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New Slovenian Club in FL

We would like to introduce you to SLOVENSKA PALMA, Inc., a Slovenian-American club that was founded and officially registered in Florida for the purpose of uniting Slovenian people. The main function of our organization is to preserve and diffuse the Slovenian heritage by maintaining Slovenian culture and the Slovenian language.

We are a group of young Slovenians who would like to maintain our connections to our homeland by preserving our national identity and pass these values to our future generations.

Our first official reunion will take place on Nov. 6 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. We are expecting our fellow Slovenians from other cities including Orlando, Naples, Cape Coral, West Palm Beach, and Miami to join us on this special occasion. Our friends, co-workers and acquaintances of all ages are also invited. We are planning a short cultural program, dinner and dance. We are also setting up a raffle with prizes donated by different Slovenian companies (sponsors).

Please visit our web-site at www.slovenskapalma.org (currently still under construction), which will serve the purpose of introducing Slovenian culture, Slovenian language, Slovenian natural beauties and tourist attractions, as well as the overall operating structure of our organization.

Slovenska Palma will be the link between Slovenians and Slovenian-American fellows residing in Florida and abroad. We would like to promote the beauty of our country among all our members and anyone else interested in our culture.

We are also hoping to encourage tourism, as well as establishing a future possibility for economic and trade relationship between the U.S. and Slovenia. We are turning to you to connect us with other Slovenian friends in Florida. We will be happy to come in contact with them and would like to invite them and anyone who wants, to join us, to come to our first official reunion.

--Silvester Subotnjicki

President,

Mojca Klaves

Vice President



Left to right: Martina Perko from Naples, Mojca Klaves, Vice President, and Silvester Subotnjicki, President of Slovenian American Club in Florida.

Benefit Pork & Chicken Dinner

The new parish center of St. Mary's of the Assumption church (Holmes Ave.) will be the site of a benefit pork and chicken dinner on Sunday, Oct. 3 sponsored by the Altar Society. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 1

p.m.

Dinner tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12.

Everyone is welcome to attend and tickets may be purchased the day of the dinner at the door of the hall.

Printing Change

There will be NO American Home newspaper printed the first week of October - Thursday, Oct. 7.



Performing in the 'Mini Polka' at the Kres 50th Anniversary dance held Saturday night, September 11 in the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue in Cleveland, are, left to right, Michael Tomc, Sarah Zakrajsek, and Ally Kolaric.

--Photo by PHIL HRVATIN



(Photo by Tony Grdina)

Left to right, front row, Josephine Lesko, Fran Spech; 2nd row, Agnes Koporc, Rose Turovsky, Ann Strazar, Lillian Krzywicki, Angela Lascola, Marge Slopko; back row, Ray Kuhel, Jim Logar, Ray Novak, Matt Perpar, Bishop Ed Pevec, Ed Kotar, Tony Baznik, Tony Grdina.

St. Vitus Class of '39 - 65th Reunion

by AGNES KOPORC

Our Class of '39 has been blessed,

We've been 'friends' so many years.

We've all had our ups and downs...

In happiness and tears.

70 years of friendships, Thank God, we're still alive,

To come together, once again,

To celebrate number 65.

It was Wednesday, Sept. 15th, lunch time at Sterle's

(where else?). Slowly, but surely, we assembled, though less in numbers, but those of us who could make it, made sure not to miss this annual get-together. This being our 65th Anniversary of graduation from the eighth grade from St. Vitus Elementary School, the now St. Martin de Porres High School.

It is 'something' to be able to tell our family and friends that "our group" has been friends since the first grade... at least 72 years, and have had annual get-togethers since 1964. If this

keeps up we might get into the World Book of Records.

We happened to be "very fortunate" to have 'our own personal bishop,' who for all these years, has not missed one of our get-togethers, namely Most Rev. Bishop A. Edward Pevec. Endearingly known to us as "Bishop Ed." He is a dear heart and is loved by all of us. Yes, our group is truly blessed.

It wasn't long before Ray Kuhel, our class 'Stand up Comic' came up to tell a couple of his jokes to put everyone in the mood. His

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REFLECTIONS BY RUDY

About My Friend Bob

by RUDY FLIS

It was late last night when I came home, much too late to return a phone call to a friend of mine. It had been a month or two since I last visited Bob, a friend since the second grade at St. Patrick's grade school, in the West Park section of Cleveland.

I called Bob this morning and he wanted me to stop over for tomatoes and peppers from his lush garden. We do this every year; and I pass Bob's crop on to my kids who enjoy his delicious vegetables.

This morning Bob and I picked two baskets of tomatoes and two baskets of peppers, enjoying conversation with each basket of produce. When finished, we sat in lawn chairs in the back yard and reminisced about our childhood friends and classmates.

Bob is the only grade school classmate I am friends with today, and only because of a chance meeting in the spring of 1954 in

Germany. A new recruit from the states, he stood out from the rest of us who had faded fatigues. With a short haircut, goofy fatigue hat, he looked a little different, but that smile was the same and a dead giveaway of a new recruit and an old friend from back home. We had many good times for two months before I rotated stateside.

Therese and I were married a few months before Bob got out of the Army. He came to visit us soon after and we've been trading visits ever since. Bob is happily married with three kids.

Today, we just sat and chatted, a benefit of friendship. As I have mentioned before, I have many acquaintances, but Bob has been a friend since I first met him as a new classmate in December of 1941.

Old friends are great. A true friend is forever as Bob and I will always be friends even if the time should come when he can't give me those fresh peppers and tomatoes.

Jim's Journal

By Jim Debevec



I've always wondered what a vicious circle is. To me a circle was round with no beginning and no end, so how could it be vicious.

Then along came Hurricane Ivan. It hit Florida's Coast and went up the middle of the United States, dumped water everywhere and blew strong winds along its path. Now, they say it is picking up vitality and heading back to Florida. If that happens, I guess that is a vicious circle.

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I turned on the Weather Channel to see the hurricane news. The reporters in the field were trying their best to get blown away by the gale. I wondered, "What's the point." We all believe the wind is strong and the rain is fierce. Why stand in the middle of it?

The anchors back in Atlanta say, "Thanks, Stephanie, for your report." Why do they do that? Why thank them? Why can't they just say, "That was Stephanie reporting live from the middle of the storm in the Everglades while beating off an alligator?"

What if the report was lousy? Would the anchor people still thank them?

Newspaper people are different. We never get thanked for our reports. The editor usually looks at our copy with disdain, down through their noses. If it's a terrible report, it gets thrown into the trash bin.

I've been watching TV since Howdy Doody and I have never heard an anchor-person say, "That was a stupid report." So how are we to know if a report isn't any good?

Sunday they were showing someone driving in the rain during a storm. The anchor lady said accusingly, "The police told everyone to

evacuate. Why are those people driving in the rain?" The reporter didn't know. He was brazenly driving in the rain. She didn't holler at him.

I've been in the newspaper business for over 44 years and still love a good story. When an American Home comes out with interesting articles, it makes my week. Some say I have printers ink in my blood. That is not true. It is regular hemoglobin, o positive (happy circle, not vicious).

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Nobody has asked for a quiz in a long while, so

we're going to run a little tickler anyhow.

Question #1: Where can you find "Love in an oven?"

Question #2: Who is the only president born in Ohio who is pictured on U.S. currency?

Question #3: In which city did President Bush and Premier Putin meet for the first time?

Send your answers to Jim's Journal, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103 or ah@buckeyeweb.com

No prizes. We will print the names of all those submitting correct answers. Deadline is Oct. 25.

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100 WORDS MORE OR LESS

by John Mercina

A SLOVENIAN "JUMBLE"

Find the five words that every Slovenian should know from the following jumbled letters!

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- ☐ AVLAH
- ☐ DGPOSO
- ☐ RKIROMP
- ☐ ACOTPI



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Life in the Refugee Camps 1949

By Anton Zakelj, translated and edited by John Zakelj

Saturday, July 9, 1949

I distributed letters until 1 p.m., then newspapers until 3 p.m., and then the American food and clothing until 6 p.m. Here's how we decided to divide everything among 180 Slovenians: each child under 14 months received one set of baby clothes and one diaper; each child under 6 received one box of biscuits and two boxes of dry milk; older children received a pound of beans and a box of peas; adults received a box of biscuits, 2 boxes of soup and 2 boxes of dry milk. Everyone was happy except one person who was angry with me because he didn't get what he expected. I distributed everything according to Rev. Malavasic's list. I considered refusing to accept the baby clothing for our Janko, but then there would have been a fight about who would get that. When you're distributing something like this, you can never please everyone, and they blame you for everything.

Sunday, July 10, 1949

Our friends Hans and Mila Huber arrived by motorcycle today for a visit. They live in Deutsch Feistritz, a village about 20 miles southeast of here. They said they could get us jobs and an apartment in Deutsch Feistritz. They don't think we should leave Europe. (We first met Hans many years ago when he came to Ziri as an Austrian border guard. While stationed in Ziri, he fell in love with Mila, who lived near Ziri. They married and returned to his home in Austria.) I turned down their invitation to stay in Austria because I do not think I could get decent work in Austria. I think the prospects for decent jobs are much better in America or Argentina.

Radulovič took pictures of us this afternoon, including Silva (who is still here visiting), and Hans and Mila.

Marjan Filipič was teasing Cilka and Silva, but Cilka got angry with him. Now all three of them are upset.

Monday, July 11, 1949

Silva went back to her home today, after visiting us for 14 days. I accompanied her to the train station in Trofaiach and gave her 10 shillings and 20 packs of cigarettes for the trip.

Friday, July 15, 1949

We received a package from Silva - 10 pounds of cherries. Cilka loves them.

Janko was vaccinated against whooping cough.

Rev. Roman (Malavasic)

helped me fill out some papers - for emigration to America. Now people are saying that Argentina will not accept any families with children - only single adults up to age 37 and married couples up to age 40.

Saturday, July 16, 1949

I paid Radulovic 55 shillings for 9 photos of us with Silva, and 16 of us with Silva, Mila and Hans. I sent 3 photos to Mila and 6 to Silva.

Sunday, July 17, 1949

I signed up for a pilgrimage to the shrine at Maria Zell for next Sunday.

(To Be Continued)

St. Vitus Class of '39 (Continued from page 1)

wife, Betty sat there smiling (she had heard them all before). Have you ever thought of putting them 'in print,' Ray? Just think, a book of laughter by Ray Kuhel.

Finding a 'lull spot' yours truly gave the welcoming speech, the above poem and then requested that each classmate stand and give an account of what is going on in their lives at present. Guess what? We are all in the same boat, retired, have some aches and pains, are involved in family affairs... So what else is new?

Angie (Hegler) Lascola came with her 'look alike' daughter. She could have been Angie in her younger days. Very charming, petite, lovely, just like Angie.

T'wasn't long ago that beautiful Millie Logar 'took handsome Marine Jim's breath away.' What a perfect couple.

We are proud of charming Fran (Zakrajsek) Spech, (wife of our beloved Dr. Anthony Spech).

Tony Baznik is looking fit and trim. Told of his bowling. He is a great volunteer. He is always there when needed.

Certainly was great to see Bill Sterling and his lovely wife. It's been a long time. He has battled many health problems and it was a special gift to all of us to have him come. Don't stay away so long, Bill. Thanks for coming.

Lil (Bavdek) Krzywicki is still very active at St. Vitus, in charge of the Food Bank, etc., and that is quite a job. When you want something done, ask Lil. A hard worker.

Our fit and trim Rose (Peterlin) Turovsky still looks great. Tell us your secret, Rosie. You look wonderful. She is that "Lady in red."

Josie (Makse) Lesko, our



Our friends visited us in the Trofaiach camp. From left to right: Cilka, Janko, and Anton Zakelj, Silva Hoja, Hans and Mila Huber, Jolanda, Karl and Mici Erznosnik. July 10, 1949. Photo by Radulovič.

Athletic Champion, Blue Ribbon winner, Senior Div. Swim Champ and many other fetes, came with her lovely daughter, Lynnette (to be so young again, sigh).

Ray Novak and his lovely wife, Lillian, both look great. He still plays tennis and is in great shape.

Annie (Cimperman) Strazar better known as "Cimpy" and her husband Tony, snuck in. We almost gave up on them. But better late than never. Annie is still the same 'Cimpy' we knew, a bundle of fun.

Two gorgeous ladies, Margie (Ivancic) Slopko along with her sister Mary Mramor, looking good.

Guess what the "Ivan the Terrible" blew in? Matt Perpar and his lovely wife, Kay. Did we not tell you that this is the "Best location in the nation?"

Can't forget my dear friends, the Kotars, Ed and Marie. He always 'needles' me. What his darling Marie has to put up with. Just kidding, Ed. I will never live this down. Oh, well. (sigh).

Representing our classmate Mimi Turk was Klarie, who, like my dear husband Albert, were inducted into our class through association. You will always be a part of our class... and do not forget it.

There was Betty Grdina enjoying her meal and friendships while her photographer hubby, Tony, got the group together for their yearly photo shoot. Thanks, Tony, for all the years of picture taking. He never asks for a cent. And his service is top notch. He is the organizer of all our get-togethers. It is all down to a science

now. He organizes, gets the message out, and here we are. Isn't that wonderful?

Missing were Mary (Repar) and her husband John Gerbetz who were at a convention. They sent best wishes to us all.

Also missed were the Bill Gabriels, Stanisla (Rudolph) Gorenc, Frank Korenchan, Marian (Mocnik) Croak, Martina (Mencin) Mog, Elmer Klaus, Rich Sterle (who resides at Slovene Home for Aged, 18621 Neff Rd. 44119), Julia (Fortuna) Stobierski, Mary Strazar, Edmund Turk, Edward Vahcic, Joseph and Helen Vidmar who is now living in Ashland, Oregon.

Time is of essence. It's part of God's plan.

Let's get together more often.

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by RAY MLAKAR

Well, for the past week it seems that the hot summer was about to start rather than end but now they say that cooler fall weather is just around the corner. Unfortunately, I was busy planting grass this past week. I had noticed that as I walked to the back yard I thought that the outfit that cut my grass was cutting too low, but that was not the case for in going over the lawn they kicked up dead grass that was not even fastened down. I got the rake and raked quite a bit on a pile and there must have been at least 50 grubs.

I must admit the animals like Parma Hts. Or I should say they like Ray's yard for I have deer, squirrels and now the grubs. I really needed that job as if I did not have anything else to do. Fortunately, with God's help, got all the dead grass up as well as picked up each individual grub by hand.

Prior to that I had been washing sheers outside on the line since the maid is off this week and to tell the truth the maid has been off for some time. I hung the sheers outside on the line and was proud that I had accomplished that job but as luck would have it, when I was putting the drape hooks back in hanging them up, I noticed that apparently some birds came by and dropped some bombs on the sheers. Lord are you listening? When the sheers are on the line, please keep the birds out of the back yard and for

my sake, take the grubs to greener pastures. Well, I am sure that none of this is news to any of our readers for I am sure they have run into these problems from time to time.

I did manage to make a trip out to East 185th street to one of my favorite bakeries as if I needed pastry but since I had just seen the doctor last week, I felt I could indulge, for pray tell who is watching except God and I am sure he won't tell the doctor.

I managed to stop by Zusek's butcher shop and managed to get some sauerkraut as well as meaty ribs for those two go together. Let's face it, after staring at grubs for two days I wanted to look at some real meat.

I finished the trip out east with eating at Fanny's on 156 St., off Waterloo Rd., and indulged in what they call "Slovenian Wedding Pork Chops." I felt guilty eating alone without Harry (my Cairn Terrier) and so I saved him three quarters of one pork chop. When I got home and gave him his so-called "surprise" he thought he had died and gone to doggie heaven.

Speaking of enduring, the other day I had to call Medicare and Blue Cross and unfortunately in both cases you get to talk to a record. They start off with do you want to talk in English or Spanish. They always ask that for I am beginning to think there are as many Spanish speaking people in America as there are native

born Americans. I'd like to say I want to speak in Slovenian. Boy, that would throw them, especially the way I speak Slovenian, for I talk half-pa-pu. It would save me the trouble of punching different numbers into the phone. If only they had real live people answering the telephone, but I guess that is like asking for the second coming of Christ.

Gosh, here I am well into the column and I haven't gotten back to the Army Reserve Center, but you can be rest assured I will in future publications for needless to say I could write a script that would make a hit movie.

Well, I think it is time for the weekly joke and here again I have to give credit to my so-called brother in Erie, PA, none other than Frankie Mlakar. A fleeing Taliban, desperate for water, was plodding through the Afghanistan desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find water, he walked toward the object, only to find a little old Jewish man sitting at a card table with neckties laid out on it. The Arab said, "My thirst is killing me. Please do you have some water?" The Jewish man replied, "I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$150.00. This one goes very nicely with your robe." The Arab shouted, "Idiot, I do not need your over-priced tie. I need water." "Okay," said the little Jewish man. It does not matter that you do not want

to buy a tie. I will show you that you have not offended me. If you walk over that hill to the east for about four miles, you will find a lovely restaurant. Go, walk that way. The restaurant has all the water you need." The Arab staggered away toward the hill and disappeared. Eight hours later the Arab came crawling back to the Jewish man's table. The Jew said, "I told you the restaurant with the water is about four miles over the hill. Could you not find it?"

"I found it," rasped the Arab. "But your brother wouldn't let me in without a tie."

Well, with that it is time to sign off and may the Good Lord bless you and keep you all healthy.

Sweetest Day Anniversary Dance

The Friends of the Slovenian National Home invites you to a special dance in honor of all past brides and grooms who were married in the Slovenian National Home. This event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 16.

This dance should bring back a lot of happy memories to all individuals and couples who celebrated their special day at our hall.

This dance is an invitation to all who may wish to join us on Sweetest Day.

To make this event even more memorable, invite your bridal party to join you and make this an extra happy celebration, one you will remember for years to come.

Doors open at 6 p.m. A light buffet dinner will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dance to the music of Jeff Pecon Orchestra. Cash bar.

Ticket prices include the light buffet and are as follows:

\$30 per couple or

\$27 per couple with a photocopy of wedding picture.

\$15 per person or

\$13.50 per person with a photocopy of wedding picture.

Please make your reservations in advance and include a photocopy of wedding so your picture will become a part of our Decades of Wedding Picture Collage that will be on display.

Also special prizes will be awarded for different categories, such as longest married, largest bridal party, couple with most children. Please note the year of your wedding.

Make your check payable to: Friends of Slovenian National Home and mail to: 6409 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103. For more information call (216) 361-5115.

Come and join your Friends for a fun-filled evening on Saturday, Oct. 16.

St. Vitus Alumni Memo

by AGNES KOPORC

Just 'jogging' your memory a bit. Oct. 31 is just around the corner. Did you mark your calendar? Remember this is the BIG event of the season.

We will be honoring three St. Vitus Graduate Alumni: **Rev. Fr. Francis Paik**, Class of 1942 (posthumously), **Mr. Albert R. Amigoni**, Class of 1964,

and **Mr. John Srsen**, Class of 1969.

A Gala Affair is being planned by the "Creative Group of the Alumni." Transformation of the auditorium is already taking place in the minds of these Wonder Women. All of this for you to enjoy.

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Interior Work in St. Vitus Church

Work started to prepare the interior of St. Vitus Church for repairs of ceilings damaged by outside moisture. Now that the church roof has been replaced, we are able to begin repairs on the inside. This is why parishioners are seeing scaffolding on one side of the aisle and in the bell tower.

Painters and plasterers will begin on the west side of

the church and then move to St. Joseph's side, into the choir area and the side balconies.

While the work is going on in St. Vitus church, the daily Masses will be said in The Village Chapel.

Sunday Masses, funerals, and weddings will continue to be held in the church at the usual times.

--St. Vitus Church Bulletin

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--Madeline

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SLOVENIAN SOCIETY HOME

President: Esther Podboy; Vice President: Frank Korelec; Secretary/Treasurer: Chris Hammond; Recording Secretary: Marion E. Bocian; Audit Chairman: Henry Kapel; Audit: Donna Helmeccy; House Committee: Ray Kastelic; Membership/Sunshine: Mary Frank; Stephanie Segulin, Joe Bergoc.



LADIES AUXILIARY SNPJ FARM

President: Betty Rotar; Vice President: Sophie Matuch; Recording Secretary: Gerri Trebets; Financial Secretary: Barbara Elersich; Auditors: Eleanor Godec, Helen Sumrada, Mitzie Yeray.

WEST PARK

SLOVENIAN NATIONAL HOME 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, OH 44135

President: Robert Rojer; Vice President: Chuck Gove; Hall Treasurer: Rudy Pivik; Treasurer: Michelle Bartunek; Social Director: Marie Pivik; Auditors: Ruth Lach, Albert Zdotshek, Marija Dimitrijevic; Ladies Auxiliary: Theresa Krisby.



FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SLOVENIAN SENIOR CITIZENS

President: Matt Kajfez; Vice President: Larry Hočevár; Secretary: Matt Zabucevec; Treasurer: Pat Nevar; Auditors: Dorothy Gorjup, Grace Marinch, Frank Sadar.

ST. CLAIR PENSIONERS CLUB

6409 St. Clair Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44103

President: Sylvia Plymness (216) 391-9453; Vice President: Helen Snyder; Recording Secretary: Marcie Mills; Financial Secretary: Lawrence Hočevár, 1364 E. 43 St., Cleveland, OH 44103; Sunshine: Irene Toth; Auditors: Anthony Brodnik, Emilee Jenko, Antoinette Kraje; Tour Coordinator: Jeanette Ruminski.

Meetings held on the third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m., in the Kenik Room of the St. Clair S.N.H.

SLOVENIAN PENSIONERS OF EUCLID

President: Lori Sierputowski; Vice President: Jackie Ulle; Financial Secretary and Membership: Jeannette Yert; Recording Secretary and Reporter: Carolyn Janezich; Treasurer: Frank Kosten; Auditors: Frank Sadar, Chmn., Stana Grill, Frank Sechnick, and Lillian Dombrowski, alternate; Sergeant-at-Arms: Jack Selan; Sunshine Lady: Doris M. Pokopac; Tour Organizer: Mimi Stibil; Historian: Marion E. Bocian.

HOLMES AVENUE PENSIONERS CLUB

President: John Kozlevchar; Vice President: Matt Zabukovec; Recording Secretary: Jennie Tuma; Corresponding Secretary: Ann Beckert; Financial Secretary: Louise Fujda; Sergeant-at-Arms: Frances Kajfez; Sunshine: Ann Eichler (731-9431); Auditors: Helen Pavsek, Stan Bohinc, and Hank Skrabec.

Meetings held second Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at Collinwood Slovenian Home.

WATERLOO BALINCA CLUB

President: Violet M. Rupena (440) 943-7212; Vice President: Ray Polantz; Treasurer: Marilyn Vidmar; Secretary: Eleanor Godec; Auditors: Hank Skarbez, Mary Vesel, Harold White.

We welcome new members to join us for fun and friendship.

WATERLOO PENSIONERS CLUB

President: Pat Nevar; Vice President: John Prhne; Recording Secretary: Grace Marinch; Treasurer: Dorothy Gorjup; Auditors: Joann Heinz, Josie Kapla, Al Marinch.

Meetings held every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at Waterloo Hall.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS BARAGA COURT No. 1317

Spiritual Director: Rev. Joseph P. Boznar; Chief Ranger: Robert W. Mills Sr.; Past Chief Ranger: Dr. Anthony F. Speech; Vice Chief Ranger: Albert Marolt; Financial Secretary: Angelo W. Vogrig, 17220 Tarymore Rd., Cleveland, OH 44119, Ph: 531-2662; Treasurer: John J. Hocesvar; Trustees: Albert Marolt, Frank J. Branisel, Robert Mills Sr.; Youth Director: Angelo W. Vogrig; Field Rep. Richard Kuhar (Ph.: 838-1889).

Meetings held the 2nd Friday of the month. Call Fin. Sec. for location of meeting.

BARBERTON SLOVENE PENSIONERS CLUB

President: Sarah Kumse; Vice President: Betty Jevce; Secretary-Treas.: Ann Novak; Recording Secretary: Shirley Fister; Auditors: Mary Poje, Mary Steiner; Fed. Reps.: Sarah Kumse, Betty Jevce, Ann Novak, Ray Palcic; alternate: Bill Stoper.

Meetings every first Thursday of the month at 12:00 noon at Slovene Center Hall 70 - 14th St., N.W. Barberton, OH 44203

KLUB UPOKOJENCEV SLOV. PRISTAVE:

Predsednik: Ivan Jakomin; Podpredsednika: Vinko Vrhovnik in Pepca Kastigar; Tajnica: Martina Stepec, 1958 Brushview Dr., Richmond Hts., OH 44143 (tel.: (440) 944-0016; Blagajnik: Pavle Intihar; Zapisnikar: Frank Urankar; Nadzorni Odbor: Minka Kmetich, Edi Veider; Odborniki: August Dragar, Julka Zalar, Marija Kocian, Mary Vrhovnik, Julka Mejac, Olga Kalar, Stefka Jarem, Tonckla Urankar, Stefka Zidar, in Tone Stepec.

NEWBURGH-MAPLE HTS. PENSIONERS CLUB

President: Art Zanutic; Vice President: Florence Mirtel; Financial Secretary: Olga Dorchak (330) 468-7989; Recording Secretary: Clara Hrovat; Membership/Sunshine: Olga Sray; Auditors: Tony Kaplan, Kay Yuratovac, John Kuznik.

FAIRPORT SLOVENIAN RETIRES CLUB

President: Tony Satej; Vice President: Julianne Centa; Treasurer: Carol Satej; Recording Secretary: Ann Purebar; Auditors: Jo Gornick, Jo Minello; Sgt.-at-Arms: Alice Martincic; Ticket Sales: Dorothy Nemura.

GLASBENA MATICA SINGING SOCIETY

President: Daniel J. Hrvatin; 1st Vice President: Sharon Loucka; 2nd Vice President: Paul Zimperman; Secretary: Lisa Hupfer; Treasurer: Dolores Sierputowski.

Concert: Saturday, Nov. 20 Slovenian Home, St. Clair. Dinner and Dancing. Doors open 5:30; concert at 7 p.m.

New singers welcome. Rehearsals began Aug. 2nd. Call Dan Hrvatin (440) 944-1243.

KOROTAN

Predsednica: Cvetka Rihtar; podpredsednica: Mary Ann Vogel; podpredsednik: Frank Lovšin; tajnica: Maruša Pogacnik, 7628 Chappin Falls Lane, Kirtland, OH 44094; blagnicarka: Helena Nemec; nadzorni odbor: Janez Nemec, Zdenka Zakrajšek, odborniki: Martina Jakomin, Cirila Kermavner, Mimi Rezonja, Blazena Rihtar, France Rihtar, Milena Stropnik, pevovodja: Janez Sršen.

SLOVENIAN SINGING SOCIETY ZARJA

President: Richard Tomsic; Vice President: Vicky Kozel; Secretary: Josephine Rotter; Treasurer: Barbara Elersich; Director: Doug Elersich.

For more information about Zarja please call Richard Tomsic at 481-1379.

SLOVENSKA PISARNA

Predsednik: Fr. Joze Boznar, podpredsednik-blagajnik in upravnik pisarne: Anton Oblak, nadzorni odbor: Viktor Tominec in Frank Sega. Tajnica in zapisnikarica: Zalka Likozar; knjizevni referent: Mara Cerar Hull; odborniki(ce): Milka Odar, Ivanka Vidmar in Vida Oblak;

Seje so po potrebi, v prostorih Slovenske pisarne na 6104 Lausche Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103.

Telefonska številka: 216-361-03-; fax številka: 216-361-0300.

Pisarna je odprta ob sobotah od 10.00 do 12.00 ure in nedeljah od 9.30 do 21. ure.

SNPJ YOUTH CIRCLE 2

President: Kristy Zivkovich; Vice President: Frances Kocin; Recording Secretary: Joe Radisek; Attendance Secretary Colleen Frank; Treasurer: Matt Skrajner; Historian Mary Ann Kocin; Music Director: Cecilia Dolgan.

Meet on Thursdays, 7 p.m., at Slovenian Society Home, Euclid, Ohio.

Programs: Sunday, Nov. 14, Fall Concert, 3 p.m., Slovenian Society Home, Euclid, OH.

MISIJSKA ZNAMKARSKA AKCIJA (CATHOLIC MISSION AID)

MZA - CMA

Duhovni vodja: dr. Pavel Krajnik; predsednica: Marica Lavriša; podpredsednica: Helena Gorše; tajnica, zapisnikarica: Mari Celestina, 4935 Gleeten Rd., Richmond Hts., OH 44143; blagajničarki: Helena Nemec, 1019 E. 171 St., Cleveland, OH 44119 oz. Mary Tominec, 107 Snavey Rd., Richmond Hts., OH 44143; nadzorni odbor: Ani Nemec, Tončka Urankar, Ivanka Tominec; odborniki: Ana in Rudi Knez, Viktor in Nežka Tominec, Marija Ribič, Tončka Lamovec, Vinko in Mary Vrhovnik; nadzornika: Lovro Rozman, Mari Miklavčič.

Oltarno društvo fare Sv. Marije Vnebovzete

Duhovni vodja: Rev. John M. Kumse; predsednica: Ani Nemec; podpredsednica: Nežka Cerer; blagajničarka: Paula Hauptman, 25922 Highland Rd., Richmond Hts., OH 44143, tel. 216-481-1871; tajnica: Marica Lavriša; zapisnikarica: Mari Celestina; nadzornice: Tončka Urankar, Mary Podlogar, Maria Frank; zastavonošinja: Josephine Sežun. Skupno sv. obhajilo vsako prvo nedeljo v mesecu pri sv. mašo ob 10. dop. Isti dan popoldne ob 1.30 ura molitve, po blagoslovu pa seja v sobi za sestanke v šoli.

KLUB LJUBLJANA

Meetings held the last Tuesday of the month, 1 p.m., at Slovenian Society Hall, 10713 Recher Ave., Euclid.

President: Ann Bauha; Financial Secretary and Treasurer: Stephanie Segulin (216) 451-1876; Recording Secretary: Louise Trunkley. Auditors are Ceil Zinder and Louise Trunkley. Bartenders: Frank Sadar and Frank Skoda.

SLOVENIAN SOCIETY HOME

LADIES AUXILIARY

20713 Recher Ave.,
Euclid, OH 44119-2439

"Members of Ladies Auxiliary Slovenian Society Home" featuring Monday night dinners.

ST. MARY'S

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Spiritual Director: Rev. John Kumse;

President: Victor Nemec; Vice President: Florian Osredkar; Treasurer: William Kozak.

ST. MARY'S COURT No. 1640

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS

Spiritual Director: Rev. John Kumse; High Court Trustee: Alan Spilar; Chief Ranger and St. Ct. Tr. Kathleen Spilar; Vice Chief Ranger: Mary L. Daley; Secretary: Jennie Jesek; Financial Secretary: John Spilar; Treasurer: Vicki Skarbez; Trustees: Gerry White, Hank Skarbez, Alan Spilar; General Agent: Dick Kuhar, Phone (440) 838-1889; Youth Director: Kathy Spilar (216) 289-3814; Past Chief Ranger: Alan Spilar.

Meetings every 4th Wednesday of second month: Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov. in St. Mary's school (meeting room), 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110.

ST. CLAIR RIFLE AND HUNTING CLUB

President: Eddy Ujcich; Vice President: Richard Beck.

All correspondence to Mr. Richard Beck, 38500 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, OH 44094.

Roster of Organizations

Imenik slovenskih društev

Ameriška Slovenska Katoliška Jednota American Slovenian Catholic Union

ST. VITUS LODGE No. 25 KSKJ

Spiritual Director: Rev. Joseph P. Boznar; President: Joseph S. Baskovic; Vice President: Joseph V. Hočevar; Secretary: John C. Turek, Tel.: 531-0230; Treasurer: Al Orehek; Auditors: Charles Winter, Ron Fabo, Marty Turek; Youth and Athletic Director: Ralph Prawdzik; Sergeant-at-Arms: James Debevec.

ST. JOSEPH LODGE No. 169 KSKJ

Spiritual Director: Rev. John Kumse; President: Phil Hrvatin; Vice President: Sandi Green; Financial Secretary: Anne Nemec, 708 E. 159 St., Cleveland, OH 44110 Ph: (216) 541-7243; Treasurer: Helena Nemec; Recording Secretary: Karen Kretic; Youth & Athletic Director: John Nemec; Auditors: Jennie Tuma, Matt Kajfez, Chris Chermely; Sgt-at-Arms: Tony Tolar; Reporter: John Nemec.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the club room of the Collinwood Slovenian Home (Holmes Ave.). New members (up to age 90) are always welcome.

For information on life insurance and annuities, call licensed agents John Nemec (216) 541-7243 or Sandi Green (440) 946-2500.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS LODGE No. 172 KSKJ

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Joseph P. Boznar; Castna predseda: Ludmila Glavan; Predsednica: Relja Zadnikar; Podpred.: Frank Kuhel; Tajnik-blag: Draga Gostic, 1440 Timberland Lane, Twinsburg, OH 44087 (tel: 1-330-405-6272; Zapisnikarica: Gabriel Kuhel Revič; Zapisnikarica: Vilibald Zadnikar, Anuska Lekan; Athletic/Youth Director: Anuska Lekan; Sergeant-at-Arms: Frank Kuhel.

Meetings held every Third Friday at 1 p.m.

KRISTUS KRALJ št. 226 - KSKJ

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Joze Boznar; predsednik: Joseph F. Rigler, tel (440) 256-3137; podpredsednik: Raymond Zak; tajnik in blagajnik: Erika Kurboš, 1875 Braeburn Pk. Dr., Euclid, OH 44117, tel (216) 383-1212; zapisnikarica: Rosemarie Zupancic; nadzorni odbor: Timothy Klodnick, John Zupančič in Chuck Potenga. Direktorica mladinskih aktivnosti: Judy A. Ryan; šports referent: Ronald Zak; vratarji: Bob McDonough.

Seje društva vsako drugo nedeljo v meseca ob 12. uri v SND, 6417 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

KSKJ vam nudi mnogovrstno ziviljsko zavarovanje za vsote od \$1k,000 naprej. Poleg ziviljskega zavarovanja vam KSKJ nudi tudi večvrstne naložbe >anujties<. Vse pod zelo ugodnimi pogoji. Za podrobnosti se brezobvezno obrnite na tajnika društva.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA Lodge No. 255 KSKJ

Spiritual Advisor: Rev. John Kumse; President: Robert A. Schulz; Vice President: Jackie Hanks; Secretary-Treasurer: Connie Schulz, 28908 Uxbridge Dr., Willowick, OH 44095, Tel: (440) 944-2015; Auditors: Larry Duggan, Donna Duggan; Athletic Director: Darlene Schulz.

Meetings 2nd Wednesday of month at 6:30 p.m. at Secretary/Treasurer home.

American Mutal Life Association

ST. ANNE'S LODGE #4 AMLA

President: Emilee Jenko; 1st Vice President: Madeline Debevec; 2nd Vice President: Stane Kuhar; Secretary: Lillian B. Novak (440) 238-9291; Treasurer: Dolores Krause; Recording Secretary: Louis Zigmund; 1st Auditor: Ann Opeka; 2nd Auditor: Dorothy Stanonik.

Meetings every 2nd Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Slovenian Room in St. Vitus Parish Village.

SLOVENSKI DOM No. 6 AMLA

President: Joe Petric; Vice President: Walter Frank; Secretary-Treasurer: Theresa Avani; Recording Secretary: Joe Petric; Audit Chmn: Janice Verch; Auditors: Dorothy Lamm, Anthony Verch; Co-ordinators: Joe Petric; Editor: Joe Petric.

KRAS No. 8

President: Vida Zak; Vice President: Celeste Frollo; Secretary / Treasurer: Anton Lavrisa, 1076 E. 176 St., (216) 531-3413, meti@aol.com; Recording Sec.: Sophie Matuch.

Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., at Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue in Cleveland except July and August.

LODGE #9 AMLA

President: James Pavlik; Vice President: Robert Menart; Secretary/Treasurer: Patricia Amigoni; Recording Secretary: Gertrude Menart; Reporter: Albert Amigoni; Auditors: Roseanne Jerina and Gertrude Menart. Fraternal Affairs Coordinator: Patricia Amigoni.

Meetings held the first Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. in AMLA Home Office.

LODGE RIBNICA No. 12 AMLA

President: James E. Czeck; Vice President: Vincent F. Ilacqua; Secretary: Carole Czeck, 988 Talmadge Ave., Wickliffe, OH 44092; Treasurer: Carol Czeck; Recording Secretary: Gina Ilacqua; President, Auditing Committee: Gina Ilacqua; 1st Auditor: Jaime Loncar, 2nd Auditor: Philip J. Yan; Fraternal Affairs Officer: James E. Czeck; Lodge Representatives: Philip Yan, Lillian Bratina, James Czeck, and Philip Yan.

Meetings: March 21, July 18, Oct. 17, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m., at 988 Talmadge Ave.

QUEEN OF PEACE Lodge No. 24 - AMLA

President: Francis Cazin; Vice President: Dorothy Cabat; Secretary: Rosemary Pozarelli; Recording Secretary: Angie Musil; Auditors: Dolores Hrovat, Bernice Novak, Hattie Fashinpaup.

Festival at Shrine

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, 21281 Chardon Rd., Euclid, Ohio will celebrate Rosary Sunday, Oct. 3 with prayer, food, prizes, and games.

Masses will be at 8 and 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast 8:45 to 11 a.m.

Lunch 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.

Outdoor food: sausage and pizza.

Games, prizes, and bake sale.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION OF AMERICA

National Officers 2002-2005

National President: Kathleen Dorchak-Hall; Vice President: Betty Ann Kolesari; Secretary: Bonnie Pohar Prokup; Treasurer: Jonita Ruth; Scholarship Director: Mary Turvey; Auditors: Beverly Menart, Denise Bartlett, M. Marge Church; Zarja Editor: Corinne Leskovar; Special Projects Director: Mary Lou Voelk.

SWUA Home Office, 431 No. Chicago St., Joliet, IL 60432. Tel: (815) 727 1926.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION BRANCH #14, Euclid, Ohio

President - Secretary/Treasurer: Diane Varney; Vice President - Recording Secretary: Pat Habat; Auditors: Stana Grill, Antoinette Zabukovec; Reporter: Alice Kuhar; Sunshine: Diane Varney; Banner Lady: Josephine Kastigar.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION Branch 25

President: Frances M. Gazvoda; Vice President: Josephine Perpar; Sunshine Lady: Albina Pozelnik; Recording Secretary: Emilee Jenko; Treasurer: Ann R. Clemence; Auditor: Emilee Jenko.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION Branch 47

President: Olga A. Dorchak; Secretary: Elsie M. Spellacy (440) 232-8733; Vice President: Ann Harsh; Auditors: Kathleen Dorchak-Hall, Virginia Kemmoerling; Zarja Reporter: Katherine Wallace, 393 Minnie Ct., Akron, OH 44311.

Meetings held the 2nd Sunday, March, September, November, Christmas Meeting December. Woman of Year in May at Maple Hts. Library.

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION Branch #50

Meetings held 3rd Wednesday of the month at Euclid Public Library, 1 p.m.

President: Rose Mary Toth; Vice President: Cookie Maxim (Cathy); Treasurer: Mary E. Miller; Recording Secretary: Mary Maxin; Auditors: Dorothy Winters, Fran Kajfez; Dawn Reporter: Allison Hrovat. Mother of the Year: Mary Maxin.

PSWA NATIONAL BOARD

Headquarters: 15335 Waterloo Road
Cleveland, OH 44110

President: Florence Unetich; Vice President: Joyce Plemel; Sec'y./Treas.: Vida Zak; Recording Secretary: K. Tomsic and L. Krashina; Auditors: A. Turk, M. Sterle, and M. Vogrig; Education and Welfare: Helen Joca (also historian); Julie Main, E. Riznar, and M. Gombach.

National Board meetings are held the second Monday of January, March, April, July, September and November at Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland, OH 44110 at 7:30 p.m.

PROGRESSIVE SLOVENE WOMEN OF AMERICA CIRCLE 1

President: Betty Rotar; Vice President: Dorothy Gorjup; Recording Secretary: Sophie Matuch; Financial Secretary: Vida Zak; Auditors: E. Riznar, M. Meglich, A. Zak; Education and Welfare: E. Godec, J. Heinz, D. Gorjup.

PROGRESSIVE SLOVENE WOMEN OF AMERICA #2

President: Agnes Turk; Financial Secretary: Karen Tomsic, 25571 Glenbrook, Euclid, OH 44117 (216) 481-1379; Sunshine: Chris Ujcich.

PROGRESSIVE SLOVENE WOMEN OF AMERICA #3

President: Dorothy Lamm; Vice President: Mary Sterle; Recording Secretary: Diane Varney; Financial Secretary: Karen Tomsic, 25571 Glenbrook Blvd., Euclid, OH 44117 (216) 481-1379.

ST. MARY'S SENIORS

Spiritual Director: Rev. John Kumse; President: Zora Kocin; Vice President: Elsie Jacobs; Secretary: Mary Ziperman; Treasurer: John Pilar.

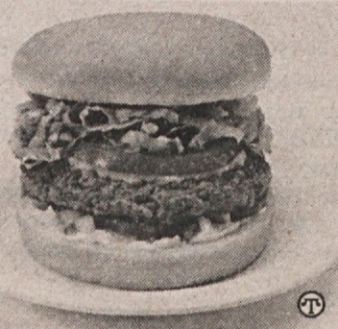
Meetings are held every 1st Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in St. Mary's School. For particulars and membership call Zora Kocin at (216) 289-0467.

America Celebrates The 100th Anniversary Of The Hamburger

(NAPS)—This year the hamburger and bun celebrate their diamond anniversary debut at the St. Louis Worlds Fair of 1904. Legend holds that America's favorite barbecue food was born when Mongolian and Turkish tribes (known as Tartars) began shredding beef and placing it under their horses' saddles to be tenderized as they rode. Thankfully, Americans prefer to place their beef under a bun, but this timeless treat still manages to find itself partnered with interesting toppings. Crisp onion rings, grilled onions and all-meat chili are just a few of the over one million topping combinations served across the nation's top family-friendly restaurants such as Johnny Rockets.

"The Original Hamburger that was introduced in 1904 can still be enjoyed the old-fashioned way," said Mike Shumsky, chairman and CEO, The Johnny Rockets Group, Inc. "Today, we serve hamburgers in over one million different ways to accommodate our customers, while holding tight to the tradition set 100 years ago!"

Johnny Rockets features the Original Hamburger that embodies the tasty simplicity of the first hamburger from 1904. Stop by and celebrate the 100th anniversary



sary of the hamburger at Johnny Rockets during National Hamburger Month in May. Johnny Rockets would like to share its famous recipe for the Original Hamburger for all Americans to enjoy.

The Johnny Rockets Original Hamburger Recipe:

1/2-pound fresh ground beef, seasoned, hand pressed and grilled, fresh lettuce, tomato slice, chopped onion, sweet relish, dill pickle, mustard, mayonnaise and a fresh hamburger bun. For optimum results, set the grill temperature at 375 degrees, sear the hamburger meat for 30 seconds on each side, press three times then cook for three minutes, flip the hamburger over and cook for an additional 3 minutes.

Roster of Organizations — Imenik društev —

ST. VITUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY 6019 Glass Ave., Cleveland 44103

Spiritual Director: Rev. Joseph Božnar; President: Charles Winter; Vice President: John Hocevar; Recording Secretary: Frank Cerar; Corresponding Secretary: Joseph Hocevar.

Group Mass & Communion 9:00 a.m. Mass on second Sunday of month. Meeting follows in church hall.

LOZKA DOLINA

President: Charles Zgonc; Vice President: John R. Telich Sr.; Secretary: Louis Zigmund; Auditing Committee: Matt Zabukovec, Albert Marolt and Frank Sechnick. Representative to lodges with St. Clair Slovenian Home and Collinwood Slovenian Home.

Annual meeting and annual social in April.

ST. VITUS ALUMNI

President: Danny Reiger; Vice President: Josephine Perpar; Recording Secretary: Daniella Avsec; Treasurer: F. Raymond Gobec; Corresponding Sec'y.: Daniella Avsec; Sgt.-at-Arms: Louis Shenk; Trustee: Joseph Zelle.

Meetings, 7 p.m., on the first Thursdays of January, April, July, and October in the Social Room of St. Vitus School. Dues are \$5 per year. Officers are nominated in October and sworn into office in January.

ST. VITUS CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POST 1655

Commander: Robert W. Mills Sr.; First Vice Commander: Robert W. Mills Sr.; Second Vice Commander: Thomas Kirk; Third Vice Commander: Daniel Reiger; Officer of the Day: Edward Arhar; Welfare Officer: William Lipold; Treasurer: Steve Piorkowski; Historian: Anthony Grdina; 1 Yr. Trustee: John Kirk; 2 Yr. Trustee: James Logar; 3 Yr. Trustee: Joseph S. Baskovic; Adjutant: Thomas Kirk; Judge Advocate: open; Liaison Officer: Joseph Mismas; House Chairman: Richard Mott; Chaplin: Rev. Joseph P. Božnar, Rev. William Jerse, and Rev. Richard Evans.

ST. VITUS ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

President: Mrs. Ivanka Matic; Vice President and Recording Secretary: Mrs. Gabriela Kuhel; Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Julka Smole; Treasurer: Mrs. Marija Leben; and Auditors: Mrs. Ivanka Pretnar and Mrs. Ann Arhar.

KRES FOLK DANCERS

President: Sonia Domanko; Vice President: Kristina Sedmak; Treasurer: Mark Tomc; Secretary: Monika Zalar; Member-at-Large: Lauren Calevich.

TRIGLAV PICNIC CALENDAR (held at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wisconsin)

First Picnic: June 27
Mission Picnic: July 11
Second Picnic: August 15
Wine Festival: Sept 19

Spiritual Leader: Rev. Dr. Jozse Gole; President: Leon Sagadin; Vice President: Joe Ornik; Treasurer: Anne Sagadin, Luke Kolman-taxes, Eveline Maierle-dinner sales; Recording Secretary: Marija Kadunc; Secretary: Mary Ann Sulik; Park Manager: Janez Mejac; Assistant Park Manager: Craig Frohna; Kitchen: Helen Frohna; Assistant Kitchen: Marta Mejac; Bar Manager: John Levicar; Choir Director: Mara Kolman; Sports Director: Frank Mejac; Delegate for USPEH: Christina Carroll; Reporter for Ameriška Domovina: Mara Kolman; Auditors: Kathy Kaye, Kathy Mejac, Vicky Schneider; Judges: Mike Carroll, Luke Kolman, Dan Mejac.

BELOKRANJSKI CLUB

The annual meeting of the Belokranjski Club was held on January 18 at the Slovenian National Home. The following officers were elected for 2004:

President: Theresa Smuk; Vice President: Rudy Benedejcic; Secretary: Amelia Maslac; Recording Secretary: Treasurer, Alenka Winslett; Refreshment Chair: Brian Winslett; Hospitality Chair: Milena Dovic; Auditing Committee President: Mark Blanchard; Auditing Committee: Ann Marie Morrison, Frank Smuk.

STAJERSKO-PREKMURSKI KLUB

President: Mimi (Kozina) Cupar; Vice President: Roman Vitulich; Secretary: Anita Klepec; Treasurer: John Cupar; Board Members: Jozica Vitulich, Kristina Ferline, Tonica Simicak, Mimi Kozina, Martina Simicak, Majda Rozic, John Kozina Jr., Joze Ramsak, Frank Fuja, Rezka Zelko.

SLOVENIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

President: Anthony W. Hiti; Vice President: Dr. Alexander Ukmar; Secretary: Joan Chermely; Treasurer: Dana Leonard; At-Large: August B. Pust, Dr. Rudolph M. Susel, Ann M. Opeka; Past Presidents: Dr. Karl B. Bonutti, Frederick E. Krizman, Esq., Hon. August Pryatel, Dr. Vladimir J. Rus, Edmund J. Turk, Esq., Joyce Ann Hribar, Esq.

SLOVENE HOME FOR THE AGED 18621 Neff Road, Cleveland, OH 44119 (216) 486-0268

President: Robert Klancher; Vice President: Phil Hrvatin; Treasurer: Celeste Frolo; Secretary: Vera Marsic. Trustees: Chris Chermely, Doug Elersich, Sutton Girod, Rudy Kozan, Dale Luzar, Joe Miskulin, Milan Ribic, Richard Tomsic, Agnes Turk, Florence Unetich, Scott Zele; Alternate: John Pestotnik; Honorary Trustees: John Cech, Frederick Krizman, Ronald Zele. Administrator: Jeffrey S. Sas, LNHA.

SLOVENIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL ART GUILD

President: John Streck; Vice President: Patricia A. Habat; Secretary: Jeannie Somrak; Treasurer: Lillian Bratina; Auditors: Ann Opeka and Dorothy Dybzinski; Historian: Emilee Jenko; Heritage: Doris Sadar; Membership: Millie Sray (216) 261-3263; Newsletter: Patricia A. Habat; Circulation: Dorothy Dbyzinski.

Meetings held the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Avenue, Euclid, Ohio.

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Hospitality is Native to Slovenia

A lotta cats copy the Mona Lisa, but people still line up to see the original.
—Louis Armstrong

Is Your Love Life in the Doghouse? Singles Get Pet Savvy, Understanding Men Through Their Dogs

(NAPS)—Whether it is a golden retriever, bichon frise or a mutt, dogs are known for holding the title of man's best friend, but are they also the key to understanding one?

Wendy Diamond, author of the newly published book, "What a Lucky Dog! How to Understand Men Through Their Dogs," believes this theory to be true. "It's amazing what similarities exist between men and their dogs," said Diamond, with a wink. "You can learn a lot about a man from what type of pet he chooses and how he treats them." And Diamond isn't alone on this.

Yahoo! Personals recently unleashed results of a survey of 5,000 singles revealing that more than 90 percent of single women believe how a man treats his pet indicates how he would treat a love interest. And two-thirds of surveyed singles would prefer to see a photo of someone with their pet before deciding whether or not to go on a date with him or her. Because men naturally identify with their dogs, it is often possible to find common links and shared personality traits between them.

For anyone in the dating world, trying to understand a potential mate's personality can become quite a challenge, but Diamond's research on 32 breeds of dog can shine some light on the unfamiliar territory of understanding men.

For example, consider a Chihuahua man. He can be very demanding when he doesn't get his own way, and loves to be the center of attention. Mr. Rottweiler can't help but become overly protective when he senses his loved ones are in danger, and those who love Labradors are energetic, active and social. A Mutt man changes his moods at the drop of a hat, and men who love Bulldogs are humorous but can be immature and reactionary.



Author Wendy Diamond's research on dog breeds sheds some light on men's dating behavior.

Happily Ever After?

Dogs, like men and women, can become jealous when they feel they might have to share treats and attention. So your dog will give you a sure indicator on how it feels about your new love interest.

"Whether their tail is wagging with approval or growls when your date enters the room, your canine love consultant just might be telling you to watch out," adds Diamond.

If you have a faithful dog in your household, count on it to help sniff out whether your budding relationship might just be puppy love or the real deal.

For more tips from Wendy Diamond, visit <http://personals.yahoo.com/luckydog>.

More doggone interesting information:

- 85% of singles say that a person's pet gives greater insight into their personality
- 91% of singles would use their pet as a conversation starter to get a date
- 43% of singles let their pets sleep in bed with them

Source: Yahoo! Personals user survey, 2004

Euclid ER Seeks to Cure Congestion

by JEFF PIORKOWSKI
The Sun Journal

Room is tight at the Euclid Hospital emergency room and staff and community members say something needs to be done about the situation.

Come January, a fund-raising campaign will get underway to expand the ER at the hospital, 18901 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, Ohio.

To raise the funds, a leadership council has been established consisting of those most capable of coaxing money from area donors. Included are Mayor Bill Cervenik, former mayor David Lynch and retail property owners Robert Spies and John Carter, among others.

After a monthly planning meeting Friday at the hospital, council members and 20-year-Director of Emergency Services Richard Lowery preferred to speak more about the ER's physical needs rather than the shape of the campaign.

"We're going to see about 29,000 patients (in the ER) this year," Lowery said. "Our maximum capacity is 24,000."

"Maximum capacity is 24,000, that's maximum, so about 22,000 would be a good number for its size," added Lynch. "So, the ER is

about 30-35 percent above its capacity."

Lowery said about 20 percent of ER patients are pediatric patients (those 17 and under), and 60 percent of all hospital admissions originate through the ER. "That figure (60 percent) is high compared to most hospitals, which normally are at about 50%," he said.

A tour of the ER shows it is a cramped area of 6,600 square feet, with 11 separate areas to care for patients and six "hallway beds." The hallway beds are something Lowery said he "is not proud of," but are necessary on the busiest days. "After 3 p.m. Fridays, and for the rest of the weekend, you can see the hallway beds being utilized," he said.

The tour also reveals a waiting area more than half-filled during most non-weekend hours, and medical personnel, police officers, and Emergency Medical Service workers scurrying about in tight quarters.

"Of all 911 calls, 97 percent are for EMS," Lynch said. "Euclid's ER is only as far away as the telephone. It's at their front door."

Cleveland EMS's Unit 16, in fact, has a permanent home at the 52-year-old Euclid Hospital ER, something that became necessary due to its frequency of activity there.

"This council got together because everyone in this community is dedicated to keeping ER services at the community's door," said Lynch.

If successful with the campaign, Lowery is looking forward to a roomier facility that will better meet the needs of patients and staff.

"We will basically double our 6,600 square feet," Lowery said of a plan that would see the ER extended into what is now largely driveway space for ambulances and patient drop-offs south of the building.

"We have a nursing station now that's 12 feet long and that has a maximum capacity of two chairs," he said. "The new one will be 47 feet long and will house 14 chairs."

The 11 areas where patients are now treated are partitioned by curtains, rather than being rooms. Remodeling will allow for 17 separate rooms. Lowery also looks forward to adding a decontamination section and another where negative air is sucked from the ER. When completed, the new ER will have a maximum annual capacity of 32,500 patients.

"Hats off to the staff we have for working under these conditions," Lowery said. "They were fully involved in planning designs for the new ER."

Yodel the Evening Away at St. Mary's Alpine Dance

Yo-lay-di-hooooo! If that yodel got your attention, you are invited to enjoy more alpine sounds on Friday, October 22. St. Mary's Parish (Collinwood) invites you to an Alpine Evening in its new Parish Community Center.

Special guests will be Gregor Avsenik and the Ansambel Gregorji from Begunje (Gorenjska region), of Slovenia. They will play for your dancing and listening enjoyment beginning at 7 p.m. this will be their only appearance in Cleveland.

In the tradition of great Alpine restaurants, the kitchen will feature wiener-schnitzel sandwiches and other specialties that evening. The bar will highlight an assortment of imported beers of Slovenia and neighboring countries, as well as other refreshments.

Tickets will be available at the door. For complete parties of 10, you can reserve a table by calling St. Mary's rectory 216-761-7740. Admission is \$10, and only

\$5 for students ages 13 through high school.

The event will be held in St. Mary's new Parish Community Center on Holmes Avenue. The new building is connected to the existing school building and is handicapped-accessible. There are no stairs and the complex is equipped with handicapped-accessible restrooms. There is also a new parking lot just a few feet from the main entrance.

The "Jewel of the Alps" - Lake Bled, will serve as a backdrop for this fun, one-night excursion into the mountains. Bring your friends and enjoy the echoes of polkas and waltzes, swirling skirts, tapping toes, and see if you don't just get the urge to yodel yourself. Wear your planinke (edelweiss flowers), lederhosen, or whatever puts you in the mood for an enchanting Alpine evening. Yo-lay-di-hooooo.

--SSP

Slovenian Heritage Festival

Slovenian Women's Union of America Cleveland area branches presents a Slovenian Heritage Festival "Keeping our Slovenian Heritage Alive" on Sunday, Oct 3 at SNPJ Farm on Heath Road in Kirtland, OH.

There will be a Polka Mass at 11:30 a.m. featuring Father Pizmoht along with the Joey Tomsick Orchestra featuring Philip J. Hrvatin on saxophone.

The festival will be from 12:30 to 5 p.m. with refreshments, demonstrations, displays, entertainment and music.

Advance donation is \$2 while at the gate cost is \$3. Children under 12 are admitted free.

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Happy Birthday Anne

On September 8th, Anne Kern celebrated her 90th birthday. Anne is a life long member of St. Vitus Parish and the St. Clair neighborhood. Anne was one of the first residents to move into the St. Vitus Village, a new, senior, independent living facility sponsored by St. Vitus Parish. The parish staff, the villagers, family and friends wish Anne a wonderful, happy, and healthy year. God bless you, Anne.



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Lesson from Debevc's Winery

by ANTHONY DEBEVC,
as told to Plain Dealer
reporter Marcia Pledger

We have a very typical family-owned and operated winery and vineyard operation that has diversified extensively throughout the years in both the retail and wholesale markets.

My grandfather, Anton Debevc (from Begunje, pri Cerknica, Slovenia), started the business as a family farm in 1916. In the early 1940s, my father expanded the business at the same location in Madison, Ohio, from a general farm to a more commercial grape and live-stock enterprise. He used to sell grapes to companies such as Kraft, Welch's and Smucker. I came on the scene after graduating from Ohio State with a degree in horticulture. Today, DeBonné Vineyards is the largest estate winery in Ohio, growing 95 percent of the grapes used for our wines.

We sell grapes and juices to wineries and consumers. We also sell wholesale bulk wine to wineries and bottles of our branded products to distributors throughout Ohio. We offer custom-labeled wines for restaurants and sell wine and food at our winery.

I made my biggest mistake about 20 years ago, when I tried going into a business that I had very little experience in and over which I had very little control because I was involved in a three-way partnership.

We operated a retail lawn and garden center in Madi-

son, called "Madison Pet and Garden," which offered everything from animal foods to Oshkosh shirts to lawn and garden supplies.

I was given the opportunity by one of the partners, who was the lead coordinator of the proposed venture and was seeking investors.

He was a great salesman, and he was in charge of day-to-day operations. The other partner's background was in insurance. I had an agricultural and business background and considerable retail experience with wine.

There were several problems. The company was losing money before we bought and expanded it. It took a lot of time, money and effort to build the business up.

We had a lot of expenses from the start. We did extensive renovations on the building and expanded the product lines.

Together, we invested a total of \$100,000, but we also leveraged way too much capital debt. We had an 18 percent bank loan and a 14% land contract loan with the previous owners.

Besides that, it was not the best time to get involved in that type of business.

Interest rates were extremely high, and it wasn't the best of economic times for retail businesses in the '80s.

The landscape was changing. We had new competition from big-fox retailers, like Kmart. Even large grocery stores were starting to offer some of the same

products at lower prices than we could.

Reaching decisions in a three-way partnership was troublesome.

In other words, someone in the company should always make the final decision. With our former partnership, it wasn't always the best decision that we reached. It was one that everyone could agree upon.

The pet and feed business created a financial drain. But more importantly, it was a huge time drain on our winery. We operated the winery, but we didn't continue to reinvest in the family enterprise to the extent necessary to capture the wine industry's growth at that time. We missed an opportunity to build upon rapid growth in the '80s by devoting our funds, energy and time to the new retail business.

The wine business was at a peak in the 1980s. Wine sales were more aggressive at our business than ever. At that point, about 90 percent of our business was in retail, and we had not begun expanding in the wholesale market.

I got out of the feed and lawn tractor business three years later, after losing about \$40,000. The business ended up lasting about eight years.

If you are going to diversify, you really need to know the industry that you are getting involved in. You also have to be able to devote the time and energy necessary to make it successful, without it affecting your core business.

Coming Events...

Friday, Oct. 1

Dance at West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland (216) 941-3224, from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m., with Tony Fortuna.

Sunday, Oct. 3

Slovenian Women's Union of America presents Slovenian Heritage Festival at SNPJ Farm on Heath Rd., Kirtland, OH. An 11:30 a.m. Polka Mass with Fr. Pizmoht and the Joey Tomsick Orchestra. Festival from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Advance \$2, at gate: \$3. Children under 12 admitted free.

Sunday, Oct. 3

San Francisco Slovenian Grape Festival 12 noon to 7 p.m. at Slovenian Hall (2101 Mariposa St.).

Sunday, Oct. 3

Dinner sponsored by St. Mary (Collinwood) Altar Society from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12. All welcome.

Sunday, Oct. 3

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, 21281 Chardon Rd., Euclid, OH Festival with food, prizes, games.

Wed., Oct. 6

Slovenian Pensioners of Euclid holds Poor Man's Reverse Raffle at Recher Slovenian Home. Doors open 12 noon, lunch at 1 p.m. Grand prize \$500. Plus entertainment. For tickets \$10.00 call (216) 486-3522 or (440) 449-5643.

Friday, Oct. 8

Dance at West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland (216) 941-3224, from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m., featuring Bob Kravos.

Sunday, Oct. 10

Koline dinner (Retirees of Slovenska Pristava.)

Sunday, Oct. 10

Collinwood Slovenian Home Musicfest honoring Fred Ziwich. Festivities begin at 1 p.m. Free admission.

Friday, Oct. 15

Dance at West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland (216) 941-3224, from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m., featuring Fred Ziwich.

Saturday, Oct. 16

Sweetest Day Anniversary Dance, Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair. Doors open 6 p.m. Buffet dinner. Music by Jeff Pecon Orchestra. \$30 couple. (\$3 discount with copy of wedding photo).

Saturday, Oct. 16

St. Lawrence Alumni & Friends Reunion Dance. Mass 5:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church celebrated by Bishop A. Edward Pevec. Slovenian Home doors open at 6:30 p.m. Advance tickets \$7, at door \$8. Music by Joe Novak and Friends from 6:30 to ? Reservations call (216) 475-7946 or (440) 243-0312, or (216) 341-6136

Saturday, Oct. 16

100th anniversary dance at Avon Oaks Ballroom in Girard, Ohio featuring Bob Kravos and The Boys in The Band from 8 to midnight. For information call 330-545-2454.

Sunday, Oct. 17

St. Mary's School Alumni (Collinwood) Annual Banquet following 12 noon Mass.

Friday, Oct. 22

Dance at West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland (216) 941-3224, from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m., featuring Eddy Rodick.

Friday, Oct. 22

Alpine Evening in St. Mary's Parish Community Center featuring Gregor Avsenik and the Ansambel Gregorji from Begunje (Gorenjska), Slovenia beginning 7 p.m. Kitchen features wienerschnitzel sandwiches. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 students. For reservations and tickets call Elizabeth Zalik at (440) 537-1941.

Saturday, Oct. 23

Stajerski - Prekmurski Klub Veselo Martinovanje, 6:30 p.m., Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. New generation band. For tickets call 440-256-6716 or (216) 531-4817.

Sunday, Oct. 24

Newburgh Slovenian Home, E. 80th St., Annual Clambake catered by Maple Hts. Catering. Serving 2 - 4 p.m. Music by Joe Novak 4 - 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 24

Bethlehem, PA Annual Heritage Day, 1:30 p.m. in social hall of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, 417 E. 5th St.

Friday, Oct. 29

Dance at West Park Slovenian Hall, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland (216) 941-3224, from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m., featuring Wayne Tomsic.

Sunday, Oct. 31

St. Vitus Alumni Honoree Day.

Sunday, Nov. 7

Newburgh Slovenian Home, E. 80th St., honoring Tony Mannion, Federation Man of year. Dinner 2 p.m. Donation \$18.00. Music begins at 3:30 Wayne Tomsic.

Saturday, Nov. 20

Glasbena Matica Singing Society annual concert, dinner and dancing, Slovenian Home, St. Clair. Doors open 5:30, concert at 7 p.m. New singers welcome. Call Dan Hrvatin, president, at (440) 944-1243.

Thursday and Friday,

Nov. 25, 26

40th Thanksgiving Polka Party at Cleveland Marriott Hotel, 127 Public Sq. Featuring 21 polka bands. Tickets \$12 advance, \$15 at door. Call Kollander Travel for hotel reservations (800) 800-

Journey of Hope Fundraiser Set

Journey of Hope, a local non-profit organization whose mission is to provide financial support for adult cancer patients in Northeast Ohio will hold their annual fund-raising luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 2 at Windows on the River in downtown Cleveland.

The luncheon is sponsored by Key Bank. Tickets are \$40.00 each (tables of 8 for \$320), and are available through the Journey of Hope Office (216) 227-1759.

This luncheon will be hosted by WEWS-TV5's Lee Jordan, and will feature a speaker from the medical community and a cancer survivor. The event also features a Chinese raffle and silent auction, with all of the prizes including a Longaberger basket or pottery item. the Longaberger

Company also is providing a basket weaver for the event, whose work will be raffled off.

Kim Ann Kaifesh, American Home subscriber and chief recipe contributor, is chairperson for this year's luncheon.

Journey of Hope has just published a cookbook featuring more than 200 recipes from the kitchens of the members and their families and friends, including Kim Ann. These tried-and-true recipes are perfect for everyday or special occasions. Cost of the cookbook is \$12 (plus \$2 shipping and handling). Call (216) 227-1759 for information, or send to Journey of Hope cookbook, 15607 Delaware Rd., Suite #3, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Journey of Hope was founded in 1999 by a group

of friends whose lives have been affected by cancer. Many organizations fund research and hospitals, but Journey of Hope is unique in that they fund cancer patients while they are in treatment, to give them hope that they can conquer the disease. JOH was awarded 501(c)3 status in 2001, and is staffed solely by volunteers, so all donations go directly help patients.

Since 2001, they have helped more than 110 families get through cancer treatment by paying utility bills, mortgage or rent, settling up accounts for food or medications, paying car insurance, and even purchased a refrigerator for a patient whose greatest need was a refrigerator.

Inside me lives a skinny woman crying to get out, but I can usually shut her up with cookie.

--St. Mary's Alumni

Fascinating Life of Fr. Michael Troha

by TRACY COLLINS

Father Michael J. Troha is welcomed as Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Willoughby, Ohio.

It all began on a cold snowy, blustery day on Dec. 29, 1952 when Michael Troha was born at Huron Road Hospital in East Cleveland. Born to parents of Slovenian descent, he is third in the line of nine – two older brothers, two younger brothers and four younger sisters.

He attended Roosevelt Elementary School and St. Christine School before heading to St. Joseph High School for his freshman and sophomore years of high school. His remaining two years of high school were spent at Borromeo Seminary for high school students. He remained at Borromeo for his first two years of college.

Having won a scholarship for the seminary to Catholic University, Troha obtained his master's degree in Philosophy at age 23. From there he studied at the old St. Mary's for four years earning his master's degree in Divinity.

Father Troha was ordained on June 7, 1980 and his first assignment was to St. Bridget's.

At the start of 1985 he was sent to Cochabamba, Bolivia as part of the Cleveland Diocese Latin American Team. From 1985 to 1989 he served in South America and he particularly enjoyed his ministry in El Salvador. Father noted how it was routine to go up into the hills to say Mass for the families that lived in remote areas. He said there is a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother; the Legion of Mary is immensely popular. Their youth groups and youth choirs are also hugely popular.

In June 1989 Father Troha was called back to the states to serve as the assistant at St. Rose in Cleveland. It was in 1989 that he developed his interest in running. He was serious enough about it to run in the Honolulu Marathon in which his time was three hours and 39 minutes for 26.2 miles (his best time ever).

One of the few items decorating his office now is a photograph of him crossing the finish line. He said that ordinarily he wouldn't have gotten the picture, let alone put it on display, but he knew then that some day he'd want a reminder that he actually did it. When asked if he does anything to maintain his health these days,



Father Michael J. Troha

father said, "I get my exercise by looking at my marathon picture; I put it up there to shame me as to the shape I'm in now." The man does have a sense of humor – particularly about himself.

In 1992 after training at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, U.S.A.F. Chaplain (Major) Michael

Troha took a three-and-a-half month trip to Saudia-Arabia. He was assigned to a unit that monitored the no-fly-zone during the end of Operation Desert Storm. From that tour of duty he was eligible for the Kuwait Liberation Medal and the Southwest Asia Service Ribbon. Father was on active duty from 1992 to 1995 and on reserve duty from 1995 to 2001.

In 1993 upon his return from Saudia-Arabia, Father Troha was assigned to Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, Texas. In his two years there, he developed a love for "Julio Chips" which are tortilla chips made by a man named Julio who started his business in his garage! Other than Julio Chips, father has no preference for one type of food over another. "I like all kinds of food." He's not really a dessert eater, he doesn't drink alcoholic beverages, but he does enjoy a good cigar once in a while.

In 1995 Father Troha was brought back to Cleveland and served as pastor for our sister parish, Immaculate Conception in downtown Cleveland. Throughout the years father still jogged to keep in shape. This came to an abrupt halt in 1999 when he had to have foot surgery.

Father resigned as pastor of I.C. in Cleveland in 2000 and returned to El Salvador. It wasn't long, however, before he felt called to come back to Cleveland.

In January 2001 he was assigned as associate to St. Therese in Garfield Heights.

In August of the same year he was reassigned to the Defender of the Bond – the diocese marriage tribunal – and stationed at St. Boniface.

His service was brief, however, because in November he was recalled to active duty for the Muslim Terrorist's War. In August 2002 the bishop called Father Troha home to be the administrator of St. Rose of Lima.

In 2003 when the advertisement for a new pastor for our I.C. was posted, Father Troha applied. He knew it to be a good parish with "the nicest parishioners anywhere."

Father Troha seems to have adapted smoothly to his home here. He said it's a joy to live with Fathers Curran and Hodt. Interestingly, when Father Troha was in school at St. Christine's he remembers a tall, friendly, outgoing, young priest by the name of Louis Pizmoht coming to his parish. It was also in grade school when Father experienced his first interest in the priesthood. One cold morning while waiting for Mass to begin, he caught of Father Barga coming up the aisle dressed in his black cape. The cape swept behind Father Barga the same way the 1950s television hero Zorro's cape did. Zorro had a black cape; the priest had a black cape. Couldn't be Zorro. Was it possible he was a priest?

Ironically, Father Troha watches a minimum of TV. He enjoys watching sports, some TV-land old movies made no later than the 50s, and an occasional James Bond film. He listens to light jazz, some classical music, enjoys some vocalists, and really likes tejano music (It's like Latin polka, he says).

His vacations are spent in the desert or the mountains. His mom, who grew up on a farm that was located on the present-day Kmart in Mentor, a couple of brothers, some cousins, and an aunt, all live in Lake County, OH. He visits when he can, but when asked how he spends his free time, the reply was, "There is no down time."

Father acknowledges just how the position of pastor has evolved in the last half-century. Time was when a rectory had a pastor and several associates, one older lady to keep house, and a part-time secretary. Now there is often just the pastor or maybe one associate, a part-time housekeeper (if that), and staff of several secretaries, a fiscal officer, a bookkeeper, etc., all coexisting in the priest's living space.

As a fancier of felines (he had a tabby named Nancy and a Siamese named Tanya while in the Air Force, and at St. Rose's he had a big white

cat named Spike), Father pondered a four-footed resident for the rectory, but respectful of his co-habitants and his staff, he decided against it. It certainly appears that a pastor must be not only a shepherd for his parishioners, but an administrator, CEO, CFO, personnel director, teacher, activities coordinator, and domestic ambassador.

Having been a pastor and administrator elsewhere, Father Troha certainly has the qualifications for the job. His experience in dealing with the diverse cross-section of people throughout his ministry is certain to bring a wealth of knowledge and a rejuvenation of spirituality to our parish. Father is

adaptable to any climate (although he prefers warm weather). He makes time for anyone who wishes to speak with him. He is an experienced traveler yet has a strong sense of home and family. He's a son, a sibling, veteran, a native Cleveland, bilingual in Spanish, an athlete (retired), a priest, and the shepherd who will lead us in the early years of this new century.

As to what is in store for Immaculate Conception parish under Father Troha's pastoral leadership, he shared a quote he took from a minister a long time ago. "There are seven words to ruin a congregation: We never did it like that before."

--Immaculate Conception Parish Bulletin

The Captain's Crew – Premier Recording

Ken Zalar and the Captains' Crew announce the release of their first recording "A Whole Life Long." The event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 7 at the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid, Ohio starting at 5:00 p.m.

There will be a premier show at 7:30 emceed by Tony Petkovsek highlighting the 20 selections including 5 originals. The Eddie Rodick Orchestra and the Joey Tom-sick Orchestra will also play for dancing. Tickets are \$7.00.

The Crew was established a little over two years ago

and consists of nine members including Music Director Kathy Hlad. Jack Tankovich is the lead vocalist. Guest performers on the production include Stan Blout and Teeny Ulle.

The Captains' Crew is co-hosting a Caribbean Cruise "Polka Party at Sea" along with Gary Seibert and Hank Thunander from March 13 - 20, 2005 through Kollander World Travel. Details will be available at the premier.

For more information contact Ken Zalar at 440-537-4966.

How I Lost My Job...

My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but soon I got canned... simply could not concentrate.

Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the ax.

After that I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it; mainly because it was a sew-sew job.

Next I tried working in a muffler factory but that was too exhausting.

Then I tried to be a chef – figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the thyme.

I attempted to be a deli worker, but any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard.

My best job was being a musician, but eventually I found I wasn't noteworthy.

I studied a long time to become a doctor, but eventually discovered I didn't have any patience.

Next was a job in a shoe factory; I tried but at last discovered that I just didn't fit in. So I became a professional fisherman, but discovered that I couldn't live on my net income.

I finally managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but gave it up because the work was just too draining.

So then I got a job in a workout center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.

After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a historian until I realized there was no future in it.

My last job was working at Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind.

So I retired and found I am perfect for the job.

This humor was submitted by Joe Snyder

Slovenian Mary Malloy is Juvenile Court Candidate

Mary A. Malloy, a graduate of St. Vitus grade school, is running for Juvenile Court Judge in Cuyahoga County this November 2.

Mary A. Malloy was born Mary Agnes Kolar only 2 months after the East Ohio Gas fire destroyed her family's home on E. 61st Street. She grew up in the St. Vitus neighborhood, attended grade school there and Notre Dame Academy on Ansel Road.

Mary Agnes is the daughter of the late Mary (Sterk) Kolar and Michael Kolar of East 71st Street. Her father, Michael Kolar, worked for over 40 years at the American Home Publishing company and was active at St. Vitus parish. He was known as "Mr. Holy Name" because of his work in the founding of the Holy Name Society there.

Mary Agnes is a cousin of the late Fr. Francis Sterk, Rudy Sterk of St. Vitus Village, and of many Kuhels, Sterks, Zupancic's, Glavic's, Kolars, Debevecs, and others.

Mary Agnes attended Notre Dame College where she received a degree in sociology in 1966. After college, Mary Agnes married and became an "Army wife." She lived with her family in Virginia, Alaska, Georgia and Germany. Mary Agnes was an energetic volunteer in her communities and developed a "Family Christmas Festival" and a complete summer recreation program for children in one of the largest American military communities overseas, Kais-

erslautern, West Germany. She says she drew on her experiences in the St. Clair neighborhood for ideas on what children would like and what communities could do to make fun and worthwhile activities for their children.

After raising her children, Mary Agnes entered Cleveland Marshall Law School. She had the distinction of graduating *summa cum laude*, No. 1 out of 309 graduates. Since that time, she has been in private practice of law in the offices of Michael Perme (with Paul Hribar) in Euclid and her offices in Lakewood, where she resides with her husband Michael of 38 years. Her 4 children are married and she has 4 grandchildren.

For eight years Mary Agnes also developed and administered the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Custody Mediation Program. Mary Agnes' program handled over 1,500 cases each year involving disputes over the custody of children. She has a deep desire to improve the way children are treated in the court system and wants people to know that the majority of children in Juvenile Court are very young and find themselves in court through no fault of their own. They are there because their parents are arguing over them or neglecting them. She is running for Judge to help the Court become a healing resource for families and the community.

Slovenian Genealogists Meet

The Ohio Chapter of the Slovenian Genealogy Society International (SGSI) will hold a combined East/West group meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 19. This meeting will be held during the day instead of the usual evening meeting and includes a field trip and a luncheon.

First, we will meet at 11 a.m. at the main entrance of the Louis Stokes Building of the Cleveland Public Library located at East 6th and Superior in downtown Cleveland. A representative of the History and Geography Department will acquaint us with their vast collection of valuable genealogy materials which may help in discovering clues to your family's history in the Cleveland area.

Parking is available across the street from the Library's main entrance (325 Superior) next to the Old Arcade.

The second portion of the meeting will be held at Sterle's Country House, 1401 East 55th Street at 1 p.m., where we will have lunch (order off the menu), a short meeting, and live entertainment provided by our SGSI member Wayne Tomasic, who plays a spirited accordion. There will be some surprises, too. If you cannot make it to the field trip, please join us for lunch and camaraderie at Sterle's.

Everyone interested in Slovenian genealogy is welcome. Call Rose Marie at 440-230-2251 if you have any questions.

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Death Notices

JOHN KUZNIK

John D. Kuznik, loving father of Cindi Moore, John and Jeffrey (Amanda); grandfather of Chris (Sarah), Maranda, Samantha and Johnathan; great grandfather of Anthony, Jordan and Kayla; son of John F., and Jean (nee Lindic) (both deceased); brother of Jerry (Rose) and Joan Tischler (deceased) (Edward); loving companion of Dorothy Bishop.

Funeral Monday, Sept. 27 at 8:45 a.m. at Fortuna Funeral Home, 5316 Fleet Avenue. Services in St. Lawrence Church at 9:30 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery.

JOSEPH M. SALOMON

Joseph M. Salomon, 96, died Sunday evening, Sept. 26, 2004 at his home. A resident of Richwood for the last six years, he formerly lived in Newark and Cleveland.

He was born Nov. 7, 1907 in Cleveland to the late Joseph and Mary Salomon.

Joseph was a retired Union Steel Worker for 50 years with the Chase Brass & Copper Company in Cleveland. He was of the Catholic faith, loved sports, especially football (Buckeyes and Browns), enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and spending time with his cat Romeo.

His family was very important to him and any time they got together it was special to him.

He was married to Ann H. (Skerbec) Salomon. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are one daughter Joann (Bill) Brown of Richwood, grandchildren Rebecca (Michael Bonaventura) Jezerinac, Cena (Chris) Ladefoged, Reddy (Michelle) Brown, Ray Jezerinac, Joe Jezerinac, Mike (Candra) Brown, Ben (Mindy) Brown, and Steve Brown.

Great grandchildren are Alex Brown, Dylan Brown, Rachel Ladefoged, Adam Brown, Paul Ladefoged, Rhett Brown, and Ashton Brown.

He was preceded in death by son Joseph A. Salomon, two brothers Rudy and Edward Salomon, and one sister Marie Slogar.

Funeral Mass on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Newark. Burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mr. Salomon's grandson and grandsons-in-law.

Memorial donations may be made to the living care

hospice at 113 S. Main St., Marysville, OH 43040.

WALTER TOPOLNICKI

Walter Topolnicki, beloved husband of Antonia "Toni" (nee Rolik); dear father of Walter A., and Denise Smith (Tim); grandfather of Emily and Robin; son of Harry and Josephine (nee Molar) (both deceased); brother of Mary Petroski (John) (both deceased) and Rosann Brastin (Dick).

Funeral Tuesday 9 a.m. at The Fortuna Funeral Home, 5316 Fleet Ave. Services at St. Lawrence Church at 9:30 a.m. Interment in Calvary Cemetery.

MARIE QUINN

Marie Quinn (nee Adams), age 73; wife of Robert E. (deceased); loving mother of Kathleen (Tom) Kanuk, and Robert P.; grandmother of Hallie Kanuk and Brittany Marie Quinn.

Friends were received at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St., Wednesday, Sept. 29 from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m., where services will be held Thursday at 8:45 a.m. and at St. Mary's Church (Holmes Ave.) at 9:30 a.m. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

In Memory

Thanks to **Jennie Slogar Belaj** of Wickliffe, OH who renewed her subscription and added an extra \$20.00 in memory of her recently deceased brother, **Julius Slogar**.

In Memory

Thanks to **John J. Turk** of Lyndhurst, OH who donated \$15.00 to Ameriška Domovina in memory of stric **John and Billy Turk**.

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Thanks to **Vi Rupena** of Willoughby Hills, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$10.00 donation. She writes, "Thanks for a great paper."

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Thanks to **Katica Dreu** of Cleveland, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$24.00 donation in memory of husband, **William Dreu**.

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Thanks to **Breda and Leon Radej** of Kirtland, OH for the \$25.00 donation.

In Memory

Thanks to **Milena Dovic** of Cleveland, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation in memory of the **Dovic Family**.

In Memory

Thanks to **Frances A. Webber** of Cleveland, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$25.00 donation in memory of **Frank and Frances Blatnik**.

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Thanks to **Ella Samanich** of Middleburg Hts., OH who added a \$25.00 donation to her subscription renewal.

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Thanks to **Amelia Maslac** of Gates Mills, OH

Newburgh Slo Home Events

News from the Slovenian National Home #2, 3563 East 80th Street, Cleveland, OH 44105.

Saturday, Oct. 16 - St. Lawrence Alumni and Friends Reunion Dance. Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence church celebrated by Bishop A. Edward Pevec. Slovenian Home doors open

who added a nifty \$65.00 donation to her subscription renewal.

Donation

Thanks to **Eugene Lipic** of Studio City, CA who renewed his subscription and added a \$20.00 donation.

In Memory

Thanks to **Bill Pike** of Cuyahoga Falls, OH who renewed his subscription and added a \$15.00 donation in memory of **Helen A. Pike**.

In Memory

Thanks to **Mary Ann Selan** of Perry, OH who added a \$25.00 donation to her subscription renewal in memory of husband **Michael A. Selan**, and mother **Jennie Fenc**.

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Thanks to the following for their generous donations to the Ameriška Domovina:

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Frank J. Branisel, Euclid, OH -- \$10.00

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6:30 p.m. Advance dinner tickets will be sold for \$7.00, at the door for \$8.00.

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Krofe Sale

St. Vitus Altar Society will be holding a krofe and homemade noodles sale on Saturday, Oct. 9 at the usual times in the Social Room. Please tell others, too.

SHA Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following residents of the Slovene Home for the Aged who were born in the month of October:

10-03 - **Rose Bavec**, 96, born in Chisholm, MN

10-05 - **Rose Hoffert**, 89, born in Beaver Falls, PA

10-05 - **Joseph Paik**, 96, born in Eveleth, MN

10-07 - **Elizabeth Graf**, 89, born in Beaver Falls, PA

10-08 - **Justine Girod**, 91, born in Cleveland, OH

10-08 - **Anna Virant**, 91, born in Allegheny

10-09 - **Victoria Susteric**, 85, born in Cleveland

10-16 - **Marija Kovac**, 90, born in Yugoslavia

10-17 - **Ilona Simonyak**, 96, born in Hungary

10-17 - **Mary Witz**, 85, born in Cleveland

10-18 - **Dorothy Glinsek**, 99, born in Cleveland

10-19 - **Frank Comiskey**, 79, born in Cleveland, OH

10-20 - **Rose Hiti**, 85, born in Warnoc, OH

10-20 - **Mary Zakrajsek**, 76, born in Czechoslovakia

10-21 - **Marija Gostic**, 91, born in Slovenia

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– Vesti iz Slovenije –

Parlamentarne volitve to nedeljo po Sloveniji – Izvoljen bo 90-članski državni zbor – Izidi zadnje ankete pred volitvami

To nedeljo bodo državljani Slovenije zopet šli na volišča in izbrali 90 poslancev za državni zbor, sicer najbolj verjetno za naslednja štiri leta. Prejšnje demokratične volitve so bile 1990, 1992, 1996, 2000 in letos. Zadnje dni oz. teden pred volitvami so znamenovali vsaj tri dogodki. Pretekli petek sta imeli zborovanje tako močno opozicijsko orientirani Zbor za republiko in Forum 21, ki ga dejansko kontrolira bivši predsednik Slovenije Milan Kučan, včlanjeni so pa ljudje, ki so levi opciji političnega prizorišča najbolj naklonjeni. Tretja stvar je bila aretacija predsednika SLS Janeza Podobnika s strani hrvaške policije; o tem slednjem sta na notranjih straneh današnje AD dve poročili.

Zbor za republiko je imel štiri ure trajajoče zborovanje, na katerem naj bi bilo prisotnih do šest tisoč udeležencev. Menda je bilo prevladujoče mnenje govornikov – Janez Janša, Andrej Bajuk, Dimitrij Rupel, Ivan Oman in drugi – da je že skrajni čas za zamenjavo oblasti. Navdušenje med udeleženci, tako na odru kot med poslušalstvom, so bili izidi najnovejše in tudi zadnje ankete razporeditve volivcev pred volitvami (to pač določa zakon z namenom, da se prepreči izigravanje z volivci). Anketa je namreč celo dala prednost opozicijskim strankam.

Kučanov Forum 21 je imel prej sestanek kakor zborovanje. Udeleženci so sprejeli izjavo, ki meni, da je sedanja vladna garnitura delovala uspešno in kompetentno, zaradi tega zasluži priznanje oz. zmago s strani volivcev.

Stranka SLS je imela izredno sejo svojega glavnega in izvršilnega odbora, na njej so obravnavali incident v Sečovljah. Predsedniku Podobniku in drugim, ki so bili aretirani oz. zadržani s silo od hrvaške polici-

je, so dali "polno podporo in priznanje za pogum in dostojanstveno držo ob nelegitimnem in brutalnem posredovanju hrvaške policije na slovenskem ozemlju ob Druginji". Navzoči na seji so tudi izražali zgroženost nad nepripravljenostjo slovenske oblasti, da bi se odzvali na številne klice na pomoč in posredovanje.

Na zborovanju LDS v Križankah je premier in predsednik stranke Anton Rop med drugim vsaj posredno odgovoril na očitke LDS, ob hkratnem napovedanju zmage stranke na volitvah: "Ustavile nas ne bodo ne ankete, ne opozicija, ne provokacije".

Opozicijske stranke naj bi imele za dve desetinki prednosti med volivci

Po številnih zadnjih anketah razporeditve volivcev do političnih strank teden dni pred volitvami je prevladoval vtis, da utegne biti tesen, kajti naj bi vodilne stranke na desni (SDS, NSi, SLS) in levi (LDS, ZLSD) beležili prebližno enako volilno podporo. Najbolj je menda odmevala objava preteklo soboto Delova terenska raziskava, po kateri je Janševa SDS za dve desetinki prehitela LDS (prva 21,5, druga 21,3 odstotka). Poleg omenjenih naj bi bilo v naslednjem parlamentu še šest strank: ZLSD (9,1), SNS (8,1), SLS (8,1), NSi (7,8), SMS (6,1), in Slovenija je naša (4,4).

Precej razširjen časopis Dnevnik je objavil anketo s sledečimi odstotki podpore za razne stranke: LDS (24,3), SDS (23,2), NSi (10,3), ZLSD (9,2), SNS (7,9), SLS (7,8) in DeSUS (4,3).

Dokaj drugačne številke je objavil mariborski Večer: LDS (22,5), SDS (18,4), ZLSD (7,3), NSi (6,4), SLS (4,3). Po Večero-vi anketi naj bi le stranke dobile dovolj podpore na volitvah, da bi imele poslance v parlamentu.

Zadnjo besedo bodo to nedeljo izrekli volivci, ki bodo šli na volišča.

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Kosilo to nedeljo—

Oltarno društvo fare Marije Vnebovzete vabi na kosilo to nedeljo. Kosilo bo v novi dvorani, serviranje bo od 11. do 1. pop. Dar za kosilo je \$10 (svinjska pečenka/piščanec), za otroke \$5. Nakaznice bodo na voljo pri vhodu; kosilo se bo tudi lahko vzelo domov.

LILIJA ima sejo—

Dramsko društvo Lilija ima redno sejo v ponedeljek, 4. oktobra, ob 7.30 zv., v Slov. domu na Holmes Ave. Člani lepo vabljeni, na dnevnem redu je več važnih stvari glede bodočnosti društva. Pridite, če le morete.

Novi grobovi

Stanislava Rusian

Umrla je Stanislava Russian, rojena Žnebel, žena Rudolpha, mati Lorraine Carnes, Christine Chess, Janice Davis in Lenore Hradek, 7-krat stara mati, sestra Albine Godec in Mary Malek. Pogreb je danes v oskrbi Ferfolijevega zavoda na Lee Rd. s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Monike.

Marie Quinn

Umrla je 73 let stara Marie Quinn, rojena Adams, vdova po Robertu, mati Kathleen Kanuk in Roberta, 2-krat stara mati. Pogreb bo danes v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda, zj. ob 8.45, v cerkev Marije Vnebovzete ob 9.30, od tam na Vernih duš pokopališč.

Anne A. Arko

Umrla je 84 let stara Anne A. Arko, rojena Habjan, vdova po Matthewu, mati RONALDA, DONALDA (pok.), PATRICIJE McKIBBEN in LAWRENCEA, 2-krat stara mati, sestra Josepha ter že pok. ANTONA (umrl kot dojenček), ANTONA F. in LAWRENCEA. Pogreb je bil 29. septembra v oskrbi Fortunovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Lovrenca in pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču.

Walter Topolnicki

Umrli je Walter Topolnicki, mož ANTONIJE, roj. ROLIK, oče WALTERJA in DENISE SMITH, 2-krat stari oče, brat ROSANN BRASTIN in že pok. MARY PETROSKI. Pogreb je bil 28. septembra v oskrbi Fortunovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Lovrenca in pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču.

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SAS sporoča—

Slovenski ameriški svet opozarja na volitve v slovenski parlament to nedeljo od 1. do 4.45 pop. v Euclid Public Library, v sobi Erie-Babbit, 631 E. 222 St. SAS svetuje, naj nihče, ki je upravičen voliti, ne zamudi volitev in voli za slovensko pomlad.

Bralcem—

Prihodnji četrtek, 7. okt., AD ne bo izšla, zopet bo natisnjena 14. oktobra.

Krofi in rezanci—

Oltarno društvo sv. Vida ima prodajo krofov in rezancev v soboto, 9. okt., ob običajnem času in istem prostoru. Pridite.

Koline—

Klub upokojencev Slov. pristave vabi na "koline" v nedeljo, 10. okt., na SP. Serviranje bo od 12. do 3h popoldne.

Balincarji SP poročajo—

Lep sončen dan je privabil veliko ljudi na vinsko trgatavo Slovenske Pristave. Tudi na balinišču je bilo veselo in živahno. Vsem balincarjem se je šlo za prvo mesto. Najboljši igralci pa so bili Cilka Švigelj in Angelca Hribar (za ženske) ter Lojze Mohar in Pavle Košir (za moške).

Žalostna vest—

Sorodniki nedavno umrle Marije Jarc, rojene Dovč, so dobili žalostno sporočilo, da je v Argentini po dolgi bolezni umrl Gabrijel Dovč, ki je bil oče pokojne in tudi že pokojnega Milana Dovča. V Argentini zapušča še ženo Terezijo (r. Lončarič) in tri hčerke z družinami, tukaj pa zeta Toneta Jarc, dve vnukinji in pravnuka, sorodnico Mileno Dovič (r. Lončarič) z družino, v Sloveniji pa veliko sorodnikov. Naj mu sveti večna Luč.

"Miklavž prihaja"—

Opereta "Miklavž prihaja" bo predstavljena pri fari Marije Vnebovzete v soboto, 4. decembra. Iščejo absolvente sobotne slovenske šole in druge, ki se zanimajo za sodelovanje. Če se, pokličite Martina Maršiča (216-381-4591) ali Marijo Sedmak (216-692-0186).

Martinovanje—

Štajerski-prekmurski klub vabi na martinovanje v soboto, 23. okt., v SND na St. Clairju. Za vstopnice: Tonica (440-256-6716) ali Mimi (216-531-4817).



KDO BO NOVI PREDSEDNIK SLOVENSKE VLADE? – Na levi je Anton Rop, sedanji slovenski premier, ki bo skoro gotovo ob zmagi leve opcije – če bo do tega izida to nedeljo prišlo – nadaljeval na svojem položaju. Na desni je Janez Janša, predsednik Slovenske demokratske stranke, ki bo zopet skoro gotovo prejel mandat za sestavo nove vlade, če bodo to nedeljo na volitvah zmagale konservativnejše oz. "desne" stranke.



80-letnica Metoda Milača

Te dni bo Metod Milač, upokojeni knjižničar na Univerzi Syracuse v New Yorku, doktor filozofije, junak slovenskega nacionalnega odpora, avtor izredno uspešne biografske knjige, bistveni dejavnik zgodovine slovenske pojave skupnosti v Clevelandu, prijatelj vseh, SLO-VE NEC –prištet med očake.

Za njim je osem desetletij trdega, pa zato toliko bolj uspešnega življenja. V najlepših fantovskih letih je bil vržen iz domačega gnezda in potem so se nad njim izživiljati totalitarci vseh vrst: komunistični partizani, fašistični Lahi in nacistični Nemci. Vsem se je uprl in upiral s sebi lastno koroško vztrajnostjo, in vseh se je otresel, da bi slednjič v svobodnem svetu, pod ameriškim nebom, lahko razvil krila svoje domišljije in ustvarjalnosti.

Vzvišene besede o skromnem, preskromnem rojaku in prijatelju.

Toda, malo je med nami mož, ki bi jim brez kakršnihkoli pomislekov ali zadržkov segali v roke naši ljudje tukaj v Clevelandu in drugod po ameriški slovenski srenji.

Metod pa je naš, od prvega dne, ko je v tovarni zagrabil za nepoznana mu orodja, do sedanjega njegovega in našega večera življenja, ko se vrača med nas, še vedno poln načrtov, še vedno živahno soudeležen v slovenskem dogajanju v domovini in zunaj nje.

Pozdravlja ga hvaležna slovenska zdomska skupnost v Clevelandu, ki ji je s svojo vizijo o pevskem zboru slovenskih fantov in deklet pravzaprav zagotovil nadaljni obstanek in si s tem pridobil njeno neskajeno prijateljstvo in trajno hvaležnost.

Metod, pozno v življenju si nam razkril svojo medvojno Kalvarijo, zato pa smo Ti toliko bolj hvaležni, da se nisi predal zagrenjenemu, brezplodnemu jadikovanju nad njo, da si uresničil svoje življenjske cilje ter s krepko roko zaoral v ledino našega zdomskega okolja in mu podaljšal življenje do današnjega dne.

Naj Te Bog in junaška sreča spremljata še vnaprej v veselje in zadoščenje nas vseh in v korist Tvoje drage družine.

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Poročilo Pastoralnega sveta župnije sv. Vida

CLEVELAND, O. – Svet se je sestel 8. septembra. Mary Ann Vogel, ravnateljica gimnazije St. Martin de Porres, je bila povabljena, da poroča o začetku nove šole.

Poročilo je bilo zelo informativno in spodbu-

dno. Prvi dan šolskega pouka je bil 23. avgusta. Šolsko leto bo trajalo do 17. junija 2005. V prvem letniku je 104 učencev in učenk. Pričujejo, da bo v štirih letih šola imela med 425 in 500 učencev. Okoli polovica učencev je

iz katoliških šol, druga polovica jih pride iz državnih šol. Nekateri dijaki so iz bližnje okolice šole, drugi pa pridejo iz različnih delov Clevelanda.

Večina dijakov prihaja iz družin, ki imajo manj kot \$24.000 letnega dohodka. Šolnina za vsakega učenca znaša \$7.500 na leto. Ena od posebnosti šole je, da mora vsak dijak tega tipa šola (St. Martin de Porres je deveta te vrste) delati, da pomaga plačevati šolnino.

Kako to izvesti? Šola poišče za študente službe v pisarnah. Za vsako delovno mesto s polnim delovnim časom izberejo štiri dijake. Šola in delodajalec potem skupaj uvajata zaposlene dijake v njihovo delo. Vsak od teh štirih dijakov dela na tem mestu pet dni v mesecu in tako zasluži okoli \$5.000, kar gre potem za šolnino.

Sedaj daje fara sv. Vida šolsko poslopje v najem gimnaziji St. Martin de Porres. S to pogodbo obdrži fara še vedno polno uporabo obeh poslopij kot doslej. Šolski in farni zastopniki imajo redne sestanke, da vzdržujejo najboljše možne odnose med obema pogodbenima strankama.

To poletje je nova šola porabila okoli \$400.000 svojega denarja za izboljšanje šole, medtem ko je fara sv. Vida porabila okoli \$127.000 za zunanje izboljšanje, kot je odtok vode na severni in zahodni strani šolskega poslopja, za nove odtočne cevi na strehi šolske dvorane, za obnovitev parkirišča, in za druge manjše stvari.

Sledijo je poročilo finančnega sveta. Vse poletje so prekrivali cerkveno streho in popravljali bolj nujne stvari okoli cerkve in župnišča. Do sedaj so se farani lepo odzvali prošnji za kritje stroškov popravila. Upamo, da se bo vsak, ki to lahko stori, odzval in daroval svoj prispevek v ta namen.

Sedaj smo začeli s popravili notranjosti cerkve, ki bo v nekaj tednih končano. Fara sv. Vida je predložila zavarovalnici zahtevek za povračilo škode v notranjosti cerkve zaradi propustne strehe. Za povzročeno škodo je zavarovalnica plačala \$19.000.

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– Alpski večer –

CLEVELAND, O. – Fara Marija Vnebovzeta vas vabi na "Alpski večer", ki bo v petek, 22. oktobra, v novem farnem centru na Holmes Avenue. Za ples bodo igrali Gregor Avsenik in Ansambel Gregorji iz Slovenije. To bo njihov edini nastop v Clevelandu. Pričetek bo ob 7h zvečer.

Gorenjska kuhinja bo nudila sendviče z dunajskim zrezkom oz. "Wienerschnitzel" ter druge domače specialitete. Za pravo alpsko vzdušje bodo v točilnici na razpolago razna piva, uvožena iz Slovenije in sosednjih dežel.

Vstopnice boste lahko dobili pri vratih. Mize za deset oseb pa lahko rezervirate, če pokličete v župnišče na 216-761-7740. Vstopnina je \$10 za odraslo osebo, za mladino od 13. leta pa po \$5.

Farni center pri Mariji Vnebovzeti je dostopen tudi osebam, ki težje hodijo ali so na vozičku, saj ni nobenih stopnic. Zgradba ima stranišča za invalide. Novo parkirišče je samo nekaj metrov od glavnega vhoda v dvorano.

Torej: vsi vabljeni! Pridite s prijatelji in se bomo skupaj veselili na Alpskem večeru z muzikantom Gregorjem Avsenikom in ansamblom Gregorji v petek, 22. oktobra!

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Izpod zvona sv. Marije Vnebovzete

CLEVELAND, O. – Kako ta čas hiti proti večnosti! Parkrat je bilo vroče, a je že jesen. Listje na drevih že spreminja barvo, ptiči so tudi že odleteli na jug, v toplejše kraje, in mesec oktober je tik pred nami.

Dobro si bomo župljani Marije Vnebovzete zapomnili letošnji september, posebej še prve nedelje, ko smo imeli obisk škofa Pille, ki je maševal in nato imel blagoslov nove dvorane. Deseta sv. maša je bila lepo zasedena, pevci so prepevali z vsem navdušenjem, mladina je pozdravila našega pastirja. Škof nas je vse pohvalil, seveda največjo pohvalo pa zasluži naš župnik, ki se zelo trudi, da je božja hiša vedno lepo okrašena, njena okolica vedno s cvetjem založena, in nam posreduje Jezusa v sv. evharistiji.

Par hiš so morali odstraniti, da je dovolj prostora za naše konjičke, ki nas pripeljajo do cerkve in do dvorane. Dvorana je še vedno potrebna delavcev, da bo dokončana, a prejela je že škofov blagoslov, tako, da jo lahko že uporabljamo.

Prav ta nedelja je prva v mesecu, 3. oktobra, ko bo pripravljeno kosilo Oltarnega društva. Kosilo bo pod vodstvom Julke Zalar z njenimi pomočnicami. Iskreno ste vabljeni, da se udeležite tega kosila in si obenem ogledate še našo dvorano. Kosilo bo obsegalo svinjsko in kurjo pečenko s prikuhami, solato, kavo in pecivom, vse le za \$10 za odraslega ter \$5 za otroka. Nakaznice bodo na razpolago tudi pri vratih. Kosilo bo na razpolago od 11. do 1. ure in ga bo mogoče vzeti na dom.

Pretekli teden je naš župnik odšel na potrebne počitnice, kar smo mu vsi želeli, da se odpočije in nabere novih moči za nadaljno delo. Bog mu daj zdravje, to prosimo vsak dan, ko ima težave z glasilkami.

Na prvo nedeljo v mesecu se vedno zberemo članice Oltarnega društva pri skupni sv. maši, kar ste članice lepo vabljene, da se udeležite, kolikor vam bo mogoče, ko je delo pri kosilu. Za sestanek bomo pa počakale, da se vrne naš duhovni vodja s počitnic; o času vas bomo še obvestile.

Vsem, ki berete te vrstice, prav lep jesenski pozdrav!

Lavriševa

SEZNANJAJTE NAŠE BRALCE O AKTIVNOSTIH VAŠIH DRUŠTEV!

1954 – 2004 ...

KRES – Petdeset let!

CLEVELAND, O. – V teh letih clevelandska slovenska soseska praznuje vrsto petdesetletnih obletnic – Korotan, Slovenska pisarna, Slovenska pristava. In letos: plesna skupina Kres.

Na drugi strani programa ob Kresovi predstavi 11. septembra beremo, da se je 15. septembra leta 1954 blizu cerkve sv. Vida zbralo 76 mladih fantov in deklet, vsi člani Dekliškega krožka in Fantovskega krožka, ki so želeli plesati narodne, folklorne plesne za Slovence v Clevelandu. Prisoten je bil tudi pokojni škof Gregorij Rožman, goreč pobudnik slovenskega delovanja v novi domovini.

Kaj so takrat razpravljali in predlagali mladi in škof Rožman?

Program ne pove ničesar drugega, kot da je bilo na predlog Toneta Oblaka sprejeto novo ime za celotno skupino: Kres. Folklorna skupina Kres; Plesalci Kresa; Kres; pod temi izrazi in kratkim imenom pozna Cleveland in Amerika ter Kanada – in sedaj tudi dežele Evrope in Slovenije – plesalce Kresa, ki predstavljajo tri generacije Slovencev v Clevelandu in clevelandski okolici.

V živobarvnih narodnih nošah in elegantnih večernih oblekah plešejo valčke in polke v vseh mogočih variantah, na odru 'pletejo' vence in šivajo 'kovtre', pojejo Rezi-janko, plešejo Belokranjske, Koroške in Primorske plesne, na glavah nosijo majolke in kolače v

peharju, se v prispodobi vrtijo pod lipo in na podu meljejo žito. Plešejo tudi ameriške 'western' plesne.

Vse te slike plesalcev na odru, v vseh teh značilnostih in adaptacijah, so tako veličastne, da gledalcem mnogokrat vzamejo sapo.

Gospa Jožica Varšek je bila prva voditeljica ženske skupine Kresa. Za njo so se zvrstile Olga Petek, Eda Vovk, Breda Lončar in Bernarda Ovsenik. Te pionirke in koreografinje, saj so morale učiti plesne figure od prvega do popolnega giba, so v petdesetih in šestdesetih letih "ustvarile bogat Kresov folklorni repertoar in dvignile Kresovo plesno umetnost na zavidljivo visoko raven", kot piše v programu letošnje predstave.

Za njimi so se zvrstile številne učiteljice in voditeljice – in voditelji – Kresovih skupin, vsega skupaj preko 30. Ti vztrajni in požrtvovalni učitelji plesov so za 50. obletnico Kresa izučili in postavili na oder 162 plesalcev – od najmlajših petletnih do najstarejših šestdesetletnikov – z 18 samostojnimi plesi in celotnim prizorom tradicionalne kmečke ohceti.

Naj omenim nekaj posebnosti letošnje predstave. Ples, ki je predstavljal petdesetletni obstoj Kresa, je plesalo pet parov: najstarejši par originalne skupine petdesetih let, Ivan Zakrajšek in Cvetka Gabrič, do najmlajših, ki so upanje in potrdilo bo-



Nekateri od vsch skupaj 162 Kresovih plesalk in plesalcev na programu ob 50. obletnici. Fotografije je posredoval Phil Hrvatin, žal prikazani niso identificirani.

doče generacije plesalcev. Po obsegu in pestrosti tega programa smo lahko prepričani, da Kres in njegovo delovanje še dolgo ne bo zamrlo.

Posebno lep je bil prizor kmečke ohceti v tretjem delu programa.

Igralci-plesalci so v simboliki slovenskega sli-

karja Ivana Gasparija in v režiji Bernarde Ovsenik osvojili naša srca. Mojca Slak kot trda gorenjska kmečka mati, Lisa Ovsenik kot nevesta Johanca, Meta Zalar, kot čustvena in jokajoča mati ženina, Mark Jakomin kot nevestin oče, pa še mladi fantje, ki so držali 'stango', in dekleta družice, so v veliko veselje občinstva poklicno odigrali svoje vloge. Godci pristne glasbe, skupaj devet so s svojo 'živo' muziko dopolnili prizore plesov in igre.

Najmlajši, pet- in šestletni, so kot novi plesni člani v svoji otroškosti priskakljali in priplesali na oder kot znajo samo otroci. Njihovi nekoliko starejši vrstniki, sedem- do devetletni, so že s spretnimi gibi plesali bolj zahtevne in izglajene plesne. Vse je občinstvo nagradilo z navdušenjem in priznanjem, tako njihovim učiteljem kakor tudi plesalcem samim.

In od kod vse te mnogobarvne in mojstrsko dovršene narodne noše, ki nudijo na odru tako veličastno in prijetno sliko Kresovih plesalcev?

Po kratki poizvedbi sem zvedela, da je v Clevelandu prve narodne noše šivala gospa Marija Zupančič, katere stvaritve še vedno služijo svojemu namenu. Za njo so se zvrstile Mici Starič, Marija Demanko, Cvetka Rihtar, Lenka Mišmaš – in gotovo tudi mnoge druge šivilje, ki šivajo le za svoje otroke in vnuke ter vnukinje. Vsem gre veliko priznanje in zahvala.

Folklorna skupina Kres je še en dragulj v pestrem mozaiku clevelandske narodne in etnične kulture, ki gotovo ne bo nikdar zatemnel. Čestitke in zahvala za trud gre vsem Kresovcem, ki nadaljujejo in poživljajo slovensko tradicijo v Clevelandu.

Mara Cerar Hull



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Po hudem incidentu na meji slovenska vlada zamrznila podporo Hrvaški

Sečovelje (Delo fax, 23. sept. 2004) – Včeraj (tj. 22. sept.) nekaj po 17. uri je prišlo na mostu čez Dragonjo (na južni strani) do grobega incidenta, ko je skupina hrvaških policistov in policistov v civilu grobo vklenila 16 oseb, ki so se udeležile predvolilne konvencije na dvorišču hiše Joška Jorasa.

Pri tem so Janeza Podobnika, predsednika SLS in člana sveta Evrope, tako močno udarili v trebuh, da je padel čez obcestno varovalno ograjo in se pri tem udaril v roko. Vseh šestnajst so s kombijem odpeljali na zaslišanje na bujsko policijsko postajo, kjer so morali opraviti tudi alko-test. Podobnika so zdravniki oskrbeli roko s podpornico, eden od aretiranih članov SLS pa je imel tudi težave s srcem.

Vse se je začelo popoldan, ko je skupina funkcionarjev in kandidatov Slovenske ljudske stranke obiskala Joška Jorasa, kjer so imeli predvolilno druženje. Čez mejo so prišli po običajni, tako imenovani Jorasovi prvomajski (evropski) poti. Torej mimo bližnje kontrolne točke oziroma mejnega prehoda. Pri tem jih ni nihče oviral.

"Po našem druženju smo posadili tudi lipo sožitja in dobrososedskih odnosov. Potem smo se vsi skupaj odpravili po isti poti nazaj. V skupini so bili poleg Janeza Podobnika tudi njegov brat Marjan, poslanec Ivan Božič, pa Žaro Pregelj, Du-

ša Krnel Umek, Cveta Stanovnik in nekaj drugih z bistrškega območja.

Na mostu nas je ustavila skupina policistov in nam preprečila, da bi se vrnili tja, od koder smo prišli. Tedaj se je zgodil barbarizem brez primere in škandal. Janez Podobnik ni hotel pokazati dokumentov, ker se je skliceval na poslansko imuniteto, hrvaški policisti pa mu imunitete niso priznali, češ da na hrvaškem ozemlju ne velja. Tedaj ga je policist v civilu udaril v zgornji del trebuha (pleksus), da se je predsednik stranke zvrnil vznok. Zelo grobo so ga vlekli po tleh in ga uklenili, podobno so naredili še z drugimi in jih odpeljali. Tak barbarizem na vratih Evrope je nedopusten," je povedal ves pretresen Joško Joras.

Dodal je, da je pred dvema letoma tudi sam doživljal podobno, da je 17 dni preživel v zaporu in da so na koncu Hrvači sami plačali kazen, ki so mu jo pripisali.

Slovenska policija o tem posredovanju hrvaških policistov ni bila obveščena, kar je v nasprotju z dogovorom o medsebojnem obveščanju za preprečevanje incidentov na meji. Slovenski veleposlanik v Zagrebu Peter Bekeš je takoj, ko je bil obveščen o incidentu na meji, zahteval sprejem na hrvaškem zunanjem ministrstvu, kjer je protestiral zaradi ravnanja hrvaške policije.

kjer so jih spravili v avtomobile.

"Hrvaška policija me je dobesedno ugrabila na slovenskem ozemlju," je dejal Podobnik številnim novinarjem na mostu čez Dragonjo.

"Zahtevali so, naj se osebno legitimiramo. Nekateri so to storili, jaz pa sem povedal, da kot predstavnik slovenskega parlamenta ne bom na slovenskem ozemlju dajal in kazal osebnih dokumentov hrvaški policiji.

Potem je nenadoma, brez povoda prišlo do brutalne reakcije. Nenadoma sem se znašel na tleh, nekoliko sem se poškodoval po levem ramenu in bil zelo poniževalno, grobo odveden v avtomobil. Nihče ni osebno in uradno stopil v stik z nami in ni povedal, zakaj so nas tja pripeljali," je opisoval Podobnik in dodal, da so prvo uro zaman klicali v ministrstvo za notranje zadeve in zunanje ministrstvo, potem pa so postopoma prišli v stik z vsemi.

"Ali lahko dogodek vpliva na volilni izid in vaši stranki prinese do-

POROČILO

(NADALJEVANJE s str. 14)

Prav tako smo začeli s popravili notranjosti župnišča. Petdeset let stare preproge smo odstranili in prenovili lesene podne pod njimi tako, da izgledajo kot novi. Odklopili smo grelce in inštalirali nove ventile. Popravili bomo stene in strope, jih pobarvali, stene pa tapecirali s papirjem.

Najbolj zahtevno bo delo v spodnji pisarni. Sedaj imamo tri pisarniške prostore. Načrt je, da napravimo dve pisarni iz sedanjih treh. Medtem ko so v teku popravila, prosimo farane, ki pridejo v pisarno, da rabijo drugi vhod. Tudi prosimo, da med tem preseljevanjem v župnišču potrpite z nami.

Svet je poleg tega razpravljal še o sredstvih in načinu, kako podpirati mlajše družine v fari; o zadevah, ki se tičejo naše okolice, in o tem, kako omogočiti duhovno rast faranov. sjk

(Poročilo objavljeno v buletinu sv. Vida z dne 26. septembra 2004)

Slovenski škofje o nedeljskih volitvah...

Na volitve v skladu s krščanskimi vrednotami

Ljubljana – "Volili bomo tiste poslance, od katerih lahko pričakujemo, da bodo zagovarjali spoštovanje človekovega življenja od spočetja do naravne smrti in branili družinsko življenje, zlasti pravico staršev, da v skladu s svojim prepričanjem svobodno izberejo izobrazbo in vzgojo za svoje otroke," so slovenski škofje med drugim zapisali v izjavi pred volitvami. Pri volilni odločitvi pa je treba gledati tudi na to, da bodo prihodnji poslanci priznavali velik pomen verskih vrednot v družbi in še posebej pomen krščanske dediščine.

Ne iti na svobodne in poštene volitve pomeni povedati se dostojanstvu svobodnega državljana, ki sprejema nase del odgovornosti za skupnost. Pred volitvami pa je treba skrbno pretehtati, koga voliti in se pri odločitvi ravnati po krščanskih vrednotah.

Poslanci naj bi znali tudi z ustreznimi zakoni pospeševati ekonomsko rast, ob tem pa poskrbeti tudi za najvrednejše in najbolj ranljive. Izbrati je treba poslance, ki bodo zagotavljali poštenost in preglednost v celotnem sistemu državne uprave in v lastnih vrstah. Njihova skrb mora biti tudi, da bomo v EU gojili slovensko kulturo in narodno zavest, so še zapisali v SSK. Pod izjavo so se podpisali mariborski škof in predsedujoči SSK Franc Kramberger, koprski škof Metod Pirih, upravitelj ljubljanske nadškofije Andrej Glavan, mariborski pomožni škof Jožef Smej, ljubljanski pomožni škof Alojz Uran, mariborski pomožni škof Anton Stres in koprski pomožni škof Jurij Bizjak.

STA (Delo fax, 23. sept. 2004)

datne glasove?" smo vprašali Podobnika. Odgovoril je: "Ne vem, kako naj na volilni izid vpliva, če tuja policija vrže na tla predstavnika slovenskega parlamenta in slovenskega državljana na slovenski zemlji. Sprašujem se, kako naj to vpliva na volilni izid."

"Odlično, gospod Podobnik. Si niste mislili, da na tej nedoločeni meji tvegate, če hoditi saditi lipe k Jorasu?" je vprašal Iztok Presl, POP TV.

"S tem sem dokazal, da mislim resno, kar govorim v kampanji kot politik. Če bi slovenska politika resnično verjela, da smo danes na slovenski zemlji in da Joško Joras živi v Sloveniji, če bi slovenska vlada tako ravnala v preteklih letih, potem tega incidenta ne bi bilo!"

Tudi Rop je javno izjavil, da so predstavniki hrvaške policije na slovenskem ozemlju odvzeli prostost poslancu državnega zbora. To je velik napredek, tega nismo slišali v preteklih letih!"

"So vas res udarili v trebuh?"

"Da, zelo so me. Bilo je prerivanje, jaz sem samo dvignil roke, nisem se upiral, stal sem in naenkrat padel."

(Naslednji del poročila pripravil za Delo ga je Boris Šuligoj, podaja izjave predstavnice Istrske hrvaške policijske uprave, ki je seveda dala hrvaškemu policistom popolnoma prav, nato je sledil zadnji odstavek dopisa Ur. AD)

In še o nejasnosti zvezi z vprašanjem, zakaj ni posredovala slovenska policija. Po nekaterih neuradnih informacijah mreč slovenska policija "ni vedela" za dogajanje na južni strani mostu čez Dragonjo, češ da se slovenskega dela mejnega prehoda mostu ne vidi.

Most čez Dragonjo sicer res ne vidi, toda ne drži, da slovenska policija za dogajanje ni vedela. Že ob 16.35 jih je obvestil Joško Joras in policija je ves čas imela dovolj blizu opazovalca, ki je bil v stiku z odgovornimi za odločanje v takšnih razmerah.



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Janez Podobnik komentira dogajanje...

Aretacija Janeza Podobnika

Buje, Koper (Delo fax, 24. sept. 2004) – "Ničesar nisem bil obdolžen, ne vem, zakaj so nas pripekljali. Poniževali so nas z zahtevo, naj opravimo alko-test, kar smo odklonili. Takšnega brutalnega odvzema prostosti nisem bil deležen še nikoli v življenju. Brez razloga, nobene povoda nisem dal, predstavil sem se, kdo sem, ime, priimek, funkcijo, povedal, da želim iti po slovenski zemlji na-

prej po cesti proti Portorožu," nam je v sredo (tj. 22. sept., op. ur. AD) zvečer ob 22. uri pred policijsko postajo v Bujah (tj. Hrvaška, zopet ur.) povedal Janez Podobnik, predsednik stranke SLS.

Na policijski postaji v Bujah so Janeza Podobnika, Ivana Božiča in nekaj drugih članov stranke zadrževali skoraj pet ur. Nekaj po 22. uri so jih hrvaški policisti spustili na skoraj istem mestu,

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Drugi in zaključni del intervjuja sedaj že bivšega veleposlanika ZDA v Sloveniji Johnnyja Younga in žene Angeline za tedensko prilogo ONA v Delu 7. septembra. Prvi del je bil v AD objavljen pretekli teden.

– II. del (konc) –

Vsa leta ste v tujini razširjali interese svoje domovine, a vam je bila prav domovina najbolj daleč.

J. Y. – Vseeno jo poznamo. Gre le za to, da se vse spreminja. Kolegica iz ambasade, ki je odšla čez poletje v Washington, da bi nato nastopila službo v Južni Ameriki, je po mesecu v ZDA povedala: Ne morem verjeti, kaj se dogaja v tej deželi. Vsi imajo tatuje. Še jaz se bom tetovirala, je rekla.

Njen mož si je v smeihu zaželel kačo čez čelo. In potem je nekdo povedal šalo, ki to pravzaprav ni. Predstavljajte si, da bomo imeli čez štiri deset let polno starejših moških in žensk, ki bodo po svoje socialno zavarovanje hodili čisto potetovirani po gubasti koži. Si predstavljate ta grozljivi prizor?

A. Y. – Mogoče pa lahko odpreva salon za odstranjevanje tatujev?

J. Y. – Še prej potrebujem diplomo medicinske fakultete. Čeprav se šalimo, bova zagotovo doživela veliko šokov. Mnogo mladih se sprehaja z golimi trebui, z zadnjicami napol zunaj.

To naj bi bilo seksi.

J. Y. – No, najbrž res. Podobno modo ima tudi moja hči, čeprav moram povedati, da me malce bega.

No, ampak saj ste sami priznali, da vam je zelo ugajal film Jamesa Bonda, v katerem se je Halle Berry sprehajala v vznemirljivih kopalkah?

J. Y. – No, komu pa ne bi bila všeč? Mislim pravzaprav na vse spremembe skupaj. Denimo telefon.

A. Y. – Pred desetletjem sva si ju kupila, a ker naju zdaj že tako dolgo ni bilo doma, se sploh ne spomnim, kje sta.

J. Y. – Mobilnik! Še s tem se bova morala ukvarjati. Treba se bo popolnoma prilagoditi.

Ko sva se nazadnje pogovarjala, ste mi dali veliko razlogov, zakaj bi bilo morda res zanimivo, da bi napisali knjigo. V obdobju segregacije sta živeli v hiški s pločevinasto streho, ustrahoval vas je kukuksklan. Izučili ste se za tesarja, a tega dela nikoli niste mogli opravljati, ker je bil sindikat segregiran. Velikokrat ste izgubili službo zgolj zaradi barve kože, zaradi istih razlogov vas niso sprejeli v določene šole.

A vseeno sem naravnost osupla nad količino ljubezni, ki vre iz vaših besed, ko omenite ZDA. Zdi se mi, da ne gre za igrani patriotizem. Kako torej, da ljubite nekaj, kar vam je v mladosti prineslo toliko gorja?

J. Y. – Niti trenutka ni, ko bi bila moja ljubezen do domovine neiskrena. Lahko kritiziram svojo državo, sem nanjo morda včasih celo jezen, a vender nikoli ne bi želel biti nikjer drugje.

Mislim, da v nobeni državi sveta tak uspeh ne bi bil mogoč. Da se

iz nič, iz življenja slumov mesta Bloomington v Delawareu, povzpneš v najvišjega temnopoltega funkcionarja diplomacije.

Ljubim Ameriko. To je nekaj, kar boste našli skupnega vsem etničnim skupinam naše države. Obstaja nenasitna ljubezen do ZDA, ki se pri posameznikih izjemno hitro razvije ter prenaša iz generacije v generacijo.

Patriotizem je izjemno močan, toliko bolj, ker sem veliko časa preživel v tujini. Šele, ko obiščeš različne države, spoznaš, kaj imaš doma, in tvoja dežela ti postane zelo ljubša. To je zelo res tudi za Slovenijo. Slovenci potujejo zelo pogosto in se vračajo. Vedo, kaj imajo, in to ljubijo. Enako srečni so kot Američani.

Ste že spoznali naslednjega veleposlanika Thomasa Bollinga Robertsona?

J. Y. – Smo. Ima veliko izkušenj. Delal je že kot namestnik veleposlanika na Madžarskem. Govori madžarsko, rusko, nemško, uči se slovenščine. Mislim, da je bo znal že kar precej, ko pride sem, in to mu bo zagotovo zelo koristilo.

Sta še vedno samo dva temnopolta ameriška veleposlanika v Evropi?

J. Y. – Da. Kmalu bo samo še eden.

In koga boste volili na predsedniških volitvah?

J. Y. – O, tega, si vam pa ne bi upal priznati. A že vem, nobene-ga dvoma ni.

Bosta volila enako?

J. Y. – Da. Razlika je le, da bova končno volila doma.

Kako bi pogledali na dosežke Slovenije s stališča dejstva, da ste prišli na položaj veleposlanika, ko je bila že krepko zasidrana v svoji samostojnosti?

J. Y. – Z vstopom v EU in NATO je Slovenija našla svoj pravi prostor v regiji. To je izvrstna priča temu, kaj je naredila med svojo samostojnostjo. Gospodarsko lahko postane še močnejša. Je zgled državam v regiji, ki bi rade postale del teh institucij in bi se rade tako razvile. Je vzor tega, kam je treba iti in



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kako. Zgled je celo Madžarski, ki sicer je tako članica NATA kot EU, a ima Slovenija zagotovo višji standard življenja. Upam, da se bo še izboljševala in sprejemala odločitve, ki bodo prinesle veliko tujega kapitala, kar bo omogočalo rast življenjskega standarda.

Ob odhodu me ljudje sprašujejo, kakšna so moja pričakovanja. Rečem si, da bi si želel čez nekaj let priti v Slovenijo, ki se je pomaknila še dlje, in ne v Slovenijo, ki ni napredovala. 37 let sem bil na tujem in velikokrat sem bil priča, kako so slabe odločitve slabih vodij postavile države v preteklost in ne na pot uspeha in blaginje. Tega tu ne vidim in upam, da se ne bo zgodilo. Kmalu bodo volitve in zelo pomembne bodo za pot prihodnosti.

Se vam zdi, da bi bila vaša dejanja veleposlanika drugačna, če bi bila na oblasti druga stranka?

J. Y. – Naš cilj je delati s komer koli na oblasti. Imamo odnose z državo in ne s posamezniki. Osebo predstavljam vlado, predstavljam interese predsednika, ki je na oblasti v ZDA, in

predstavljam ZDA. Naš odnos je odnos z državo in delati moramo z vlado, ki je na oblasti. Ne ukvarjamo se s tem, ker je stvar države gostiteljice, da se odloči, kdo bo na oblasti.

Katera država ima danes največ moči?

J. Y. – Ne spomnim se, da bi svet izvolil katero državo posebej! A dejstvo je, da so ZDA velika gospodarska, politična in vojaška moč. Tega ne gre zanikati. In tako bo najbrž tudi ostalo.

Med vašim mandatom so se pred ameriško ambasado zgodile demonstracije, ki v primerjavi z dogodki svetovnega formata niso bile prav usodne, a vseeno, so vas kdaj prevevali neprijetni občutki glede vaše varnosti?

J. Y. – Bil je manjši incident, ko je nekdo skočil na naš avto, a ni bilo nič. Šlo je pač za manjšo neprijetnost. Z demonstracijami in izražanjem mnenja je točno tako, kot mora biti. Vsak ima pravico povedati, ali mu odgovarja politika ZDA ali ne.

Edina težava, s katero se srečujem, ko se ogledujem po Evropi, je, da je antiameriški pogled tako zaslepljajoč, da ne dopušča pogleda na ZDA onstran tega vprašanja. ZDA niso samo Irak. Vpletene so še v marsikaj drugega. Premostiti moramo to oviro. Obstaja še drugi svet, kjer sodelujemo, in temu se ne posveča dovolj pozornosti.

Menite, da obstaja samo en vidik svobode ali jih je več?

(DALJE na str. 18)



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IVO ŽAJDELA v DRUŽINI...

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"Podatkov ni bilo mogoče ugotoviti"

Ob robu poročila tožilstva o raziskovanju poveljnih pobojev

– II. del –

Slovenska protirevolucija

"Po zaključku vojne so pripadniki slovenskih domobrancev s svojimi družinami zbežali na Koroško, kjer so jih zavezniki predali jugoslovanski armadi. Pri prevzemu so sodelovale tudi slovenske enote.

Pobijanje se je pričelo že kmalu po prevzemu, med transportom. Vrnjeni domobranci in njihovi svojci so bili nameščeni v zbirnih taboriščih v Kranju, Škofji Loki in na Teharjah.

Slovenska OZNA je organizirala in vodila ter odločala o usodi vseh zajetih. Po zaslišanjih jih je OZNA razvrstila v skupine A, B in C. V zbirnih taboriščih so bili tudi pripadniki jugoslovanske armade iz drugih republik, ki so pomagali pri likvidacijah.

Večina domobrancev je bila pripeljana v Šentvid, v t. i. Škofove zavode, ostali pa v Teharje. Celotna skupin C in večji del skupine B je bil odpeljan v zbirni center Kočevje, od tam pa so jih vodili v Kočevski rog, kjer so jih pobijali in metali v jame, vodili in pobijali pa so jih tudi v okolici Celja.

Prevoze so opravljale enote KNOJ-a in jugoslovanska armada, sodelovali so tudi Slovenci.

V Kočevskem rogu je bilo v istem času pobito tudi neugotovljeno število protipartizanskih enot iz drugih delov Jugoslavije, zlasti hrvaških ustašev in domobrancev.

Število pobitih slovenskih domobrancev, njihovih svojcev in civilov, vrnjenih iz Vetrinja, ni znano. Zgodovinarji ocenjujejo, da je bilo ubitih od 7.000 do 10.000 oseb.

Posebej je nujno omeniti poboj dveh skupin ranjenih domobrancev in sicer ranjencev, ki so bili zajeti v zaustavljenem transportu v bližini Radovljice, odpelani so bili v Šentvid in pobiti najverjetneje v Brezarjevem ali Koščakovem breznu. Druga skupina so ranjenci iz vojne bolnice v Lju-

bljani, pobiti v breznu Konfin.

Osebe iz skupine A, predvsem mladoletne in nekatere iz skupine B so, preden so jih izpustili, zaslišali in daktiloskopirali. Ostale so iz Škofovih zavodov z vlakom odpeljali v Kočevje in v Novo mesto, od tam pa s kamionom in lojtrnimi vozovi v jame na območju Kočevskega roga.

Prevoze je opravljal KNOJ pod nadzorstvom OZNE, v bližini jam pa so bili predani srbsko in hrvaško govorečim likvidatorjem, med njimi so bili tudi Slovenci. Pobiti so bili v jamah Pod Krenom in Macesnova gorica, ranjenci pa v jami Konfin 1.

V Brezarjevem breznu v Podutiku so bili maja 1945 pobiti slovenski in hrvaški domobranci, brezno pa je bilo nato minirano. Število pobitih ni znano, domnevno nekaj sto oseb.

Ve se, da je OZNA zaradi smrada v juniju in juliju organizirala prekop trupel, ki so ga izvajali nemški ujetniki. Izkopana trupla so bila nato pokopana v Kucji dolini.

Skupina nekaj deset zaprtih na Škofjeloškem gradu je bila pobita v Bodovljah in Lovrenški grapi pri Škofji Loki. Ostali so bili prestavljeni v Šentvid in so delili usodo ostalih, zaprtih v Škofovih zavodih.

"Nasprotniki NOB"?

V posebno skupino po vojni pobitih lahko uvrstimo tiste, ki jih je tedanja oblast ocenila kot nasprotnike NOB, pa tudi t. i. "skrivače", to je tiste, ki se niso hoteli priključiti partizanskemu gibanju.

Glavno besedo pri razvrščanju v ti dve skupini, kamor prištevamo tudi del civilnih oseb, vrnjenih iz Avstrije, je imela slovenska OZNA. Gre za

strogo hierarhično organizacijo s poverjeniki v mestih. Krajevni ljudski odbori v vaseh in mestih so bili orodje v rokah OZNE pri identificiranju, iskanju in aretacijah takozvanih narodnih izdajalcev in skrivačev.

Zaprte v mestih (tudi tiste, ki so se javili sami), so po zaslišanjih odpeljali v taborišča Šentvid, Teharje, Kidričevo, Ajdovščina. Del aretiranih so spustili, druge pa pobili v okolici taborišč.

O tem, kdo je bil likvidiran, je odločala OZNA, na katerem nivoju njene organizacije, oziroma kdo konkretno je odločal o usmrtitvi, ni bilo mogoče ugotoviti, saj ni dokumentov. Podatkov, pomembnih za oceno kazenske odgovornosti od še živčih ni bilo mogoče dobiti.

Iz te skupine pobitih oseb je največ posameznih grobišč, med pobite pa je potrebno šteti vse tiste, ki so bili aretirani takoj po zaključku vojne in ki se nikoli niso vrnili domov ter vrnjene civiliste iz Avstrije. Števila pobitih iz te skupine ni mogoče določiti.

Na Teharjah pri Celju je bilo zbirno taborišče, v katerem so bile v glavnem nastanjene civilne osebe, vrnjene iz Koroške ter aretirani civili. Kje vse so bili pobiti in zakopani, ni bilo mogoče ugotoviti. Prav tako ni bilo mogoče za nobeno še živečo osebo zbrati dovolj dokazov za uvedbo kazenskega postopka, pa čeprav so bili pregledani arhivi in opravljeni razgovori s še živečimi pričami.

Neugotovljeno število oseb, zaprtih na Teharjah, je bilo verjetno pobito v Starem Hrastniku, Mariji Reki, pa tudi v opuščnem Barbarinem rovu pri Laškem (v njem so pokopani tudi pobiti pripadniki bežečih vojsk).

Na vzhodni strani Roga so grobišča Rugarjev Klavec /prav je Rugarški klanci, op. I.Ž./ in Cinkov križ, kjer so verjetno pokopani pobiti iz novomeških zaporov.

Širom Slovenije je še večje število grobišč, v katerih so zakopani domnevni "narodi izdajalci" in "skrivači" (Videm-Dobropolje, Leše pri Litiji, Šentvid, Logatec, Britof pri Kranju, Draga pri Begunjah, Jelovica, Podtrn – Moškrin pri Škofji Loki, Rojska jama pri Čatežu, Jelenci pri Šmarjeti, Šoštanj, Mostec pri Krškem, Hafnerjev graben pri Krškem, Babji Jožič pri Ljutomeru, Leše pri Prevaljah, Ajdovščina, Andrejčkovo brezno pri Črnem vrhu, Lokavsko polje pri Ajdovščini).

Pri gornjem naštevanju grobišč bi se na koncu spodobil vsaj še znak nadaljevanja. Danes je znanih že več kot dvesto grobišč in pričakovali bi, da bo tožilstvo te podatke navedlo. Navedlo jih je le za vzorec, pa še pri teh so se jim zapisale prav malomarne pravopisne napake, da o nenatančnosti navedb posebej ne govorimo.

Poimenovanje te kategorije z izrazi "nasprotniki NOV" in "t. i. skrivači", to je tisti, "ki se niso hoteli priključiti partizanskemu gibanju", je povsem napačno. Poleg napačne terminologije lahko ugotovimo, da bi potem v to kategorijo morali vključiti več stotisoč Slovencev, ki se niso pridružili komunističnemu partizanskemu gibanju.

Uporaba termina "domnevni 'narodni izdajalci'", pa čeprav z narekovaji, je izrazito tendenciozna oziroma slabšalna in žaljiva za pobite žrtve komunizma.

(SE BO NADALJEVALO)

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(nadaljevanje s str. 17)

J. Y. – To je staro filozofsko vprašanje, ki sega tisočletja nazaj. Obstaja svoboda, ki jo je človeku podelil Bog, in nihče nam je ne more vzeti. Vpisana je v našo ustavo. Ljudje se rodimo z neodtujljivimi pravicami in potem gremo naprej.

Gre za koncept, ki je globoko zasidran v naše življenje in v našo ustavo in je nekaj, kar močno čutimo, čeprav ga v ZDA nismo od nekdaj uresničevali. A prav lepota našega sistema je njegova sposobnost samoizboljševanja. Naša demokracija je nedokončan eksperiment.

Bi mislila enako, če bi bila zgolj povprečna Američana, ki živita v majhni hiši in le stežka najdeti konec s koncem?

J. Y. – Kmalu bova zgolj povprečna Američana, ki bosta živela v hiški in stežka našla konec s koncem. A menim, da bi bila zelo srečna, ponosna in zelo svobodna, kakor koli bi bilo. Pred kratkim je bila narejena študija, ki je poskušala izmeriti srečo. Pokazala je, da je denar preprosto ne more kupiti.

A. Y. – Mislim, da je svoboda v vsakem posamezniku. Sami si bomo narekovali, kaj je. Je v nas samih.

J. Y. – Mislim, da ne. Demokratična država ima ključno nalogo, da ohranja tvojo svobodo absolutno ter jo varuje in ti dopusti izražanje.

Ker se tvoja svoboda konča tem, kjer se začne svoboda nekoga drugega?

J. Y. – Da.

(KONEC)

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Volitve 2004: Konec "izrednih razmer"

LJUBLJANA – Glavna posebnost volitev, ki so pred nami, bo njihova relativna normalnost. Bolj kot kateri koli pred njimi bodo normalne v smislu primerljivosti z volitvami v stabilnih evropskih demokracijah.

Ozrmo se nekoliko nazaj. Prve demokratične volitve leta 1990 so bile bolj izrekanje o prelomu s starim režimom in staro državo kot pa izbira med jasno profiliranimi političnimi strankami.

Volitve v državni zbor, ki so sledile v letih 1992 in 1996, so bile z vidika ponujenih opcij in odločitev volivcev na svoj način prav tako drugačne od običajnega evropskega vzorca. Večina slovenskih volivcev se je želela na neki način izogniti odločanju o dilemi, s katero se sicer vedno znova soočijo povprečni evropski volivec: kateremu od obeh glavnih političnih blokov naj s svojim glasom pomaga do oblasti.

Domnevamo, da se je v ozadju razmišljanja slovenskega volivca skrivala nekakšna predstava o "zlati sredini", o nekakšni pravi poti, od katere sta – če se spomnimo na ti- sto znano Stalinovo izjavo – oba odklona "slaba",

tako levi kot desni. In tako so Slovenci najraje volili ne-leve-ne-desne graditelje velikih koalicij in velikih mostov. Logična posledica je bila praktična odsotnost menjav na vrhu oblasti. Če namreč obstaja prava "sredina", ki je po definiciji najbolj-ša, zakaj bi jo zamenjali z eno od "skrajnosti"?

Na tem je lahko skoraj slonela legitimnost velikih koalicij, ki so temeljile na trajni prevladi LDS in njenem zavezništvu s še eno ali več "konstruktivnih" strank. Ta model je postal za vladajočo elito in večji del volivcev tako samoumeven, da je bil v devetdesetih letih poskus Janševe SDS, da s predlogom večinskega sistema izsili nastanek dveh političnih blokov, obsojen na popoln poraz. Ta poraz se je v kombinaciji s še nekaterimi drugimi dejavniki najbolj jasno izrazil na volitvah leta 2000.

Nato pa je sama LDS, deloma ravno zaradi svojega zmagovalstva pred štiri leti, končno opustila model velikih koalicij, vsaj v smislu kooptiranja najmočnejšega člana iz nasprotnega bloka. Po odhodu Drnovška je temu sledilo še jasnejše "levičarsko" ideološko profiliranje vladajoče stranke.

Dogma "zlate sredine" je bila dokončno razbita. Ista LDS, ki je to dogmo najbolj zavzeto pomagala graditi, saj je skoraj desetletje dobro služila njenim interesom, jo je nazadnje tudi sama zrušila.

Padec dogme o nenadomestljivosti

Vladajoči stranki smo lahko – v imenu razvoja demokracije – hvaležni, da je približno istočasno pomagala zrušiti še eno problematično predstavo, ki jo je prej prav tako pomagala graditi. Recimo ji dogma o nenadomestljivosti.

V prejšnjem desetletju smo lahko poslušali in brali komentarje, ki so z vso resnostjo zatrjevali, da ne more biti slovenski premier nihče drugi kot Janez Drnovšek. In dlje

kot je bil Milan Kučan predsednik republike, teže so si slovenski volivci – pa tudi strankarske elite – na tem položaju sploh predstavljali koga drugega, kar nam jasno kažejo zaporedni rezultati predsedniških volitev.

Res je do zamenjave na vrhu izvršilne oblasti prišlo že leta 2000. Toda iz poročanja večine slovenskih medijev o Bajukovi vladi se je zdelo, da se je takrat skoraj podrł svet. Slovenski volivec, ki medijem, kot kažejo raziskave, zelo zau- pa, si je moral ob tem ustvariti kvečjemu vtis, da je zamenjava na oblasti hudo nevarna stvar in dogma o nenadomestljivosti se je verjetno še utrdila.

Dve leti pozneje pa sta jo uspešno razbila oba – do takrat – najbolj "nenadomestljiva" voditelja: Kučan, ki mu ustava ni dovoljevala še enega mandata in mu kaj drugega niti ni preostalo, ter Drnovšek, ki se je odločil za umik s premierske funkcije.

V trenutku, ko je Tone Rop prevzel vodenje vlade, Slovenija pa je to menda odlično prestala, je bil proces kolektivnega učenja demokracije obogaten s pomembno lekcijo: voditelji niso nenadomestljivi.

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Evolucija do navadnosti volitev

Konec "zlate sredine" in "nenadomestljivosti" sta nas pripeljala do razmer na letošnjih volitvah, katerih glavna "posebnost" je njihova navadnost.

Vse večje slovenske stranke so vključene v evropske politične povezave in so prek tega bolj prepoznavne. Lahko bi celo rekli, da so si pridobile nekakšne evropske certifikate, da so vsaj približno tisto, kar so njihove sestrške stranke v razvitih evropskih demokracijah.

Relevantne politične "sredine" ni – namesto nje je nastala dokaj enakovredna izbira med dvema blokoma. Pri tem se ve, da bo eden od njiju vodil izvršilno oblast, dru-

gi bo najverjetneje vodil opozicijo, vsem drugim pa bo ostala – bolj verjetno – vloga satelita ali (manj verjetno) vloga protestniškega prostega strelca.

Precej nepomembno je, ali nam je ta situacija všeč ali ne. Gre le za najbolj običajen demokratični model, do katerega je – sicer z manjšo zamudo – pripeljala evolucija slovenskega političnega sistema.

Iz tega izhaja bistveno dejstvo. Ne glede na to, kateri od obeh blokov – LDS-ZLSD ali SDS-NSi – bo na volitvah zmagal, bo Slovenija čez štiri leta še vedno normalna demokratska država, ki se bo, vključena v evroatlantske integracije, z večjimi in manjšimi težavami poskušala prebijati od razvojne polperiferije k razvitejšemu evropskemu jedru.

Res je – enemu od slovenskih političnih blokov bi bilo to za spoznanje bolje od rok kot pa drugemu, vendar danes nihče ne more vedeti, kateremu. O tem lahko imamo le politično mnenje.

O tem, katere politične stranke bi bile v teh okoliščinah "boljše" in katere "slabše", ni mogoče znanstveno ali strokovno razsojati, kot to nekateri danes sicer poskušajo in s tem sramotijo svoje akademske naslove.

Ob visoki družbeni kompleksnosti in majhnih realnih razlikah med političnimi opcijami ostaja samo še politična izbira – ko gre zanjo, pa so enako pametni tisti, ki o tem modrujejo za točilnim pultom, in tisti, ki svoje besede opirajo na zvone akademske nazive. Zato tudi mora na volitvah vsakomur pripadati natanko en glas.

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dragi misijonski prijatelji in sodelujoči, nas mora vedno znova povezati k izgradnji boljšega sveta. Jezus sam nas poziva, da smo pri tem iznajdljivi. Kaj vse ljudje storijo, da bi dosegli, kar so si zadali v življenju. Mi pa večkrat ne pokažemo novene izvirnosti pri delu za veselo oznanilo Odrešenja. Ali se sploh zavedamo, kaj je naš občečloveški cilj, po katerem naj bi vsi stremeli in si prizadevali za boljši svet? Za ono, kar nas vodi k Bogu?

Prejšnjo nedeljo, ko to pišem, smo praznovali Slomško-vo nedeljo, to je zadnja nedelja v septembru. V naravi opazujemo bogastvo sadov, ki so zrastle po božji dobroti in po prizadevanju človeških rok. Sredi te zoreče jeseni pa se kod narod in kot kristjani veselimo velikega sadu naše slovenske zemlje, svetniške osebnosti blaženega škofa Antona Martina Slomška. Ob 180. obletnici njegovega duhovništva se ga spominjamo in mu izkazujemo spoštovanje in se mu priporočamo. Ob njegovem predanem in krepostnem življenju se čutimo tako majhni in šibki. Vdano in hvaležno se mu priporočajmo prav v vseh potrebah in težavah, kajti on je naš priprošnjik.

Od srca do srca iz misijonskega sveta

Sr. Terezija Pavlič se je oglasila z Madagaskarja s krajšo zahvalo dobrotnici Stani Oven za bogat dar za popravilo dispanzerja.

Sr. Marija Pavlišič, tudi delujoča na Madagaskarju, se je oglasila dobrotnici iz New Jerseyja za bogati dar, ki ga je z velikim veseljem prejela, da bo zopet razveselila otroke z novimi oblekicami in to za letošnji božič, in da bo mogla zopet obdarovati zapornike in jim napraviti veselje.

Bog povrni obema dobrotnicama. Obe misijonarki obljubljata molitev za božji blagoslov dobrotnicama.

Laična misijonarja **Barbara Sterle** deluje v Sao Paulu, Brazilija. Pred odhodom v misijone je več let delala v Misijonski pisarni v Ljubljani. Piše zanimivo pismo:

"Naš misijon je na jugovzhodu Brazilije v državi Sao Paulo. Od glavnega mesta (tudi Sao Paulo) smo oddaljeni dve uri vožnje z avtom. To pomeni, da se od nas pa vse do glavnega mesta razprostirajo favele oz. naselja, v katerih živijo najrevnejši prebivalci Brazilije. Hiše v favelah so narejeni iz kartona, aluminija in drugih materialov, ki jih ljudje najdejo na odpadu. Ravno iz teh najrevnejših predelov so otroci v našem misijonu. Živimo namreč v skupjah s 60 otroki, ki so bodisi sirote bodisi odvzeti staršem. Jaz živim z enajstimi deklicami, saj so dvanajsto z imenom Mirjam ravno včeraj posvojili. Stara je bila dve leti, posvojili so jo v bližnje mesto Mogi das Cruzes.

Pri nas živeči otroci imajo vsak svojo življenjsko zgodbo in grozno je poslušati, kaj vse so morali prestati. Vsak svojo zgodbo pripoveduje s svojimi besedami, a je vse jasno. Ena deklica pripoveduje, da je njen oče vanje metal krožnike. Druga, da sta oče in mati vse otroke pretepala s pasom. A vendar sta za vse te otroke, nedolžne otroke oče in mati, najboljša na svetu. Vse naše deklice sanjajo, da bi se enkrat vrnile domov k očetu in materi. Ne premišljujemo o peklu, ki so ga morale prestajati.

Večina teh otrok so sirote. Mati in oče sta mrtva ali pa mati ne more preživljati otroke.

Tu pri nas je sedaj zima, temperatura se ponoči spuсти pod ničlo Celzije. Ko pa se čez dan pokaže sonce, se temperatura dvigne kar hitro na 20 stopinj C.

Dve deklici, Aleksandro in Bruno, smo našli, da sta živeli pod mostom. Lahko si predstavljate, kakšno je bilo to življenje. Kruto, nemogoče. Bog pa obrne vse v dobro. Ti dve deklici imata izreden občutek za naravo. Prvi sta, ki opazita lepoto sončnega vzhoda in zahoda. Takoj opozorita na barve neba pred nevihto. Pozorni sta tudi na živali. Z njima je najlepše opazovati zvezdnato nebo in luno. Ko smo bile nekoč na balkonu in opazovali lepoto stvarstva, sta se deklici začeli zahvaljevati Bogu za čudovite zvezde, luno, zapeli smo skupaj pesem Mariji. Kar ganjena sem bila nad temi lepimi dušami.

Moje glavno delo je delati z deklicami, s katerimi živim pod isto streho. Vsak od misijonarjev pa ima tudi druge zadolžitve. Jaz sem odgovorna še za finančno plat v računovodstvu. Pri tem delu se srečujem tudi z brazilskimi zakoni, ki se večkrat spremenijo kar čez noč. Poleg finančne plati misijona, skrbim tudi za stike s psihologinjo in šolskimi predpisi.

Na misijonu je že zgrajeno poslopje za šolo. Pouk v tem poslopiju bo začel naslednje šolsko leto. V tej šoli bodo poučevale sr. uršulinke in bo ena najboljših osnovnih šol v državi Sao Paulo. Do sedaj so se vsi otroci od našega zavoda vozili v najbližnje mesto, kar pa je bilo povezano z velikimi težavami s prevozom.

Javne šole ne slovijo ravno po kakovosti in v višji razred lahko napredujejo brez osvojenega predznanja.

Učitelji privatne šole se zelo trudijo, da bi učenci uspeli in nadaljevali šolanje v razrednih, kamor sodijo po starosti. Dvakrat na teden učitelji prihajajo na misijon in imajo dodatne privatne brezplačne ure pouka. Tako, da bi otroci dobili več znanja in tako tudi premagali marsikatero oviro v življenju. Otroci, ki so na misijonu, so namreč ožigosani kot otroci družbenega dna brez bodočnosti.

Vsi, ki ostajajo v favelah, se prej ali slej znajdejo na ulici, kjer se preživljajo s krajo in prostitucijo.

Na naš misijon prihajajo tudi otroci (stari 8-9 let), ki so se že dodobro naučili zakona ulice. Tam preživijo samo s krajo. Včasih se nam primeri, ko pride na misijon nov otrok in mi na to pozabimo. Pa nas kraja kakšnega izginulega predmeta opozori, da živimo z otroci iz ulice in da jih moramo prevzgojiti vsestransko. Nekaj naših otrok v zavodu je bila tudi že v zaporih, za mladoletnike, predno so bili sprejeti v naš zavod, a po nekaj letih prevzgoje postanejo popolnoma prevzgojeni, tako, da smo nanj lahko kar ponosni.

Misijonarji in vzgojitelji storimo kar moremo, da prevzgojimo, a zavedamo se, da brez božje pomoči ne gre in smo resnično nemočni. Bog je tisti, ki nam daje moči, ki zaliva in daje rast, mi pa smo orodje v božjih rokah. Zato prosimo tudi vas, ki boste čitali te vrstice, da nas podpirate, ne samo materialno, pač pa tudi z vašimi molitvami. Lepo pozdravljeni od nas vseh misijonarjev, vzgojiteljev in varovancev. Barbara Sterle."

Iz škofije Tezpur, Assam, Indija se je oglasil škof Robert Kerketa, z lepoto zahvalo za dar. G. Kerketa je bil bogoslovec, ko je g. Karel Wolbang začel z vzdrževanjem bogoslovcev za domači misijon. Leta 1964 so ga podpirale gospe iz Clevelanda. Takole piše:

"Iskreno se zahvaljujem za vašo ljubeznivost. Predvsem vsem, ki so kakorkoli darovali k daru, ki ste mi ga poslali. Spominjam se vseh živih in pokojnih dobrotnikov, prijateljev, g. Charlesa Wolbanga, katerega se posebno spominjam zelo dobro in kateremu sem zelo hvaležen. Pomagal mi je, ko sem študiral za duhovnika. Naj počiva v Gospodu. Naj Gospod blagoslovi tudi vse dobrotnike.

Takoj po veliki noči, tj. 12. aprila 2004, na velikonočni ponedeljek, sem se razbolel in sem še vedno priklenjen na posteljo. Potrudil sem se napisati nekoliko vrstic in odgovoriti na vaše pismo. Zagotavljam vam, da ste v naših molitvah vedno. Prosim, da bi še v bodoče pomagali našim misijonom v Tezpur. Prosim, molite tudi za mene, da bi čimprej ozdravel od te bolezni.

Vaš iskren +Robert Kerketa SDB, škof v Tezpur, Indija
P.S.: Škof Kerketa je obiskal g. Wolbanga v Princetonu za svoj 25. mašni jubilej. Ob tem srečanju je bil g. Karel že bolan. Obadva pa sta bila vesela tega srečanja.

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Delo fax, 25. sept. 2004

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