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A Mother's Leaving

How many have already lost their mothers from illness, or sudden death? At the time it was as if a page from the book of life had been torn from its binding, never to be replaced again. This same page is held close to our hearts as we reviewed over and over again its lives, recounting memories never to be erased.

It was on March 19th the feast of St. Joseph, that our mother, **Josie (Cimperman) Godic**, expired. She was called to her heavenly reward, ironically on the very day she held so dear to her heart, the day of her patron saint, St. Joseph, and also the 44th anniversary of the death of her dad. Josie, as she was known to her many friends, was born on E. 61st Street, to Josephine and Louis Cimperman.

Years later, the family moved directly across from St. Vitus church, where her dad started a grocery business, now known as Cimperman's Market.

As a little girl, Josie walked across the street to attend classes at St. Vitus school from which she graduated. She went on to Jane Adams School and after graduation, joined other members of her family, two sisters, and a brother, and mother, and helped in her father's store.

At that time St. Vitus school was the central meeting place of the community, where Josie became involved in many organizations. She held many offices, from Our Ladies Sodality, Mothers Club, Parents of Priests, and many more.

Josie had many skills such as sewing, gardening, and most especially — cooking. She enjoyed so much cooking in her kitchen, preparing foods and entertaining her many friends and family.

No doubt this is why her work as head of the St. Vitus school cafeteria meant so much to her. She volunteered her help one day at the school, but stayed on for 30 years. She was said to have served and fed a second generation of children there.

How many mothers remember their children coming home, telling them the wonders of Josie's cooking, and then, asking them if they could duplicate her cooking. Josie was noted for her apple and cheese strudels. Some years back the *Universe Bulletin* honored her and wrote of her culinary skills.

Yes, as busy as she was, her family was always the center of her love and attention, as she cared for her deceased husband, Frank, and gave of her time to her four children, Rev. Frank, Bonnie, Clare and Roger.

She was also blessed with two beautiful granddaughters,

Michelle, and Jessica.

Josie was a mother, counselor, and friend; one who gave so much of herself to so many; one never to complain, but always ready with a smile, to help whenever needed, and especially happy to share her cooking recipes with others.

Her funeral was held in the St. Vitus auditorium, and just as pastor, Fr. Božnar stated in his homily, she came back to her place of work, where she found so much happiness. The Mass was celebrated by her son, Fr. Frank, concelebrated by her cousin Fr. Victor Cimperman and Deacon Dr. Skorka, M.D. director of pastoral care at St. Alexis Hospital. In attendance was Auxiliary Bishop Quinn, vicar of the Western Region and 40 priests of the diocese.

Following the closing of prayers at the conclusion of the Mass, Fr. Frank paid a final tribute to his mom when he remarked, "When my mom arrives at the banquet of heaven, she no doubt would say, step aside, I'll complete the dinner."

As she was taken from the auditorium, the congregation joined together to sing the beautiful Marian Hymn, *Češčena si Marija*, — translated, Blessed are you, heavy is the voice of the angel, as the last bell tolls, Mary care for us.

She was laid to rest in All Souls Cemetery.

Our deepest sympathy to her children and family. Remember her smile, her words of praise and encouragement. Remember the page of life which you now hold in your hands, dwell on it after, hold it close to your hearts, for long after its corners begin to fray, and the pages begin to yellow with age, your Mother's words and smile can never be erased.

Always in our hearts. God grant her eternal rest.

Your cousin,

Ann (Cimperman) Strazar

Meeting Postponed

American Slovene Club meeting scheduled for Monday, April 5 at the Euclid Library on E. 222 Street at 7:30 p.m. has been postponed because the meeting room is still being used to service the seniors who are getting help with their Federal Income Tax reports.

Next meeting will be held **Monday, May 3** at the Library at 7:30 p.m. Please mark your calendar as that will be the final meeting before the summer season begins and we won't meet again until September.

—Eleanor Pavey



Slovenian pilgrims from Cleveland enjoy a Fall day in Marquette, Michigan last Labor Day during the Bishop Baraga annual celebration. This year the festivities will be held in L'Anse, Michigan. Leading the group were Revs. Victor Tomc and Victor Cimperman.



Rev. Victor Tomc, left, and Rev. Victor Cimperman in front of St. Peter's Cathedral in Marquette, Michigan last year during the Labor Day weekend Bishop Baraga annual gathering.

Thanks For Making My "Day"

On Sunday, March 21 the St. Clair Slovenian National Home was again the setting for the Annual Awards Banquet program sponsored by the Federation of Slovenian National Homes. A capacity crowd was in attendance.

As is customary, each year each of the Slovenian Homes select their choice of either a man or woman as their Honoree representative. The elected delegates to the Federation, at their meeting, can present the name or names of candidates for the top honors as the Federation Man of the Year and Woman of the Year.

In choosing their Honoree candidate, the St. Clair Board of Directors unanimously chose Antoinette Simcic. Her background history, involvement, and concern for all things Slovenian, and her many years of active participation in our cultural activities, placed her far above any other available candidate.

It is significant to note that she was our choice in 1990 also. At that time, unselfishly she begged that we reconsider, and instead honor Mary Ivanusch. Mary Ivanusch was equally involved and dedicated in all things Slovenian. I should note here that both ladies were, I believe, the first teachers of the Slovenian Home Slovenian School which opened with classes in 1924.

As the year 1990 began to unfold, Mary Ivanusch experienced serious health problems, and for this reason, Antoinette Simcic wished to see Mary receive just recognition for her work. The Board accepted Mrs. Simcic's request, and Mary Ivanusch was thus honored as the Honoree for the St. Clair Slovenian National Home for the year 1990.

It pleases us that our presentation of Antoinette Simcic's credentials presented to the Federation delegates earned her the top honor and title of "Woman of the Year for

1993." We are proud of her!

Now that our Honoree was elevated to Woman of the Year, St. Clair needed to fill in the vacated spot of Honoree. I was given that honor. My sincere thanks to the Board for considering me worthy of the honor. Thanks also for the gift and support.

My love and thanks to my children who came to be with me to celebrate the occasion. James came the farthest, from California; Lawrence from Kirtland, the closest. Margaret came from Texas; and Teresa from Michigan. It was wonderful to have them here together. *Sadly missed was my dearly beloved wife Ivana (Molly).*

Special thanks to "our" St. Clair Pensioners for their lovely but unexpected gift and their moral support. I am proud to be one of you. Thanks to the Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges for their plaque; thanks also to the Federation of Slovenian Homes for its plaque; thanks to "our" St. Vitus Lodge No. 25 KSKJ for their generous gift and support.

Thanks to my relatives and to the many, many dear friends who attended the celebration. How wonderful to have so many of you there. Thanks to those who could not be there but who in person, by phone, or with cards extended their greetings to me. You touched me deeply with your warmth and kindness. How wonderful to have so many dear friends!

God bless each one of you!
You made my day. Thank You!

Sincerely,
Stanley J. Frank

Thanks from Josie Godic

Ed. Note: The following note was received in the mail on Thursday, March 18th from Josie Godic, the day before her death:

"To all of my family, relatives and friends I give my sincerest thanks for all the kindness I received during my recent surgery.

To Fathers Victor Tomc, Victor Cimperman and Joseph Božnar, my most heartfelt thanks for their visits.

For all the beautiful flowers, gifts and cards and prayers I extend my thanks to all. May God Bless you.

Josie Godic"
Cleveland, Ohio

Suggestion

Editor:

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Dr. Angela Chemazar
Berwyn, Ill.

Daylight Savings

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, April 4. Turn clocks forward one hour.

Reminisce school days at Zarja Concert

I remember vividly my very first day of school in the little red brick schoolhouse in Franklin, Kansas. My teacher, Miss Edwards, wore a beautiful yellow dress and on the blackboard she had drawn nursery rhyme characters including "The Little Old Woman Who Lived In a Shoe, She Had So Many Children She Didn't Know What To Do." To that long-ago five-year-old, being exposed for the first time to formal learning and social interaction, it was like the opening of a magic door. Who was to know that beyond that door were many mischievous obstacles to learning.

The members of the Singing Society Zarja invite you to come and reminisce with us on Saturday, April 24th as we transport you back through time to your elementary school days via our Spring Frolic skit, "V Šoli" or "A Day in School." The setting is an old-fashioned school-room somewhere in old Slovenia, but as kids throughout time behave pretty much alike, you'll relate to the shenanigans of this group as they do their utmost to exasperate the teacher and disrupt the class.

You will all undoubtedly remember from your own early school days the class clown, the pranksters, the showoffs, the reluctant learners and teacher's pet. We'll have them all for your entertainment in our little Slovenian schoolroom. Granted, it will

take a stretch of the imagination to picture our Zarja singers as kids, but that's the fun of it.

We will be singing for you "Po Zimi Iz Šole," which musically tells the story of children trudging home from school with the weight of learning on their little shoulders. The winter day is so cold the snow crunches underfoot, and even the little birds are freezing. "Oh, Poln Tezav" — to be so burdened. But then the tempo brightens as steps quicken in anticipation of the warm stove and warm food awaiting us at home.

Remember the day, Saturday, April 24 at the Slovenian Society Home in Euclid. Doors open at 4:45 p.m. Dinners served from 5 to 6:30, program at 7, dancing until midnight to Johnny Vadnal's Orchestra. There will be cabaret entertainment during the intermissions.

Our skit was written by Ed Ozanich, Musical Director is Doug Elersich, Piano accompanists Mildred Wojtila and Ed Polsak, accordionists are Steve Valencic and Jim Kozel.

Admission is \$16.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 12

and under. Dancing only, \$5.00. Tickets may be obtained at the Polka Hall of Fame, the Recher Clubroom or from Zarja members. Or you may call Barbara Elersich, 382-2258, Vicky Kozel, 531-5542, or Sophie Elersich at 531-8402.

Don't be later for school. The last bell is about to ring.

Jennie Mramor

In Memory

I am sending you a check for \$10.00 in memory of a friend of many years who passed away recently, **Mary E. Polutnik** who lived in Lorain, Ohio, then moved to Amherst, Ohio.

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More or Less

by

John Mercina

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A. DR. JAMES W. MALLY WAS A ROYAL YUGOSLAV CONSUL IN CLEVELAND.
B. LOUIS ERSTE HAD A BONDED WINERY # 156.

C. SLOVENES HAD 21 LAWYERS, 12 COPS, 11 POLITICIANS, 87 EXECES, 3 WRESTLERS, 2 PUGILISTS AND 1 MAGICIAN - MR. JOHN GRDINA.

D. DR. FRANK TOMICH WAS AN AUTHORITY ON ESPERANTO.

E. JOSEPH ROITZ WAS AN INVENTOR.
F. RALPH BUTALA WAS AN ATTORNEY AT 6408 ST. CLAIR. (DID HE ALSO HAVE A SHOE STORE?)

G. THE "DOLJACK" FAMILY HAD THREE "BALLPLAYERS".

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Student Loans...

(Continued)

Part II

by Stane J. Kuhar

The previous article dealt with the first two programs of the student education loans. That is, the Federal Stafford and the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loans.

This week's concluding article deals with the last two types of student loans. That is, the Federal Supplemental Loan for Students (SLS) and the Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS).

The SLS is for an independent student. That is, a student who is not declared a dependent on the parent(s)

and/or legal guardian's income tax form.

The interest rate for SLS is tied to the 52-week Treasury Bills plus 3.1% with a maximum allowable interest rate of 11%. This rate is adjusted every July 1st.

The annual loan maximum for SLS in years 1 and 2 is \$4,000. For years 3-thru-5 the maximum is \$5,000 effective July 1, 1993. For the graduate and/or professional, the maximum is \$10,000 effective October 1, 1993.

The aggregate (or total) loan maximum per undergraduate student under the SLS is \$23,000 while undergraduate and graduate maximum com-

bined is \$73,000.

The interest deferment option is available while the student is in school. Interest accrued is added to the principal at repayment (time). For SLS, however, there is no grace period with the minimum monthly payment of \$50 and a maximum loan term repayment period of 10 years.

The PLUS program is unique in that the actual borrower is the parent rather than a student.

The interest rate structure is the same as the SLS with the only difference of a maximum allowable interest rate of 10%.

The annual loan maximum is calculated as the cost of attendance less other financial aid awarded. The aggregate loan maximum is also unlimited with no interest deferment options currently allowed.

No grace period currently exists and the minimum monthly payment is also \$50 with a maximum term loan period of 10 years.

A good lender will participate in all four Federal Family Education Loan Programs. The requirement also of a co-signer for these types of loans creates an undue burden for the borrower. Society National Bank does not require co-signers for federal education loans.

Can the lender also provide you with loan consolidation and one stop shopping? Does the lender also provide toll free number?

And will the lender offer assistance if a borrower (student or parent) has multiple lenders/guarantors?

If the lender can answer yes to these concerns then this would be the type of lender to use.

For the readership of Ameriška Domovina, Society National Bank meets all the criteria stated above.

Again, ask the important questions up front but also be prepared to spend some time in understanding how financing can be arranged for such an important decision.

For further information contact Mr. Kuhar, the branch manager of the East 60th St.-Clair Society National Bank, which is headquartered in Cleveland.

Strudel Sale

In August, Pope John Paul II is coming to the United States for a celebration with the Youth of the World in Denver, Colorado.

Six members of Saint Mary (Collinwood) Youth Ministry will be attending this Conference with the Pope, and we need to raise funds to cover the trip. A number of fund raisers are being planned.

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—Father John Kumse

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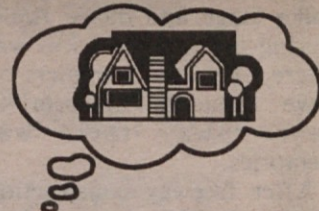
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Recent Deaths

FRANK A. CHAMPA

Frank A. Champa taught himself to play the button-box accordion so that by the time he was 5, he and his brother, Tony, could make the rounds in the E. 61st St. and St. Clair Ave. neighborhood playing weddings, parties — any gig they could get because they were too young to play in bars.

Mr. Champa later taught himself to play the German chromatic accordion, which has three rows of buttons for melody on the righthand side — called a 120 base — to go along with the keyboard on the left.

“He had a very distinctive sound. Compared to the button box the monochromatic has a richer sound of its own. But he had a special style, too,” said Slovenian radio host Tony Petkovsek.

Mr. Champa, 84, of Euclid, died Wednesday, March 24 at Meridia Euclid Hospital. A resident of Cardinal Village Retirement Community, he had also lived in Cleveland and Eastlake.

Mr. Champa, a tavern owner, was one of the first advertisers supporting the Slovenian Hour, which has aired on various radio stations since 1961.

Last year, Mr. Champa was placed on the Polka Hall of Fame honor roll for his contributions as a musician and promoter, said Petkovsek, one of the Hall of Fame founders.

Mr. Champa owned Glen Park Cafe on E. 185th St. from 1943 to 1961. It was more than an average neighborhood bar. It had a polka stage and dance floor. During the early years, it was where Cleveland’s soldiers on leave came in uniform to dance away their war memories.

After freeway construction displaced his tavern, Mr. Champa opened a larger club in Eastlake, Champa’s Lounge. It was eventually sold and became LaMalfa Party Center.

Once Mr. Champa was a tavern proprietor, he played the polka circuit only with his son, Raymond, and the Ray Champa Band. Although he was self-taught, Mr. Champa insisted that his son take lessons from someone else for three years. They performed on WSR-AM from 1949 to 1950 and recorded together in the mid-1950s. In 1977, he and his son were named Co-Polka Musicians of the Year at the Holmes Ave. Slovenian Home’s annual celebration.

Besides his son, of South Euclid, Mr. Champa is survived by four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

Services were at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland.

Arrangements were handled by the Dan Cosic Funeral Home, Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

WAYNE SCHUMER

Wayne Schumer, 50, a lifelong resident of Richmond Hts., Ohio died Monday, March 22 after a brief illness.

Wayne was the son of Matilda (Tillie) (nee Zupancic and Max (dec.); the brother of Jerry, James, Sherry Fixler; uncle and great-uncle.

Wayne was employed at B &

B Marathon at Richmond and Chardon Road for 20 years.

Visitation and funeral services were held at Zele Funeral Home. Burial was in All Souls Cemetery.

JOSEPH P. STRAZISAR

Joseph P. Strazisar, 75, a Euclid resident, died in Richmond Heights General Hospital on Saturday, March 20.

Mr. Strazisar was a member of AMLA No. 45, SNPJ No. 158, Euclid Pensioners and Waterloo Pensioners. He was retired from LTV Steel where he was employed as a machinist.

Joseph was the husband of Mary (nee Krivec); the father of Bob and Margaret Leone; grandfather of three; and brother of Raymond J. Strazisar, Lillian May Tibyash and Alma Kravos. He was the son of Joseph and Mary (nee Perusek) (both deceased); and step-son of Mary (nee Grill) Strazisar.

Visitation and services were held at Zele Funeral Home. Burial was in All Souls Cemetery.

ANTHONY A. ZITKO

Anthony A. Zitko, 72, of Schaefer Avenue, died in Cleveland Clinic on Friday, March 19th.

Mr. Zitko was a WWII U.S. Army Veteran. He retired in 1984 after 16 years with Richman Brothers as a visual inspector.

He was the son of John and Apolonia (nee Robida) (both deceased); the brother of Alice Kikel, Frances Peterlin, Victoria Bertosa, Florence Telich, Joseph and the following deceased: Frank, Victor and John Jr.

Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Mary Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements by Zele Funeral Home.

JOSEPH R. STERLE

Joseph R. Sterle, 72, of Russell Rd. died in St. Vincent Charity Hospital on Tuesday, March 23.

Joseph was retired from Harris Intertype where he was employed as an assembler. He was a WWII U.S. Navy Veteran.

Joe was the father of Joette Gdovin (North Olmsted), Francine Kulik (Dayton), Joseph (Hamilton) and George (Broadview Hts.); grandfather of 11; and brother of Frances (dec.), Marie Court and Josephine Quinn.

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 6502 St. Clair. Services were Friday at St. Mary Church (Holmes Ave.). Burial in Calvary Cemetery.

STEPHANIE R. CERNELICH

Stephanie R. Cernelich, 75, a 45 year resident of Locherie, Euclid, formerly of the Collinwood area, died in Wickliffe Country Place on Thursday, March 24.

Stephanie retired in 1986 after 38 years in production control at Chase Brass.

She had volunteered over 10,000 hours at Meridia Euclid Hospital. She was also a member of AMLA No. 45.

Stephanie was the beloved sister of Hermine Dolsak and Betty Mervar (dec.); aunt of Kenneth Dolsak, Elaine Dolsak, Linda Mervar, Dennis Mervar, Douglas Mervar and Karen Corkin; and great-aunt

of nine.

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. where services were held Saturday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m. and at Holy Cross Church at 10 a.m. Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

ANN NODA

Ann Noda (nee Lokar), 76, a resident of Euclid for 37 years, passed away in Cleveland Clinic on Wednesday, March 31.

Ann was born in Middlebranch, Ohio. She was a member of SNPJ No. 142.

Ann was the wife of Anton; the mother of Cheryl Bartel and Robert; grandmother of four and sister of the following deceased: Stella Minello, Anthony and Louise Bencin.

Friends may call at Zele Funeral Home, 452 East 152 St. Friday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. where services will be Saturday at 8:45 a.m. and at St. Paul Church (Chardon Rd.) at 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in All Souls Cemetery.

Contributions to Hospice of Cleveland Clinic, in her memory, would be appreciated by the family.

AMALYA KARLINGER

Amalya (Pecyak) Karlinger (nee Drobotina), 94, passed away in the Slovene Home for the Aged on Sunday, March 28.

Amalya was born in Ljubljana, Slovenia. She was a member of KSKJ Lodge No. 169.

Amalya was the widow of Joseph Karlinger and the late Frank Pecjak. She was the mother of Frank Pecjak (Wickliffe) and William Pecjak (dec.) (Minn.); grandmother of five, great-grandmother of eight; and great-great-grandmother of two. She was the sister of Pauline Zorich, Frances Hudomol and Mary Kuznik (all deceased).

Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Mary Church, Rev. John Kumse officiated. Burial was in All Souls Cemetery.

Contributions, in her memory, to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

Zele Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

STANLEY BENCINA

Stanley Bencina, 87, passed away in Lake Hospital East on Sunday, March 28. Stanley was born in Vevce, Slovenia and came to the U.S. in 1913.

Mr. Bencina was a police officer for the Cleveland Police Department for 37 years. He was a member of SNPJ No. 576 Spartans for over 60 years.

He was the husband of Ann (nee Konjar); the father of Dolores Hoeh (Maine); grandfather of Cynthia Stancioff (Maine), Katherine Griffin (Mass) and Martha Siegel (Maine); grandfather of Elisabeth Stancioff and Owen Griffin and brother of Marie Kebe (Fla), and Robert Bencina (Geneva).

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. where services will be held Friday, April 2 at 10 a.m. Rev. Joseph Bacevice of St. George Church will officiate. Burial will be in Mentor Municipal Cemetery.

CARST-NAGY Memorials

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ANTHONY MAIZEL

Anthony Maizel, 80, died at his residence in Richmond Hts. on Friday, March 12. Mr. Maizel lived in Richmond Hts. for 40 years. He was a former resident of Norwood Rd. in the Cleveland Slovenian neighborhood for 40 years.

He was retired from White Motors where he was employed as a machinist for 38 years.

Mr. Maizel was a member of KSKJ Lodge No. 25, SNPJ No. 147 and the Euclid Pensioners.

He was the husband of Olga (nee Homovec); the brother of Mary Branisel (dec.), John Maizel (dec.), and Stanley Maizel.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary Church, Rev. Richard Evans of St. Vitus Church officiated. Burial was in All Souls Cemetery. Contributions to the Slovene Home for the Aged in his memory would be appreciated by the family.

JOHN SKRAJNER

John Skrajner, 85, of Euclid died in Meridia Euclid Hospital on Monday, March 15.

Mr. Skrajner was retired from Gabriel Corp., where he was employed as a set-up man.

He was the husband of Molly (nee Urbancic); the father of Ronald, David and Marilyn Harrigan; grandfather of eight; and brother of Joanna Kraisner, Mary Schneider (dec.), and Anthony (dec.).

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. Wednesday, March 17 where services are being held today (Thursday) at 8:45 a.m. and at St. Christine Church at 9:30 a.m. Burial in All Souls Cemetery.

JULIA QUADE

Julia Quade (Lipovec), 62, a resident of Wickliffe for 28 years, and a former resident of the Collinwood area, died at her home on Tuesday, March 16. Julia was born in Pickins, W. Va. and came to Cleveland in 1948.

She was employed at Higbee’s for 15 years as an operations representative.

Julia was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church where she was the treasurer and a charter member of the St. Vincent De Paul Society and past president of the Wickliffe Knights of Columbus Isabella Guild. She received the distinguished volunteer award from the Catholic Com-

munity Services of the Cleveland Diocese for 1,400 hours of service as a member of the St. Vincent De Paul group of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in an 18 month period.

She was a member of SNPJ Lodge No. 604.

Julia was the wife of Raymond; the mother of Gerald R., Barbara Hale and James R.; grandmother of five; sister of Mary (dec.), Edward, Josephine Tomsich, Joseph, Helen Luzar, John, Rudolph and Caroline Miklich.

Friends called at the Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152nd St. on Thursday, March 18 where services were held Friday, March 19 and at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church (Wickliffe) at 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in All Souls Cemetery.

Contributions to a charity of your choice in her memory would be appreciated by the family.

EDWARD J. KUHEL

Edward J. Kuhel was a tool and die maker and supervisor for Picker International in Highland Heights.

Mr. Kuhel, 76, of Mentor died Saturday at LakeWest Hospital in Willoughby.

He was born in Cleveland and lived there most of his life before moving to Mentor several years ago.

He was a member of the Holmes Avenue Pensioners in Cleveland, Chris Seniors in Euclid, Eastlake JFK Center and Holy Name Society at St. John Vianney Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ann F.; daughter, Marsia Berlan; son, Edward R.; three sisters; two brothers; and a grandson.

Services were at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Mentor, Ohio.

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He graduated from Cleveland law school in 1941, passed the Ohio state bar examination, practiced law briefly and then spent over four years as a naval officer and commanding officer of three ships during World War II, including 42 months of sea duty.

Upon return from service, Hribar commenced practicing law on a part-time basis while holding down full-time jobs as a title examiner and then nine years as a savings and loan company officer. In 1956 Hribar became a full-time general practice lawyer and has been at it ever since.

He has served as acting judge in Euclid Municipal Court, as a member of three Euclid Charter Review Commissions and has been a member and officer of numerous clubs, organizations, committees and Boards of Trustees as well as a golf champion, world traveler and 3-D photographer.

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A self-styled "Late bloomer in full bloom and having fun," Hribar says he is busier and more productive than ever, enjoys his association with the fine young lawyers in his office and has no thoughts of retirement.

Mr. Hribar is a great-nephew of Monsignor Vitus Hribar, founder of St. Vitus Parish, a nephew of Rev. Paul Hribar, then Pastor of St. Mary's Church who was killed in a railroad accident with his sister in 1917, is a grandson of Josef Turk, Cleveland's first Slovenian settler, and a nephew of Dr. Franc Hribar, one of the famous Vienna doc-

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He was the husband of the late Mary Ann Ponikvar, a niece of Monsignor B. J. Ponikvar, and is a son of Bartholomew J. and Alice G. Hribar who were active in real estate circles and in the Catholic Order of Foresters of St. Mary's parish.

A long time member of American Mutual Life Association (AMLA) and St. Mary's Court, Catholic Order of Foresters, Mr. Hribar has long served as the attorney for the Slovene Home for the Aged.

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Art Guild 20th Anniversary

The Slovenian American National Art Guild is observing its 20th Anniversary this year. Chartered in 1973 as a non-profit organization, the Art Guild has hosted many events and displays in a wide range of activities and places. The calendar for the future contains exciting new and different events which are open to the public.

Tracing family roots is a growing interest. The Art Guild will feature a presentation at its monthly meeting **Monday, May 17** at the Slovenian Society Home, Recher Avenue, Euclid, beginning at 7:00 p.m. *Introduction to Genealogy: Researching Your Slovenian Roots* will be followed by coffee and dessert, and both members and guests are welcome.

On **Sunday, May 23**, there will be an Art Display held at the Gateway Manor in Euclid. An International Coffee House atmosphere, one which is so popular today, will prevail and you will be able to sample a variety of coffee along with pastry and desserts.

Plans are being finalized for the anniversary celebration to be held Sunday, October 24 at the Slovenian Society Home, Euclid. The traditional Artists and Crafts Exhibit together with a Buffet will be certain to please those who attend.

If you want more information on any of these events, please call 481-4095 or 943-1959.

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Vodopivec singers in Cleveland

A special *ad-hoc* committee is pleased to announce the visit to Cleveland by the **Primorski Akademski Zbor "Vinko Vodopivec."** This 37 member men's chorus is made up of students at the University of Ljubljana.

The Vodopivec Chorus will be performing on Friday, April 23rd, 8 p.m. at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be obtained by calling Joyce Ann Hribar at (216) 261-0200 or 531-8126. Tickets are also available at Tivoli Enterprises, 6419 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, and the Polka Hall of Fame at the Shore Cultural Center in Euclid.

This is the Vodopivec group's first visit to Cleveland, and is part of their tour of the United States and Canada.

This remarkable group was founded in 1953 by students from the Primorska region of Slovenia studying at the University in Ljubljana. Since that time, the group has continued the inexhaustible tradition of men's choral singing in Primorska.

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Sunday, April 4

Super Button Box Bash XI — 1 p.m., SSH, Recher Ave. Slovenian Jr. Chorus Concert and 12 button accordion bands.

Sunday, April 4

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland. Music by Eddie Rodick.

Sunday, April 4

Holmes Avenue Pensioners Club Dinner - Dance at the Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Avenue. Music by Lenny Andexler orchestra. Donation: \$12.00.

Saturday, April 17

Jadran Singing Society presents Večer Na Vasi (Evening in the Village) at Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd. Dinner at 5:30, program at 7, music for dancing to follow. Tickets are \$15. For reservation contact Jadran member or call 531-3970, or 481-3187, or 951-1694.

Friday, April 23

Vinko Vodopivec men's choir from Primorska, Slovenia concert at 8 p.m. at Slovenian National Home on St. Clair. For tickets, at \$10, call 261-0200 or 531-8126.

Saturday, April 24

Zarja presents annual Spring Frolic at Slovenian Society Home, Euclid. Music for dancing by Johnny Vadnal Orch.

Sunday, April 25

St. Clair Pensioners Annual Chicken & Pork Dinner at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave. Serving 1:00 to 3 p.m. Social at 5. For tickets call 391-9761.

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Sunday, May 16

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Sunday, May 16

St. Vitus Alumni Reunion Day celebrating St. Vitus parish centennial will be held at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair. Dinner at 1:30.

Monday, May 17

Slovenian National Art Guild monthly meeting at Slovenian Society Home, Recher Ave., Euclid, 7 p.m. featuring Introduction to Genealogy: Researching Your Slovenian Roots. Members and guests welcome.

Thursday, May 20

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Lourdes Shrine on Chardon Rd. in Euclid beginning at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges.

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Low-fat meals cut heart disease risk within hours

MONTEREY, Calif. — Eating fish tonight instead of steak sharply cuts your risk of a heart attack tomorrow morning, a doctor reported last week.

New studies suggest that high-fat meals put the blood into a hypercoagulation state within six or seven hours, raising the risk that dangerous artery-clogging blood clots will occur. But low-fat meals quickly reverse that.

"If you take fat out of your diet, you don't have to wait years to lower your risk of heart disease," said Dr. George J. Miller of the Medical Research Council in London.

Researchers have known that high-fat diets will, over time, raise blood cholesterol levels, increasing the risk of a heart attack. But the very short-term

effect of high-fat meals on blood clotting hasn't been appreciated, Miller said.

The idea that a low-fat supper such as broiled fish can lower heart-disease risk the next morning should help doctors persuade patients to cut the fat out of their diets, he said.

Dr. H. Bryan Brewer of the National Institutes of Health agreed that the link between fatty foods and hypercoagulation is becoming increasingly important.

Most heart attacks occur in the early morning. There may be several reasons, Miller said, but one could be that high-fat dinners put the blood into a hypercoagulation state by the following morning.

"In Western societies, most of us take our main meal of the day in the evening," he said. He reported his findings at the American Heart Association's annual science writers' conference.

Miller's studies show that fat-

ty meals activate a blood clotting substance called factor VII. He described it as the fuse that sets off an explosion of blood-clotting chemicals in the blood.

RECIPE

SLOVENIAN PLUM DUMPLINGS

Cook about 2 lbs. of potatoes. Mash. While still hot add 9 ounces of flour, a generous piece of butter (the size of a walnut), 1-1/2 teaspoons of salt, and one egg. Knead well until smooth and cut in half.

Roll out, and cut up into squares. Into each square wrap one plum, from which the stone has been removed, and add sugar instead. Cook in boiling, salted water ten (10) minutes. Take each square out and place in a low bowl, and pour melted butter or browned crumbs over it.

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About the Church in Slovenia

The Church "should exert its influence in a broader field," said a concerned Slovenian.

"Its moral influence is badly needed," he explained, "because cheating on taxes, stealing computer software programs and many other forms of dishonesty have become normal. One of the worst effects of communism was an undermining of responsibility."

Among some Eastern European Catholics, the survival of the faith under communism has caused a superiority complex of sorts regarding Western Catholics, whom they consider to have sold out.

Blaz Kocar, a third-year theology student in Ljubljana, using the example of a German girl he had met who teaches religion but is not a believer, said that communism had meant a collective dictatorship, but that the West had succumbed to a "dictatorship of individualism." For some Catholics, it is not only a matter of post-communist reconstruction: they also see a need to protect themselves against "capitalistic influences."

But another Catholic said that this black-white division is not so simple: In Slovenia, in contrast to the West, there are few volunteers for social work because the communist system had fragmented society, convincing people to look only to their personal interests, he noted.

Terzija Furst, a widowed chemist, has tried to combat this attitude. Along with Franciscan Father Pavel in Ljubljana's Siska parish, she has inspired about a hundred young people to aid drug addicts, women who have had abortions and others who are less fortunate.

There are other signs of Slovenia's deeper problems: Slovenia's suicide rate rivals that of Hungary as Europe's highest, while the birthrate is low.

One Slovenian priest said that dissent on the Church's birth-control teaching is probably as widespread in the Republic as in many Western countries, but it has not become public because Slovenian Catholics

have felt under siege. He added that the "siege" situation had isolated Slovenian Catholics from global problems, such as those faced by the Third World.

But this priest also said he thinks the Church has emerged in fairly good shape from the decades of communism: The number of vocations is sufficient to replace the existing clergy (977 diocesan priests,

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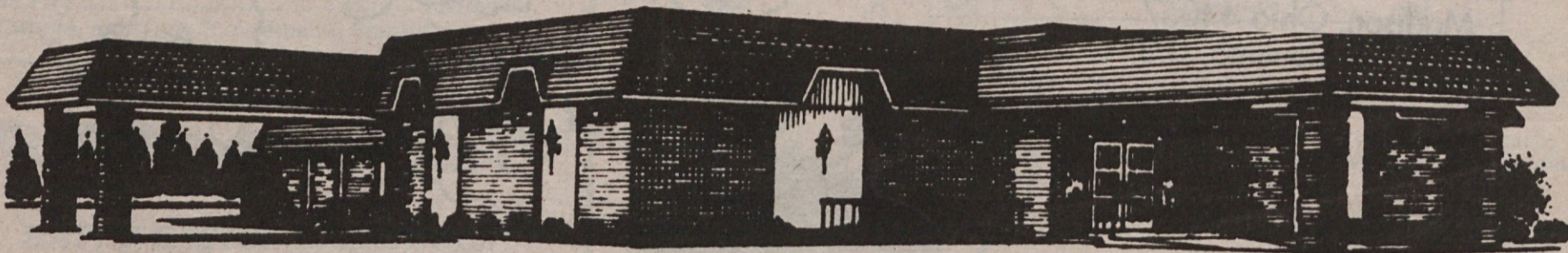


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