









OUR GOAL!  
DOUBLED MEMBERSHIP  
IN 1932

*On the SDZ  
Soap Box*

By BETTY LEBAR  
Comets, No. 54

(Batting for the Editor)  
NOW is the time for all young people between the ages of 16 and 18 to be thinking of joining a young folks club. I say "16 or 18" because young people over 18 usually already belong to two or more clubs. I say "now," because spring and summer are the two seasons of the year when clubs are most active. I say "should be thinking of joining a club," because I sincerely believe that every person should belong to at least one club.

This is the time of year when people begin to perk up and take notice and assume a new interest in life. It's during spring, summer and fall, that the young people delight in going out in large groups to parties, dances, beach parties, outings, hikes or picnics. What better way of going is there than with the club you belong to? Ask someone who knows and find out what they have to say about it. What better way is there of becoming known—of becoming a somebody among a group of young people than through the club you belong to?

How many times I've gone out somewhere and a perfect stranger would walk up to me and say, "Oh, I know you. You belong to such and such a club. You were to this and this dance. You won this in this reward in that and that contest."

Immediately I feel that I've made another new acquaintance among so many, only because that particular person associates me with a particular club and is pleased to know a member of that club. How many wonderful young people you meet because you have something in common. You both belong to the same club or you belong to brother clubs and feel like brothers and sisters.

You're not afraid to go up to them and talk to them, because of that common tie. While if you didn't belong to a club and walked up to a perfect stranger and tried to get in a conversation with them they would immediately think you were trying to get fresh or think you were trying to crash their crowd and would warn all their fellow members and friends to shy from you. What happens to you? You find yourself ostracized from society in general.

**IF YOU** stop to think you will will realize that the kind of people who join these clubs are the nice young people, just out of school, who are just a anxious as you are to meet a lot of new friends.

Another group of people who do not join clubs are the introverts. The people who keep themselves to themselves and haven't a friend to speak of. Nowadays all the broadminded people, the thinking people, the people who see things just as they are, are the ones who belong to clubs because they realize the importance of societies as a stepping stone to success in politics, business and pleasure. Everybody who is a somebody, belongs to some sort of club or other. And let me tell you he is a somebody, because he has courage and brains to sell himself to other young people and make himself a some-

**BARBERTON LODGE  
TO LAUNCH DRIVE  
FOR NEW MEMBERS**

Magic City Juniors Thank Cleveland Members for Attending Meeting  
By HELEN PEROFF  
President Magic City Juniors, Lodge No. 47

Although, this is the first article appearing on this page from Barberton, O., I hope it is not the last, and that we will have the name of Magic City Juniors before us regularly.

At this time, although a little tardy, I wish to thank the members of the Modern Crusaders, Eastern Stars and Comets for favoring us with a visit at our last meeting which was held April 21.

We were very honored with the presence of our Supreme President, Frank Cerne, who explained to us the purpose of their visit and pointed out to us the outstanding features of the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association.

After the inspiring words, spoken by representatives of the different English-conducted lodges, and especially the comments made by Mr. Frank M. Surtz, who certainly deserves our appreciation for the helpful suggestions he made for the development of our branch, and the spirit of good fellowship and sisterhood which he instilled into this particular meeting, we can not help but feel enthusiastic about the future growth of our lodge.

Those Modern Crusaders certainly have a "Crusader" in every sense of the word, in the person of Mr. Perat, who favored us with a few words of wisdom.

Honorable mention must be made of the lady representatives who spoke to us of their respective branches.

Now the Magicians will have to start stirring their magic portions to charm some new members into their circle.

**NO FOOLING!**

**SURPRISE!** Folks — can you imagine? Everyone says let's go out to see the Comet girls . . . But, believe it or not, they do have boys in their club and gosh! don't make the male sex feel badly by always thinking the Comets are only girls!

body,

I am urging all the young people who live in Euclid City or in the vicinity of Euclid City, to join the Comets. Comets is a branch of the SDZ, and is more safe and beneficial than any insurance company. Safe, because SDZ is secure in its financial standing. Beneficial, because it has a sick benefit clause in its policy.

In a newly organized club, such as Comets, no one is very well acquainted with the next person and everyone is anxious to get acquainted. It's through a club like this that one makes life-long friends. Come and see for yourself if a club isn't a worthwhile thing to belong to, and the Comets' club in particular.

We shall be most happy to have you come either to our dance on May 14 at Spelko's at 8, or to our next meeting, which will be held on June 6 at 7:30 p. m. at Strumbly's.

**C - O - M - E - T - S**

C stands for campaign, Of course, we're there to win! Member anew! Bring them in! Essdeeze is at its highest aim! Too long we've been quiet and dead, So come on, Comets! That's enough said!

**ORGANIZE LODGE**

The younger members of Lodge No. 6 have organized a new English-conducted lodge in Euclid, O.

Assisting in the organization of this latest addition to the growing ranks of English-conducted lodges were senior members, Frank Gerl, Anton Vehovec and Joseph Stupica.

This new organization has been given the number 57. A name will be chosen at their

**INTRODUCING THE COMETS**

By MARY LEBAR  
Comets, No. 54 SDZ

Among the Comet members, we find Mary Mihevic, one of those ambitious young ladies, who labor far into the night, and so cannot attend our meetings and socials.

Charles Stusek is the type of young man who seldom smiles at a young lady, even though the seats in his model T Ford be quite empty.

Violet brings to mind hidden beauty, and that is the case of Violet Trattar, one of our members, who aspires to become a proficient stenographer.

If you hear a merry peal of laughter, issuing from some dance floor, it is none other than our own vice president, Bertha Laurich, who would sooner dance than eat.

Sophie Klemen, treasurer, has a boy friend who can always be found in her charming company, and we can't blame him either.

Catherine Klemen, her "little" sister is one of those good all-around sports, charmingly unsophisticated.

She giggles continuously, and makes her own clothes, who? Why none other than our recording secretary, Frances Nemec.

Working for an attorney gives Stella Noch, our financial secretary the gift of oratory.

An up-and-coming accordionist is Anton Jagodnik, who will graduate from Euclid Shore High this June.

Introducing our sole Benedict and burly policeman, Mr. Vincent Peskar Jr. He comes in quite handy in settling our disputes.

Albina Gabrenja, well-known contributor to the American Home Junior, a blonde, who goes for red in a big way.

**How to Get There**

Follow the St. Clair car line out to the end of the line in Nottingham. From Nottingham Rd. keep straight on St. Clair Ave., going East to Bliss Rd. Turn to left on Bliss Rd. under New York Central subway then turn to right on the first street as you get under subway which is still St. Clair Ave. Keep straight on past Babbitt Rd. and Spelko Gardens is only a little distance from Babbitt Road.

**MOD. CRUSADERS  
MAKE FINAL PLANS  
FOR SPRING PARTY**

Active Collinwood Group to Hold Painesville Outing on Sunday, May 22

By JOE MUSIC  
Modern Crusaders, No. 45

Yes Sir! The day is rapidly approaching, May 22, 1932, and that's the date the Modern Crusaders set aside for their annual spring outing, to Petkovsek's farm in Painesville. And when the Crusaders have an affair it is not forgotten in a day or two, but remembered for some time after.

The SDZ News wishes to congratulate Lodge No. 6 in taking this step, and extends a warm welcome to the newly organized Lodge No. 57, and hopes that they will grow and prosper in the fraternal and social fields.

**BY STELLA NOCH**

Comets, N. 54

You know a good deal about the Comets, but we take this opportunity of introducing the officers on the occasion of the lodges' second anniversary.

You have often heard of our president, Mary Lebar. She has been very efficient in her position and has done very nice work for the lodge. She is a lady of leisure more or less, and in the past week served as bridesmaid for one of her many friends.

Bertha Laurich, has not had much of an opportunity to show her ability as vice president, due to the fact that the president has always been present at the meetings. Folks, I'll let you in on a little side information. Bertha has a sickness called the "Giggles" so if you would rather not suffer with said ailment, my advice is to stay away.

The recording secretary, Frances Nemec is very capable on doing her work, but far back in her notes. Can you imagine her coming to a meeting and trying to remember what the discussions etc. were at the previous meeting? Perhaps after the dance, she will get along alright, at least we hope so, because keeping in mind all the occurrences of one meeting to the next, is not so healthy for the brain.

The financial secretary is Stella Noch. Of course, you know, I cannot write about myself, it isn't nice.

The treasurer, Sophie Klemen, certainly can handle money. She has started her work with diligence, and promises to be one of the most active members of the Comets.

**COMET GRADUATES**

Miss Annie Lebar, member of Comets, No. 54 SDZ, and daughter of Mrs. Mary Lebar, 20202 St. Clair Ave., will graduate from Euclid High school on June 2. Several other Slovenians will also receive their diplomas at this time.

When sick, send notice to that effect to your lodge secretary immediately.

**Euclid Lodge  
To Celebrate  
Saturday Eve**

Affair at Spelko's Gardens to Commemorate Second Birthday of Lodge

Saturday night is Comets' night and all the English-conducted lodges of the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association will join them in the celebration of their second anniversary.

They are going to have activities that you will want to take part in, no matter what your likes or dislikes may be. There will be baseball, that grand old game that one never tires of; games of various types in which both girls and boys may participate, but the surprise of the outing is a "beer Hunt." This may sound "fishy" to you, but there is such a thing as a "Bottle Hunt." It is of the same nature as a "Pean Hunt."

There will be bottles, hidden in the woodland of the picnic grounds, and those, fortunate enough to find the bottle, will take their treasure to the person in charge and be rewarded for their findings. I wonder who'll find the first bottle?

There is much more to write, but reading about it won't give you half the description of the pleasure this wonderful place provides, so why not drop around and come along.

Hurry up! The tickets are going like hot cakes and there is a limited amount. If you have not obtained yours, you may do so by asking the president of your organization for them, or get in touch with Angela Udovich at her father's grocery store, Pargrove Ave. and E. 161st St., Joe Vraneza, at Smrekar's grocery store, Grovewood Ave. and E. 171st St.; "Chuck" Starman of the Community Fruit and Vegetable Market on Waterloo Rd., near E. 156th St., and Steve Rackar on Waterloo Rd. and E. 180th St.

winners will be awarded a \$2.50 gold piece. Messrs. Frank M. Surtz, president of the Central Committee; James Perat, president of the Modern Crusaders; Michael Lah Jr., president of the Eastern Stars; Anthony Kushlan and Ray J. Grdina will judge the dancing. The prize dance will be held at 10 o'clock, and is open to all attending.

However, the Comets do not restrict their invitation to SDZ members only, but hope that all the young folks of Cleveland and Euclid will be able to attend this gala party.

Admission is only 35 cents and the Comet dance committee assures everyone that they will be doubly repaid for their investment in the good time enjoyed.

Don't forget that Saturday is the Comets' day. Get your ticket now and follow the crowd to Spelko Gardens, St. Clair Ave.

Speeches were made by

Messrs. Frank M. Surtz, James Perat, president of Modern Crusaders; Michael Lah Jr., president of Eastern Stars, and Martin Valetich, vice president of Modern Crusaders. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30. After the meeting, Frank M. Surtz and James Perat started the bingo game. There were enough prizes for everybody to take one home. Bingo was followed by dancing. The party broke up at 11:45 after a most enjoyable evening.

It's a large evening for everybody!

Now we are planning for another so-called "break," and that is our coming dance which we hope will be a success. Certainly, we alone cannot make it an accomplishment, so we will ask every member of our brother lodges to come out and have a good time, that is all the assistance we need.

You may well consider us all one family, and our motto, "United we stand, divided we fall!"

Let us see all of you at the

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**This 'n' That**

By SOPHIE KLEMEN  
Comets, No. 54 SDZ

Comet marriages—One Births—None. Deaths—None. Proposals—Despite depression they're all on their way. Its leap year, girls!

Stepping back to the Comets' meeting last Monday, we find Michael Lah Jr., seated in the rear, surrounded by girls, to whom he is paying more attention than to the speakers.

Seated in front we find the timid Florence Briel, Violet Tratter and happy Betty Lebar, seated with a few prospective members.

Now that we glance along we find some Modern Crusaders. They were none other than James Perat, Steve Rackar, Joe Muzic and Martin Valetich.

A few familiar gentlemen from Eastern Stars were also present, namely, John Menart, Frank Gregoric and Michael Lah Jr.

From what we hear, it looks like the Magic City Juniors of Barberton, O., will pay us a visit on May 14. You're welcome, Barberton, and we have a few reservations here for those who intend to stay overnight. We'll be expecting you!

Congratulations to James Perat, president of Modern Crusaders, who is the proud daddy of a nine-pound baby girl!

Comets wish the newly organized English-conducted Lodge, No. 57 (name still unknown), all the luck and success in the world. Hoping to see a few of you members at our dance so that we can be fully acquainted.

Albina Gabrenja at one time did work at Richman's, but now she is staying at home.

I don't want you men of Young Men's Club to think that it was all Anthony Kushlan's fault about those "lost" tickets. It's a shame, but it seems he gets all the razzing and blame.

Michael Lah Jr. seems to be still raving about the good time he had in Barberton, O. What was it all about, Mike?

Will every Comet member please attend the Modern Crusaders' meeting on Waterloo Rd. Wednesday, May 18? Those of you who wish can play pinocchio or else you can dance to the Blue Mooners Orchestra, who will be there to entertain you. You will get an idea how nicely their meetings are conducted and how quickly and briefly their business is discussed.

The Senior lodge members of No. 6, namely Frank Gerl, Mr. Anton Vehovec and Mr. Joseph Stupica helped to form the new English-conducted Lodge No. 57 SDZ.

We wonder how the Eastern Stars baseball team is succeeding? We hope to hear the results of their first game soon!

