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October 4, 1998
Branch #20

in Joliet
"City Of Champions"



Marko Puc



JOLIET WELCOMES YOU TO THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Anniversary/State Convention Committee members have big smiles of welcome to all our members and guests who will come to Joliet to help them celebrate on October 4th, 1998.

Front row, l. to r.: Char Kobe, Carlene Kambic, Joyce Vicich, Pat Figuirowski, Mary Kay Demick; 2nd row: Jonita Ruth, Olga Ancel, Agnes Dobczyk, Millie Pucel, Marie Scheidt; 3rd row: Lillian Stefanich, Marion Schoener, Jo Lustik, Diane Govednik; 4th row: Jean Govednik, Bob Kostelec, Dorothy Mahan, Mollie Gregorich. Not on the photo: Marsha Judnik and Heidi Dornmark.

And, the Co-Chairpersons of this committee; left, Jonita Ruth, center, Fr. David Stalzer, right, Pat Figuirowski.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JULY & AUGUST

National Officers:

- Jul. 2 - Dorothy Sleight, Regional President of Western States, Enumclaw, WA
Jul. 16 - Bonnie Prokup, Regional President of IL-IN Streamwood, IL
Aug. 1 - Patricia Figuirowski, Nat'l Auditor, Joliet, IL

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July 19 - Mary Percic, Br. 67, Bessemer, PA
July 23 - Alouise Epley, Br. 73, Warrensville Hts., OH
July 25 - Marylou Matthews, Br. 108, Virginia Beach, VA
Aug. 2 - Mary Satkovich, Br. 97, Cairnbrook, PA
Aug. 2 - Dorothy Szumski, Br. 101, Bedford Hts., OH
Aug. 7 - Eileen Kaplan, Br. 3, Pueblo, CO
Aug. 7 - Moreen Spencer, Br. 13, San Fran., CA
Aug. 13 - Virginia Bendich, Br. 59, Burgettstown, PA
Aug. 16 - Frances Ulle, Br. 68, Fairport Hbr., OH
Aug. 19 - Dorothy Bruce, Br. 71, Strabane, PA
Aug. 20 - Charlotte Perdan, Br. 32, Euclid, OH
Aug. 30 - Evelyn Pipoly, Br. 50, Cleveland, OH

HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER!

SPECIAL EVENTS AND DATES

JULY:

- 2, Chicago, IL 19 ZVEZA DAY PICNIC, Lemont, IL
13, San Francisco, CA 16 DAYTRIP to Falkirk Mansion &

AUGUST:

- 35, Aurora, MN 5 LUNCHEON MEETING at Holiday Inn, 1 p.m.
42, Maple Hts., OH 13 SUMMER LUNCH/MEETING at Cracker Barrel in Twinsburg, 1 p.m.

SEPTEMBER:

- 13, San Francisco, CA 3 BACK TO MEETINGS!
50, Cleveland, OH 16 ANNUAL PICNIC

OCTOBER:

- 35, Aurora, MN 11 FIRST FALL MEETING, Community Center, 1:30 p.m.

VERY SPECIAL EVENTS:

- 12, Milwaukee, WI Sept. 27 WISCONSIN STATE CONVENTION
20, Joliet, IL Oct. 4 ILL.-IND. STATE CONVENTION
70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
24, LaSalle, IL Sept. 17 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
25, Cleveland, OH Sept. 17 OH-MICH. STATE CONVENTION

Please see Branch Activities Reports
for more information on these events.

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MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

Slovenian Women's Union 23rd National Convention

Orlando, May 20-24, 1999

Slightly less than a year from now, May 1999, the Twenty-third National Convention of the Slovenian Women's Union of America will be convened in Orlando, Florida, the site chosen by the 1995 convention attendees in San Francisco.

Vice President, Kathleen Dorchak of Ohio volunteered to be the Chairperson of this monumental undertaking. We, on the Board, have witnessed her management capabilities in every project she is assigned, so we are all looking forward to a well-planned, informative and productive convention; one that will bring our officers, elected delegates and interested friends of Zveza together with fraternal zeal, sisterly affection and the fore-sight that will keep our SWU going strong for the next 70 years!



Schedule your time now – Orlando, Florida at the Orlando Marriott hotel on International Drive. Plan to enjoy fun in the sun and time with old and new friends. There will be lots to do and see. It will be a time well spent. Details will follow in future issues of ZARJA.

Now it remains for all conscientious Branch officers, presidents and secretaries to carefully scrutinize and present to the members at the monthly meetings all the material that will be sent to you concerning the rules of the convention and the process of delegate



selection. Much of the necessary information will also be published in our ZARJA magazine over the next several months. Remember, you have the responsibility to elect qualified and diligent delegates from your branches who will be prepared to discuss and vote on diverse issues and by-law changes that will affect our organization now and in the future.

SWU members across the seven regions of the country have widely different opinions about the management and goals of our Zveza. There are questions and concerns in every branch about the by-law changes, our financial status, the computer billing system and the dwindling membership and our VERY PURPOSE FOR EXISTING has changed with the passing years. But certain tenants remain as set down many years ago by our founders. Article II 2.04 of our by-laws states: "Mutual ideals and sisterly understanding shall govern all practices and procedures; and Article 3.06 directs," To preserve unity and friendship within the organization, members will be expected to be courteous and respectful to their fellow members." There can be no room for self-promotion in our democratically established SWU. All officers and delegates have one vote and share equally in the hopes for the improvement of and the proliferation of our great "Union."

Begin now to familiarize your branches with the booklet: CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION OF AMERICA recently sent to every branch president and secretary and available to all members.

Make plans to select delegates who will speak up with knowledge and clarity to the important issues facing us at this Twenty-third National Convention. At stake is the very survival of SWU.

My sincere congratulations to our 1998 SWU Scholarship winners! Director, Mary Turvey and the Scholarship Committee are to be applauded for a difficult job, well done.

NATIONAL SECRETARY -- KEEPING UP-TO-DATE

For the few years I have had the job as your secretary, I have come to know so many people. Maybe I have not met them face-to-face, but whether name on the outside of an envelope, or a voice on the phone, they have become special to me. They are secretaries to branches, they are members with special requests, they are "friends" in every sense of the word.

For instance, there is Mollie Matuska (Br. 10, Cleveland) who is 86 years old. Mollie has had surgery, diagnosed having bladder cancer. Mollie lost her husband (Edward) five years ago, they had no children, and she takes pride in the fact that she was born on Bishop Baraga's birthday. We wish her well. Mollie calls when she feels like talking to someone, and it is always nice to hear from her.

Ženska Zveze has lost two very special secretaries. Anna Kerkovich (Br. 93) and Catherine Oliver (Br. 43). My rapport with them was something I will miss. Anna slipped away while alone, her son found her in her chair when he came to visit. Anna was always concerned about matters pertaining to her branch and to SWU.

Catherine's passing came suddenly and unexpectedly. Members had spoken with her and she may have expressed a few discomforts, "maybe the flu" she said; but just as quickly she was hospitalized and died a few days later. Catherine was a very precise woman, she inquired into minute details pertaining to her membership, her correspondence was orderly and members tell me this was the result of her experience in the business world. (Last month we read about her life story as Mother of the Year of Br. 43). May both of these ladies rest in peace, they deserve our prayers and will be remembered as a part of the history of our organization.

I have thank you's to extend, to those members who were kind enough to send in donations with their dues payments. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness, regardless of how big or how small your token. So, to the following: Mary K. Barolli, Ann Rose Bodisch, Josephine Gosline, Emily Unik, Pat Hagemier, Lillian Folaron, Emma Znidarsich and Jacqueline Hanks - THANK YOU. (If you would like to see your name in print - follow their example).

We are presently in the process of reviewing a number of records where we show invoices were sent to members in 1997 and not paid. We have received excellent response to our requests for payment, and appreciate your cooperation. Remember, these are 1997 records. It is a time-consuming job, and we work it in as we can.

Our summer pace will be slowed, there is life outside of SWU and we are going to take advantage some of the summer activities - just as so many of you will be doing. Have yourselves a happy, happy summer, stay safe, stay healthy.

Respectfully,

Evelyn A. Majercik, National Secretary

We're busy at work with marvelous prizes!!

As one of our pre-convention activities, the SWU will sponsor a raffle for marvelous prizes - all handmade items - that will benefit the SWU Convention Fund.

The Frist Prize is being handmade by our National Treasurer, Beverly Menart of Br. 33, Duluth, Minnesota and consist of a beautiful queen-size quilt, in colors of forest green and cream, depicting a "Ducks on the Pond" pattern.

Beverly, thank you! We hope to see a picture of the quilt in the next issue of ZARJA!

The second prize is a Seymar Mann porcelain doll, donated by National President, Jean Korsman and three different Slovenian dresses for her, the National Costumes of Gorenjska, Bela Krajina and Prekmurje.

So, some lucky winners will be the happy recipients of these precious prizes, to be selected at the 23rd National Convention of Slovenian Women's Union in Orlando, Florida in May, 1999!

More information will be forthcoming!



CLEVELAND AWAITS BARAGA DAYS

September 5-6, 1998!

Bishop Baraga Days in Cleveland, Ohio promises to be an outstanding event with the leadership of prominent Baraga followers and coordination by outstanding individuals and groups! The schedule is as follows for the two day pilgrimage:

Concelebrated Mass service in the Slovenian language on September 5, 1998 at St. Vitus Church, 6019 Glass Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Mass at 6:30 p.m. Host celebrant to be Auxiliary Bishop A. Edward Pevec, diocese of Cleveland. Principal homilist, Metropolitan and Archbishop Franc Rode, archdiocese of Ljubljana (Republic of Slovenia). Social and cultural program to follow Mass in St. Vitus Parish Auditorium, 6111 Glass Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44103.

Concelebrated Mass service in the English language on September 6, 1998 at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1027 Superior Avenue and East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Mass service at 2:00 p.m. Annual Baraga Association business proceedings with banquet scheduled at 4:30 p.m. at Slovenian National Home, 6409 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. This will immediately follow the Mass service.

The principal guest speaker at the annual business proceedings/banquet will be world known neurosurgeon, Dr. Robert J. White, M.D., Ph.D. Dr. White is a professor of Neurosurgery and Brain Research Laboratory at MetroHealth Medical Center. Both are in Cleveland, Ohio.

Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Baraga Days, Jim Debevec says all Cleveland is ready to welcome Baragans from around the world. Cleveland was host to two previous Baraga Days, in 1976 and 1979.

For additional information calls may be directed to (216) 361-4088.

Fact Sheet Summation: Bishop Baraga

Ireaneus Frederik Baraga (F. Baraga) was born on June 29, 1797 to a landed and aristocratic Slovenian family. Baraga renounced a life of wealth. He was ordained a priest in the Roman Catholic Church in the diocese of Ljubljana (Slovenia) on September 21, 1823. After serving nearly seven years in his native Slovenia, Father Baraga was accepted as a missionary priest in the Upper Great Lakes Region in the USA. He arrived in New York, NY on December 31, 1830.

For nearly 37 years Father Baraga served as a missionary priest and bishop. An acknowledged linguist (Chippewa, English, French, German, Italian, Latin, Slovenian languages) and legal scholar (law degree, University of Vienna, Austria), Father Baraga authored and directed the first written dictionary and grammar books on the Chippewa language. Father Baraga became the founding bishop of the current diocese of Marquette in 1853. He died on January 19, 1868. In 1950 the Baraga Association was established to initiate beatification and canonization process of Bishop Baraga as a saint in the Catholic Church.

Stan Kuhar

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS!

Recognition of volunteer efforts is often passed by and sometimes thought to be unnecessary. Ask any volunteer and they'll say they are mostly taken for granted! But they do it anyway.

Two such generous volunteers are Jean Krizman and Ann Tercek who have done outstanding work for the Slovenian Home for the Aged in Cleveland, Ohio since the beginning.

Jean has been instrumental in coming up with great fund-raising ideas and is on the Board of Directors of the Home. She is credited with bringing in huge amounts of financial help through donations they receive from the various projects Jean has inspired and worked through. She's always a positive force for success.

Ann writes of the fine group of members from branches 10, 14, 25, 32 and 50 who come to the Home weekly to

"Touching lives - lifting spirits!"



Celebrating National Volunteers Week in April were Jean Krizman (left) and Ann Tercek, volunteers at the Slovenian Home for the Aged in Cleveland.

sing at the Slovenian masses presided by Fr. John Kumse, pastor of St. Mary's Church with some help from Fr. Joseph Boznar, pastor of St. Vitus. Many years ago the late Mary Kokal was in charge of the singers, then later, Josephine Trunk and now Rose Marie Marn with singers Frances Nemanich, Anette Krajc, Barbara Magajna, Ann Kosir and Emma Delac and three men, John Kokal, Frank Kokal and Don Mulec. Valerie Vadnal was the organist first, then Mary Gerl and now Millie Wojtilla. Our Ann sings with this group for over 20 years already... never missing a Saturday! Once, a month there is a sing-a-long for residents with birthdays. Besides taking part in all the musical events, Ann, with her group of members, has held card parties as fund-raisers and made hundreds of bibs and lap wraps for the residents.

So, three cheers for our volunteers, those who help any organization achieve its goals! Thanks to them for "touching so many lives in so many thoughtful ways!"

C.

(Thanks to Ann for this information and picture!)

THE 1998 SWU SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Slovenian Women's Union of America's Scholarship Fund Committee is proud to announce four students selected to be awarded \$1,000 SWU Scholarship Awards for 1998. The Committee had a difficult time making this selection, as there were eight highly qualified student applicants. We trust that you, the generous donors throughout the United States who make the SWU Scholarship Fund possible, will be pleased to read brief biographies of this year's winners.

The Committee:
Dr. Margaret Francel

Marge Church
Irene Odorizzi

Kathleen Emerson
Mary Turvey, Director

SWU Award



Elizabeth Fon

Elizabeth "Betsy" Fon, daughter of Stephen and Phyllis Fon, 7151 Windridge Way, Brownsburg, Indiana has been a member of Branch 5 for a number of years. Betsy plans to major in English/Liberal Arts at Purdue University. At Cardinal Ritter High School she maintained a 3.7 grade point average, has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years, received the Student of the Month in Biology and Outstanding Student Awards in Geometry and Art. Betsy participated in many athletic competitions, clubs, and organizations including Big Sister/Little Sister. In her church Betsy is a peer mentor for a program called "A Promise to Keep", teaching the importance of chastity, promoted by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Betsy is of third generation Slovene heritage and enjoys participating in Branch 5 meetings, memorial masses and breakfasts. She is also involved with social events in the K.S.K.J. and the Slovenian Cultural Society of Indianapolis.

The Frances Barman Award



Angela Mlakar

Angela Mlakar, daughter of John and Lucille Mlakar, 12455 Erin Drive, Auburn, California has been a member of Branch 100 for 17 years. Angela intends to pursue a career in landscape architecture at California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo this fall. Angela's interest in landscape makes her the most appropriate winner of the Frances Barman Award, named in honor of one of our most generous SWU Scholarship Fund Program donors. Frances spent much of her time in her gardens, sharing it's beauty and production of blossoms with others.

As a student at Placer High School, Angela participated in many extra-curricular activities, leadership classes, ski and volleyball teams. She coaches volleyball at the local Catholic School and helps with its fund raisings. As an artist, Angela has designed posters and patches for the Boy Scouts and submitted a new logo idea for the Slovenian Women's Union. Although Auburn is a great distance from Fontana where SWU Branch 100 meetings are held, Angela did create a computer spreadsheet for Branch 100 for it's membership information and status records.

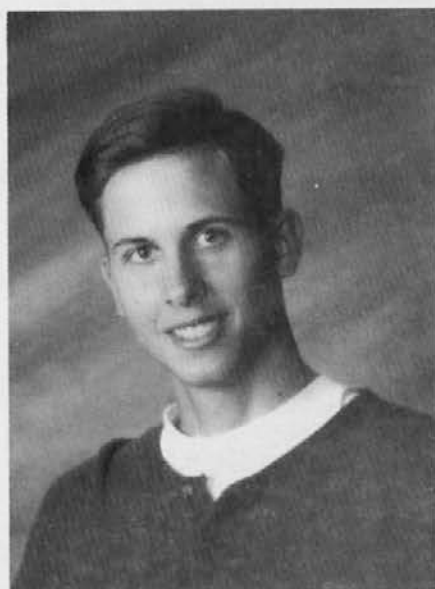
SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT – April and May 1998

Donor	In Honor of	Amount			
Br. 1, Sheboygan, WI	Scholarship Fund	\$100.00	Joan Gergisch Daniel	Agnes Gergisch	25.00
	In memory of		Frank & Fran Shepel	John Bobence, Sr.	10.00
Br. 32, Euclid, OH	Betty Perme	10.00	Br. 47, Gar. Hts., OH	Mary Scholar	5.00
Br. 32, Euclid, OH	Betty Petrovic	10.00	Rosemary Mlakar	Cecelia Horzen	20.00
Br. 32, Euclid, OH	Rose Brancely	10.00	Ed & Mici Bregart	Antonija Vekar	10.00
			Soren Oliver Family	Catherine A. Oliver	25.00

SWU Award

Zachary Pucel, son of Christopher and Julie Pucel, 313 Buckingham Place, Shorewood, Illinois has been a member of Branch 20 for 15 years. Zach plans to attend either Bradley or Cruman University majoring in Biology/Education, hoping to attain a career in either medicine or education. As a student at Minooksa Community High School, Zach participated in the International Club, became a member of the National Honor Society, the National Spanish Honor Society and is listed in "Who's Who in American High School Students" for the past two years. His athletic pursuits are golf, volleyball, and basketball.

Zach has been a volunteer at the St. Joseph's Medical Center and participated in the American Cancer Society's "Hoopes for Life." Zach inherited his deep interest and devotion to his Slovene heritage through his great grandmother Josephine Erjavec, his grandmother Mildred Pucel, and his aunt, Olga Ancel, all who were instrumental in the formation and development of our Slovenian Women's Union Organization. Zach has participated most recently in Grape Dance Festivals, a SWU Museum Open House, and the SWU Christmas Fair booth held at St. Joseph's, Joliet, Illinois.



Zachary Pucel

SWU Award

Matthew Slaten, son of Charles and Diane Slaten, 816 Scranton Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado has been a member of Branch 3 for 18 years. Matthew plans to attend the University of Denver or Gonzaga University and although undecided about his choice of majors, wants to "make a difference, at least in his corner of the world." At Central High School, Matt maintained a 3.89 G.P.A. and class rank of 4/215. He has received numerous honors and advanced placement in courses, academic letters, and held leadership positions in the National Honor Society, Ski Club, Spanish Club, Italian Club, and Key Club. He was a Colorado Boy's State Delegate, a participant in the CHA European Educational Tour (1997), and chosen Most Valuable participant in Colorado by the State Farm Insurance Company. His teachers selected him as the Mason's Outstanding Junior Boy for Central High School in 1997. Matthew not only participates in soccer tournaments, camps, etc. but has been a field judge for competitive soccer. He operates his own lawn service business and is also employed at a golf course as the range/grounds keeper.

Community and church work include campus clean-ups, church dinners, food drives, and lecturing at church. Last fall Matthew organized a used coat drive in which 253 coats were collected and given to the needy.



Matthew Slaten

A very heartfelt thank you to all of you who continue to support our Scholarship Program. The SWU National Board has directed that only two financial statements be published in ZARJA. Our next report will appear in the November-December issue, but it is hoped that our readers will not forget this worthwhile benefit for our students. Donations have been down in recent months so contributions of all amounts will be greatly appreciated.

Although our Scholarship Fund Committee did pass an agreement to disburse with two criteria for selecting students: 1. Not more than one student can ever receive a SWU Award per family, and 2. Not more than one student can receive an award from the same Branch in a given year, this issue will not be implemented if and until it is approved at the National Convention in May 1999.

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HISTORY OF S.W.U. BRANCHES

Looking Back

to the Future

Branch 20, Joliet, Illinois

70th ANNIVERSARY – 1928–1998

Part III



The Branch #20 Cadets parade in front of St. Joseph Church Hall.

THE CADETS

The crowning glory of Branch 20 was the championship Drill Team -- the best of Slovenian young women combined in an athletic endeavor, representing the Slovenian nationality and the Slovenian Women's Union of America. Their presence at community affairs, parades or SWU functions

added a dimension of interest and awe to the crowds watching their precision drill routines in parades on various national holidays during extremely cold weather or on heat-exhausting days.

Not only were these young women attractive in their professionally designed and constructed green and gold uniforms complete with white gloves, hosiery and shoes but their precision marching brought cheers and applause from the groups admiring their matchless performance on the streets of Joliet or in various halls.

The team was strictly scored in competition by U.S. Military officials and they truly earned the distinction of being named Championship Cadets when they won three consecutive major competitions. Their weekly drill rehearsals on Clay St. or in St. Joseph Hall brought results. They were the finest!

Being a Cadet meant that you also developed friendships which in many cases were lifelong. You sold tickets and decorated the hall for dances, turned waitress for SWU banquets, decorated parade floats, attended picnics, hayrides and other social activities sponsored by the group.

The girls planned and participated in activities that raised money for their uniforms and also for travel to the SWU Conventions throughout the U.S. When a cadet married she was honored by a squad of cadets that raised their

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silver staffs as the newly married couple passed underneath them and out of the church. How impressive!

Every cadet will remember 527 N. Chicago St. as the place for "getting into uniform." Cadets met at the Erjavec's home where the uniforms were stored. It was Olga and Mildred Erjavec who took charge of seeing that everyone had whatever was needed to complete "the look." One cadet recalls:

"I remember cadets needing pins, white shoe polish or some accessory and Olga or Millie taking them into the bedroom to look through drawers for extra white gloves or a pair of white stockings because someone had a 'runner,' in hers. The half hour spent in getting ready seemed chaotic but Olga and Millie rallied to the cause and the cadets always relied on them for any emergency."

"During all this rushing around, Mrs. Erjavec would see that 'Grandpa Setina,' who was seated at the kitchen table had his breakfast/lunch before she rushed to record the parade with her camera."

"After the parade, everything had to be stored in the cabinets and the girls returned to their homes. Many a time, Joe Erjavec acted as chauffeur and drove home some of the girls who lived at a distance."

"It's not unlikely that any former cadet that you meet will have forgotten their 'stint in the military,' and everyone, Senior and Junior cadets alike will remember the Erjavec's and 527 N. Chicago St. Those were truly the good old days."

By 1953, the Senior Championship Drill Team won first place at three consecutive conventions: 1943 in Pittsburgh, 1946 in Indianapolis and 1949 in Pueblo. There

were three sets of uniforms, the latest in 1949 carrying out the branch colors of green and gold. Josephine Mahkovec Goron and Dorothy Govednik Mahan each served as captain for seven years.

Cadet Officers in 1953 were: Honorary Captain, Jo Goron; Captain, Dorothy Govednik; First Lieutenant, Irene Planinsek; Second Lieutenant, Evelyn Benko; President, Mildred Pucel; Vice Presidents, Betty Veerman and Jane Hankovak; Secretary, Arlene Paris; Treasurer, Doris Krall; Sergeant-at-arms, Dolores Bostjancic; Reporter, Olga Ancel.



Senior Cadet Captain, Dorothy Govednik Mahan walks under the staffs raised in her honor by the Cadet Honor Guard after her wedding at St. Joseph's Church.



The Senior Cadets prepare for one of their social activities and fund-raisers.



Senior Cadets enjoy a tasty banquet dinner prepared by the many capable cooks of the branch. The green, gold and white uniforms were smart looking on these young Slovenian girls.



Branch #20 cadets gathered for a reunion. Not all of the gals were available to attend the event but those present posed for this photo. Seated l.-r.: Mildred Pucel, Olga Ancel, Jean Govednik, Bob Kostelc (manager), Mary Klein, Dorothy Mahan, Dolores Krszyiak.

Standing l.-r.: Fran Capitino, Bertha Hofer, Isabelle Gulas, Bernice Kostelc, Jean Yaros, Marie Malnerick, Helen Plut, Agnes Lovati, Genevieve Klainsek, Jonita Ruth.

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Top: Baton Twirlers are all smiling pretty for this picture taken in their new red, white and blue satin uniforms.

Middle: Dressed in Slovenian national dress, these young ladies pose with Rose Stukel, their dance instructor, and Josephine Muster, former SWU National Treasurer.

Bottom: The junior dancers are dressed in the national costumes made by Caroline Gregory. They also rehearsed their Slovenian dances with Mrs. Stukel on Saturday afternoons at Mrs. Gregory's Hall on Broadway Street.

Many young women of all ages wanted to be cadets and the younger girls became part of the Junior Drill Team. As a girl grew older or taller she became part of the Senior team. Because both teams learned the same routines, it was easy to merge the girls into a new capacity.

The Juniors Cadets had their own activities and fundraisers to earn money for uniforms.

In 1953, the Junior Cadets were uniformed in red, white and blue and were preceded by the younger Baton twirlers in satin uniforms of similar color. The Junior Captains serving three year tenures each were Bernice Metesh Zobel and Elaine Troppe Fleming.

The Junior Cadet Officers in 1953 were: Captain, Elaine Troppe; First Lieutenant, Harriet DeMarco; Vice President, Jean Muren; Secretary, Virginia Skroko; Treasurer, Janice Pruss; Sergeant-at-arms, Joan Yahnke; Reporter, Sandra Rosenquist.



Dancers at Junior College Ethnic Fair in 1976 with Fr. Stalzer. 1st row: Helen Rozman, Rosanne Ruth, Diane Gornik; 2nd row: Mary Jane Hrubos, Marcia Fedo, Kathy Lovati, Marie Ancel, Luanne Stefanic; 3rd row: Paul Rozman, Fr. David Stalzer, Andy Ancel and Ron Strle. They performed Slovenian folkdances.



Br. 20 Paraders won first place trophy in 1976.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

45th Anniversary

At the time of the 45th anniversary celebration, Branch #20 boasted membership of 360 adult members and 105 junior members. A great number of those members were present on Sunday, September 23, 1973, when the occasion was observed with an Anniversary Mass at St. Joseph Church, followed by a dinner at the American Slovenian Home.

Some of the founders of the American Slovenian Home were officers-members of the SWU and it was with great pride that the branch could celebrate in the newly-founded American Slovenian Home. The customary program with speakers and songs was concluded with music by the Pol-kateers.

Special recognition in the program was given to SWU Organizer, Marie Prisland for her inspirational leadership as well as to the following:

Corinne Leskovar for her unexcelled artistry in compiling ZARJA.

Josephine Erjavec and Mary Kunstek two of the original fifteen charter members.

Outstanding officers were recognized: Josephine Erjavec, 45 years of service; Emma Planinsek, 35 years; Josephine Sumic, 35 years; Josephine Muster, 29 years; Mary Kunstek, 27 years; Frances Gaspich, 25 years.

The husbands, fathers, sons, sons-in-law, who were so helpful in the many affairs were also recognized along with John L. Jevitz who performed as Master of Ceremonies on many occasions and Robert G. Kostele, the Drill team manager.

Fred Pearson (deceased) Drill team drill master and Martin Planinsek, co-worker with his wife were also honored.

Special recognition was given to Joseph Erjavec who "lived with Zveza" and worked with patient cooperation for the branch and the Drill Team for almost all of his marital life.

50th Anniversary

Another milestone was reached when the members of Branch #20 celebrated fifty years of SWU sisterhood. The celebration, as always, was begun on a religious level with Mass celebrated on Sunday, September 17, 1978, followed by a banquet, program and music.

Appreciation was expressed to a number of individuals who had assisted or participated in making the Golden Anniversary a memorable occasion. Mentioned were:

Reverend Fathers of St. Joseph Parish, Anthony Rozman and the church choir, Advertisers and patrons, Singers Anne Fandak, Anna Mae Lukancic and Judy Mravle, Marge



40th Anniversary Committee: seated: Ann Stefanich, Dorothy Jaksetich, Kay Sukle, Evelyn Marvic, Mary Wisemantle; standing: Molly Molek, Bertha Hofer, Ann Kobe, Mary Rezek, Mildred Pucel, Bernice Ukovich, Georgette Likovich, Marge Gasperich, Mitzi Mrozek, Judy Derlinga.



Installation of Officers, January 1974: standing: Josephine Erjavec, Mary Ivanich, Josephine Sumic, Frances Stonitch, Theresa Marentic, Emma Nosse; seated: Olga Ancel, Emma Planinsek, Msgr. Butala, Theresa Muhich.



Justina Gregorich, former National Treasurer, Josephine Muster and Mary Mutz pose as being the oldest branch members at the 50th Anniversary celebration.

Gasperich, creative centerpiece, Alice Jakovich, table decorations, Loretta Grzetich, wall decorations, Junior dancers, waitresses and bartenders, Zveza members and friends from far and near who came to celebrate the event, and officers, members and husbands who gave unselfishly of their time and energy toward the important event.

Toastmistress for the event was Olga Erjavec Ancel. Distinguished SWU guests were: Marie Prislant, founder of the SWU; Mary Bostian, National President, Corinne Leskovar, ZARJA Editor.

Strolling musicians, Ken Juricic and Debbie Behrens, entertained during the banquet. The program consisted of a Memorial Service, speeches, popular songs, a skit, Slovenian singing and Junior Slovenian Dancers.

The 50-year living members in 1978, were introduced by National Treasurer, Mary Marolt, a member of Branch #20. The ladies were:

Mary Ambrozich, Anna Ancel, Barbara Ancel, Theresa Ancel, Frances Bottari, Dorothy Chepuran, Josephine Erjavec, Mary Govednik, Frances Gregorich, Anna Horvat, Ann Jerisha, Frances Kalcic, Mary Kolar, Johanna Krall, Anna Kunich, Mary Kunstek, Mary Maichin, Margaret Muha, Josephine Muster, Mary Mutz, Mary Nemanich, Ann Papesch, Theresa Pasich, Helen Pluth, Mary Rozich, Mary Spreitzer, Helen Strojcin, Mary M. Terlep, Antonia Tijan, Frances Ukovich, Mary Vertin, Josephine Zelko, Theresa Zlogar. The two charter members, Mary Kunstek and Josephine Erjavec were also honored for longevity and outstanding service.

Briefly listing the activities of the branch which had been recorded for 50 years were:

The Easter Monday Dances at Slovenian Hall; Picnics at Von Esch Farm, Homewood, Rivals and Parish Parks; Card Parties, Bowling Tournaments and numerous Raffles; Drill Teams' flags and uniforms blessings (five sets); Lemont Zveza Days from 1940-1952; Five Polka Masses & Dances; Ethnic Fairs; First Midwest Heritage Days in 1977 and 1978.

These were major events and required hours of planning and work for successful fulfillment. Hopefully, a brief listing of the activities will not minimize the thousands of hours and "woman power," needed to make all these events successful. Reflecting on the dedication and sacrifice needed by officers and members during the 50 years is inspiring.

Branch 20 officers for the 50th Anniversary in 1978 were: President, Emma Planinsek; Vice President, Mildred Pucel; Secretary, Agnes Lovati; Recording Secretary, Josephine Erjavec; Treasurer, Mary Marolt; Trustees: Emma Nosse, Frances Stonitch, Theresa Marentic; Sergeant-at-arms, Theresa Muhich.

Bowling officers for the 50th Anniversary in 1978 were: President, Betty Fassiotto; Vice President, Kay Sukle; Secretary, Marge Wajchert; Treasurer, Bernice Planker; Reporter, Mary Rudman; Sergeant-at-arms, Anna Sternisha; Sunshine Chairman, Agnes Verbiscer; Social Chairman, Jo Mlakar.



Mildred Pucel (left), general chairman, Mary Marolt, reservation chairman and Agnes Lovati, secretary of Br. 20 Slovenian Women's Union make last minute preparations for the state convention in 1976.



At the SWU Home Office where many Br. 20 events were planned, we see Mary Marolt, Nat'l. Treas., Emma Planinsek, Pres. of Br. 20, Louise Sega, 30 year member and Jonita Ruth, popular member. (Photo circa 1978)

End Part III
(To be continued)

ACTIVITIES

NO. 1, SHEBOYGAN, WI

Our Mother's Day or Member of the Year party for Branch 1 was held on May 21st at Judy's Restaurant. Congratulations to all. A red carnation was presented to each member present for this special occasion. A good time was had by all.

Members of Branch 1, please watch the ZARJA and check our church bulletin for the place of our next meeting. This will be determined soon. Thanks to all the members for your cooperation at the coffee and donut breakfast. Lots of our members showed up to socialize and serve coffee.

Mary Turvey sent a gracious letter of thanks to Branch 1 for our donation of \$100 to the scholarship fund. Next year, 1999, the Scholarship fund will be 50 years in existence.

Branch 12 in Milwaukee will host the state convention on Sept. 27, 1998. We had discussion on this. Hope to see the Branch 12 ladies then.

We wish a speedy recovery to Molly Sterk who had surgery; and to Angie Fritz who fell and broke her arm. Get well soon, ladies.

Mary Ziegenhagen is now a resident at Meadowview Manor Nursing Home here in Sheboygan. Happy belated birthday to her on May 24th.

"A little word in kindness spoken, has often healed the heart that's broken and make a friend sincere."

DOROTHY BREZONIK &
AGGIE GRUENKE

NO. 2, CHICAGO, IL Meeting: 2nd Thurs. St. Stephen's lower hall

Lemont, IL

Zveza Picnic - July 19

Mass: Marija Pomagaj Chapel -
11:00 a.m. Litanija: 2:30 p.m.
Lunch will be served after Mass on
the hill. Games - Bingo - Music by
the Heritage Ensemble.

For a fun time, bring your friends
and family for a wonderful day.

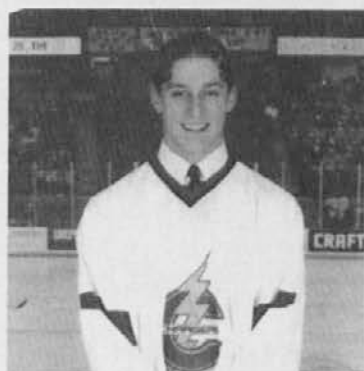
Dolores has sent out the chance books to all our members, if you cannot be at the picnic, please send your donations! You could win a beautiful prize and the money is used to help SWU with their programs (the Scholarship Foundation, Heritage Museum, Baraga Statue Fund and many other things which come up during the year.)

We are very proud of Josie Lukas. She was named to the "Senior Citizen Hall of Fame" by Chicago's Mayor Daley. The award is given to those who have contributed many hours of volunteer work, and we know our Josie is always somewhere volunteering her services to many organizations. Ann Bunnetta was the Mother of the Year for the Senior Women of St. Stephen's and Helen Fitzgerald was the Mother of the Year for Our Lady's Guild. Congratulations to both.

At our May Mother of the Year dinner, our members honored Geneva Cerjak. We were very happy that all her family attended; they came from out of state also. Her daughter Connie (who is very talented) baked a beautiful large chocolate cake. Thanks to Father Vendelin who came from Lemont to celebrate Mass and all our members who baked for the sweet table and prepared the delicious food. We all had a lot of fun reliving skits of her life; flying lessons; her first job as a maid in Chicago; life with the four children; gardening; trip to Hawaii; Princess Diane; soles of the shoes; life on the farm with all the cows. Thanks Geneva for allowing us to go thru your life with you. It was fun.

October 3-4, 1998 - Illinois/Indiana State Convention - Joliet, IL. Branch 20 will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary, they are planning many fun activities for the week end. If you are planning to stay overnight please make your reservations as soon as possible. Rates are \$63 plus tax for a double room. Contact Jonita (815) 727-1926 at the SWU home office. Our bus will be leaving from St. Stephen's on Sunday morning, contact Fran Morison and let her know of your intentions.

Congratulations to Nick
Kochniarczyk and the entire Northwest



NICK IS A CHAMP!

Chargers Hockey Team!

We are happy that a member of SWU has accomplished so much!

Nick Kochniarczyk is a Senior at Plainfield High School in Plainfield, Illinois. He has played hockey since the age of 3 years. Nick comes from a family that is very involved with sports. His dad Eugene (Zeke) coaches for Team Illinois Girls Hockey at the Pee Wee level. His younger brother Scott (15) also plays for Team Illinois "83" boys hockey team. Both of Nick's sisters Jennifer (18) and Kelly (15) play soccer and other sports for their schools.

Nick played for the Northwest Chargers during the 97-98 hockey season. The team has home ice located in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. This team traveled to many tournaments during the year. Some were located in Denver, Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit. The team fared very well playing teams from the East and West Coasts. Their accomplishments were best recognized when they traveled to Los Angeles for the Nationals in April. The boys from the Midwest proved that they were truly the BEST in the USA.

Nick is the son of JoAnne and Zeke, grandson of Mary Puhek Podder and Barb Kochniarczyk, nephew of Michelle Hannon, Dolores Puhek and Gen Puhek Buol.

Our condolences to Anna Hozzian who lost her sister Rose Kramer; she was the aunt to John, Stephen, Rosemary and JoAnne.

To Antoinette Fabian and Cynthia Conte on the loss of Tony Fabian who

is brother-in-law and uncle.

To the family of Mary Koziol, who passed away in May and to Jennie and Joseph Worth.

To the family of Mary Marinich of Phillips, Wis. who passed away on Easter Sunday. Please remember them in your prayers that they will rest in peace.

We hope all our members who have been sick, are much better and will be able to get out and enjoy the summer. Please send a card to: Albie Toplak Cecich who is now in the nursing home: Briar Place, 6800 Joliet Rd., Indian Head Park, IL 60525.

Bob Hope celebrated his 95th birthday. We thank him for all the time he spent entertaining our Military during the holidays, bringing some laughter and a little bit of home while they were so many miles from their loved ones. God Bless people like him.

Hope everyone has a safe, healthy and fun summer. Take care of each other. Remember: "Attitudes are contagious - make yours worth catching." (from the Tribune)

Love,

DAISY

NO. 3, PUEBLO, CO
Meeting: 1st Tues.
St. Mary's Church Hall

Greetings! We will be in the middle of summer by the time you receive this issue - July-August. Hope you are enjoying the summer.

After the regular order of business at our April meeting, a beautiful memorial tribute was given for Frances Raspet. Plans were finalized for our May party. The mystery gift was donated by Gertrude Jordan and won by Rose Zupancic. Hostesses Pauline Pauchick and Kathryn Sincovec served a delicious dessert and then Bingo was played.

One of the highlights of our past season was our May party held at the La-Renaissance on May 5th. What a lovely party it was! Once again we commend our Hostesses, Eileen Kaplan and Margaret Cullen. They always do such a beautiful job and make it so enjoyable for all present. Eileen donated the mystery gift which was won by Steffie Barnett.

We honored our Mother of the Year, Rose Zupancic and presented her with

a gift. Present to help honor her were her two sisters, Frances Ondovchik and Elsie Mortimer and her sister-in-law Eileen Zupancic. They were all pleasantly surprised when bouquets of flowers were delivered to them. They were from David Zupancic, Rose's son. Agnes Cvar, who is David's god-mother, also received a bouquet.

As always, the Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Church treated the mothers of the Parish to a beautiful breakfast on Mother's Day and Rose Zupancic was honored for being the Mother of the Year for the Slovenian Women's Union; her sister, Frances, was also honored. She was our Mother of the Year 1996-1997.

Ray Krasovec, husband of Josephine Krasovec and father of Patricia Jo Martin, Barbara Ann Burkhart, Mary Kathryn Bregar and Racanna Tucker was honored by the Bricklayer's Local No. 2 for 50 years of service in the business and received a pin for his achievement. Josephine and her daughters are all members of the Slovenian Women's Union.

Ray attended Central High School and served two years in the Navy. After that, he signed on as first baseman with the old Brooklyn Dodgers in hopes of a baseball career but found "too much competition" for his liking. He is one of the few who can say he's helped build Pueblo "brick by brick." We're all really proud of Ray.

Once again congratulations are in order for Matthew Slaten, son of Diane and Charles Slaten, Jr. and grandson of Agnes and Matthew Glavich. Matthew was the recipient of \$1,000.00 Scholarship from the National Slovenian Women's Union. He also was one of the Pueblo high school seniors to receive a certificate recognizing academic achievement from the Tandy Technology Scholar group.

Congratulations to Mike Gregorich on his retirement from Beulah School after 31 years of service, 28 of which he served as principal. Mike and his wife, Barbara are active parishioners at St. Mary's Church.

We extend our condolences to the families of Frances Raspet, Jennie Arko, Mike Ondovchik and Mary Miklich. Since Mary Miklich passed away after our last meeting a tribute will be given in her memory when we resume our meetings in October. Mary was a long time and faithful member.

Remembered in our prayers are all who are ill, homebound or in nursing homes and those who have lost loved ones.

The bus trips to Cripple Creek are going great. Jo Poder and Rudy Krasovec, Sr. are doing a super job and this is a great help financially to our Parish. There is a bus trip monthly - for reservations call Jo Poder - 542-6528.

Our first meeting in the fall will be October 6.

PAULINE PAUCHICK

NO. 5, INDIANAPOLIS, IN
Meeting: 1st Thurs.
SND, from May to Dec.

OUR MAY MEETING!

Thanks to all of you who attended the May meeting/luncheon. We had a good crowd and I was really glad I was able to attend this year, even though the airlines wanted to keep me away from the party. It is great to come home and feel a part of the Branch.

Thanks to all members who participated in the 1998 May raffle. Special thanks to Dolores Konechnik who gave a Kroger gift certificate in memory of her mother, Josephine Tomasetig, and to Frances Yovanovich, who donated in memory of her sister Mary Konovsek.

Thanks also go to Agnes Brown, Mary Fon, Phyllis and Steve Fon, Frances Konovsek, Sophie Lekse, Sylvia Stevens, and Erna Trauner for their various donations to the raffle. We had so many nice prizes. Our winners in the raffle were Mary Barbarich, Lori Weber, Karen Zarich, Frances Konovsek, Ludy Albin, Jane Bybee, Mary Huskee, Theresa Lambert, Rosemary Carl, Kim Thompson, and Gloria Miley.

Our members of the year, Lillian Brezigar and Agnes Brown were at the luncheon. Lillian shared a story about her entering the membership of SWU some 55 years ago. Wow, isn't that great! Both members were thanked for their continued support of SWU. Member Ooana Mauser was not able to attend.

Also, on hand were two of our members who celebrate their 90th birthdays this year. Frances Konovsek, who

celebrated in April, and Mary McCracken whose birthday was in June. Another member, Mary Huskee, who was not able to be with us, will have her 90th birthday in September. We wish all of these ladies well.

A speedy recovery to all members who are ill and hello to all shut-ins.

Love from Texas,

BARBARA MOHR

Members of the Year – Lillian Brezigar and Agnes Brown (not present – Ooana Mauser)

Our two youngest members and their mothers: Phyllis Fon holds Steve Fon and Rosemarie Pell holds Erika Pell

Two of our oldest members: Mary McCracken and Frances Konovsek – Happy 90th in 1998.

Scholarship Winners Past and Present: Betsy Fon – 1998 and Barbara Mohr – 1983

Below, officers: Dolores Konechnik, Phyllis Fon, and Mary Frances Mohr



**NO. 12, MILWAUKEE, WI
Meeting: 3rd Thurs.
St. Peter's Church Hall
except July & Aug.**

We honored our Woman of the Year Connie Lewandowski at our May gathering (no meeting). The generous members came through with salads, desserts and money toward the meat, also fruit platter, etc. Connie received a corsage from Stavia and gifts from some close friends. I want to thank Lydia Jenich, Sylvia Kotze, Rose Larek for helping me the day before, setting up, etc. Also, our every month helpers,

Hi! from Indianapolis!



Rose Luebke, Ann Paulin pitched in on the day of activities. Without them, I couldn't put it together! Thank you, thank you! Without these angels, what would we do? Sylvia cut her finger on a broken glass bowl so our John Fimiano, our coffee maker, took her to the hospital right away. I'm happy to report she is fine now.

We did make a motion to give USPEH \$100.00 for expenses when they host the singers from Slovenia (June). And, of course, we had to end the day playing our favorite game!

We heard from Ursula Ruppe with her social dues. Ursula is in her 90's and doesn't want her membership to

lapse, what a beautiful person.

Got a card from La Verne Korpnick with a note, saying "Mary, use \$20.00 donation toward treats at the May meeting. Your active members donate a lot more." La Verne has a health problem and she remembers us every year, thank you.

Lydia Jenich and her husband, George will celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss in July with family. Congratulations.

We had a few in the hospital, Tillie Russ, Joan Yaklich, Evelyn Laurich. They all had surgery but are on the mend now. Tillie, Jennie Ward and Bernice Blazek were at the luncheon. They have been having some health problems, too. Stay healthy, ladies!

In February Rose Larek celebrated her 80th birthday. She treated us to a delicious cheese torte. Her family planned a family gathering.

Our member, Erin Grambow graduated May 16 from Xavier College, in international finance. She is thinking about engineering. In high school she won the state championship in tennis. Her father Greg Grambow treated grandma, Ann Grambow and aunt, Julie Pesec, to an all-expenses paid trip to the graduation. We wish Erin the best as she makes her way in this world.

Oh, yes! What a surprise! A brand new automobile was parked near the college for her, decked with ribbons and balloons!

The Mission picnic will be held July 12 at Triglav Park. For music, Frank Virant will play for our pleasure. Numerous prizes to lucky people. Mici Coffelt, a member of #43 is the Captain of this affair. She puts her heart and soul in it every year. So, come one and all for another successful event!

Have a happy summer! Stay healthy!

MARY KIEL

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14/ ZARJA – the DAWN



Happy 99th Birthday to our Rose!

Dear friend, Rose Scoff of San Francisco, California is celebrating her 99th Birthday July 28th and this year, the 50th anniversary of her Zveza membership!
Love and best wishes!

Ken and Irene

NO. 13, SAN FRANCISCO, CA Meeting: 1st Thurs. Slovenian Hall on Mariposa St.

From all I've heard, we had a beautiful Mother's Day Brunch honoring all our members. It was held at the Marriott and there were 27 people present including husband and adult children. It's the first one I have missed that I can remember. I also missed our last meeting, so I haven't a lot of news.

On the good news list, the twin granddaughters of Dora Simenc will be 18 in September. Anna and Katherine Flynn are daughters of member Dorothy Flynn. Happy birthday and congratulations to this wonderful family.

As I write we are looking forward to our June luncheon honoring our 50-year members. A beautiful day was planned. In June, Josie also had a day planned for lunch in gorgeous Capitola restaurant at the Shadowbrook Lodge. Surrounded by gorgeous gardens and water, a small tram takes you down the hillside to the restaurant.

On July 16th she has a trip to historic Folsom Dam, lunch at the Cliff House and shopping in old town Folsom.

On Aug. 13 there is a trip to Falkirk Mansion and Historic Occidental for lunch. We are so lucky to have Josie and daughter, Michele plan these day trips each year. Take advantage of being together with other members and have a wonderful day. Call Jo at 863-8632.

It is with great sadness I report the death of Ernest Wraa, loving husband of Rita Wraa. He is the son of 50-year member Mary Wraa. Mary has been in an convalescent home for a few years; Ernie and Rita have always been there for her. There is no greater sorrow than to lose a child. Our sympathy and prayers to the entire family.

As I write this, I am recuperating from another surgery, my fifth in few months. This time the doctor reoved my original lens implant, injected anti-

biotics and put in a new lens. Quite an ordeal, believe me! I have a lot of discomfort but I am optimistic! I got a bacterial infection from my first cataract surgery and many doctors tried for 5 months to get rid of it. We are all praying that the new lens will do it. My thanks for all the lovely cards and notes. Josie had members signing cards for me! A special thank you to my sister, Barbara for bringing me and taking me on a few very quick trips to the hospital and worrying!

But as the magnet on my fridge says: "Optimism: 'a cheerful frame of mind that enables a tea kettle to sing though it's in hot water up to its nose!'"

Happy safe, summer to all of you.

BEVERLY JACKSON

(Beverly, we're adding our prayers and best wishes for your successful recovery, too. EDITOR)

NO. 14, EUCLID, OH Meeting: 1st Tues., 6 p.m. Slov. Society Home

After an especially warm winter we were basking in a delightful spring; during the month of May enjoying an extended month of flowering shrubs and trees.

Our yearly Mother of the Year Dinner at which we honored all of our members instead of one individual was once again a fun evening. It began as soon as we entered the dining area which was decorated by Jennie Fitzthum and Dianne Varney, in spring flowers and colors with a pot of vividly colored blooming geraniums on each table. The smiling faces of Vera Bajec and Jennie Fitzthum greeted us at the door as they checked us in. Ed Koren once again volunteered to act as bartender and Larry Varney actively canvassed the dining room selling our raffle tickets. Many thanks to all who helped make this evening another success.

Azman Meats was kind enough to

donate a gift certificate for our raffle, and guests June and Jimmy Slapnik, Florist, donated a lovely spring flower centerpiece. Both Azman Meats and Jimmy Slapnik Florist are our local merchants on East 185th Street. Many thanks!

Our oldest member and past officer, Mary Strazisar led us in prayer as our meal began. Sophie Mazi and her crew of very capable waitresses served us a delicious and typical Slovenian meal consisting of breaded pork chops, roast chicken and all the works topped off by Sophie's mouthwatering strudel.

We've heard from Sunshine Lady, Rose Rodgers that Mary Gerl is now at her home in Euclid. President, Martha Koren is recovering from recent surgery, and Secretary, Addie Humphries had a fall at home and is on the mend. Speedy get well wishes to all of our ill members!

Our meeting hours have reverted back to our original time so that they will once again start at 6:00 p.m. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at Slovenian Society Home. No meetings are held in the months of July and August and January and February.

ALICE KUCHAR

NO. 16, SO. CHICAGO, IL Meeting: 2nd Saturday, 1 p.m. Monthly except Jan.-July-Aug. St. George's Hall



Are you enjoying the summer weather and all that goes with it? Pretty flowers—maybe a vine-ripened tomato! I should have enough to open a stand! Stop by for a real treat (a bag of tomatoes)!

Our mother's celebration in conjunction with our 70th anniversary was attended by thirty-two members. We enjoyed a good meal, good company and lots and lots of door prizes. Everyone contributed, especially Edna. She is really to be commended for her hard work. Kudos also to her capable assistants, Gladys, Sylvia and Vida. It was a pleasure for me to sit with Elsie Starceovich, Elsie Grunhard, Dolly Zuzich, Helen Pastirik, and Anne Ksiazek. Elsie still has that glint in the eyes even at 92! She has been a member for 62 years! Helen Pastirik is 90 years young and still keeps active.

We were all elated that Ana Lustig, Mary Puterko, and Julie Vrlch were well enough to come to our celebration. How many of us will be here for our 75th?

What a joy it was to meet and greet Tini Martin at St. George Church on their 95th anniversary. We reminisced

lations and best wishes for a successful future to:

8th grade, Susan Slezak, Kristi Nishimura.

High school, Nick Panczuk – Marion Catholic, Michael Nishimura – Munster High, Peter Matushek – Mount Carmel.

Happy Anniversary! from Elsie Starcewich, (92), Marge Prebil (only 80!) and Helen Pastirik (90) from Br. 16!



about our 50th anniversary party. Where have all the years gone!

We had travelers: Gladys Buck (her again!), Dolores Franko, Andrea Kral, Vida Kumse, Mary Ann Skibbee and Susan Skibbee enjoyed a Mayflower tour of our spectacular southwest. They oohed and aaahed at the Grand Canyon, the Painted Desert, Sedona, AZ and many other interesting places. It was a trip they will never forget.

Helen and John Battista took a trip to Canada and enjoyed some theater stops while there. This couple gets around. Olga Kowalkowski went to Washington, D.C. to extend her wedding wishes to a great niece.

Dolly Zuzich spent five weeks in Australia and New Zealand. She enjoyed the scenery and the natives. She did have a "shrimp on the Barby."

John Lustig made three ladies very happy – he drove his mother (our Ana) and Gladys to visit our dear Katie Ricevich in La Porte, Indiana. They chatted away the day. Congratulations.

We have two couples who celebrated their 50th anniversaries. They are Vicky and Joe Putzel and Dotsi and Jim Rossi. Congratulations and our best wishes for many more years of wedded bliss!

All good wishes to Fran Zupancic on the birth of a great granddaughter!

More congratulations: Barbara Ehnat received her First Holy Communion; Susan Slezak was confirmed; Jason Ireland was also confirmed – he carried the highest grade in his class.

Now we have graduates – congratu-

College, Joseph Matushek – Univ. of Illinois, Champaign.

Two of our dear members need your prayers. Mary Putzell and Clara Saviano – are recuperating at home.

Our condolences to Martina Saindon and her family on the loss of husband and father Ramon. Please remember him in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

Have an enjoyable and safe summer! Stay well!

Please make an effort to come to our next meeting on September 12th.

Call me with news or not, just call 646-0705!

Love,

MARGE PREBIL



NO. 20, JOLIET, IL
Meeting: 3rd Tues.
except June to Sept.
St. Joe's Park Hall

Dear Members, Fasten your seat belts and put on your reading glasses, I have a lot of news to report!

Happy birthday on June 29th to Fr. David Stalzer, our Spiritual Director. Hope you had a good one, Father.

Also, I wish to announce the wedding of Tanja Cepon, daughter of Frank and Lillian Cepon to Michael Bellis on May 23rd at St. Joseph Church and to Janine Kanopek, daughter of John and Rose Kanopek, wed to Sean Kaye on June 6th also at St. Joseph Church.

Congratulations to Evelyn and Louis Mauro on their 50th wedding anniversary.

sary, Mr. & Mrs. Mando DiBarolomeo celebrating their 40th anniversary and also Joe and Cele Wolf celebrated their 45th anniversary on June 13th. Joe is one of the Polka Masters who provide us with so much entertainment with his button box and polka music.

I also want to announce all the new grandparents: John and Rose Kanopek – a baby boy, Nicholas; and another Nicholas was born to Rhonda and Tim Policandriotes, son of Pat and Jim Policandriotes. Billie Chaplin who lives in Hooper, Utah is grandma of a girl and Carlene Kambic became a great grandma making it 5 generations for her family!

Get well wishes for Geri Thayer, Helen Minnick, Bea Fothergill, Diane Govednik, Deanie Gudak and to Mary Ambrosich who was a long-time worker at the rectory as housekeeper for the priests and as head of senior crafts at St. Joe's Park which were used for the raffles and gifts to raise money for the church. Hope all you ladies are doing O.K.

Sympathy to Mary Ann Gregory on the death of her sister, to James Horzen on the death of his mother, Cecelia, to Peter Delaney on the death of his mother, Elisabeth, to Jessie Cambic and grandsons on the death of mother and grandmother, Jessie M. Bodine and sympathy to Pat Figurowski on the death of her brother-in-law, Robert E. Bardwell.

On April, 1998, Joliet Catholic Diocese honored Helen Minnick as Woman of the Year for her many efforts performed for the many organizations of which she is a member, including SWU Br. 20, serving also as an officer in these organizations. Congratulations, Tess and many thanks for all your hard work!

Pat Butterbach is our new financial secretary of Br. 20. Thanks to Judy Corum for her past efforts in this office.

On May 19th, Br. 20 honored Judy Derlinga as Woman of the Year at St. Joe's Park hall with a banquet and some good entertainment. Thanks to the Button box music by Joe & Tony Wolf and Geo Buric and thanks to the singers, Anna Mae Lukancic, Lillian Cepon and Julie Kaluza. And thanks to all the workers who helped to make this a big success and a most enjoyable evening. Scholarships were awarded to Julie Whitgrove, going to the Joliet

Catholic Academy and Erin Regan for Adult continuing education. A national S.W.U. scholarship has been awarded to Zachary Pucel. Rose Valek, winner of our Adult Continuing education scholarship in 1994 went on to graduate with a Masters Degree this year!

If you like Tamburitza music by the Franciskovich group (from 12:00 to 2:00), Kolo dancing in ethnic garb, raffles, games, lamb and chicken on the spit, be sure and attend the picnic at St. Joe's park given by St. Mary's Nativity Church on July 5th. The Wolf brothers are also on hand to play.

On October 4, 1998, Br. 20 will celebrate the 70th Anniversary! Tickets are \$20.00. Make reservations as soon as possible. Call Lillian Stefanich at (815) 725-7217 and mail check to 1112 Rosary Lane, Joliet, IL 60435. All patron ads for the Program book must be in 7-15-98. Send to Jo Lust 17 Russell St. Joliet, IL 60435.

Call Kathy Stonich at 727-3177 or mail info to 1120 Ingalls Ave., #1, Joliet, IL 60435.

KATHY STONICH

NO. 22, BRADLEY, IL
Meeting: 3rd Tuesday
every other month
Members' Homes



It's hard to believe that one-half of 1998 is history. That means we have seen the sun rise and set 181 times. I never actually see the sun rise but I have been awed by the beauty of some of the sunsets and, God willing, we all will observe these events through the remaining months of the year.

At this writing, our branch is anticipating the luncheon-meeting on June 16 at LaVilletta Restaurant. Otherwise, there has been no group activity.

Around the parish of St. Joseph: We have had a new pastor for several months now, Fr. John T. McGeehan, replacing Fr. Butters, who transferred to San Francisco to be with his ailing mother. NO mistaking the pastor's nationality; his Irishness is apparent. For many years he was a Christian Brother who taught high school boys. That history is his forte is evident from the fact he knew all about St. Joe's before he stepped into the rectory. Father McGeehan is a story-teller. His homilies hold your attention; he takes one word

from the day's Reading and expands upon it. The general comment about the parish is; he is different!

Guess what we made on the two Las Vegas nights? Over \$98,000 for the school! But that is small change when compared to the half-million dollars for salaries and fringe benefits paid out each year.

The Village of Bradley has an honest-to-goodness STOPLIGHT. At Broadway and Center Avenue, something badly needed.

Newly ordained Fr. Scott Reilly came back to St. Joe's in March to offer Mass; he once was an altar boy here. Fr. Reilly is a Legionnaire of Christ priest, as is his brother, Steve. The family had moved to Florida but they still have a spot in their hearts for Bradley.

Great news! Member, Ann Richards is a first-time great grandmother! Her granddaughter, Marsha presented her with a girl on May 1, Allyson Ann! God bless the new family!

BRANCH 20, JOLIET, ILLINOIS 70TH ANNIVERSARY October 4, 1998!

FESTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Breakfast at 8:30 in Ferdinand Hall followed by a 9:30 meeting.
Polka Mass at 11:30 in St. Joseph's Church
then Dinner at 1:30 at the Empress' Grand Ballroom

Please wear your Slovenian National Costume

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From the Daily Journal: Laura Drassler, wife of Mayme Drassler's nephew, Steve, has been nominated for the University of Chicago's Outstanding Teacher Award. Laura teaches at Woodruff H.S. in Peoria.

And to Mayme's sister-in-law Ruth, we wish full recovery from that nasty sinus infection that sent you to the hospital for a week.

To our summer birthday people: Ann Richards, Anne Kinder and Mollie McIntyre; Happy returns of the day and good health!

Til we meet again, God love you.

EMMA LUSTIG



*SWU Crest indicates the
70th Anniversary of this
branch in 1998.*

Congratulations!

NO. 24, LA SALLE, IL
Meeting: 3rd Thurs.
Catholic School Library
Mar.-Apr.-May-June
Sept.-Oct.-Nov.



We had an unusually small attendance at our April meeting, and most of our discussion concerned the State Convention in Joliet and 70th Anniversary of Branch 20 which will be on October 4th. We plan to observe our 70th Anniversary with a dinner in September and also a Mass for all of our members. We will have a bus to Joliet and we invite the members of Branch 85 in DePue and members of Branch 89 in Olgesby to ride with us. We will have plenty of room. Some of our members expressed interest on going to Joliet on Friday or Saturday and spending some time on the "Boat" I have literature on hand and will be glad to share it with those interested. We had a nice treat after the meeting with Adele Gensler and Helena Millman bringing the goodies.

There were 24 members and guests at our May Dinner at the Red Door Inn in Peru at noon on May 21st. Jo Grabowski, Mary Ann Brunner and Mildred Welch planned the party and selected the site. They had potted pansies at each place as favors and the food was delicious. Door prizes were won by Virginia Tintorri and Carol Lushina, both guests. A highlight of the day came when Mary Gornik and daughter of Naperville were visiting Mary's son and daughter-in-law in La Salle. Daughter Dorothy Kaszynski and Daughter in law Maxine Frkol decided to take Mary to lunch at the Red Door. When they walked past our long tables Mary was surprised to see so many old friends there. We were overjoyed to see Mary and only wished we knew they would be at the Red Door -- we would have places set for them. Mary has been living in Naperville with her daughter since her 100th birthday last November and we miss her very much. She sure looked great!!

Barbara and Kenny Krogulski's son Steven and Teresa M. Casey were married on May 23rd at St. Eugene Catholic Church in Chicago. Our best wishes to the happy couple for joy and happiness, and we congratulate Barb and Kenny on the new daughter in law

in their growing family. Paula and Stan Illman, aunt and uncle of the groom, were also in attendance.

My husband, William and I were married on May 15th fifty years ago. Our children and grandchildren hosted a dinner on May 17th. Fr. John gave us a blessing after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at which my beloved choir members sang special music. My brother and sister-in-law drove in from Hillsboro, OR and surprised us and all of our siblings and their spouses plus our children and grandchildren were seated with us. We had a great day and must credit our daughter, Marianne Schweickert, who managed everything by phone from Aurora to La Salle with Todd Witek.

Josephine and Clarence Grabowski will be married 50 years on July 3. I hope their day will be as special to them as ours was to us.

We offer our condolences to Teresa Kinzewski whose husband, Walter, passed away on May 20th after a long illness. Walt was a former Police Chief of La Salle, and later head of security at Peru Mall-Bergners. He was a Navy veteran, a member of the Catholic War Veterans, La Salle Veterans of Foreign Wars and was buried with full military honors. His funeral Mass was said at Resurrection Church. He is survived by a son, Gregory of Evanston and three grandchildren and two sisters, Shirley Bayer and Darlene Kolodziej. Teresa's sister Irene and husband Eddie Mauser of Omaha, NB were in La Salle for the funeral. Irene is our member, too. We ask God in our prayers to Grant Walter Heavenly Peace.

Anne Serri has been in and out of the hospital and is at home at the present time. She and husband Dominic have been ill much of the past winter and spring. Our Financial Secretary, Betty Stack, has been having some serious health problems and will be hospitalized next week. We pray each day that Wanita Helmer will be home soon, it's been over a year since her auto accident. George says she is doing well on crutches.

We wish a Happy Birthday to July birthday celebrants: Amy Schweickert, Julie Ann Weber, Jr. member, Barbara Jean Prokup, Anna Lushina, Mary Mecum, Anne Dressen, Deborah Dobryndia, Mildred Welch, State SWU President, Bonnie Prokup, Alvina Ann Strukel, Jr. member, Melissa

McLaughlin, Barbara Krogulski, and Audrey Prokuski. A Happy Birthday to our August Birthday members: Julie Ann Wangler, Jane Sherman, Evelyn Kastigar, Susan Collins, Dorothy Parola, and Barbara Pohar. Hope all of you will have a great day with many more birthdays to celebrate.

We won't meet during the hot summer months of July and August. We'll be ready to begin the fall season with our 70th birthday dinner and meeting on Thursday, September 17th. We hope to have a large turnout for this important occasion. You will receive letters regarding the dinner and reservations for the State Convention. Until then, keep cool, drink lots of lemonade and enjoy your vacation trips.

ANNE M. WANGLER,
 Reporter

NO. 25, CLEVELAND, OH
2nd Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
St. Vitus Social Room



On March meeting opened with prayers by Mary Urbancic... Minutes were read by Jan Krivacic and approved. Get well wishes to Mary Javornik, Rosemary Hlad who was confined in the hospital for awhile and Vera Hlad who is looking better every day... Keep it up... Vera.

Anna Zallnick will celebrate her 100th, birthday in July. Our prayers and thoughts are with you for many more healthy and happy days ahead, Anna!

It was discussed and we came to a decision that our meetings will start at 1:30 p.m. instead of 1 p.m. This gives families time to eat lunch without rushing. All members in attendance agreed.

At our April meeting we had our annual fund raiser raffle. The winners are Teresa Naples, Jan Krivacic and George Poprik. Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all who purchased the raffle tickets. God bless you all and sorry that everyone could not be a winner.

Get well wishes to Gene Drobnic who had some tests performed in Florida, but is feeling very fit and by the time you read this she will have returned to Cleveland... Welcome back Gene... you were missed by all.

On May 18th we wine and dined our Woman of the Year... Mary Urban-

Loyal members

Our SWU is fortunate to have many family combinations among its membership. We count many mothers, daughters – grandmothers, daughters, granddaughters, sisters-in-laws, etc. At Br. 24, LaSalle, Illinois we admire the Lushina-Wangler-Schwiekert family who have 4 generations of members. We feel so fortunate!

Anna Lushina, now 97 years young, is a 62-year member of Zveza; her daughter, Anne Marie Wangler is a 56-year member. Granddaughter, Mary Ann Schwiebert of Aurora, IL and her two daughters, Amy and Abby are all members, too, as is Anne Marie's granddaughter, Julie Wangler.

Our salute to the family that stays so loyal!

P.S. Anne Marie has been the president of Br. 24 since 1980 and reports on their activities in ZARJA since 1978!

She makes us a better SWU!

C.

(We'd like to have your Wedding and Anniversary photos to be reprinted in this special column in future ZARJAs. Please send them in to us.)



cic. It was held at Sterle's Country House... many were in attendance. It was such a joyful occasion. Many gifts were given to "our Mary" who is a long time member and a very faithful one. Dinner at Sterle's was delicious as per usual and our waitress was one in a million. Čestitke, Mary and God Bless!

Till we meet again. Think big thoughts, but relish small pleasures. Na svidenje ...

EMILEE JENKO,
Reporter

WEDDINGS – ANNIVERSARIES BRING MEMORIES!

Where does fifty years ago? How often we wonder about this? Our lives move so quickly and time does fly away from us.

Beautiful brides and handsome grooms become a memory after the anniversaries accumulate but we don't want to forget those gorgeous couples in their wedding finery. At the same time, we are admiring the special beauty of faces that show five decades of love and perseverance.

Anne Marie and William Wangler recently shared the memories of the day with their Golden anniversary guests. The accompanying anniversary photo just erases the fifty years from then until now. Still a handsome couple, aren't they?

Mr. and Mrs. William (Anne Marie) Wangler of 1934 Crosat St., La Salle, IL celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 17. Their marriage was blessed following the 10 a.m. Mass at Resurrection Church. Their children hosted a dinner-reception at the Paramount Catering Hall after mass.

William Wangler and the former Anne Marie Lushina were married on May 15, 1948, in St. Roch's Catholic Church in La Salle. The Rev. Kolomon Kassovic officiated. The Wanglers are the parents of three children: William (Mary) of Portage, Mich.; Mark (Sue) of La Salle; and Marianne (Robert) Schweickert of Aurora. They also have six granddaughters and one grandson.

Mrs. Wangler is retired from the Westclox Sales Office. She has been an organist at St. Roch's Church and Resurrection Church since 1942 and received a Papal Blessing on Nov. 15, 1992, for 50 years of service to the church. She is president of Slovenian Women's Union, Branch and serves as reporter for the Slovenian Women's Union Magazine, ZARJA – The Dawn. She is a member of the sanctuary and Rosary Society of Resurrection Church.

Mr. Wangler was employed by Union Carbide and American Hoechst in Ottawa. He coached the baseball-basketball teams of St. Roch's School and was an organizer of Little League baseball in La Salle. He is an avid fisherman, also. Wangler served in the U.S. Army Infantry during World War II and is a member of the Mendota VFW.

Heartiest congratulations!



**Bill and Anne Marie Wangler
Wedding Day: May 15, 1948**



**The Wanglers
on their 50th Anniversary**



NO. 32, EUCLID, OH
Meeting: 3rd Wed.
SSH Recher Ave.

Hello, Ladies! The flowers are blooming and the weather has been great. So I hope everyone else is, too!

Our Mother's Day dinner was very nice. It seemed everyone enjoyed themselves. We met at All Seasons Restaurant. On May 20th we had a brief discussion about our annual picnic in June.

Please ladies do not forget we will not have a meeting in July or August. We will resume back to our regular schedule meeting on September 16th.

Once again I was saddened to report that our member Frances Ogoreuc's sister, Stella August, passed away on April 28th. Stella August was 91 years old and the oldest of nine children. She was laid out to rest in Blairsville, PA. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Well, ladies, it is time to say goodbye until next time. Have a safe and healthy summer.

ADRIENNE JAGER

NO. 33, DULUTH, MN
Meeting: 1st Wed.
St. Elizabeth's Church

What a beautiful Spring we had. El Nino has been very kind to us.

Our congratulations to our Junior members who received their First Eucharist: Brianna Donald and Amanda Saari. May they continue to grow in Christ's love. Brianna is the daughter of our Secretary-Treasurer Rosemary Donald. Amanda is Bernada Saari's daughter and Tina Zupancic's granddaughter.

Betty Picconatto was honored with a luncheon on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Betty is the lady who made 200 "Cross in my Pocket" in plastic canvas for our Regional Convention last September.

Josey and Mike Rzatowski were surrounded by family and friends at a dinner on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Polly Stojevich reported that her grandson, Kenny Stojevich has re-

ceived his Eagle Scout award. What an honor! Congratulations! Another grandson, Matthew Stojevich received his First Eucharist and at this writing, Polly has a new grandson, Nathan Robert, son of Katy and Pat Stojevich. Our congratulations to all. The boys great grandmother is Anna Strukel, who is also celebrating her 90th birthday this year.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Agnes Skull and George Mikrut who have gone to their eternal rest.

Agnes was a long time member of our Branch and served as recording secretary for a time. George was the husband of Virginia Mikrut, our Sunshine lady, who does so much to lift the spirits of others who are ill.

Bev Menart, Emily Skull and I attended a meeting of Regional Presidents at the Holiday Inn in Eveleth, MN. Topics of discussion were the Minnesota Regional Convention to be held in Chisholm and the possibility to have a bus for the 70th Anniversary of Br. 20 in Joliet.

Happy summer!

LISA MCDONELL,
Reporter



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NO. 35, AURORA, MN
Meeting: 6 per year
Community Sr. Center

Thank you to Vice Pres. Anita Vovk for conducting the April meeting in my absence. I heard the Slovenian quiz you gave was interesting and fun!

Plans were completed for our Mother of the Year celebration. Thank you to hostesses Mary Noson and Janice Grebence, and Anita for your treat.

A short meeting was held on May 3rd with 25 members present. The meeting was opened with a prayer to Mary, followed by singing the Com-

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mon Bond song, "Naša Zvezina himna" – then we welcomed our Mother of the Year, Vida Marinsek.

On Aug. 5th we will have a luncheon meeting at 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn to make plans for the SWU State Convention in Chisholm, Sept. 13th. At the Oct. 11th meeting Keith Shatava will be our guest speaker, so mark your calendars, ladies.

Remember that Dorothy J. has memorial cards at each meeting or call her any time.

Congratulations to Carolyn Hodnik who took part in a dance recital – giving a beautiful performance for us to enjoy. Rebecca Klandar, who made her Confirmation on May 17, receives our wishes for blessings.

Meeting was closed by remembering our mothers in a moment of silent prayer followed by prayer. A delicious dinner was catered by the Am. Legion Auxiliary with cake and ice cream for dessert.

Now it was time to honor Vida. She was presented with a lovely carnation corsage, the book "Footsteps Thru Time" by Irene Odorizzi and a beautifully decorated cake.

Vida has been a faithful member of Br. 35 for 18 years, always ready to help in every way. She belongs to the Holy Rosary Church and Choir, the Festival Singers and the Holy Rosary Happy Quilters. Her niece, Marilyn Glavan Smith gave a beautiful tribute to Vida from her family. She said Vida was always there to help them and especially with her parents, Frank and Mayme Glavan, in their later years. Marilyn also related several interesting incidents as only Marilyn can do! A letter from Marilyn's daughter, Julie Smith, recalled happy memories which touched all our hearts. Thanks, Julie, you are such a caring young lady! Several members added their thoughts to the event, and told us what their friendships with Vida meant to them and how they are treasured. This is what makes the Mother of the Year so special.

Vice president Anita found a beautiful poem, "A Mother's Love" in the poetry book by Mary Stangelj Murn (our S.W.U. late member of Milwaukee, WI) which was read by Mary Noson in Slovenian and English. The Festival Singers closed the program singing the Angeles (Češčena si, Marija).

THEN AND NOW!!

Branch 35 in Aurora, Minnesota held their Mother of the Year celebration on May 3rd at the Servicemen's Club. As we were leaving after the party, President Ann Orazem decided to pose us for a picture! I mentioned that it reminded me of an old picture I had at home of a group of our members in a similar pose, after one of their meetings perhaps. Thinking it might be of interest to others we are sending in these two



photos to ZARJA, so everyone can see the difference in attire (hats and shoes) – although the smiling faces are similar!

In the older photo we can identify only two members, the branch secretary at that time, Mary Bartol (second from right) and next to her, Jennie Marinsek, mother-in-law of our 1998 chosen Mother, Vida Marinsek.

I can remember how anxiously these women waited for the monthly meetings, for some the only times they could get out of their homes and socialize. They always wore their finest attire. The records of the Minutes of these old meetings were given to the SWU Heritage Museum in Joliet.

Now for the present! Br. 35 members pictured on the other photo are, (back row, l-r) Martha Gunderson, Marilyn Smith, Tona Soukup and Frances Stark; (front row) Anna Hodnik, Anita Vovk, Vida Marinsek (Mother of the Year of 1998), Katherine Hanka and Jennie Klune.

Anna L. Hodnik

This was indeed a special day for you, Vida, and we were happy to share it with you.

On May 13th our SWU State President, Charlotte Laurich held an interesting meeting at the Holiday Inn. These are a few of the things discussed: She encouraged all branches to chose a Mother or Woman of the Year as it is important to honor our older members, especially those who started the SWU Branches.

A trip to Joliet in October to celebrate Br. 20's 70th Anniversary is planned. Charlotte will get more information and send it to us. If anyone has something that should be brought up at the convention that would be interesting to all branches, it should be sent to her now.

See you all at the MINN State Convention.

ANNE M. ORAZEM

NO. 40, LORAIN, OH
Meeting: 2nd Wed.
SS. Cyril & Method Hall

Our Mother's Day Luncheon took place on May 13th at Amber Oaks. 30 members and friends came. Among them, a few surprises! Our Agnes Mroske came from Sun City, Ariz. and Irene Kokinda's sister, Barbara Buta came from Phoenix. We thank Fr. Krajnik for joining us to help celebrate.

We picked our food from the menu after which we enjoyed an afternoon of beautiful singing by our beautiful singers, Irene Kokinda, Barbara Berta, Stephanie Polutnik and Father Krajnik.

I thought this was nice: Agnes said that when she called to make our reservations the caretaker asked if we were the same group that came there in 1997 and when she confirmed that it was, he said he was glad we were coming because he loves to listen to good Slovenian singing!

Names were picked and the winners were given a potted geranium. Those members who are 80 and over were each presented with a white carnation. Our Rose Knezetic, who is 90, received a potted geranium and a white carnation. The rest of the afternoon was spent socializing.

Thanks to all who came and made it a beautiful day.

We cancelled our April meeting because of Holy Week.

Here's some latest news: Frank Jere, a 22-year old senior at the University of Toledo, majoring in Chemical Engineering, participated in a space experiment at Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, where he spent 10 days. His parents are Tom and Janis Jere of Newport, Michigan. Frank is the great nephew of our Molly Glavan and Emma Kurjan.

We wish to congratulate Linda Sekular on being picked the Woman of the Year by the Lorain Slovenian Home.

Stay well, and hope to see you at our future meetings.

Love,

MARY MATOS

NO. 42, MAPLE HTS., OH
Meetings: Quarterly, 2nd month
of the quarter, 2nd Saturday
Maple Hts., Library

Our May meeting at Demetrio's Restaurant, attended by 13 members, was a most enjoyable one. For those of you who have not yet joined your sister members at these gatherings you are denying yourself a pleasant repast. The restaurant has graciously reserved a large table in a private alcove for us to hold our meetings and have some privacy. Following the meeting you can order breakfast or lunch and socialize.

Our annual mothers/members mass on May 17th is now history. The attendance was very disappointing. It seems that many conflicting functions contributed to the cause, therefore a suggestion has been made to schedule next year's mass on a week day. We would appreciate your input.

Traveling seems to be in full swing now that the warmer weather is upon us. Joe, Jean and Dan Offutt flew to Chicago for the May wedding of their niece, Dr. Yvette Cua to Dr. Allan Ramirez. Mass was held at Holy Name Cathedral, the church of the Late Cardinal Bernardin.

Dolores Lipnos spent time in April visiting friends in Georgia.

June, the month of graduations, saw Jo Stoltz's granddaughter, Michele, graduate from Brush High school along with Terry Anzo's grandson, Dominic Bona III. Michele is considering cosmetology as a career and Dominic has been accepted to Kettering Medical School.

Millie Lipnos' granddaughter, Janine (Daughter of Marilyn) had twin sons born in April.

Since so many of you enjoyed our trip down memory lane in the last issue of ZARJA, I'll take you back again.

We may not have had water slides, a hurricane harbor or a Disneyland, but we still enjoyed fun times with family and friends. I have vivid memories of a Slovenian lodge chartering a large bus and with many of our neighborhood members on board heading for the Geneva/Madison Kosić or Koren farms. We got to swim in Lake Erie in our underwear since none of the chil-

dren owned bathing suits. We got to eat out of the family picnic basket (usually a bushel) and best of all - we got to stay overnight and sleep in the big barn on a nice bed of hay! Today's youth may think that the "Thrillers" and "Rockets" are as good as it gets, but I can still remember the pure joy of jumping out of a very high hay loft and sliding down into a huge pile of fresh hay. The ride home was accompanied by much singing and merry-making that continued right up to drop-off point in front of Jack Yemec's store on the corner of Stanley and Raymond Streets. How sweet it was!

St. Lawrence Church organizations held their summer picnics on a lot on Thomas St. near McCracken Rd. in Maple Hts., although it was called the Randall Picnic grounds. These affairs were attended by Slovenians from Newburg, Maple Hts., Warrensville, Bedford, Garfield Hts. and E. 93rd and Union. There was a dance hall on the property to accommodate non-stop dancing to the popular Polka bands of the day. The usual liquid refreshments and sandwiches were sold and I seem to recall that you could almost always witness some minor altercation before the festivities ended. This usually revolved around some fair lass with one too many disgruntled admirers. Some things never change!

Happy July birthdays to Josie Gruden, Marge Patena, Ellen Bodziony, Mary Catherine Gruden, Alex Kosakowski, Mae Danicic and Ludmilla Tacsar.

Happy Aug. birthdays to Betty Ann Harr, Emily Gruden, Suzanne Harris, Mary Louise Phne, Frances Hovevar, Jane Szymkowski, Mary Fink, Eleanor Charuat, Gabrielle Gruden, Mary Mauer and Marge Zupancic.

Members, please make an effort to attend our summer lunch/meeting on Thursday, Aug. 13th at 1:00 p.m. at the Cracker Barrel in Twinsburg located at the intersection of 480 and Rt. 82. Marge Church puts in a lot of time and effort to make these things appealing and accessible to all. Show your appreciation by attending.

Till then,
Nasvidenje!

LIL SADOWSKI

We love to read news of your branch in ZARJA!

NO. 50, EUCLID, OH
Meeting: 3rd Wed.
Euclid Public Library
except July & Aug.

Time is marching forward at a faster pace than we have to catch our breath. It is summer! We will not have regular meetings in July or August; however, we would like to see more of you (numbers) at our future regular meetings held on the third Wednesday of the month. The yearly get together for members named "ANN" is on July 23rd St. Ann's day. (Check with Ann Tercek). Not much will be going on branchwise until September when we will return to the Euclid Club House on Sept. 16 for our annual picnic. If you intend to attend the picnic, please send in the \$5.00 in advance for the catered luncheon.

As of this writing, we will have several Westward Ho trips to be taken by some of our traveling members. Angie Shine, Mary De Lost and Stella Koporc are Las Vegas bound and Ann Winter and her daughter Dorothyann are visiting Branson, MO at the end of summer. May you all have a wonderful time and return some of the adventures to us.

President Ann Tercek's husband, Charles now resides at the Slovenian Home for the Aged. He is living comfortably well, but it is a difficult adjustment for the whole family as so many of us know who experienced this.

We have had several members who encountered hospitalization. They are Mary Frances Nemanic, Fay Pauchin, and Mary Persin. To them and all other members who are not up to par at this time, we wish them to be well as soon as possible, and we are looking forward to seeing Jean Miller, our Treasurer, resuming her duties after her terrible bout with pneumonia.

Last month Mary Lukanc, a social member, left us to our struggle here on Earth. May she find peace which is also conveyed to any other member who has met that fate in the meantime.

Here's wishing a happy summer to all our members who live elsewhere: Jean Paik - Agnes Bradek - Honey Vegl - Marge Bokar - Albina Ulle - Irene Jagodnik - Delores Carey - Albina Kociska - Jennie Kokotec - Mary Pozelnik - Rose Zihlerl. We miss you all.

Also, happiness in your new location to the following: Rosemary Toth, Mentor - Rosemarie Marn, Eastlake - Frances Vidmar, Mentor on the Lake.

Josephine Debevec has moved to Richfield, Ohio and resides at the Regina Health Care facility.

The motto "Best Location in the Nation" for the Cleveland, Ohio area is holding more true each year. The fresh drinking water of the Great Lakes invites you to be here in the future. Fresh drinking water is very rare and will be more valuable than gold in this world during the next century and millennium. Don't be too swayed by escaping to warmer climes where good water, if at all, is at a premium.

Nasvidenje!

VI MORAVCHEK

NO. 54, WARREN, OH
Meeting: 3rd Wed. Feb. thru May,
Sept., Nov., Dec.

Our May Mother-Daughter luncheon was cancelled until June because of the sudden passing of our president, Anne Brdek's son, Tom. In nine months Anne has lost a daughter and now, a son. God, please give her the courage and strength to overcome her grief! Luckily, she has another son and daughter who are a great comfort to her.

Get well wishes to Mary Zuga who has been ailing and to Angela Keferle who is still in an assisted living home.

Congratulations to our member, Patti Ellis, of Cincinnati, who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Amanda Frances. This makes two girls now for the Ellis family. We are now grandparents, too! Our son, Phil and wife, Lynn presented us with a darling little baby boy, Nicholas, who was born on May 7th. It sure has changed their lives. He will be christened the same day as my cousin, Rev. Frank Godic will celebrate his 25th anniversary of ordination and so, we will be unable to attend Father's festivities. He is a wonderful person and a much-beloved priest and we wish him all God's blessings.

We will not have a meeting in July or August and our Sept. meeting will be either at the Elks Clubroom or at one of the members' homes. I'll call you.

Safe traveling this summer and good health and God's blessing to all.

JOANNE PONIKVAR

NO. 55, GIRARD, OH
Meeting: 3rd Wed., 7-8 p.m.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." Psalm 100: 1-4

We had a very enjoyable Mother's Day banquet. It was good to see members we haven't seen in awhile.

Nancy Dombrosky, a member, passed away. She will be missed by all of us. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to members of her family.

Andrea Selak was awarded the leadership award at Notre Dame. This is the first time the award has been given to a sophomore. Congratulations!!!

Mark Selak received a scholarship from the Diocesan Teachers for Ursuline High School. Congratulations!!!

Monica Selak made the varsity cheerleading squad for 1998-99 school year. She will be entering 8th grade at St. Rose School. Congratulations!!!

My apologies to the Selak family, particularly Andrea and Monica, for using the wrong last name of Kregar for them. I almost made the same mistake again.

Please remember we have changed our meetings to the third Wednesday. Our September 16 meeting will be held at our president's home, 1058 Susan Lane, Girard, Ohio, at 7 p.m.

July birthdays: Stephanie Gordon, Marie Selak, and Anna Kalan.

REPORTER

NO. 57, NILES, OH
Meeting: 2nd Tues.
Shepherd of the Valley Center

On April 14th we met at the "Shepherd Home" for our lunch and meeting. Minutes were read; Treasurer's report was given. As we do not collect any dues our secretary had no report.

We made plans for our Mother's Day luncheon. Each member was to bring in a \$2.00 gift for our exchange. Elizabeth Havaich bought 3 door prizes. We were to have a special lunch.

We are sorry to say we had only 8 members present at our meeting, but, were hoping to have more at our Mother's Day Luncheon, as we do enjoy our afternoon.

Mary Visnosky was our hostess for April and she brought in some lovely prizes. Thank you, Mary.

Mrs. Mary Opalka was on our sick list and we hope she will be well on the road of recovery before our next meeting.

Our meeting was closed with us singing 'Happy Birthday' to our birthday members; Helen Misel, John Logar and Mrs. Opalka, our oldest member. Stay healthy and 'God Bless You' until we meet again.

FRANCES STANEC

NO. 67, BESSEMER, PA

No meeting since 95; finally got a list of names of Br. 67 ladies who are still members.

Some are still getting their ZARJA and I was told they did drop out.

We lost a member who was in our lodge since 1937. She is Mrs. Ann J. Novad who passed away April 14. She was 90 years old. On Feb. 12th her children got together and gave her a surprise party at the Croatian Club.

She was one of the best cooks that the club ever had. She worked there a good many years. She taught me a lot about cooking and planning weddings. I am going to miss her, but I will never forget her.

Her husband, John Sr. is deceased. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Mary Zorinich, three sons, Joseph, Edward and John all of Bessemer, 11 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, two sisters, Mary Kozul and Victoria Yendis and three brothers, Tom, Joseph and Frank Slosser all deceased.

Services were at St. Anthony Church on April 18th.

Mrs. Novad was born Feb. 12, 1908 in Wampum, PA, daughter of Mike and Mary Smilu Slosser.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to this family.

Just last month another member, Mildred Slavich lost her husband. She is the sister of Ann Novad. Vladimir passed away, May 5; born, Nov. 11, 1917, son of John and Mary Cetina Slavich.

Besides his wife, the former Mildred

Slosser whom he married, Sept. 16, 1942, he leaves 4 sisters Amilia Colchiski and Mary Zaliar, Dorothy Busin and Lillian Erankovich; two brothers, Edward and Rudolph are deceased.

We are going to miss a member who is moving to Arizona soon. She is Clara Simonsic. She is going to live with her daughter and granddaughter. We wish her good luck. God bless you with good health. We will all miss you Clara.

MARY PERCIC

NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE, OH Meeting: Mar.-Apr.-May-June Aug.-Oct.-Nov.-Dec. Sec'y. Epley's Home 20294 Emery Rd., No Randall

We approach the summer months and will not be having meetings during July and August, and with a busy schedule for everyone, it was decided to cancel our June meeting. Weddings, graduations, showers, birthdays, anniversaries, you name it, everyone has something to do, places to go, people to see. Our branch did gather at Dimitri's on June 7th, celebrating our Mother of the Year, Betty Drnach. As usual, a good time was had by all in attendance.

Branch No. 73 has parted with another member, Josephine Nowak. She is the mother of our Recording Secretary, Gloria Dusek, and related to several other members in the branch. Josephine had been in a nursing facility for the past few years. Prior to that time, she did join us for many of our activities. Our sympathy to the family, and as Father Tom put it so beautifully in his homily, "Josephine was her own person, there will never be anyone like her." We agree, and we shall remember her in our prayers always.

The weekend of Josephine's funeral brought a rather delightful aspect for the family. A baby shower scheduled for Paul and Renee Dusek, with several out-of-towners unable to attend, was attended by all of them, including the beautiful new twins from Indiana. Paul expressed his feelings this way, "Grandma gave us a very special gift - everyone is here for the shower."

By the time this article reaches you, school will be closed and many of you will have your hands full trying hard to keep the kids happy. Hang in there, before the next issue reaches you -

they'll be back in school.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 14th (since the first Monday is Labor Day). Please mark the date on your calendar and plan on joining us. It will be good to see everyone after our long summer break.

Take care of yourselves, let us know where your travels take you (I will see Florida and South Dakota), any activities you will participate in (Class of 1943 chalks up 55 years in September) any friends/relatives you visit, that's why we have this space - to share with others.

BUS TRIP: There are 12 seats left for the trip to Joliet, Illinois for Branch No. 20's big celebration October 3,4,5th. Please call me if you are interested. A good time is promised to all.

Respectfully,

EVERLYN A. MAJERICIK

It's nice to hear and important to our youth, to write about the careers of family members in the SWU. Evelyn Majericik's son has reached new heights in his profession and we are all proud to share this news with you, sent in by Evelyn.

Congratulations!

Stephen M. Majericik, Ph.D. has been nominated to the Professional Fellowship at the Joseph Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. The Weatherhead Society of Professional Fellows is composed of management professionals who have achieved significant milestones in their careers and have been selected as leaders in their field because of their innovative approach and contributions to their respective fields. The program encompasses the breadth and diversity of professional practice including medicine, business, law, engineering, manufacturing, public administration, education and other areas of professional management.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

Enclosed is my payment for 1998, dues for SWU. Sure hope we can keep the ZARJA coming. It is our contact with all the branches. Very interesting.

Mary Staut
Greenwood, WI



Among the celebrants at Br. 89's 60th anniversary celebration of the Slovenian Women's Union were: Angela Nico, chairman, (front from left), Rose Ann Prey, president, and Eunice Komater, charter member; (standing from left) Barbara Bruch, Marilyn Argubright, chaplain and sunshine chairman, Mary Stubler, Josephine Schmidt, and Elizabeth Hamilton.

Oglesby celebrates 60th anniversary

The Oglesby Slovenian Women's Union Branch 89 celebrated its 60th anniversary in May at Garzanelli's Supper Club in Oglesby with members, guests and the one remaining charter member, Eunice Komater. She serves as recording secretary, local publicity reporter and reporter for ZARJA. She has been chosen as "You are Special" and volunteers in several ways. She became a member with her mother, Frances, in 1938.

The Oglesby Branch 89 celebrated Mass earlier at Holy Family Church, offered for all deceased members, many of whom are mothers of current members.

Mary Meglich Yazbec organized the Oglesby SWU Branch in 1938 with 48 charter members, 20 Oglesby women who transferred from La Salle Branch 24. Frances Nemeth was the first Branch 89 president. Josephine Livek, Oglesby, served as the National SWU president from 1952 to 1961. Angela Nico, Oglesby, served as Illinois-Indiana State president from 1979-1988.

The National SWU organization will celebrate its 72nd anniversary this year, founded by Marie Priland, Branch 1, Sheboygan, Wis. All SWU branches across the country were involved in many projects, raising funds for the Chapel of our Lady of Brezje, Patroness of the Slovenians, Mother of Perpetual Help. The chapel is in the Na-

tional Shrine of Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The National SWU was also involved in fundraising for a memorial dedicated to the Slovenian Miners and Laborers located in the Ironwood USA Museum in Chisholm, Minn. The restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island were combined with other Slovenian organizations for this project. A postage stamp was also dedicated to a Slovenian Bishop, Frederick Baraga, a missionary who established many missions in the Upper Peninsula.

The local SWU supports community projects, veteran memorials, library, Grape festivals, Heritage Days, Pilgrimage Days in Lemont and hosted State Conventions and sends delegates to the national conventions.

Angela Nico, chairman, Mary Stubler, Barbara Bruch and Elizabeth Hamilton were in charge of the 60th anniversary celebration.

The program included 60 years of local SWU historical comments by the president, Rose Ann Prey. The National SWU 60-year comments were presented by Josephine Schmidt, daughter of Mrs. Livek, former National SWU president. Scrolls with national events listed from 1938, were presented by Stubler, when SWU was organized, and local 1938 events by Bruch.

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ON THE PHOTOS:

Convention Chairman, Angela Nico (left) with Josephine Schmidt, main speaker at the banquet. Her mother, Josephine Livek was Nat'l. SWU President, 1952-1961.

Fran Kirbach whose mother, Frances Nemeth was the first president of Br. 89, joined Mitzie Banich at the table.

60th Anniversary committee: (front) Angie Nico, Mary Stubler; (back) Betty Hamilton and Barbara Bruch.

Eunice Komater receives the floral tribute from Darlene Wasielewski (right).

A Crafty Idea

A few years ago, when winters found us in Florida, I needed projects to keep myself occupied. I would search for patterns in the stores to find something new. On the cover of one pamphlet was the photo of a placemat, and I knew "I can do that." A very simple pattern with a simple border. And of course, you know what happened! Made a set of four for myself, another set for a friend, another set for a neighbor, etc., etc., five sets in all.

If you like using placemats and want to try the pattern, it will be sent to you for \$1.00 and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Send your requests to:

**Evelyn A. Majercik
P.O. Box 46539
Bedford, Ohio 44146**

NO. 85, DEPUE, IL Meeting: at Members' Homes

Our branch was unable to have a meeting last month but hopefully will be able to have one this month.

We would like to congratulate Branch 89 of Oglesby who recently celebrated their 60th anniversary. We hope you will have many more happy anniversaries.

Baely Crockett, granddaughter of Muriel Jermenc, made her First Holy Communion on May 9th in the new church in Aurora.

Our member Mildred Lavrin and all her family attended the wedding of her grandson, Darren Lavrin on May 16. Darren and his bride, the former Susan May, were married in a lovely chapel in Louisville, Kentucky. We extend our warm congratulations and wish them much happiness.

Emily De Bord, granddaughter of Ann De Bord, graduated from junior high school and spent the Memorial Day week end in Washington, D.C. with her class. Emily will be attending Bloomington High School in the fall.

Theresa Kimble, granddaughter of our president Gen. Grile graduated from St. Bede Academy. Theresa will be attending Illinois Valley Community College in the fall.

Our best wishes to these graduates and we wish them much future success.

Congratulations to my cousins, John and Pat Strle who celebrated their 50th Golden anniversary in April. They were honored with a lovely party hosted by their two sons, Paul and Don Strle.

Stay cool everyone, and God bless!

MARY JERMENC

NO. 89, OGLESBY, IL Meetings: 2nd Mon. except Jan. and July Dickinson House

Last meeting was held on April 13th. Plans were made for the dinner at Garzanelli's Supper Club in May to observe our 60th anniversary.

Just a few words to cover the festivities. Rose Ann Prey, President, lighted the memorial candle and all deceased members were remembered in our prayers. A lovely evening was enjoyed by all and food was excellent.

Angie Nico did a lovely job as chairman. She was capably assisted by Mary Stubler, Barbara Bruch, and Betty Hamilton. Jo Schmidt had five guests from Br. 20, Joliet; they were Jonita Ruth, Char Kobe, Josephine and Walter Lustig and Agnes Dobczyk. Jonita spoke on the upcoming 70th anniversary of Branch 20 in Joliet. They will hold the State Convention on Oct. 4, 1998.

We decided to do a report and put Angie's article from the local news Tribune and let you all read about it.

Branch 89 celebrated a Mass on June 14th at Holy Family for all deceased members.

Just a note in closing; I would like to add a special thank you to Jo Schmidt for presenting me with the lovely center piece which she won; and also the branch for the lovely corsage. It doesn't seem like 60 years! Hope it continues! As reporter for 13 years, I really have enjoyed it very much.

Rev. Anthony Trosley our spiritual advisor will be leaving us and we will have Rev. Brian Rejsek, a native of

Evergreen Park, IL for our pastor and spiritual advisor.

Our wedding anniversaries: Rose Ann Prey - June, 50 years and Emma Folty - June, 59 years.

Graduations: Julie Stubler, Vanessa Morrison, and David Munson. They are grandchildren of Mary Stubler, Rose Ann Prey, Jo Morrison and Betty Hamilton.

We haven't forgotten your birthdays, ladies.

March: Angie Nico and Mary Stubler.

April: Helen Komater and Barbara Bruch.

May: Josie Argubright and Catherine Golick.

July: Darlene Wiecezorek, Darlene Wasselewski, and Anne Batty.

August: Jo Morrison and Betty Hamilton.

Hope your day was a special one!

Respectfully,

EUNICE KOMATER

NO. 95, SO. CHICAGO, IL Meeting: 2nd Wed. Apr.-May-June Sep.-Oct.-Nov.-Dec. 12:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Church Hall

It is interesting to note and report that our members are filled with uncertain fear and frustration, unfilled desires with the way our branch is going. Our members always exercised their capacities to keep our branch moving and keep good things going to preserve order and attain a high degree of accomplishments, no matter how complex situations may seem. We don't have it since so many things happening with all the changes that have been made. I am hoping we will have a branch by branch membership listing available soon. Meanwhile, please call Dolores Hennelly at 1-708-429-0975 if you dropped out of our branch, call me at 1-815-485-2603 and let us know.

13 members attended our meeting in April. After the business session we relaxed and enjoyed the goodies by Dolores Hennelly, Ann Yosue, who led us in prayer for all of our ailing members and deceased members, Helen Santy, Helen Price, Marge Niksich, as hostesses, cakes by Dolores Hennelly, Ann Yosue, Marie Maras, members who are ailing, Harriet Isek, Julie Hansen moved, and Mary Malcich, our

condolences to Bernice Morrison on the loss of her beloved husband Dwayne. To Helen Hoff's sister Matilda Brezich. May they both rest in peace.

Pot luck winners, Helen Ciechowski, Elenore Bendera, who won a beautiful Easter decorated cake, donated by Marie Maras.

With graduation time we congratulate all of you! May what you all have learned be a good and confident beginning for all of you. As you face the challenges of finishing school, may you have been guided in making our world a better place to live in. We surely need it. Good luck to all of our mothers and dads! Also all of you daddys out there, we extend our deep affection and warmest wishes for a long life of health and happiness with your loved ones **HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!**

MILDRED JAMES

NO. 102, WILLARD, WI
Meeting: When convenient
Parish Center

Spring arrived with well-above normal temperatures with hot and humid days and very little rain.

Mary Djubenski, a long-time member of SWU, had 3 by-passes, had a heart valve replaced and had a pacemaker put in. Following the surgery, she spent over a week in the hospital. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

On Sun. May 3rd, first communion was held at the 10:30 mass at Holy Family Church of Willard. The six communicants were: twins, Jessica and Patricia Bogdonovich, Marta Knodle, Derrick Searles, Brett Hinker and Brody Vollrath. Our congratulations to them.

The SWU held a plant sale after the 10:30 mass on May 3rd. A nice assortment of plants were brought in, with Mary Djubenski in charge of the sale.

The CCW ordered 150 roses that were sold during the Mother's Day weekend. This is a fund raiser for the Clark County Right-to-Life. The money from the project goes to Hannah House in Marshfield.

Several bake sales will be held by the CCW. The proceeds will go toward the purchase of new tableclothes for the Parish Center.

Troy Pakiz, a freshman at the Uni-

versity of North Dakota in Grand Forks, majoring in aeronautics, flew the required solo cross country flight from Grand Forks, ND to Marshfield, WI on May 9th. His return trip, scheduled for the next day, was delayed four days, because of bad flying weather. Troy is the son of Larry and Sue Pakiz, and grandson of Frank and Rose Pakiz.

Rev. Richard Bayuk, C.P.P.S. graduated on May 9, 1998 from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO, having earned the Doctor Ministry in Preaching degree. His parents, Edward and Josephine Bayuk of Willard, were present for the festivities, along with three of his sisters, Mary Nauertz, Teresa Jolivet, and Rosemary Bayuk. Fr. Bayuk is presently serving as the Director of Advanced Formation for the Society of Precious Blood at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Janet (Bayuk) Phelps graduated May 7, 1998 from Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire, WI with an Associate Degree in Administrative Assistant. She works as a Human Resource Assistant at Zenith Cutter in Rockford, IL. Her husband, Jim graduated May 7, 1998 from the same college with an Associate Degree in Electromechanical Technology. He holds the position of Control Systems Engineer at Ingersoll Milling Machines in Rockford, IL.

High School graduation in Greenwood was held on May 23rd with parties scheduled in the afternoon. Congratulations to all the graduates!

Emil Plautz had the misfortune of breaking a hip and spent several weeks in the hospital. Our prayers for his recovery.

The Sisters from Lemont, IL arrived on June 1st to teach catechism. It's always a pleasure having the sisters here at Holy Family.

On June 19th Cindy Wildish and Shane Rasmussen were married at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Greenwood. Reception following the ceremony at the American Legion in Loyal.

The weekend of July 10th and 11th, Judy (Ansick) Di Pasquale and Pam (Suda) Moris will clown in Rock Dam. Special doings will be held as the Town of Foster will celebrate the 75th anniversary. Judy is a professional clown. Judy's mother is Donnie Wolf. Both Judy and Donnie are members of the SWU Branch 102.

Gwen and Louie Landini will drive to Alaska and will be gone for most of the month of June. Hoping the trip will prove to be enjoyable.

Tim Digoski, son of Walter Digoski, died on May 20th at the age of 46. Our sympathy to the family.

Best wishes to Donnie Wolf, who spent a week recently in the Neillsville Hospital.

Our prayers to those who are in the hospital, nursing homes, or ill at home. Wishing them good health.

FRIEDA KLANCHER

NO. 103, WASHINGTON, D.C.
Meeting: 1st Sun. except July & Aug.
St. Columba's Ch. Albemarle St.

Despite the erratic weather conditions throughout the country, including the D.C. area, we were indeed fortunate to have had ideal weather during Cherry Blossom time--the blossoms were absolutely gorgeous and breathtaking; hope some of you may have seen some of them on television.

Our meeting on April 5, 1998 was short and productive, making preliminary plans for the Mother's Day program in May. our favorite event of the year. Our cultural event for this day was a presentation by Alenka Richardson, Chief of Slovenian Service, Voice of America (VOA). Her presentation was very interesting and comprehensive, describing a look inside the VOA, its present and past. She also included a recording of the previous Friday's (April 3) broadcast. Her personal broadcast, in Slovenian, was very professional. There are many receiving stations now in Europe where these messages are received.

Many thanks to Alenka for sharing this information with us, and also for answering the many questions enlightening us on the functions of the VOA. We also want to express our appreciation to Nika Kovacic, member of Branch 103, for arranging this program by contacting Alenka. We know everyone enjoyed this most interesting and informative presentation on the VOA.

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We were blessed with a very lovely day for our Mother's Day celebration on Sunday, May 17, 1998. The chil-

New Ambassador to the United States Discusses the Status of Slovenia

On February 9, Dr. Dimitrij Rupel, the new Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the U.S., gave a presentation at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. – "The Nation and State in Our Time – The Case of Slovenia." The Ambassador dispelled some of the arguments made against Slovenia's desire and justification to be an independent nation. He also discussed the status of Slovenia's efforts to join both the European Union (EU) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). He believes that the path to membership in EU and NATO may involve some short-term obstacles but will be achieved over several years. In the question and answer period that followed his prepared remarks, he noted his hope that American Slovene organizations will come together to encourage the U.S. Government to be more favorably inclined toward the needs of the new democracy of Slovenia.

Dr. Rupel is a prolific writer and has written books in his professional field, sociology, as well as novels for entertainment reading.

Ambassador Rupel warmly greets Branch 103 officers, (l. to r.), Mary Lou Terselic, Molly Thomas and Mary Mejac.

dren made a dramatic entrance singing, and finally crowning the statue of the Blessed Mother. This was followed by the program of songs, piano selections, and readings mostly by the children themselves. It's always amazing to realize the outstanding talents of our young ones.

President Mary Lou Terselic welcomed everyone present, and Lidija Millonig was mistress of ceremony—a job well done. The performers were Andrejček Bevec, Kristina Bevec, Andrejček Stare, Amalija Oven, Veronika Stare, Natalie Robinson, Tomaž Bevec, Tereza Bevec, and Angie Stare. We then enjoyed selections by the Washington Slovenian Choral Group, directed by Vladimir Pregelj. The songs were beautiful, and it's always a treat to enjoy their songs. The concluding song was a duet (Venite Rožice Moje) performed by Lidija Millonig and her grandmother Jana Bevec, very beautifully executed. The Bevec family are indeed blessed with lovely singing voices, and we appreciate their performances. At this time we want to extend a big thank-you to Jana Bevec for or-

ganizing the program, and for all those who assisted.

Cecilija Hlebanja, our Mother of the Year, was unable to be present for her honors; therefore, President Mary Lou Terselic presented the bouquet of carnations to one of our oldest members, and surely one of the hardest working persons at all of our events, the very deserving Matilda (Mattie) Terselic.

We were also honored on this day with the presence of Agna Javornik, Branch 103 Charter member. Agna is not always able to attend our meetings, so we were extremely pleased to have her join us this day, and hope she also enjoyed our celebration.

Finally, a delicious lunch was served by the members of our Branch.

We are now recessed for the summer, and will reconvene either in August or September. Our best wishes for a safe and happy summer to all SWU members.

MATILDA AUSICH

Is it better to write a letter on an empty stomach or on a full stomach?

It is better to write it on paper!

Slovenian Artist Hosts Display at the National Institutes of Health

On March 3, 1998, Slovenian-American artist, Estelle Zorman, hosted a display of her latest paintings at the Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. Ms. Zorman is a member of Branch 103 and has generously donated paintings to assist Branch fund raising efforts.

Estelle is a beautiful person whose work we admire.



She is seen here (left) with member, Ica Zebot



**NO. 105, DETROIT, MI
Meeting: 3rd Sat.
Temp. at Secretary's home**

On March 14, 1998 the members of Branch 105 brought a St. Patrick's Day celebration to Club SNPJ in Warren, MI! We celebrated 'Slovenian Style' by providing a full Irish dinner and hiring the Eddie Adamic orchestra to play the Slovenian music. I enjoy celebrating it this way as I get the opportunity to enjoy some of the best from both my Irish and Slovene cultures.

At our last monthly meeting we finalized our committees. The hall was beautifully decorated by Dorothy Bernick and Kay and Rose Plackard, with a little help from Kurt Psotka (he climbed the ladder).

Several members came early to set the tables. Fran Desmond volunteered to cover the door. We elected to do a full dinner to include corned beef and cabbage, baked parmesan and herb chicken, roasted potatoes and carrots, buttered noodles, salad, bread and dessert. Our cooks for this event were

- LAS VEGAS II UPDATE -

When: November 5, 6, 7, &, 1998

Hotel: Your choice. Make your best deal from your own hometown as we will be getting together daily during the trip.

Tentative Plans: Thursday, Nov. 5: Meet at my hotel for drinks. Friday, Nov. 6: 1/2 day excursion choices in the next issue. Saturday, Nov. 7: Dinner and show. Sunday, Nov. 8: Mass at Guardian Angel Church followed by breakfast at the Peppermill Restaurant. Watch ZARJA for updates. K.E.

Patricia Adamic, (our Irish gourmet) Anna Klancnik (our corned beef expert), Yolanda Roel ("I don't know nothin' 'bout cooking"), and Kathleen Emerson. We also had help from Anna's husband, Gaylord Klancnik with the corned beef and Patricia's husband, Robert Adamic with the Veggies. All members and friends were encouraged to bring green desserts. We had quite a spread from lime jello to keylime cheesecake. Patricia Hostnik and Angie Bernick organized the dessert table. Maryanne Yemec and Patricia Adamic served the meat at the buffet table.

After dinner we announced we had some goods left over from the Polkafest for sale. Sharon Wysocky took on the task of setting up and selling our items. Mary Jane Smith and her husband Paul sold raffle tickets. Clean up including the kitchen and the hall was done by Doreen Preston, Kay Plackard, Valeria

My mom, Dorothy (Zakrajsek) Bechtel, passed away on December 16, 1997 at the age of 78.

I would like you to know how much my mom treasured her Slovenian heritage, and how pleased she was to be a member of the Slovenian Women's Union. She enjoyed her subscription to the ZARJA and looked forward to receiving each edition. We had planned a trip to Slovenia for this summer.

My cousin, Juli Zakrajsek, and I still plan to make the trip with my mom's sister, Julia (Zakrajsek) Trowbridge, and mom will be with us in spirit as we see the country and visit the people whom she loved so much.

Sincerely,

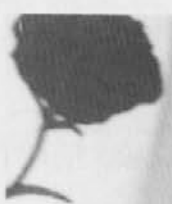
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Jacklich, Rose Plackard, Fran Adamic, and the cooks.

We brought our 'Pot o' gold' we used at our last St. Patrick's Day party for donations to the ZARJA, to welcome donations for our Bishop Baraga Fund. Our guests were very generous and we collected \$88.25. As one lady was making a donation she told me they named their son, Frederic after the Bishop and one gentleman tossed in a large bill stating "Let the Bishop have one on me."

As the evening came to an end, we realized another successful party. This type of activity makes our branch very visible in our Slovene community. Thanks again to everyone for a job well done.

KATHLEEN EMERSON
President, Br. 105



Kathleen Emerson stopped a moment from her cooking to show the photographer, Robert Adamic, her home-made Irish delicacies!

† DOROTHY A. BECHTEL

Mrs. Bechtel was born in Joliet, IL, Oct. 18, 1919 to Franc and Karolina (Marolt) Zakrajsek. Her husband Carlisle "Barney" Bechtel, died in 1976.

Mrs. Bechtel attended school in Harrietta and graduated from Westside Beauty School in Saginaw in 1938. She worked in beauty shops in West Branch, Royal Oak, Indianapolis, Ind. and Cadillac. She was also employed at Goss Canvas Company in Cadillac. She was a life-long member of St. Ann Catholic Church, serving as Eucharistic minister. She was a circle member, member of the Altar Society, the Legion of Mary and Fatima Rosary Group

of the Church. Mrs. Bechtel was a volunteer at many nursing homes and schools.

She was a lifetime member of the Bishop Baraga Association, member of the Slovenian Women's Union Br. 30 and former member of the Amvets Auxiliary. She served as an election worker in Cadillac and Selma Township for many years.

Survivors include her children, Larry (Mary) and Marlene Bechtel, Dennis (Paula) and Debra (Douglas) Briggs, six grandchildren, one great grandchild and numerous other relatives.

Deepest sympathy to all the family and may she rest in peace.

DOPISI

ŠT. 10, CLEVELAND, OH

Za precej časa je preteklo odkar se nisem nič oglašila v Zarji. Od takrat se je že veliko stvari zgodilo po celem svetu. Zimo smo imeli zelo milo tukaj v Ohio, drugod pa veliki snežni viharji in proti zapadu in proti jugu pa velike poplave, neurja, tornedi, kar so uničili cela naselja. Ko to človek gleda, ga je kar strah, kaj pa tisti ljudje ko jih to deleti, prizadene in vse uniči. V časih slišim, da gremo res naj kraj življenja, ker kaj takega se ni nikdar dogajalo, mnogi ljudje ne pomnijo marsikaj takega kar se vidi in sliši danes. V marcu smo imeli vseh vrst vreme, točo, sneg, dež je res marec pravi sušec divjak. Za mesec april pa skoraj vsaki dan dežuje. Pravi stari pregovor April deževen kmet ne bo reven. Če je prišel za obdelovat vrt pa je tako mokro, da se ne more nič delat. Upamo, da se kasneje izboljša vse!

Prav na Veliko noč je velik potres zajel severno Slovenijo pobočje mesta Kobarid in okolico, napravil ogromno škodo, tako da veliko hiš in hotelov bodo morali kar podreti ker so neuporabni! Pri Bohinju, kot sem čitala je kos zemlje utonil kar v vodo 100 metrov na dolžino in 20 metrov na širino. Tako da Slovensko Benecijo je najbolj prizadelo in govori da še vedno čutijo najhujše posledice.

To je grozovita stvar, ko se nimaš kam rešiti, kadar je potres samo človeka meče na vse strani, brez moči. Svet je zapustil Boga, ne spoštujejo ga več, on pa kaže, da ima moč on ne drugi. Vse izumira, ne pomaga nič inženirjem, Bogu nasproti ne more nihče se proti ustavit, kadar on svojo moč pokaže, samo to je reveži nastradajo vedno.

Zadnjo sredo v marcu smo imele kot ponavadi v Slov. domu na Holmes sejo. Nas ni bilo veliko na sestanku. Ene so imele opravke, druge pa tudi bolane. Sejo smo imele bolj kratko in voščile smo si veselo praznike ker je bilo ravno

malo časa pred veliko nočjo in smo lepo proslavile.

Naša Meri Podlogar se je preselila v Euclid, je zapustila Collinwood. Upam da se počuti dobro v novi hiši. Prekrasni mesec maj pomeni Marija in Materinski dan. Želim vsem članicam skupaj, da bi ga lepo obhajali kot vsako leto.

Bom pa napisala eno molitev če se jo hoče katera naučiti.

*Tebe ljubim stvarnik moj,
ker si ohranil nas nocoj.
Tebi delo posvetimo
dušo in telo izročimo.
O, Marija, vodi nas po nedolžni poti
in ob smrti z Jezusom
pridi nam naproti.
Naj v tvojem varstvu vedno spimo,
v ljubezni tvoji se zbudimo,
in zadnjo uro daj da pridemo
k tebi v sveti raj.
Vse dobro staršem vračaj
V nebesih, jim poplačaj;
Vernih duš usmili se
da bodo Tebe gledale.
Amen.*

Vam članicam, ki ste praznovala rojstne dneve v teh mesecih želim vse najboljše, pred vsem pa zdravje. Vsem bolanim želim čimprejšnjega okrevanje. Obenem lep pozdrav vsem članicam.

T. FERRACCIOLI

ŠT. 39, BIWABIK, MN

Prelepi mesec maj je prišel v Minnesoto v sončnem pomladnem vzdušju, kar pa za nas ni vedno tako. Zato smo tega še posebno veseli, da se je dolga zima kar hitro odselila. Že dalj časa imamo lepo in sončno, čeprav so jutra še hladna. In prav radi tega se nas je zbrala lepa skupina na prvo nedeljo v maju, da skupaj počastimo našo zaslužno mater in obenem tudi vse matere blizu i daleč. Letos je ta čast doletela Martino Michals, da je "mati leta". Ob slovesno pogrnjenih mizah in okusnem kosilu je bilo vsem prijetno domače počutje. Za dodatek pa še lepo okrašena torta na čast naši slavljenki. Martina je bila rojena v Sostrem pri Ljubljani, Slovenija. Bila je na sredi med sedmimi dekleti. Vse so doraščale med

drugo svetovno vojno. Oče France in mama Terezija Mihelich sta bila skrbna in verna ter zavedna Slovenca. Ko so bile vojne vihere že na vrhuncu in skrb za obstanek življenja sebi, se je oče France moral umakniti čez mejo v Avstrijo. Bilo je leta 1945 in nekaj let pozneje se je pridružil mnogim v severni Ameriki, da začnejo svobodno življenje, katerega domovina ni dajala.

Več let se je trudil in hranil, da bi prišla za njim tudi njegova družina. To se je zgodilo leta 1956. Najprej so našli dom na Evelethu, potem pa so vsa leta živeli na Gilbertu, kjer zdaj oba starša že počivata na prijaznem hribčku Gilbertskega pokopališča.

Medtem, ko je bila mama Terezija skrbna in varčna gospodinja svoji veliki družini, saj je tudi vsa leta morala sama vzgajati sedem deklet, je oče delal v rudniku. Mimo tega pa je bil zelo muzikalično nadarjen in po njem tudi njegove hčerke. Radi so skupaj prepevali povsod in kamor so jih povabili. Tedaj so se dekleta z mamo vred takoj priključile Ženski Zvezi in kasneje so prevzemale razne funkcije v podružnici na Evelethu. Pred par leti pa se je ta pridružila podružnici na Biwabiku. In tu je spet njena sestra Vida prevzela skrb predsedniškega dela.

Martina se je poročila z Bernijem Michals leta 1964. Imata 4 sinove: Mark Tim, Tony & Paul. Imata že tudi veselje z dvema vnukoma. Kako radi prihajajo k starim staršem, saj je Martina izvrstna gospodinja, kar je gotovo vse podedovala po svoji mami.

Martinine sestre imajo svoje družine in sicer so v Clevelandu: Anči, potem Helena Perčič in Blažena Rihtar in Theresa Meindhardt na Aljaski. Na Železnem Okrožju pa ima še sestre: Marijo Ferkulj na Biwabiku in Vido Lanari na Virginiji.

Martina: Veselimo se s Teboj te počastitve in Ti iskreno čestitamo. Naj bi vedno in povsod zmogla še vnaprej izžarevati ponos in zavest biti članica velike Slovenske Ženske Zveze v Ameriki in ostala zavedna Slovenka.

ANNE TUSHAR

BARAGA



Začetki Katoliške Cerkve v Ameriki

FRANC JAKLIČ

X. BARAGA ŠKOF V MARQUETTE BOLEZEN IN SMRT

PREMESTITEV ŠKOFIJSKE STOLICE V MARQUETTE (V maju 1866)

4. Ubožna saultska cerkev pač ni mogla služiti za škofijsko stolnico. V Marquetteu je postavil misijonar Duroc leta 1856 lično cerkvico v čast sv. Petru, ki je pa zaradi dotoka katoliških priseljencev kmalu postala premajhna. Zraven nje je Thiele pravkar dogradil novo, veliko in lepo. Bila je sicer lesena, a je stala na kamnitem temelju, kakor nobena druga v škofiji; Baraga ga je leta 1865 slovesno blagoslovil. Na marquetteško cerkev je bila ponosna vsa škofija. Stala je 13.000 dolarjev, kar je bilo za takrat zelo mnogo. Od te vsote so polagoma plačali 7000 dolarjev, 6000 jih je pa moral škof vzeti nase.

Baraga je prošnjo za preselitev, utemeljeno s temi razlogi, poslal v Rim in šel osebno prosit cincinnatskega nadškofa Purcella in baltimorskega nadškofa-primasa Spaldinga, ki mu je pridigal pri škofovskem posvečenju, da sta sveti stolici priporočila njegovo prošnjo. Papež Pij IX. je 23. oktobra 1865 dal privoljenje in na odloku določil, da se naj škofija poslej imenuje, "Marianopolitana et Marquettensis (saaltsko-marquetteška). Baragi se je pa to ime zdelo predolgo in je Jackerju pisal: "Teh dveh naslovov ne bom uporabljal, razen v pismih v Rim; drugače bom pa vselej zapisal "škof Gorenjega Michigana".

V začetku maja, ko je pomladansko sonce stajalo na jezeru led in odprlo ladjam pot, je Baraga polagoma spravil svoje stvari skupaj, jih izročil slugi Gašperju in se tiho odpeljal iz Saulta. Ljudje so zvedeli o njegovem odhodu šele, ko je ladja že odplula.

Prav tako neopazen je prišel v Marquette. Niti za dan prihoda ne vemo natančno, Katoličani in protestanti so ga prosili, da bi mu smeli pripraviti slovesno dobrodošlico, a jo je odklonil. Nastanil se je v predelani stari cerkvici. Selitev ga je mnogo stala. — Stolnica, mesto in okolica so mu takoj prirastle k srcu. Za župnika v Marquetteu je poklical svojega prijatelja in zaupnika Jackerja, ki mu je moral tudi pomagati pri upravljanju škofije. Po Baragovi smrti jo je on vodil, dokler ni bil Mrak posvečen zanj, in tudi potem, ko je Mrak šel na vatikanski cerkveni zbor. Umrli je v popolnem siromaštvu leta 1887.

Ko je Jacker še služboval v Hancocku, je povabil tja redovnice jožefinke, da prevzamejo šolo. V avgustu leta 1866 so prišle.

V L'Ansu je vlada plačevala za Indijance učitelja. Imel je družino, sedem otrok. Za poučevanje ni bil sposoben. Terhorst je to videl; želel ga je odstraniti in za šolo poklicati jožefinke. Ko je učitelj to zvedel, je hotel zbirati podpise za odstranitev Terhorsta, a se nikdo ni hotel podpisati. Učitelj je nato poslal Baragi zahtevo brez podpisov. Peter Crebassa je v imenu Indijancev pisal Baragi, da naj pride in učitelja zlepa odpravi. Baraga je pa odpisal: "Smili se mi; ne jemljite kruha njemu in njegovi družini!" Zadeva se je pa mirno uredila, učitelj je odšel na drugo mesto. — Nenadoma je pa Jacker pripeljal iz Hancocka dve jožefinki. Baraga, ki se je takrat mudil v L'Ansu na vizitaciji, je bil prihoda redovnic tako vesel, da so ga zalile solze. L'Anse mu je bil še zmerom zelo pri srcu, zlasti zaradi redukcije, ki jo je ustanovil in ki je še zmerom rastla. Redovnicam je pa povedal, da jim ne bo mogel nič plačevati. Bile so tudi tako zadovoljne. Da jim pokaže svojo hvaležnost, je dal Terhorstu svojo srebrno uro, češ da ima doma še eno. Terhorst je uro prodal za 25 dolarjev in z njimi redovnicam plačal prevoz prtljage; bil je tudi sam brez denarja. Redovnicam je prepustil svoje stanovanje, sam se je pa nastanil pri cerkvi. — Državni agent za indijanske zadeve, protestant, pa nikakor ni maral redovnic. Rekel je, da učne moči za Indijance plačuje država; državo pa zastopa on in hoče, da pride učitelj, ki ga bo on izbral. Indijanci so za drugi dan sklicali zborovanje in povabili državnega agenta. Terhorst jim je zabičal, naj branijo redovnice. Ko je agent začel govoriti zoper nje, so ga tako pisano gledali, tako visoko dvigali svoje bojne sekiretomahavke in jih tako odločno vihteli, da je bil mož preplašen in bled. Obljubil je, da bo takoj drugi dan z misijonarjem zadevo uredil. Res je prišel k Terhorstu in mu izjavil, da redovnice lahko poučujejo. — Ostale so. Leta 1895, ko Verwyst o tem poroča, so imele do 70 belih in 48 indijanskih notranjih gojencev in gojenk in 40 zunanjih učencev in učenk. Leta 1895 jim je Terhorst še vedno bil duhovni vodnik in šolski voditelj. Verwyst pravi, da gorje mu, kdor bi se vpričo njega upal kaj reči zoper Indijance, — V veliki hiši iz kamna in opeke jožefinke še zdaj vzgajajo in učijo indijansko mladino.

Jožefinke so prevzele zavod in šolo tudi v Saultu. Ker so ubožni Saultčani težko plačevali za šolo, je Baraga dajal jožefinkam vsako leto 400 dolarjev podpore.

4. avgusta leta 1866 je Baraga poslal svoje zadnje z lastno roko pisano pismo na Dunaj; poznejša so mu pisali drugi, on se je samo podpisal. V tem pismu na kratko omenja svojo vizitacijo ob Gorenjem jezeru, ki jo je nedavno zaključil. To je bila njegova zadnja vizitacija. Pravi, da so njegove misijonske postaje že kakor redne župnije, le da še nimajo vse svojega lastnega dušnega pastirja. Spet toži, da je za njegovo škofijo težko dobiti voljnih in porabnih duhovnikov.

NADALJEVANJE

OUR CLASS GOES TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

St. Thomas of Villanova School in Palatine, Illinois 8th grade students took a trip to Washington, D.C. this spring. We saw the "usual" attractions. The White House, Arlington Cemetery (where we got to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier), The Naval Museum, The Holocaust Museum, two Smithsonian's, Peterson House, The Ford Theatre, The National Archives, The National Cathedral, The Bureau of Printing and Engraving, lots of monuments (by day and night) The Capitol Building, The F.B.I. Building, and my personal favorite, The Embassy of The Republic of Slovenia!

We had truly a wonderful visit at the Embassy. Thru Ms. Purkart, we made all the arrangements and when we got there, Mr. Rifelj greeted our students along with Ms. Purkart. They are both Second Secretaries at the Embassy. Mr. Rifelj did a beautiful job telling the students about Slovenian history, culture, economy, their geographic situation and much more.

We did study about Slovenia before we came so the students knew a little about the country. They were interested in the schools. Mr. Rifelj told them about his boyhood and the subjects he liked (cooking was not one of his favorites).

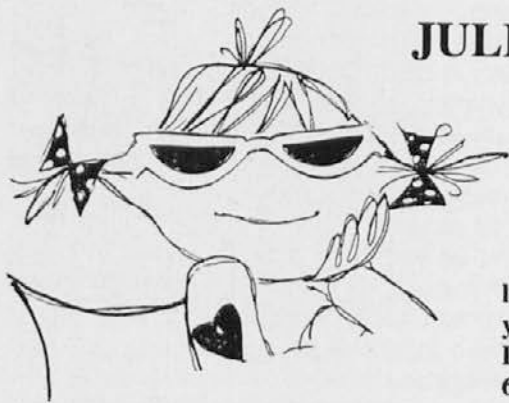
Ambassador Rupel then came in for a visit with us and was most gracious. We were told that he was one of the important figures in Slovenia becoming a Republic. He talked to us about the differences between a Republic and a Democracy.

I wanted to go to the Embassy to touch base with my roots. I also want my students to look into their own heritages and find out where their roots are. We are all Americans but we came from somewhere else first.

Helene is a member of Br. 16, So. Chicago, IL.



St. Thomas of Villanova 8th Graders



JULIE SAYS HI!

Julie would love to get your letter! She will get your mail if you send it to ZARJA, 4851 So. Drexel Blvd., Chicago, IL 60615.

Hello again, it's me, Julie. Well, I have just 8 days of school left as of May 26th! I can't wait, and I can't believe that next year I will already be a sophomore. The weather lately hasn't been that bad, I actually got sunburn, and I got it bad! I couldn't move! To be honest with you, I personally think I looked like a red smurf! Now, a week later, I'm just tanned. But that's what I wanted, and boy, did I get it!

Some friends and I are planning to go to Great America. Have you been there before? I love that place! I could

live there if I ever got the chance. But don't think my parents would ever move just so I could have fun everyday of my life! What's your favorite ride? Mine is --- well I like more than just one, I like the Demon, Shockwave, Batman, American Eagle, and most definitely the GIANT DROP! Last year I went on it with my friend, we got up to the top, and I thought I saw the whole world, but before I knew it, I was down on the ground! We got off the ride, and my friend said she CLOSED HER EYES ON THE WAY DOWN! That's

the best part I told her! She was actually kind of mad at herself! Come to think of it, that's what I hate most about Great America -- you wait in line for each ride approximately 25-30 minutes each, and when you get on the ride, you're only on it for 2 minutes or so!!! How disappointing is that?!!

So far, no BIG plans for my summer vacation, how about you? Last year we went to Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. That was a nice place to go and relax, because you know all the stress of a hard school year! (Ha!!)

We just got a new computer and I love it! I bought a "Lucy" screen saver, and in it you can watch parts of the best episodes, and some personal home videos. The home videos are of their wedding, in their pool with their kids etc. The best episodes are like the one when Lucy and Ethel are jamming chocolates off the conveyor belt cause it's moving too fast. Remember that one -- that one's the best! To sum it up --- "I LOVE LUCY!"

Talk to 'ya Later!

Julie

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