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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN APRIL

National Officers:

- Apr. 16 - Emily Skull, Regional President, Duluth, MN
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- Apr. 1 - Frances Korosec, Br. 59, Burgettstown, PA
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Apr. 4 - Margaret Gricar, Br. 71, Strabane, PA
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Apr. 24 - Charlotte Laurich, Br. 38, Chisholm, MN
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Apr. 17 - Mary Jo Hartman, Br. 71, Strabane, PA
Apr. 18 - Katherine Knuth, Br. 38, Chisholm, MN
Apr. 24 - Delores Puhek, Br. 2, Chicago, IL
Apr. 26 - Jennie Crea, Br. 52, Kitzville, MN

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apr. 11-12 - PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE, Br. 102, Willard, WI after all masses
Apr. 12 - CARD PARTY, Br. 12, Milwaukee, WI at John's Hall.
Apr. 12 - "B" GAMES PARTY, Br. 16, So. Chicago, IL at St. George's Church Hall.
Apr. 25 - RUMMAGE SALE, Br. 20, Joliet, IL
Apr. 26 - COMMEMORATIVE MASS, Br. 43, Milwaukee, WI, St. John the Evangelist Church, 8:45 a.m.
Apr. 26 - ANNIVERSARY MASS, Br. 73, Warrensville Hts., OH at St. Jude's Church, 10:30 a.m.
May 2 - MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON, Br. 47, Garfield Hts., OH at Quinn's Restaurant, Solon, 1 p.m.
May 3 - MOTHER OF THE YEAR DINNER, Br. 19, Eveleth, MN, at Amanda's Restaurant.
May 3 - PLANT SALE, Br. 102, Willard, WI, 1 p.m.
May 5 - MOTHERS DAY DINNER, Br. 14, Euclid, OH, 6 p.m. Call Vera Bajec 481-7473.

- May 6 - MOTHER OF THE YEAR DINNER, Br. 17, West Allis, WI at Kegel's Inn at noon.
May 6 - MOTHER OF THE YEAR PENNY SOCIAL, Br. 33, Duluth, MN
May 11 - MOTHER'S DAY BANQUET, Br. 89, Oglesby, IL
May 12 - MOTHER OF THE YEAR PARTY, Br. 57, Niles, OH at Paul's in McKinley Hts., 1 p.m.
May 13 - MOTHER OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON, Br. 43, Milwaukee, WI at Eleanor's, noon
May 15 - MOTHER-DAUGHTER LUNCHEON, Br. 54, Warren, OH at the Elks, Rt. 422, 1 p.m.
May 17 - MOTHER'S DAY MASS & BREAKFAST, Br. 1, Sheboygan, WI, 8:30 a.m.
May 20 - MOTHER OF THE YEAR DINNER, Br. 32, Euclid, OH



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FUTURE GROWTH OR STAGNATION?

How do we reach the prospective member? The old saying goes, "One rotten apple or rampant apathy in many cases, spoils the bushel." Our future members and leaders are watching. What will they see? Are there worms in those apples or do we perceive a super healthy organization? Today's women have very busy, scheduled lives, oftentimes too tired to reach out and become involved. Therefore, there is a natural tendency to be drawn to something pleasant, something beneficial.

When members gather in a group, how does the conversation filter out to those nearby? If referring to attending a meeting, completing a project, or your opinions about your officers, are your statements positive or negative? The future member will obtain a lasting impression of your group by its current members. When we adopt a positive attitude we will achieve healthy organizations one day at a time. It is difficult to convince someone to become involved with an ailing organization. Our modern lives are too demanding.

How do we inform the potential member? Start by listing the goals and accomplishments, including long-range planning. How we publicize events has a lot to do with the image we are creating.

As we spruce up our organization, we will be polishing those apples to a glowing shine. Only then will we have the capability of attracting "new members" by its healthy image.

Phase II of the S.W.U. Membership Campaign begins on April 1, 1992. An enthusiastic response to our plea for "new members" would be very much appreciated. We are specifically stressing the need to enroll Junior members, a vital factor for future growth in our organization. Parents and grandparents, we're depending on you!

As we celebrate Easter, let us rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May our family's tables be richly blessed with holiness, peace and joy!

Victoria "Tory" Bobence

As we prepare for Easter, I asked Fr. John Sustarsic, our Br. 35 Spiritual Advisor, to share a Lenten message with us and he graciously agreed.

Anne M. Orazem

L E N T

We have had an opportunity to watch the Winter Olympics at Albertville, France. We saw young people compete in snow and ice sports; they charmed us with their skill and speed. They were competing for highly cherished prizes: gold, silver, and bronze medals.

The Apostle Paul who was familiar with olympic games in Greece compared our Christian life to such games or, as he put it, to "races." Christian life is a race. It is not a competitive race, but one in which everyone is challenged to win the prize. And the prize is out of this world: eternal life. The Apostle challenges us, "Run so as to win!" (1 Cor. 9,24)

As baptized we are the adopted daughters and sons of God. Our task and challenge is to become more and more like Jesus, Christlike. At the end of our life, God



Fr. John Sustarsic

should be able to recognize in each one of us an image of His Son, Jesus and welcome us to Himself.

To become Christlike means to acquire the personality traits of Jesus, His noble characteristics, His way of thinking, loving, obeying God, and serving people. The Apostle Paul points out, "Athletes deny themselves all sorts of things. They do so to win a crown of leaves that withers, but, we, a crown that is imperishable." (1 Cor. 9, 25)

Christian life is worth every effort, and it calls for constant effort.

Once a year, the Church uses a period of time to challenge us to continue such efforts and gives us an opportunity to train, and thus to improve. We call that time LENT.

For forty days we are placed face to face with the suffering and death of Jesus to grasp better how precious and costly is the privilege of being God's daughters and sons. For forty days we are challenged to devote our energy and time to our growth in the likeness of Jesus.

You have spent many Lents and observed them in different ways. Let us make this Lent really a time of spiritual growth!

Report on the Success of Ohio-Michigan Regional Meeting

The Ohio-Michigan Regional Convention took place Sunday, September 29th, 1991 with a 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary's Church on Holmes Avenue, with Rev. John Kumse officiating. After the Mass a luncheon was served in the school hall.

At 1 p.m. meeting opened with prayer, with the Marie Prislant Cadets of Br. 50 and Honor Guards of Br. 32 reciting the Pledge of Allegiance while everyone stood at attention.

National auditor, Cirila Kermavner and Chairlady of the Nat'l Convention, Evelyn Majercik were present. Dorothyann Winter read the 1990 Convention minutes in the absence of Josephine Comenshek.

All reports were given by the 9 branches present (10, 14, 25, 32, 40, 42, 47, 50 and 73), for a total of 65 ladies in attendance.

A letter received from our Nat'l Pres. Tory Bobence was read - she wished us a very 'successful' convention.

We were happy to announce our new Scholarship Director, "Carita Girman". Our Best Wishes to her. She suggested to have a \$1,000 Scholarship in 1992 awarded in the name of Hermine Dicke, Past Scholarship Chairlady who held this office for 25 years. Our "Best Wishes" to her and her husband Bob and continued Good Health. God Bless You and "Thanks a million" for such a super job well done all those years. Bo Bog Plačov, all of the members present agreed that this was a very good idea.

During my years as Ohio-Mich. Regl. President, I tried to visit all the branches at their meetings. For the Mother of the Year and Christmas parties I was always invited and have enjoyed all of them very much. The friendships I have made throughout these years, I will cherish forever.

Our beautiful ZARJA magazine keeps coming every month. I always encourage the branches to have a reporter send in articles no matter how large or small. As I attend different affairs here in the Greater Cleveland area I very often hear comments such as, "I can't wait till my ZARJA comes, my husband reads it too!" Our "thanks" to our dear Editor Corinne.

I hope that all the branch members remember to add on an extra dollar to their yearly dues. Of course, this is due to inflation as we can all understand.

Our Cleveland Combined Branch meetings were dissolved. The Treasury was donated to the Slovene Home for the Aged on Neff Road. Our last get-together was in November - a dinner at Alexander's Restaurant on E. 222nd and Lakeshore Blvd. With all the branch members attending, we had a wonderful relationship for over 20 years, meeting every 2 - 3 months at the Edward Kovacic Recreational Center on St. Clair and the last 5 years at my house and the Euclid Public Library.

Being Ohio-Mich. Regl. Pres. for 10 years, some good, meaningful deeds have taken place such as: a \$2,000 Scholarship in memory of Frances Seitz, who was our Nat'l Youth Director; \$1,000 Scholarship in memory of Mary Bostian, who was our Nat'l Pres.; \$1,000 Scholarship for Sophie Magayna who was a dedicated Secretary of Br. 10 and also Ohio-Mich. Regl. Pres. and a \$1,000 Scholarship in memory of Albina Uehlein of Lorain, Ohio.

A donation of \$3,000 was given to the Slovene Home for the Aged, in order to purchase furnishings for one bedroom.

This was done in the name of the Slovenian Women's Union along with a plaque which bears our name. This was all done through the efforts of the Combined branches.

We also had the Cotillion Debutante Balls here, and large donations were given to the Home for the Aged. There are quite a number of SWU members who are residents living there. We are proud to have this nursing home, it has been rated one of the "tops" in the State of Ohio.

"Congratulations to Evelyn Majercik" of Br. 73, Warrs. Hts., Ohio who is the new Ohio-Mich. Regl. President. Here's hoping everyone will give her full cooperation as you have given me the past 10 years.

This being my final report I must say "Farewell, Dear Ladies", you will not be forgotten. I hope we will keep in touch. Keep up the good work in your branches, and have faith in our Zvezda, we must go on and do our best, in spite of our ages.

With Love, Prayer, Peace, and Good Health to all,

I remain as ever,

*Ann J. Tercek,
Former Ohio Mich. President*

Dear Contributors to the Hermine Dicke Scholarship

Many thanks for your thoughtful and most generous contributions to the Scholarship Fund in my name. It means more to me than I can adequately express in writing. Your support of the Scholarship Fund over the 25 years that I served as director has always been a heartwarming experience and we probably could make no greater contribution than to assist some of our young people to gain a higher education.

With love and warmest regards,

Hermine

SUCCESS WITH UNITY Campaign update as of March 1, 1992: The total of 165 includes 19 Class A with 3 Junior transferees, 107 Class B including 28 transferees and 39 Juniors.

Top seven branches are:

20, Joliet, IL	33
30, Home Office	13
50, Cleveland, OH	13
10, Cleveland, OH	11
34, Tower-Soudan, MN	11
73, Warrensville Heights, OH	11
2, Chicago, IL	10



HISTORY OF S.W.U. BRANCHES

Looking Back

to the Future

Branch #47, Garfield Heights, Ohio



In 1931, Founder of SWU, Marie Prisland visited Garfield Hgts. as a special, honored guest. She is seen 5th from left. Helen Tomazic, organizer of Br. 47 is 4th from left; and center is Fr. John Shiffrer, a great supporter of Zveza in its formation.

Branch 47 of Garfield Heights, Cleveland, Ohio was founded on June 17, 1931 at the home of Ursula Zala on Vineyard Ave. When first organized this branch had 104 members.

Charter members were: Frances Bricel, Antonia Dolinar, Antonia Davies, Danica Ducic, Mary Frank, Rose Kocivar, Val Mervar, Mary Richard. The first meeting was held on June 17, 1931.

Officers were:

President, Louise Zidanich

Vice President, Mary C. Bates

Secretary, Helen Tomazic

Treasurer, Antonia Dolinar

Recording Secretary, Jennie Pugelj

Auditors, Ida Brozic, Valentina Bizjak and Frances Bricel.

The meetings were held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at Bizjak's home at 8601 Vineyard Ave.

At that time a new membership drive for the organization was in progress. Branch 47 received the first prize, a Golden Memory Book, "Zlata Spominska Knjiga", which was presented to the branch by National President, Marie Prislant on Sept. 13, 1931.

Organizers, Helen Tomazic and Antonia Dolinar, (one of the few members that drove an automobile at that time), after the children went to school and their husbands went to work, would go out trying to get new members, canvassing the Garfield-Warner Road and East 93 St. area which was better known as "Na Jutrovem" or "Up The Hill."

By 1955 there were 128 members.

MEETINGS

Presently, the meetings are held at the Slovenian National Home, Maple Heights, Ohio, on the second Sunday of the month in March and Sept. During the months of May and December they are held on the first Sunday of the month.

The yearly meeting is held in the month of December and there is an election of officers and a pot luck Christmas party. In May, the Mother of the Year is honored with a special dinner and gifts.

FIVE YEARS OF HISTORY

The following history was compiled for the Fifth Anniversary Commemorative Program book of Branch 47 in 1936. It's a translation from the Slovenian language text:

Branch 47 of Garfield Heights, Ohio, was established in 1931, by Helen J. Tomazic and Antonia Dolinar. They had contacted 70 women and children who promised to enroll at the first meeting.

The first meeting was held on June 17, 1931. Albina Novak, First Vice President of the Supreme Board attended this initial meeting. It was the first branch to have such a large initial enrollment, forty-eight women and children in attendance. Then Mrs. Novak asked, "Where are the other 22 women who promised to join?" that question prompted the organizers to go out the next morning and check on the missing 22 ladies and talk to them once again. This proves that although the beginning may be difficult if you are of firm purpose you can achieve your goal.



Early leaders of Br. 47:
(seated) Helen Tomazic,
Theresa Bizjak, Jennie
Pugelj and Antonia Dolinar;
(standing) Ivanka Bizjak,
Anna Kresevic and Agnes
Russ.

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Officers during the tenth year in 1941 included: (front row): Mary Rickard, Antonia Dolinar, Louise Zidanich and Helen Tomazic; (second row): Louise Stopar, Frances Bricel, Anna Mareda and Mary Maurer.

When the SWU membership campaign ended, Branch 47 had achieved a total of 104 members! By the end of June they earned top prize and were awarded the "Golden Memory Book" for the year. This was the first branch to date that had enrolled so many members with the formation of a branch!

On September 13, 1931, Mrs. Marie Priland, the Supreme President came from Sheboygan to Branch 47 and delivered the "Zlata Spominska Knjiga," (The Golden Memory Book) on the occasion of a lovely program at the Slovenian National Home on 80th St.

One of the sister members, Jennie Praznik died, and she was remembered with prayer at the Fifth Anniversary. Otherwise, within the branch everything looked good and was progressing harmoniously and easily. The officers stated their pride in all of the members. They said, "It is obvious that this women's organization is necessary because before this, the ladies didn't know or see one another since they lived throughout the vicinity of Cleveland and Garfield Heights."

During the year of the jubilee campaign, when the branch celebrated its Fifth Anniversary, and the Slovenian Women's Union organization celebrated its Tenth Anniversary, the number of members increased by 56. On Sunday, new members were enrolled and they became part of the group.

Josephine Meserko obtained the most members and was given the title of Jubilee Princess of the SŽZ. Next was Mary Zupan who enrolled the most young girls in the branch to start the "Drill Team" and it was expected that the organization would make progress as youth is the blossom of every organization.

"Since the branch has experienced five years of harmony, (1936), it is hoped that in the future we will continue to work in the same manner and we will have a branch that will flourish so that when we celebrate our tenth anniversary we will have twice the number of members we now have. To the young women and ladies we extend an invitation to join our ranks under the flag of the Slovenian Women's Union. Don't wait any longer!

"A most sincere thank you to everyone. We are grateful to all for coming here to honor us. Thank you to the Reverend Fathers for the religious ceremony, the stage play, "Trojčkov," a general thank you to all who performed on the stage and made our program much better. Thank you to the editors of the "Ameriska Domovina" for publishing the information about our celebration.

"In the name of the officers a most cordial thank you to all who answered our request for advertisements in the commemorative booklet. It is our duty to return the kindness with our patronage.

The members of S.Ž.Z. #47"



Antonia Dolinar in the 1930's and at age 93 (1989) with her daughter, Jo Walters.



Louise Zidanec and Helen Tomazic in their Slovenian garb (1931); and Louise at age 83 in 1968.



PROGRAM

for the 5th Anniversary Celebration

POPOLDANSKI PROGRAM

Ob 3. uri blagoslovne zastave v cerkvi sv. Lovrenca. Po blagoslovljenju zastave se skupno odkoraka v S. N. Dom na 80. cesti. Predsednica Mrs. Terezija Bizjak otvori popoldanski program, pozdravi navzoče, ter nadaljnjo vodstvo programa izroči Mrs. Helen Tomazič.

1. Predstavitev sorodnikov in svatov zastave.
2. Deklamacije, petje in umetni ples malih deklic.
3. Sprejem članic pridobljenih v jubilejni kampanji.
4. Zastopniki drugih društev izrazijo svoje čestitke. Govori društvenih zastopnikov.

Pri popoldanski paradi igra godba sv. Lovrenca ter korakajo dekleta "Drill Team" od podružnic S. Z. Z. št. 50 in št. 47.

VEČERNI PROGRAM:

Nastop deklet št. 50 S. Z. Z. Živa slika Slovenske ženske Zveze.

IGRA "TROJČKI"

OSEBE:

MASLOVEC BOZIDAR, tovarnar iz Margarije.....	g. Gašper Segulin
BREDA, njegova žena.....	ga. Agnes Zagar
SREČKO SKUBEC, njen nečak.....	g. Tomaž Mrvar
STOJAN SKUBEC, odvetnik.....	g. Frank Snyder
JELKA, njegova žena.....	gdč. Josephine Jančar
PALVA, njena sestra.....	gdč. Josephine Vrček
LUIGI PAZZANELLI.....	g. Louis Curk
BABSEK, lastnik modne trgovine.....	g. Joseph Sustaršič
MARKO, uslužbenec pri odvetniku.....	g. Joseph Hrvat
SPELICA, uslužbenka pri odvetniku.....	gdč. Mary Grozdanič

Režiser-igrovodja: Rev. Julius Slapšak

PO IGRI PROSTA ZABAVA IN PLES

Igra Kulcar orkester



In the heyday of Slovenian culturalism in 1935, hundreds of our members proudly identified their Slovenian heritage by wearing their beautiful Slovenian national costumes in public. Members from Branches 47 and 15 are seen here. The occasion was the unveiling and dedication of the Baraga Statue in Cleveland's Cultural Gardens.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND BLESSING OF THE BANNER, 1936



Another page of the commemorative booklet listed the sponsors for the Fifth Anniversary and Flag Blessing held on June 7, 1936.

The blessing of the flag was held at 3 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church. After that a program was held in the Slovenian Home on E. 80th St. Supper was served at 7 p.m. Attendance to the afternoon activities was free but supper was 35 cents.

SPONSORS OF THE FLAG, 1936

Godfather and Godmother: Mr. Louis L. Ferfolia and Mrs. Mary C. Bates

Father: Dr. Anthony J. Perko, substituted by Mr. John Zulich

Mother: Mrs. Marie Mafko

Grandfather & Grandmother: Mr. Anton Grdina and Mrs. Alojzija Zidanic

Mayor & His Wife: Judge Frank J. Lausche and Mrs. Agnes Zagar

Uncle and Aunt: Mr. and Mrs. Anton Strojic, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Filipic and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mareda

Brothers & Sisters: Mr. & Mrs. John Kocevar, Dr. John J. Folin, Miss Emilija Zidanic, Mr. Victor Opaskar and Mrs. Marie Korosec

Cousins: Mr. Rudolph Novak, Mrs. Marie Zeleznik,

Dr. N.G. Pharis D.C., Miss Marie Mauer, Mr. August Kollander and Miss Antonia Barbic

Friends: Mr. Anton Mervar, Miss Val. H. Bizjak, Mr. John Spech, Miss Frances Bricel, Mr. Frank Koracin, Miss Julia Bizjak, Mr. Frank Yane, Miss Rose Yane, Mr. Peter Bizjak, Miss Marie R. Locniskar, Mr. Joseph Vivic, Miss Jean Russ, Mr. Ralph Bizjak, Miss Rose M. Locniskar, Mr. Victor Pozar, Miss Jennie Praznik, Mr. Frank Kastelec, Miss Alvira Brozic, Mr. Frank Bricel and Miss Terezija Praznik

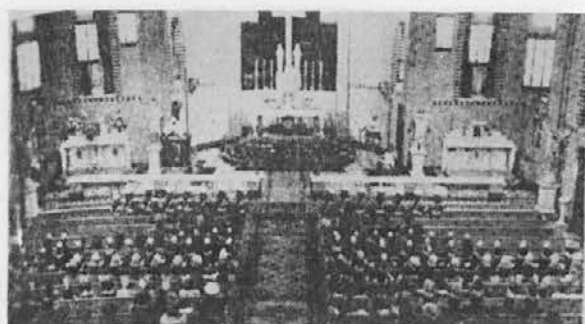
Colour-Bearer: Mrs. Ivanka Pugelj

CADETS

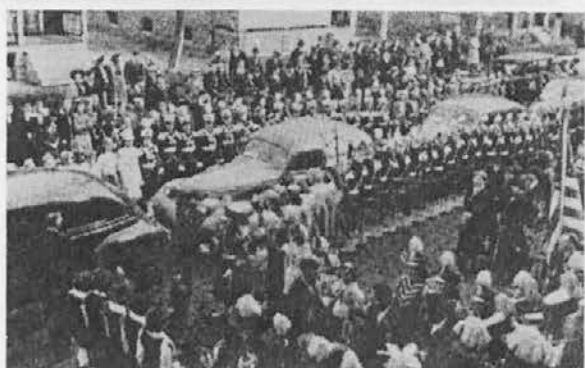
The first group of cadets called, "St. Theresa, The Little Flower Cadets" were active some fifty years ago in the 1940s. The colors of the uniforms were white and purple.

The first group of cadets were: Josephine Hocevar, Julie Zele, Mary Haffner, Mary Sadar, Mary Stopar, Rose Locniskar, Dorothy Blatnik Chesnik. The captain was Eleanor Hrovat Malensek. The Mascot was Millie Bolek Zagar.

When Helen Tomazic Jerman became captain a new group joined: Vicki Hocevar, Millie Russ Slak, Rose Mary Bizjak, Ann Corsi, Antonia Malley Klein, Annie Novak, Mary Catherine Turk Krakowiak.



LITTLE FLOWER CADETS OF BR. 47



The first Drill Team was organized in 1937 – right photo is the earliest we have. Later, they regrouped and in 1941 blessed their new banner at St. Lawrence Church in Newburg. One of the Cadet Captains was Mary Sadar, (right), another was Helen Tomazic Jerman.



Honored guests at the Drill Team Flag Blessing in 1941



(Front row): Mrs. Opaskar, Mrs. Kovach, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Mally, Amelia Sadar, Rev. Louis Baznik, Mrs. Perko, Ruth Prijatelj, Mrs. Holtz; (second row): Frank Opaskar, Joseph Kovach, Anton Meljac, Dr. J.W. Mally, Mascot Rita Perko, Dr. F.J. Perko, Louis Ferfolia, Anton Grdina, Mr. Toth, John Perhne, drillmaster, J.C. Holtz; (third row): Mary Zupan, Louise Zidanich, Helen Tomazic, Mary Rickard, Louise Stopar; (fourth row): Cadets, Pauline Stopar, Mildred Russ, Lillian Pugel, Rose Bizjak, Mary Sadar, Josephine Ludwik, Eleanore Tomazic; (fifth row): Cadets, Frances Gregel, Helen Tomazic, Antonia Mally, Marion Tomazic, Josephine Pugel, Louise Volkov and Ludmila Zagar.

MOTHERS OF THE YEAR

The members have honored a "special" mother annually with a dinner which is attended by members, her husband and children. Formerly it was held as a Pot Luck Dinner at the Slovenian Home but recently the members have switched to a restaurant as the site for their observance.

The Branch presents the "special mother" with a corsage, and gift certificate. She also receives a small gift from all the other members and it is amazing at what nice gifts the ladies seem to find for around a \$1.00.

The Mothers of the Year since they have been recorded have been:

1951	Helen Tomazic	1967	Agnes Russ	1980	Antoinette Janders
1956	Theresa Bizjak	1968	Jennie Gerk	1981	Rose Kocivar
1957	Alojzia Zidanec	1969	Mary Vlcek	1982	Mary Mundson
1958	Antonia Dolinar	1970	Jennie Praznik	1983	Jennie Firm
1959	Jennie Pugelj	1971	Mary Sholar	1984	Frances Persin
1960	Anna Kresevic	1972	Mary Peternel Godec	1985	Mary Taucher
1961	Jennie Dedek	1973	Stefania Mahnic	1986	Ann Mareda
1962	Rosalyn Shuster	1974	Ann Christofec	1987	Julie Mezgec
1963	Mary Seme	1975	Mary Culkar	1988	Olga Dorchak
1964	Agnes Zagar	1976	Ann Harsh	1989	Elsie Lavrencic
1965	Mary Rusjan	1977	Val Mervar	1990	Elsie Spellacy
1966	Jennie Bizjak	1978	Jennie Segulin	1991	Margaret Bizjak
		1979	Elsie Gazdecki		



Mother of the Year, Elsie Spellacy and Family



Mother of the Year, Jennie Gerk (1968) and a good friend of Br. 47, Andy Harsh.



Members enjoying the Branch's Christmas parties with their families and friends.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

On September 17, 1991, Branch 47 observed its 60th Anniversary with a dinner and program. Charter members and members of long standing were honored at this event. Each lady was presented with a corsage.

A Slovenian dinner was served, family style, to 110 people and consisted of fried chicken, sausage, sauerkraut, breaded veal, Slovenian wedding potatoes, salad and vegetables. Potica, flancate, pastries and wine completed the delicious dinner.

Each table was covered with a white linen tablecloth and red napkins. Lovely red carnations centered each of the tables making the banquet a lovely as well as a delicious event.

Special Members

Louise Zidanic

Mrs. Louise Zidanic was the first president of Branch 47 and her daughter, Louise Zidanic recalls her mother's presidency.

"I remember two things about my mother's presidency. We were all so proud of her. I remember her practicing the speech she was to make. The day arrived and she was so nervous. She started giving her speech but she was so nervous she couldn't go on with it. Someone else took over. Another remembrance is of my mother as a 'woman's liber' in her own way, in her own time. She had her own little business called the Larkin Club Company, similar to Avon but she sold household products, plus lamps, cooking utensils, etc. People ordered things from her and she would send away for products. It entailed a whole lot of work filling the forms and I would help her.

"When I addressed the envelope I can just hear her words. 'Make it big--Make it big so the mailman can read it.' This comes back to me now because as I am older, my eyes appreciate things big.

"She was a great cook. I remember her cooking for a wedding. Also, when Marie Prisland came to town for a big National SZZ meeting and stayed at our house, we cleaned and cleaned as this was such a big thing to my mother. Mrs. Prisland was the National President of the SZZ and all we kept hearing was, Do it, Mrs. Prisland's coming.

"Then I remember Easter. My mother would do the work: The hard boiled eggs, the potica with a hole in the middle which represented Jesus's crown, the horseradish which represented the thorns, or nails and she would put it all in a nice basket and my sisters and I would take it to church to be blessed."

Jennie Pugley

Jennie Pugely (Pugelj) was secretary of Branch 47 for twenty-five years. She recruited many members at the time the group was organized. Later, her three daughters joined in the activities with their mother.

There was a Drill Team, special Mother's Day and Christmas celebrations and she especially enjoyed the Conventions and the many trips she took with the SWU groups.

Soon after Jennie and her husband, Frank, became citizens, they wrote out the requirements for citizenship phonetically, helping many others to become citizens.

Jennie enjoyed the trip to Washington, D.C. to dedicate the Slovene Chapel at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in 1971. She took active part in this building drive and was rarely found without tickets for some fund raiser. Jennie also sold many cookbooks for the SWU.

Antonia (Kebe) Dolinar

Antonia was born in Cerkljica, emigrated to America and settled in West Virginia, then moved to Cleveland where she married and eventually became active in the SZZ.

Living on the outskirts of Cleveland near Garfield Heights, away from Slovenian friends and relatives, motivated Antonia to learn to drive a Model T Ford in 1924. Helen Tomazic, a dear friend and neighbor, wanted to organize a branch of the SZZ, so in 1931, they both set out to recruit members in the 1929 Essex car.

The first meeting was held in Ursula Zala's basement with 101 members present. Antonia was elected Treasurer, a position she held for almost forty years.

During the depression years, the ladies would get together and sew a "Powder Puff Bedspread" and sell raffle tickets for 10 cents to make money for the "blagajna", the Slovenian word for treasury.

Even though Antonia stopped driving at the age of 89, she still enjoyed going to her beloved lodge meetings with her daughter, Jo Walters. (see photos on page 7.)



Helen and Frank Tomazic in 1984.

Helen Knific Tomazic

Helen Tomazic was born in Valburga, Slovenia, and upon arrival to the U.S. in 1920, lived with her sister, Theresa Bizjak, until she married Frank in 1923.

In 1930, she became active in the SZZ and with her dear friend and neighbor, Antonia Dolinar, recruited members from the neighborhood for the formation of Branch 47. The branch won first place in the membership campaign of 1931 with Mrs. Tomazic and herself enrolling 104 members in less than one month.

Helen attended all the National Conventions during her active years. She was the first Secretary of Branch 47 for many years and Secretary of Branch 50 for 10 years. Helen also was elected a member of the Supreme Board as auditor.



(Right): Jennie Praznik and her sister, the current Vice-President, Mary Mundson; (center): Helen Bizjak; (right) The beautiful Branch Banner was displayed at their

60th Anniversary celebration, reminding everyone of the long and meaningful history of Br. 47. John and Mary Taucher, loyal participants, are seen here.

Jennie Praznik

Jennie, along with her mother Ivana and her sister Rose, were enrolled in the SZZ in 1932, by Louise Zidanec.

A few years later, her mother was the first member from Branch 47 to pass away to her eternal reward. Six ladies from the branch acted as pall bearers.

In 1935, Jennie and her sister Rose were selected to be sponsors for the Fifth Anniversary and the Flag Blessing.

Jennie was elected Recording Secretary in 1964, and has remained in that capacity ever since. Jennie could speak and understand Slovenian but could not write the language, so she wrote the Minutes in English even though the meeting was conducted in Slovenian. The members at that time did not mind.

In 1970, she was chosen "Woman of the Year" an honor well-deserved for her many active years.

Jennie's sister, Mary A. Mundson, is Vice President of Branch 47 at the present time and many of her relatives are members of the SWU.

Therese Bizjak

Therese Bizjak was a leader, motivator and devoted SWU member. She was president of the branch for fifteen years and attended all meetings and activities of other branches. Her home was a gathering place for fraternal, civic and church affairs.

Therese was born in the Village of Spiednik near Ljubljana and she emigrated to America in 1912. She married Peter Bizjak, a distinguished cabinet maker. Her children Val and Ralph were also active in charitable and church affairs.

This energetic lady was an excellent cook and baker and her specialty was "Krofe" which she made for weddings and banquets. She went to her eternal reward on July 17, 1977. She is remembered fondly by her sister members.

Mary Taucher

Mary has been Secretary of the branch since 1979, when she transferred from Branch 15. She was asked to accept the position on a temporary basis but it turned out to be a permanent one. Mary is a dedicated officer and member who has attended the past four conventions. Her first plane trip was to her first SWU Convention in Duluth, Minnesota. Those were two very exciting experiences.

Mary's parents were Slovenian immigrants from the Primorska region. Her mother, Mary Sturn, came from Gradišče and her father, Joseph, came from the next village of Obrov. They met and married in Slovenia then emigrated to Davis, West Virginia, where her father worked in a lumber camp until they moved to Cleveland where Mary was born.

Mary and her husband, John, will observe their 60th wedding anniversary in 1992. They have three children who will help them celebrate this important event.

Besides the SWU, Mary is active in other organizations like AARP and the Boy Scout Mother Auxillary of which she is a charter member for 40 years and the present secretary. Accuracy, neatness and a beautiful handwriting are characteristic of a good secretary and Mary has all three qualities. She's doing a fine job for the branch.

CURRENT MEMBERS

Boncsner, Esther; Bricel, Frances; Brne, Antonia; Cergol, Jennie; Cermelj, Jennie; Davies, Antonia; Dolinar, Antonia; Ferolia, Mary; Gerk, Jennie; Davies, Antonia; Dolinar, Antonia; Ferfolia, Mary; Gerk, Jennie; Godec, Josephine; Hocevar, Victoria; Hrovat, Dolores M.; Kocovar, Teresa; Korman, Mary A.; Kondus, Sophie; Korosec, Marie; Komar, Josephine; Lavrencic, Elsie, A.; Leqa, Josephine; Praznik, Jennie; Turkovich, Mary; Vidakovich, Mary; Vlcek, Mary; Zagar, Agnes and Zupancic, Jennie.

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Also: Rose Ban, Margaret Bizjak, Ludmilla Bolek, Dorothy Cabot, Helen Culkar, Mary A. Culkar, Marie A. Culkar, Jeanette E. Culkar, Barbara Culkar, Diana Lee Dorchak, Olga Dorchak, Katheen J. Dorchak, Marie E. Drobnik, Mary Ann Drobnik, Kenneth E. Drobnik, Mary Fabjancic, Katherine Gasparic, Ann M. Harsh, Jodi Hrovat, Antoinette M. Janders, Mary Rose Kociancic, Stefania Mahnich, Frances Mauer, Valentina Mervar, Julia F. Mezgec, Paulina Mocnik, Mary A. Mundson, Barbara Nawalaniec, Frances Persin, Judith M. Freeman, Jessie Pigot, Cherryl M. Pinter, Elaine C. Pinter, Ethel Praznik, Pauline Rohal, Mary Sholar, Mary J. Skul, Agnes M. Slak, Elsie M. Spellacy, Caroline Stare, Judy Strazisar, Eleanore Strazisar, Mary Taucher, Rose Vatovec, Katherine M. Wallace, Helen Yerman, Darlene Zagar, Angela Zakrajsek.

CURRENT OFFICERS OF BRANCH 47

President, Olga Dorchak
Vice President, Mary Mundson
Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Taucher
Recording Secretary, Jennie Praznik
Auditors, Elsie Lovrencic, Margaret Bizjak



Christmas, and 1988 Officers celebrate: Mary Mundson, Pres., Olga Dorchak, Vice-Pres., Mary Taucher, Sec'y-Treas. (standing); Elsie Lavrencic and Ann Harsh, Auditors and Jennie Praznik, Rec. Sec'y.



In 1990, the Officers were: Ann Harsh, Auditor, Mary Mundson, Pres., Mary Taucher, Sec'y-Treas., Elsie Lavrencic, Auditor, Olga Dorchak, Vice-Pres., and (seated) Jennie Praznik, Rec. Sec'y.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Laura E. Bossard, Veronica Culkar, Laura Culkar, Jennifer A. Drobnik, Edward Drobnik, Robin Green, Sarah E. Green, Lisa Green, Kristen M. Green, Andrew M. Harsh, Anne M. Kemmerling, Beth Marie Kociancic, Jason Maley, Anthony Maley, Anthony Mezgec, Allison E. Mundson, Courtney L. Mundson, Jennifer Nawalaniec, Mary Jo Nawalaniec, Sarah J. Spellacy, Samantha Spellacy, Laura J. Voicik, Elizabeth C. Wallace.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Christina Fernchak, Ann Rogers, Jennie Segulin, Mary Kresevic, Jennie Bizjak, Mary Richards, Jennie Dedek, Stefanie Novak, Danica Ducic, Mary Ivanovich, Mary Zeleznik, and Ivana Praznik, the first member that passed away.

Also: Louise Zidanic, Frances Cergol, Terezia Bizjak, Roselyn Shuster, Helen Tomazic, Pauline Pigot, Agnes Russ, Ida Brozic, Eva Ozbolt, Rose Praznik, Victoria Williams, Ann Zidanic, Josephine Hovevar, Julia Oberstar, Rose Bergoc, Frances Cergol, Mary Skerl, Pauline Pervanja, Louise Kastelic, Mary Godec, Antonia Rozman, Catherine Perko Meserko, Mary Barbic Kortavic, Josephine Kmet Pistotnik, Frances Firm, Jennie Firm, Jennie Cvelbar Lozar, Frances Jakulin, Christina Skocaj, Katherine Yurichak, Mary Russian, Mary Seme, Frances Bricel, Rose Vatovec, Mary Rozance, Victoria Arnsek, Mary Sims, Antonia Silla, Jennie Zala, Angela Magovec, Josephine Gerlica, Rose Frank, Mary Frank, A. Zagar Matko, Ursula Stojin, Mary Bates, Josephine Ludvig, Ivana Praznik, Ivanka Bizjak, Mrs. Mulh, Frances Lozar, Mary Cergol, Mary Vitkovitz, Jennie Sternberger, Gloria Novak, Sophie Zarembski, Julia Gorski, Mary Prosen.

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

Frances Bricel, Antonia Davies, Antonia Dolinar, Victoria Hovevar, Agnes Zagar, Jennie Zupancic, Frances Mauer, Val Mervar, Mary Skul, Mary Taucher, Mary Ferfolia, Jennie Gerk, Rose Koccevar, Mary Koman, Mary Korosec, Mary Vidakovich, Mary Vlehek, Katherine Gasparic.

Also deceased members: Mary Ivanovich, Mary Zeleznik, Mary Frank, Katherine Perko, Mary Godec, Ann Mareda, Jennie Sternberger.

The End

The information for Branch 47 was sent by Mary Taucher, Secretary of Branch 47. Other contributors were: Jennie R. Praznik, Val Mervar, Louise Zidanic, Jo Walters, Helen Tomazic Jerman. We apologize if any name was inadvertently omitted from the list.

Many thanks to all for your cooperation with this branch history.

*Irene M. Odorizzi,
Heritage Director*

ACTIVITIES

NO. 1, SHEBOYGAN, WI

On May 17th we will have our Mother's Day Breakfast to honor all members of Branch 1. Rev. Fr. Fleishman will celebrate the 8:30 am. mass. Afterward, breakfast will be served in the church hall. Please call Ruth, Janet or Aggie by May 13th if you are planning to attend.

All members of Branch 1 are cordially invited to join us.

Happy Easter.

Happy Spring.

God takes care of everything.

AGGIE

NO. 2, CHICAGO, IL

Our February Valentine meeting was meaningful in many ways: the hall was decorated in red and white hearts by Ray Nusko. Josie and Helen made beautiful favors. Mary Foys' centerpieces were fans/flowers. Our theme was "LOVE For One Another". Meeting began with prayer. Pres. Fran read a beautiful poem on the meaning of Love; she thanked all those who brought food for the cheer basket for our neighbors who are in need.

Topics of Discussions:

Picnic...Keep the date open. July 19. Booklets for prizes will be sent to each member. It will be a great day outdoors.

"Brag Pig" - This month it was emptied, counted by the auditors and we will try to fill it again. When we have sufficient funds, a trip is in the future. First filling netted \$139.00.

Dues! Don't forget to pay; it's already April.

Convention in Las Vegas??? for SWU??? Still on the drawing board.

Cheer Basket - Please remember the needy.

June 6 - "Spring Fest" for the benefit of St. Stephen's Church. It will be outdoors. All lodges, societies and parishioners will be involved. Lamb roast, hot dogs, games for young and old, music, so keep the date open - one day only. Let's get St. Stephen's out of debt!

Voted for **Woman of the Year:** Sharon Nauzuinas, our treasurer.

Baraga Mass - Lemont, IL is at

5:00 p.m. the last Saturday of each month. Please try to attend.

Our flag was draped in February in memory and love for the loss of our 11 members in 1991 and Frances Brencic in January. Fran read a very touching prayer and then we all said silent prayers while a tape played the "Ave Maria". Please remember all of them in your prayers that they will rest in peace. May God bless them all.

Father Blase told us about Frederick Spe of Slovenia. He was very interested in witches which was a very popular topic in his time. He wrote a book, but the people in his country did not approve of it.

During the social part of our meeting, ladies were treated to a light supper, as well as a big birthday cake, ice cream and cookies to help our Recording Secretary, Jean Hraster, celebrate her birthday. She is quite a baker. Happy birthday to all our Valentine members.

Sister Cindy and her School Parents Committee once again prepared a spaghetti dinner for the benefit of the school. They also had some beautiful prizes. The dinner was delicious! Each year it gets better. What will they come up with next?

Some of our members went to Milwaukee with the Slovenian Radio Club for a Slovene Mardi Gras. Everyone had a good time, some came home with blisters on their feet from dancing!

We have a new member, Frank Pristave. He always attends our meetings and helps at all the affairs.

Wasn't it wonderful to see the Slovenian and Croatian Flags during the Olympics in Albertville? And we were all thrilled to see and hear Charles Kuralt when he told us that he was looking for "his" people, the Slovenes. They did not win any medals but the years ahead will be great for all our people. Freedom, what a sweet word.

Please remember all our members who are not able to attend our meetings in your prayers.

Happy Easter to all.

Love,

DAISY

NO. 5, INDIANAPOLIS, IN

REJOICE LADIES FOR SPRING IS HERE!

Branch 5's business meeting was held on Thursday, February 20th. I would like to thank the ladies who were there for their support and attendance. At this meeting, Sophie Turk told us about the newly published SWU cookbooks. Sophie has agreed to head up the sale of these cookbooks. If anyone would like to help sell or buy a cookbook you can contact Sophie at 247-1015.

DUES ARE DUE. If you have any questions about what you owe, call Mary Frances Mohr at 852-8305. The dues should be sent to:

Mary Frances Mohr
16 Windsong Court
Brownsburg, IN 46112

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 14th at 11:00 a.m. at the Slovenian National Home. We will be celebrating Mother's Day and honoring our Mothers of the Year. Please plan to attend and bring a covered dish.

I recently received a letter from a member saying that since she works and cannot attend the day meetings, she did not know who the other members are. She requested that we send her a member's list. She also mentioned that she is sharing her copy of ZARJA - The Dawn to try and spark interest of others whom she knows are of Slovenian descent. **CONGRATULATIONS** on trying to enroll new members and becoming more active.

Do not forget there are others who are not members that may like to be. Why not ask? Also, do not forget that we have junior memberships for those under 18. I am proud to say that the Mohr clan has added another baby girl to its fold. Molly Frances Mohr, granddaughter of Mary Frances Mohr, was born on February 3rd and is now a member of the SWU!

Submitted by,

BARBARA MOHR

MEMBERS ARE OUR TREASURE!

NO. 12, MILWAUKEE, WI

February was a beautiful month and we had a nice turnout on meeting day. No snow, no ice, no excuses to be absent from the meeting. We were treated to a good dinner with many delicious desserts. Phyllis, you are spoiling us. We had a few birthday girls who donate toward our lunches. The members donate some nice prizes for our money maker and after the meeting, we play our famous games.

We discussed our card party to be held on April 12th at John's Hall on 35th and Lincoln. Members are asked to bake for the bake sale and hope we will have a nice turnout so we will make some money for our Convention.

The State Convention was also discussed.

We missed Tillie Russ as she spent a few days in the hospital. Glad to hear the reports are good. We wish all our sick members good health and hope the spring will chase all the bugs away. Hope to see Katie Zalesnik soon. We miss you, Katie!

A lot of members pay their dues by mail. We would appreciate it if you would enclose a postage stamp for your return mail as postage keeps going up all the time. Thanks for your consideration.

We discussed a social but details are still vague. I'm sure you will enjoy it when we finalize plans.

Of course, Valentine month was special, so we were treated to a home-made candy chocolate heart, by who else but Agnes Morrow, our candy lady! There was other candy, too, so we thank you all.

Our meetings are short and interesting, so attend and join in the fun.

A Happy Easter to all!

MARY KIEL

NO. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

We had a lovely Valentine Party before our February meeting. Hot dogs and all the trimmings provided by our lodge and desserts provided by the members.

Again, thanks to our secretary, Mooreen Spencer, for keeping me aware of the news. Zorka Yukojevich wishes all her sister members good health and happy new year.

"Aunt" Kate Lampe has to be very proud of her nieces, Annie Marie De-

Bono and Joelle De Bono. They both joined the lodge in 1978. Anne Marie transferring to adult class in 1988 and now, Joelle, who turned 18 in 1991, has also become an adult member. We are very proud and honored to have them keep our Slovenian Heritage going.

We wish our dear member, Kay Mahar, and her honey, Ed, a very happy 53rd Wedding Anniversary on April 9th. Also, congrats on being great grandparents! A new baby boy!

We send get well wishes to member, Mary Merver. She broke her right arm and we hope she is in the mend.

Also, love and thoughts to members who can no longer join us: Tillie Kam-bick, Ann Vercelli, Mary Ansel and others we think of so often.

If you have news you would like to share with other Zveza sisters, please let me know. I love hearing from you.

A very Blessed and Happy Easter!

BEVERLY JACKSON

NO. 14, EUCLID, OH

This mild winter has our tulips, crocus, hyacinth, and daffodils peaking through the earth reminding us that a reborn spring is just around the corner.

Another reminder that our monthly meetings are held at an earlier time... 6:00 p.m. This seems to be a more convenient time for our members and perhaps some of you who have not attended in the past can attend. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, except for summer months of July and August, at Slovenian Society Home on Recher Ave.

Call Vice-Pres. Vera Bajec at 481-7473 for reservations for our annual Mother's Day Dinner on Tuesday, May 5 beginning at 6:00 p.m. On that day, Secretary Diane Varney will be honored as Mother of the Year for her diligence and hard work.

Condolences to the family of member Frances Mochnick (Cesen), who had been a resident at Slovene Home for Aged, and who was buried on the day she would have been 97 years old. May our Benevolent Lord bless our dearly departed loved ones.

As we await the holiest of holidays, we wish everyone a Blessed Easter and a spring that will be a wonderful blend of sunshine and flowers and joys without end!

ALICE KUCHAR

NO. 16, CHICAGO, IL

Twenty-two members came out to the February meeting to enjoy the Valentine's Day festivities. The beautiful heart and cupid decorations were made by Sylvia Spretnjak and each member received a heart name tag ornament and candy hearts. We celebrated Mary Kriznarich and Mary Rago's birthdays.

Our sympathy goes out to Frances Zupancic whose husband, John, passed away. Her surgery turned out most successfully and we are looking forward to having her as our Mother of the Year.

Ruth (Kuhel) Cubra of Medsai, Arizona celebrated her 80th birthday recently and several of her friends joined her for birthday cake and coffee.

Gladys Buck's niece, Barbara Ireland and husband, Tom, vacationed at Disneyworld in Orlando, Fla. where they celebrated Jason's Golden Birthday on Feb. 9th and Kelly had her picture taken with Pooh Bear.

Vida Kumse did a marvelous job writing the Minutes and we are truly fortunate that she accepted the job of recording secretary. We are looking forward to more of her good works. Marge Prebil's granddaughter had some of her art work displayed at the Theatre of Performing Arts in Munster, Ind.

Zora Yurkas is now residing at the Hammond Whiting Convalescent Center, 1000 — 114th St., Whiting, Ind. 46394. Angeline Torkar fell in her home and is convalescing. She recently lost her daughter, Anne.

Polly Klobucar had hip surgery in November and is completely recovered. She also celebrated her 91st birthday in February. She says she misses her Slovenian friends. Her address is: Polly Klobucar, c/o St. Joseph's Residence, 370 Pembroke, Dallas, TX 75008.

Alvina Sreboth is still confined to her home. We will remember her in our prayers. Send messages and cards to: Alvina Sreboth, 10948 Ave. L., Chicago, IL 60617.

Dolores O'Brien called and wished everyone a Happy Valentine Day. She is vacationing in Florida, trying to overcome her health problems. She would enjoy hearing from you, too: Dolores O'Brien, 16712 Elm St., Dolton, IL 60473. We are waiting to hear from Romaine O'Brien, her sister, pertaining to the Convention to be held in LaSalle, in October.

Steffie Golub and Gloria Serapin were knitting up a storm this winter as they both donated afghans and pillows to match for our yearly Bunco Party on April 12th. We really appreciate their handi-work. Please ladies, remember to bring your prizes to the next meeting.

Your response was great in getting your dues payments to our secretary. If dues are not paid by May meeting, you will be suspended.

Mary Puterko had heart surgery and is in St. Francis Hospital. Keep her in your prayers, also. E. W.

NO. 17, WEST ALLIS, WI

Our Valentine's Day party at the close of our meeting was a nice way to chase away the winter blahs. We also celebrated two birthdays: Loni Limoni and Mitzi Marolt. The treats of candy and carrot cake were enjoyed as we sang Happy Birthday to them.

Just a reminder: We will honor our Mother of the Year, Katie Matzelle at a 12 o'clock luncheon at Kegel's Inn on So. 59th and National Ave., on Wed. May 6th. Please plan to attend and make this a happy and memorable day for Katie. If you plan to attend, please contact secretary, Robin Marolt or president, Marion Marolt at 321 3871 so reservations can be made.

Please note: When paying your dues for the year add \$1 for the general fund of SWU to help defray some of the operating costs. If sending in your dues, send to Robin at 1512 S. 53rd St., West Allis, WI 53214. Telephone is 327 1444.

Coming Events worth attending: The USPEH chorus will present their spring concert on Sunday, April 5th at 2:30 in the afternoon at the Greenfield High School Auditorium, 60th and Layton Ave. You can obtain tickets from any chorus member or John Frangesh, telephone 541 0443. Sloga Lodge #3 will hold their dinner dance and recognition of 50 year members on Sat. April 25th at Kuglitsch's on So. 43rd and Greenfield Ave., and tickets can be obtained from sec'y, Adolph H. Kovacic, telephone is 545 5402.

A speedy recovery to Molly Mathea and Katie Matzelle and to all our sick and shut in members. May the beginning of spring bring renewed strength and the return to good health. Wishes to all for a very Blessed and Joyous Easter.

FRAN PIWONI

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Branch No. 20 members

The Slovenian Women's Union branch No. 20 is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for eighth grade graduates who attend a Parochial/Private or Public School and are qualified students and are branch members.

The scholarship in the amount of \$300 will be awarded to applicants who meet the following criteria:

1. Must be in the 8th grade and have been a member of the SWU branch for a period of two years.

2. Applicant must be enrolled in a Catholic High School.

3. Scholastic ability must be evident. A written recommendation from the school principal or eighth grade teacher containing an estimate of the applicant's ability to perform or continue to perform high school work and an evaluation of the applicant's character, general abilities.

4. A statement from the applicant outlining his or her individual or family membership in SWU activities, signed by the branch president.

Completed application form and requested data is to be sent to:

SWU No. 20 Scholarship Program
Ann M. Dragovan, Chairperson
921 N. Raynor Ave.

Joliet, IL 60435

(815) 726-1345

The deadline for submitting completed application is April 30, 1992. Envelopes postmarked after due date will not be accepted.

The awards will be presented to the winners at the May banquet by the chairperson of the Scholarship Committee or a designee.

To maintain objectivity in selecting the applicant, names will not be published to the Scholarship judges. Each applicant will be given a number and the board of review will not know whose application they are reviewing when selecting the applicant.

NO. 20, JOLIET, IL

The year is moving too quickly; it must be that I'm getting old. April is already here; hopefully we'll have the April showers, I hope we get some sun, too! We haven't seen much of it this winter.

Our St. Josephs Table again was a great feast. Articles written about Slovenian hospitality and wonderful cooks was certainly displayed on March 17th at our monthly meeting!

We were honored by the presence of our National Officers. We look forward to their visit each March, here in Joliet.

Congratulations to Josephine Lustik! She has been selected our "Woman of the Year".

Don't forget our Annual Rummage Sale on April 25th. During spring cleaning save the items we can sell. Chairperson for the sale is Diane Govednik and Co-chairperson is Helen Minnick.

Congratulations to:

Anna Marie and Robert McIntosh, who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Feb. 16.

Harriet and Arthur Hrvatin also celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Feb. 23.

Wishing the happy couples, love, joy and continued happiness.

Congratulation to Kimberly and Robert Doszak on the birth of their daughter, Kimberly; her Mom and Mother-in-law are all members.

Congratulations to Tanya Cepon! She made the Honnor Roll at Providence High School, Tanya was our 1988 scholarship recipient. Keep up the good work, Tanya!

Get well wishes for a speedy recovery to:

Marla Lustik who had foot surgery; Agnes Dobczyk, our new Vice President; Louise Doczyk, who's in the hospital.

Condolences to:

Agnes Lodewyck and her family on the loss of her husband William (Bill); Yvonne Kendzora and family on the loss of her husband, Aloysius;

Bernice Metesh, on the loss of her brother, Robert.

I know all members will be pleased to know Helen Horwath, is now home after a long illness. She is progressing very nicely. She welcomes visitors, so drop in to see her, call her or send a card. Her address is 917 Summit St., Joliet, IL 60435.

If you have any occasion for a card to be sent to anyone such as shut-ins, get well, etc., or for Easter call Jonita Ruth at 727-1926. If you have any articles of information for the Zarja, call Ann Dragovan, 726-1345.

Dates to Remember:

Meeting April 21, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Park. Guest speaker will be Beth Sheehan, Director of Joliet Area Historical Society Museum; the topic will be "The Building of Joliet's Union Station."

See you then.

ANN M. DRAGOVAN

NO. 23, ELY, MN

There were forty-four members who came out on this cold evening to attend our meeting.

The new officers and committee members were all present.

Rose Novak, member of the Auditing Committee, gave a summary of their recent audit of the books and all is in very good order.

All seem to be in good health as no sick members were reported. That's great for this time of year.

The Valentine Dinner was planned for February 10. A discussion on this dinner was had and members who hadn't been contacted signed up.

Lillian Hren won the door prize.

A reading, "Smiles", about St. Peter giving roller skates to the mice in heaven — then how the cats in heaven enjoyed their "Meals on Wheels" really filled the hall with laughter.

A very nice lunch and coffee was served, then the "socializing" began, and everyone enjoyed themselves until we all had to venture out in the cold.

JANE YADLOSKY
Reporter

Dawn Club

The Valentine Dinner was held at the Church Hall with Social Hour at 5:00 p.m. and Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

A lovely and delicious dinner was served to seventy-two members who got to enjoy the Valentine theme used in decorating the tables. The committee did a wonderful job getting us in the right spirit.

Our lovely Mary Gotchnik, a talented button-box musician, entertained everyone with some nice Slovenian songs and we all sang "Happy Birthday" to Mary Gotchnik and

Evelyn A. Majercik
49 Beverly, Pt. Orange, FL 32127

A Crafty Idea

ATTENTION: Counted-Cross-Stitchers

I have received the graphs for two projects, "It's In Every Slovenian" and "DOM LJUBI DOM."

If you are interested, the patterns are \$1.00 each. Please send your request along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to me.

All monies go to ZARJA. If you have a project or craft to share, please send it along to the above address.

Dorothy Popesh whose birthdays were that week.

After the delicious dinner, everyone stayed to "socialize". Dolores High won the door prize — she has been so lucky lately — always winning wherever she goes! Yes, "Dodie" you are lucky!

The committee did a wonderful job. Thanks to all of you! You really conveyed "The Spirit of Love" for St. Valentine's Day.

J. Y.

NO. 24, LA SALLE, IL

We haven't a great deal of news to report as we haven't had a meeting since last November. The weather is becoming very spring-like and we're all anxious to get back into the swing of things. I hope all of you enjoyed seeing the Slovenian athletes who performed at the Olympics and the special segment on Slovenia.

Antonia Jakse passed away on February 7. She was a 50 year member of our Branch and the mother of our recording secretary, Adele Gensler. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Adele and her brothers, Ray and Eugene, as well as numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister in Slovenia. Condolences to Rose Furlan, Ann Matthews and Florence Smorkol whose brother Charles Urbanc, passed away on February 8. We pray that God will grant Antonia and Charles Heavenly Peace.

Mary Gornik has been ill through most of December and January with time spent in the hospital and nursing home but is now at home. We hope you're feeling stronger, Mary. Stephanie Kobilsek has been a patient in IVC Hospital and is in St. Francis Hospital in Peoria at this time. Hope you'll be up and about by the time you read this, Fannie. Our treasurer,

Anne Serri, will be undergoing knee surgery at the end of March. Remember all our sick and shut-in members with your prayers and visits.

Financial Secretary, Betty Stack, has mailed out the reminders of dues still unpaid. If you happened to receive one, please contact Betty and arrange to take care of your payment.

Since the third Thursday of April is Holy Thursday, we will meet on the fourth Thursday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m. in La Salle Catholic School-Resurrection Bldg. As I have mentioned before, Branch 24 will host the State SWU Convention in October and we need help from all of our members. Please join us on Thursday the 23rd.

Wishing all of you a most Blessed and Joyous Easter.

ANNE M. WANGLER,
Reporter

NO. 25, CLEVELAND, OH

Enjoy Easter, amidst its mysterious happenings, bursting into a Glorious Alleluia.

Our sick and ailing are feeling a lot better, as spring is on its way. The only one that is still under doctor's care is Rose Poprik. She underwent a knee operation, and now is having a date, actually dates, with a therapist. Wish you a good recovery, as well as to everyone else!

Happy birthday to our young ladies: Eva Stransky, Fran Kotnik, Frances Novak and to everyone who feels young. Just take one year at a time.

So long. Remember Slovenia! Don't forget to send a dollar with your dues. Be prepared, we'll have a fundraiser soon, ask for tickets.

CIRILA KERMAVNER



NO. 32, EUCLID, OH

February is the month to celebrate Valentine's Day which all of our members did with our Valentine Queen, Ann Cooke, who wore a crown made by our own, very talented member, Anna Rossman. Queen Ann also received a box of candy and a rose.

Congratulations to our president, Doroty Lamm, who was elected to be on the Board of the Slovene Society Home. She is also representing the Slovene Society Home as Woman of the Year which is a big affair on March 15th at which time all the Slovene Homes' honorees will be feted at a dinner dance. Dorothy is a hard working person and very deserving of the honors. May she have good health to carry on her duties.

We will honor our Mother of the Year, Christine Verch, on May 20th. Our dinner will be stupendous. We hope all members will try to attend this affair and bring along a friend as it is such a joy to be together at this time.

Get well wishes to our sick members. Johanna Weglarz is home from the hospital recuperating. Mary Drobnick is also recuperating after heart surgery at son, Robert's home. Veronica Dalton, Joann Florjancic and Faye Starman are recuperating from eye surgery at home. To all our sick members, a speedy recovery is our wish!

On a sad note, we extend our deepest sympathy to Josephine Koss on the loss of her husband; Agnes and Donald Hamilton on the loss of Donald's mother, Nettie Brown, who passed away Feb. 5th a few days before her 100th birthday on Feb. 28th. May the departed rest in peace.

And, on the brighter side, Mary Cooke's daughter, Mary Ellen and Tom Cressman were married Feb. 14th (Valentine's Day) at St. Christine's Church. She is also the granddaughter of Katherine Zalec. Congratulations.

Ann Urban's son, Kenneth and his daughter, Elizabeth, had a very enjoyable week skiing in Utah. Getting away from the winter blues and getting some rest, Charlotte and Rudy Perdan, were vacationing at Myrtle Beach for a week.

We had a blind auction at the March meeting as a fund-raiser. Please check your dues books to make sure you are

paid up-to-date. It makes it a lot easier for the secretary if dues are paid at the beginning of the year, for the whole year.

Happy Birthday to all our members that had birthdays in March and will have them in April. May they have many more in good health and happiness.

Happy 25th Anniversary to our daughter, Charlotte and her husband, Rudy Perdan with wishes for many more good years together with good health and happiness.

Thanks to our hostess, Ceal McLean for baking and decorating the cake for our Valentine's Day party. Very delicious. Thanks go out to Ceal Znidar and Josephine Gornik for their help with the refreshments.

FRANCES OGOREUC

NO. 33, DULUTH, MN

Among "Money Making" ideas discussed it was decided to have a "Bakeless Bake Sale" with \$3.00 from each member.

New Treasurer must be elected as Fran Kosanovich will not be able to continue in this job.

Everyone must pay dues for year each January.

Prayers for members on sick list including Eileen Fedo and Mary Skeneder.

Travelers to the south include Bertha Borich and Rene Doble.

Stella Matison won the attendance prize.

Tulips peeked out Feb. 1st. "Happy Spring".

LOIS PELANDER
Reporter

NO. 34, SOUDAN, MN

At our regular meeting on February 15, we welcomed four new members to our branch. They are Anne Marie Tekautz, whose mother, Angela, has been a member since 1952 and Cathlene Klun Vene, Joseph I. Vene, and their daughter, Melissa M. Vene. Cathlene's grandmother, Mary Klun and mother, Helen Klun, were former members of our branch. We welcome all of you!

Irene Odorizzi, Heritage Director, informed us that our branch will be featured in the ZARJA sometime this summer, so anyone who has pictures or something to add to our history, please get in touch with me.

The Virginia Marching Blues Band contacted us to support them for a trip they will be making to Florida and we made a donation. They will compete in a national competition at Orlando. This band usually is the hit of our 4th of July Celebration in Tower.

Our members responded to a Peace Mass that was held at St. Martin's on February 25, with the rosary of fifteen decades being said. Helen Adkisson, Adeline Mustonen, and Dorothy Zollar lead the prayers. This is being done in our diocese to carry out what our Blessed Mother is saying in Medjugorje -- pray the rosary, attend Mass, confess our sins.

Tory Bobence and Agnes Mesojedec were hostesses for our meeting, a delicious raspberry dessert was served. Winners during the social hour were Agnes Mattson, Helen Chiabotti, Lorraine Berg and Molly Wilson. The door prize brought by Lorraine Berg was won by Agnes Mattson.

Our next meeting, to be held on March 18, will not have hostesses but will play "B" with each member bringing two gifts for prizes. This will be a money making project.

I wish all of you a Blessed Easter, let us remember the traditions of this holiday--the Žegen, the special foods, and attending all the services during Holy Week in preparation for Easter Sunday.

Vesela Velikonoc!

ADELINE MUSTONEN,
Reporter

NO. 35, AURORA, MN

On Sat. Feb. 29th we had a pre-lenten Pot-Luck dinner. This gave us an opportunity to say goodbye to Fr. Joseph Vovk. He made his home in Aurora since 1987; even though he was retired, he said Mass in our parish and other parishes whenever he was needed. Fr. Joe is 83 years old and is celebrating his 60th year as a priest. He returned to his homeland of Slovenia to be with his family. May he enjoy many more years of good health and retirement.

Our prayers are with Julia Turk who is in St. Mary's Hospital recovering from injuries sustained in a car accident, only a few blocks from her home.

Correction: Meeting will be held on April 12th at our Community Senior Building at 2 p.m. Final plans will be made for our Mother's Day party.

ANN M. ORAZEM

Our March 4 meeting was very well attended and a lot was accomplished. Jennie Briski presided in the absence of Charlotte Laurich.

Now, finally, the April meeting has been re-scheduled and will be on Thursday, April 9th and will be held in St. Joseph's Social Hall so that Father Gerry LaPatka can show his slides, etc., of Medjugorje. We are inviting parishioners to come to view and listen. Most of us cannot make a trip to Medjugorje so this will be quite an opportunity to hear Father's story.

Frances Zalec, chairperson of the March 5th Spring Luncheon and Bake Sale, gave her progression report. She has recruited these members to help at the luncheon: Jo Zupancich, Helen Kochevar, Dolly Brusacoram, Rose Faras, Rose Sterle, Olga Sartori. Gert Zakrajsek and Fran Bizal are in charge of table decorations. Katherine Knuth will take care of luncheon tickets. At the bake sale table will be Anne Polichnik, Ann Nusich, and Jennie Samsa. The over-all chairperson is Jennie Briski. Rose Niemi is the gopher (go for this, go for that) Rose reported that Julie Soroko, Sheba Furlan, and Rose Sterle decorated the Hall in spring colors for us. Thanks a lot!

More happy news! Norma Salvini gave Br. 38 a contribution of \$100.00 to begin the year. How can the membership express their gratitude? Please accept our profound thanks, Norma.

We are working on our State Convention which is on Sunday, 13 Sept. in Chisholm. Our sincere appreciation to Jess Komidor and to Sister Cecilia who are giving us a helping hand. Mr. Komidor's mother, Frances, is a long-time member of our branch. Br. 38 will be having meetings during the summer in order to stay ahead!

For our Mother's Day affair, Jennie Briski is conferring with Rosemary Marino on a brunch after Mass at St. Joseph's. No final plans can be made until next week, at which time we will notify the membership.

We sang the happy birthday song to those born in March: Jennie Briski, Rose Faras, Marie Newman, Mary Nornberg, Lorraine Novak, Helen Segan, and Gert Zakrajsek. The traveling prize was won by Rose Stonemark.

The members greatly appreciate the history of Branch 38 which appeared in the March Zarja. It brought tears to some who saw pictures of their mothers and friends. And now we wish to correct an unforgiveable error on our part. We apologize profusely. We have two living charter members:

JOHANNA BEVKA and
MAYME PAHULE

Mayme is the older, as correctly reported. She has 2 sons and a daughter living in California. Mrs. Bevka has 2 sons who live in Chisholm, MN.

Corinne Leskovar, editor and Irene Odorizzi deserve much praise for their compilations and editing of the histories of SWU branches! Branch 38 wishes to thank them for making us so very proud to be members of the Slovenian Women's Union.

And, tell us, where did the years go?

LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE NEWS

What a lovely get-together! 82 good friends came to the luncheon, and the bake sale was tremendous! Such luscious goodies - all home-made, of course. The luncheon could not have been better. Chairperson Fran Zalec wants to express her deep appreciation to all who helped to make this such a happy occasion. The money realized will help in hosting the Minn. SWU convention in Chisholm on Sept. 13, 1992.

The table decorations which were the handiwork of Gert and Fran, seemed to bring Spring into our hearts. It was a lovely Thursday in March, inside, even though the rain was falling outside!

Thanks to all who contributed in any capacity to make this venture a success; also to those who attended. All of the luscious pies and strudels, and desserts showed that you still remember what your mother taught you in her kitchen!

Thank you, everyone!

ANN NUSICH,
Reporter

NO. 40, LORAIN, OH

Our Feb. meeting was a busy one. 23 members came and enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by our birthday

girls, Francine and Agatha and as usual, it all commenced with prayer. There were a few more faces in our midst and we hope to see more as the weather gets better. We can see that the 12:30 p.m. time is favorable to the majority of our members, so please try to come. The more the merrier.

We got down to business to elect officers - it wasn't easy this year as we had no volunteers for the various offices although we were hoping it would be possible to get some new workers. We all gave in, finally, and will serve for the coming year, as follows:

Pres., Agnes Tomazine; (Vice-Pres., non-elected); Sec.-Treas. Agatha Donges; Rec. Sec. and Reporter, Mary Matos, Auditors, Agnes Serazin and Sue Tomazic.

We wish to congratulate Kathy Russ on being picked as Mother of the Year. Kathy's daughter, Tricia, was awarded the \$1,000 SWU Scholarship in 1991. Mom says that Tricia is doing very well in college.

Our president read a letter from Evelyn Majercik, the new Ohio-Michigan Regional President, asking us to host the next Regional Convention on either Oct. 10th or 11th, 1992. After much discussion, the majority of members present were in favor of accepting the convention in Lorain. Keep watching future issues of Zarja for further developments.

We wish a quick recovery to Ann Rozanc who had hip surgery recently, and to Babe Grayson who suffered a fall and fractured her shoulder.

It is with great sadness that we report the loss of our wonderful member at the auspicious age of 100 years, Katie Fush. She will never be forgotten. We offer our condolences to her family. We also offer sympathy to Helen Kozjan who lost her sister recently.

We were happy to see that Molly Glavan recovered from her recent illness and Genevieve Wenzel has returned from Colorado where she spent the holidays with her son.

Happy Birthday to all who have birthdays in April and especially to our Angie Kozjan, who will be 91 on April 8th.

I'll be going to Round Lake, Illinois for a brief visit and will be back in time for our April 8th meeting. Hope to see you all then.

Hope you all have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

Love,

MARY MATOS

NO. 42, MAPLE HEIGHTS, OH

Old man winter really played havoc with our January and February meetings, by being nasty on those particular nights. However we just took care of it by having our February meeting a week later and had a lovely Valentine party after the meeting. The party tray and desserts were excellent, along with the company. Most members hated to see the evening end.

At the meeting the future activities for the year 1992 were discussed. We are having an annual Easter bakeless sale and donations should be turned in by Easter. Amazingly enough, this is one of our best money makers. Anne Zupancic is the chairman for the Mother of the Year mass in May, which is always followed by a dinner. She and her committee are working out all the details.

We were all happy to see Albina Mroczko at our February meeting. You were missed, Albina.

Frances Tomsic has moved into an apartment at the Little Sister of the Poor and her new address is 4291 Richmond Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44122.

Our members Marge Zupancic, Marie Vercek and Josephine Gruden spent the last two weeks of February on a bus trip to Florida. One of their stops along the way was Stone Mountain in Georgia. They all had a good time. Mary Lou Prhne and her husband Lou are planning a trip to Cleveland this summer from their home in Florida. They are planning to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with family and friends in Cleveland. Congratulations!

Mary Yemec was in Marymount Hospital around the end of February but is now home and improving each day. Another member, Vida Shega is currently in Parma Hospital where she is receiving therapy. Our prayers for a quick recovery go out to both Mary and Vida.

Happy birthday for the following members with March birthdays: Ann McCaslin, Ann Zupancic, Marie Vercek, Mildred Rizzo, Albina Mroczko, Margaret Lipnos, Tina Buehner, Vida Vercek and Katie M. Kossakoski.

Our April birthday members are Frances Stavec, Joyce Kosak, Margaret Roznik, Arlene Legan, Helen Prudic, Eleanor Mc Ardle, Imelda Blazy and Terry Anzo.

The husband of Louise Toth, who

now lives in California, is very ill and everyone should pray for him.

Don't forget to pay your dues to Marge Church and also plan to come to the meetings. They are always on the second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at the Slovenian National Home in Maple Heights.

We'll close with our greetings and prayers to all our shut-in members.

DOROTHY MEHOSKY

NO. 43, MILWAUKEE, WI

The February meeting was great and a larger number of members attended. We had a spaghetti dinner at noon and loads of desserts. We started our meeting soon as we had to install our officers and Elsie Gallun did the great honor. All officers are the same except the president, who is now Matilda Simcic. A mass for the deceased and living members will be on Sunday, April 26th at 8:45 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church; then we meet at 10:00 a.m. sharp at The Olde Country Buffet, 4902 S. 74th Street for breakfast. We will have a special room for our group.

Next is honoring our Mother of the Year, Josephine Janezich. This is to be held on Wednesday, May 13th at Eleanor's (formerly the Village Inn) on Broad Stret in Greendale. Be there at 11:45 a.m. so we can eat at noon sharp. Call in your reservations as soon as possible, 481-7357, for either event.

Received a letter from Arline Fritz and she says she is resting and getting along quite well. Katie Spende called and told me that she came home from the hospital where she had major surgery. Arline and Katie, take it easy and get well soon! To the above and all others who are ailing, a speedy recovery. Frances Sagadin and her husband, Leon, are leaving for Arkansas to visit their son and his family.

The next big problem, our decrease in membership. Try to enroll an adult or juvenile as I'm sure there is someone in your relationship or a friend that would like to join.

This month, our lucky attendance gal was Marie Wiher who received a beautiful scarf from our president, Matilda Simcic. Meeting was adjourned and we played our favorite game.

Next meeting April 22nd.

R.K.

NO. 50, EUCLID, OH

Last of February – leap year day – and harbingers of spring in the backyard – 2 robins and crocuses – as I write this column. Early, I guess – still great to see them and help me think “Spring” instead of snow and cold, although visions of digging up the garden and planting seeds for flowers and lettuce seems a little early as yet.

Our Vice President, Mary Miller and husband, Bill are enjoying a cruise to Western Caribbean and joining a group of people coming from Minneapolis who also are getting away from the snow and cold and think “Spring.”

Also, to the south, Fran Kikel flew to St. Kitts, West Indies, to see her youngest son, Jim and Debby get married. Debby's aunt and uncle are Seventh Day Advent Missionaries administering dentistry. So the family accepted the invitation to come to the island and congregated there for the ceremony. Fran says they enjoyed the people and the warm weather, too.

Caribbean popularity knows no bounds as Honey Vegal spent a week on a cruise on the Regal Princess with daughter and son and grandson and all celebrated a granddaughter's birthday and away from the cold and really enjoyed the ship, fun and the reunion. Just thinking “Spring.”

Just heard that a great niece of Justine Picman and also our member, Susan M. Tusek was married to Michael Raymond Schniegenberg at St. Basil the Great Church on Sept. 28. If I don't get the news I can't write about it, so I'm sorry for the belated congratulations. Your pictures of the wedding were beautiful, Susan, and Justine was proud to show them to all.

Bea Tome's grandson, Thomas 24, received a full scholarship to a Washington College to study art and to be a teacher of art, after graduating from Kansas State. Bea's son operates an antique shop in Chicago in North Wells Street called Fly Bye Nite. Looks like Thomas will follow his father's footsteps as he has sold many paintings already. We wish him well.

Our February meeting was well-attended and we had an interesting speaker, too, from Euclid Hospital.

Jo Smith narrated the doings and minutes of 1979 – the year yours truly Vera Sebenik was the Mother of the Year. It brought back all the memories

In Loving Memory In Loving Memory

untimely passing of our beloved member, Anne Ryavec on Jan. 29th, 1992, after a lingering illness.

Anne was born August 27th, 1924 in Cleveland, Ohio and was married to August Ryavec for 32 years, who preceded her in death only 5 months before. This was heartbreaking, when Anne needed him the most, Our Dear Lord took him away.

She was a sister of Carl, Stanley, Tom and the late George Calevich.

Anne was a loyal and active member of Br. 50, for 15 years. She was elected Auditor for many years. She held the office of Vice President for 5 years until her illness. She was our "Valentine Queen" in February of 1991, this making her very happy as she was already ailing having been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease.

Anne also served as a Delegate to our National Convention in Duluth, Minn.

She was Br. 50's Bus Tour Guide for three years and did a super job. Her trips were interesting and fun, all members enjoyed them immensely! Anne was a member of Nest 62 of Zumberak C.F.U. Lodge 859 (Croatian Frat-

ernal Union) in Cleveland, Ohio.

She was also a former President of the Auxiliary at the Slovenian Home for the Aged.

To Anne, her God, family, many friends and her church were her life. She was very dedicated and a great leader in whatever she undertook. She will be greatly missed. Anne is survived by her son Ronald and wife Susan; daughter Anne Marie, husband Robert and two of the sweetest twin granddaughters, Meredith and Lauren Friedman, both 4 years old, who were the pride and joy of Grandma and Grandpa Ryavec.

At the wake held at Grdina-Golob Funeral Home on Lakeshore Blvd., there were 12 Marie Prislant cadets and many Br. 50 members present, too numerous to mention. The day of the funeral, there was Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church in Euclid, Ohio with the church filled to capacity. The funeral procession (a very long one) then continued to All Souls Cemetery in Chardon, Ohio, where she was finally laid to rest together again with her beloved husband, Gus.

The Lord Be With Them, give them Eternal Rest and Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them!

Sincerely,

Ann J. Tercek
President, Br. 50

of the sewing I did to help enhance our treasury. Now I only make bibbs for our Slovene Home for the Aged. Years take their toll, but it was a great year and only 13 years ago.

Surprise-upon-surprise came all of a sudden when our president announced our Valentine Queen was Anne Tomsic. Joey "Now OK OK" from Tony's Radio Club who's Anne's son came down the aisle towards his mother playing his accordion. She was in shock and we, too, to see him and his father, Ken, behind him taking pictures. Joey, on short notice and with his father, decided to help celebrated the crowning. Anne really made a very pretty Valentine Queen with crown and cape, the honor being justly deserved and helping to make a hectic meeting.

Another great meeting in April - Initiation of new members and a Hat Parade. Ransack your attics - It's great fun - you wear them or someone else will. Just bring them and you come along, too. We hope to see you too, Caroline Lokar and Mary Frank and Joan Fellenstein, eh?

Our convalescing and ailing members are Mary Hrovat, Jean Miller - repair of knee operation, Rose Skully - ailing, Mary Chesnik - hip fracture, Agnes Trebar mother of Lou Trebar - accordionist at SHA, Molly Mauer, who says "thanks" for her cards, Jean Tomsic at Cardinal Sr. Home and Josephine Posch - troublesome spine.

Irene Jagodnik had gall stone surgery on Ash Wednesday.

Take care, ladies. We wish you well.

Helen Novinc passed away after a long illness and Mary Bajec's brother, Michael Durket also did recently. We had 10 deaths in our branch last year. We always say prayers for all of them and their families.

Enjoyed a Sunday Brunch at Alexander's Restaurant celebrating a visit of our son, Roger Sebenik from Colorado and my husband, Frank's 86th birthday as well as Jane and Angelo Vidic's 62nd anniversary (belatedly). By request, by our son, the chef good naturedly made "Denver" omelettes which were a great, enjoyable innovation. It's over 2 years since Frank had his serious operation and I requested prayers for him from you. He's doing O.K. now. Thank you, again. My brother Stan Laurich received a resolution from Euclid City Mayor Lynch and signed by Euclid's Council, too, for his volunteer work with the seniors, the Mary Mavek School (trustee) and too many good deeds to mention them all here.

Please pay your dues. Our Evelyn Pipoly is on the ball and says only a few strugglers yet - so pitch in the \$1.00 extra, too, for inflation expenses. Send to 23330 Williams Ave., Euclid, Ohio 44123. Write the address in your memory book right now for future use.

Enjoy Easter Sunday with your

family or friends, with ham, horse radish, potica, eggs and krofe, etc. If on a trip, enjoy as Julie and Frank Zaller and Dorothy Ann and Ann Winters did on their Panama trip.

Write or say a prayer that President Bush recognizes Slovenia and Croatia. Never under estimate the power of prayer.

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VERA SEBENIK,
Reporter

NO. 54, WARREN, OH

We were unable to have a business meeting this past month because we had such a poor turnout. Please, ladies, try to come to our meetings. Our Mother-Daughter Luncheon will be held on Wed., May 15th at 1 p.m. at the Elks Clubroom on Rt. 422. We will honor all mothers and not have a special Mother of the Year. You shall be called for reservations. We always have lovely afternoons and even have entertainment planned.

Get well wishes to Ann Savor who missed our last meeting because of illness and to Vic Zuga who will be having cataract surgery.

Back from Las Vegas is Anne Brdek who was a "little" lucky there and another traveler is Jo Kassen, our president, going to Washington, D.C.

A Blessed and Joyous Easter to all!

JOANNE PONIKVAR

Pots and Pans



A very good lenten dish, CHEESE FARINA ŠTRUKLJE, sent by Matilda Simcic, President of Br. 43, Milwaukee, WI, is one she recently received from Ljubljana, Slovenija. (Matilda converted the dekagrams and liters to our measurements). JUBILEE HAM with RUM TE DUM SAUCE is from Oscar Mayer's Celebration Cookbook. The elegant, delightfully rich dessert is shared by Nadine Ancel of Fairfax, VA, member of Br. 20, Joliet, IL.

HAPPY EASTER, dear readers!

Hermine

JUBILEE HAM with RUM TE DUM SAUCE

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| 1 | can (3 pounds) Oscar Mayer ham |
| 1 | can (8 1/4 ounces) crushed pineapple with liquid |
| 1/2 | cup orange juice |
| 1/2 | cup brown sugar |
| 1/4 | cup raisins |
| 1 | tablespoon cornstarch |
| 1 | teaspoon dry mustard |
| 1/4 | teaspoon ground ginger |
| 1/8 | teaspoon ground cloves |
| 1/8 | teaspoon ground nutmeg |
| 2 | tablespoons rum |

Heat ham according to package directions. Combine remaining ingredients except rum in saucepan. Bring to a boil. Turn down heat. Simmer 5 minutes until thickened, stirring occasionally. Stir in rum. Brush on ham last 30 minutes of heating. Serve remainder as sauce. 12 servings.

CHEESE FARINA ŠTRUKLJE

Dough:

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| 2 1/2 | cups flour | 3/4 | cup lukewarm water |
| 1 | large egg | 1 | teaspoon salt |
| 1 | tablespoon oil (Mazola, Puritan, Crisco) | | |

Combine flour, egg, oil, water and salt. Mix to form a dough. Knead on floured board until smooth soft dough. Cover and let it rest in a warm place for 1/2 to 1 hour.

Filling:

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| 1 | cup sour cream | 1 | stick butter, melted |
| 1 1/2 | cup Farina | 1 | handful crushed Kellogg's Corn Flakes or bread crumbs |
| 1 | carton (16 ounces) creamed small curd cottage cheese | | Chopped Italian parsley (I love the taste. Found in herbs department), and chives, if desired. |
| 1 1/2 | teaspoons salt | | |
| 2 | egg yolks | | |
| 2 | egg whites, room temp. | | |

In bowl mix sour cream and Farina. Let stand 10 minutes; then add cottage cheese, salt and egg yolks. Beat egg whites stiff and add to mixture.

Have ready 4-5 cups water to boil with 1 1/2 teaspoons salt in 4-quart sauce pan. Roll out dough thin on floured table cloth (my table: 60x40 inches). Boil water. Sprinkle over the dough the melted butter using brush to do even job. On longer side, spread cheese mixture over 3/4 of the dough. Sprinkle with a handful of crushed corn flakes or bread crumbs; sprinkle with parsley - and chives, if desired. Roll up dough on longer side as for jelly roll. Spray a large dinner plate with Pam. Make štruklje into a coil on the plate. Slide štruklje slowly into the boiling water. Bring back to boil; cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Drain; sprinkle with buttered bread crumbs. "In Štajersko we boil half water and half milk and then serve štruklje in that liquid; also very good."

GERMAN CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE

Crust:

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| 1 1/2 | cups graham cracker crumbs | 1/2 | cup melted butter |
| 2 | tablespoons sugar | | |

Press on bottom and part way up sides of a 10" springform pan. Bake 350° for 10 minutes. Set oven at 300° for cake.

Cake:

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| 2 | pounds softened cream cheese (4 8-ounce packages) | 6 | tablespoons cocoa |
| 1 1/2 | cups sugar | 1 | tablespoon vanilla |
| | | 4 | large eggs |

Beat cream cheese, sugar, cocoa and vanilla until smooth and well blended. Beat in one egg at a time. Pour into crust and bake 1 1/2 hours at 300° or until set in center.

Coconut Pecan Topping:

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| 1 | cup evaporated milk | 1 | teaspoon vanilla |
| 1 | cup sugar | 1 1/3 | cups flaked coconut |
| 3 | egg yolks, slightly beaten | 1 | cup chopped pecans |
| 1/2 | cup butter | | |

Combine milk, sugar, egg yolks, butter and vanilla in small saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat until thick enough to spread, about 12 minutes. Remove from heat. Add coconut and pecans. Spread on slightly cooled cake.

Our meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer. There were 10 members present. Happy birthday was sung to Tillie Cigolle and me as we both had birthdays in February.

I was told that Mark Selak will be receiving an award on Parvili Day for the Cub Scouts, and I know that his parents are so proud of him.

Anna Kallan is waiting for a new grandchild that is due in September the parents are her son, George and his wife, Patty. And, speaking of babies, Mary Selak is a great grandmother again; her granddaughter, Denise Ambrose had a son she named Anthony Daniel. He sure is cute! That makes Mary a great grandmother 14 times.

I hear Anka and Dori Kregar went to Cleveland to celebrate New Year's Eve. I know that they had a very good time celebrating.

I'm sorry to say that I have a correction to make from my last report: Tillie Cigolle's trip to Florida in December was paid for by her son, Tom and his wife, Marion Cigolle. They stayed for one week with her grandson Tod who lives in Florida. Tillie said they had a really enjoyable time.

With no further business the meeting was closed. We then played a game for Valentine's Day. Dori Kregar played some music on her Ukulele and some of us sang along; we really have fun with the young Kregar ladies as they certainly know how to have a good time and make you forget all of your troubles.

Our March meeting was at Jib-Jab Hot Dog shop, on March 11th. May God bless you all and please say a prayer for the sick and needy.

Love,

ROSEMARY

NO. 56, HIBBING, MN

The meeting on Feb. 2nd was held at the First Ave. Apt. and was opened with prayers by Pres. Carlson. There was no meeting in January, therefore, this was our first meeting in 1992.

On Jan. 26th, 1992 we lost another member, Barbara Doshan. We will all miss Barbara. Sympathy to her family.

Pres. Carlson called the Kitzville

Branch to attend our Mass and Breakfast — this being for the deceased members. They declined to attend.

Mary Sporer and Mary Meadows are our two new fifty year members. They will be awarded their pins in May. It was also decided to have our Mother's Day Dinner in May, and to go out to a restaurant.

Our jackpot was raised from \$3 to \$5.

Mary Sikich made a motion to pay 25¢ for coffee; Mary Micheletti seconded and it carried. In new business Pres. Carlson suggested we take some of our members who are unable to get out to our dinner for Mother's Day.

Election of officers was supposedly set for December, but it was not on the agenda. Ann Satovich offered to be Vice-Pres. and won the unanimous approval of all. Valeria Carlson is still President. Elizabeth Spolar is Financial Secretary and Yours Truly is Recording Secretary. We will also purchase two flags.

Birthdays were read by Elizabeth Spolar for Jan. and Feb. and all who had a birthday were recognized.

The Charter was draped for Barbara Doshan, our departed member and prayers were said, led by Pres. Carlson.

Jackpot was won by Fran Tobey, Jennie Sator, Bunko and Dorothy Oberstar, 500. Lunch committee for March were to be Ann Satovich, Amelia Dohman and Mary Drobnik. No further business and the meeting closed with prayers.

Sincerely submitted,

EDITH JONES

NO. 57, NILES, OH

Our February meeting was held at the home of our President at 12 o'clock with 16 members present. The President lead us in prayer and our committee was Ann Gunther and Mary Young — we really enjoyed our luncheon!

Meeting was opened by our President and the Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved as were the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. In the absence of our Secretary, our former Secretary, Ann Pease, graciously accepted the dues for Marge Mollica as we have members who pay the first of the year. Anyone who is in arrears, please check this and make it easy for our Secretary in the future. We completed our plans for the Mother's Day Party to be held at

Paul's in McKinley Heights at 1 o'clock on May 12th, our regular meeting day. We will honor Ann Pease as our Mother of the Year.

On our sick list we have Esther Gaydos who was in the hospital and also members who have been unable to come to our meetings such as Ann Gunther, eye surgery, and is doing fine. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Mimi Shirkman again presented us all with lovely heart crocheted pins for Valentine's Day. Thank you, Mimi. It is nice to have Mimi at our meetings as she is a long time member and we do appreciate the things she does.

On March 10th we had Frances Yerman and Phyllis Muccio on the lunch committee. Birthdays celebrated in February were Mary Spolaric and Frances Racher. Wishing you all good health until we meet again.

"Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you!"

FRANCES STANEC

NO. 67, BESSEMER, PA

Meeting called to order by the Treasurer, Ann Markovich. 13 members were present at the Croatian Club. Everyone enjoyed herself, plenty to eat. Ann Markovich and Yours Truly are the only ones holding office.

Since the President, Ann Peterson passed away Dec. 23rd, we are hoping that at the March 15th meeting will be an election. Will report on this next month.

Since our last meeting Emily Lombardi's husband passed away — Dec. 19th. Ann Peterson, our late President, lost her husband, John, on Nov. 20th and then, a month later, she suddenly passed away. our sympathies to these families.

Ann Novad and daughter, Mary Zorinich had surgery on their legs — they are doing well.

Amelia Bryan is home to stay being in the hospital in Pittsburgh for surgery and staying with her daughter there. She is now doing fine.

Mary Silhanek is doing well since her knee surgery. Mary Grebeng is her old self again, happy-go-lucky, since her surgery. Viola Mehocic, since her heart surgery, is also doing well.

Oops! Almost left our Mildred Slosser. She fell at home and broke her shoulder. Katherine Susany has been

Revisiting Planet Earth

Since I wrote my series of articles on how you can become part of the effort to help solve environmental problems, a lot has happened on our one and only planet. Many of the minor events that have occurred, such as the changes we have made in our lives, are good news for the future of the earth. However, most of the major events seriously challenge our dedication to saving the earth.

In the past two years, there has been a serious drought in California, a war in the Persian Gulf, and a continuing increase in the world's population with an ever increasing demand on the world's resources. We need to look at the meaning of these events and then analyze the consequences of our action or location on the future of the planet.

The drought in California forced people to conserve water. They had no choice. They could not water their precious lawns or wash leaves and dirt off their driveways. They couldn't waste water in the manner in which they were accustomed. But then the rains came and people could go back to their wasteful ways. And why do we have to worry about water? Droughts are rare and most of us don't live in California. But, if we continue our polluting ways, the Greenhouse effect may become a reality and then droughts will become a common occurrence. And why be wasteful just because water is plentiful where we live?

Then there's the war in the Persian Gulf. Although many of our leaders won't admit it, it was a war about oil. We need cheap oil so we can maintain our lifestyle. A lifestyle which consumes one-third of the world's energy with only one-sixth of the world's population. And as the demand for this non-renewable resource grows at the same time the supply of oil diminishes, there will be the likely possibilities of more wars. Are we willing to sacrifice the lives of our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters for oil or are we willing to sacrifice our wasteful lifestyles for the good of the planet?

And then there's the population growth. Since Earth Day 1990, there are about 200 million more humans on

the planet. That is almost the population of the United States and in just two years. With this ever increasing population comes a greater demand for food, clean water, energy, land, etc. And where does all of this come from? Do we cut down the rain forests so we have more land on which to live and to grow crops while hastening the demise of the planet?

In my previous articles I talked about how we can make a difference, about simple things we can do to save the planet, such as recycling, using energy efficient light bulbs and low-flow faucets, turning down the thermostat, and buying minimally packaged products. All of these things help, but, if we are serious, we must do some not-so-easy things that challenge our lifestyle. For it is our lifestyle that fosters greed and injustice and that threatens our existence.

Wow! You're probably thinking to yourself that this really sounds heavy and that you must be talking about someone else. But how often do you buy things that you don't really need? Do you feel like you are not keeping up with the Joneses unless you buy certain products? But does all this stuff bring you real satisfaction? Isn't it time to discover what life is all about by placing the emphasis on our spiritual wealth rather than on our material wealth, by caring for others rather than just ourselves, by becoming stewards of the land rather than exploiters?

And we shouldn't stop with just our personal lives. We should also urge our government to control its greed. This means putting an end to the ways the government helps the rich to get richer. We need to promote an energy policy that won't lead to another war. We need conservation programs that teach us to treasure land, not exploit it. We need a foreign policy that respects and helps other nations rather than takes advantage of other nations so these nations don't have to cut down the rain forests so their people can survive.

In order to overcome our greed and our selfishness, which is the root cause of our environmental problems, we need to work for justice. For are we really saving the earth by eating health food and turning down the thermostat if others are going hungry and homeless? In working for justice we'll start putting people before profits and sharing before self-gratification. And in the process we will develop a deep commitment to protect and honor the environment that supports us all.

Our non-renewable energy resources are diminishing while the earth's population is expanding. The hole in the ozone layer is getting larger and the time to do something before it is too late is getting shorter. So let's keep up our efforts with a new commitment.

in the hospital for a check up.

Me? I am under doctor's care, too, for angina pectoris and this reminds me that everyone should go see their doctor every 6 months or, at least, every year.

Want to wish all members in the hospital and nursing homes: God be with you and keep you in good health!

And, we hope the families of our ill members remember to go and see them and not forget them!

Rose Mary Young's mother was in the hospital, too. It was touch and go but she is now home and recovering very well.

Ann Kinkela lost her husband, John, Feb. 10th. Surviving besides Ann is a son, Richard of Pulaski and a daughter, Carol Aug. of Poland, Ohio. His sister, Mary Gregorich of Goose Creek, S.C., two brothers, Sam of New Castle and William of Struthers, Ohio and five grandchildren also survive.

Ann Peterson died of a heart ailment. She was born Aug. 3rd 1918 in Kaylor, PA, the daughter of Anton and Emelia Matetich Keusel and married John on June 10, 1939. She and John leave two sons, Thomas J. of Enon Valley, PA and David of New Wilmington. A brother, Frank and two grandchildren, also. Our deepest sympathy to the family - how hard it must be to lose both parents so soon.

At the National SWU Convention in May the decision was made that

adult members be assessed \$1 per year extra towards the expenses. Please remember this when paying dues.

I did something we never did before; I read the names of all our deceased members from 1954 to 1991 and remembered the date of their decease. We counted 56 members lost through death and 36 members are still left in our branch. Each member should now try very hard to bring in a new member to join our lodge.

You know, we have one member who joined our lodge who lives further away. Margaret Tonga lives in Louisville, KY. (The rest of us are from New Castle, Bessemer, New Middletown). She loves to read the ZARJA and recipes in it and the news from her husband's home town. She joined when her mother-in-law passed away.

I will close now and wish you well until the next meeting. God bless everyone with good health.

MARY PERCIC

NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE, OH

HAPPY EASTER, everyone. It's nice to know that the threat of bitter cold weather, pounding snow storms and icy roads are all behind us for another seven or eight months. Let's enjoy everyday of the new season. That is one thing Florida does not offer — the beauty of a lovely spring morning. Because the change of seasons is not really evident here, all you really notice is that one morning may be a little brighter or slightly warmer. The "breath" of spring is lost, so all you northerners, count your blessings!

I do hope many of you took time to enjoy the Olympics, and that many of you were watching on Monday, February 21st when Charles Kuralt, CBS News Commentator, took time to search for his roots among the Slovenian people in attendance. He spoke with the Prime Minister (Lojze Peterle), the button-box played a delightful polka and glasses were raised to toast him. It made my heart flutter when he said, "these are my people".

We have a group of new grandmas to congratulate: Josephine Novak (Fla.) is a great-grandma as is Sally Kunka. Louise Zabukovec and Joann Lasik are just plain ole' grandmas. Take a little more effort, and several more years, to add the "great" to your titles. We trust that all the new babies are doing well. Are they SWU mem-

bers? It pays to sign them up early. In no time at all they will be ready for college, they could be eligible for our scholarship program.

We hope that Angela Gliha is doing well after her eye surgery, and will be able to enjoy the sight of the new life that arrives with spring.

PERSONAL NOTE: Forgot to congratulate one of our new members, Lisa Lowrie, on her engagement which took place at Christmas time. A June wedding is being planned. Her husband-to-be? Glad you asked, his name is Michael Majercik. Also want to wish a lot of good luck to another daughter-in-law, Cynthia (Dr. Steve's wife) who has been accepted for and started her studies in the decorate program at Kent State University. Can you tell I'm proud?

A year or so ago when we were involved in Desert Storm, I asked that you include a few Christmas cards for the servicemen serving in that area, and I furnished an address for them. Ann and Marge Zupanic (No. 42) received an acknowledgement from Warrant Officer, a helicopter pilot, Bob Hall and the pen-pal relationship has continued. His letters are so interesting and they look forward to meeting him some day. It is nice to know that others do read our news. Thanks, Ann and Margie.

Our anniversary mass is Sunday, April 26th, 10:30 A.M., St. Jude's Church. This reminder comes early enough that you can plan well in advance to attend. Will someone please fill in for me? I will be there in spirit.

Take care. It will soon be time to pack and head north. Will be home for Mother's Day, and looking forward to seeing you again.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN A. MAJERICIK

NO. 89, OGLESBY, IL

We had a lovely time at our Christmas party. It was nice to see so many of the members come out on a stormy evening. Our first meeting of this year was Feb. 10th. We had installation of officers and the books were audited. Draping the charter for our deceased member, Mary Kernz and praying that followed, was a significant moment for all.

Cookbook orders are being taken and a report will be given at the next meeting. Some of our members have been on the go during the holidays. Ange Nico and Fran Kirbach spent

their R & R time in California. Mary and Rudy Stubler, representing the Bowling Association, were treated to a Caribbean Cruise. How lucky can you get? Rose Kellett is well on the road to recovery after having surgery. Good to see you up and about, Rose.

We will be honoring all mothers this year at our Mother's Banquet on May 11th. To show our appreciation to all of the past officers of Br. 89 who worked and served so capably, a mass will be offered at Holy Family Catholic Church. Also, all of our deceased members will be remembered.

We have no way to go but to follow the path that was left for us. Let's all work together to a lasting and favorable impression that was left to us to carry on.

Respectfully,

EUNICE KOMATER

NO. 92, GUNNISON, CO

Five members met at the home of Sally Duck to enjoy a meeting which turned out well. Betty Stefanic gave a brief report on the January meeting held at the home of Frances Somrak. Betty was the only member to show up, so we shared the sandwiches and caught up the history of our Branch. We chose Margaret Malensek as our best representative of SWU. She has contributed much to this group, so I wrote a personal tribute to her from my many years of friendship with her and Anne. All of our members are included in the history that Margaret and I compiled this past year.

The members thanked Betty for her work on the Christmas party. She passed around pictures of the guests. We are looking forward to having Frances Guerrieri home soon. Margaret Depew is spending her time in California, and we hope to see her back by summer.

Rita Bartelli reported on finances and read informative letters from Frieda Forcier and Audrey McKnight. Frieda received her congratulations from Medicare this past year! That was a highlight along with her marriage to Frank Welsh. Audrey is still in Reedsburg, Wisconsin, busy with a new home and keeping up with her daughter's activities. We wish all of our members good health.

The mystery box, donated by Margaret was won by Sally. High and low prizes went to Rita and Betty. I won a door prize, a box of candy which John will help me enjoy. I passed out

Learn Slovenian

We are approaching Easter and time to let "AL-LELUIA" ring out! We are still in some troubled times with the economy and other social problems but it will be a brighter Easter than we had last year. The Persian Gulf War is over, Communism was dealt a blow, and our beloved countries of Slovenia and Croatia have succeeded in their quest for independence. In all those areas mentioned, we can't become too complacent as there are other problems that come in the aftermath of conflict. This Easter let us thank God for His guidance and help and ask Him for continued support in solving the problems there and in our country. Let us also give thanks to our Blessed Mother who has interceded in bringing about change in these areas. Let us continue to be diligent in our prayers and with God's grace and Mary's help, we can sing an even greater "Alleluia" next year.

Anita prepared the Slovenian lesson for this month. It is very helpful to have such a wonderful co-worker. Doesn't she do a terrific job?

Vesele in Blagoslovljene Velikonočne praznike od Anite in Anne.

Happy Easter and God's Blessings to all of you!

1. *Majhna sem bila,
Piške sem pasla,
Piške so čivkale,
Jaz sem pa rasla.*

1. *I was small,
The chicks I fed,
The chicks peeped,
And I grew up.*

2. *Mamica moja
Piške prodala,
Piške so čivkale,
Jaz sem jokala...*

2. *My mother
Sold the chicks,
The chicks peeped,
I cried...*

From the Songbook: POJ Z MENOJ I (p. 34)

(Notes on inside cover.)

VOCABULARY:

Majhna...small

Sem bila...I was

Piške...chicks

So čivkale...they peeped...(past tense..."Čivkati"...to chirp, to peep)

Pa...and

Jaz...I

Sem rasla...I grew up...(past tense..."Rasti"...To grow..."E" verb)

Mamica...Mother

Moja...my

Prodala...sold...(past tense..."Prodati"...to sell..."A" verb)

Sem jokala...I cried...(Past tense..."Jokati"...To cry..."A" verb)

the gifts left over from the last meeting.

Our sympathy and prayers were for Kathy Adamich who recently lost her Grandmother. We have also been informed that Pauline Stajduhar's brother Frank died recently. Our sympathy goes out to her also.

Our March meeting was at my home on St. Patrick's Day. Thanks Sally for the great refreshments. Hope to see all of you at the next meeting.

FRANCES SOMRAK,
Reporter

NO. 95, SO. CHICAGO, IL

President Millie James eulogized deceased member, Ann Granich, before opening our March meeting.

Ann, a faithful member for 45 years, was loved by all and a good friend especially to my mom, Kate Musa. They always had so much to talk and laugh about.

We'll miss you, Ann! Our sympathy to your family. Rest in peace.

Meeting opened with reports made and passed. Auditors Lois Chereso, Helene Golich and Betty Markusic ad-

vised that all was in order with lodge finances.

Due to the increase of National Officers stipends and economy, it was announced that all members are assessed a dollar.

Out-of-Towners and those who do not attend meetings, please include same with your dues.

Members, please attend our meetings! They are fun and informative.

Dolores Hennelly urges all to check beneficiaries on insurance policies to make sure they are up to date.

A noisy session followed regarding payment of dues. When all was resolved the following motion was voted on and passed.

Dues must be paid regularly. If not and the member has been notified and does not respond after three months, lodge members will vote on dismissal or not during the following meeting. We are responsible for the monthly assessment, whether you are paid up or not.

Also voted and passed - to build up the treasury a dollar donation will be given by all in 1993.

Sick member, Marge Innis, is still fighting her emphysema with the constant aid of her oxygen tank and her

sister, member Mary Duich and daughter.

Split-the-Pot and other winners were: Marie Maras, Julie Hansen, Elenore Bandera, Sophie Barbich and Mary Toporis.

Hostesses Ann Yosue and Helene Golich did a spectacular job.

Member, Helen Yuratovac is to be commended for her able assistance on the committee for the gala banquet that was held in Chicago for the Croatian-American Association, based in Washington.

All profits went for the funding of the centers for information in Washington and Zagreb. The world recognizes Slovenes and Croats - How about Bush?

MARIE MARAS

BEGINNING PHASE II

**Success
With
Unity**

**Membership
Campaign
is now on!**

Pozdravljeni! Our February meeting was well attended with 16 members and a guest present. A motion was approved to send \$50 to the Franciscan Sisters in Lemont, IL to help with the renovation of their facilities. A donation of \$25 was approved to be sent to the Neillsville Memorial Center toward new medical equipment. Many of our area people have needed help either at the hospital or at the Nursing Home there.

Looking ahead to spring, we will again have our Palm Sunday Bake Sale on April 11-12, after all the masses. The annual Plant Sale will be held on May 3rd at 1 p.m. By then the garden work will be in full swing.

A thank-you letter was read from Mary Rozich's daughter from California. A mass will be offered for our deceased member, Anne Collier, at a later date. A door prize was brought by Josephine Bayuk and won by our birthday lady, Anna Lesar. Everyone sang Happy Birthday and wished her many more. After the meeting, our favorite game was played and then lunch was served. It was a fun afternoon. Our sincerest good wishes and prayers go out to all our many shut-ins, that the Good Lord will lighten their burdens and suffering, especially to LaVerne Laib who is recovering from a partial amputation of her left leg at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Wis.

Several of our area folks are planning trips to the sun countries. The Fred Pedrkos plan a trip to Florida and my husband and I hope to go to Texas shortly for a visit with family members.

A Happy and Blessed Easter to all!
MARY STAUT

NO. 105, DETROIT, MI

Our February 15th meeting was the first for 1992 since our heavy snowstorm caused the cancellation of our January meeting.

A reminder to all members: All of our meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month at my home, 11381 Briarcliff, Warren, MI. If you need directions, please call me at 751-0513. The meetings start at 1:00 and usually last about three hours.

We spent quite a bit of time discussing the Fund for Peter Tominc and

The generous members of Br. 105, Detroit, Michigan, headed by their secretary, Pat Adamic, has undertaken a special project this spring, that is, to help a little 6 year old boy, Peter Tominc from Pleterje, Slovenia, and his family. They will be here this month while Peter undergoes a serious and delicate operation at a suburban Detroit hospital.

The members of Br. 105 are collecting funds to subsidize the living expenses of Peter's parents while they are here, staying near their son

during his hospitalization. The appeal comes from the heart, and we hope our members will send in their contributions for this special cause. Send your checks to Pat Adamic, 11381 Briarcliff, Warren, MI 48093.

Peter is here through an arrangement made between the Republic of Slovenia and Slovenian doctors and the US.

We send him our best wishes for complete recovery, and extend compliments to Br. 105 for this humanitarian effort.

Editor

locating Slovene speaking people who can spend time with Peter and his parents while he is here in Michigan for surgery. Branch 105 is paying for the incidental expenses (stamps, long-distance telephone calls, FAXs to Slovenia, etc.). Donations to the Fund are being received almost daily and we are sure we will be able to cover the cost of lodging for the family.

Branch 105 will hold its 2nd Harvest Dance in September. The exact date to be determined by the availability of a hall and the band.

Our Mother of the Year Luncheon will be held on May 16th when we will honor Evelyn Sunich. Reservations are required so please call me if you wish to attend. As always, guests are welcome.

At our April meeting, members are asked to bring one dozen hard boiled eggs. We will be decorating Easter eggs as a group. We have several very talented members who will assist us in creating unique eggs.

As usual, our June meeting will include children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Plans are to meet at a local park, hold our meeting and then barbeque hotdogs and enjoy them with all the trimmings. This was a very successful outing last year and should be even better this time.

A final note, 1992 SWU dues should be paid as soon as possible. We hope to see more members attending the regular meetings.

PATRICIA ADAMIC

Departed Members

2 - Anna Ahacich (105) Charter and 65-yr member	30 - Sylvia Smithley (51) 4-yr member
3 - Catherine Patrick (89) 49-yr member	40 - Katherine Fush (101) 54-yr member
10 - Frances Leskovec (86) 64-yr member	45 - Eva Polich (91) 57-yr member
Josephine Yakos (88) 58-yr member	Margaret Swalko (91) 57-yr member
12 - Jennie Ahcin (87) 37-yr member	50 - Anne Ryavec (68) 14-yr member
24 - Antonia Jakse (96) 53-yr member	63 - Agnes Butler (92) 39-yr member
26 - Katherine Feffer (70) 54-yr member	91 - Mary Cenik (79) Charter and 54-yr member
28 - Mary Gasvoda (85) 34-yr member	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS GRATITUDE.....

I feel blessed that John and I celebrated our 51st Wedding Anniversary last August. In thanksgiving to his late beloved parents, John and Josefa Bartol, I enclose a heartfelt thank you contribution for "Keep the Connection."

*Sabina Bartol,
McLean, VA*

Priloženi ček za tiskovni sklad, Zarje, katero vedno z zanimanjem prečitam. Pozdravljene!

*Jožica Janezic,
Milwaukee, WI*

A loyal Br. 2 member, when paying her dues, included \$15 for the ZARJA magazine. She really wants to help.

*Anonymous Member
Br. 2, Chicago, IL*

Enclosed is a \$20 check for the ZARJA. This represents a \$10 donation from Jean Kurilich, my mother and me,

Frances Kurilich Reichelderfer

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$25 for "Keep the Connection" Fund. All the members of Br. 101 enthusiastically support the ZARJA and look forward to receiving it. Our special thank goes out to you, Corinne, for all your efforts in making this an interesting and worthwhile magazine. On behalf of the living and deceased members of Br. 101, enclosed check for \$10 is in honor of the 65th anniversary of the SWU. May there be many more years of continued growth to a wonderful organization. Warmest regards,

*Florence Mirtel
Treasurer, Br. 101
Bedford, OH*

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KEEP THE CONNECTION...

A SINCERE THANK YOU to "keep our Connection" contributors, which arrived during January and February. They are listed according to our seven regions:

California-Oregon-Washington:	\$ 20.00
Jean Kurilich (13), Fontana, CA	\$10.00
Frances Kurilich Reichelderfer, Fontana, CA	10.00
Colorado-Kansas-Missouri	5.00
Mary Dimatteo (63), Denver, CO	
Illinois-Indiana	
Anonymous (20, Joliet, IL)	5.00
Minnesota	
Ohio-Michigan	35.00
In Honor of Zveza's 65th anniversary on behalf of living and deceased members,	
Br. 101, Bedford Heights, OH	\$10.00
Branch 101, Bedford Heights, OH	25.00
Pennsylvania, New York, Washington, DC	26.40
Branch no. 103, Washington, DC	\$20.00
Agnes Potepan, Canandaigua, NY (30)	6.40
Wisconsin	15.00
Josephine Janezic (43), Greenfield, WI	\$15.00
Total for January and February	\$ 101.40
Previous Total	3,162.00
Total to date	\$3,268.40

FROM THE HOME OFFICE:

Your response to the decree made at the National Convention in May, 1991 to assess each member one dollar (\$1.00) per year for our general fund, is indeed gratifying. Two-thirds of the Branches have made their yearly contributions for 1992. Among them are the following.

We kindly urge the other Branches to follow suit immediately. For more detailed information, please consult the Minutes of the 21st National Convention published in the November, 1991 ZARJA.

Olga Ancel, Nat'l Sec'y

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TOTALS FOR FEBRUARY, 1992:

12, Milwaukee, WI	\$ 93.00
17, West Allis, WI	117.00
32, Euclid, OH	153.00
33, Duluth, MN	183.00
40, Lorain, OH	26.00
43, Milwaukee, WI	174.00
57, Niles, OH	36.00
59, Burgettstown, PA	20.00
85, DePue, IL	20.00
95, South Chicago, IL	123.00
100, Fontana, CA (prev. \$41.00)	7.00
Total	\$952.00

Cirila Kermavner:

PIRHI



Začnimo kar s putkami, kurami, kokošmi, vse to nas bo privedlo do velikonočnih jajc-pirhov.

Pozimi kure ne nesejo redno, sv. Neža (20. jan.) – kokošim r. odveže. To je že stari rek, ki bo verjetno držal dokler bodo kure na svetu.

Torej, začele so dobro nesti, a glej ga zlomka, treba jih je bilo paziti – "vahtat". Rade so hodile na skrivaj jajca posajati pod podom v kakšen kot, da ni nihče mogel zraven, tam so potem mirno valile. Otroci so morali malo paziti kam ali odkod se kura prikaže. Gotovo vedno jim tudi nemoreš stati na poti in tako je čez kake tri tedne koklja pricapljala s svojo družnico, s svojimi piškami. Kako veselje! Gospodinja je hitro prinesla prosa in vode za male piške.

Po vaseh so "kšeftale" jajčarice. Nakupovale so jajca po hisah, katere so potem nosile iz Suhe Krajine v Kočevja, iz Dobrega Polja pa v Ljubljano. S tem so ljudje po deželi dobili vsaj kak krajcer za "cuker", kofetek in za k košnji.

Gospodinje v Suhi Krajini so že kak mesec pred veliko nočjo šparale jajčka za peko in pirhe. Shranile so jih v pšenici, ječmenu, sploh v žitih, da so ostali na hladnem. So bile naše gospodinje pametne ali ne?

V Suhi Krajini so nesli k žegnu nepobarvana jajčka. Nesli so tudi veje od vsakega sadnega dreva, malo žita, kak krompirček, vse samo zato, da bi Bog dal, da bi vse dobro obrodilo. Tudi rožni venec je bil vmes, da se pokaže, da se ve, da vse pride iz božjih rok.

Žegnane veje so potem osmukali, dali zelenje v kadun (čeber) in to nesli živini, za zdravje med letom. Šibe, ki so ostale so pa potaknili na kresni dan po njihvah, proti neurju, toči in za dober pridelek.

Po žegnu na večer je bilo pa barvanje pirhov na vrsti. Lepe rdeče kot Jezusova kri, "plave" kot nebo; kakor tudi iz čebulnih listov. Čebulne liste so zavreli, kuhana jajca dali v vrelo vodo, ven so prišli lepo rumenkasti pirhi. Ponekod so nabrali pomladansko cvetje z listi, to so potem polagali na kuhan jajček. Cvet in list so položili na jajček, zavili v mehko krpo, potopili v vrelo vodo, odvili in zopet z drugim cvetom, listom nadaljevali, da je bil jajček – pirh ves pisan.

Rabijo tudi izpraskavanje, voščeno narise z večkratnim barvanjem. Ta dva zadnja primera uporablajo v Beli Krajini. Adlešiči so posebno znani s svojimi pisanicami in remenke iz Prekmurja. Ti pirhi veljajo za najlepše okrašena velikonočna jajca na Slovenskem.

Na veliki pondeljek so otroci prinesli pirhe. Fantje in moške so jih pa sekali. Na tla ali na klobukovo štulo so položili pirh in začeli sekati. Otroci so hoteli denar in Bog se usmil, če je kdo v prvo zadel, takrat se je zagvisno kaka solza utrnila v obeh otrok.

Sekali so tudi pomaranče, katere so bile včasih prav presneto drage, kot žefran. Navaden človek si jo je lahko privoščil le za veliko noč. Vsak se je bal za svojo pomarančo. Da ne bi bilo prehitro sekana, so jo potunkali v vročo vodo, da je postala trda in dinar se je odbil, seveda tudi pomaranča ni bila potem več okusna. Le kdo bi to porajtal takrat, ko misliš na ženke v "varžetu".

Hvala lepa Mariji (Minki) Cugljovi, Danici Chemas in Rezki Klemenovi.

Mačice ob vodi kaj Velika noč?

Spet prišla oko maših si pohlevnih koč?

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— Nadaljevanje —

V. BARAGA PRI VELIKI REKI

ZAČETNO DELO

(Od 21. septembra 1833)

BARAGOVO TRPLJENJE. ZAOBLJUBA ZDRŽNOSTI OD OPOJNIH PIJAČ

Pri Veliki reki je imel Baraga sploh silno težko stališče. Dne 1. februarja 1834 je pisal v Evropo: "Ako bi ne želel in upal pripeljati na pot zveličanja nekoliko nesrečnih duš, bi za ves svet ne maral ostati tukaj, kjer je malikovalstvo z vsemi svojimi hudobijami zelo globoko zakoreninjeno." In škofu Reséju je 14. marca istega leta pisal: "Skoraj nemogoče mi je opisati, v kakšnih težavah in stiskah se nahajam v tem nesrečnem kraju." On, ki je bil še iz Šmartnega in Metlike vajen hudega nasprotovanja, tako toži. Nasproti mu je stalo poganstvo z vso svojo čutnostjo in razuzdanostjo, ki so jo belokožci še večali s svojim pohlepom po bogastvu in svojim slabim zgledom. Satanska zloba je vladala nad to nesrečno okolico.

Pastor Slatner je s svojimi pristaši še vedno rovaril za njegovim hrbtom. Dne 13. maja 1834 je spet sklical zborovanje 22-ih Indijancev, ki so na Detroitkega guvernerja Porterja poslali novo vlogo zoper Barago. Slatner je priložil še posebno pritožbo. Pa jim guverner tudi to pot ni ugodil. Poslej je imel Baraga nekoliko več miru pred njimi.

Indijance je zlasti dušilo pijanstvo. Baraga piše: "Tukaj je mnogo nakupovalcev kož, ki povsod lazijo

za Indijanci in jim dajejo žganje v zameno za kože; zato so Indijanci v naši okolici, zlasti v tej vasi, skoraj zmerom pijani. Govoril sem z nekaterimi od teh nesrečnih trgovcev, ki prodajajo peklenškemu sovražniku svoje duše, pa tudi duše ubogih Indijancev. Pa so me vselej zavrnili z zmerjanjem in grožnjami. Moje besede pri njih mnogo manj zaležejo kakor pri najbolj sirovih divjakih. Da bi se maščevali nad menoj, prinašajo Indijancem še več žganja in jim živo prigovarjajo, naj me ne poslušajo in mi ne verjamejo, mene samega pa obrekujejo, kar le morejo. Pri takih okoliščinah je spreobračanje poganov seveda zelo težavno." Potem jih pa opisuje: "Strašen je pogled na pijanega divjaka, še bolj pa na pijano žensko. V pijanosti so kakor obsedene. Mnogo tukajšnjih indijanskih žen je brez nosu. Ko sem prvič to zapazil, si nisem znal razložiti. Povpraševal sem in zvedel, da se v pijanosti zgrabijo kakor volkulje in si odgrizejo nosove. Druge so brez prstov na rokah; izgubile so jih v pijanskih pobojih. Moški planejo drug na drugega s svojimi velikimi noži, ki jih zmerom nosijo s seboj."

Žganjetrzcem je prigovarjal z lepa in jim zbujal vest. Pa so mu odgovarjali, kakor pravi, samo z zmerjanjem in grožnjami. Besno so ga sovražili, ker je tudi tukaj prigovarjal Indijancem, naj pustijo lov, da ne bodo žganjetrzcji več stikali za njimi, in naj se oprimejo poljedelstva, živinoreje in obrti. Pogostokrat so Indijancem govorili, naj Barage ne poslušajo, in so mu z obrekovanjem skušali vzeti ali vsaj zmanjšati ugled. Hoteli so pa tudi s silo obračunati z njim. "Moje življenje je tukaj v veliki nevarnosti," je pisal v omenjenem pismu. "Vsak večer moram svoja vrata prav

skrbno in trdno zapreti, da me ne napadejo. Pred nekaj dnevi je bilo v naši vasi posebno dosti divjakov pijanih. Neki nakupovalec kož jim je prinesel toliko žganja, da so štiri dni in štiri noči nepretrgoma pili. Naši kristjani so bili tega silno žalostni; bili so pa tudi v nevarnosti. Eden mojih najboljših kristjanov bi bil v teh nesrečnih dneh kmalu izgubil življenje. Pijan pogan je namreč prilomastil v njegovo hišo, grdo sramotil vero in ga hotel z nožem zabosti. Komaj se je rešil."

Tudi na Barago so prišli, kakor poroča: "Prav tisti nesrečni dan sem imel tudi jaz obisk pijanih divjakov. Bili so še daleč od moje hiše, ko me je zbudilo njihovo strahovito tuljenje. Prišli so do mojih vrat in hoteli vdreti; kričali so na vso moč, toda nisem mogel nič razumeti. Izročil sem se božji previdnosti in ostal miren. Ko so videli, da ne morejo noter, so se med tuljenjem odstranili."

Baraga tukaj v svoji skromnosti nekaj zamolči, kar nam je pa zapisal Valter Elliot, misijonar-pavlinec iz Detroita; Baragov zaupnik Edvard Jacker mu je bil to povedal. Elliot piše: "Nerazredčeno ohijsko žganje je bilo naprodaj po 25 centov galon (štiri litre in pol). Trgovci so bogateli na račun propadajočih Indijancev. Edini prijatelj Indijancev je bil Baraga. Pridigal jim je v otavščini in jih spravljal na boljša pota. To je razdražilo pristaše baptistovskega misijonarja, ki so

si med trgovci brž poiskali zaveznikov. Ti trgovci so potem neko noč naščuvali pijano tolpo, da naj napadejo Baragovo hišo. Ta je pa bil na njihov prihod pravočasno opozorjen in je vrata in okna dobro zaprl. K sreči so bili preveč pijani, da bi bili mogli vdreti. Če bi se jim bilo to posrečilo, bi ga bili ubili. Cele štiri ure je ta drhal oblegala hišo. Njihovo tuljenje je bilo grozno. Vsak hip je pričakoval, da bo nad streho iz lubja zaplapolal ogenj in da bo tudi sam zgorel. O hrupu je pa zvedel tudi tamkajšnji predstojnik orožnikov; prišel je in nasilneže razkropil. Med tem peklenkim tuljenjem je Baraga ves čas klečal in molil. Jasno mu je stalo pred očmi, koliko zlo za njegovo ljudstvo je pijančevanje. Zato se je odločil, da se bo za zgled žrtvoval. Tukaj v svojem stanovanju, obkoljen od napadalcev, se je slovesno zaobljubil, da se bo poslej vse življenje popolnoma zdržal opojnih pijač. Ta sklep je do smrti zvesto držal. Mnogokrat je bil ves opešan, ker mu je bil ob neužitni hrani želodec popolnoma odpovedal; včasih se je v svoji premočeni obleki ves tresel od mraza; večkrat je bil v zimah, kakršne so ob Gorenjem jezeru, ves premrl in bil kozarca vina ali čašice žganja krvavo potreben. Pa je ob spominu na nočni prizor ob Veliki reki odbil vse take skušnjave in svoje pomanjkanje daroval Odrešeniku, ki je bil prav tako izkušán."

Karel Mauser

RAZDRTO GNEZDO

— NADALJEVANJE —

Med najbolj sposobnimi in šolanimi sestrami, ki so zapustile bolnico in se razteple v službe k dobrim ljudem, ali k sorodnikom, je bila vsem priljubljena in krepka sestra Jedrt. Poiskala je službo in tudi našla pri starem in že upokojenem zdravniku na deželi med hribovskimi vasmí. Na uradni list je napisal, da je služkinja — v resnici pa izvrstna bolničarka.

Stari zdravnik in sestra Jedrt sta se vračala. Dobro se je zdanilo, ko sta zapuščala mlado porodnico in oba trudna. Od ene ponoči pa skoraj do šeste zjutraj sta se mučila z mlado ženo in s skrbjo pogledavala drug na drugega. Ta primer bi spadal v bolnico in oba sta imela tekmo s smrtjo. Čez peto sta le otroka rešila. Bila je deklica. Jedrti so se oči napolnile s solzami.

"Brez vas bi je ne rešil", je rekel zdravnik; "Neroden sem postal".

"Že dolgo niste toliko premolili kakor nocoj, gledal sem ustnice." Tukaj ljudje pokličejo zdravnika, ko je smrt v hiši. Bila bi za bolnico."

"Obljubila sem, da se vrnem po deseti uri. Malo moram zatisniti oči doma, potem bom pa dobra," je rekla Jedrt.

"Za te ljudi ste pravi blagoslov", je rekel mehko "Kako plašno me gledajo ljudje, če pridem sam. Prepričani so, da veste več kot jaz, posebno še ženske. Ta žena nocoj je bolj visela na vas kakor na meni, prav zares."

"Ljudje se že zdaj boje, ko boste šli v pokoj", je rekla.

"Vem. Nekateri so me radi imeli, nekateri — ker nisem veliko računal. Biti zdravnik v tem času je še za mladega težko. Ni zdravil, ni injekcij!

"Naj vam jaz nesem instrumente, gospod doktor, težko je".

"Vse boste morali prekuhati, dovolj bo posla," je nežno rekel. Legla je takoj, ko sta prišla domov in ob devetih je budilka že drdrala. Bila je tako zbita, da se ni mogla takoj znajti. Opravila se je in si skuhalo čaja. Stari zdravnik je spal in prav tiho je morala zapreti vrata za seboj in odšla.

Z mlado ženo in otrokom je bilo vse prav. Oba sta spala, ko je pogledala k njima. Mož je sedel v kuhinji bled in zmučen. Nasmehnila se mu je.

"Vse je v redu. Zdaj bo najbolje tudi za vas, da greste spat! Mirno zaspate in nič se vam ni treba bati. Vse hudo je za nami."

Ko je prihitela sestra Jedrt v hribovsko hišico, je bilo vse prav. Potolažila je mladega očeta in mu rekla, da sta oba zdrava in on naj gre spat, da se bo opomogel, po hudi noči.

"Ženi bi rada skuhalo kurjo juho," je rekla. "Bi smela zaklati kokoš? Zelo jo je potrebna po takem hudem porodu."

"Še vprašate?" Ko je pričel lesti po stopnicah na podstrešje, se je ustavil in se obrnil nazaj.

"Nisem se takoj domislil, da vam ne pristoji, da bi morali vi žival zaklati. Ne zamerite, ker sem tako neroden."

Malo pred dvanajsto se je žena prebudila. Sestra Jedrt jo je slišala in takoj odšla v čumnató.

"Vaš mož je zaspal, komaj je še gledal od truda in skrbi. Skuhala sem vam juho. Dala vam bo moč in

malo rdečice nazaj v lica. Huda noč."

Podložila ji je blazino, da bi sedla. In ko je jedla, je Jedrt sedela na stolu poleg postelje kakor včasih v bolnici pri težkem bolniku.

"Vse se je srečno izteklo; punčka je bila malo premočna za vas. Tako zelo ste suhi." Povedala je, da je bila suha še kot otrok.

Z veseljem je jedla in rada govorila. Sestra Jedrt jo je rada poslušala. Tolikokrat je videla v bolnici, da so se bolniki počutili boljše, če jim je kdo govoril.

"Veste, ljudje tukaj po vaseh se hudo boje, ker bo stari doktor odšel v pokoj. Nobeden od doktorjev ne leze rad v hribe. Zdaj vsi prosijo Boga, da bi vsaj vi ostali."

"Jaz nisem doktor," je rekla sestra Jedrt.

"Pa veliko veste. Vse rože poznate, svetujete in pomagate."

Vračala se je domov že v mraku. Treba je bilo pospraviti, skuhati mlademu očetu, ki ga je spanje vsaj malo pomirilo in popoldne je hitro minilo. Tudi sosede, prve obiskovalke so prišle. Križale so otroka. Bil je mrak, ko je odšla. Ljudje so bili dobri, a vedeli so malo, kako se vrti svet v dolini.

Ljudje v tem kraju niso mogli razumeti, da sestre ne smejo biti več v bolnici in ne v redovnih oblekah. In vendar se jim je zdela prava milost, da prihaja ona k njim in nihče ji ni drugače rekel: kot "sestra Jedrt." Ljubili so jo in zdela se jim je sveta, ker je nekoč nosila redovno obleko.

Med potjo se je spomnila na pismo matere Doroteje in mislila njene globoke besede: "Ne morem prehvaliti Boga za vse milosti, ki jih je dal sestram po vsem, kar smo po njegovi sveti volji hudega prestale. S prstom je pokazal pot sestri Virginii, s svojo silo je za petami sestri Anastaziji, imamo domek po moji rodni sestri Poloni, vas sestra Jedrt je postavil med bregove. Ali si lahko mislite, kaj lahko vse storite? Vsak dan prosim Boga, da bi vam dal moč, da bi vse napore vzdržali. S posebnim poslanstvom smo se zopet vrnile med ljudi. Oh, mislite večkrat na to, draga sestra Jedrt."

Bila je ginjena, ko je premišljavala te besede. Vrnila se je v svet, ker je taka božja volja, bil je že mrak, ko je stopala navzdol po bregu.

V hišico rodne sestre matere Doroteje je le prišla sestra Maksencija, kamor je bila vabljen. Bila je nekaj bolna in prišla je bolj pozno — seveda blede in suha. Tudi plašna kakor preganjana ptica.

"Kaj zaradi mene bo morala sestra Marjeta k Repetku?"

"Sestra Marjeta je vajena kmečkega dela in je zdrava." Mati Doroteja je govorila: "Midve bova vsak dan šli malce na sprehod, da se pošteno popravite, nato se boste lotili šivanja. Ne veste, kako zanemarjena je mašna obleka v naši cerkvi. Prav

zadnji čas je bil, da ste prišli."

Sestra Marjeta je pritjeravala in ji naslikala skupne večere živo, da se nazadnje sestre Maksencija nasmehnila. Misel mater Doroteje, da zbira novo domače gnezdo, jo je naravnost pomladila. Nova blede stvarca, ki je prišla v novi dom, se je drugi dan lotila kuhe. Mati Doroteja ji je odvezala predpasnik, jo prijala za roko in jo odpeljala do naslanjača. Rekla je:

"Globoko dihajte in mislite, da je božja volja taka, da se popravite. Jaz moram skrbeti, da jo izpolnjujete. Samo lahka sapa nosi vas."

Za sestre v hišici so se začeli čudoviti dnevi. Jutra so bila hladna, prav narahlo prepražena z meglicami. Mati Doroteja, sestra Marjeta, sestra Maksencija gredo k zgodnji maši. Tja grede tiho, nazaj pa v prijetnem čebljanju in odzdravljanju ljudem na poti. Včasih tudi hitijo bolj, ker sestra Marjeta noče biti prepozno pri Repetru. Ko da odide, mati Doroteja pospraviti, odpre vsa okna, da sonce prekadi vso hišo, sestra Maksencija sede v naslanjač in na glas bere iz svetega pisma. Mati Doroteja sedi na stolu pri mizi in z zaprtimi očmi posluša.

Mladi sestri lica niso bila več tako blede, kakor so ji bila in marsikaj je že lepo pošila. Gospod župnik je bil z njenim delom zelo zadovoljen. Popoldne odideta obe za dobro uro na sprehod. Mlada se je branila, češ, ljudje bodo mislili, kako se jima dobro godi. Mati Doroteja je trdno zahtevala, da se mora popraviti. Sestra Maksencija je zelo uživala nad lepim razgledom. Mati Doroteja je pa govorila samo o sestrinah, kje so in kaj delajo.

Ko je prišlo pismo sestre Vendeline, je bila mati resna.

"Poslušajte, kaj je zvedela sestra Vendelina o sosestri Anastaziji, ko je srečala doktorja Polca in je bil z njo zelo prijazen. Tole:

"Sestra Anastazija je sama prosila za premestitev iz Ljubljane na Jesenice. Rekel je, da se mu ni zdela tudi tam preveč srečna. Šel je tja zaradi neke operacije. Zelo jo cenijo, toda stikov z ljudmi tudi tam nima, pa se nekateri prizadevajo. Doktor Polec je tudi rekel: Menda sestre vedno ostanete sestre: Nekaj je v vas, kar ni mogoče razvozljati. Menda bo res, kar ste vi rekli o Anastaziji, da ji je božja milost za petami."

"Da, tako sem nekoč rekla. Ponoči, ko ne morem spati, mi pride na misel, da bi jo morala poiskati. Pa me ustavi misel: Bog bo mnogo več naredil z njo kakor pa jezik stare nune. Ta ura bo gotovo enkrat prišla."

"Tako zelo ste modri, častita mati," reče sestra.

"Kaj praviš: modra, prav malo vem. Molite zanjo!" Začeli sta moliti. pa ne samo za Anastazijo, ampak kar po vrsti za vse.

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THE HEART OF THE TREE

*What does he plant who plants
a tree?
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and sky;
He plants the flag of breezes
free;
The shaft of beauty towering
high.*

Henry C. Bunner

This year Arbor day falls on April 24th. Arbor Day is the day set aside to plant a tree.

Did you know that the first Arbor Day was April 10, 1872, in the state of Nebraska? The originator of the holiday was J. Sterling Morton, who was, at that time, a member of the Nebraska Board of Agriculture. (He later went on to become the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and there's an

Arboretum named after him in northern Illinois, near Chicago.)

In 1885, Nebraska declared Arbor Day a legal holiday, and the idea spread rapidly throughout the other states. However, despite the rapid spread of the idea of Arbor Day, it wasn't until 1956 that a National Arbor Day was commissioned and an

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attempt made to unify the day. Up until this time, every community within the various states celebrated it on a different day. It was decided that the last Friday of April be set aside as Arbor Day in the United States.

The original purpose was to plant a tree to beautify public grounds. The idea evolved into much more. It is

now a day not only for planting for the sake of beauty, but to impress on the minds of school children that we have but one Earth. Trees are an important part of the Earth's survival. We need trees, and forests and urge that otherwise waste lands should be reforested.

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Congratulations Megan, keep up the good work!



Majhna sem bila

ljudska



Maj-hna sem bi- la, pi- ške sem pa- sla,



pi- ške so čiv- ka- le, jaz sem pa ra- sla.

Majhna sem bila,
piške sem pasla,
piške so čivkale,
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