Sv. Kristine za žive in umrle članice. Lepo bi bilo, da bi bila velika udeležba pri tej maši, saj imamo samo enkrat na leto to lepo pobožnost. Vsaj ta bližje, ki ste pri zdravju, gotovo pridite k maši in s tem pokažite, da smo katoliške žene. Tudi ne smemo zanemarjati naše duše.

To leto smo izvolile za našo najbolj zaslužno mater, Mrs. Roži Mikovič, o kateri mora vsaka reči, da je dobra članica, ki pomaga pri vsakem delu in mnogo daruje za društvo. Ona zasluži to čast ter ji želimo ljubelega zdravja, da bo v majniku prišla vesela in zdrava med nas kot naša častna mati.

Bolane so sestre, Mrs. Kutnar in Mrs. Boštjančič. Želimo jima, da bi jima dal Bog hitrega zdravja.

V good tajm blagano so tega večera darovale: Jennie Krajačič, Stana Grilj, Josipina Čebul, Frances Erzen, Roži Mikovič, Angela Kern in Mary Gril (Geneva). Oprostite, če je kakšno ime izpuščeno, ker v zadnji številki Zarje, nisem dobila v roke vseh imen, katere ste darovale na naši

glavni seji, zato jih nisem mogla zapisati. Zato naj velja najlepša hvala tudi vsem onim, ki so darovale na glavni seji.

Predno zaključim z dopisoma, moram pohvaliti našo preds. Thereso Skur, ker nikoli ne pozabi moliti ob zaključku seje za vse umrle članice.

Vsem članicam želim veselo leto 1971 in lep pozdrav.

Antonija Sustar, por.

Št. 19, Eveleth, Minn. — Cenjene sestre, voščim vam vsem vse najboljše v novem letu, posebno da bi zavladal mir po vsem svetu. Pittsburski tamburaši so nastopili s koncertom v Eveleth Bordman auditoriju 29. nov. ter so bili deležni zelo lepega uspeha. Zbor vodi poznana slovenska pevka Miss Violet Ruparcich, ki je rojena v Chisholmu, a sedaj deluje v Pittsburghu. Ona in njena mati Mrs. Frank Ruparcich sta obe članici št. 38 v Chisholmu. Gotovo ji gre zahvala za njen trud, da se ohrani narodno in ljudsko petje med našo mladino. Zbor je predvajal tudi nekaj slovenskih pesmi. Posebna zahvala gre našemu duhovnemu voditelju Rev. Frank Perkovich, ki se je trudil in pomagal, da je koncert bil deležen lepega uspeha.

Ker zaradi mojega bivanja v bolnišnici 27 dni, nismo imele seje v decembru, zato pa bo letna seja in volitve v februarju, kar bo oznanjeno v domačem časopisu in na radiju. Že sedaj vas lepo prosim, da bi se udeležile v velikem številu.

Od zadnje seje, se je mnogo spremenilo. V novembru smo izgubile ses. Frances Nemgar, za katero žalujemo 3 hčere in 2 sinova. Živela je dolgo vrsto let na farmi ter je bila oddaljena več milj iz mesta. Zelo je ljubila Zvezo in Zarjo. Vpisala je več vnukov. Smrt jo je rešila trpljenja. Naj blaga žena in dobra članica počiva v miru božjem. Njen mož je umrl pred več leti.

Ko pišem te vrstice, pa leži na mrtvaškem odru naša članica, ses. Angela Bertholm (Frol), ki je preminula 27. dec. v bolnišnici v Eveleth. Do zadnjega dihala se je pogovarjala z njenim ediniim sinom in njegovo ženo ter je mirno za vedno zatisnila njene oči. Čeprav ni hodila na seje, je vendar zelo cenila Zvezo in Zarjo. Naj ji bo ohranjen blag spomin. Žalujemo sinu, njegovi ženi, in možu izrekam v imenu podr. globoko sožalje.

V letu 1970 smo izgubile 5 članic. Daj Bog, da bi nam bilo leto 1971 bolj prizanesljivo in da bomo bolj zdrave vse skupaj.

V lepi moški dobi je umrl mož naše članice Frances Musich, star komaj 60 let. Sožalje izrekam tudi ses. Mary Poznik, Frances Musech ob izgubi ljubelega brata. Sožalje ses. Anna Železnikar ob izgubi ljubelega moža. — Vsem pokojnim v imenu

podr. želimo večni mir in pokoj.

Iz 6 mesečnega obiska njune hčere v sončni Floridi, sta se vrnila ses. Mary Paznik in njen mož. Sestra Kuntara in njen soprog sta tudi nazaj iz obiska hčere v Pensilvaniji in ses. Mihelc in mož sta posetila hčere v Clevelandu. Vsi so uživali veselje pri njihovih dragih otrocih in vnukih.

Tudi na bolniški listi je več naših članic: ses. Kausek, ses. Indihar, ses. Sherse, ses. Kwaternik in ses. Rebetz se zdravijo na domu in v nursing home, so naše članice: Stimac, Steblaj, Setnikar, Oberstar, Jurpevec in Mihevc. Bog daj v novem letu vsem ljubo zdravje.

Enako želim vsem članicam z zahvalo za vse kar ste dobrega storile v preteklosti. Še posebno se zahvaljujem za vse obiske v času moje bolezni na nogi v bolnišnici, za karte in voščila, za darila, katere sem prejela. Zahvala Father Perkovich, ki je večkrat prišel v bolnišnico, dalje preds. Pollac, podpreds. Vesel in zapisničarici Menart, ki so za vse v redu skrbele. Prisrčna hvala vsem in vsaki posebej.

Zelo me je pretresla vest o smrti gl. blag. ses. Josephine Železnikar. Zvedala sem, da je bila bolj rahlega zdravja že pred konvencijo in da je bila v bolnišnici, toda, da je kruta smrt jo vzela iz naše srede, me je hudo zadelo. Polnih 22 let sva bile dobre in zveste prijateljice. Vem, da jo bo hudo pogrešal soprog John in otroci ter v gl. uradu, kakor tudi pri št. 2, kjer je bila preds. veliko let, a pogrešale jo bomo tudi njene prijateljice. Josephine, končano je tvoje delo, utihnil je Tvoj mili glas, kajti v pteju je bilo Tvoje razvedrilo. Počivaj v miru božjem, zvesta prijateljica. Družini pa moje globoko sožalje!

Zal smo v gl. uradu izgubile dva močna stebra, toda želim dragi Albini, ki je tudi moja zvesta prijateljica, boljšega zdravja v tem listu. Pošiljam ji iskreno zahvalo za vse delo, ki ga je vršila za našo Zvezo. Prisrčna hvala tudi Tebi Corinne za vse delo, posebno pa za tako lepo urejevanje Zarje. Naj bo to moje novoletno voščilo vsem v gl. uradu in vsemu članstvu ter duh. vodji Father Okorn. Tebi draga nam gl. tajnica Fanika, pa vso srečo v uradu, da bi bilo vpisanih veliko novih članic in da ne bi bilo veliko smrtnih slučajev.

God bless you all v letu 1971. Z najlepšimi pozdravi in željami za zdravje in srečo, Mary Lenich, taj.

Št. 20, Joliet, Ill. — Naše sožalje družini pokojnega Mathew Dragovan, ki je preminul po dolgi bolezni v starosti 83 let. Imel je dom na 1112 Clement St. Zapuša soprogo Mary, ki je naša članica preko 40 let. Za njim žalujejo tudi 3 hčere in 2 sinova. Bil je dobro poznan in star pionir naše fare. Naj v miru počiva! Iskrene čestitke veljajo našemu ro-

POSVET TREH AKTIVNIH URADNIC ZVEZE

jaku Frank Skul in sorodnikom, ko je Frank po izvolitvi šerifa Joseph Trizna ponovno postal Deputy Sheriff. Tako ima šerif in Frank kot njegov deputy, drugi štiriletni termin. Škulova družina je okraj vsa pri naši Zvezi: mama Mary Schmidberger, sestra Theresa Schmidberger, — Gen Klainsek, ki je poročevalka za kegljaško tekmo pri podr. ter Agnes Lovati in vsi njeni otroci, kakor tudi več drugih sorodnikov. Frank je bil do upokojitve captain pri naši Joliet Police Force. Vsa njegova družina je aktivna pri fari in slov. društvih ter uživajo velik ugled. Franku želimo mnogo let zdravja in uspeha pri njegovem delu.

Ob času cerkvenega letnega bazarja, je tudi naša podružnica sodelovala pri prodaji "bon-bonov" v korist cerkve. Ob tej priliki je tudi podpredsednica Josephine Muster prodala več knjig "From Slovenia to America."

Odbornice so imele posebno sejo z odborom kegljaške skupine in so sklenile, da bodo prevzele srednje-zapadno kegljaško tekmo letos pri nas v Jolietu. Tekmovanje se bo vršilo v Raynor Bowling Alleys.

Upam, da ste vse članice srečno preživele prihod Novega leta. Čestitam in zahvalim se našemu vrlemu cerkvenemu zboru, ki let letos ponovno nastopil s krasnim božičnim petjem ob polnočnici, na Božič in na Novoletni dan, pod vodstvom organista g. Antona Rozmana. Bog Vam poplačaj za veličastno petje, ki nima primere v Jolietu, enako za prelepo petje med letom pri slovenski maši.

Vse skupaj pozdravljam in vamim na prihodnje seje naše podružnice.

Josephine Erjavec

Št. 21, Cleveland, Ohio. — Dne 6. decembra je bila redna seja in volitev odbora za leto 1971. Izvoljen je bil naslednji odbor: preds. Theresa Lach; podpreds. Rose Kasko, taj in blag. Stella Dancull; zapisnik. Lois Babnick; nadzornice: Frances Koperman, Anna Kosak in Theresa Kozuh; rediteljica: Anna Kosak; poročevalka v slovenščini, Anna Jesenko in poročevalka v angleščini Helen Konkoj.

Za častno mater leta je bila izvoljena Anna Jesenko.

Seja je prvo sredo v mesecu ob 7:30 zvečer v JDN Hall (Slov. Dom), 4582 W. 130 St. Po seji smo imele izmenjavo daril in durne nagrade in dobrote, ki so prinesle članice. Hvala vsem!

Pristopila je nova članica Mrs. Frances Danner.

Operacijo je srečno prestala Mary Hosta. Opozarja se vse članice, če je katera bolana doma ali v bolnici, naj sporoči predsednici Theresi Lach.

Sožalje čla. Marie Hosta in njeni družini ob izgubi očeta, Mr. Seme.

Tajnica bo gotovo vesela, da plaču-



Ob priliki drž. konvencije za Ill.-Ind. so Jolietčanke Emma Planinsek, preds. št. 20 in Josephine Erjavec, bivša gl. tajnica obiskale bivšo gl. nadzornico in dolgoletno preds. št. 16, So. Chicago, Ill., Katie Triller.

jete asesment redno, pogledjte v knjižico, ker se rado pozabi; da ne bo imela skrbi in ji ne bo treba zalagati. Najbolje je, da se plača za celo leto in potem ni treba misliti na to.

Imamo dobro tajnico in na tem mestu čestitamo tudi možu Mickey Dancull ob priliki izvolitve na vplivno mesto vojnih veteranov. Mickey je bil 36 let v vojaški službi USA. Čitajte dopis v angleškem delu.

To je prvi dopis v letu 1971. Želim vsem srečno in zdravo leto 1971, posebno pa še našim članicam, ki ne morejo več prihajati na seje.

Anna Jesenko, slovenska poroč.

Št. 26, Pittsburgh, Pa. — To poltje je tako hitro minilo, da so nekatere novice že precej stare. — V maju je umrl mož naše čla. Barbare Starešinič. Pok. Niklas je bil naš dober prijatelj. Iskreno sožalje gre ženi in hčeri ter zetu Nick Balkovec in sinu Edwardu ter 9 vnukom.

V avgustu smo se udeležili konvencije KSKJ v Milwaukee. Bilo nas je veliko število iz Pittsburgha, eni kot delegati, drugi pa kot gostje. Bilo je zelo zanimivo in konvencija je potekala v lepem redu. Bila sem iznenadena, ko sem opazila, da so starejši odborniki odstopili in njihova mesta so prevzeli mladi.

Po konvenciji smo šli domov preko Joliet, kjer smo obiskali naše prijateljke Mr. in Mrs. Frank Kunich. Tam nas je vozila njihova sosedka Josephine Sumič, ki je tudi nam dobro poznana, ker je njen mož bil iz Pittsburgha, razno črez cesto od naše cerkve, Marie Pomočnice. Njegov oče Geo. Sumič, še tam živi in tudi sestre Frances in Mollie Sumič. Žal je soprog od Josephine pred več leti zapustil ta svet in počiva na farnem pokopališču v Jolietu in smo tudi obiskali njegov grob. — Najlepša hvala Josephine za uslugo in za prijazno družbo. Kuničevi so nas še odpeljali v Chicago k prijateljem Mr. in Mrs. John Plut in drugi dan so obisk vrnili v Jolietu. Potem smo se domenili, da bi bilo lepo če bi šla ona dva z nami na obisk za en teden in tako smo nadaljevali in na potu proti domu smo napravili ovinek ter

se ustavili v Clevelandu. Ustavili smo se pri prijateljih John in Marie Mukavetz, ki sta pozvala še druge prijatelje, Joe in Kate Gregorinčič in Joe Draz. Vsi smo se imeli mnogo za pogovoriti, ker so se ravnokar vrnili iz starega kraja. Si morete misliti, saj smo vsi iz enega kraja in sosedje. Tako smo lepo zaključili naše 14 dnevno potovanje.

Naša letna seja v dec. je tudi bila lepo obiskana in naša party prav živahna. Pri volitvah je zopet vse ostalo pri starem, kar ne razumemo, da ne bi ta mlajše članice prevzele in bi se me, ki smo že tako dolgo v odboru, malo odpočile in uživale njihovo delo.

Tudi častno mater podružnice smo izbrale. Letos smo izvolile našo dolgoletno nadzornico Helen Kunič in res nismo mogle izbrati boljše kakor je ona.

Dne 26. nov. smo imele poroko, ko se je poročil sin naše čla. Mary Cvetas. Sin David C. je poročil Jeannie A. Lynch. Mlademu paru želimo obilo sreče.

Vsem bolnim sestram hitro okrevanje. Žalujemo pa naše sožalje.

Na seji smo pogrešale čla. Angie Veselic, ker je bil njen mož Nick v bolnici ter operiran tisti dan. Želimo mu hitro ozdravljenje.

Vso srečo in mnogo zdravja v tem letu želim vsem članicam naše podružnice in vsem članicam Zveze, posebno tudi Anni Kunič od podr. št. 20 v Jolietu, ki se je za praznike vrnila iz bolnišnice. Pozdrav,

Mary Bahor, blag.

Št. 30, Aurora, Ill. — Ker pišem prav na Novega leta dan, zato voščim veselo in zdravo leto vam in vašim družinam.

Moram pohvaliti in se zahvaliti mestu Aurori in okolici ter vsem dobrim ljudem, ki se zanimajo in spoštujejo naš dom ostarelih!

Pred Božičem nam je prišlo prepevati 20 skupin lepe Božične pesmi. Prišle so učiteljice z otroci od prvega razreda naprej. V eni skupini so bili otroci od 6 do 10 let stari; 4 so igrali na harmonike, eno dekle na kitaro in ena na trobento. Hodili in prepevali so od enega konca poslopja do drugega, po dolgem in počez. En-

krat je prišlo 5 moških že v letih (okoli 50 let starosti), ki so z velikimi trobentami tako lepo igrali krasne božične melodije, da bi jih človek poslušal kar celi dan.

Naš dom "Jenning Terrace", nam je tudi pripravili lep party in vsak je dobil Christmas present. Še autobusna kompanija nas je obdarila s tem, da je poslala veliki bus, ki nas je vozil več kot 2 ure po West in East side Aurore, da smo videli lepe božične okrase in razsvetljavo.

Osebo sem tudi jaz imela lep Božič, da ga ne bom dolgo pozabila. Saj veste, da je moje največje veselje med mojimi sinovi. In res, Donald je prišel iz Decatur, Ill. in smo šli k Hermanu v Elmhurst, Ill., kjer je že bil starejši sin Edward, ki živi v Oconomowoc, Wis. Tako sem imela tega večera 3 sinove skupaj. Vrh tega so me pa zelo razveselili moji vnuki in vnukinja. Prvi je prišel sin moje hčere, ki živi v Cal. dr. Mejnard Levenick, ki je po enoletni službi v Vietnamu, ordiniral kot zdravnik v San Francisco, a letos je zopet v šoli v Los Angeles in sicer na najtežje operacije, če ima kdo tumor v glavi. Dr. Levenick je prišel na konvencijo zdravnikov v Chicago, pa je obiskal tudi Hermana v Elmhurstu in tam sem ga videla prvič po zadnji vojni.

Drugi je prišel Bruce, sin Edvarda, ki je v Milwaukee College. S prijateljem je bil v Chicagu, pa sta prišla še mene obiskati. Tretja je bila tudi Edvardova hči, ki je zaposlena v Madison, Wis. v vladni službi. Prišla je z zaročencem, ker sta imela 4 dni prosto, sta šla tudi obiskati njegove starše v Delnor. Bila sem ju vesela, da sta še 2 ure vozila do Aurore, Illinois in me posetila.

Danes pa ko sklonjujem in odpošiljam, pa prav pošteno mete in radio pravi, da bomo dobili dosti snega. In res zgleda tako. Za Božič pa smo imeli nad vse lepo vreme. Toda zima nas ne bo nikoli pozabila, da nam ne bi pobelila zemljo.

Pozdrav vsem članicam in njihovim družinam. Frances Kranjc

Št. 40, Lorain, Ohio. — Kako se hitro spreminjajo letni časi; ni dolgo od poletja, pa bo že kmalu zopet zima za nami. Tako je tudi z našim življenjem, komaj se zavemo pa je že leto okoli in smo za eno leto starejše.

December je tudi za nami. Naša seja je bila precej dobro obiskana, kakor tudi med letom naj bi naše članice rade prihajale na seje v večjem številu, saj je lepo, da se malo pogovorimo med seboj.

Na tej seji smo najprej imele večerjo, potem pa izmenjavo daril. Na tem mestu se moram zahvaliti sestri Rosi Cerne, ki nam je postregla s tako dobro kapljico, da smo se oglele in Mrs. Delilo, ki nam je olepšala mize, pa še posebno hvala sestri An. Kozjan, ki nam je pripravila tako okusno večerjo. Tudi naj-

lepša hvala vsem tistim članicam, ki so vse lepo pospravile in tudi vsem, ki ste prinesle darilo, se vam zahvalim, da smo malo opomogle naši blagajni. Pogrešale smo našo čla. Mrs. Mary Evanish, ki se je zopet preselila nazaj v Californijo in upam, da se dobro počuti v njihovi sončni deželi.

Za častno mater je bila izvoljena naša zapisničarica ses. Pelutnik, kar ji vse čestitamo.

Odbor je ostal ves ta stari tudi za leto 1971.

Voščim vsem gl. odbornicam zdravo in veselo leto 1971, da bi nam še za naprej kaj lepega napisale. Enako želim vsem članicam naše podr. mnogo zdravja ter najlepši pozdrav.

Bolnim pa ljubo zdravje in da bi se kmalu vrstile med nas.

Agnes Jancar, preds.

Št. 54, Warren, Ohio. — Naj Vam drage sestre, vse gl. odbornice in duhovni vodja, voščim sreče in miru po Ameriki in po svetu v tem nastopnem letu 1971, da bi bilo zdravo in zadovoljno.

Naša podr. je lepo obhajala Božično sejo. Imele smo "cover dish" in naša najstarejša čla. sestra Shine, ki je dopolnila 87 let, nam je prinesla lepih daril. Sestra Betty Vadas ter Josephine Kassin sta tudi prinesle darila za "door prize". Vsem želim happy birthday!

Odobr je ostal prejšnji, razen podpreds., ki je bila izvoljena Betty Vadas in rediteljica Mary Waltko.

Prva seja v tem letu bo dne 17. marca na tretji torek.

Iz Washingtona sem pred Božičem dobila znamke za novo slovensko kapelo. Denar sem poslala Mr. Turku. ček na \$36. Hvala vsem, ki ste segle po njih. Slovenska kapela bo v veličastni katedrali in bo trajni spomin še poznim rodovom Slovencev. Hvala vsem, ki ste pomagale. Posvetitev bo 13.-14. in 15. avgusta, ko bomo Slovenci iz vseh krajev poromali k Mariji Pomagaj. To bo zelo slovesno. Berite Zarjo, kjer bodo objavljene podrobnosti.

Več naših članic se nahaja v nursing home, to so: Mary Neverka, Matilda Kek, Mary Horvat in Elizabeth Persin, ki se nahaja pri sinu Jacku in Elsie, ki ji lepo streže. V bolnici in okrevališču, se je dolgo nahajala Mary Tomsich, ki se je pri padcu poškodovala. Zdaj je doma. Mary Riffle je tudi navezana na dom.

Na seji je bilo sklenjeno, da za leto vsaka prispeva \$1 v domačo blago, ker ne moremo imeti nobene prireditve. Prosim, bodite točne z asesmentem. Najbolje je, če se pošlje v naprej, ne za nazaj. Ta prispevek pošljite z asesmentem na tajnico Joanne Ponikvar, 4010 Grinmont Dr., East Gate, Warren, Ohio.

Za Božič sem prejela lepo pismo od M. DeFilippo iz daljne Tex., kjer živi z možem pri hčerki. Priložila je \$5 in sicer \$2 podporo Zarji. \$3

pa v našo blago. Lepa ideja, kajne?

Tudi naša mlada čla. Anna Marie O'Block, se je udeležila seje z materjo in teto. Od te družine je največ naših članic. Ona je prejela šolnino od Zveze in je vsem zelo hvaležna. — Smo se branile, toda je rekla, da je dobila delo med počitnicami, pa hoče iz hvaležnosti darovati v našo blagajno. Iskrena hvala vsem!

Ko se je vrnila Frances Bonazich iz počitnic v Warren, se je morala podvreči operaciji, ki je dobro uspela. Se počuti boljše. Želimo vsem bolnim ljubega zdravja in mnogo potrpljenja, ker na starost vse pride.

Zelo sem bila žalostna, ko sem zvedela žalostno novico, da je preminula Josephine Železnikar. Ona ji bo Bog dober plačnik, saj je tako rada lepo pela v božjo čast, ko je bil Zvezin dan v Lemontu. Naj v miru počiva v Ameriški grudi. Ostalim pa moje iskreno sožalje.

Želim ljubo zdravje naši požrtvovalni Albin Novak. Njeni naslednici pa tudi mnogo uspeha.

Sesterski pozdrav vsem!

Rose Racher

Št. 71, Strabane, Pa. — Zopet smo prestopile prag leta in tako smo zopet eno leto starejše. — Decemberska seja je bila prav dobro obiskana. Želeti bi bilo, da bi članice prihajale v tako lepem številu na vsako sejo. Seja je potekala v najlepšem redu. Odbornice so podale svoja letna poročila. Odobreno je bilo, da se bolnim članicam tudi v bodoče pošlje voščilno kartico in \$2 enkrat na leto, ako se čla. nahaja v bolnišnici. — Za umrlo članico darujemo \$5 za sv. mašo in doslej je bilo \$8 za cvetlice, a odslej je odobreno \$10 za cvetlice in en auto.

Pri točki volitev odbora za leto 1971, je bil enoglasno izvoljen ves stari odbor.

Odobrena je bila sprememba glede sej, ker se bo odslej naprej vršila seja vsako tretjo sredo v mesecu ob 7 uri zvečer v KSKJ dvorani.

Po seji smo se prav lepo imele ob praznovanju božičnice z okusno večerjo.

Hvala tajnici Lucy Smith za številna darila, tako da je bila vsaka članica deležna malega darila. Vse smo bile zadovoljne in vesele.

Imamo več članic, ki bolehaajo in že več let so resno bolne na bolniški postelji: Frances Batista, Mary Chesnik in Katy Kogovšek. Vam in vsem bolnim sestram, želim, da vam ljubi Bog olajša bolečine in vsem vrne ljubo zdravje. Še posebej želim dobrega zdravja Mrs. Albin Novak.

Vsem članicam in gl. odbornicam zdravo in blagoslovljeno leto, da bi nam prineslo mir po celem svetu.

Članice vabim, da pridete na sejo, tretjo sredo v marcu, to je dne 17. marca, 1971 v navadnih prostorih.

Pozdrav vsem,

Mary Tomsic

HI BOYS AND GIRLS!

In the Capitol rotunda of Washington, D. C. a formal unveiling of Abraham Lincoln's marble statue took place January 25, 1871. This statue, "an admirable representation of Mr. Lincoln in a mood of serious contemplation", was the work of a petite girl of 24.

Already at the age of 14 Vinnie Ream had a natural aptitude for sculpturing. Gradually under the guidance of the famous sculptor Clark Mills, whose studio was in Washington, "her genius proved itself and it wasn't long until she was doing excellent work, sculpturing busts and medallions of prominent men."

Following five months of daily half-hour observations of the President, Vinnie made a bust portrait of clay when she was 17. Soon after, Lincoln was assassinated, which act shocked Vinnie and caused her to lose all interest in her work.

But the government announced a competition for making a marble statue of the late President to be placed in the Capitol rotunda. Vinnie won the \$10,000 commission because of her talent and association with the late President.

With Abraham Lincoln's statue Vinnie had many commissions including the statue of Admiral Farragut, Horace Greeley, Peter Cooper and many others. Following her marriage to Lieutenant Richard Hoxie, she led a full and happy life, as wife, mother and artist. Her statue of Sequoyah, which the state of Oklahoma had commissioned her to do for the national Capitol, was all but finished when she laid down her tools for the last time in 1914. Dead at the age of 66 she was buried in the national cemetery at Arlington with other distinguished figures of America's past, and one of her own statues surmounts her tombstone.

Vinnie Ream's statue of Abraham Lincoln is only one example of how our country honors him. All of you, of course, have seen Lincoln pennies, stamps, and five-dollar bills. But did you now that there are many schools, colleges, parks, towns and even cities named for him? The capitol of Nebraska is Lincoln. His name stretches all the way across our country by means of the Lincoln Highway that runs from New York City to San Francisco. Illinois license plates read "Land of Lincoln". The carvings on Mount Rushmore in South Dakota include Lincoln with George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt. The most famous memorial is Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. Another well-known memorial is in the Abraham Lincoln National Park near Hodgenville, Kentucky wherein you can see the log cabin he was born in.

In his youth Abe Lincoln always wanted to learn, to know, to live, to reach out. In books he hoped to

Junior's Page

find "the answers to dark questions pushing around in the pools of his thoughts and the drifts of his mind." He read the family Bible and Aesop's fables, Pilgrim's Progress, Robinson Crusoe, The Life of George Washington and the Life of Francis Marion.

Carl Sandburg writes of Lincoln: "Book talk was a comfort against the same thing over again, day after day, so many mornings the same kind of water from the same spring, the same fried pork and corn-meal to eat, the same drizzles of rain, spring plowing, summer weeds, fall fodder-pulling, each coming every year, with the same tired feeling at the end of the day, so many days alone in the woods or the fields... because they broke the chill of the lonesome feeling."

"A comic outline against the sky he was, hiking along the roads of Spencer and other counties in southern Indiana in those years when he read all the books within a fifty-mile circuit of his home. Stretching up on the long legs that ran from his moccasins to the body frame with its long, gangling arms, covered with linsey-woolsey, then the lean neck that carried the head with its surmounting coon-skin cap or straw hat—it was, again, a comic outline—yet with a portent in its shadow. His laughing 'Howdy' his yarns and drollery, opened the doors of men's hearts . . ."

Young Abe Lincoln never forgot anything he read or heard. All through his life he could reach into his memory, which was like a grab-bag full of treasures, and pull out just the right fact or story or anecdote he needed to prove a point, or help him answer a question or cheer up the people around him.

To Lincoln teaching jokes and riddles in schools was just as important as reading, writing and arithmetic.

Lincoln told this story about the school days of Daniel Webster who grew up to be a famous orator.

"Little Daniel Webster was being punished for whispering in school. 'Daniel Webster,' said the teacher, 'hold out your hand.'

"Daniel held out his right hand. The school master lifted his ruler to give Dan's hand a whack. But the boy's hand was so dirty the teacher stopped and stared at it."

"Daniel, if you can find me another hand in this schoolroom as filthy as that, I'll let you off this time."

At once Daniel held out his left hand. 'Here it is, sir,' said Daniel respectfully. And the teacher laughed and let him off."

The best story about himself that he read in the papers and he liked was:

Two Quaker women were talking about who would win the war—President Lincoln for the for the United States, or Jefferson Davis, who was President of the Southern rebel states.

First Quaker Woman: I think Jefferson Davis will win.

Second Quaker Woman: Why does thee think so?

First Quaker Woman: Because he is a praying man.

Second Quaker Woman: Abraham Lincoln is a praying man too.

First Quaker Woman: Yes, but the Lord will think Abraham is joking.

His great thirst for knowledge, his determination, his victory over failures, his humility and his love for mankind—all of these qualities made him one of the great presidents of our country. President Lincoln bequeathed to us many meaningful quotations which are important for today. Here are a few:

Let us at all times remember that all American citizens are brothers of a common country, and should dwell together in the bonds of fraternal feeling.

I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right; but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side.

The way for a young man to rise is to improve himself in every way he can.

Resolve to be honest at all events. God must like the common people, or he would not have made so many of them.

Happy birthday, President Lincoln!

Your friend, REGINA

LINCOLN

By James Whitcomb Riley

A peaceful life;—just toil and rest—
All his desire;—

To read the books he liked the best
Beside the cabin fire—

God's word and man's; to peer
sometimes

Above the page in smoldering
gleams,

And catch, like far heroic rhymes,
The on-march of his dreams.

A peaceful life;—to hear the low
of pastured herds,

Or woodman's ax that, blow on blow,
Fell sweet as rhythmic words.

And yet there stirred within his
breast

A fateful pulse, that like a roll
Of drums, made high above his rest
A tumult in his soul.

A peaceful life! . . . They hailed
him even

As One was hailed
Whose open palms were nailed
toward Heaven

When prayers nor aught availed.
And lo, he paid the selfsame price

To lull a nation's awful strife
And will us, through the sacrifice
Of self, his peaceful life.

FRANC GORSE
% STUDIA SLOVENICA
P O BOX 232
NEW YORK N Y 10032

- PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS -

SAVE SAFELY

5 NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICES
813 East 185th St. 25000 Euclid Ave.
6235 St. Clair Ave. 6135 Wilson Mills
26000 Lake Shore Blvd.



ST. CLAIR SAVINGS

ASK FOR FREE
SAVE-BY-MAIL
KIT

Ermenc Funeral Home

5325 W. Greenfield Ave. EVergreen 3-5060
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

S. W. U. PUBLICATIONS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT:

*The only English language compilation of
stories on the Slovenian people in America:*

From Slovenia to America

*Written by S.W.U. Founder, Marie Prisland for
the enjoyment and delight of the
younger generation!*

\$4.25 including postage



Slovenian and English songbook:

LET'S SING

Sing-along songs that you love!

\$1.25 per copy postpaid



World famous cookbook:

Woman's Glory - The Kitchen

IS SOLD OUT!

Watch for news of a
NEW, REVISED EDITION IN 1971!

See your Branch secretaries for any of the above
books or write for individual copies to
S.W.U. Supreme President,

Mrs. Antonia Turek, 986 Bryn Mawr Ave.,
Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

GEREND - HABERMANN FUNERAL HOME

SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN 53081

A. GRDINA & SONS

ZA POHIŠTVO IN ZA POGREBE

Za vesele in žalostne dneve

Nad 65 let že obratujemo naše podjetje v zadovoljnost
naših ljudi. To je dokaz da je podjetje iz — naroda za
narod. V vsakem slučaju se obrnite do našega podjetja,
prihranili si boste denar in dobili stoprocento postrežbo

Podružnica: 15301-07 Waterloo Rd.

Tel. KEnmore 1-1235 Cleveland 10, Ohio

Pogrebni zavod: 1053 E. 62nd Street

Tel. HEnderson 1-2088 Cleveland 3, Ohio

17002-10 Lake Shore Blvd.

Tel. KEnmore 1-6300 Cleveland 10, Ohio

METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST Company

2201 West Cermak Road
Chicago, Illinois 60608



ZELE FUNERAL HOMES, INC.

TWO COMPLETE FUNERAL HOMES

452 East 152nd St. 6502 St. Clair Ave.
Office

481-3118 Cleveland, Ohio 361-0583

DR. FRANK T. GRILL

PHYSICIAN and SURGEON

Office 1858 W. Cermak Rd. Phone CAnal 6-4955
Chicago, Illinois 60608

WE HAVE A HOME TO FIT YOUR NEEDS!

LUDWIG A. LESKOVAR

Real Estate and Insurance

2032 W. Cermak Rd. Chicago, Ill. 60608
VI 7-6679

ZEFRAN FUNERAL HOME

1941-43 WEST CERMAK ROAD

LOUIS J. ZEFRAN
LOUIS R. ZEFRAN

ELIZABETH L. ZEFRAN
MARILYN E. ZEFRAN

Funeral Directors and Embalmers

CHICAGO, ILL. 60608

Virginia 7-6688