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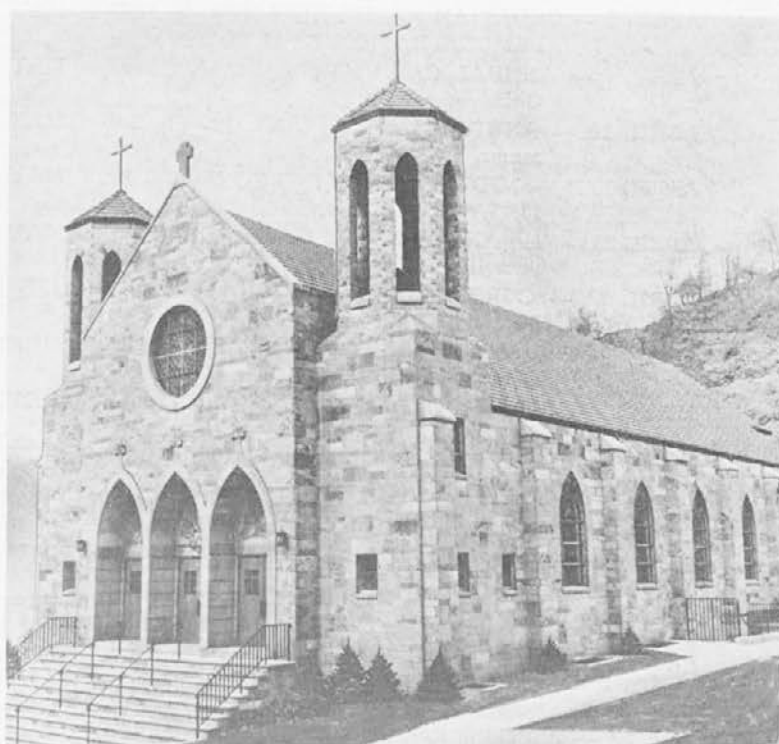
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Delegates and visitors to Pittsburgh, Pa. this May for the 17th National Tri-ennial Convention will see a city of historic importance that has combined beauty of pleasing parks with the world's most inspiring architecture. Top photo left is of Mellon Park, a high-spot of city sight-seeing. St. Mary Assumption Church, in the Slovenian community of Pittsburgh is where we will gather for the opening day services of Solemn High Mass (top right). The Main Ballroom of the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Convention Headquarters, will be as magnificent as this on the night of the Grand Banquet as localities join the SWU delegation visiting Pittsburgh. It will be a fitting place to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of S.W.U. and America's Bicentennial Year.

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DEMONSTRATION, Br. 33, Duluth, Minn.
APRIL 8 — ANNUAL CARD PARTY, Br. 55, Girard,
Ohio.
APRIL 10 — ANNIVERSARY DINNER, Br. 67, Bes-
semer, Pa.
APRIL 10-11 — MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNEY, Br.
17, West Allis, Wisc.
APRIL 25 — 40th ANNIVERSARY MASS, Br. 73, War-
rensburg Hgts., O.
APRIL 25 — CORPORATE COMMUNION, Br. 100,
Fontana, Cal.
MAY 2 — 45th ANNIVERSARY DINNER, Br. 47, Gar-
field Hgts., O.
MAY 5 — MOTHER OF YEAR PARTY, Br. 95, S.
Chicago, Ill.
MAY 6 MOTHER'S DAY DINNER, Br. 43, Milwaukee,
Wis.

MAY 9 — MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST, Br. 81,
Keewatin, Minn.
MAY 15 — COMMEMORATIVE MASS, Br. 47, Gar-
field Hgts., O.
MAY 16 — MISC. CARD PARTY, Br. 12, Milwaukee,
Wis.
MAY 18 — MOTHER-DAUGHTER LUNCHEON, Br.
54, Warren, O.
MAY 23-26 — 17TH NATIONAL TRIENNIAL CON-
VENTION, Br. 26, Pittsburgh, Pa.
JUNE 12 — FOURTH DEBUTANTE COTILLION
BALL, Cleveland, Ohio.
JUNE 13 — COMMEMORATIVE MASS & MOTHER
OF YEAR PARTY, Br. 41, Clevel., O.
JUNE 20 — BURGETTSTOWN BICENTENNIAL, Br.
59, Burgettstown, Pa.
NOV. 21 — CONCERT & DANCE, DAWN CHORAL
GROUP, Cleveland, O.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN APRIL

National Officers:

April 21 — HERMINE DICKE, Secre-
tary, SWU Scholarship Fund, Madi-
son, Wis.

April 27 — ANGELINE KARISH, State
President of Minnesota, Biwabik,
Minn.

Branch Presidents:

April 1 — Frances Korosec, Br. 59,
Burgettstown, Pa.

April 2 — Emma Planinsek, Br. 20,
Joliet, Ill.

April 8 — Theresa Thomas, Br. 19,
Eveleth, Minn.

April 13 — Jennie Samsa, Br. 38,
Chisholm, Minn.

Branch Secretaries:

April 4 — Irene Jagodnik, Br. 50,
Cleveland, Ohio

April 7 — Stella Dancull, Br. 21,
Cleveland, Ohio

April 8 — Angela Kozjan, Br. 40,
Lorain, Ohio

April 8 — Lucille Smith, Br. 71,
Strabane, Pa.

April 10 — Antoinette Lucich, Br. 31,
Gilbert, Minn.

April 14 — Mary Menart, Br. 19,
Eveleth, Minn.

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Minutes of The Annual Meeting of The Board of Directors Home Office, Chicago, Illinois, February 23, 24, 1976

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Slovenian Women's Union of America, first session convened Monday morning, Feb. 23, 1976 at the Home Office in Chicago, Illinois at 9:15 a.m. The President led the prayer. Secretary greeted and welcomed all the officers present, namely:

President, Mary Bostian, Vice-President, Marie Florian, Secretary, Fanika Humar; Treasurer, Olga Ancel; First Auditor, Anne Kompare; Second Auditor, Barbara Rosandich; Third Auditor, Marion Marolt and Editor, Corinne Leskovar.

The Executive and Auditing Committees began the audit of the ledgers kept in the S.W.U. Home Office, namely, the ledgers and other financial reports accounted by the National Secretary, also the ledgers of the National Treasurer. At the completion of these audits, the financial reports and books of the Secretary of the Scholarship Fund and Editor's Publisher's Fund were checked. The committees adjourned at 1:30 p.m. to visit the Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company where the safety deposit box was opened and bond investments and other securities examined. The lunch adjournment was from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. (Financial Report for 1975 was printed in the March, 1976 issue of ZARJA.) The committees completed all audits at approximately 5:30 p.m. at the Home office.

Cookbook-Report

The Secretary presented her report on the current standing of the cookbook project, stating that a substantial number of cookbooks was distributed during the year to the branches and for individual orders with a small number of outstanding book accounts. The Auditors then checked the cookbook ledgers for the period from April, 1975 to February, 1976 and found it all in good order. All expenses connected with the cookbook sales, such as postage and mailing costs were disbursed from the cookbook proceeds. The S.W.U. Promotional (Cookbook) Fund is a separate savings account and now includes an amount forwarded from cookbook proceeds formerly held in a Cleveland savings bank by Mrs. Antonia Turek. Cookbooks sold from the last printing supply, to this date, are still covering printing costs. From the Promotional Fund, \$4,000 was used towards ZARJA printing costs in 1975 in accordance with the decision of the Board of Directors meeting in April, 1975.

The Board reviewed the success of this project and commented that the popularity of the cookbooks is still quite high and many orders are received with most complimentary comments. The two best cookbook salesladies in 1975 were Mrs. Josephine Gostisha of Br. 7, Forest City, Pa. and Mrs. Anna Pachak, Br. 3, Pueblo, Colo. other officers who have sold 100 or more books this year are: Frances Simonich, Br. 3, Olga Ancel, Br. 20, Myrna Krizmanich, Br. 92, Arlene Wortman, Br. 63, Mary Bostian, Br. 32, Marie Prislant, Br. 1 and Mary Meadows, Br. 56. The Board extended their thanks and best wishes to these diligent workers.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 6:30 p.m.

The second session of the Annual Board meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1976. The Directors welcomed Mrs. Marie Prislant, Honorary President and Mrs. Hermine Dicke, Scholarship Fund Secretary to the meeting. Minutes of the Monday meeting were read and approved. The president called for the reading of reports.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sincere greetings and welcome to our Annual Meeting of the S.W.U. This meeting will be very important as we will have to decide on many issues for the benefit of our organization:

1.—The National Convention coming up on May 23, 1976 at Pittsburgh, Pa.

2.—Our Golden Emblem Membership Campaign.

3.—Strong leaders needed to work with and sign up young adult members and junior groups. Get good promoters for each state.

4.—Set up a goal to make our 50th anniversary an outstanding year by recognizing our former branch officers who have all these years promoted good work among all the SWU members.

Mutual ideals and sisterly understanding must govern the practices and procedures of this organization (Quote from the SWU By-Laws).

With these goals in mind, I wish you all a fine meeting and one which will solve our problems and set our path for the future.

MARY BOSTIAN.

REPORT OF HONORARY PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Dear Sisters:

Warm greetings to you all. It's a pleasure to be with you!

We have gathered today to hear the reports on last year Zveza business and to prepare a program for the national convention to be held in Pittsburgh in May.

A lot of work is awaiting us which will take serious study and deep concentration.

The national secretary reports a substantial gain of over 28 thousand dollars for the year 1975, but the report of membership is less impressive. The 139 deceased members plus those who dropped amounts to a total deficit of 354 members since the last convention. We must get more new members! I hope that the present campaign will replace some of the loss.

This will be a remarkable year. It is Zveza's Golden year and America's 200th birthday. How will we celebrate these two important events is to be discussed today.

Some time ago I suggested in ZARJA that all Slovenian organizations combine to perform a large Slovenian Bicentennial Festival either in Cleveland or Chicago where all our Jednota's and Zvezas have societies. I called for a leader to accept this challenge. Nobody responded. Without a dedicated leader nothing of consequence can be accomplished. But celebrating America's birthday we must!

The Scholarship fund is growing nicely due to our goodhearted members who continue contributing to it on many occasions. Since the Fund is getting large it will be advisable to do more for our talented students. Either we increase the sum for each scholarship or increase the number of grants.

At the convention one thing must be done. To

find a good Youth leader. The youth is our future. Unless this department is strong and is interested in Zveza's work, the organization will suffer. In ZARJA I've made a call to all Juniors to work in the present campaign. We even offered three awards for the best workers. To date I have not received any indication as to whether my words fell on stone or on fruitful ground. I hope its the latter.

Some other suggestions will be presented in due time.

With best wishes for a successful conference,

MARIE PRISLAND

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report followed. Mrs. Humar called the attention of the Board to more matters which have interfered with the work in the office and the operation of business of this organization. The Board discussed the circulation of certain letters by some members and an officer that were received by all National Officers in December and agreed that such action is not in conformity with the By-laws. The Board firmly agreed further that such letters shall not be accepted by the Board for dispensation or judgement.

The Board reviewed the main points of contention and found that the complaints were not warranted and the letters were in violation of human rights and rights of sister officers. In the interest of the continuity of business, it then gave recommendations to the local branch. The Board hoped for a cooperative effort on the part of each and every member.

Mrs. Prislant complimented the Secretary on her excellent work on Zveza's financial report and bookkeeping.

She added her hopes that new branch composed of teen-agers in the area could be formed this year in honor of Zveza's 50th Anniversary in the city where SWU was founded.

NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

As with all of us busy women, the year flew by so very swiftly since our last meeting. It is good to see each of you.

My visits to Chicago were completed as originally agreed to when accepting my office. Since I wasn't home in July and January, the business of those months became a part of the two preceeding or succeeding months. Coming to the home office helps keep one in touch with the pulse of the organization.

The two responses for the Statue of Liberty National Monument received letters of appreciation from its manager, Luis E. Garcia-Curbelo. I suggest strongly that our organization make a contribution of the Slovenian National Costumes. Awaiting for donations is a very slow process and so I believe the organization should provide the museum with the costumes, so that the Slovenians would be very definitely represented there.

Since the supply of "Zapojmos" are exhausted, my sister Millie suggested that the new books be printed complete with notes. I sincerely hope that this task, as well as new printings of the by-laws after the convention be seriously undertaken.

The financial status of Zveza is impressive, but the membership status is not impressive. The membership status to me is of greater importance. I dearly hope, since I am not so endowed, that a gimmick for drawing members into the Zveza be discovered.

I pray God bless our meeting and our convention.

OLGA ANCEL

AUDIT REPORT

National Pres. Mrs. Bostian and members of the National Board of Directors of the Slovenian Women's Union:

Greetings and best wishes to all of you present here at the Annual Board meeting and audit, called to order by the National President on February 23rd and 24th, 1976 at the home office in Chicago, Illinois.

As chairman of the auditing committee, I am happy to report that, after a comprehensive examination of all the Union's transactions, the Scholarship Fund and the Editor's account, all have been found in proper order for the year 1975.

Income from branch assessments, interest and other sources were checked, and disbursements were reviewed as to issuance of vouchers and all outstanding checks were accounted for. Bank deposits and records of our National Secretary, Mrs. Fanika Humar and National Treasurer, Mrs. Olga Ancel, were checked and verified. A general review was made of all other items on record.

On Monday, Feb. 23rd, 1976, a visit to the Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company was made by the entire Board, and a complete accounting was made of all bonds, notes, and other securities on deposit in the bank safe deposit box.

The committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation for the assistance and cooperation of our National Secretary, Mrs. Humar and National Treasurer, Mrs. Ancel, and commend them on their excellent and efficient work.

The undersigned members of the Auditing Committee hereby certify that, based on our review, the Slovenian Women's Union records for the year 1975, are correct and true.

Slovenian Women's Union Auditing Committee:

Chairman: **ANNE M. KOMPARE,**

Auditor: **BARBARA ROSANDICH,**

Auditor: **MARION M. MAROLT.**

FIRST AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorary Pres. Mrs. Prislant, National Pres. Mrs. Bostian, officers and members of the Board of Directors:

Sincere greetings to you and I am happy to see all present here well and happy.

As a member of this Board, I am submitting the following report of the activities that I participated in during the past year of 1975.

On March 2nd, I attended a Games Party sponsored by Branch No. 16 of South Chicago, and also was invited as a guest and was present at their annual Christmas party dinner on Dec. 11th.

On April 21st and 22nd I was present at the annual Board meeting, conducted the audit and fulfilled my duties as chairman of the auditing committee and participated in all discussions and decisions of the meeting.

On May 8th, I was invited by Br. 2 and attended a beautiful Slovenian Mass and festivities honoring the "Mother of the Year" Mrs. Neshka Gabor. Enjoyed a tasty supper and an interesting children's program.

July 20th, I was present at the annual Zveza Day festival in Lemont, hosted by Br. 2. Many local as well as out of town branches were represented, especially from Ohio and Pittsburgh, Pa., areas. Also present was our Nat'l Pres. Mrs. Mary Bostian. While at the festival I attended an impromptu meeting that was called by Mrs. Bostian. At this meeting also present were, Mrs. Anna Trontel, Pres. of Br. 26 of Pittsburgh, and her convention committee, also Olga Ancel, National Treas., Corinne Leskovar, Editor, and Frances Seitz of Cleveland. Discussions were mostly convention plans.

On Sept. 21st, attended the Wisconsin State Convention and celebration of Milwaukee's Br. No. 43, their 45th Anniversary and 1st Slovenian Debutante Ball. My Branch No. 95, along with Branch No. 16, both of South Chicago, attended this event with a nice representation of about 40 members. We all went to early Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church, followed by a breakfast in the church hall, then proceeded to the meeting of the Wisconsin State Convention. Later, followed a delicious dinner, an interesting program and the Debutante Ball. We all enjoyed a nice time, everything was very well planned and worked out by a very diligent committee.

On October 5th, I was present at the Illinois-Indiana State Convention hosted by Br. 16, South Chicago. Besides the regular convention proceedings, the day's events also included an impressive Mass at St. George Church, after which a fine dinner was served at a local restaurant. A good number of members were present, representing various Illinois branches, including ten members from my Br. 95.

The following day of the convention, Corinne Leskovar and I, along with two members of Br. 2, had the sad task of attending the funeral in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, of Mr. John Prislant, devoted husband of our founder, Marie Prislant.

During the year I have been constantly in touch, either by phone or correspondence, with all the members of the Board of Directors and tried to be of assistance wherever needed. I have attended all meetings of Br. 95, and participated in all its programs and events. Our meetings and social affairs are always interesting and always a good number in attendance.

For this annual meeting, I am happy to report, as Chairman of the auditing committee, that the audit of the Slov. Women's Union records for the past year of 1975 has been completed, and that a certified report has been submitted to the Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted by:

ANNE M. KOMPARE

SECOND AUDITOR'S REPORT

It has been a great pleasure to be here at the Semi-Annual Auditing for 1975. I wish to extend my best wishes and sincere greetings to the Supreme Board members and officers.

The audit has been completed, all the books have been thoroughly examined and the investments carefully checked. We have found everything to be in its usual good order.

Since the last audit, many special events have taken place in Minnesota. In September the Hibbing Branch hosted our Annual Minnesota Day. A full busload of 35, including myself, from our Branch No. 23 attended this great occasion. We were honored to have Mary Bostian our Supreme President as guest. Our State President, Angie Karish, presided at the business meeting.

Our local branch has been quite busy. We have had 2 lovely dinners, one in May and one in December. These affairs are prepared for by our officers and many volunteers. Guests are our members over 80 and those confined to the Nursing Home. They eagerly look forward to this "evening out."

We are trying real hard to enroll new members, but it has been a bit of a problem because of the uncertainty of the Reserve Mining situation here in northeastern Minnesota. Thus far, I have enrolled 8 new members in Class B. I have sent a letter to each Branch in Minnesota urging members to put forth that little bit of extra effort in trying

to bring our membership up, and have written a letter to our State President asking her to do the same.

A lady from Helena, Montana wrote to me asking for information about our organization. In turn, I have corresponded with her, giving all the details, information and encouragement that I possibly can, with the hope that a new branch can be started in Montana. I have not heard from her recently.

In conclusion, I again state, that I have enjoyed my visit with you all, and am looking forward to seeing everyone at the National Convention in Pittsburgh in May.

May you all have a safe trip home.

B. ROSANDICH.

THIRD AUDITOR'S REPORT

Greetings to all national officers gathered here for our pre-convention annual meeting.

We have examined the books and records of the national secretary, treasurer, editor of Dawn, and the scholarship fund; have also checked the records of investments kept at the bank and found everything in good order.

Br. No. 17 once again attended the SWU Bowling Tournament hosted by Br. No. 20, Joliet, Illinois with 6 teams participating. This year the event will be held in West Allis which we are anxiously looking forward to.

I had the pleasure of attending the Wisconsin State Day and Cottillion Ball, hosted by Br. No. 43 Milwaukee, members on a delightful day. The affair was well attended by the various branches of Wisconsin, Ann Kompare, national auditor and Ann Lustig, State President of Illinois-Indiana and members from Br. No. 16, and Br. No. 95 were also present.

It is very heart warming to see our younger generation getting involved in SWU affairs - Cottillion's and sports. As we all know, these youngsters will one day be the future leaders of our organization.

The campaign for membership is still in full swing, let's all try to enroll a new member.

My sincere thanks to all whose work it is to function this organization. Also thanks to our spiritual advisor, Rev. Claude Okorn for this enlightening articles. Lastly, may we convene successfully and may our conclusions meet with approval by our entire membership.

MARION M. MAROLT.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dear Board Members of the Slovenian Women's Union:

Students as well as members write that the Slovenian Women's Union is to be commended for its Scholarship Fund which continues to be well supported financially. Four \$300.00 scholarships will be awarded in 1976.

The disappointment is, however, that the number of high school seniors who apply for the scholarships is comparatively low. There are several possible suggestions for revision which will be proposed at the national convention's scholarship committee meeting.

The scholarship committee deeply appreciates the generous contributions from members and friends which makes this Scholarship program possible — \$1,011.10 was donated in 1975. The excellent investments which produced \$1,236.10 in 1975 in interest and dividends also adds greatly to the income.

Regarding POTS AND PANS AND PASTIME I

welcome your comments, suggestions and recipes. There have been a number of complimentary letters which are delightful to receive. I am anxious to please the readers of ZARJA and hope a good number of members try the recipes. To those of you who have sent me recipes I am indeed grateful.

With best wishes for a constructive and productive board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMINE DICKE

EDITOR'S REPORT

We have completed a very satisfactory year for ZARJA. The eleven issues of 1975 will testify to that. Wherever there has been activity, the attitude of co-operation and enthusiasm among our officers and members, there has been success. The Slovenian Women's Union achievements have passed in and out of ZARJA like an endless silken ribbon, carrying on the message of sisterly love and mutual cooperation like a tie on a beautiful package. Now we can flip it into a big bow on top and say: there's 1975! All done up and ready to be put into Zveza's treasure-chest of history.

On the threshold of 1976, anticipated by all of us for its dual significance as the Golden Anniversary year of Zveza and the Bicentennial year of our beloved country, two of our authors have attempted to bring us into the proper focus and appreciation of our history and the work done by our pioneers. Mrs. Marie Prislant, in her monthly Capsules column began telling us the stories of our branches as they exist throughout the U.S. In July, 1975, Mrs. Irene Odorizzi, whom we are proud to include in our staff, introduced the series THE IMMIGRANT in which we learn of the contributions of our members as they immigrated to America to begin their new lives as Americans with hearts and souls full of the Slovenian characteristics of honesty, industry and goodness. The ethnic combination has produced some of the greatest ladies our country has known, and we are meeting them each month in the pages of ZARJA.

We have many ideal women in our membership and many women of high ideals. They are courageous and strong. They have always been. We are followers of women of vision and tenacity. When we read in ZARJA about their victories and accomplishments, of the challenges that affect their lives, we are together in spirit and in purpose. This is what makes an organization such as ours strong. That is why the function and direction of ZARJA is and must always be to allow as many members as wish to do so, to contribute their commentary in writing. Without a doubt, we have some of the best columnists and writers contributing their thoughts and research and spiritual views for the edification of the members. I wish to thank them all and compliment them for the good service they are providing for the members and families.

It is most gratifying to hear members tell that they never discard a copy of ZARJA. They keep ZARJA as they would a favorite possession. In looking over the issues of the past, they renew their enthusiasm and remembrances. I have done this many times. I do believe that 1975 had special significance however, especially the May issue, which was unusually large, 36 pages, and full of the lively doings of our members and branches. Fifty-two mothers and chosen members

were honored then, and in their stories we witnessed the character of our truly fulfilled women.

Through the year of 1975 activities abounded within the active branches. The S.W.U. Scholarship fund was a prime interest as was the collection of funds for needy Slovenian students living in Austria. The Zveza Days of our states were reported as highly successful gatherings which, as mini-conventions, give the members a valuable opportunity to meet and discuss current problems. The newest youth program of having Debutante Cotillions wherever there are the larger junior memberships, was continued in two major Balls taking place, one in Cleveland and another in Milwaukee. The Holy Year Pilgrimage to Lemont, Ill., the Midwest Bowling Tournament and Ohio Bazaar were public manifestations to the unity of our members. We also participated in the Baraga Day observance in Cleveland with ZARJA bringing news of this event and encouragement in various ways, to membership support of the Cause of Bishop Baraga our great Slovenian American Missionary Bishop.

One of our members in Chicago, Emilija Razman Bucik has given us the benefit of her talent by willingly contributing her art work for numerous issues.

Zveza's Bicentennial activities will be discussed at this meeting. ZARJA will be proud to cooperate with all the branches in publicizing their various programs.

Pittsburgh will be our 17th National Convention site. We urge our members to participate in all its activities and features. Let's all go to Pittsburgh with the idea of solidifying our commitment to the goals for which this organization was founded, which are today as meaningful as ever. Let us be there, when it counts, to show our support for the organization that has worked for 50 years to give us an enrichment of cultural and inherited blessings.

With this thought, I conclude my report as Editor of ZARJA. I have done my utmost to be worthy of your trust and confidence which I appreciate very much and hope you will continue to offer me with the love and affection of our many years together.

PUBLISHER'S FUND RECAPITULATION FOR 1975

BALANCE, 12-31-74		87.85
INCOME:		
Advertising	1,206.50	
Memorials	60.00	
Donations for Cuts	181.50	
Subscriptions	45.00	
Mother's Issue Donations	22.00	
Extra Income	7.00	\$1,552.00
Total		\$1,609.85
EXPENSES:		
Artwork, Photos, Film	83.49	
Office Supplies	96.96	
Postage	62.00	
Changes of Address-Post Office	25.50	
Telegram & Telephone	11.24	
Adv. Commission	15.00	
Printing of forms	18.25	
Bowling Team Sponsorship	20.00	\$ 332.43
BALANCE, 12-31-75		\$1,227.42

CORINNE LESKOVAR

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NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Honorary President, Mrs. Marie Prislund, National President, Mrs. Mary Bostian, and members of the National Board of Directors of the S.W.U.

My sincerest and warm greetings and best wishes are extended to all of you present here. In this Bicentennial year and our 50th year of the organization we should be thankful that we have come a long way so successfully thru the leadership of the officers and members who made S.W.U. an organization they can be proud of.

I sincerely hope that this meeting will be successful in all of the discussions and plans as this is the convention year when very important topics and business matters will be coming up.

As to my activities for the past year, Br. No. 17 with a chartered bus and myself, participated in the 39th. Annual Mid-West Bowling Tournament at Joliet, Ill., which was hosted by Br. No. 20, and again it turned out to be successful. From reports this sport is still the major activity throughout the nation. In April, 1976, our Branch No. 17 will host the tournament at Kuglitsch's.

I also attended the Wisconsin State Convention and Cotillon Ball of Br. No. 43 Milwaukee on Sept. 21, 1975, which had a large attendance of members. The following branches were represented: Br. No. 1, Sheboygan, Br. No. 12 Milwaukee, Br. No. 17 West Allis, Br. No. 43 Milwaukee, hostess, and Br. No. 102 Willard.

Br. No. 16 and 95 with Ann Lustig, Illinois-Indiana State President and Ann Kompars, National Auditor and members arrived by bus to attend the meeting and help celebrate the 1st. Wisconsin Cotillion Ball with Br. No. 43 debutantes participating. Congratulations and best wishes to Rose Kraemer, State President and Br. No. 43 for a marvelous job well done. Here at these functions and gatherings it shows that fraternalism and interest is deeply shown by the large group attendance.

Am very proud that one of our younger members, Debra Marie Zeman was one of the 1975 scholarship winners. Congratulations to her and to all the winners.

The Woman's Glory Cook Book is still on the best sellers list. It sells by itself!

I attend all the meetings of our branch and they are fairly well attended and it is a pleasure to be an officer as there is very good co-operation between the officers and members, and I am proud to be part of them.

Words cannot express the sadness in our hearts when we heard of the death of Mr. John Prislund, beloved husband of our Foundress and Honorary President, Mrs. Marie Prislund. He will be sadly missed by his family and by S.W.U. members, as those who knew him, he was a true and loyal friend. My deepest sympathy to Mrs. M. Prislund and the family. May he rest in peace.

Sincere compliments to all the national officers for their monthly articles, and their hard work in performing their duties throughout the year. Thank you each and every one of you. Best wishes for a successful session.

God Bless You. Thank you **MARIE A. FLORYAN.**

All reports were accepted as read.

The following reports were received by mail.

STATE PRESIDENT OF ILL.-IND.

Sincere Greetings to the Members of the Board and may your meeting have special meaning in this Bicentennial year with plans for strengthening our Slovenian Women's Union in the future.

My accomplishments for the past year were as follows:

I was the Chairlady for our Card Party held in March.

I attended the dinner honoring our Mother-of-the-Year at the Jovial Inn in June.

In July I attended the Zveza Day in Lemont with a group from my Branch.

In September I chartered a bus and a group of us attended the 15th Annual Wisconsin State Convention.

In October our Branch 16 hosted the 16th Annual Illinois-Indiana State Convention with a high Mass at 11:30 followed by a dinner.

In November I attended the final meeting of Branch No. 72 and assisted them in effecting the transfer to our Branch No. 16.

The activities for the year ended with our adult Christmas Party held on our regular meeting night at the Crow Bar Restaurant. I welcomed each member and guest to the Party as Miss Holly.

Wishing you a successful meeting from Branch No. 16.

ANN LUSTIG

The Secretary read a statement from the State President of Ill.-Ind. with her decision to conclude her term of office at the next convention. Accepted with regret.

STATE PRESIDENT OF WISCONSIN

Sincere Congratulations on your Board Meeting:

May this board meeting present some goodly strength and knowledge gained for our Slovenian Women's Union.

My activities for 1975 proved very fruitful. I attended the Lemont Zveza Day, and brought along a bus-load of ladies. In September Br. No. 43 celebrated their 45th Anniversary, Wisconsin State Convention and the First Wisconsin Slovenian Debutante presentation. My greatest ambition was to promote this cotillion, in which seven lovely young ladies participated, and proved to be very successful. Now, my wishes, that it will continue, giving young members an opportunity to step forward. I am trying to promote youth bowling I also attended card parties, given by branches, where I was able to.

As I am writing, a painful thought enters my mind, the need of new members. The future of our organization is in the hands of our present members. Why? Each present member should bring in a prospect. Don't just rely on one individual.

Compliments are due to Rev. Claude Okorn, for his spiritual write-tips. Honorary President and Founder Marie Prislund for her "Capsules" and Scholarship, Hermine Dicke for her recipes, the Supreme President Mary Bostian, for her encouraging articles, viewpoints, her love for others, giving suggestions, and drilling on membership, Supreme Vice President Marie Floryan for her reports and last but not least, the Zarja, it is superb, Corinne has done a fabulous job ever since she started. This ends my report.

ROSE KRAEMER

STATE PRESIDENT OF CAL.-WASH.-ORE.

Sincere best wishes for a successful 1976 Board of Director's Meeting, also to our Founder Marie Prisland and Rev. Claude Okorn. To National President Mary Bostian we appreciate your interest in our Branch No. 13 and to keep us posted on all events.

We enrolled 15 new members and thru death we lost four. We had many activities and this is my report for three years. Our "Zveza" days, Mother of the year, Pot Luck dinners, etc., and trips to the gambling city "Reno".

Received correspondence from the three States I represent, Portland, Oregon Branch No. 45, Enumclaw, Wash. Branch No. 79, and Fontana, Cal. Branch No. 100 all reporting they are doing fine.

God Bless each and every one, from officer's and member's of Branch No. 13.

ROSE SCOFF, State Pres.

STATE PRESIDENT OF OHIO

National President, Mary Bostian and members of the Board of Directors of the Slovenian Women's Union.

A very warm greeting to all of you; my sincere wishes for great success in all discussions for 1976.

My third report as serving for Ohio-Michigan State President, I am happy and pleased to say it was a wonderful and rewarding experience.

Presiding at our Combined Branches meetings is always great. Branches attending are 10, 14, 15, 21, 25, 32, 41, 47 and 50. Many ideas are shared and our National President, Mary Bostian has been a big help to all of us with her ideas and reports.

April 20th I was able to visit Br. 40 in Lorain, Ohio when they celebrated their 45th Anniversary which was a beautiful affair. I represented our National President, Mary Bostian who was in Chicago attending the National Board meeting.

May 25th we held our State Convention with Br. 42 who was celebrating their 45th Anniversary. Our Convention was a big success, almost all branches participated; it was wonderful meeting at the Slovenian Home in Garfield Hgts. The hospitality of Br. 42 was wonderful — they have wonderful ladies. Many thanks to officers and committees for all the help.

September was a big month in Cleveland. Our Bazaar of the Combined Branches was on the 21st at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave. Our baking demonstration by Julie Zak of Br. 32, our children's program by Frances Seitz, ladies' dressmaking by Bea Tomc, hat parade by yours truly, and help by Ann Hovevar Trcek was beautiful. We had over 400 people attending. Our ladies have such good talent, especially in the baking department. Our thanks to all the ladies who helped, officers of Combined Branches and especially to our National President, Mary Bostian who did so much for all of us.

Baraga Day held Sept. 28th was a first for the Slovenian Women's Union as so many groups participated, Baton Twirlers, Dawn Choral Group, Br. 50 Cadets and ladies from all branches in Slovenian costumes.

In November, the Dawn Choral Group held their concert which was a big success. May hat goes to these ladies and their beautiful voices.

Branch 41 celebrated their 45th anniversary on Dec. 5th, at the Celebrity Room with almost 100 ladies from all branches. Many thanks to secretary, Jane Kaplan and

Rose Pujzdar, president, who are doing such a grand job of keeping this branch together.

Frances Seitz had a Christmas Party for all youngsters of the Combined Branches at St. Clair Ave. Recreation Center with the help of Mary Bostian.

Our thanks go to ZARJA, our magazine, and all the writers and to Corinne Leskovar for putting it all together for us to read and enjoy.

Once again, many thanks to our hard working National President, Mary Bostian, for being such a good president for the past three years.

My best wishes — may God bless you all.

SOPHIE MAGAYNA.

STATE PRESIDENT OF PENNA-N.Y.

Best wishes and health to all the National Board officers and members at this meeting.

Penna State has had a very constructive three years and it has been a pleasure being State President. In 1973 we had our State Convention in Bessemer, Br. 67. In 1974 the Convention was held in Universal, Br. 96 and in 1975, Meadowlands, Br. 106. Every one was well-attended and discussions were very beneficial to the Zveza. President, Mary Bostian, attended the Conventions and her suggestions and speeches were appreciated and very helpful.

Our home branch, No. 26 has had a busy schedule for 1975. We had three bus trips and the first was to the State Convention, second to Lemont, Illinois and the third to Cleveland for Baraga Day. Everyone had a very enjoyable time and very well-attended. It also promoted our membership. Our only sad note is that we lost two loyal members in 1975.

As we all know, Pittsburgh, Br. 26 is host to the National Convention to be held at the Hilton Hotel on May 23 thru 26, 1976. We will try our utmost to please you and want all to enjoy our beautiful city of Pittsburgh!

Our campaign for new members is now in progress and we are trying our best to promote many new members. Many thanks to Mrs. Prisland for her good work and suggestions all these years as the S.W.U. approaches the Golden Anniversary.

Thanks to our Editor, Corinne, for the enjoyable ZARJA and we wish she will work for us for many years.

I want to thank all the branches who worked with me as Penna and N.Y. State President and now that I am leaving my position, I want to wish all the success and good luck to our new State President, Lucille Smith.

ANNA TRONTEL.

STATE PRESIDENT OF COLO.

National President, Mary Bostian, National officers and members of the Board.

My report for the year 1975. First I will report about the 1975 State Convention which was held Sept. 21st, hosted by Br. 3.

We had a very successful convention, the largest group since I held office as State President. Members from branches 3, 63 and 92 attended. I presided at the Convention meeting. Delegates' reports were read. Congratulatory messages were read. All messages were read. In the January ZARJA it was not reported that the National President's message was read. I want to clarify this. President, Mary Bostian did send a message and I did read it. We were sorry she could not attend. Thanks to all who sent us messages; they were well received.

We discussed our Junior members, about getting something going for the Jr. members to get them involved, the Golden Emblem Campaign, getting new members, Scholarship fund and etc.

Our membership count as of December, 1975 is Adults 261; Juniors 117, two new adult members and 4 new junior members and two junior transfers to adult classes, one each to A and B; and we had two deceased members in 1975. Our meeting date has been changed and we now meet the first Wednesday of the month, time 12:30 at St. Mary's church hall.

As of July, I will no longer be in office. I hope that you will continue and be helpful to the new State President.

Last but not least, I want to thank Mary Bostian for all the help I received from her. She helped me in so many ways. I felt so confident because when I needed advice, I wrote to her and soon I received a letter answering my questions. It is so nice to know that you can depend on some one. So, Mary, thank you again.

At this writing, I want to thank the members of all the branches that I worked with, as State President for their help, cooperation and friendship. It was a pleasure to work with each and everyone.

To the National Officers and Board Members, wishing you all the best in 1976 with health and God's blessings. Sincerely,

OLGA MESOJEDEC.

The Board thoroughly reviewed the SWU By-laws on the recommendation of Mrs. Prislant.

Delegate Quotas

In the past few months the Secretary's mail and articles written in ZARJA show that some of the smaller branches with less than 100 members are dissatisfied to be consolidated with other branches for one group delegate for every 200 members. The consolidated procedure, although adopted for many years in the interest of economy, seems to be discriminatory against the smaller groups. The Secretary proposed, therefore, that the number of consolidation be changed to 100 for one delegate. Mrs. Kompare further proposed that the number of members needed for one non-consolidated delegate be also change to a lesser figure. Consequently, the Board agreed that in the interest of expansion of activity in the organization, the Convention By-law committee entertain the recommendation to reconstruct the delegate membership quotas for future conventions. Implementation of this proposal would give the Union more delegates for the 1979 convention and would satisfy the smaller branches by giving them fairer representation.

This proposal was then incorporated with a number of others proposed at the meeting.

An up-to-date copy of the S.W.U. By-laws with all changes adopted since the last printing of the By-law books will be transcribed by the Editor and checked by the Executive Committee in preparation for the convention.

Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship Fund Secretary proposed the scholarship grants for 1977 be increased somewhat due to the good financial standing of the Scholarship Fund. Outstanding number of contributions in 1975 were sent in by members and the Board hoped that this activity would continue. The grant increases will be proposed to the Convention for approval.

The Scholarship Fund Secretary explained the procedure for the issuance of grants to students and some changes in the application form were made by the Directors. New forms will be made incorporating these revisions. (Financial Report of Scholarship Fund was published in February, 1975 ZARJA).

As columnist for the homemaking column in ZARJA, Mrs. Dicke announced that typical Slovenian dishes will be featured in "Pots, Pans and Pasttime" beginning in March in observance of the Bicentennial.

Convention Committee Chairmen

To give sufficient time to Convention Committee chairmen to prepare the convention material, the president named the following chairmen and their committees: By-law Committee, C. Leskovar; Salaries & Per Diem Committee, A. Kompare; Resolutions & Credentials, O. Ancel; Promotion & Publications, F. Humar; Nominations Committee, M. Floryan; Scholarship Committee, H. Dicke; Appeals Committee, B. Rosandich; Youth Committee, M. Marolt, and Sports Committee, Lil Putzell.

Youth Director

That Zveza might in the future develop better youth activity among all junior circles, a qualified youth director it was agreed, is needed. The Board read the correspondence from Mrs. Frances Seitz of Cleveland, Ohio, former officer and youth director with suggestions that shall be considered at the convention. Because she has done so much for the youth of the Cleveland area, the Board nominated her for this position on the approval of the convention.

Review of Salaries

Chairman of the Salaries Committee, Mrs. Kompare, reviewed existing salaries and administrative costs, asking each officer present for her indication as to approval of present salaries or any requests for increases. Also reviewed were Convention awards and per diems.

50 Anniversary & Bicentennial Observances

The Board discussed several suggestions for SWU observance of our 50th anniversary that takes place in the American Bicentennial year of 1976. Mrs. Prislant proposed a reprint of the English-Slovenian Dictionary of Dr. Frank J. Kern for which she has received his authorization.

Other proposals included the reprinting of the Prislant book, "From Slovenia to America" and the songbook, "Let's Sing". The Secretary is to see what prices for printing costs are now being asked by printing concerns. The reprint of any of these books would be a very appropriate way to observe the historic anniversaries of 1976, since all these books are now off the market. It is hoped that such a sales promotion will be found feasible for 1976.

Mrs. Dicke proposed a special Ritual in commemoration of the anniversaries to be performed at the National Convention and subsequently, at all SWU State Conventions thru the year. The Board was in agreement with this suggestion and asked her to formulate such a Ritual and present it to the hostess committee of Br. 26, Pittsburgh as soon as possible.

Resolution from Br. 38

The following resolution from Br. 38, Chisholm, Minnesota was read as follows:

"Be it resolved that when a member reaches the age of 75 years, she is not required to pay any more dues."

The Directors noted that this rule is already in effect since 1964. All members of the age of 75 or over are free of payment for their burial insurance, only paying a small monthly stipend into the treasury for the expenses of the organization.

They further noted that in spite of a good gain in the expense fund last year, the percentage of allowable expenses in ratio to income is still over the limits set by the Illinois Insurance Department and that is the reason assessments must be maintained for all members.

The Resolution will be forwarded to the Convention Resolutions committee.

The Directors discussed the forthcoming National Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, Penna. May 23-26, 1976.

The local committee of Br. 26, Pittsburgh, sent information as to the schedule of events and accommodations available. The Convention site is to be the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh. The dates are from Sunday, May 23rd thru Wednesday, May 26, 1976. Arrival of delegates and visitors will be Saturday, May 22, 1976. Hostess committee has arranged for registration of delegates and visitors, for their housing and food at the Hotel and opening ceremonies at the local Slovenian parish of St. Mary's Assumption Church in Pittsburgh.

The Convention program will officially begin on Sunday, May 23rd with Holy Mass at 11 a.m. followed by Brunch at the church hall and a Grand Banquet that evening at the Hotel. It was hoped that performers from the Cleveland area will attend the convention banquet, namely, the junior Baton Twirlers, "Dawn" Singers and Marie Prisland Cadets. The Board is urging delegates and guests to bring whatever items of clothing or articles that will point up the 50th anniversary aspects of the convention, also handwork for the traditional exhibit and sales.

A special room for handwork exhibit will be arranged at the Hotel.

Group leaders for travel to the Convention city are urged to contact the hostess committee to enable them to make sightseeing arrangements for the visitors.

Convention meeting will commence Monday morning, May 24, 1976 at 9 a.m. at the Hotel and continue each day, thru Wednesday, May 26th, 1976, until the business of the convention is completed. So that the delegates may have a daily transcription of the Minutes, the president appointed the Editor as Convention Recording Secretary.

Luncheons at the Hotel will be made available and the total cost for these luncheons also the Sunday Brunch and Banquet and Tuesday evening dinner will be \$50 per person. Further details will be sent for publication in ZARJA.

Convention Tickets

The Secretary announced that all branches received convention tickets in January. The Union's total cost for this project is estimated at \$1,000 that includes prizes, printing and mailing expenses. All proceeds are to be kept by the branches to be used for compensating their delegates for the expenses of hotel and food during their stay at the convention. Transportation costs for delegates is compensated by the Union's general treasury.

Correspondence & Miscellaneous

Greetings were received from the Hon. State President, Anna Pachak of Pueblo, Colo. The Directors signed cards of greetings to be sent to several past officers and loyal members of Zveza who were ill.

Two letters from cultural and charity fund organizations asking the Union for support in their various activities were read and placed on file.

The Editor was authorized to purchase a new typewriter from the monies in the Publisher's Fund.

The Board agreed to the dispensation of the reading of reports received by mail. They are, however, to be published in the official Minutes of this meeting as they were presented. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with prayer.

MARY BOSTIAN, President
CORINNE LESKOVAR, Rec. Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My goodness, here it is the month of April. Just one more month to make plans to attend our 17th National Convention which is scheduled to start May 23, 1976 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Be sure to read the April issue to get more facts about this important convention. Big celebrations will be going on at this convention because the S.W.U. will also celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

A reminder to all the State Presidents to get in touch with all the branches in her jurisdiction. They should be sure to send in their reports on what they expect the S.W.U. organization should do, and also if they have any protests to report. This should all be sent to their respective State President so that she can condense the articles which she will have to read from the floor. This will eliminate too much time given to each delegate. But the delegates will have the right to question and discuss anything that is brought up at the convention.

It would be so nice to present our wonderful organization with a big bouquet of members between the ages of 25 to 40 to our leader and organizer, Mrs. Marie Prisland. Each branch should really present her with this wonderful bouquet. Please try — work hard and it will work.

Bring in articles that were made by our members to sell; proceeds to swell up our scholarship fund. Hope our high school seniors are going to try for a S.W.U. Scholarship. Write to Hermine Dicke, 3717 Council Crest, Madison, Wisc. 53711, for an application.

As for our junior members — are you all trying to get new members to join S.W.U.? Remember Mrs. Marie Prisland is going to give three cash awards; first—\$30.00; second—\$20.00; third—\$10.00. Are you going to be a winner?

Congratulations to Irene Odorizzi on her columns "The Immigrant". They really are great. My husband eagerly waits for our magazine. The reason is the "Immigrant", "Oh, Ta Svet" and the "Capsules". Be sure to save your February "Dawn" magazine. The Capsules report "This Can't Go On" is an honest writeup on what is going on in our government.

Pots & Pans had 2 very good recipes in the February Zarja; Julia Zak's donation of her wonderful French pastry which she demonstrates to all our Cleveland organizations, and also my recipe. Try my fruit squares. It's a good desert for meeting night refreshments and easy to make.

After the Convention, the Fourth Cleveland Collation Ball will be held June 12, 1976, at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave., Cleveland. It's not too late to sign up to be a Debutante. Call Frances Sietz — 261-2856, if you are interested. She will give you all the information about this lovely affair, which is held every other year.

Let's hope we will have at least one debutante from 10 of our Cleveland branches — one from each branch — and also from our outskirts of Cleveland, Lorain, Fairport Harbor, Barberton, Warren, and Girard.

We are having a hard time to interest young people to join S.W.U. Why? All we are asking is to please try to join the S.W.U. You may love it.

Get well wishes to all our ailing members. Happy Birthday to all April celebrants. Happy Anniversaries to all our branches celebrating this month.

MARY BOSTIAN

panied by his mother, Janet Maurin.

Our condolences to Mrs. Mary Healey, nee Zore, Chicago, Ill. upon the loss of her dear husband.

We welcome three new members into our branch namely: Jennie Baboshek, Carol Beck and Dorothy Planinshek.

A Happy Easter to each one of you.

MARGARET FISCHER
Secretary.

No. 6, BARBERTON, OHIO

Due to very bad weather, we had our January meeting postponed until Feb. 8th. Had a snack afterward and enjoyed it. The talk that evening was on many subjects and was very interesting.

Mr. & Mrs. John Ujic observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary in their home with only the immediate family.

Our sympathy to Frances Zupec (Battary) in the loss of her sister, Rosa Magura and sympathy to her family also.

If the ladies wish, our branch could have a bus to go to Pittsburgh for the Convention. Let us know at our next meeting or call Jeanette Killoran or Mitzi Swaggard.

The next meeting will be April 11th at 2 o'clock at the Slovene Center in Barberton, Ohio. Dues may be sent to Mary (Mitzi) Swaggard, Secretary, 566 Wooster Rd., N. Barberton, 44203, phone 745-7501.

See you at the meeting. God bless you all.

MITZI.

No. 7, FOREST CITY, PA.

We elected Winifred Kameen as Mother of the Year, Josephine Gostisha, Sec'y-Treas. is to be Delegate to the Convention and Pres. Mary Kameen is Alternate. We also elected all the old officers as follows: Pres. Mary Kameen, Vice-Pres. Jennie Kalcic, Sec'y-Treas. Josephine Gostisha and Auditors Mary Kotar, Mary Kameen. I wish to thank all members for the donations towards the expenses.

We have two members in the nursing homes. They are Fannie Kavsek and Jennie Terchek. Mrs. Terchek had her leg amputated and is doing well after the operation. She is 90 years old. We wish them both well.

I am proud that I am selling so many cookbooks. Since last year to March 1976 I sold 360 books. Am still getting orders. I only wish I could do as well in getting new members; (Good work, Josephine! Congratulations on being one of our top sellers!)

Am wishing all my members and all members of Zveza a very Happy, Healthy Easter and to all the Officers as well. God bless you all.

JOSEPHINE GOSTISHA

APRIL 15 — DEADLINE FOR 1976 SCHOLARSHIPS

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: At this late date you can request application information if you do so immediately. Please write to: Hermine Dicke, 3717 Council Crest, Madison, Wis., 53711. A transcript of high school grades will be required besides letters of recommendation from your Branch president or secretary and from your principal or advisor. All the necessary information must be mailed to me by April 15th.

You are eligible for a scholarship if you are a graduating high school senior contemplating college this fall and are a member of the Slovenian Women's Union for at least three years.

Best wishes,
HERMINE DICKE, Sec.
Scholarship Com., S.W.U.



COTILLION PLANNING COMMITTEE, Former Debs, Kathy Wallace and Sue Urnkar (second and fourth from left) with chairman, Fran Seitz, left, Ann Marie Bencar, center and Sophie Magayna, State President of Ohio right. Cleveland Branches 10, 32, 47 and 50 are represented here.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE BALL?

Well, here we are, really starting to get busy for the next Cotillion Ball. We have a big committee anxious to begin, but we need more Debutantes.

We are giving our members an extended time to let us know if they are interested in being a Debutante and then later, to start participating in our SWU Junior League Branch. You have time till April 15th for entering your name as a Deb.

So, come on parents, let the SWU present your daughter. You'll never be sorry. An event like this brings a father and daughter closer together, so do it now, before it is too late.

Call or write.

We are looking for all the branches to have at least one Debutante in the Cotillion June 12th. Think it over and sign in your daughter or friend to be an SWU Debutante. The Ball takes place at the St. Clair Slovenian National Home, Saturday evening, June 12th, 1976 with a dinner and dancing following the Presentations.

FRANCES SEITZ,
308 Richmond Road
Richmond Hgts., Ohio Tel. 261-2856.

ACTIVITIES

No. 1, SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

At the February meeting Anne Modez was elected as a delegate to the National Convention.

The secretary and treasurer's books were approved by the auditing committee.

A six month's report was read by the secretary.

An appeal was read from the Cause of Bishop Baraga and a motion was made to send a donation.

Discussions were held for the ap-

proaching Junior Department bowling party, in charge of Anne Modez.

Our branch participated in the Ethnic International Festival honoring America's 200th Birthday held in the Holy Name Auditorium. The display of artwork and Slovenian bakery was much admired. The officers thank all you kind ladies for your brakery, your services and also thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brulla for handling the "pink tea".

Accordian music was enjoyed by Olga Saye and a special presentation of yodeling by Paul Maurin accom-

AMERICA'S "VOICE" RESOUNDING BACK TO SLOVENIA

Voice of America broadcasts to Slovenia are back on the air! 13 months after being rescinded for budgetary reasons, the US Information Agency received their directive, by an act of the Congress of the United States, that the Slovenian airtime be reinstated. On Feb. 29th, 1976 the broadcasts, of the same duration but at a better time period, resumed their beam across the ocean from Washington to Slovenia.

This could not and would not have happened had not the Slovenian community responded as it did. And, it would not have succeeded if we did not have Slovenian men of the caliber of Senator Frank J. Lausche, Kansas Congressman Joe Skubitz and Professor at Georgetown University, Cyril A. Zebot who led a concentrated effort for the reinstatement by personally appearing before Senate and House Committees of the Congress itself which directly approved the funding of the Slovenian broadcasts for the future. *živeli!*

The Slovenian Women's Union Founder, Marie Prislant, the Editor of *Zarja*, individual branches such as Br. 20, Joliet, Ill. and others in the midwest such as Ludwig A. Leskovar, President of the Slovenian American Radio Club and Edward J. Kucic, President of the American Slovenian Catholic Union, were among those who made appeals — from the White House on down — and especially directed them to our representatives in Washington.

Our sincere gratitude to Senators Charles Percy and Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, Senators Gaylord Nelson and William Proxmire of Wisconsin, Congressmen Frank Annunzio, Cardiss Collins, Edward J. Derwinski, Dan Rostenkowski (Chicago, Ill. districts) and George M. O'Brien (Joliet, Ill. district) and all who participated in the great undertaking.

The next challenge, to renew our combined efforts for the establishment of a United States Consular presence in Ljubljana that will supplement the good work of the US Information Library and the Voice of America.

EDITOR

(More in Slovenian section, page 31).

No. 10, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Greetings from Br. 10 to all of members throughout the United States! This year, we will be having a busy one in Cleveland and Euclid. In May, our National Convention will take place in Pittsburgh. The delegates voted as representatives of our branch, two members, namely Vice-President and Auditor, Frances Zagar and yours truly, Secretary. We will let you know all about the Convention.

In the month of June, we will be having another Cotillion Ball. All girls ages 16 thru 23 years are eligible to be Debutantes. This event is sponsored by the Combined Branches of Cleveland and Euclid and open to members of all area branches. So, ladies, if you have daughters, or granddaughters in your families, please sign them up to represent Br. 10. Let me know. It will be June 12th.

Our Mother of the Year was selected at the January meeting and she is Frances Zagar. We will be celebrating this event at the meeting in May and for all our mothers there will be a Holy Mass said at St. Mary's Church in Collinwood. Will let you know the date later.

At our January meeting, we honored all our deceased members of 1975. We lost eight members and lit candles for each one and as her name was called by our president, Ann Markovich, the candles were blown out. At the end we said a lovely prayer for all our departed members.

In the month of January, 1976, we

lost Frances Bradach, and in February, Mary Martini, both long-time members. Our condolences to both families in the loss of their mothers. May they rest in peace.

Happy birthday to Jennie Koren who will be 92 years young! For years, Mrs. Koren has been active, never missing a meeting. At present she makes her home at the Slovenian Home for the Aged on Neff Road. The members all send her love and best wishes for good health.

Many thanks to all our wonderful ladies who so generously donated to our treasury. May God bless you and keep you in the best of health.

Prayers to all of you who are sick or in the hospitals. Above all, we ask for God's blessings throughout the year of 1976.

SOPHIE MAGAYNA,
Reporter.

No. 12, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Our February meeting was well-attended and it helped make a more interesting meeting.

We started with a prayer and added another for Mrs. Novak who is still in a coma, so please remember her and her family whenever you say your prayers. She has been a very active and generous member and we can't help miss her presence as well as Christine Bojance and her mother, Mrs. Pipan who was too tired from trying to help Chris's husband who is recuperating at home while Christine herself is in the hospital. At the same time her daughter presented

them with a new granddaughter. So, along with the sad news, we also had some joyous bit, which is really what life is all about. Do hope the good Lord helps to ease the pain, sorrow and hardship for all concerned.

It's good to have most everyone so good about paying their dues. Hope the rest keep up the good beginning in 1976.

The Convention was discussed and we were advised that Rose Kraemer is getting a bus lined up for transportation so watch for further details and get in touch with your officers for your reservations in plenty of time. Mrs. Plesko was picked as our delegate with Mary Dezman as Alternate. Remember, we do have tickets for cash prizes to help pay the delegate's expenses.

The Card Party date was set for May 16th. It is to be held at Rebernik's and will be a miscellaneous one. Several prizes were promised as well as bakery for the occasion and prize money to buy 6 paks. If anyone wants to donate, they are welcome to do so. Tickets are now on sale!

It was also decided to take out an ad for the Convention book and if anyone wishes to be an individual donor as a patron at \$2, contact me very soon, so it can be taken care of.

The Sunshine Chairman reported on the latest sick members or nursing home confinements. Please contact Mary Evanich, 671-1332, whenever you have a member to report and also visit these members whenever you are near one of the Homes. They

are so glad to see you even if it's just for a short visit.

Theresa Gmeiner was winner of the attendance prize and Stavia Dobersek again donated a couple of door prizes which were given off.

We ended with prayer again and then sang Happy Birthday to Mrs. A. Medved and to Olga Fredericks and Gertrude Schunk who donated the cakes for our luncheon. It's good to have such generous girls to share their birthdays with us and keep our "fund" from depletion.

Our usual games were played and Agnes Morrow brought a cigar box full of chips to make it more enjoyable. See what you're missing when you don't join in? Let's have more good turnouts! God bless you all!

MARY DEZMAN.

No. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

The main topic of discussion at our March meeting was our Mother-of-the-Year Brunch. The date is set for May 2. We will begin this special occasion with 9:30 a.m. Mass at the Church of the Nativity and will then continue on to our Brunch honoring Mrs. Anna Fabian. The location for the Brunch has not yet been decided. The Chairman for the Mother's Day Brunch is Mrs. Helen Sustarich. If you have any questions regarding this special day, kindly call Helen at 282-4389.

State President Rose Scoff will represent our branch at the Pittsburgh Convention in May and we could all be of help to Rose by donating a handmade gift. It would serve our branch well to have our specialties displayed at the Convention.

President Josephine Aiuto stated her pleasure with the marvelous attendance at our meetings. More junior members are attending the meetings; it is very important to have them present as it helps to keep up the spirit of the lodge. Let's keep up the good work — Involvement is the key word.

At the close of the meeting our Social followed. We celebrated Olga Kambic and Anna Stich's birthday with two lovely cakes that were brought by my mom, Ana Kambick and Katica Pecavar. We also send birthday greetings to all those members who celebrated birthdays in the month of March.

Our next meeting will be held the first Thursday of April at which time we will complete our plans for the Mother's Day Brunch. See you then!

JACQUELINE LOWE,
Reporter.

WEST ALLIS AWAITS THE BOWLERS!

No. 17, WEST ALLIS, WIS.

As you all know, No. 17 will be the hostess branch for the Midwest Bowling Tournament to be held on April 10-11, 1976 at Kuglitsch's Lanes, 4401 W. Greenfield Ave., in West Milwaukee. The Welcome Mat is extended not only to the S.W.U. Bowlers but also to the visitors and friends. We hope to see many of our members and friends present, and also to renew our acquaintances with old and new friends. Come one — come all — to the bowling tournament and to all the bowlers — Good Luck!

Our February meeting had a fair attendance and the Welcome Mat is extended to: Pat & Marge Zefran, Ann Teschner, and Catherine Matzelle, transferees from Br. No. 43 and also to the new members: Sophie Verlinde, Carol Merinelli, Irene Bolton, Sandra Kitt, Michael Malewicki and Margaret Grash.

I would like to thank all the members who already sent in their stubs and monies, and those that have not

No. 14, EUCLID, OHIO

Our March meeting was opened with prayer at 7:15 p.m. with an excellent attendance of about thirty-five members. Since this was Shrove Tuesday and also our 3 month Birthday Party the ladies probably came to celebrate and have a good time before Lent begins.

Our officers read reports on last month's meeting and all were approved as read.

Our members were reminded that our branch will be celebrating its 50th. Anniversary in October 1977 and that it really isn't too soon to start making plans for the celebration.

On the sick list are: Mimi Rezonija who is in the hospital and Rose Mickovic and Olga Klancar were reported as getting better after their illnesses. Our prayers and good wishes are with all our members who are ill. May the good Lord watch over them.

(Sorry to read of Mimi Rezonija's passing. Our sincere condolences to family, members and friends. Ed).

There were three new members presented at this meeting. They were: Mary Mantz, Jenny Povirk and my sister, Sophie McDonough. Welcome, ladies we hope you will enjoy the activities of our branch.

For our 3 month birthday party our secretary Vera Bajec baked a fresh ham and our excellent kitchen committee served the ham and sauerkraut and pastries baked and donated by our members. Thank you, ladies, for a job well done and thank you to all who donated the delicious goodies.

yet done so — please try! All the proceeds will go into our treasury to help defray expenses, as this year we are not having the card party for the treasury. Please try to help the cause along. Thank You.

Reminder: These will be NO meeting on April 18, 1976 (Easter Sunday). We hope to see you on Sunday, May 16 at 2:00 p.m., as it will be the last one before our summer vacation. Meetings will again resume in September.

I have read this poem numerous times and would like to share it with you. "May the wondrous Easter Story thrill your soul with hope anew; Bringing all God's richest blessings in the springtime just for you.

May your faith again be strengthened through the cross upon the hill; and the glorious resurrection all its promises fulfill — So, on this glad Easter morning May God's love enfold your heart; offer grace in deepest measure which this season does impart."

MARIE FLORYAN,

After eating these refreshments we had our "Social Games" which everyone enjoyed.

Thank you to all members who donated money to our Sunshine Fund, Treasury and Goodtime Fund. It is greatly appreciated. Hope everyone has a Happy Easter.

Sincerely,

ANTOINETTE ZABUKOVEC,
Reporter.

No. 16 SOUTH CHICAGO, ILL.

At our February meeting, Mary Brebrick was elected delegate to our National Convention in May. Marge Vrhovnik was elected alternate and it was voted to contribute \$10.00 for an ad for the souvenir book. Also, many ladies took a book of tickets to sell for the convention project.

Congratulations to Alvina Sreboth who was unanimously voted Our Mother of the year for 1976.

Mary Rago, Jeanette Drozd, Jean Bukvich and Pauline Klobucar celebrated their birthdays at our meeting. Many happy returns!

Our president, Jean Bukvich, again used her talents to fashion a tote bag and doll for Sunshine prizes. Winners were Josephine Dykowski and Jeanette Drozd.

Get well wishes are sent to Mary Dreshar, Mary Crnokrak, Dorothy Plebanski, Dorothy Perko and Sylvia Spretnjak.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Helen Milanovich upon the death of her husband Larry on Feb. 14th.

MARGE SPRETNJAK,
Reporter.

PITTSBURGH — THE FRIENDLY CITY!

Br. 26, Pittsburgh, Pa. is looking forward to welcoming all the delegates, visitors and members to the 17th National Convention to be held at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel from May 23rd to 26, 1976.

The committee has planned the following schedule for your stay in our wonderful city.

Saturday, May 22

Registration and get acquainted gathering in the Hospitality Room of the Hilton Hotel.

Sunday, May 23

Buses will leave the Hotel at 10:15 a.m. for the Slovenian Hall at 57th St. where all delegates and members will meet and march in procession for the 11 o'clock mass at St. Mary Assumption Church, officiated by Reverend Ferdinand Demshar, pastor. A Brunch will be held immediately following the mass at the Slovenian Hall. Buses will return guests to the Hotel by 3 p.m. Bus fare is not included in the package deal.

The Banquet will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday night in the main ballroom of the Hilton followed by a program and at 9 p.m. dancing to the wonderful Slovenian sound of Frank Kalik and his orchestra. Cost of the individual tickets for the banquet and dance is \$10. A complete package deal at \$50.00 per person for delegates and visitors includes this banquet. Brunch costs are \$3 for other guests. Localites should make reservations for both the brunch and banquet early by contacting Mary Slaney.

Monday, May 24

Convention opens at 9 a.m. with the regular business meeting. Luncheon will be served at the King's Terrace Room of the Hilton for those having the package deal on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Any member wishing to attend any of the business meetings is welcomed but they cannot participate in any of the business matters. The evening is free Monday, to do whatever you wish.

Tuesday, May 25

Convention meeting all day with luncheon at the Hotel. This evening we plan a "Night on the Town". This event will be included in the package deal but any members

from the surrounding area desiring to come along are welcome. Contact Mary Slaney or any of the other officers for tickets.

Wednesday, May 26

Convention meeting all day or until adjournment. Luncheon included in the package deal will be served at the Hotel.

Scholarship Room

The SWU Scholarship Fund Room will be opened Monday thru Wednesday at 8 a.m. for the display of hand-made articles donated by members and delegates. We want this particular endeavor to be a great success so let's all do our part to make it so.

Sites in the Pittsburgh Area

Visitors can tour the city on their own, either by bus or foot. Within walking distance of the Hilton Hotel, one can visit the Fort Pitt Block House and the Fort Pitt



Museum, the Three Rivers Stadium where our famous No. 1 Steelers play their home games and the Pittsburgh Pirates play baseball. One can walk from the hotel to the River and go on a boat ride down the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers.

There are three department stores in the downtown section where the Hilton Hotel is located, wonderful restaurants, five movie theatres, the Heinz Hall where many musicals are performed.

Port Authority Tours can be enjoyed or you can board a bus on your own and visit other parts of our city such as the Oakland area which houses the famous University of Pittsburgh where in the Cathedral of Learning many of the Nationality rooms, including a Yugoslavian Room, are located. Also, on these grounds one can visit the Heinz Chapel and the Stephen Foster Memorial. The Carnegie Museum of Art and the National History Museum, Schenley Park with the Phipps Conservatory is not far.

Across the River on the northside one can either walk across a bridge or board a bus. There is the Buhl Planetarium, the Aviary Conservatory and the Allegheny Center Mall housing a shopping area and restaurants.

We the committee, hope that we have given you a little "taste" of what a great city Pittsburgh is and that the days spent here will be long remembered!

THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE OF BR. 26

TRANSPORTATION TO PITTSBURGH

Midwesterners are invited to use Chicago to Pittsburgh departures, Sat. May 22 - 4:30 p.m. or Sun. May 23 - 7:00 a.m. for \$68.73 per person round trip in groups of 10. Make your reservations with payment to the SWU Home Office by April 15th, please.

In Wisconsin, Rose Kramer and Marie Floryan have bus and air arrangements from Milwaukee; and in Cleveland contact Mary Bostian.

Please advise Pittsburgh Convention Chairman, Mary Slaney, of your intended arrival time.

Fourth generation member



FIRST TIME GREAT GRANDPARENTS, Joseph and Josephine Erjavec, grandparents Millie and Rudy Pucel, parents Judy and Chris Pucel all love the new baby, Eric Joseph, just three weeks only on this photo. All the girls are members of Br. 20 — Joliet, Ill. and now Eric is too. Congratulations.

WITNESS FOR CHRIST

The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ is the central truth of Christianity. Church celebrates Easter with great solemnity. We also belong to this group called Christians, followers of Christ. To be a Christian is to believe in the Risen Christ.

We are not Christian only because we believe in sin, in the cross, in suffering and death, but also because we believe in pardon, in joy, in liberation, in the Resurrection, and even that every fault may become a happy fault.

On Easter morning Christ is posing the following question: "Do you believe that I am the Resurrection and life. Do you believe that I can bring back from the dead this corpse that is yourself and the others that surround you? Do you believe that I can show you a life that you will want to live eternally?"

Easter means that we can rise from the dead, that the resurrection does exist and will take place not

only in the future but also in the present. It can be the experience of each one of us and we can bear witness to it.

We need witnesses in this present day. That is the message that the world is waiting to receive from us.

St. Augustine tells us that on the night of the paschal vigil the pagans themselves could not sleep. At daybreak they met the newly baptized in the streets, on their way home from the church, wearing their white baptismal robes and transfigured with joy. They thought they saw Christ.

The only face the Christ now has to show to our contemporaries is our own. They will be convinced and converted by what they see in us and in our communities. We ourselves are proof that Christ is risen.

May the world with its violence, its doubts, and its despair, which seeks the wounds of Christ as a proof of his presence and his love, find us with open heart and open hands with joyous and affectionate welcome.

Happy Easter to you all!

No. 20, JOLIET, ILL.

Two Convention delegates were elected at the last meeting, namely president, Emma Planinsek and treasurer, Mary Marolt. Alternates are Dorothy Koncar and Marie Malnerich.

Sick members at this time are Jennie Marolt, Louise Gregorash, Frances Gregory and May Lopynski. Cards with best wishes for a fast recovery were mailed to all of them with signatures of all present.

The yearly report was read by Theresa Marentich since the 1st Auditor, Frances Stonich, was not present due to illness. The members expressed their thanks to the secretary for such an accurate report.

Thanks to Frances Stiglich who donated such beautiful hand made pillow cases and to Mary Ivanich for the hand-made crocheted shawl that will be taken to the Convention.

The secretary invited all members and families to the church Mardi Gras celebration that was to be our parish pre-lenten party.

In March, all members by the name of Josephine were to be honored with a special luncheon arranged by Mary Ivanich, Jo Mlaker and Marie Malnerich.

A cake baked by Agnes Trautman, daughter of Mrs. Horvat, went to Mrs. Putrich as a special gift. The cake was designed as a Bicentennial Doll.

The president informed us that we now have 477 members and asked the members to get 25 more so we will have 500 by the time of the Convention in May.

The secretary read a thank you sent to Frances Gregorich for the historic passports she contributed to the Statue of Liberty Museum in New York.

Just as I write this report, I received news of the finalists named in the state musical contest held in Chicago Heights. Hundreds of music students competed to show their skills and our Roseanne Ruth won "Excellent and No. 1" for her playing of the marimba. This is her second instrument as she is already a very good organist. It makes all of us feel proud of her. Also, Marie Ancel, was a second place winner as a flutist and she did very well, too. Congratulations to our fine young members and are looking forward to hearing them play for us soon.

Hope to see you all at the meeting.

JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC.

No. 21, CLEVELAND, O.

What with Spring just a few weeks away we get ambition to get out to shop, visit and socialize or start to clean winter accumulation. However, the social aspects of our community haven't allowed winter to halt activities. The center of all this is our National Home and Annunciation Catholic church among a variety of establishments on West 130th Street.

The management at West Pk. Slovenian Home has sparked a much needed business activity, thanks to Anne and John Lujan. The Directors and Ladies' Auxiliary have dreamed up one or another social, from dances to concerts, to a button box contest, to a musicians' reunion (a real gas, SUCCESS!).

Stella Dancull is chief cook with assistance by her crew every Friday. Delicious fish, goulash, sausage, pierogi dinners are served ably, profits of which have benefitted the hall

through the generosity of the ladies' work. The Auxiliary is a small group but cooperation makes it successful.

With the leadership of Rudy Pivik, president of the Directors and his administration much has been accomplished financially through planned activities and entertainment. Since the reopening of our burned-out facilities, LaVerne and John Hosta, Therese Stefanik and dedicated Directors have applied themselves to any and all problems with humility and determination. The results are amazing; having created an atmosphere of friendliness and cheer.

Our church and its leadership by a two-man clergy team have inspired excellent cooperation with congregation and parish council. The building improvements have been phenomenal by volunteers of the parish as has the spiritual involvement. The past two years has seen a school saved by the concerned parish and a census visitation; no small tasks. We are proud of our administration of school and church.

The business community is flourishing and steadfast. Very little transfer of ownership means proprietors have a good following. These merchants have always given a generous hand to assist the cause of the community, whatever group or denomination.

Otherwise my report on the functions of our branch of S.W.U. is brief. Except to say our women do not gather for much of any thing unescorted at night during winter months.

Our sympathy to Rose Kosko and family who lost their sister Ann recently.

Dolores Frieberger is recuperating at home with the best loving care by her family.

Keep up with the cards and calls ladies. Remember those confined to the home, our less fortunate members who have given so much of themselves through the healthful years.

Mrs. Kavc, Mary Stevens, Mrs. Zupan, Florence Jesen, Mrs. Weiss, Dolores be comforted by the knowledge that so many of us keep you in our prayers, always.

Plans, are in the works for May, Mother of the Year.

On my recent visit to see Mary Stevens it was encouraging to chat with her and Walter. The household simply made a switch in housekeepers. Mary now guides her husband in cooking meals and maintaining the household. There is a strong will to overcome and I believe Mary will be our guest of honor in person on her day.

How many of you can we, may we count on to attend the next meeting? Come now, days are longer, meetings are brief and business accomplished in short order.

See you there.

HELEN L. KONKOY.

No. 23, ELY, MINN.

Our February 18th Dawn Club meeting was very short. All the members and guests were anxious to start playing. Winners in Pinochle were as follows:

1st Prize: Mary Gornik, 2nd, M. Marolt and Low to Ann Buckovich. Canasta winners were, 1st Mary Pucel, 2nd, Margaret Shuster and 3rd, Mary Evanish. "B" winners were Molly Spritzer, Marg. Skubitz and Julia Hegfors.

A delicious lunch was served by the committee in charge.

Congratulations to Mary Preshiren as a well-chosen and deserving Mother of the Year. We wish her good health and happiness for many years to come.

Recovering after foot surgery is Fran Zakrajsek. She is doing very well. Keep it up, Fran. Time for gardening soon!

To all our ill members and shut-ins we wish them well and speedy recovery.

Best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Miklausich and Mr. & Mrs. John Koschak on their wedding anniversaries which were celebrated recently.

At the Zveza meeting that was held Feb. 3rd we elected Rose Pucel as our delegate to the National Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa. May 23-26, 1976. Alternate is Mary Folio.

MARY ZGONC,
Reporter.

BRANCH MOURNS MRS. JAKSE

No. 24, LA SALLE, ILL.

Our member, Lillian Jakse passed away unexpectedly at home. Her husband was with her. Lillian was 55 years old.

We all miss Lillian and send our condolences to the family. She is survived by her husband, Joseph, her mother, Mrs. Agnes Baskovic of Chicago, a daughter, Mary Ann Papirnack and son, Joseph, three grandchildren and other relatives. Honorary Pallbearers from our branch were Frances Ahchin, and Theresa Savnik.

May the Good Lord grant her heavenly peace and we will always keep her in our hearts as we pray for all our departed sisters of Br. 24.

MICI PILETIC.

No. 25, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Just a little news about pf Br. 25. Its a little late to write about our wonderful Christmas party and a little early for Easter (as I write).

I would like to remind our members that our meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month instead of Sundays. They take place in the Social Room of St. Vitus Auditorium at 2 p.m. So far, more members attend, even a few of the younger ones and after our meeting we have refreshments and play "B". I'm sure if you will attend one of our meetings, you will come oftener.

Our officers for 1976 are President, Mary Kolegar, Vice-President, Ann Maver, Sec.-Treas, Christine Zivoder, Rec. Sec. Marie Telic, Auditors, Antonia Mihevc and Jennie Femc. Sentinel is Molly Dezalan. A BIG THANK YOU to Mary Otonicar for being in office so many years and for all her help with Br. 25. Also, to Mary Kolegar, our president and to Dorothy Sternisa, our charter member and good member and past officer.

For our two delegates for the Convention we voted for Christine Zivoder and Marie Telic.

Alternates are Mary Kolegar and Ann Maver.

Ladies, please come to the meetings and let us know what to bring up at the Convention. Now is the time.

Our Mother of the Year is Frances Okorn. She is a good member, loves to bake Sharkels for the meetings, attends funerals and transports some members to and from the meetings. More news about her in the May issue.

Last year, 1975, was not too good for Br. 25 Death took 21 members from us! May they all rest in peace!

We pray the rosary one hour before the funeral and 5 members attend each funeral as honorary pallbearers. In five weeks this year we lost 4 members. One member had no relatives, only friends and so one of our members, Mrs. Zoree Tek took care of her funeral. It is at a time like this that it's nice to belong to the SWU.

Members, sign up your relatives and friends to replace the ones that the Lord has called.

Ladies, please check your lodge books, some of you still owe for 1975. A year passes so fast. I collect dues at the meetings and the 25th of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at St. Vitus Church basement. You can also mail in your checks to Sec. Christine Zivoder, 1068 E. 67th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44103, telephone: 881-9816.

We have the tickets also for the Convention project and an extra dollar from each of you would be appreciated to help pay our delegates expenses to the Convention which will be held in Pittsburgh this May.

We have a few members the Nursing Homes and Hospitals. Please visit them. God grant them health and watch over all our members of the S.W.U.

Happy Easter to all and looking forward to meeting all of you in Pittsburgh.

CHRISTINE ZIVODER.

No. 26, PITTSBURGH, PA.

A cheery Hello! to all our members, especially our sick and aged. At each meeting you are always remembered in our prayers. God bless you all.

Looking forward to spring and the Bicentennial year celebration of the SWU which will take place in connection with the 17th National Convention to be held here in good old Pittsburgh at the Hilton Hotel, May 23 to the 26th. We hope to be greeting the delegates, members, their families and friends and doing our best to show them what a great city Pittsburgh is, and also what nice friendly Slovenian people reside here.

Plans for the up-coming Convention are under way and progressing very well. We hope the members throughout the Pittsburgh area are getting their friends together for the Banquet and dance with music by Frank Kalik on Sunday, May 23rd.

Don't forget the donations of handmade articles for our Scholarship Fund Sale. We are sure that there are many creative women in the SWU throughout the USA so the this project should turn out to be a great success.

Br. 26 nominated Mary Slaney as our delegate to the convention with

Anna Bobel being the alternate delegate.

Barbara Kumer was elected as our Mother of the Year. We take this opportunity to congratulate her.

Get well wishes and a speedy recovery are extended to Magdalena Widina.

We are still doing our best to get on the Golden Anniversary Membership Bandwagon, so how about all of us trying to get new recruits into the S.W.U.?

Hope to see a big turn out for the April meeting. Until then, take care!

Respectfully submitted:
HELEN CESNIK.

No. 32, EUCLID, OHIO

Our meeting in February was opened with prayer by our new president. The officers were installed by our National President and the secretary read a letter from the Convention hostess branch, Pittsburgh, No. 26. Alma Eppick, president, was elected as delegate for the convention and Anne Cooke is alternate. ZARJA has pictures and information about the Convention which we all know will be wonderful.

Our hostess, Eleanor Jeran and Mary Batic had the tables set up beautifully for the Valentine's Day Party. It was a very nice party, honoring Mary Vodichar as our Valentine Sweetheart. She deserves this honor as she's very good our branch and never misses a meeting. She even picks up a car full of ladies who don't drive.

Toni Skvarca had a lady selling jewelry at this party. We thank all for bringing so much food and gifts for this party.

In March, we wished a Happy St. Patrick's day to all.

Regina Burja and her husband are touring Hawaii with Richie Vadnal and his group. Anne Chinchar and her husband went to sunny Florida to recuperate after her surgery.

Congratulations to Edward and Anne Cooke for their 25th wedding anniversary April 24th. They have four children, Kathleen who is employed in St. Louis, Mo. with the Stouffer Food Corporation, also Carol, Daniel and Christine. Grandmothers Anna Godlar of Euclid and Paula Kucharski of E. 59th and Broadway, will all help to celebrate this anniversary. There are many other relatives, too. Our best to them.

The Baton Twirlers will be making a trip by bus to the Convention and they need our support. They will have some money-making ventures to help them. We ask you to attend the Vanity Fair and support their efforts.

It's the flu season now and I have

it, too. Try to stay healthy, members and try to attend the meetings. Check your dues, help the secretary, don't keep her waiting. See you at the meeting, April 21st. It's later than you think!

Happy Easter to all. We will plan our Mothers Day Party next month. May God bless you all and your loved ones.

A. TEKAVEC,
Reporter,

Capsules

AMERICA'S 200th BIRTHDAY

Our nation is proudly embarking on a yearlong celebration of its 200th anniversary. Every self-respecting village, town and city has formed a bicentennial committee to plan pageants, parades and other celebrations. Companies throughout the land are offering a multitude of bicentennial products.

We can and should take great pride in the accomplishments of our nation during its first 200 years. During this relatively brief span of time in the World's history, the United States has grown from 13 to 50 states; our territory has expanded from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific coast — and beyond; our population has increased by over 200 million persons. From a cluster of colonies, we have developed into a major world power with the strength to rescue the Western Civilization. We have attained a standard of living envied throughout the World. Our economy has generated billions of dollars for economic assistance to poorly developed nations.

Our unparalleled progress is a tribute to those who 200 years ago struggled and sacrificed to create a nation dedicated to economic and political freedom.

I hope that every Slovenian Women's Union Branch will in some way celebrate our country's wonderful Bicentennial birthday, with a sincere wish for a prosperous future!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

EVOLUTION: THE MONKEY'S VIEWPOINT

MONKEY JUNGLE, FLORIDA

Three monkeys sat in a Coconut tree
Discussing things as they're said to be.
Said one to the others: "Now listen you two,
There's is a certain rumor that can't be true.
That man descended from our noble race
The very idea! It's a dire disgrace!
No monkey ever deserted his wife,
Starved her baby and ruined her life.
And you have never known a mother monk
To leave her baby with others to bunk,
Or pass them on from one to another,
'Till they hardly know who is their mother.
And another thing! You will never see
A monk build a fence 'round a coconut tree
And let the coconuts go to waste,
Forbidding all other monkeys to taste.
Why if I put a fence around this tree
Starvation would force you to steal from me.
Here is another thing a monk won't do,
Go out in the night and get in the stew,
Or use a gun, a club or knife
To take some other monkeys life.
Yes! Man descended, the ornery cuss,
But brother he didn't descend from us!"

THE IMMIGRANT

Albina from Ribnica

Ribnica na Dolenjskem is a beautiful town in Slovenia. Its war-ravaged church towers were rebuilt in the recent decades and it remains a regional landmark. In Ribnica where she was born in 1900, Albina Krizman's family had a little business and worked hard at making ends meet. It was 1909 when, with her parents and younger brother she left her homeland for a new life in America. "We came to Cleveland where my father took any job he could get and my mother cared for many borders." Among her first recollections were the hours spent over the boiling tubs of wash water where the borders' heavy



Cleveland Slovenians began organizing singing societies and other cultural and fraternal groups soon after the turn of the century. At the age of 12, Albina was already a member of the Lira Singing Society, one of the most popular then and for years later.

clothing was scrubbed by hand. Drying it on lines strung across the kitchen was a never-ending ritual. Mother's cooking and washing took up all her time so while the family grew larger, it was up to Albina to work diligently at each chore. Attending school was the most pleasant time of her life. "I longed to attend high school but it was not for me. My parents refused all my appeals. Instead I went to work at odd jobs until I was old enough to learn the butcher's trade and work alongside my three brothers in the family meat market."

Pictures and captions through the courtesy of C. Leskovar.

"Veronica from Mrkopalj" which appeared in the March issue of the IMMIGRANT series was written through the courtesy of Mrs. John Furlong. I. O.



St. Clair Avenue at East 61st Street was a busy corner as this photo of a typical storefront in 1915 shows.



In elegant wedding attire typical of the 1920's, Rudy and Albina posed for their wedding pictures taken at Bukovnik's Studio. It was four years later that their first of two daughters was born. Most of the clothes were made at home or by the neighborhood seamstresses who fastidiously copied the latest styles. "We enjoyed the simple pleasures of life and saved our money to buy our first car in 1925. That was Rudy's pride and joy. We'd take it out on Sunday to Pa's farm in Geneva where the family would gather."



VABILO

NA

PREDSTAVO in PLES

katere priredi
podružnica št. 25 Slovenske ženske Zveze

1. FEBRUARJA, 1931

V KNAUSOVI DVORANI, točno ob 7:30 zvečer

SPORED:

RICHARD GLAVAN, petje
SESTRE KOPORC, petje
TONY GORŠE, petje

Veseloigra enodejanka:

"Čašica kave"

OSEBE:

Gospa Vrček	Albina Novak
Gospa Trček	Margaret Tomažin
Antonija	Josephine Perpar
Lizika	Mimi Augustin
Krošnjarka	Frances Brancel
Neka gospa	Julia Brezovar
Nabirateljica	Cecilia Skrbec
Čevljarjeva žena	Rose Chesnik
Dva otroka	Willie Mahne in Frances Brancel

Cenjeno običajno je prijazno vabljenje, posebno pa članke Slovenske ženske Zveze. Zabave bo dovolj za vse. — Za lačne in žejne bo prvo vrsto preskrbljeno.

Igrajo Hojer bratje Vstopnina 50 centov

VAHI ODBOR

Knaus' Hall (on the second floor) had a small stage for the actors and actresses of the various societies. They did an amazing amount of work in those days, performing in play after play. The new immigrants kept alive and growing their language and cultural arts even tho it was difficult and sometimes seemed impossible. Br. 25, S.W.U. was one of the sponsors of these doings in 1931. After the play, or for weddings, young musicians would take over the entertainment. It was there they get their starts and some became well known polka artists later on.

April, 1976



A favorite picture in Albina's album represents a trio of Zveza workers dressed their native garb which was so dear to her heart. With Albina are the SWU Founder, Marie Prislant and a pioneer worker and west coast organizer, Bara Kramer. Zveza was Albina's whole world from the time she joined at the age of 28 to her death five years ago this month.

The beauty of the land and friendliness of the people brought her back to Slovenia on many trips later in life. Albina always loved to go back to Slovenia. Cousin Anna is the last surviving Krizman in Ribnica today.



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POTS & PANS and PASTIME

KROFE, traditionally Slovenian, are frequently served for special occasions as weddings, christenings, banquets and other social gatherings. The Easter season would be a perfect time to serve them. Our national auditor, Mrs. Barbara Rosandich of Branch No. 23, Ely, Minn., is an expert in making KROFE or raised doughnuts. Upon request she kindly sent me her method of preparing these delectable doughnuts. My husband says: "They're excellent".

KROFE (RAISED DOUGHNUTS)

This batch makes about six dozen depending on size of cutter.

- 1 large can evaporated milk
- 2½ cups whole milk
- ¼ cup oil
- 1 cup sugar
- 1½ sticks o'eo

Heat the above over medium heat until the o'eo melts stirring occasionally. Cool to lukewarm.

YEAST MIXTURE:

- 1 large cake compressed yeast
- ¼ cup lukewarm water
- 1 teaspoon sugar

In medium sized bowl dissolve 1 large cake of compressed yeast in ¼ cup lukewarm water and 1 teaspoon sugar. Stir and let stand to rise — about 10 minutes.

Beat 5 eggs

To the cooled milk mixture, add the yeast and the beaten eggs.

- 10½ cups unsifted flour (no more)
- 3 teaspoons salt

Add the flour and the salt. With a wooden spoon beat the mixture really good. Sprinkle just a little flour over the dough so that the cloth to cover will not stick to the dough. Cover. Let rise partially for 20 minutes. Beat down and repeat 2 more times. The fourth time beat down, sprinkle with flour and let rise for 45 minutes.

Over a flour covered cloth rub your hand lightly so the flour is absorbed into the cloth, otherwise the krofe pick up too much flour before they are fried. Pat out ⅓ of the dough at a time to about ⅓ inch thickness. (You do not roll the dough as it is too sticky). Cut with cutter (without the hole). Place on floured cloth to

rise. Do this with the remainder of the dough. Let rise about 20 minutes, covered.

Heat fryer to 375 degrees with 4 pounds lard. At this temperature fry KROFE covered the first minute or so. Turn, and finish frying uncovered until golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper. Dust with granulated sugar. If they are to be frozen, do not sugar. DELICIOUS! Note: Barbara uses her large size tupper-ware bowl for the dough. When done frying, cool fat a little, pour through a strainer into a container and refrigerate for further use.

Mrs. Ann Winter of Branch No. 50, Cleveland, offers this delightful, delicious recipe for EASY KOLACHKY which would also be colorful for Easter.

EASY KOLACHKY

- 1 package Hot Roll Mix
- 2 tablespoons warm water
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- ½ cup milk
- ¼ cup sour cream
- 1 egg

Preserves or canned fruit filling

Grease a 15 x 10 inch jelly roll pan or 13 x 9 inch pan. Dissolve yeast from Hot Roll Mix in warm water. In large bowl, cut butter into flour mixture until size of small peas. Stir in milk, dissolved yeast, sour cream and egg; blend well.

Knead on floured surface 1 minute. Press dough into pan. Cover and let rise in warm place until light and doubled in size, about 1 hour. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Cut risen dough in pan into 24 to 32 squares. Using fingers, make large indentation in center of each square. Place one heaping teaspoon of preserves or canned fruit filling in each indentation. Bake immediately; 15 x 10 inch pan for 17 to 30 minutes;

13 x 9 inch pan, 25 to 30 minutes, or until golden brown.

Glaze while warm. GLAZE: In medium bowl, combine 1½ cups powdered sugar, ½ teaspoon vanilla 2 to table-spoons milk.

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CORRECTION: in NUT FILLING of FRENCH PASTRY in February issue: Please: It's ¼ cup granulated sugar and not ¼ teaspoon sugar.

WISCONSIN'S HISTORIC MARCH ICE STORM

After three days of snow, freezing rain and sleet the ice covered trees and utility wires in 15 Southern Wisconsin counties could take no more. Large sections of trees and branches toppled over like match sticks often bringing down power wires. Our neighborhood looked like a disaster area with the streets blocked by piles of ice covered branches and split trees. A hot line was pulled out of the home next to us — at another the roof caved in.

Without electricity and heat for two days and two nights we managed light, food and heat with three kerosene lanterns that my husband treasures as antiques, a number of candles, a propane gas campstove on the kitchen table and a glowing fire-olace (Bob was thankful to have sawed that wood last fall). On the second evening our kitchen thermometer registered 40 degrees with 12 above outdoors. A container of water in the fireplace provided instant coffee. The transistor radio kept us informed with news flashes like: "Only four of the city's 24 water pumps are operating — please use water for medicinal purposes only".

It was reported that some farms were also without water. There snow was melted on the wood stove for family and cattle until help arrived. Portable emergency generators (motor-like devices powered off a tractor) were owned or purchased by a few lucky farmers; a number of these alternators were rented and taken to farms on trailers to feed, water and milk cows and provide some heat and electricity. If coolers could not be maintained the milk was thrown away.

We had camped as a family for many years, but this is the first time in our own home. Bob and I chuckled at the fireplace weiner roast, the instant coffee, the cozy atmosphere in front of the fire, reading by candle light — it was really a warm experience on two cold nights.

HAPPY EASTER everyone,
Love, HERMINE.

ZARJA—THE DAWN



No. 33, DULUTH, MINN.

Our February meeting was well-attended considering the cold weather we had. February 15th was the date set for the Bake Sale. Women present volunteered to serve on the various committees necessary for a successful Sale. A slide presentation on Turkey by Roddy Knezevich, a senior at Morgan Park High School who spent last summer in Turkey as an AFS student, was interesting and enjoyable to all.

The Bake Sale was a huge success with a wide assortment of bars, breads, cakes and other goodies donated by our members. Those contacted who were unable to bake donated money. Thanks to all who took part in this money making project.

In keeping up with our heritage, the Croatian Ladies will be serving in April and demonstrating making their national dish. Whatever it will be, I'm sure it will be a treat. Don't miss this meeting as we are sure that you will enjoy it. Remember — April 7th at 7 p.m.

Get well wishes go out to Gertie Puchalla and Ann Podgorsek who are on the mend after hospital stay and surgery. Happy to report that Cora Jones is now back to work and feeling better.

Easter Greetings.

MARY CHEPELNIK.

No. 34, SOUDAN, MIN.

Mrs. Theresa Pahula presided at the February meeting of Branch No. 34 and in spite of the inclement weather (wet, falling snow) we had a very good attendance. After reports were given by the Secretary, Angela Tekautz, and Treasurer Mary Pahula nominations were in order for a delegate to the National Convention from Branch No. 34.

Since our group is combined with 2 other Branches we will have to wait to see who will finally represent these Branches at the National Convention.

Mrs. Barbara Rosandich's letter was read — she urged all members to make a special effort to enroll new members during ZVEZA'S 50th Anniversary in this our Country's BICENTENNIAL YEAR.

After the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed with prizes awarded to Angela Tekautz and Ann Stefanich at "500" and Agnes Mattson and Agnes Mesojedec in YAHTZEE.

Mrs. Angela Planton and Sophie Zavodnik were the hostesses for a delicious luncheon following the Games. Mary Cornick was awarded the door prize which was donated by Ann Stefanich.

Named as hostesses for the March meeting were Mollie Wilson and Ade-

line Mustonen. Agnes Tekautz will provide the door prize.

The LENTEN SEASON began early; let us all try to observe the Church's program — Mass and Lenten Devotions and PENANCE. Let us ask God to bless our ZVEZA and our COUNTRY.

May all ZVEZA members everywhere be blessed by our Risen Saviour on EASTER MORNING and throughout the year.

BARBARA YAPPEL,
Reporter.

No. 38, CHISHOLM, MINN.

The SWU Branch No. 38 of Chisholm, Minnesota, held a special meeting on Feb. 12, 1976, at 7 p.m. at the Slovenian National Home. This meeting was called for the purpose of electing a delegate to the National Convention in Pittsburgh in May. Elected as delegate was President Jennie Samsa; alternate is Financial Secretary Sylvia Russ.

Branch No. 38 members drafted the following to be sent to the Resolutions Committee for consideration at the National Convention:

"Be it resolved that... when a SWU member reaches the age of 75 years she is no longer obligated to pay any dues and will remain as a paid up member."

If other branches have any feelings about this matter, please express your opinions so that the Resolutions Committee will know what the membership desires. Our Branch has deep feelings regarding this matter and would wish to hear from others with your opinions.

A note was received from Mrs. Jennie Hanegmon expressing thanks for a get-well wish from our members. We are happy that Jennie is out of the hospital and recuperating nicely.

After the meeting a Valentine lunch was served by Mary Cvar and Gail Fannell. Prizes were donated by Rose Dropp and won by Theresa Gerzin and Mary Tegg. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 7, 1976 at the SNH. The lunch committee will be: Rose Niemi, Ann Nusich, and Frances Rugar. Plans will be completed for the annual Mother's Day program.

Financial Secretary Sylvia Russ plans to collect dues at the First Federal Bldg. on the 25th of each month for your convenience. The hours are tentatively set from 2:00 to 4:00.

Hope to see all of you in April with a prospective new member! Welcome to Ann Laurich who will be initiated at the next meeting!

ANN NUSICH,
Rec. Secretary.

No. 40, LORAIN, OHIO

The February meeting on the 11th was fairly well-attended with 16 members present.

We discussed the coming Convention and all that had received their ZARJA were greatly impressed with the picture of the Hotel and perhaps a little envious of our delegate Angela Kozjan who will be staying there!

We sang Happy Birthday to our members celebrating Birthdays and they are Mary Klinar, Frances Pavlovic, Amelia Glavan and Mayme Hoover. So, Happy Birthday to you all.

To our members who are ill, Mary Kobal and Luba Matos, get well soon! Our prayers are with you; and to all members, I hope everyone is enjoying good health.

Congratulations to Shirley Yacobucci on her recent graduation from St. Joseph's School of Practical Nursing. Good Luck to you in all your future endeavors.

Our sincerest sympathy to Ann Bobrowski on the sudden death of her husband, Stanley. Surviving also are a son, Calvin and daughter, Karren Mullins and nine grandchildren. Ann is the daughter of our oldest member, Mary Plecnik and sister to Rose Knezetic, our Mother of the Year. May we say again how deeply we feel your sorrow. May his soul rest in peace.

It's a little hard to think of spring and Easter, but soon they'll be here. The sun will be shining and every day will be a pleasure. So, for happy days ahead, Happy Easter to Everyone! God bless you all.

MARY PLOSZAJ.

No. 41, CLEVELAND, O.

Our next meeting will be April 11, 2:00 p.m. at Slovenian Workmen's Home. No meeting in May (the 9th is Mother's Day), but in June on the 13 we will have a Mass for living and deceased members of lodge No. 41. Please try to attend the Mass at 12:00 noon at St. Mary's Church on Holmes Ave. At this time we will also honor our Mother of the year who is Rose Pujzdar. After Church we could go to Fannie's Restaurant for breakfast — but reservations should be in by the April meeting. If you ladies have other ideas for celebrating this affair please come to the meeting and let us know. We need everyone's cooperation.

Daughter of Mary Debevec was in the hospital here recently.

Mary Prelogar spent one month with her daughter in Coral Gables, Florida and visited many places in Florida including the famous Disneyland.

Easter will be upon us soon; may all of you have a wonderful and happy Easter.

Many thanks to the ladies who already have paid up their dues for 1976. To the others who have not paid as yet please send your dues to Jane Kaplan 19309 Preston Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44128.

I am still saving coupons, e.i. Betty Crocker coupons — Bonus coupons — cash off coupons you get in the newspaper or magazines. If you have no use for these coupons please send them to your secretary. These are turned over to the City of Hope in California where leukemia patients can go and get free hospital care.

Our 50th anniversary convention is coming up in May of this year. We have many tickets to sell.

I still have a number of cook books for sale; cost is 4.50 each and they are wonderful cookbooks; the recipes come from all over the country from Slovenian women in our lodge. They are valuable, tested, treasured recipes handed down from their parents. Every lodge member should have one in her cookbook collection.

Welcome to new member Jozefa Zupancic. We are happy to have you with us. Your secretary's husband was selected the Man of the year from the Maple heights Slovenian Hall... where he is also a director. The se-

lectees from all the Slovenian Homes were honored on Polka Varieties and a Dinner on March 21, at the Slovenian Home on St. Clair. The Maple Heights Hall will be host on this day.

Again your lodge dues are payable at this time.

JANE KAPLAN.

No. 42, MAPLE HGTS., OHIO

Hello ladies, Don't forget our meeting this month on April 20th at 7:30 p.m. It will be a very important one this month. Please attend.

Happy Birthday to Helen Lipnos, Johanna Perko, Marge Roznik, Frances Stavec, Josephine Stavec who is 88 years young! and our new member, Arlene Legan.

We welcome our social member to our branch, Ann Perko. We're happy to have you.

Our Mother of the Year Mass will be at St. Wenceslaus at 1:15 Sunday May 30. Let us know, ladies, if you'll attend our dinner at the Slovenian National Home after Mass. Members and families are invited. Frances Glavic is our Mother of the Year. We all know her well and like her very much.

Sorry to hear that Lillian Sadowski's husband, Edward, was hospitalized at St. Alexis. Glad to hear he is doing well now.

All our ill members, please accept our best wishes for your good health. Till next month,

MARY LOU PRHNE.

No. 43, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Vickie Sporis, our newly-elected president, held her first meeting on Feb. 5th and conducted it very well and with a large attendance.

The Midwest Bowling Tournament was the big event of the evening discussions and our branch will send a few teams. The Bowlers are raring to go and we are wishing them all good luck.

The National Convention also was discussed but no definite plans could be made as we are waiting for further details. It hardly seems possible that three years have passed since the last convention. I have chartered a bus for Pittsburgh and am informing all Wisconsin branches their friends and anyone interested to contact me as soon as possible. The phone is 481-7357. I am sure we can fill one bus and the fare will depend on the number of people. This convention, plus the Bicentennial Celebration, should leave us with great memories.

On May 6th, we will honor our Mother of the Year, Annie Rebernisek at Rebernisek's Club 36. Members

"Dawn Choral" meets new Director

Beginning with January of 1976, we are now under the direction of Mr. Frank Zupan, an accomplished organist and pianist and blessed with a great singing voice. It was he who played the organ and led the choir singing during the beautiful, never-to-be-forgotten Slovenian Mass held at St. John's Cathedral celebrating Bishop Baraga Day in Cleveland last September.

Mild mannered and modest in nature, Mr. Zupan is reticent about telling us anything about himself and I was unable to draw much from him about his talents. He did tell me that quite a few years ago, for only a short period, he directed the Korotan Singing Society. Because of health reasons, he had to discontinue. Now he is retired although he is the picture of good health. He resides in Madison, Ohio, 40 miles from Euclid. So, every Monday he travels 80 miles, round trip, to be with us and rehearse. As you can imagine, he's always the first one there!

He admitted that he looks forward to our Monday rehearsals and we are elated that he does.

With so many singing groups here in Cleveland and Euclid, Slovenian Singing Directors are all tied up.

The future for the "Dawn" looked very bleak and we were fearful we might have to disband. The thought was depressing and almost broke our spirit. Through the untiring efforts and deep concern of our Zveza National President, Mary Bostian and the "Dawn" President, Pauline Krall, we were fortunate to have Mr. Zupan take over as our new Director.

It's a well known fact that every music and singing Director has his or her own special way of selecting songs and arranging music. We had to adjust to some changes with Mr. Zupan, too, but nothing too drastic. During our seven years of existence we learned how to read notes which is now easier on Mr. Zupan. When we first organized, our former Director, Mr. Frank Gorenssek, had all the headaches because most of us, including myself, didn't know one note from another.

Mr. Gorenssek's resignation was accepted with heavy hearts. Holding a very important position as Civil Engineer with the Cleveland Illuminating Co., his services required him to spend more and more of his time out of town. Korotan's rehearsals are always held on Saturdays so he was able to continue teaching them, but ours, held on Mondays, always presented a problem to him as we were unable to change our day.

Mr. Gorenssek, the Dawn Choral Group wishes for you utmost success in all your endeavors. Please accept our grateful appreciation for the many years you did stay with us. Through your excellent teachings and direction we became a well-known singing group. Our well-attended concerts proved it. Always a full house!

Z Bogom, Mr. Gorenssek, and thanks for everything!

To you, Mr. Frank Zupan, our new Director, a warm and hearty "Dobrodošči med nami!"

Dawn Choral Group of the SWU
FRAN NEMANICH, Reporter.

will be called in regard to reservations for the dinner.

We have several sick members and among them are Anna Rebernisek who has been hospitalized several times, Jeanette Marinkovich and Rose Zuponic, both at St. Luke's Hospital and Anne Hiller is at Columbia Hospital. Get well wishes to the above and all our shut-ins. Try to remember them with a card, visit and prayer.

Amalia Fritz, who has been a member for many years and is very active, also has gone thru some bad ordeals. Her husband, John, has been ailing and is in and out of the hospital for a year. She recently received word that her niece who had visited here from Europe was killed instantly in an auto accident in Slovenia. We hope John will get better soon and our condolences to Amalia on the loss of her niece.

With sad news, comes good news. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Joe Luzar who are the proud grandparents for the first time, of a baby girl. They are busting out with happiness and so is Auntie Janet.

Another couple Mr. & Mrs. Peters, were grandparents for the first time, a grandson. Grandpa Peters' chest expanded two sizes larger! Grandma is also very happy. In the Peters family five are members — all except grandpa, and now a grandson will be added making it six. Congratulations to all!

Vickie Sporis became great grandma and her daughter Dolores a grandma. Congratulations and I'll have a pink application for your new granddaughter!

Vickie also left for New Orleans with two friends to enjoy the Mardi Gras. Have fun, gals!

The Galluns also are on their way to Florida to visit their daughter, Margie. Elsie, don't forget, don't get too tan!

Just got word that Anne Rebernisek and her daughter, Connie left for a week's vacation to Florida. They both needed the rest.

Our next meeting, April 1st. Please check your dues. Come to the meetings.

ROSE KRAEMER.

No. 47, GARFIELD HGTS., OHIO

Greetings and blessings to one and all. The time is drawing near for the 45th Anniversary of Br. 47. We are celebrating it with a dinner on Sunday, May 2, 1976 at 2 p.m. It will be held at the Slovenian National Home in Maple Hgts., Ohio, (Stanley Ave. off Broadway).

April, 1976

"PUNČKA"

On your arrival from Slovenia to Cleveland as a new bride, you were called "Slavka", Slovenian for Louise. The first time I tasted spinach with chopped garlic and sour cream it was at your house for your daughter's christening. Emery gave you a diamond ring. A son was born later and your family was complete.

Our friendship was renewed later. On one of our trips to St. Ann's and St. Joseph's in Montreal, a miracle happened. You were saying the Stations of the Cross and you were healed, only by your Divine Faith in God! After going into a cold sweat and your back gave you a twist, you had no more back problems and no more disc surgery.

That same week, your daughter eloped and you were the last to know. In a week's time, a church wedding was arranged and a reception at Smith's held. When "Slovensko Dek'e" was sung, at the unveiling, we all watched you and cried with you knowing the heart of a mother.

You were always so concerned about Emery's health, till you became ill yourself with an inoperable tumor. The treatments were unsuccessful. On one of my visits to you, you said, "I'd rather die." Tears were shed between us. No questions asked. Time was running out for you, dear Louise. You said to Emery, "Will you let me die?" His answer, "If it is God's will."

I started to pray Rosary for you every Sunday. You said, "Don't ever stop." Your family's tender, loving care — daughter, sister, daughter-in-law, and sister-in-law, and Emery's tears.

On my last visit you were on "cloud nine" — your sister, Minka said you had seen "heaven" many times.

You joined Br. 50 of Slovenian Women's Union because the ladies came and prayed when a member dies. Eighteen cadets in full uniform came to pray the Rosary and also many members were there.

Emery lovingly called you "Punčka".

You were a beautiful human being, dear Louise. I'll miss you so much.

Your friend,

MARY CESNIK, Member of Br. 50.

(Ed. note: Louise Krizman died Jan. 22, 1976 at home. She was buried on Jan. 26th from St. Vitus Church. In Slovenia, her family, the Ke'har's, had mass said at the same time and the church bells were ringing for her.

Our thanks to Mary Cesnik, for writing the most touching eulogy, a tribute from her heart.)

I am asking members of our branch who are planning to attend and have not made reservations to call me, Jennie Praznik at 886-2961 or our secretary, Jennie Pugalj at 587-4230 by April 20, 1976. We would like to have all reservations in by then.

We would appreciate it very much if you would call us and let us know. Donations for the dinner are \$2 for members and \$3.50 for guests.

On May 15, 1976 we are having our annual Mass for the living and deceased members at St. Lawrence Church in Newberg. The mass will

be at 6 p.m. Please attend if at all possible.

God bless and love you all.

JENNY PRAZNIK
Recording Sec'y

No. 50, CLEVELAND, O.

Despite the bad weather, and with everyone having a cold or the flu, our attendance has been rather good. Hope Spring isn't too far around the corner.

Our Valentine for February was our V.P. Dorothyann Winter. She has been our V.P. for three years and says she enjoys it very much.

Our Best Wishes to her and to all the branch "Valentines."

"Get We'll Wishes" to all our sick members, especially Eleanor Karlinger who has been on and off our list for a long time.

Deepest sympathy to Rose Mertic who lost her brother, Emil Zadnik; Hattie Jenko and Velma Gri-car who lost their sister, Anna Skufca, and Ann B. Hocevar who lost her husband James. Also we lost two beloved members, Louise Krizman (15 years); and Cecelia Znidarsic (40 years). May God Grant Them Eternal Peace.

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS: At our April meeting all new members will be installed. Please plan on attending this meeting.

ATTENTION — YOUNG LADIES (Between the ages of 16 and 21)! Did you ever dream of being a princess and dancing at your own ball? Well your dream can become true providing you are a member of S.W.U. This is an opportunity of a lifetime and something you will cherish the rest of your life. Please do not delay. Please contact Frances Sietz at 261-2856. Let's help make the Debutante Ball a good turnout for our branch.

Congratulations to our "Mother of the Year": Vi Zak.

Congratulations to Mary Wolf (nee Schmoltz) who was recently married on Feb. 4th. Mary left the next day on honeymoon (Caribbean Cruise).

Again, as always our "baking hostesses" really turned out a beautiful arrangement of assorted pastries. Thank you also to our "serving" hostesses.

"EASTER GREETINGS" to all our members here and everywhere especially to those members (out-of-state) listed below: From Florida: Anna Pavlovic, Stella Roitz, Frances Drenik, Ann Stanonik, Josephine Seelye, Dorothy Hribar, Elsie Jagodnik, Elsie Oberson, Mary Vogrin, Stephanie Balough; Texas: Delores and Deborah Jamnik; Arizona: Christine Mishaga; Penn-Teresa Erwin; and Massachusetts: Nancy Jagodnik.

Due to vacationing Mae Fabec, this column was written by yours truly,

ANN WINTER.

No. 52, KITZVILLE, MINN.

It was a very cold day when we held our Feb. meeting but it was a great surprise to see that so many ventured out. Our White Elephant Sale went on as scheduled and it was a great success. Every item was sold and netted us a nice profit for our treasury.

Our Vice President, Margaret Andrican, had the misfortune of having her house on fire and had to rush

her husband, Ely, to the Hibbing General Hospital. He was overcome by smoke. It's going to be quite some time before the house will be back in order and they will all be able to return home. We hope that in some way it might help for them to know we feel for them in this sad time. We pray that the mess will soon be cleaned up and Margaret will be back with us again, soon.

In the absence of our Vice President and President, Jennie Crea led us in prayer and we continued with the social of the evening. Sisters Pauline Germ, Angeline Russ, Angeline Hrovat and Jennie Crea hosted the evening and a delicious lunch was served. Cards were played and honors went to the following sisters: Gertrude Kochevar, Joan Eidel, Margaret Kochevar, Alice Baratto, Julia Mancuso, Celia Palitano, Josephine Oswald and Ann Mansfield. Door prize was given to Virginia Krak.

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We had another cold day for our meeting in March. This time there wasn't such a good turn out as usual due to the flu but, it was nice to see a few of us still around. We pray that all our sick members are on the mend and soon will be amongst us.

To Dorothy Russo whose husband, John is in the Hibbing General Hospital, we all pray that God speeds him to a rapid recovery.

President, Rose Trombly was out and sister Jennie Crea led us in prayer before we began our social. Hostesses were sisters, Alice Baratto, Josette Maki, Sharon Church, Celia Politano. It was delicious.

Honors were awarded to sisters: Gertrude Kochevar, Ann Roberts, Dorothy Russo and Frances Jerkovich, also Alice Baratto and Julia Mancuso. Door prize went to Virginia Krak and other prizes went to Virginia (lucky that night) and Margaret Kochevar. It was a delightful evening.

We will again hold our regular meeting at the Little Grove on the first Wednesday of the month and all members are urged to be present and try to bring along a new member. They are urgently needed. We would like very much to see some new faces and meet some new nice ladies. Maybe if we all look and try again, we just might find a new member or two.

Lenten season is here and we would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

May God bless you and keep you in the bet of health until we meet again.

GERTRUDE KOCHVAR,
Reporter.

No. 54, WARREN, OHIO

Our February meeting was held at the home of Mayme Sporich. We had a good attendance and plans were made for our Mother-Daughter luncheon to be held on May 18th Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m. at a local restaurant. Chairmen are Mayme Sporich, Rose Yurtin and Mildred Pollock. We will honor our Mother of the Year, Mary Zuga and all members are asked to bring wrapped groceries for a special money-making activity which will help our treasury. Final arrangements will be made at our April meeting to be held at Mary Zuga's home on Perkins-Jones Road on Tuesday, April 20th.

We have a new baby in our branch. Karen Majeski had a baby boy, named Mark Anthony. They now live in Michigan but are moving back to Warren. Karen, her mother, Anne Tomazin and grandma, Louise Tomazin are all our members. Anne and Laurie are grandma and great grandma for the first time. Our congratulations to all.

Get well wishes to our good member, Elsie Persin who had major surgery. Also, to Anne Glavan who has been hospitalized and to all our shut-ins.

Hello to our members, Mrs. De Fillippo in Texas, Frances Banozich in Arizona and Mary Petrovich in California who are always so prompt in paying their dues.

Have a good lent and then a Blessed Easter to all.

JOANNE PONIKVAR.

Submitted by **MARY SLANEY:**

"TRY HIM, YOU'LL LIKE HIM!"

God is like CREAM OF WHEAT

He stays with you to guard you all day through.

God is like a G. E.

He lights our path.

God is like BAYER ASPIRIN

He works wonders.

God is like SPECIAL K

He shapes you up

God is like VIRGINIA SLIMS

He's come a long way, baby.

God is like NATIONWIDE

He's on your side

God is like FORD

He's got better ideas

God is like G.M.

He's got the mark of excellence

God is like DIAL

He gives you "round-the-clock-protection"

God is like HUNT'S NEW SNACK PACK

He goes everywhere with you.

God is like ALKA SELTZER

He helps you face a brave new world.

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CARD PARTY APRIL 8th

No. 55, GIRARD, OHIO

Not much to report on, but the big event coming up April 8th, our annual Card Party will be held at the Slovenian Home in Girard. Mary Selak has accepted the chairlady's position for the event. She will choose her committees and that means that everyone has to help when asked to do something. We want to make this a big success as the past card parties have been.

We have two new members proposed by Mary Selak, they are: Rose Mary Gordon and Martha Ambrose. Welcome to our branch, ladies.

Glad to hear that most of our sick members of the past few months have recovered and are feeling much better. To one of our elderly members, Helen Biscan, a speedy recovery as she recently fell and injured her ankle.

Congratulations to Mary Selak and her husband Tony who have become great grandparents for the sixth time as their grandson, Tommy Gordon and wife became parents of a new baby boy.

Congratulations also to Joe and Bernice Kren who were married in January.

Sorry I didn't have the list of birthdays in January and February in last article. So, happy belated birthdays to the following ladies: Beatrice Brayer, Betty Majovsky, Marsha Majovsky, Sophie Kren, Barbara Popovich, Rose Krempasky, Tillie Cigolle and Mary Kristin.

What's happened, ladies? Our meetings for Jan. and Feb. weren't very well-attended! We can all find time to come at least one meeting a month. I must say, the same few come every time. Come and express your opinions on topics brought up and have a nice chat with everyone. There is always a delicious lunch served at the closing of the meetings.

Hostesses for January and February were Mary Macek, Frances Hribar, Sophie Kren, Mary Selak and Tillie Cigolle.

See you all at the next meeting.

FRANCES HRIBAR.

No. 56, HIBBING, MINN.

After establishing myself comfortably in church on the 1st Sunday in lent — my face lifted to the great symbol of Our Lord on the cross — my eye encountered a large banner with words "Repent and Believe". This, in big bold print. I fumble for my beads as I think "Repent and

Believe". Yes! the next 40 days is a time for sacrifice, prayers and penance. As Christians we stand in the presence of Our Lord once again to listen to His Word, and reaffirm his life in the way of Jesus. Since our home is the focus of our lives, this must be the place of our lenten prayers, sacrifices and penance. The Bible should be taken out of storage now opened up, and used daily. This for sacrifice and penance!

Arriving home after mass the words are still with me. Goodness knows — I do believe! Seated on a kitchen chair yanking off my winter shoes (we still have winter with just a little above 0 temperature, and plenty of snow) I gaze about my little home. Doing this, I was suddenly struck with the thought none of us like to "believe", altho' it does exist. That time of year has arrived, again! Looking around I see chipped paint on the kitchen wall. The wall-paper in the dining area is faded! Gosh-the drapes are frayed and faded! Ugh — that worn out carpet in the hall! Yes, I do "believe" the time for sacrifice in a way of penance has arrived by applying ourselves to hard work and prayers.

Pres. Rose Maras presided at our meeting recently held at Assumption Hall Club rooms. The meeting was opened and closed with prayers. Favorable reports were made by other officers and committee members. More golden anniversary conv. tickets were sold with the sale being considered fairly good.

This being the year of the bicentennial celebrations, the different nationalities in Hibbing are taking it upon themselves to entertain the residents at the nursing homes. At this meeting tentative plans were made for a "Slovenian Nationality Day". This will be held at the Golden Crest Nursing Home directly after Easter. There will be a program of Slovenian songs. Members who possess souvenir keepsakes of Slovenia will exhibit them as they tell of their sentimental value. Following, assorted Slovenian pastries with a beverage will be served to all the residents.

An enjoyable social in cards followed the meeting with Mrs. Rose Vukich, Mary Massich and Rose Bill as hostesses.

As mentioned above — the time of year — "Lent". We are all busy each in our own way — yet, always conscious of our Christian responsibilities — devotions, sacrifice, penance, until the day we celebrate the "Resurrection of Our Lord" — May peace reign with all our sisters in Zveza throughout this lenten season — and then the "Glorious Alleluja!"



Knowing of so many former Hibbingites now located in other areas of the Iron Range, it may interest them to know that a parishioner of the Blessed Sacrament Parish discovered information which may be of interest to such persons. In going thru' some family papers recently, he discovered the original invoice for the bells of the church, dated Dec. 27, 1900. The bell started tolling 75 years ago in the original Blessed Sacrament church then located in North Hibbing. In 1940 it was transferred to the present church where it continues to toll daily at 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 and 6:00 p.m. The invoice indicates that the bell weighed 1,239 lbs. The cost, at 25¢ per lb. totaled \$309.75. Mounting the bell at the new site cost \$52.00 and yet — 50% discount granted the church, made the total cost and mounting \$335.75. (Wonder what it would cost to-day?)

A group of 27 Slovenian immigrant families and individuals presented this bell as a gift to church. The names inscribed on the bell are: F. Golob, F. Globocnik, J. Supancic, A. Bovic, F. Medved, M. Garsich, L. Sehrlen, J. Pogorac, L. Kovach, A. Hrenn, J. Krivic, J. Drobnick, M. Drobnick, M. Muren, J. Kambich, F. Wilzmar, J. Povsha, P. Starc, G. Blash, G. Illic, P. Bizal, M. Garmaker, A. Kramer, F. Funtek, M. Bizal, J. Grebenc, and F. Osoinik.

Do any of us remember any of the above mentioned contributors?

Keep well — Peace to all our sisters in Zveza!

A. SELVO, Pub.

No. 59, BURGETTSTOWN, PA.

February and March meetings was opened with the Lord's Prayer by our President, Frances Korosec. There was no business to report in Feb. After playing games, the members sang Happy Birthday to Hanna Vietmeier whose birthday was Feb. 9th. Cake and ice cream were served. For March, our secretary, Virginia Bendick, read several letters she received. We will choose a delegate for the Convention in Pittsburgh.

Plans are being discussed to sponsor a Slovenian booth for the

4th Annual National Day held on Father's Day, June 20th at the Burgettstown Community Park. On the menu will be potica cake, potica, homemade bread and buns, cabbage rolls, klobase and kraut, chicken and sloppy joes. Anyone in Burgettstown that day is asked to stop by for some good eating.

Our lodge will donated two trees for the Bicentennial Tree Planting Project along the newly-built bypass in Burgettstown. The name of our lodge will be placed on a plaque in one of the squares.

Happy Springtime, ladies.

ROSEMARY ORENCHUK
Reporter

No. 67, BESSEMER, PA.

Due to our president Mary Snezic's illness, (she's at home now), we had our meeting without her. She's on the road to better health and we are glad. Also, Mary Brodesko is ill.

The meeting was attended by 14 ladies. Our anniversary dinner is still on, for April 10th. So, ladies, get your tickets from me, Mary Percic or from Mary Brodesko, Mildred Hulina and Mary Snezic.

Better still, come to the meetings and get the full information.

God bless our sick and our well members. See you are the meeting.

MARY PERCIC
Sub Reporter

No. 73, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, O.

Since this article will appear in the "April" issue, I would like to remind our members once again of our 40th Anniversary Mass to be held at St. Jude's Church Warrensville Heights, Ohio, on Sunday April 25th at 10:00 A.M. We hope to see a large group turn out for this memorable affair as we all should be proud of the number of years our branch has held together with our faithful members as well as God's help.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Travnik (Frances) upon their 45th wedding anniversary, and wish them many more years of good health and happiness.

I am very sorry to have to report that our President Kay Yuratovac, as well as our Secretary's husband Lee Epley, are both hospitalized at this writing. We wish them as well as any other members and their loved ones who are ill at this time, a speedy recovery.

I'd like to public thank one of our members, Beatrice Hrabak, although

I have already done so in person, for coming to my home and picking up approximately sixty to seventy pounds of coupons as well as several shopping bags filled with paperback books, and delivering same to the apartment of the President of the Ladies Sodality of St. Leo's Church. I've been hoping each day that my health would improve so that I could drive and deliver the above mentioned items myself, so Beatrice not only did me a personal favor but our branch as well. Thank you again, Bea, and may God bless you. There hasn't been sufficient time for a written response as to the distribution of these coupons and books, but upon receipt of same, I will notify all members of our branch, and members of branches in other cities who participate in our collection drives, by writing in my article regarding same. Good health and happiness to all.

MILDRED D. ROBERTS,
Reporting Secretary

No. 81, KEEWATIN, MIN.

A meeting of the branch was held in Father Frederick's hall on Wed. Feb. 25th with many members present. Our president, Mary Brletich, presided at the meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were approved. Correspondence and cards from out-of-town members were read at the meeting. Three new members were voted into our organization; the are Mrs. Lucy Gentile, Mrs. Blanche Laurich, Mrs. Jean Hagston.

It was decided to have a Mother's Day Breakfast on May 9th in Father Frederick's Hall at which time we will honor Mrs. Antoinette Kuchich as our Mother of the Year. Her family will be invited as guests.

Our next meeting will be held on April 28th at which time we will make plans for our breakfast.

It was voted that the same officers will serve for another year. They are: President, Mary Brletich, Vice-President, Antoinette Mestnick, Treasurer, Mary Marolt, Recording Secretary, Molly Boben, Financial Secretary, Anne Dickovich, Sargent at Arms, Peggy Kolar and Reporter, Mary Michelich.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses Mary Michelich, Anne Michelich, Sophie Michelich, Mrs. Steve Jackovich. The remainder of the evening was spent in chatting and visiting.

MARY MICHELICH
Reporter

No. 86, NASHWAUK, MINN.

We held a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24th with sixteen members and two guests present. Due to unavoidable circumstances we did not meet in January.

In December, we had a pot-luck Christmas party and held our election of officers for 1976.

The officers elected by acclamation are: President, Mary Zakrajsek, Vice-President, Anne Mazar, Treasurer, Christine Meyer and Secretary, Katie Stimac. On the Board of Trustees are Mary Gram, Anne Maurin and Marian Dergantz. Anne Mazar is also the Reporter, and Fr. Rudolph Pakiz is the Spiritual Advisor.

In December, we also gave Father Pakiz a monetary gift of \$10 and a \$35 gift for our church. He suggested that the Slovenian women could make various foods native to our mother country and wear costumes of our nationality for the Bicentennial celebration which will be held July 4th.

Following our business session, cards were played with prizes being won by two sisters, Rose Papatola and Mayme Pansino.

A delicious lunch was served by hostesses Mary and Elizabeth Zakrajsek. Hopefully, we shall see you all at our next meeting with as good or even better a turnout. It is very gratifying to see a good attendance at the meetings.

ANNE MAZAR
Reporter

No. 95, So. CHICAGO, ILL.

Our February Meeting began with 26 members present. We kept a busy pace by properly accepting the same slate of officers and the officers immediately gave their yearly report in becoming leaders of our branch, with new ideas and hopes to do something to bring new vitality into our modern lives. Yours truly has been selected to represent our branch for the up and coming National Convention, Mildred Propat will be the alternate.

Just a reminder, on May 5 we will honor our woman of the year, Evelyn Driscoll, Rec. Secty. I ask all of you to set a side this date and rally around. For her perseverance, thoroughness in fulfilling her responsibilities to our branch, she certainly deserves it.

As in the past, once again we are asking you to bring along some sort of dish of your choice to pass around. I know if we all pitch in, we can

make the May Party a gala affair, besides, you will have fun.

We had on our program Mrs. Beth Williams from the greater Chicago Nutritional Society, to speak on "Food Gardening". Her talk left a great impression on our ladies, especially with her wry humor saying, "don't let your brown thumb deprive you of the joys of a vegetable garden; it's easier than you think!" It really means that spring is not too far away!

We are sorry to hear that our Ann Sertich again has entered the hospital, Mary Brozynski underwent surgery and Carrie Plebanski is ailing. Kindly include all of our ailing members in your prayers.

Table decorations using a Valentine theme were lovingly prepared by Emma Yergovich, Mary Barcevac, and yours truly, and our February Birthday Celebrants donated the goodies and they are: Julie Hanson, Chesta Graczyk and Ann Hlaser.

Cash donated by: \$5-Bernice Golden, \$3-Bernice Morrison, \$2.40-Marge Simunic, \$2-Eva Starcevic, Chesta Graczyk, Ann Sertich; \$1-Sophie Barbich, Emma Yergovich, Carrie Plebanski, Ann Plesha, Helen and Marie Zefferio, and Frances Seabloom.

Valentine candies went to, Helen Hoff, Ann Polancic, Sophie Barbich, Ann Kompare, and Frances Seabloom. My sincere thanks to all of you.

Birthday Greetings to our April celebrants: Mary Nicksic, Rose Krneta, Regina Buchanan, Marge Innis, Mary Pavelich, Rose Kovacevich, Matilda Quinn, Cecelia Kolavo, Barbara Sambol, Andrijana Bandera, Mary E. Alkovich, Helen Willis Jr. and Rosalie Rozek, and Ann Laski.

In conclusion, I would like to announce that if any one of our members would like to attend our National Convention, to check the particulars for information with one of the officers, we would be glad to have you attend.

My thoughts turn to all of you with affection and best wishes at this Easter season. I hope that health, peace, and prosperity may attend your life throughout your days. HAPPY EASTER!

MILDRED JAMES.

No. 100, FONTANA, CAL.

Warm greetings to each and every one of you from all the members of Branch No. 100, Fontana, California.

On February 5th, our meeting, which was very well-attended considering the trials, tribulations, and illnesses that plague everyone at one time or another and commenced with prayer by our President Mary Jasina.

April 25th has been chosen for

Corporate Communion at 9:00 A.M. at St. George's Church on San Bernardino Avenue, Fontana, California.

The topics which were touched briefly at the meeting; card party, bake sale and campaign for new members will be discussed thoroughly at future meetings.

Our sister Frances Martin came home from San Bernardino Hospital to attend her granddaughter's wedding. The young bride was Miss Fontana of 1975. We all wish the newlyweds Our Lord's blessings in their new life together and God grant peace and good health. We are very happy for sister Martin that she was able to be present at this memorable occasion.

On Sunday, a lovely sunny day, with a little breeze, a group of women went to the Convalescent Homes to visit our sick members. These visits are not always joyful occasions and the heart gets very heavy from sadness. Visiting the sick and bringing to them what happiness you can is most pleasing to our Lord; such deeds are powerful prayers.

To our sick members: Linda Klinger, Louise Pieri, Stephanie Majcen, Julia Kukman and Frances Martin; God grant health, and where smiles are heavy crosses May Our Lord Smile Upon Thee. Offer up all your trials and tribulations to Jesus and let HIM take care of them.

Birthday greetings to the following members; and God grant a Healthy and peaceful year to all; Edith Drawenek, Mary Glad, Teresa Paro, Rose Perry, Dorothy Petrich and Josephine Pondzo.

The meeting came to a close with prayer by President Mary Jasina and the souls of our departed sisters were adorned with a prayer by all members. Then, we all partook of very delicious coffee and pastries prepared by our hard-working ladies who are expert coffee makers and bakers.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: We all have our moments of sadness, anger, depression and, at times, tend to judge others a trifle too harshly. I would like to share this poem with you which is an excellent reminder to all of us:

I dreamed death came the other night and Heaven's gate swung wide, With kindly grace an angel ushered me inside.

And there to my astonishment stood folks I had known on earth, Some of whom I had judged and labeled as uniff or of little worth.

Indignant words rose to my lips but never were set free,

FOR ON EVERY FACE SHOWED STUNNED SURPRISE,

NO ONE EXPECTED ME!

God bless!

M. VERLICH.

No. 101, BEDFORD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Our group met on February 12th, instead of the normal first Thursday of the Month. Meeting was canceled because of the bad snow storm. Ladies, our attendance is very poor, please try to attend the meetings.

Our meetings will continue to be held at the Bedford Heights City Hall. We received a letter from Mayor Lucille Reed (branch member), informing us there will be no charge for usage of the meeting room.

Final discussion of the '75 charity donation. We've decided to purchase a Cross and Missal in the name of slain police officer William Prochaska. Dorothy Szumsky volunteered to handle the arrangements with Father Minich. The items are needed for a new Chapel being added to Holy Trinity Church. We plan to present the Cross and Missal to the Church at our Mother's day Mass. We will request the Prochaska family to attend for the presentation.

The card and note sale is still in progress, anyone in need of these items or a catalog please contact Rita Mertle 475-2916. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

We discussed having a paper-back book sale in July or August, Stella Hajek volunteered her garage for the sale. Ladies bring in your paper backs, we will have a member sale at the next meeting.

Valentine refreshments for this meeting were brought by hostesses Betty Matjasic and Dorothy Kastelic. The cherry cake and little fancy heart shaped cakes were delicious... thanks girls...

The good old southern hospitality was enjoyed by Florence Mirtel, Dorothy Stark and yours truly, in sunny Atlanta, Georgia. It sure was nice to get away from the snow and cold for a week-end Jan. 31, Feb. 1., Our thanks to Anamae and Ron Bizily again this year for hosting the 2nd Annual Slovenian Home Society Polka trip. This trip the music was supplied by Eddie Stampfl and orchestra. Thanks to Florence for her work in handling the northern organization of the trip. Everyone that went on the trip had a fantastic time, we met a lot of new friends... Thanks "you all". For those who would like to have gone, maybe next trip...

Our sympathies to Dorothy and John Stark on the loss of John's sister February 7th. May she rest in peace.

Get well wishes and prayers to Lucille Picone's husband, who suffered a heart attack and is recuperating in St. Alexis Hospital.

Get well wishes also to Joseph John Szumski (J.J.), son of Dorothy and Joe Szumski, grandson of Betty Mat-

FINANCIAL REPORT — FINANČNO POROČILO

FEBRUARY, 1976

Br. No.	Amount:	Adults:	Jr. Re.:
1	\$117.45	175	63
2	137.30	206	91
3	168.45	256	114
4	—	10	—
5	—	76	10
6	53.30	98	15
7	49.65	84	23
8	—	36	—
9	—	20	—
10	130.20	159	17
12	77.80	139	53
13	—	97	22
14	158.40	267	39
15	82.45	147	2
16	109.90	159	61
17	102.50	156	109
19	49.45	84	8
20	217.15	260	108
21	67.65	103	45
22	19.90	15	—
23	128.85	220	28
24	61.75	109	22
25	295.15	491	112
26	93.30	138	45
27	—	34	2
28	88.70	57	27
29	9.75	20	2
30	21.40	298	1
31	74.80	69	15
32	122.15	184	53
33	126.95	173	108
34	22.75	35	4
35	30.80	45	23
37	—	15	—
38	—	95	—

jasic. He had a recent stay in the hospital for an operation, all is well, we hope, "J.J."...

Congratulations to Florence and Joe Mirtel on becoming grand-parents for number three. Kortny Ann arrived December 18th to parents Rosemarie and Ron Ramacciato. Rose is also a branch member with her two other children Kimberly and Ronald.

Florence also informed us there will be a wedding in her family. Son Joseph is engaged to wed Denise Lanzalaca on May 15th. Congratulations to Joe and Denise from all the members and family.

Happy Birthday to Vicki Matjasic on March 15th... best wishes for a happy day and many many more...

A poem shared: Joy sings in beauty that surrounds us... Joy smiles through loved ones all around us... Joy speaks in gentle words that guide us... Joy smiles in feelings deep inside us... (Barbara Burrow).

Till the next time... a nice day... every day...

RITAMARIE MERTLE,
Your Roving Reporter.

39	—	47	3
40	64.25	102	1
41	58.40	134	12
42	—	54	2
43	153.25	203	113
45	20.90	39	11
46	16.25	31	3
47	69.15	108	41
50	240.15	307	53
52	35.35	50	12
54	—	49	30
55	40.15	60	18
56	48.00	85	4
57	—	52	13
59	15.85	26	—
61	—	5	1
62	—	20	6
63	—	76	9
64	—	35	—
65	—	35	18
66	—	48	14
67	46.65	66	7
68	39.85	53	23
70	42.00	13	—
71	62.35	109	37
76	66.30	102	63
74	195.00	25	1
77	18.45	34	18
79	22.25	36	17
80	—	12	—
81	17.55	28	1
83	7.35	15	—
84	—	36	3
85	—	35	—
86	22.60	19	—
88	—	41	3
89	30.75	61	19
90	15.05	34	—
91	—	39	5
92	24.50	30	15
93	19.30	44	3
94	—	5	—
95	116.80	159	11
96	53.60	42	—
97	6.50	12	—
99	8.90	11	—
100	41.05	49	17
101	28.05	34	11
102	—	35	2
103	—	22	17
105	42.10	29	6
106	30.90	24	—

Total: \$4,337.45 7,550 1,866

Remarks: Pd. in Jan. a; Jan. b; Feb. & Mar. c; Jan. & Feb. d; Pd. to June e; Jan. to Dec. 76 f.

Income in Febr. dohodki februarja 1976:

Assessment:	\$4,337.45
Rent:	135.00
Interest:	7,006.28
Books sold	1,223.75

12,702.48

Less books — asset 1,223.75

Net income: 11,478.73

DISBURSEMENTS: STROŠKI FEB. 1976

Death claims pd.; zavarov. plačane	\$2,100.00
Salaries — plače	927.82
Travel & Per Diems; potovanja, dnevnice:	882.95
Administration	650.00
Dep. of Insurance	25.00
Gas — plin	42.17
Social Security — soc. zavarov.	71.66
Real Estate tax — davek na hiši	464.64
Zarja — Tha Dawn	2,056.01
Withholding tax	266.56
Postage & Teleph.	152.09
Maintenance	30.00
Bowling	26.00
	7,694.90



UMRLE ČLANICE:

Antonia Basko Vogrič	Br. 2
Stanislava Bence	Br. 2
Anna Pecek	Br. 3
Mary Verhovsek	Br. 7
Frances Bradach	Br. 10
Mary Paskovich	Br. 14
Josephine Poje	Br. 14
Mary Kastner	Br. 17
Amalia Veranth	Br. 23
Mary Sadar	Br. 25
Frances Spehek	Br. 25
Katherine Bukovec	Br. 25
Mary Schaffer	Br. 25
Louise Krizman	Br. 50
Irene Chase	Br. 73
Agnes Zagar	Br. 84
Marie E. Grankowski	Br. 95

Naj počivajo v miru!

Naj počivajo v miru!

FANIKA HUMAR,
Sec'y.

ZARJA—THE DAWN

OH, TA SVET



Zaupaj vase!

V življenju imajo useph le tisti ljudje, ki vidijo svoj cilj pred seboj, ki se ne strašijo borb in trdno verujejo da bodo svoj cilj dosegli. Trgovci, ki po prvih izgubah takoj ne klone, se bo hitreje spravili spet na noge, kakor pa človek, ki začne takoj obupavati in trditi, da nima sreče v življenju. Najhujše, kar se ti more pripetiti, je, da izgubiš svoje dobro ime. Enako hudo pa je tudi, če izgubiš vero v samega sebe. Če si izgubila zaupanje vase, potem si izgubila hrbtenico in brez hrbtenice človek ne more stati pokoncu.

Malodušni ljudje nikoli ne dosežejo znatnih uspehov. Sreča je zelo nežna rastlina. Mnogo sonca in veliko močne opore potrebuje. Če hočeš živeti v srečnem zakonu in v življenju doseči svoj cilj, moraš imeti pogum in vstrajnost. Biti moraš optimistična tudi v najtežjih slučajih! Sama si kuj svojo osodo! Ne dovoli nikomur, da bi ti izpodkopaval vero vase, ne daj s svojim delom prilike nikomur, ki bi te omalovaževal, tudi mož ne. Pa tudi sebi ne dovoli, da bi te obdajale črne misli in dvomi v uspeh.

S pogumom in optimizmom boš premagala vse težave, morda ne takoj — a premagala jih boš. Če zadnje leto ni bilo zate najboljšo, veruj, da bo Novo leto mnogo boljše. Veruj v svetlo stran življenja! Ta vera te bo duhovno poživila. Odkrila boš nova pota, nove načine, kako bi se dalo lažje in boljše živeti. Vera vase te bo izpodbujala pri vzgoji otrok in ti pomagala prikleniti moža na dom. Vera vase ti bo prinesla uspehe. Optimističnega človeka imajo radi vsi ljudje. — Zaupaj vase!

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Svet se ne more izboljšati, dokler bodo ljudje še kar naprej malenkostni in maščevalni. Nikakor ne moremo ustvariti boljšega sveta dokler sami ne znamo brzdati svojih slabih nagonov. Srčna kultura je ena izmed najvažnejših prvin na potu k izboljšanju našega življenja, kakor življenja vseh narodov.

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Kjer ni skušnjav tudi ni čednosti! Lahko je biti človeku poštenemu, če nima kaj ukrasti.

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Biti nehvaležen je sicer človeško, toda nehvaležnost očitno kazati in jo obešati na velik zvon, je pa otročje.

* * *

Ne iščimo tega v čemur se razlikujemo, temveč skušajmo najti to, kar nas druži.

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Bedaki rastejo brez, da bi jih kdo zalival.

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Predsednik Eisenhower je republikanski stranki, torej svoji stranki, dal sledeč nasvet: "Upam, da bodo republikanci razvili strankine principe tako, da bo razlika med republikansko in demokratsko stranko vidna tudi meni."

General Eisenhower je bil odličen vojak ter predsednik velike univerze, pa je vseeno bil tako pošten,

da je priznal, četudi v šali, da vsega ne razume. Med nami pa je nekaj takih, ki niso generali, niti predsedniki kake univerze, pa si vseeno resno domišljujejo, da so vsevedneži.

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Amerikanci popijejo veliko piva. V enem letu ga je bilo skuhanega nad pet milijonov galonov. Država Wisconsin je na glasu radi svojega izredno dobrega piva. Ne samo variti pivo, tudi piti ga znamo v Wisconsinu. Statistika pove, da je lansko leto prišlo 30 galonov piva na osebo. Radovedna sem kdo je moje porcijo popil, ker jaz ga nisem niti en kvart.

Kako se pride do denarja

V banko pride prileten Italijan v roki držeč precej obširen papirnat škrnicelj. Videti je bilo, da ni pogostokat na banki, ker se je nekam plašno oziral okrog, nevede h kateremu uradniku bi stopil. Bančni stražnik ga opazi, pristopi k njemu in vpraša kaj želi.

"Moje ime je Toni," se Italijan predstavi. "Toni Markoni. Rad bi vložil na banko pol milijona dolarjev."

Stražnik, od začudenja loveč sapo mu pomigne naj gre z njim. Pelje ga k predsedniku banke.

"S čim vam naj postrežem, dobri mož?" prijazno vpraša predsednik. Toni odpre papirnato vrečo in prične pred zavzetega predsednika polagati na mizo lepo zložene bankovce. . . , rekoč, da želi ta denar na banko vložiti, ker mu je sosed povedal, da je ta najboljša in najvarnejša banka v mestu.

"Sveti Kolumbus!" se čudi predsednik. "S čim pa trgujete, da imate toliko denarja?"

"Čevlje snajim", pojasni Toni.

"Morate pri svojem delu pač dobro zaslužiti. Gotovo ste plačani s ponarejenimi bankovci", meni predsednik.

"Ne! Tisto pa ne! To je dober denar kot se lahko sami prepričate. Imam pet čistilnic za čevlje — lepo čevlje zbiksam in kostumerji so zadovoljni in me plaajo s poštnim denarjem."

"Kako dolgo ste v Ameriki?" vprašuje predsednik.

"Dvanajst let," je bil odgovor.

"Samo 12 let ste v Ameriki pa imate toliko denarja? Vaša pridnost in podjetnost je nekaj izrednega. Veste kaj? Nocoj bom imel večerjo s prijatelji, ali bi hoteli priti še vi in večerjati z nami ter nam povedati o svojem biznesu 'Shoe Shine parlorjih'?"

"Šur, šur, gotovo pridem," obljublja Toni vesel.

Ko se je Italijan zvečer prikazal v krasni bankirjevi hiši, so ga bankirjevi prijatelji obkolili kot bi bil predsednik Amerike. Vse križem so ga izpraševali o njegovemu biznesu. Mož je na postavljene vprašanja radevolje odgovarjal in končno povedal svojo zgodbičo takole:

"Pred 12 leti sva s sestro prišla v Ameriko. Takoj sem kupil biks in majhno omaro ter pričel čistiti čevlje. Zaslužil sem mnogo desetice pa tudi kak dolar je padel vmes. Po petih letih sem že imel svoj lasten 'Shoe Shine Parlor', dve leti pozneje sem kupil še dva. Vsega skupaj imam danes pet čistilnic in dobro zaslužim."

Po tem govoru se je Toni oddahnil, se ozrl naokrog ter se vsedel v širok mehak naslonjač. A takoj je spet planil kvišku in zaklical: "Gospodje! Tako sem bil zamišljen v svoj biznes, da sem popolnoma pozabil omeniti svojo sestro. Medtem ko sem jaz čevlje čistil se je sestra trikrat bogato omožila. Zadnji teden je umrla ter meni zapustila pol milijona dolarjev."

OBNOVITEV SLOVENSКИH ODDAJ GLASA AMERIKE

Po trinajstih mesecih molka se je v nedeljo 29. februarja ob šestih zjutraj (po evropskem času) zopet oglasil slovenski Glas Amerike.

Obnovitev slovenskih oddaj Glasa Amerike pomeni za Slovence važno potrditev dvestoletnega načela ameriške Izjave Neodvisnosti, ki je svetu razglasila kot "samo po sebi umevno resnico", da "so vsi ljudje ustvarjeni enaki in so od Stvarnika obdarjeni z gotovimi neodtujljivimi pravicami..." To ni čustveno pretiravanje. Zgodilo se je namreč, da je po več ko tridesetih letih neprekinjenega oddajanja slovenski Glas Amerike bil 1. februarja 1975 lahkomišeno in krivično ukinjen kot edini izmed začetnih narodnostnih oddaj ameriške svetovne radijske službe. Velikina Amerike ni v tem, da je pri nas vselej in samo po sebi vse pravično in pametno, temveč v tem, da dvestoletni ameriški ustavni sistem vedno omogoča, da se zagrešene krivice in napake popravijo, če se prizadeti resno zavzamejo za to, kar jim v smislu ameriških načel po pravici gre. In tako je bilo v primeru lani ukinjenega, sedaj pa obnovljenega slovenskega Glasa Amerike.

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Številna pisma poslušalcev iz Slovenije, pa tudi uradni statistični podatki zbrani v sami Sloveniji, so pokazali, da so bile slovenske oddaje Glasa Amerike učinkovite in priljubljene ter so dejansko predstavljale edino — splošno in neposredno — zvezo med Slovenijo in Ameriko. Zato je ukinitve slovenskih oddaj Glasa Amerike med ameriški Slovenci sprožila močan val odpora za konstruktivno protidelo: Glas Amerike mora nadaljevati s slovenskimi oddajami. To odločitev so pozdravili in aktivno podpre ameriško-slovenske organizacije in tisk ter številni posamezniki, slovenskega in drugih porekel, po svesti Ameriki in v zveznem Kongresu.

Glavna teža prizadevanj za ohranitev slovenskih oddaj je seveda padla na Washington. Z bolečo neposrednostjo pa se je pokazalo dejstvo, da ameriški Slovenci nimamo podobne "lobby" kot jo imajo nekatere druge narodnostne in interesne skupnosti, ki bi bila zmogljiva, da se v vsakem danem trenutku uspešno zavzame za upravičene slovenske potrebe.

To vrzel pa je izpolnil senator Frank J. Lausche, ki je svoj zavidljiv ugled in svoje bogate izkušnje v ameriškem političnem življenju takoj odločno in vztrajno zastavil najprej za ohranitev, pozneje pa za obnovitev slovenskih oddaj Glasa Amerike. Njemu v prvi vrsti gre zasluga za končni uspeh teh prizadevanj.

Zganile so se razne slovenske naselbine po Ameriki. Clevelandška Ameriška Domovina je objavila več člankov kritičnih tej odredbi. Lahko bi rekli, da je ameriška Slovenija odlično nastopila. Čikaški Slovenci so šli hitro na delo. Slovenska Ženska Zveza se je pridružila Slovenskemu Radio Klubu in KSKJ enotni v opozoritvi javnosti. Brzjavke in pisma so bila odposlana predsedniku Amerike, senatorjem in kongresnikom. Urednica Zarje, dr. Ludvik Leskovar, gl. preds. KSKJ Edward J. Kucic in jolietški rojak John Jevitz, so osebno intervenirali pri naslednjih ilinojskih kongresnikih, ki so se vsi močno zaveli za slovenske oddaje in zaslužijo posebno zahvalo: Senator Charles H. Percy in Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson. Kot člana senatnega zunanjepolitičnega odbora sta izvajala svoj vpliv v tem odboru v prid naših oddaj. Enako vplivni član poslanskega zunanje-političnega odbora Edward Derwinski in čikaški kongresniki Frank Annunzio, Don Rostenkowski in črna kongresnica Cardiss Collins ter ugledni jolietški kongresnik George M. O'Brien. Ustanoviteljica Zveze, Mrs. Marie Prislant je posredovala pri kongresnikih iz Wisconsinu ter tudi prejela ugodne odgovore in obljubo podpore. Po nasvetu senatorja Lauschea je bila izdelana strokovna študija, ki



Iz tega poslopja se vršijo radijske oddaje Glasa Amerike v Slovenijo in po vsem svetu.

je vsebovala važne splošne ugotovitve, podrobne odgovore na šest poglavitnih trditev, ki jih je direktor USIA navajal v oporo svoji odločitvi, ter jedrnat povzetje vseh argumentov v utemeljitev predloga, naj Kongres s svojo zakonodajno odločitvijo zapove ponovno uvedbo slovenskih oddaj Glasa Amerike.

To študijo, ki je bila predhodno poslana vodilnim članom Kongresa, je z dodatnim osebnim pričevanjem Kongresu predložil Senator Lausche. Dne 5. maja je on kot prva priča nastopil pred zunanjepolitičnim odborom zveznega Senata — katerega član je sam bil 12 let — ko je odbor začel razpravljati o avtorizaciji proračuna za USIA in Glas Amerike. Septembra 1975 pa je senator Lausche ponovno nastopil kot priča za obnovitev slovenskih oddaj pred zunanjepolitičnim pododborom zvezne poslanske zbornice, ko je ta začel razpravo o proračunu. Ob tej priliki je senatorja Lauschea podprl kot dodatna priča Hon. Joe Skubitz, zvezni poslanec slovenskega porekla iz države Kansas. V obeh kongresnih odborih je senator Lausche imel ob sebi dr. Cirila Žebota, profesorja gospodarskih ved na Georgetownu univerzi, ki je bil pripravil predloženo študijo.

Kongresu predložena študija obsega 26, strani drobnega tiska v uradnih kongresnih zapisnikih obeh sej. Poleg dokumentacije za obnovitev slovenskih oddaj Glasa Amerike predstavlja predložena študija važen sodoben primer, ko smo bili Slovenci neposredno in učinkovito afirmirani v ameriškem Kongresu, posebno še, ker predložena dokumentacija informativno obravnava sodobno slovensko problematiko. Temeljitosti, jasnosti in prepričljivosti te študije, predvsem pa njeni verodostojnosti in kongresni sprejemljivosti, ki ju ji je dal s svojim osebnim pričevanjem senator Lausche, gre zahvala, da sta se oba zunanjepolitična odbora izrekla za obnovitev slovenskih oddaj Glasa Amerike. Po več kot letu dni naporov je slednjič prišla zaželjena odločitev: slovenske oddaje so bile obnovljene.

Slovenci v Združenih državah in povsod lahko z zaščeno gledajo na ta uspeh. To velja še posebej, ker so bile oddaje obnovljene ob pravem času, da bodo Slovenci v domovini neposredno obvesčani o poteku letošnjega jubilejnega leta Združenih držav, in o vlogi Slovencev v njeni zgodovini, ter o jesenskih predsedniških volitvah. Pisma, ki so prihajala na slovensko sekcijo Glasa Amerike od prvega obvestila, da bodo oddaje ukinjene 1. februarja 1975, govore o globoki povezanosti Slovencev v domovini z rojaki v Združenih državah in njihovo novo domovino. Obnova ameriških slovenskih oddaj bo gotovo utrdila to povezanost, s tem pa tudi prispevala k splošnemu razumevanju med narodi, ki je danes tako zelo potrebno.

P. C. F.

DOPISI

ŠT. 1, SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

V nedeljo 22. februarja, je naše mesto imelo mednarodno slavo za 200 letnico Amerike. Zastopanih je bilo 20 narodnosti živečih v mestu. Slovence je zastopala naša podružnica.

Oderske prireditve so bile v petju. Podani so bili primerni govori konzulov nekaterih držav. Nemci so delili uradno glasilo nemškega Narodnega Kongresa DER DEUTSCH-AMERIKANER ter jemali filmske slike, ki bodo kazane na kanalu 11. Predstavljeno je bilo 18 študentov iz tujih držav, ki se šolajo v Ameriki in živijo v Sheboygan okraju. Med njimi je Slovenec, Julij Junež iz Maribora. Študira na višji šoli v Sheboygan Fallsu. Pogreša planine, drugače mu Amerika ugaja.

Naš 12-letni član Paul Maurin je na programu pel v treh jezikih. Spremljala ga je njegova mamica na harmoniko. Žela sta velik aplavz. Naša predsednica Olga Saye je s svojo novo umetno harmoniko spremljala italijanskega tenorista, dobrega pevca. Zelo sta občinstvu ugajala.

Festival je obiskalo več tisoč ljudi in vsaka narodnost je imela prostor za razstavo svojih umetnosti. Naše članice so se postavile zlasti z krasno pletenimi pogrinjali ter s kuharsko umetnostjo. Prinesle so: potice, kruh, krofe, kiflice, rezance, štrudelnice (zavitke) piškote in krasno dekorirane kečke. Imele smo kuhano vino, ki smo ga krstile za "Pink tea"; pogreje želodec, odžene skrbi in je zelo okusno. Naši izdelki so bili najprvo prodani.

Podružnični odbor se toplotno zahvaljuje vsem darovalkam peciva, ker so s tem pripomogle popularnosti slovenske kuhinje in obogatile našo blagajno. Izkupiček je namenjen mladinskim aktivnostim. Gorka zahvala tudi onim, ki so bile ves popoldan zaposljene s prodajo. Dobre članice imamo, prav zares!

Za odbor:

MARIE PRISLAND

ŠT. 10, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Pozdrav vsem članicam po celi naši državi v United States. Leto se je kmalu pričelo in imamo kar dosti prireditev na odru, tu v Clevelandu in v Euclid. Prvo bo v maju Materinski dan in na seji smo izbrale za mater leta 1976, FRANCES ZAGAR, podpredsednica in nadzornica naše podr. Ona je moja sestra. Materni dan bomo praznovali prvo nedeljo v maju. Sv. maša se bo brala za vse žive matere v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete v Collinwoodu, na Holmes Ave. Za materni

ŽENE V CHICAGU ŽALUJEMO

Dan za dnem beremo v dnevnih časopisih o nasilnostih, katerih žrtve so žene. Beremo o napadih zaradi denarja ali posilstva. Močnemu moškemu je lahko telesno premagati šibkejšo žensko, da ji ugrabi torbico ali, da jo posili. V tako velikem ljudskem mestu kakor je Chicago z mnogovrstnim prebivalstvom se vršijo zločini podnevi, še več pa ponoči. Meseca februarja letos sta postali nedolžni žrtvi 2 Slovenki.

Članica naše podr. št. 2, pridna in prijazna Stanislava Bence živeča v Ciceru, je šla v banko, da bi tam vložila nekaj prihrankov. Prišel je ropar, ki je pri okencu zahteval denar. Imenovana se je v čakajoči vrsti zganila in obrnila, pa jo je ropar takoj ustrelil v glavo, ji iztrgal torbico in zbežal. Ona je občežala mrtva. Policija je krivca našla in zaprla. Pokojna zapuščala žalujočega moža in 2 sina. Veliko prijateljev in prijateljic se je poslovilo od nje v žefranovem pogrebem zavodu in udeležilo pogrebne maše pri sv. Štefanu. Milo petje "Glejte že sonce zahaja" in "Vigred se povrne" je izvabilo solze sočutja iz vsakega očesa; vsakdo se je lahko vprašal: zakaj tako in kam bo to pripeljal o?

Ko smo odhajali od preranega groba Slavke Bence, smo slišali, da je bil izvršen nov zločin nad Slovenko. Mlada žena in mati Marija Candir, ki je živela v naši sosedščini, se ponoči ni vrnila z dela domov. Čez dva dni so jo našli daleč proč na neki železniški progi zadavljeno in pomankljivo občeženo. Bila je mati treh nedoraslih sinov. Krivca še niso našli. Slovenska skupnost se je dostojno poslovila od

dan bom še več pisala pozneje.

Potem se bo vršila naša konvencija v Pittsburghu, združena s 50 letnico Zveze. Delegatinja je taj. Sophie Magayna, tajnica in namestnica je Frances Zagar. Me kar veseli, da bom tam za našo podružnico. Bom že pozneje popisala kako bo šlo.

Dne 12. junija, 1976 bomo zopet imele Cotillion Ball v Narodnem Domu na St. Clairu. Vsa dekleta, ki so stare 16 let do 23 let so vabljeni, da naj se prijavijo. Takrat se hčerke postavijo v ponos očetov ter tudi njihovi fantje. Vse je res lepo videti. Dajte prijaviti vaše hčerke ali vnukinje (granddaughters), da se bomo tudi članice od št. 10 malo postavile. Tudi je sedaj čas, da se priglasijo študentje, ki želijo dobiti šolnine (scholarship). Prosim, da me pokličete!

Na seji v jan. smo imele molitve za članice, ki so umrle v letu 1975. Zgubile smo jih 8. Preds. Annie Mar-

nje. Zupnik p. Tomaž je med drugim dodal, da je današnji pogreb sad brezbožne duše. Državna oblast popušča zločincem, ukinja molitev po šolah, odreka pomoč katoliškim šolam in zločince po nekaj mesecih ali letih izpušča na svobodo. Ljudje živijo brez Boga. Solistka pri sv. Štefanu Mrs. Cieblinski je občuteno-kakor zna le ona-zapele "Vigred se povrne." Kako žalosten je bil pogled na žalujočo družino zlasti na najmlajšega 4 letnega sinka.

Nesreče še ni bilo konec. Komaj 2 tedna po tem pogrebu, se je svak — brother in law — pokojne Marije g. Frank Candir smrtno ponesrečil. Zgubil je kontrolo nad avtom na mostu na Damen Ave. in Stevenson Highway in zgrmel na žel. progo v globino. Imel je seboj dva otroke. 9 letna Irena je bila tudi na mestu mrtva. 10 letni sin pa ostal nepoškodovan. Od sv. Štefana je bil zopet kar dvojni pogreb. Otrok je bil zelo lep-ves v belem na parah poleg očeta. Žalujoči ženi in materi se je od žalosti paralo srce. Ona je članica SZZ ga. Izidora Candir. Ob pogledu na belo krstico, katero so nosile dekličine sošolke, se je vsakemu zamegilo oko. "Nihče ne ve ne ure, ne dneva", je povedal p. Tomaž. Z vdovo-materjo še dveh otrok vsi sočustvujemo.

Naša podružnica SZZ v Chicagu je prav v zadnjih mesecih izgubila kar 5 članic. Te so: Mrs. Anna Starc, Mrs. Mary Vihtelich, Mrs. Antonia Vogrich — Basko, Mrs. Slavka Bence in Mrs. Rose Potokar. Vse naj v miru počivajo! Žalujočim pa naše sožalje!

A. G.

kovich je klicala imena članic in za vsako smo prižgale svečko. Ko smo ugasnile svečke, smo za vse opravile molitve.

To leto v januarju nam je umrla Frances Bradach; v febr. pa Mary Martini, obe dolgoletne članice, katere bomo zelo pogrešale. Naše globoko sožalje ostalim sorodnikom. Naše članice pa naj počivajo v miru.

Vesel rojstni dan želimo članicam Jennie Koren, Mary Komidar, Mary Camloh, Angela Stromole in Frances Zagar! Mrs. Koren bo stara 92 let in je bila vedno aktivna pri naši podr. Sedaj živi v domu za ostarele na Neff Rd. v Clevelandu. Članice jo lepo pozdravimo in želimo vsem zdravja še mnogo let.

Hvala vsem članicam za darilo v domačo blagajno. Naj ljubi Bog da vam zdravja za leta naprej. Vsem, ki so bolane ali v bolnicah, prosimo molitve. **SOPHIE MAGAYNA**, tajnica

ŠT. 14, EUCLID, OHIO

Seja v marcu je bila prav dobro obiskana. Ker je mraz ponehal in se nam bliža gorka pomlad, bomo pa še v večjem številu prišle na seje. Komaj je izginil sneg, pa že rožice silijo iz zemlje. Tički, posebno rabini, že tudi veselo letajo okoli hiš.

Naša Mary Stražišar, ki je odpotovala zadnji mesec v daljno Argentino, se je tudi že srečno vrnila med nas. Mnogo nam je povedala o tamkajšnjih razmerah. V Argentini se imajo ljudje bolj slabo, malo zaslužijo. Povedala je, da je zrak tako vlažen, da mnogi nimajo preprog v hišah, ampak hodijo po cementnih tleh. Hrana plačana v dolarji pa ni draga. Tudi usnjeni predmeti niso dragi in je prinesla s seboj nekaj lepih čevljev. Rekla je tudi, da imajo nekaj zelo lepih cerkev.

Drugo leto 1977 bomo v oktobru slavile 50 letnico obstoja naše podružnice. To bo dne 23. oktobra, 1977. Zaradi tega smo sklenile, da letos ne bomo imele nobene prireditve, da bo več časa za priprave lepe proslave 50 letnice.

Mrs. Mimi Rizonja je morala ponovno v bolnico, ker se ji je bolezen zopet poslabšala in Mrs. Slava Vehovec bo tudi morala nazaj v bolnico, ker z desno nogo ne more hoditi.

Na seji je bilo prečitanih več hvalnih kartic.

Če katera želi iti na konvencijo v maju, naj se prikladi pri Mrs. Boštjan.

Ta večer smo imele tri-mesečno godovanje. Dobre članice so prinesle mnogo okusnih jedi in v denarju. Te so: Fakult, Sadar, Čebul, Manič Ziperman, Plut, Kožel, Hamprej, Špehar, Filzem, Lada, A. Sustar, Krulc, Storman, Fajdiga, Maurich, Vidovec, Stražišar Kevani, Sadar Baron, Bubnič, Rogers, Erzen, Collins, Zabukovec, Zurek. Prisrčno se zahvalim vsem. Naj vam ljubi Bog da zdravlja.

Novo pristopili članici Zofie Mekdana, prisrčno dobrodošlico!

Lepo pozdravljene in na svidenje na prihodnji seji.

ANTONIJA ŠUSTAR.

ŠT. 17, WEST ALLIS, WISCONSIN

Na zadnji seji je bila velika udeležba. Ali se bomo res poboljšale ter bolj pridno prihajale na seje? Zakaj pa ne? V poletnih mesecih pa itak nimamo sej.

Na zadnji seji smo počastile našo priljubljeno častno predsednico, go. Josephine Sch'osar za njen rojstni dan, Bog naj Te ohrani, Josephine, še mnogo let med nami.

Sklenile smo, da bomo letos imele samo en card party in v korist naše

cerkve Marije Pomoč Kristjanov. To bo dne 21. oktobra v cerkveni dvorani ob 7:30 p.m. Sedaj ko je vreme še bolj mrzlo in ne delamo zunaj, je najboljši čas, da naredimo kak 'ep dobiček v ta namen.

Prosim, da sporočite tajnici, ali preds., kadar katera zbolí. Težko in žal nam je, kadar izvemo pozno o bolani članici, bodisi v bolnici ali na domu. Zadnje čase boluje ga. Mary Juvan na srčni bolezen. Želimo ji skorajšnjega zdravlja. Isto želimo vsem vam, ki vas muči bolezen. Naj vam Bog da potrpljenja in hitro vrnitev ljubega zdravlja, da boste uživale lepo pomlad in poletje brez bolečin.

Ko se bližamo Veliki noči, mi gre spomin nazaj na Veliki teden v domovini v mladih letih. Lepa navada blagoslova jedil na Veliko soboto, mi je še vedno živo pred očmi. Nesla sem ogromni jerbas na glavi k blagoslovu v cerkvi. Mama nam je razkladala, ko je polnila jerbas, kakšen

VELIKI PETEK

Veliki petek, vse je utihnilo, iz zvonika še zvonov slišati ni bilo.

To dan je žalosti, to ni dan veselja, v molitvi tihi — spomin je Kristusa trpljenja.

Zvonovi trije doli gledajo v vasico, tam proti cerkvi gre stari mož z ženo; Na kolenih bosta sveti križ tiho poljubila, in v molitvi vroči — Kristusa prosila.

Kristus, čuvaj hčerko, ki po svetu tava, naj ostane vedno na duši in telesu zdrava.

Za sina tudi Križani, ki sva ga zdredila, daj pošteno mu življenje, sreča mu bo mila.

V zaupanju Te prosimo uboge me sirote, čuvaj Ti nad njimi — varuj jih vse zmote.

Sta oče, mati vse odkrila tuge, in še solza za otroke se je utnila v gube.

MARY MURN.



spomin imajo vsa ta jedila na Kristusovo trpljenje. Kolač je rekla, nas spominja na krono Zveličarjevo, piruhi na kaplje krvi, ki jih je prelil za nas. Hren na grenki žolč, ki so ga vojaki ponudili Jezusu pomešanega z vodo itd. Vsaka jed je nekaj pomenila. Ko vse to pripovedujem našim vnukom, me kar debelo gledajo. "Oh, grandma, is that truth?" Kar verjeti ne morejo, zakaj smo nesli toliko jedil k blagoslovu.

Saj se tudi meni čudno zdi, ker tukaj je pa kar mala košarica dosti in kolaček je tako majhen. Pa še nekaj je bilo rečeno nam, ki smo nesle k blagoslovu. Katera prva z žegnanim domov bo pribrezala, — bo prva ženi dala. Oh, mogoče sem pa prva domov pribrezala, ker sem še tako mlada Franka ujela — šala in smeh, pravijo, da je najboljšo zdravilo.

Naj bi bil zajutrek celega leta tako dober, kakor je na Veliko nedeljo zjutraj, ker je blagoslovljen. To tudi naši tukaj rojeni otroci priznajo in so to lepo navado tudi vpleljali v svoje domove.

Sedaj pa vam želim dober kolač za Velikonočo ter obilo božjega blagoslova.

MARY MURN.

ŠT. 17, WEST ALLIS, WISCONSIN

Najprej čestitam odbornicam in članicam št. 1, Sheboygan, Wis., posebno ustanoviteljici, Mrs. Marie Prisland za njeno delo od ustanovitve naše drage Slovenske ženske Zveze. Vsem želim, da bi vas Bog ohranil še mnogo let med nami. Ko gledam vas na sliki, vse še kar dobro izgledate. Čestitam vsem k vaši 50 letnici ustanovitve Zveze. Vem, veliko dela je bilo vsa ta leta obstoja podružnice. Vidi se, da vse to delo ni bilo zastoj, saj so vidni uspehi.

Vsak mesec ko prejmem našo priljubljeno Zarjo, si vzamem čas in čitam novice in pregledam slike in to me veseli. Spomini se mi obujajo kako smo pred leti delovali v West Allisu pri podr. št. 17. Imamo res aktivne odborнице in članice. Žal se jaz ne morem udeleževati sej, ker me muči artritis v kolenih, zato mi je naše glasilo Zarja, še toliko bolj pri srcu in v veliko razvedrilo.

Ker ne grem nikamor, zato ne morem poročati novic, razen, da se nam končno vreme izboljšuje. Draginja je velika, lumparije in zločinov tudi dovolj, da se človek skoro ne upa iz hiše, ko se zmračí.

Pozdravljam vse odborнице in članice Zveze,

J. STARIHA

ZARJA—THE DAWN

PRAZNIK NOVEGA ŽIVLJENJA

Velika noč je praznik novega življenja, je praznik prerodenja. Resnica, da je Kristus vstal, je tako velika, da jo cerkev obhaja s vso slovesnostjo. Kakor mora zrno pasti v zemljo in umreti, da vzraste novo življenje in rodi sad, tako je moral tudi Kristus trpeti in umreti, da je odrešil človeka.

Ob Kristusovi smrti so se njegovi sovražniki veselili. Mislili so, da so se znebili nevarnega tekmeca. Prešli so preko tega, da je napovedal, da bo tretji dan vstal. Pravtako je rekel: Ko bom povišan na križ, bom vse pritegnil k sebi.

Kristus, pri vsem svojem oznanjevanju, o ljubezni božij, o odpuščanju grehov, o odrešenju, kljub vsem čudežem, navidezno ni imel nobenega uspeha. Šele velika nedelja je odprla vrata v njegovo zmago, v njegovo kraljestvo duš.

O Jezusu je znano, da ni nikoli napisal nobene

knjige. Nikoli ni imel nikakršne posvetne službe. Ni imel ne svojega doma in ne svoje družine. Nikoli ni bil v nikakem večjem mestu. Nikoli ni potoval čez dvesto milj iz svojega rojstnega kraja. Nikoli ni storil kaj takega kar napravi človeka velikega v človeških očeh. Edino spričevalo, ki ga je imel je bil on sam. Javno mnenje je bilo proti njemu; njegovi prijatelji so ga zapustili. Izročen je bil svojim sovražnikom, prodan s poljubom miru za ceno 30 srebrnikov, ceno, ki so jo zahtevali za sužnje. Ko je umrl, je bil položen v tuj grob, ki mu ga je odstopilo usmiljeno srce njegovega prijatelja.

Vendar vse vojske sveta in vse mornarice, ki so kdaj plule, po širnem svetu, vsi parlamenti sveta in vsi vladarji sveta, ki so kdaj vladali, niso imeli vsi skupaj toliko vpliva na ljudi kakor ga ima on. Višek pa je njegovo vstajenje. Tudi mi, ki verujemo vanj, mi, ki upamo vanj, dobimo zagotovilo v njegovem vstajenju. Zato se radujemo in veselimo na veliko noč. Da pa bo veselje popolno, se prenovimo v njegovem duhu kakor pravi sv. apostol Pavel: Postrgajmo stari kvas in oblečimo novega človeka.



ŠT. 20, JOLIET, ILLINOIS

Na seji v febr. smo izvolile delegatke, ki nas bodo zastopale na prihodnji konvenciji in sicer: preds. Emma Planinsek in blag. Mary Marolt. Namestnice sta: Dorothy Koncar in Marie Malnerich.

Bolne članice ob tem času so bile: Jennie Marolt, Louise Gregorash, Frances Gregory in Mary Lopynski. Zelimo vsem bolnim hitro okrevanje! Vsem so bile poslale kartice z željo okrevanja, kar so podpisale vse navzoče članice.

Ker ni bila prva nadzornica Frances Stonich navzoča na seji, zato prečita celoletno finančno poročilo, Theresa Marentich. Članice so se zahvalele tajnici, Olgi Ancel za tako natančno poročilo.

Sestra Frances Stiglic je prinesla krasno izdelane blazilne prevleke. Dalje Mary Ivanich daruje krasni heklani "šal", ki bo oddan na listke srečni osebi na konvenciji v maju.

Tajnica je poročala, da bomo imele naslednjo nedeljo "Mardi Gras" ples in vabi vse članice in njihove družine, da se povesele na tem zabavnem večeru.

Na prihodnji seji bomo imele posebno zabavo na čast članicam, ki slišijo na ime Josephine in vse so posebno vabljeni. Door prize je darovala Marie Malnerich. Za prigrizke tega večera so skrbele: Jo Mlakar, Mary Ivanich in Marie Malnerich.

Taj. Olga Ancel prečita pismo, ki ga je prejela od Frances Gregorich za stari passport, katere zbira naša podr. Pismo je od Statue of Liberty National Monument Museum.

Torto, katero je spekla hčerka od

Blagoslovljene velikonočne praznike vsem!

Mrs. Trautman, Mrs. Horvat, je zadela Mrs. Putrich. Torta je bila spečena v obliki Centennial punčke. Poročano je bilo, da imamo sedaj skupno 477 članic in pričakujemo še 25 novih, da bomo do konvencije imele 500 članic. Come all to the next meeting!

JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC.

ŠT. 24, LASALLE, ILL.

Drage članice; žal mi je, da moram poročati, da nas je zapustila čla. Lillian Jakše. Njen dober mož Jože, se vam vsem lepo zahvaljuje za lepo petje, katero so peli: Jože Piletič, Mitzi Piletič in organistinja Theresa Rogel. Nadalje se lepo zahvaljuje vsem za maše in za molitve in pogrebno spremstvo.

Ob tej priliki naj povem, da pogrebniški ni preskrbel za prevoz rož in je rekel, da bi mi morale same preskrbeti avto za častne pogrebne. Vsekakor se sliši, da pogrebniški, ki je irskega rodu in je poročil Slovenko, vendar noče več rož. Tako se običajni spreminjajo.

Father so imeli res lep pogrebni nagovor, prav primeren temu letnemu času.

Z novimi članicam nimamo dosti sreče, pa upam, da se bo tudi to bolj šalo.

Mrs. Mary Furrar je bila operirana na očesu zaradi katarat in se sedaj zdravi na domu ter ji je hudo dolg čas, zato prosim članice, da bi jo obiskale na domu, ker vas bo vesela.

Vsem najlepši pozdrav,

MICI PILETIČ

ŠT. 25, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Članice želim opozoriti, da imamo seje vsaki drugi torek v mesecu, mesto nedelj. Vršijo se v družabni sobi dvorane Sv. Vida ob dveh pop. Doslej prihaja več članic, tudi mlajših in po seji imamo okrepčila in igramo priljubljene igre. Prepričana sem, če boste prišle na sejo vsaj enkrat, boste potem bolj redno obiskovale.

Naše odbornice za to leto so: preds. Mary Kolegar, podpreds. Ann Maver, taj. blag. Christine Zivoder, zap. Marie Telic in nadzornice: Antonia Mihevc ter Jennie Femc. Rediteljica: Molly Dezalan. PRISRČNA ZAHVALA Mrs. Mary Otoničar, ki je bila odbornica vsa ta leta in vedno pripravljena pomagati za napredek št. 25. Enako zahvala velja Mary Kolegar, naši preds. in Dorothy Sternisa, naši so-ustanoviteljici in dobri dolgoletni odbornici.

Za delegatke konvencije, smo izvolile: Christine Zivoder in Marie Telic. Namestnice sta Mary Kolegar in Ann Maver.

Članice, sedaj je čas, da pridete na sejo in poveste kaj naj predlagamo konvenciji v dobro naše Zveze.

Častna mati leta je FRANCES OKORN, ki je dobra članica, rada peče šarklje za seje, se udeležuje pogreb članic in vozi druge na seje. Več o njej v majski Zarji.

V lanskem letu smo izgubile kar 21 članic. Naj počivajo v miru! Molimo rožni venec eno uro pred pogrebom in 5 članic se udeležijo pogreba kot častne pogrebne. V 5 tednih smo izgubile kar 4 čla. Ena izmed pok. sester, ni imela nobenega bližnjega sorodnika, zato je čla. Zoree Tek oskrbe-

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Editor

la ves pogreb. V takem primeru se vidi kako lepo je pripadati Zvezi.

Prosim, da pridobite sorodnike in prijatelje za SZZ, da tako nadomestimo vrzeli. Enako prosim, da pogledate vaše knjižice, da ugotovite, če še vedno dolgujete za 1. 1975. Leto mine tako hitro! Članarino pobiram na dan seje od 5:30 do 7 ure zvečer. Lahko pa mi pošljete po pošti: Christine Zivoder, 1068 E. 67, Cleveland, Tel.: 881-9816.

Še imamo tikete za darila po en dolar, kar bo pomagalo kriti konvenčne stroške naših delegacij. — Prosim, da obiščete sestre v domovih za ostarele in bolnišnicah. Vsem želimo srečo in zdravje.

Veselo Veliko noč in na svidenje na konvenciji v Pittsburghu.

CHRISTINE ZIVODER.

ŠT. 41, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Naša prihodnja seja bo dne 11. aprila ob dveh popoldne v Slovenskem Delavskem Domu. Mesto majske seje, zaradi Materinskega dneva, pa bomo imele dne 13. junija sv. mašo za žive in umrle članice ob poldne v Marijini cerkvi na Holmes Ave. Takrat bomo tudi počastile naša zaslužna mater leta, Rose Pujzdar. Po maši bo zajutrek v Fannie's restavraciji, toda rezervacije morajo biti do aprilske seje. Če ima katera članica kake druge ideje glede te proslave, prosim, da pridete na sejo in se oglasite k besedi. Potrebno je sodelovanje vseh!

Hčerka Mary Debevec je bila v bolnišnici.

Mary Prelogar je preživela en mesec pri hčerki v Coral Gables, Flo. ter je obiskala mnogo krajev, vključno slavni Disneyland.

Velika noč je pred vrati; želim vsem srečne in zdrave velikonočne praznike.

Prisrčna zahvala vsem članicam ki so že poravnale članarino za tekoče leto 1976. Tiste, ki še niste plačale, prosim, da pošljete članarino taj. Jane Kaplan, 19309 Preston Rd., Cleveland, Oh. 44128.

Jaz še vedno zbiram Betty Crocker on Bonus kupone, kateri se dobijo v raznih časopisih in magazinih. Če jih ne potrebujete, jih prosim pošljite podpisani, ker jih bom poslala Mestu Upanja (City of Hope) v Calif., kjer bolniki dobijo brezplačno zdravljenje levkemije.

Naša konvencija 50 letnice Zveze bo letos v maju. Še imamo mnogo tiketov za prodati.

Tudi še imam v zalogi več kuharskih knjig po \$4.50 in vsebujejo res odlične recepte raznih slovenskih jedil. So res odlični recepti in vsaka članica, naj bi imela to knjigo v svoji kolekciji.

Dobrodolico kliče novo članico, Jožefi Župančič. Smo prav vesele, da jo imamo v naši sredi.

Mož vaše tajnice, je bil izvoljen za "Moža leta" kot direktor in zastopnik Slovenskega doma Maple Hts. Vsi izbrani možje so bili počaščeni na programu Polka Varieties in na banketu v Slov. Nar. Domu na St. Clair dne 21. marca. Gostitelj je bil Maples Hts. Hall. — Še enkrat, prosim, da poravnate članarino.

JANE KAPLAN.

ŠT. 47, GARFIELD, HTS., OHIO

Naša podružnica praznuje to leto 45 letnico obstoja. Ustanovljena je bila 17. junija, 1931. Organizatorica je bila Helen Tomažič, ki žal ni dočakala te lepe obletnice. Za 35 letnico nam je še vodila program, kmalu potem je nevarno zbolela in oktobra 1966 se je preselila v večno posmrtno življenje. Njene pomočnice ob ustanovitvi so bile Louise Zidanič, ki je tudi že pokojna in Antonia Dolinar, ki je v januarju slavila svoj 80 letni rojstni dan. Če bo božja volja, bo meseca sept. praznovala z možem Johnom 60 letnico zakonskega življenja. Bog vaju blagoslovi še mnogo let. John Dolinar bo v maju slavil svoj 90 letni rojstni dan. Happy birthday, John.

Letos slavimo pomembno leto v ameriški zgodovini; 200 letnica ameriške neodvisnosti in demokratičnega sistema vlade za narod z Bogom. To je res prava demokratična dežela in menda prva, da si narod sam voli svojega predsednika. Za naš Bicentennial se bodo vršile velike proslave.

Tudi naša SZZ praznuje letos 50 letnico odkar je Mrs. Marie Prislant ustanovila našo organizacijo. Bog Vas blagoslovi, kajti s tem ste združili slovenske žene in dakleta, da smo se skupaj spoznale, si izmenjamo naše misli in vedno skušamo kaj dobrega storiti za naš narod in splošno dobrobit.

V 45 letih obstoja naše podr., je bilo storjeno veliko delo. Pričele smo s 104 članicami, ki smo bile vse mlade žene, sedaj nas je še 16 ustanoviteljic živih in podr. ima skupno 141 članic. V vseh teh letih smo imele mnogo raznih prireditev in programov v korist skupnosti.

K večnemu počitku smo pospremili že 78 članic. Naj jim sveti večna luč in naj uživajo nebeško veselje v večnosti.

Cenjene članice želim opozoriti, da je čas kratek do našega skupnega kosila prvo nedeljo v maju, dne 2. maja ob 2 uri pop. v S.N.D. na 5050 Stanley St., Maple Hts., O. Prosim vse članice, da nam sporočijo do 25. aprila svojo udeležbo, da vemo za koliko oseb bodo naše kuharice pripravile. To je res zelo važno, da se prijavite ob pravem času. Prav posebno lepo bi bilo, če bi se odzvale vse ustanoviteljice. Kličite J. Pugely 587-4230, ali Jennie Praznik, 886-2961 in se vam bo vse pojasnilo. Ta dan bomo slavile materinski dan in počastile zaslužno mater leta, Anno Harsh.

Pripravljeni odbor je pridno na delu. Poleg uradnic, so bile izvoljene še ostale pomočnice: Mary Vlcek, Mary Culkar, Frances Persin, Ann Harsh, Elsie Hazdecki, Josephine Gruden in Mary Procen. Ko bo ta slavnost končana, se bomo Bogu in Mariji zahvalile za lepo sodelovanje ter se spomnile vseh pokojnih članic pri sv. maši v soboto 15. maja ob 6 uri zvečer v cerkvi Sv. Lovrenca. Pridite vse, da vsaj enkrat na leto skupaj počastimo majniško kraljico in našo nebeško mater Marijo.

Naše sožalje Mrs. Josephine Bailey v Calif., ki je v oktobru umrl soprog. Naj počiva v miru.

Od Mary Železnik sem pa šele sedaj izvedela, da ji je soprog umrl že leta 1973. Tudi njej izrekam sožalje, čeprav pozno.

Mary Koman pošilja pozdrave iz Calif., Mary Jelarčič iz Arizone in Christine Ferencak iz Calif. Hvala vsem in prejmite pozdrave od nas vseh. Prav lepa hvala za dar v blagajno: Jelarčič, Koman in Ferencak. Oprostite, imam še več dobrih članic, pa so njihova imena poročana na seji. Bolj oddaljene nas ne slišijo, zato sem jih omenila po imenu.

Zlato poroko sta praznovala Mr. in Mrs. Bernard in Julia Gorski s sv. mašo v cerkvi Sv. Lovrenca, potem pa so imeli slavo v šolski dvorani v krogu sina Donald in hčerki Laverne in Dolores in več prijateljev. Julia je naša članica ter jima kličemo, še na mnoga leta skupne zakonske sreče in božjega blagoslova.

Pozdrav vsem članicam, posebno našim ustanoviteljicam.

JENNIE PUGELY, taj.

ZARJA—THE DAWN

"FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART"

HI BOYS AND GIRLS

Hundreds of years ago, Pennsylvania was a thick forest of oak, pine and maple in which deer, bear and elk lived. Sparkling rivers beginning in the mountains flowed into the valleys. This rich land — home of the Indians — was explored for Holland by an Englishman Henry Hudson in 1609. Then in 1623 and 1638, Dutch and Swedish colonists settled along the Delaware River, trading for furs with the Indians. The river was used for roads, traveling from farm to church and back in their canoes. As in their homeland, the Swedes built their homes of logs, which were the first log cabins in America.

In 1682 William Penn "came to America to collect some land the King Charles II owed his father. He belonged to a frightened religious sect known as the Quakers. So that he would not be forgotten, he gave his name to the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Pennsylvania Station, and the state prison, which is known as the Penn." This somewhat truthful tidbit of information comes from Richard Armour's funny book, *It All Started with Columbus*.

Actually William Penn did receive wilderness land instead of money and in 1682 laid out the first big city in the New World and named it Philadelphia. A Greek word meaning brotherly love, the city was so named because William Penn dreamed of a "place of complete religious and racial freedom, of universal goodwill and of fine and thrifty citizenship." Many of the city's first founders were Quakers like Penn himself. He drew up a Frame of Government, whose influence is seen in the Constitution of the United States.

By 1700, Philadelphia had about 700 houses of wood or brick. Most homes had a fireplace made of stone or clay, doors of deer-skin hinges and wooden latches, most windows of waxed paper covered with clapboard shutters. The simple furniture was made by local carpenters, while other furniture was brought from the Old World.

By 1720, ten thousand people lived in Philadelphia. The reason why the colony grew so fast was because the colonists liked its laws. By law, all court trials were tried by a jury; no one had to pay taxes to any church; many could vote; everyone could worship God as he chose; and lastly Penn's idea of brotherhood, especially with the Indians. He wanted the Co-

lonists and the Indians to "live in love as long as the sun gave light". And so in his colony there never were any wars between the colonists and the Indians.

Being a port city, Philadelphia was very busy and there was much to build, equip and sail the ships. Most of the colonists were farmers, selling their crops.

The women did more than their share. They cooked, cleaned, washed clothes, had babies, made shirts and socks, took care of the sick, planted gardens, and kept chickens. If they lived on farms the women there also went out into the fields working with their men. In the city women helped their husbands in their shops, as the bakery, candlemaker, managed their own shops, or sewed and washed for others.

Children did their share of work. They carried in wood and water, carried out the ashes and the trash, milked the family cows, churned the butter, planted the family garden, pulled weeds and took care of younger brothers and sisters. By the time they were 10 or 12, many boys worked in a shop or store to learn a trade.

Boston born Benjamin Franklin came to Philadelphia when he was seventeen. He invented the lightning rod, organized the city's first fire department and America's first hospital and founded the first circulating library. Franklin was a very influential spirit in the city, becoming the most modern city in the colonies.

In Philadelphia many historical events took place, as the first and second Continental Congresses, the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the adoption of the Con-

stitution of the United States. As it was the center of a new nation's political activity, many great statesmen and fighters who helped to make America free walked the narrow streets as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, John Hay, Benjamin Franklin, Anthony Wayne, Nathanael Gree and John Paul Jones. Philadelphia was also the capital of the United States from 1790 to 1800.

The founder of the colony of Pennsylvania, London-born William Penn was a great man, gallant and imaginative. Tall and handsome, "he was fond of sports, good food, good wine and fine clothes. A fine horseman, he wore a blue silk sash around his waist and a feather in his hat." Because he had seen the Plague of London and the Great Fire that followed, Penn wished Philadelphia to be healthy, beautiful and wholesome. Each house was to be set in large grounds among its own trees and there was to be an open square or city park every few blocks.

Since the settlers failed to follow his plans for a beautiful city, Philadelphia grew in a careless fashion resulting in slums, yellow fever, small-pox epidemics and later on typhoid fever.

In 1684 he sailed for England returning in 1699 to Pennsylvania to settle colonists' troubles and update their constitution. Penn returned to London in 1701. Paralyzed with a stroke during the last eight years of his life, he was made happy by the colonists' appreciation and Pennsylvania's growth. At his death at 74, all of his interests in the New World were left to his four sons.

Pittsburgh's name comes from Fort Pitt, which conventioners will have the chance to visit. A British outpost, Fort Pitt was named to honor William Pitt, British prime minister. A 21-year old major, young George Washington was one of the principal actors. France's outpost was Fort Duquesne, where the city of Pittsburgh now stands. The two forts played an important part in the heroic struggle between England and France for possession of North America during the French and Indian Wars which ended with the signing of Treaty of Paris in 1763.

Following the American Revolution and the opening of the Northwest Territory, Pittsburgh became an important trading center.

All who come to Pittsburgh next month will enjoy a part of Pennsylvania's rich heritage. All will join in our nation's Bicentennial in the state also called The Keystone State, the Cradle of Liberty and The Birthplace of the Nation.

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