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# Westmoreland Fed bids farewell to picnic grove

by MARYANN BEBAR (41)  
 Westmoreland Co. Federation

**HERMINIE, Pa.** — I am so sorry to say that the Evanstown Picnic Grove has been sold and will no longer be available as a rental facility. To all of our dear friends who have kept us in business for so many years, thank you for all your support.

It's bittersweet for the officers and members of the Westmoreland County Federation to part with our facility. It has been more than 50 years since our ancestors started this grove, and we've held it together with pride. Unfortunately, all good things must come to an

end. Maintaining and running the grove became very costly and the income just wasn't there.

It goes without saying that we are very sad since we have put our blood, sweat and tears into running the facility; it's worth a million dollars to us. And we'll remember the happy times, good music and fond memories made at the grove.

We will move forward with our Federation and hold our dances and benefits at local Lodge facilities. We hope you'll support us in all of our future endeavors.

Thank you, everyone, from the officers and members of the Westmoreland County Federation of SNPJ Lodges.



Celebrating the annual Grape Festival at the Westmoreland Federation's Evanstown Picnic Grove (2013).

## briefly

### Mid-March meeting set for Lodge 776 members

**BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.** — SNPJ Lodge 776 members will meet Sunday, March 13, at 2 p.m. at the SNPJ Recreation Center. All members are urged to attend.

**VONNIE DOMBROSKY**  
 Lodge 776 Recording Secretary

### Quarterly meeting date change for Lodge 34

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Due to conflicts with our officers' schedules, it is necessary to change the date of the next Lodge 34 quarterly meeting. The meeting will now take place Saturday, March 19, beginning at noon at End of the Line Public House restaurant, 1105 Shelby St.

**JERRY WATSON**  
 Lodge 34 Secretary/Treasurer

### Lodge 257 meeting date changed for holiday

**CLEVELAND** — SNPJ Lodge 257 has changed its March meeting date because of the St. Patrick's Day holiday. The meeting will now be held Thursday, March 24. We meet at the West Park Slovene Hall, 4583 W. 130th St. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Join us for refreshments. For details contact Marie Pivik at (216) 433-1941 or Pat Juda at (216) 267-1656.

**RUDY PIVIK**  
 Lodge 257

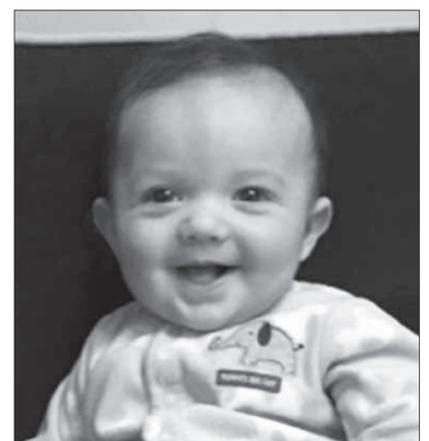
### Lodge 31 playing host to April dinner meeting

**SHARON, Pa.** — SNPJ Lodge 31 will host a dinner meeting Wednesday, April 13, at Muscarella's, 500 W. Main St., Sharpsville, PA 16150, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Members will order from the menu and the Lodge will pay for the meals. Regular Lodge business and charitable contributions for 2016 will be discussed. Please RSVP by April 9 by calling Lodge Secretary Barb Bogolin at (724) 347-1197 before 10 p.m.

**BARB BOGOLIN**  
 Lodge 31 Secretary/Treasurer

## THE DEADLINE

The next two *PROSVETA* issue dates are April 1 and May 1. All material must be received by Wednesday, March 16, for the April 1 issue, and by Wednesday, April 20, for the May 1 issue. If you are concerned about making the deadline, send an e-mail to [prosveta@snpj.com](mailto:prosveta@snpj.com) or submit your material via the publications area of our website, [www.snpj.org](http://www.snpj.org).



• **Zachary J. Jerneycic**  
 Born Aug. 17, 2015  
 Orange County, Calif., Lodge 786

The members of Lodge 786 welcome Zachary James Jerneycic as their newest addition. Zachary is the son of David (786) and Alisa Jerneycic, brother of Noah Jerneycic (786), grandson of Frank (786) and Maureen Jerneycic, and great-nephew of Dorothy Jerneycic (786). We welcome Zachary to the SNPJ and send our best wishes to his entire family.

## Congratulations

The \$500 winner of the year end drawing in the 2015 SNPJ Recommender Program is:

**JAMES VASILKO**  
 Lodge 749, Johnstown, Pa.



# Lodges reap the rewards from the 2015 Lodge Bonus Program

by KEVIN RICHARDS  
 SNPJ Fraternal Director

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — The 2015 SNPJ Lodge Bonus Program was once again a success. We congratulate all of the Lodges that met their Gold and Silver New Member Goals, as well as those that earned Gold and Silver Star designations for Lodge activity.

There were no Super Star designations in 2015. See page 5 for a listing of the 2015 SNPJ Lodge Bonus Program designations.

The Lodge Bonus Program continues in 2016. There are two parts to the program: new membership and Lodge activity. Lodges can qualify to be designated as a Gold Lodge or a Silver Lodge in either category, with the possibility of attaining the Super Star designation.

The 2016 Lodge Activity Planners must be

completed and returned to the Fraternal Department by May 2. The activity planner tells us what your Lodge plans to do in 2016.

All Lodges that submit an activity planner will receive a Lodge Activity Reporting Form in September or October. The activity reporting form tells us what your Lodge actually did in 2016. These completed forms are due back to the Fraternal Department by Dec. 31. And don't forget to continue submitting articles and photos to *PROSVETA* for publication.

The awards from the Lodge Bonus Program are made in addition to the regular Lodge and secretary awards, and will be paid out at the completion of the program. We wish all of our Lodges the best as they attempt to reach their goals this year. Is your Lodge up to the challenge of being designated a Super Star Lodge?

PERIODICAL MATERIAL

## Make plans for Youth Roundup this summer

by KEVIN RICHARDS  
 SNPJ Fraternal Director

**IMPERIAL** — As Fraternal Director for SNPJ, I'm involved in the planning and implementation of our member programs at the SNPJ Recreation Center. While it involves a lot of pre-planning, phone calls, conference calls, meetings and organization, the end result is always a fun and successful program for our members. With that being said, I'd like to invite all of our members to take part in the this year's upcoming SNPJ fraternal programs.

SEE **YOUTH ROUNDUP**  
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## Hop on over to the Rec Center for Easter fun

by SUSAN ZARELLA (277)  
 SNPJ Recreation Center

**BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.** — Hop, hop, hippity-hop on over to the SNPJ Recreation Center on Saturday, March 19, for our annual youth Easter party. The Easter Bunny will be hoppin' by to have lunch with all the children. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. There is no cost for children ages 1 through 12, and it's only a \$5 donation for adults.

Following lunch, the Easter egg hunt will be held outside, weather permitting. Be sure to bring a basket or bag so that your little one can collect eggs. Remember to bring your camera along to capture all the memories of your little one with the Easter Bunny. There will be a treat bag for each child after the egg hunt is over.

Please call the SNPJ Recreation Center at 1-877-767-5732 to make a reservation so that there are enough treats for all who plan to attend. The deadline to register your child is March 12. The Easter Bunny is waiting to hear from you, so call today. Don't miss out on all the excitement!



Regardless of whether you're sampling the vintage, having a cold brew or enjoying lunch in the spectacular outdoor setting, you're sure to have a great time at this year's Lodge 786 Wine and Beer Tasting Picnic, scheduled Sunday, May 22.

# A small change brings variety to the Lodge 786 wine tasting picnic

by JEAN KOCI  
 Lodge 786 Secretary/Treasurer

**ORANGE COUNTY, Calif.** — By the time you read this, Orange Coast Lodge 786 will have tickets available for our May 22 Temecula Wine and Beer Tasting Picnic at the well-known and beautiful Wiens Family Cellars. That's right: wine and beer!

Last year we tried having the choice of beverages and found it to be very successful as many of our guests enjoy beer as well as wine. In the last few years, Wiens opened its own craft beer brewery, and their beers are very good, especially on a warm day. I think having the choice is what made last year's picnic so successful that

we actually had to turn away people. We hope that this year's picnic will be a sell-out as well.

If you have never attended our picnic at Wiens, you need to know that our party takes place in a lovely and private outdoor area at this gorgeous winery. The staff sets up round tables and chairs, linens and centerpieces, just like they do for their fabulous weddings. And you don't have to dress up for our party; just enjoy the beauty.

We ask that our guests arrive around noon to choose their table. It's a family affair, with soft drinks and water available alongside the

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Photo submitted by Sis. Linda Scales (225).

## Holiday Excitement at Lodge 225

The members of Girard, Kan., Lodge 225 enjoyed a very merry holiday get-together. Guests were asked to bring a dish to share, and the men of the Lodge prepared sausage, which added to the delicious holiday buffet meal. The Lodge also treated each youth member in attendance [pictured] with a gift of \$20.

# Accordions still rule the annual Button Box Bash

by JOE VALENCIC (5)  
Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame

**CLEVELAND**— Enjoy a dozen of your favorite squeezebox clubs at the 34th annual Super Button Box Bash Sunday, April 10. You'll polka and waltz to the sounds of more than 60 accordions, along with jam sessions all day. Accordions will be king at the Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, Ohio, from 1 to 9 p.m. The Slovenian Society Home is located at 20713 Recher Ave.

The National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame is teaming up with the Slovenian Society Home and the children of the Youth Circle 2 Slovenian Junior Chorus to host this grand springtime event. You'll enjoy a musical reunion of the top button accordionists from across the continent at the largest festival of this kind. Bring your own box and join the fun! Indulge in nationality treats such as smoked Slovenian sausage, savory roast beef and strudel. Pick up a polka music CD or souvenir T-shirt or sweatshirt at the Polka Hall of Fame pop-up shop.

At 3 p.m. you'll have the chance to meet the winners of the Polka Hall of Fame button box awards, Kathy Hlad and Patty C & The Guys. They will appear on the main stage, followed by an all-star show of Cleveland-style polka music makers.

Dinners, sandwiches, side dishes, desserts and beverages will be available for purchase throughout the day. Advance tickets are recommended. Order through the Polka Hall of Fame, 605 E. 222nd St., Euclid, OH 44123. The Hall of Fame is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Polka Hall Fame at (216) 261-3263 or e-mail [polkashop@aol.com](mailto:polkashop@aol.com).

# Have a site for Slovenefest? Hurry, before you're too late!

by SUSAN ZARELLA (277)  
SNPJ Recreation Center

**BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.**— Welcome to the 2016 season at the SNPJ Recreation Center. We have a lot of fun in store for all of you out there in SNPJland. Even though we may have a touch of the winter blues right now, just remember that the 35th annual Slovenefest is just around the corner, July 8-10 – and it will be here before you know it!

We are now taking reservations for the RV and tent areas. There are a limited number of spots, so it's first come, first

served for reservations. If this is what you're planning for Slovenefest, we suggest you call us at 1-877-767-5732 as soon as possible because the sites are going fast.

As everyone knows, we are very busy during Slovenefest, so spots must be paid for in advance. Don't miss out on this wonderful festival, and all the good food and great times that are sure to happen.

While we're waiting for some fun in the sun to begin, stay warm by thinking "spring, spring, spring!" We'll be waiting on your return to make Slovenefest 2016 a memorable one for all ages.

# Lodge 786 will elect 2016 Young Adult delegates at March meeting

by JEAN KOCI  
Lodge 786 Secretary/Treasurer

**ORANGE COUNTY, Calif.**— Don't miss the March meeting of Orange Coast Lodge 786 which is scheduled to be held Sunday, March 13, beginning at noon. Feel free to bring potluck appetizers, sides or desserts, if you wish.

Lina Kerwick and Tony Saltykov will be hosting this meeting at their lovely home in San Juan Capistrano. Their address is 33811

Avenida Calita. Exit the I-5 at Camino Los Ramblas and travel inland to Calita. Turn left up the hill to their home on the left, just a little over a mile from the freeway.

For more information phone Jean Koci at (949) 495-0097. Young adult members are also asked to contact Jean if they are interested in attending the Young Adult Conference at the SNPJ Recreation Center in June. We will select delegates at the March meeting.

# Comets Lodge 715 welcomes officers, sets March meeting date

by ANN EVANISH  
Lodge 715 Secretary

**UNIVERSAL, Pa.**— The next Comets Lodge 715 meeting will be held Monday, March 21, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Center Club in Plum Boro, Pa. Please plan to attend; there will be much business to discuss.

During our December 2015 meeting, the following Lodge officers were elected to serve in 2016: President Marty Kumer, Vice President Craig Kumer, Secretary Ann Evanish, Treasurer A.J. Fitzroy, Recording Secretary Max Kumer, and auditors Evelyn Kumer, Bill Rosignoli and Monessa Marano.

The SNPJ Young Adult Conference will be held June 24-26 and the TEL Workshop is scheduled Aug. 5-7, both at the SNPJ Recreation Center. If you would like to participate, please phone me at (724) 693-8739.

I received word that my dear friend Bea Cvetas passed away in Florida. We've been the closest of friends for about 50 years. Bea and I and our late husbands, Joe and Roger, traveled to many places throughout the U.S., Slovenia and SNPJland over the years. Sympathies go out the Cvetas family from me, my family and the members of Comets Lodge 715.

# Up-and-Coming...

## A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

- MAR. 5.....Midway, Pa., Lodge 89 community bingo in the upstairs hall; 6 p.m. Kitchen will be open.
- MAR. 5.....Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6 and SASC Olympics: events in bowling, darts, pool and bean bag toss. Cost is \$20. Deadline to register is March 3. For details phone the Lodge at (412) 221-9862.
- MAR. 10.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 barbingo in the Lodge 106 clubroom. Early bird games begin at 6:30 p.m., regular games at 7. Kitchen will be open. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- MAR. 12-13....Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 hosts the Old School Band at the Fontana Slovene Hall; 2-6 p.m. For more information contact Frank Rote at (909) 987-8714 or [butnboxr@aol.com](mailto:butnboxr@aol.com).
- MAR. 13.....Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87 jam session. All musicians welcome. Food will be available. For details contact Shirley Bailley at (724) 864-1606.
- MAR. 13.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 euchre tournament in the Lodge 106 clubroom; 2 p.m. Food will be available. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- MAR. 13.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 Seems Like Old Times Dance in the Imperial Room; 7-10 p.m. Music by the Wally Merriman Group. Admission is \$8 and a buffet will be offered for \$10. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- MAR. 19.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 youth Easter egg hunt in the Imperial Room; 1-3 p.m. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- MAR. 19.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 welcomes the International Button Box Club featuring Garret Tatano to the Lodge 106 clubroom; 7:30-10:30 p.m. Musicians welcome. Kitchen will be open. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- MAR. 19-20 ....Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6 and SASC in-house bowling tournament. Sign up in the Lodge 6 clubroom or by calling the Lodge at (412) 221-9862.
- MAR. 20.....Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 hosts the Dave Miron Band at the Fontana Slovene Hall; 2-6 p.m. For information contact Frank Rote at (909) 987-8714 or [butnboxr@aol.com](mailto:butnboxr@aol.com).
- MAR. 20.....Euclid, Ohio, Lodge 158 first-ever chili cook-off at Recher Lower Hall, Euclid; 3-7 p.m. For information contact Sami Volpe at (440) 376-7660 or Colleen Frank Jr. at (216) 347-0170.
- MAR. 24.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 barbingo in the Lodge 106 clubroom. Early bird games begin at 6:30 p.m., regular games at 7. Kitchen will be open. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- MAR. 27.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 euchre tournament in the Lodge 106 clubroom; 2 p.m. Food will be available. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- APR. 2.....Midway, Pa., Lodge 89 community bingo in the upstairs hall; 6 p.m. Kitchen will be open.
- APR. 2.....Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6 Couples Nite Out in the Sunshine Room featuring live music, dinner, dancing and prizes. For tickets e-mail [brandlk64@yahoo.com](mailto:brandlk64@yahoo.com).
- APR. 3.....Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 jam session at the Fontana Slovene Hall; 2-6 p.m. Open to all musicians. For details contact Frank Rote at (909) 987-8714 or [butnboxr@aol.com](mailto:butnboxr@aol.com).
- APR. 3.....Detroit Lodge 564 annual spring dance at the Slovene American Club, Melvindale, Mich. Dinners served at 1 p.m. with music by the Rob DeBlander Band from 2-6. For details call Rudy Zornik at (586) 979-2667.
- APR. 9.....SLO-ISH Bowling Tournament co-hosted by Loyalties Lodge 158 at Wickliffe Lanes, Wickliffe, Ohio. For additional information contact Gina Volpe at (440) 205-1618 or Colleen Frank at (440) 953-3626.
- APR. 9.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 hosts Magic Moments in the Imperial Room; 8-11 p.m. Admission is \$10 and a buffet will be available. For more information contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- APR. 16-17 ....Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 hosts the Veritones at the Fontana Slovene Hall; 2-6 p.m. For more information contact Frank Rote at (909) 987-8714 or [butnboxr@aol.com](mailto:butnboxr@aol.com).
- APR. 23.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 hosts Polka Classics featuring Detroit's Rob DeBlander in the Lodge 106 clubroom; 7:30-11 p.m. Musicians welcome. Kitchen will be open. For additional information contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- APR. 24.....Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 hosts the Frank Rote Band at the Fontana Slovene Hall; 2-6 p.m. For more information contact Frank Rote at (909) 987-8714 or [butnboxr@aol.com](mailto:butnboxr@aol.com).
- MAY 1.....Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 jam session at the Fontana Slovene Hall; 2-6 p.m. Open to all musicians. For details contact Frank Rote at (909) 987-8714 or [butnboxr@aol.com](mailto:butnboxr@aol.com).
- MAY 7.....Midway, Pa., Lodge 89 community bingo in the upstairs hall; 6 p.m.
- MAY 7-8.....SNPJ National Bowling Tournament hosted by Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6 at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. Games will be bowled at Colonial Lanes, New Castle, Pa., with Saturday evening entertainment by Mansfield 5 in the Gostilna.
- MAY 8.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 euchre tournament in the Lodge 106 clubroom; 2 p.m. Food will be available. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411.
- MAY 15.....Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 hosts the Chris Thomas Band at the Fontana Slovene Hall; 2-6 p.m. For details contact Frank Rote by calling (909) 987-8714 or e-mailing [butnboxr@aol.com](mailto:butnboxr@aol.com).
- MAY 15.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 car cruise; noon-4 p.m. Music by Cool Change. A buffet will be available. For more information contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411.
- MAY 15.....Region 2 No-tap Bowling Tournament in the bowling center at Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6. Sign up in the Lodge 6 clubroom or by phoning the Lodge at (412) 221-9862.
- MAY 19.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 barbingo in the Lodge 106 clubroom. Early bird games begin at 6:30 p.m., regular games at 7. Kitchen will be open. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411.
- MAY 22.....Orange County, Calif., Lodge 786 Temecula Wine & Beer Tasting Picnic at Wiens Family Cellars; noon-5 p.m. Wine and beer available for tasting. Music by the Fontana Button Box Club. Advance tickets only. For details contact Jean Koci at (949) 495-0097 or [ajkoci@cox.net](mailto:ajkoci@cox.net).
- MAY 27-29 ....Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 Memorial Day weekend event at the Fontana Slovene Hall. Music by the Fontana Button Box Club and Polka Power of Sacramento. Special fund-raiser for the Wounded Warriors Organization. For more information contact Frank Rote at (909) 987-8714 or [butnboxr@aol.com](mailto:butnboxr@aol.com).

## Have something for Up-and-Coming?

Lodge/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Site \_\_\_\_\_

If a concert or dance, who is performing? \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

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## Three wise men

Andrew Carnegie was one of the wealthiest men on the planet. At one point his net worth was valued at \$480 million, which is equivalent to about \$309 billion in today's dollars. He had very little formal education, but he began to build his fortune by making wise investments. Eventually, Carnegie became the largest steel manufacturer in the United States. Because he valued education, in 1918 he gave \$10 million to set up an annuity company specifically for college teachers.

Ben Bernanke was chairman of the Federal Reserve from 2006 to 2014, during which time he guided America's monetary policy through some tough economic times. He has been one of the most influential people in American economic policy. Before joining the Federal Reserve, Bernanke was an economics professor at Princeton University. While there he set up two annuities through the company that Carnegie founded. Those annuities are still two of his largest assets.

Albert Einstein was the most influential physicist of the 20th century, and his work had a major impact on the development of atomic energy. In 1921 he won the Nobel Prize for physics, and in 1933 he opened an annuity. At that time the annuity was still considered a relatively new investment vehicle, but Einstein was quoted as saying, "Compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world. He who understands it, earns it. He who doesn't, pays it."

Just knowing the little that I've told you about these gentlemen, you should be able to make at least one conclusion. If three of the most intelligent and influential men in American history believed in and purchased annuities, then it must be safe to say that annuities are a stable and profitable investment vehicle. Annuities are one of the few investments that offer guarantees, and because of that the insurance companies that issue annuities make safe and conservative investments.

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• **Thought for the Month** — The way to become rich is to put all your eggs in one basket and then watch that basket.

Andrew Carnegie



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## Türk's candidacy for UN secretary general official

**NEW YORK (STA)** — On Feb. 8, Slovenian Ambassador to the UN Andrej Logar filed the candidacy of former Slovenian President Danilo Türk for the position of UN secretary general for the 2017-2021 term with the United Nations. This marks Slovenia's first official bid for the top position at the UN.

Slovenia has been lobbying for Türk since early 2014, leveraging the diplomatic network, as well as making visits abroad, to promote his candidacy.

The election will be held later this year, and according to informal UN rules the Eastern European bloc is seen as next in line to produce the secretary general, who will succeed incumbent Ban Ki-moon in 2017.

Accordingly, several countries have endorsed their candidates: Croatia is promoting Vesna Pusić, their outgoing foreign minister; Bulgaria, UNESCO Secretary General Irina Bokova; and Macedonia, Srgjan Kerim, a former chairman of the UN General Assembly.

In December, when the government nominated him, Türk said he was honored by the government's decision, which he accepted with "a deep sense of responsibility."

The former president of Slovenia is no stranger to the UN, having served as the Slovenian permanent representative from 1992-2000, and as assistant secretary general to Kofi Annan from 2000-2005. He was elected president of Slovenia in 2007 and served a five-year term.

## Slovenia proposing WWI Isonzo Front to UNESCO

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — In mid-January, the Slovenian government approved a proposal to include the Walks of Peace from the Alps to the Adriatic Sea within the UNESCO World Heritage tentative list. The Walks of Peace from the Alps to the Adriatic Sea, a WWI heritage project, is a network of mountain paths connecting points along the former Isonzo Front, one of the bloodiest mountain theaters of war in history.

The years of combat waged in the steep hills rising above the Soča valley in western Slovenia left a significant mark on the landscape and the region, including cemeteries, cave hideouts, trenches, chapels and other monuments. "These represent the material and spiritual heritage of European and global history," a government spokesman wrote in a press release.

The tentative lists include sites UN members want to nominate for the UNESCO World Heritage List in the future. To date, Slovenia has entered six sites onto UNESCO tentative lists: the Kras landscape, the mountain iron works in Bohinj, the Franja WWII hospital, the nation's beech forests, and the work of architect Jože Plečnik.

Three Slovenian sites are already included on the UNESCO World Heritage List: the Skočjan Caves, the prehistoric pile dwellings in the wetlands south of Ljubljana, and the decommissioned Idrija mercury mine.

## Italy teams with Slovenia to protect Teran wine

**TRIESTE (STA)** — Representatives of the Slovenian and Italian agriculture ministries, the Friuli-Venezia Giulia region, and producers of Teran wine from Slovenia and Italy have agreed that the two countries should share exclusive rights to production of the wine.

"The officials will propose that the production of Teran be limited to the entire Kras plateau in the region, stretching into Italy but no wider," Slovenian Agriculture Ministry State Secretary Tanja Strniša told the press after a mid-January meeting held in Trieste.

The meeting followed the November agreement between agriculture ministers Dejan Židan and Maurizio Martino on the extension of the right that is currently held only by Slovenia. The joint proposal was made in light of the fact that Slovenia's protection of Teran origin is being challenged by Croatia.

Croatia claims that Teran is a wine native to the entire Istria region, and that Croatian as well as Italian wineries should be permitted to sell it under that name. But Slovenia maintains that conditions specific to the region of Kras mean that registered Teran wine can only be produced there.

The Slovenian and Italian officials agreed to propose the cross-border



protection of the wine. The technicalities should be agreed upon soon, prior to the next meeting which is scheduled in March.

In the meantime, Teran producers from both Slovenia and Italy will launch proceedings for protection of the wine with their national authorities.

Strniša expects the proceedings to be concluded in both countries by the end of the year, followed by a joint bid submitted with the European Commission.

"We see the entire project as taking cross-border cooperation to a new level. In particular, it could be seen as an example of how two neighboring countries should cooperate to benefit the people on both sides of the border," Strniša added.

## Ljubljana plans to open a new prison by 2020

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — The Slovenian Justice Ministry plans to start constructing a new prison in Ljubljana in 2018, and the project is expected to be completed by 2020. The new facility would provide much needed relief since Slovenia's prisons have been overcrowded for a number of years.

However, the fate of the project is uncertain since funding has not been made available. The new prison is estimated at \$79 million and is expected to have a capacity for 465 inmates.

Currently, total capacity of the two prisons in Ljubljana is 221 inmates; however, the male prison in the city center (on Povšetova Street) alone houses nearly 210 people, while nearly 80 inmates are serving time in the women's prison on the outskirts of the capital.

The new building, which is planned to house both the men's and women's prisons, has been planned in Bizovik, one of Ljubljana's outer boroughs.

Due to its overcrowded prisons, Slovenia has been unsuccessfully defending lawsuits launched by prisoners in the European Court of Human Rights. If nothing else, construction of the new prison would reduce the costs of compensation.

## A new archaeological park for Novo mesto

**NOVO MESTO (STA)** — The city of Novo mesto, known for its many important prehistoric archaeological sites, is gearing up to have its rich archaeological treasures presented in an open-air archaeological park. The park will be situated on the main archaeological site, Kapiteljska njiva, and the nearby Marof hill.

While preparations for the park have been underway for a decade, the park is expected to be up and running in three to five years.

"Novo mesto, which was nicknamed the 'City of Situlas' after the many elaborate, Iron Age, bucket-shaped vessels found in the area, will thus receive a new tourist, recreational and educational center," according to Borut Križ, lead archaeologist at the Kapiteljska njiva site.

The park has been conceived as a green area with archaeological features, which will include a reconstruction of at least part of the prehistoric city wall, Iron Age dwellings and graves, and a presentation of domestic animals and crops from the period. Visitors will also be able to witness some scenes of prehistoric everyday life and test their skills in various workshops.

The park also plans to offer an info-point, where the archaeological heritage of the Novo mesto area will be presented, along with archaeological routes in the wider area. Guided tours are also planned. The project is estimated at \$6.6 million, with most of the funding coming from the EU.

Novo mesto Mayor Gregor Macedoni has said that the park would be one of the municipality's priorities, in terms of financing, over the next two years.

## An old Slovenian craft celebrated at workshop

**RADOVLJICA (STA)** — The making of *lectovo srce* (lect hearts), a type of ornamental honey bread, is among the oldest crafts in Slovenia, but only a handful of *lectovo srce* workshops have

survived. The workshop in Radovljica, which doubles as a "gingerbread museum," is celebrating its 250th anniversary this year.

Four *lectovo srce* makers are preserving the tradition at the Radovljica workshop, making around 100 hearts daily following the original procedure. The tradition of the craft is believed to date back as far as the 14th century, and making *lectovo srce* became hugely popular in the 19th century when the hearts were a cherished gift among lovers. Today the hearts are produced as tourist souvenirs that can be preserved for decades.

While the oldest specimen of *lectovo srce* in Radovljica is 42 years old, those with an even a longer history are expected to be presented during a special event at the "lectarnica" museum this December.

## Reference of singer-songwriters in the works

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — A group associated with the popular Kantfest festival has started preparing the first encyclopedia of Slovenian singer-songwriting, the draft of which includes around 80 artists composing and performing their own material.

Jani Kovačič, one of Slovenia's finest singer-songwriters who has also been a driving force behind Kantfest, said the goal was to finish the project in time for the 15th annual Ruše-based festival to be held in 2017. The plan is to make the material accessible in three forms: a website, a shorter version on Wikipedia, and in print if adequate funding is provided.

While data is scarce on who were really the first solo performers in Slovenia, Kovačič said the likes of legendary satirist Fran Milčinski-Ježek (1914-1988) and poet Svetlana Makarovič will be mentioned in the introduction.

Researcher Katarina Juvančič has outlined several waves of Slovenian singer-songwriters, listing Tomaž Domincelj, Aleksander Mežek and Andrej Šifer among the representatives of the first generation. They all started in the 1960s and '70s and were inspired by American folk music.

A new wave of artists appeared in the mid-'70s, led by the poet Tomaž Pengov (1949-2014), whom Kovačič mentions as the real starting point, and the progressive Marko Breclj.

Kovačič, with his high and scratchy voice and social criticism, stood out in the generation that followed, while the 1980s and '90s saw the scene becoming increasingly professional and diverse. This period was marked, above all, by rock-based Vlado Kreslin, and feminist and rebel Ksenija (Xsenia) Jus.

There were few new, young performers after the turn of the 21st century, but this started to change with the launch of Kantfest in 2002.

Singer-songwriter became an "official" profession in Slovenia in 2014 when Ksenija Jus first registered the profession as her occupation.

## Harley owners will meet in Slovenia in June

**PORTOROŽ (STA)** — The 25th annual European gathering of Harley Davidson owners and enthusiasts will be held in the coastal town of Portorož June 16-19, marking the group's first meeting in Slovenia. Around 3,000 Harleys and 10,000 visitors are expected to fill the streets.

The gathering, which takes place in a different location each year, is the high point of the season for many Harley Davidson bikers, according to the European Harley Owners Group (HOG) website.

Slavica Tucakov, spokesperson for the municipality of Piran, said that HOG Europe chose Portorož at their own initiative, which is a great honor for the town. Past gatherings have been held in several luxurious locations, including Saint-Tropez, Lake Garda and Andalusia.

Lea Šuligoj, a representative of the Portorož Tourist Board, told the press that the event is already boosting tourism — several hotels are completely booked for the event. Šuligoj added that Harley owners are "over 40 years old on average, usually very nice and amicable — but also well off, which is important for tourism."

Though details are not yet known, the event will feature concerts and demo rides. Visitors will also be able to see the showcased custom Harleys, as well as the mass thousand-bike ride around town, which will be the highlight of the event.

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# Send in your entry for the Miss SNPJ Pageant

by KEVIN RICHARDS  
SNPJ Fraternal Director

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — The SNPJ Fraternal Department is pleased to officially open the 2016 Miss SNPJ Pageant for contestants. I would like to extend an invitation to all eligible SNPJ young ladies to become part of history and enter the pageant. Contestants must be single females between the ages of 18 and 28 years old by July 10, 2016, and a member of SNPJ for at least three months at the time

of the pageant. A brochure containing an entry form will be mailed out to all eligible female members. You can also find an entry form on the Miss SNPJ Pageant page of our website, [www.sn timer.org](http://www.sn timer.org). The pageant will take place July 8-10 at the SNPJ Recreation Center in the Borough of SNPJ, Pa. These dates coincide with the annual Slovenefest weekend. Participation in the pageant fulfills the activity



The 2015 Miss SNPJ Pageant contestants with the Miss SNPJ Pageant Committee. This year's pageant will be held July 8-10 at the SNPJ Recreation Center.

requirement for the SNPJ Scholarship Program. All contestants who participate in the pageant will receive a \$50 participant award. In addition, all young ladies who enter the pageant before June 1 will receive a \$50 early-bird entry bonus. I'll see you at a fraternal event soon...

# It's March Madness for the "O'Loyalites" Lodge

by LINDA GORJUP  
Lodge 158 Secretary

**EUCLID, Ohio** — Welcome to March in Cleveland, and particularly Loyalites Lodge 158. We had a well-attended February meeting, and we thank all of you Lodge members who showed up. We would like to welcome our new youth member, Tristan Waters, and send congratulations to William Kosmach who is celebrating his 80-year membership with our Lodge. We had one death to report; our condolences go out to the family of Bro. Wallace Kunsitis.

can also call Gina Volpe at (440) 205-1618 to enter. Chef's entry checks should be made payable to "Loyalites Lodge 158" and mailed to Gina Volpe, 6990 Ohio St., Mentor, OH 44060. Now we need lots of judges to decide which chili is the best. Admission to the Chili Cook-Off is \$10 which will give you one sample of each chili, plus a bowl of your favorite chili after the voting. Hot dogs and various toppings will be supplied to add to your chili. A cash bar will be available to put out any flames. Enjoy our drink special, a Slovenian Donkey (Moscow Mule).

JoAnn Jamison reported that her granddaughter, Ashley Rideout, will be graduating from Ursuline College in May 2016 with her nursing degree. We have a special Lodge member and would like to acknowledge Anna Legan who recently outlived her certificate. Sis. Legan will now become an Honorary Member of the Society. Congratulations, Anna!

For pre-sale tickets contact Sami Volpe, Colleen Frank Jr. or Gina Volpe. Tickets will also be available at the door. You don't want to miss this event! I need to remind you that the SLO-ISH Bowling Tournament is fast approaching, scheduled April 9 at Wickliffe Lanes. Contact Gina Volpe at (440) 205-1618 or Colleen Frank Sr. at (440) 953-3626 to enter and for more information.

Sunday, March 20, is the date of our first ever Chili Cook-Off. This activity will be held at the Slovenian Society Home (Recher Lower Hall) from 3 to 7 p.m. We're sending out a challenge to the other Lodges in the area to get their best "chefs" to enter their very best chili.

Loyalite young adults, please e-mail me at [lmg1020@att.net](mailto:lmg1020@att.net) or call me (216) 650-1279 or (440) 853-8776 to include your name in the voting process for the SNPJ Young Adult Conference. We will be voting at our April 14 meeting to choose the top five delegates and five alternates.

The entry fee for each chef is \$10. All entry fees will be paid out to the best of show. We're asking each chef to supply a minimum of six quarts of chili in a crock pot. We'll supply the paper products and plastic ware. The entry deadline is March 10.

Finally, to all those long-lost members who read these articles, please send me your e-mail address so we can keep you apprised of our events throughout the year. Happy birthday and happy anniversary to all Loyalite March celebrants. Please stop by and see us some time. Our next meeting will be held March 10 in the Recher Hall upper bar annex.

To enter please contact Sami Volpe at (440) 376-7660 or [svolpe2@mail.lakelandcc.edu](mailto:svolpe2@mail.lakelandcc.edu), or Colleen Frank Jr. at (216) 347-0170 or [frank313@osu.edu](mailto:frank313@osu.edu). You

# Car cruises roll into Imperial Lodge 106 in May

by KEVIN RICHARDS  
Lodge 106

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — Greetings from Lodge 106 in Imperial! We're playing bar bingo the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in the clubroom. Come on out to Lodge 106 on those Thursdays, sign the weekly book and enjoy an evening of bar bingo. Special early bird games start at 6:30 p.m.; the regular games begin at 7. Our kitchen will be open during bar bingo.

is \$8 at the door. Our kitchen will open at 5 p.m., offering a bountiful buffet for \$10. Enjoy the Wally Merriman Group for this ballroom-style dance that celebrates the music of America's greatest generation!

welcome Polka Classics featuring Rob DeBlender from Detroit on Saturday, April 23. Music will run from 7:30 to 11 p.m. and our kitchen will be open.

be on hand with giveaways.

The Lodge 106 youth Easter egg hunt will be held in the Imperial Room Saturday, March 19, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Lodge 106 car cruises are returning! Our first car cruise is set for Sunday, May 15. Our good friends Cool Change will be providing the entertainment. Cruise schedule magnets will be available to the first 100 cars.

Our final car cruise of the season will be a Black and Gold car cruise on Sunday, Sept. 18. We'll be giving out Lodge 106 car cruise Terrible Towels.

We'll welcome the return of the International Button Box Club featuring Garret Tatano to the Lodge 106 clubroom stage Saturday, March 19, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Musicians are welcome and our kitchen will be open.

Our June 5 car cruise will feature the George Suhon Duo. Dash plaques will be available for the first 50 cars, and the Coors Light Girls will be on hand with giveaways.

The Lodge 106 car cruises are scheduled from noon until 4 p.m. and feature live entertainment, food, drinks, drawings and door prizes on our level, paved parking lot and in our air-conditioned clubroom. Bikes are welcome!

A fabulous oldies group, Magic Moments, will once again grace the Imperial Room stage on Saturday, April 9, from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door, and our kitchen will be serving a delicious buffet.

For the July 17 car cruise, The Messengers will entertain and dash plaques will be available for the first 50 cars.

Would you like to receive periodic e-mails from Lodge 106 about upcoming events and important announcements? If so, send an e-mail [sn timer106@gmail.com](mailto:sn timer106@gmail.com) and we'll add you to our list.

For the first time ever, the Lodge 106 clubroom will

To honor Elvis Week, our Aug. 14 car cruise will feature Elvis Lives: A Tribute to the King! Dash plaques will be offered to the first 50 cars and the Coors Light Girls will

Keep track of the activities going on at Lodge 106 by visiting the "Upcoming Events" page on our website, [www.sn timerimperialpa.com](http://www.sn timerimperialpa.com). Check out SNPJ Lodge 106 on Facebook and "Like" us.

# Badger Jabber

by BOB SMOLE  
Lodge 584

**MILWAUKEE** — Wisconsin is in the middle of "the freeze" and it's colder than a... well, it's cold! We're looking forward to spring, which cannot come soon enough as far as I'm concerned. I will never complain about the heat again!

I hope you're on your feet and back in circulation soon, Gus.

I was sorry to hear that Sis. Marge Adomat was in the hospital dealing with some health issues. We wish her well and miss seeing her at our Badger Lodge 584 meetings, along with her son, Bro. Brian Adomat. Sis. Adomat is 91 years young and states that she no longer drives. Best wishes from Lodge 584 to both of them.

Belated birthday wishes are extended to Sis. Frances Widemshek, who celebrated her 97th birthday in the beginning of February. During our February Badger Lodge meeting, under the birthday celebration section of the meeting, Sis. Widemshek was mentioned for reaching this marvelous milestone. We all send our thoughts and best wishes to Sis. Widemshek.

Wishes for a speedy recovery are also sent to a frequent meeting guest, Gus Ostrowski, a friend of Sis. Rose Chepeck. Gus is in the hospital dealing with some health problems.

The regular monthly meeting of Badger Lodge 584 was sparsely attended. I believe it was due to the cold weather.

We heard a report on the Jan. 16 Tony Verbick Memorial Bowling Tournament, which was a huge success. It was another well-run event by Sis. Mary Donovan. Of course, Sis. Donovan had assistance from several individuals whom she mentioned in her report covering this annual event.

Sis. Jan Gehm reported that St. John the Evangelist Church on 84th and Cold Spring will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Palm Sunday, March 20, beginning with an 8 a.m. Mass. Members of SUA #43 will enter in procession at the beginning of Mass with the *butare* (Slovenian bundles/bouquets) made on Saturday, March 19, at Triglav Park. A "free will" pancake breakfast will follow this Mass. If you attend the Mass, it is asked that you wear a red carnation as a symbol of your Slovenian heritage.

Prior to adjournment of the Lodge meeting, attendance awards were drawn. The winners were Sis. Jan Gehm and Bro. Don Lesar, with Bro. Bob Smole winning a special Valen-

tine's Day prize donated by Sis. Jan and Bro. Tom Gehm. The meeting was adjourned and a distinct assortment of desserts decorated for Valentine's Day were ready to be shared, along with the freshly-brewed pot of coffee prepared by Bro. Bob Alpner.

Adult Badger Lodge 584 members, your annual local Lodge assessment of \$3.60 is now due. This assessment is not part of the insurance billing you receive from the SNPJ Home Office. This is an assessment to cover expenses such as mailings, postage and office supplies needed to accomplish daily Lodge business. Please make your checks payable to "Badger Lodge #584 SNPJ" and send them to Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Mlaker, 6760 S. Ash St., Oak Creek, WI 53154.

In other news, the West Allis Lions Club will be hosting its annual all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner Sunday, March 13, in the Mary Queen of Heaven gym, 2360 S. 106th St. in West Allis, Wis. Dinner will be served

from noon until 5 p.m. The cost is \$10 at the door.

The Lions International Youth Exchange program is starting to receive applications from European students who want to come and experience American culture. We accept about 60 participants from all over Europe and place them in various areas throughout Wisconsin.

Participants range from 16 to 21 years of age and are required to be able to hold a conversation in English. As a result, we're looking for host families. The average stay is four to six weeks, starting in early July. If you're interested in learning more about this program, please contact me at (262) 478-0543 or visit the Lion's Youth Exchange website at [www.wisconsinlionsyouthexchange.org](http://www.wisconsinlionsyouthexchange.org).

The next regular monthly Badger Lodge 584 meeting will be held on the second Thursday of March, March 10, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Mary Queen of Heaven gym, 2360 S. 106th St. in West Allis.

# PROSVETA Crossword

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- Trig function
  - \_\_\_ de Triomphe
  - Not much
  - African sorcery
  - Pigeon sound
  - Air freshener product
  - Santa Maria's companion
  - "On \_\_\_ Majesty's Secret Service" by Ian Fleming
  - Jimmie Johnson, e.g.
  - Short and blunt
  - \*Lawyer turned legal thriller author
  - Campaigner, for short
  - By \_\_\_ of, interchangeable with "means"
  - Freight weight
  - Like some models
  - \*Social science fiction author of "Oryx and Crake"
  - A variety of anisette
  - Fabled fliers
  - Y'all
  - Caused by poison ivy
  - \*Author of "The Da Vinci Code"
  - Relating to the ear
  - Make a connection
  - Address a deity
  - \*Norman Mailer's "The \_\_\_ Park"
  - Alex Trebek's forte
  - Tangerine grapefruit hybrid

- Like some humor
  - Unit g
  - "Lord of the Rings" creature
  - \*King of horror
  - Do before kissing the bride?
  - Serf
  - Energy unit
  - One who does no work
  - In tune
  - Naught
  - Lack of guile
  - Quiet attention grabber
  - Cracker Jack bonus
  - "\_\_\_ Anatomy"
- DOWN**
- Admit or "\_\_\_ to"
  - Followers of #13 Across
  - Email folder
  - Consume
  - \*\*"Wonder Boys" author
  - Flu feeling
  - Wade's opponent
  - Welch dog breed
  - Exclamation of sorrow or pity
  - 18th century composer
  - Branchchild
  - President can't serve more than 2
  - Often used to describe someone who's tough
  - Dust jacket promo
  - DNA transmitter
  - Queen's conduct

- \*Pulitzer winner for "The Goldfinch"
- Very happy
- Japanese-American
- Small town or hamlet
- "American Gothic" painter
- Revealed
- Basketry stick
- Condemn
- Prisoner's weapon
- \_\_\_ and cascade
- Stockings material
- Nighttime lingerie
- "We \_\_\_ Family"
- \*He wrote of the world according to Garp
- Beside, archaic
- Moth-repelling wood
- "\_\_\_ 'til you drop"
- 6 of these in 64
- Benevolent and Protective Order of \_\_\_
- \*Author Maya Angelou, e.g.
- Like Hans Christian Andersen's duckling
- Pelvic parts
- \*Andrea \_\_\_, author of "Small Island" and "The Long Song"
- 2016 Summer Olympics host
- Hi-\_\_\_ graphics

The solution to puzzle #0316 will run in the April 1 issue.

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# Johnstown Lodge 749 welcomes several new members to start the year

by EVELYN DIMPFL  
Lodge 749 Secretary

**JOHNSTOWN, Pa.** — The weeks turn into months before I am able to sit down and write an article for *PROSVETA*. I guess I should have made some New Year's resolutions. Oh well, here goes...

It's always wonderful to welcome new members into Lodge 749 and into the SNPJ. Words of welcome are sent to Lawrence "Ed" Tursic, who recently rejoined SNPJ after quite a few years. Ed had long been a supporter of the Conemaugh Valley Federation dinners every October that honor the Society's 50-, 60-, 70- and 80-year members, and we thank him for that. We welcome William C. Ohler as well, who became a member through the efforts of

an SNPJ producer.

Lodge 749 also welcomes three new youth members. Newborn Conor McNally was given membership by his grandfather, David Beltz, and his great-grandmother, Eleanor Beltz.

Two new babies in the Vasilko family are also new members. We extend a welcome to Logan Reitnauer, son of Julie (Vasilko) and Phil Reitnauer, and Jillian Vasilko, daughter of Sarah and J.J. Vasilko. They were enrolled by their grandfather, James Vasilko, and great-grandparents Joanne and Joseph Vasilko. Little Logan and Jillian are also the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Ann Michele "Missy" and Anita and Paul Brodt, all members of the SNPJ. These two young ones mark the sixth generation of SNPJ membership in

the family.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Sue Palov, who was honored by the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown for Excellence in Service to Pitt-Johnstown. Sue serves as secretary to the president and secretary to the campus advisory board. Congratulations, Sue, on this achievement and for your wonderful work ethic.

The annual Lodge 749 meeting, held Dec. 22, 2015, at the home of Jim and Cathy Vasilko, was preceded by a covered dish dinner. There was a nice attendance and we filled ourselves on chicken parmesan, potatoes and carrots, antipasto salad, homemade rolls, and baklava for dessert. Quite delicious!

Julie Wagner and her husband Larry shared

a photograph of Julie's grandfather's home in Slovenia. The home had been restored last year and the owners provided their property to host a village holiday concert. While on a trip to Slovenia last year, Julie and Larry paid a visit to the home and were quite happy to learn that the house will provide shelter for the family for many years to come.

We then held our election of officers. Re-elected were President Joseph Vasilko, Vice President Julie Wagner, Treasurer Judith Edsall, Secretary/Rec. Secretary Evelyn Dimpfl, and auditors James Vasilko and Beatrice Edwards. Zachary Jones was elected to serve as a delegate to the Conemaugh Valley Federation.

Congratulations to all. Your service is appreciated.

## Congratulations to the 2015 SNPJ Lodge Bonus Program participants!

### 2015 SNPJ Star Lodge Designations

#### Star Lodge Designations - Membership

##### Gold Star Lodges (\$150 award)

Lodge 31, Sharon, Pa.	Lodge 604, Cleveland
Lodge 34, Indianapolis	Lodge 626, Barberton, Ohio
Lodge 216, Verona, Pa.	Lodge 721, Aliquippa, Pa.
Lodge 223, Greensburg, Pa.	Lodge 770, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.
Lodge 277, Struthers, Ohio	Lodge 776, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.
Lodge 584, Milwaukee	

##### Silver Star Lodges (\$100 award)

Lodge 6, Sygan, Pa.	Lodge 749, Johnstown, Pa.
Lodge 106, Imperial, Pa.	Lodge 782, Glenshaw, Pa.
Lodge 729, Yukon, Pa.	Lodge 786, Orange County, Calif.

#### Star Lodge Designations - Activity

##### Gold Star Lodges (\$150 award)

Lodge 1, Chicago	Lodge 358, West Point, Ohio
Lodge 6, Sygan, Pa.	Lodge 449, Cicero, Ill.
Lodge 8, Cicero, Ill.	Lodge 559, Chicago
Lodge 34, Indianapolis	Lodge 564, Detroit
Lodge 53, Cleveland	Lodge 576, Cleveland
Lodge 89, Midway, Pa.	Lodge 603, Samsula, Fla.
Lodge 106, Imperial, Pa.	Lodge 604 Cleveland
Lodge 113, Price, Utah	Lodge 643, Girard, Ohio
Lodge 138, Strabane, Pa.	Lodge 677, Detroit
Lodge 158, Euclid, Ohio	Lodge 721, Aliquippa, Pa.
Lodge 207, Butte, Mont.	Lodge 723, Fontana, Calif.
Lodge 218, Denver	Lodge 745, Grass Valley, Calif.
Lodge 223, Greensburg, Pa.	Lodge 776, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.
Lodge 225, Girard, Kan.	Lodge 782, Glenshaw, Pa.
Lodge 321, Warren, Ohio	Lodge 786, Orange County, Calif.

##### Silver Star Lodges (\$100 award)

Lodge 689, Helper, Utah
Lodge 715, Universal, Pa.
Lodge 729, Yukon, Pa.
Lodge 781, Avon, Ohio



### more from the archives...

This photo, submitted by Gene Majetic, captured the members of the former SNPJ Lodge 424 in Red Lodge, Mont., back in the early to mid-1920s. Formed sometime in the early 1920s, Lodge 424 – named *Naša Zmaga* ("Our Victory," in English), as indicated on the sashes – was an active SNPJ Lodge until 1990. Though we have no information to aid in the identification of these members, Mr. Majetic indicates that his grandmother, Matilda Polich, and her close friend Vincensa Simon are standing side by side in the back row, third and fourth from the left, respectively. If you recognize a face, please let us know.

## Verbick Memorial bowlers heat up the lanes

by MARY DONOVAN (584)  
District 6 Athletic Director

**MILWAUKEE** — The Verbick Memorial Bowling Tournament has long been an important fraternal event in the Milwaukee area. It's a great opportunity to reignite fraternalism and share a laugh or two with friends and family. The bowling is secondary as you look around and see laughter and hugs being exchanged.

The alleys were red-hot when the tournament started. Judy Price launched the first ball to kick off the tournament and the fun began.

Thirteen teams from SNPJ, CFU, KSKJ and the SLOGA division of CFU competed for bragging rights and door prizes.

We had a fantastic group of volunteers that helped sell the 50/50 and prize drawing tickets. They included Don Lesar (SNPJ), Tim Donovan (SNPJ), Debbie Taylor (CFU), Colleen and Dave Simonis (CFU), and Lillian Kasun (SLOGA). The proceeds from the ticket sales will be donated to the four scholarship funds between these groups.

A huge thank you goes out to

the various individuals, Lodges and businesses that donated items for the drawings. The table was overflowing with a variety of prizes. Jan and Jerry Missian helped keep the hunger pains at bay by volunteering to sell Slovenian sausages throughout the day. What a great idea for a dish that goes well with pivo. I know it was much appreciated by the bowlers and spectators.

A good time was had by all! Please pencil in this event for next year. It will be held the third Saturday of January at the same place. We hope you have a happy and healthy year.

### 2016 Tony Verbick Memorial Bowling Tournament Results

Place	Team Name	Organization-Captain	Handicap Score
1	Fun-O-Leers	SNPJ - Tim Donovan	3,153
2	SLOGA Family	SLOGA - Mary Alyce Francis	3,046
3	Mixed Nuts	SNPJ - Sandi Donovan	3,006
4	SLOGA #1	SLOGA - Christina Carroll	2,966
5	Fun-O-Leers Too	FOL - Frank Bevsek	2,943
6	Badger Touring Team	SNPJ - Jerry Wucinski	2,917
7	Croatian Sensations	CFU - Greg Panhans	2,906
8	Pocker Pounders	KSKJ - Steve Morcy	2,861
9	SNPJ Bowlers	SNPJ - Ed Vidmar	2,860
10	Easy Pickups	SNPJ - Mary Donovan	2,793
11	SLOGA #2	SLOGA - Dave Simonis	2,785
12	Hot Shots	SNPJ - Chris Meyer	2,768
13	Tappers	KSKJ - Tom Gorenc	2,636

## The 2016 SNPJ Lodge Bonus Program

### New Member Enrollment



#### Gold Star Lodge: \$150 Bonus

• Reach Gold Star Lodge goal  
(Based on 3% of active membership with a minimum of 8 new members)



#### Silver Star Lodge: \$100 Bonus

• Reach Silver Star Lodge goal  
(Based on 50% of your Gold Star goal with a minimum of 4 new members)

### Lodge Activity



#### Gold Star Lodge: \$150 Bonus

• Sponsor 4 Lodge activities  
(Sponsor and report on 4 or more Lodge activities, at least one of which should be a community service or charitable benefit project)



#### Silver Star Lodge: \$100 Bonus

• Sponsor 2 Lodge activities  
(Sponsor and report on at least 2 Lodge activities)



#### Super Star Lodge \$500 Bonus

- Reach the Gold Star new member goal
- Demonstrate 12 month consistency  
(Add at least one new member in every month of the current year)
- Sponsor 5 Lodge activities  
(Sponsor and report on 5 or more Lodge activities, at least one of which should be a community service or charitable benefit project)

### New Address?

Please use this form so PROSVETA will move with you. Type or print name and new address in the space provided below. Mail to: PROSVETA, circulation, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126-9774; or e-mail [snpj@snpj.com](mailto:snpj@snpj.com).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# Youth Roundup summer camp offers a special benefit for SNPJ youth members

## YOUTH ROUNDUP FROM PAGE 1

Not sure what goes on at these programs? Through the next few PROSVETA issues, I'll give you an overview of each program. Of course, the specifics and the schedules change from year to year, but the basic concept of each remains relatively the same.

There are four separate fraternal weeks held annually at the SNPJ Recreation Center: Youth Roundup, First Family Week, Second Family

Week and Senior Week. These programs are subsidized by the Society, meaning members pay a special reduced rate and the Society picks up the difference. You won't find a better deal anywhere! SNPJ also offers non-member rates, but in most cases it's more economical to purchase a life insurance policy or annuity and become a member to receive the member rate.

Each year we begin the summer at the SNPJ Recreation Center with Youth Roundup. In 2016, Youth

Roundup will be held June 19-24. This camp is open to our 7- to 12-year-old members. Campers stay in the cabins at the Recreation Center under the watchful supervision of trained adult counselors. We perform the same background checks on our counselors that are required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for childcare workers.

Youth Roundup campers enjoy a week of fun, filled with classes that focus on arts and crafts, sports, polka and line dancing, and much more.

During their time at the Recreation Center, campers enjoy three nutritious meals each day plus an evening snack, swimming in the pool, learning camp songs, bonfires, hayrides, field trips, and learning all about Slovenia.

A child must be an insured SNPJ member to receive the member rate, and the Society offers a discounted family rate. For 2016, the non-member rate for Youth Roundup is \$350 per child for the week. For SNPJ insured members, the weekly rates are as follows: one camper per family, \$200;

two campers per family, \$350; and three campers per family, \$475. What a deal! Think about it – for one member child, it's just \$40 per day to attend a week-long camp complete with 'round-the-clock supervision, lodging, meals and activities.

Check out videos from last year's Youth Roundup by searching "TheSNPJ" on YouTube. The registration form is also available online on the "Youth Roundup" page of our website. The deadline to register is June 10.

# Make your way to the Dyngus Day festivities

by JOE VALENCIC (5)  
Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame

**CLEVELAND** — It's polka time on the streets of Cleveland as the Polka Hall of Fame celebrates a new polka tradition: Dyngus Day, celebrated on Easter Monday, March 28. Local legend DJ Kishka, the city's only polka disc jockey, will once again bring the Polka Hall of Fame to Detroit Ave. and West 58th in Cleveland for a day-long festival of nationality music and dining.

This traditional Polish holiday has evolved into a major showcase for Cleveland-style and Slovenian polka bands. The sixth annual Dyngus Day will feature the "Polka Tent," presented by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame, along with non-stop mu-

sic for dancing right on Detroit Ave. from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. You can also stroll to taverns and restaurants from West 58th to West 65th to enjoy your favorite polka performers. Don't miss the crowning of Miss Dyngus 2016 at 4:30 p.m. The Polka Parade of Accordions commences at 6 p.m.

Stop by the Polka Hall of Fame Pop-Up Shop for polka and nationality CDs, novelties, T-shirts and special Dyngus deals. Enjoy catering by Sterle's Slovenian Country House, along with pierogies by Cleveland Vegan.

For a polka band schedule and more information, check the website at [ClevelandDyngus.com](http://ClevelandDyngus.com), e-mail [dyngusdaycleveland@gmail.com](mailto:dyngusdaycleveland@gmail.com) or call the Polka Hall of Fame at (216) 261-FAME.



DJ Kishka will once again lead the Dyngus Day parade in Cleveland on March 28.

# SNPJ Scholarship Fund Donations for the months of December 2015 & January 2016

S.I.D. Vihar Society .....	\$250
Randall (138) & Cheryl Casciola, Pittsburgh ...	\$250
SNPJ Lodge 53, Cleveland .....	\$150
SNPJ Lodge 2, La Salle, Ill. ....	\$100
SNPJ Lodge 729, Yukon, Pa. ....	\$100
SNPJ Lodge 174, Krayn, Pa. ....	\$100
SNPJ Lodge 158, Euclid, Ohio .....	\$100
SNPJ Lodge 776, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. ....	\$100
In memory of all deceased members.	
Marissa Fond, Arlington, Va. ....	\$100
In memory of Elsie Kluchar	
SNPJ Lodge 771, Hillsville, Pa. ....	\$50
Kenneth & Kimberly Zakraysek (174), Elton, Pa. ....	\$50
Thomas & Madeline (254) McLoughlin, Newton, N.J. ....	\$50
In memory of Elsie Kluchar	
Margaret Striner (138), Canonsburg, Pa. ....	\$50
In memory of Marilyn Vogrig	
Linda K. Skok (355), Chardon, Ohio .....	\$50
In memory of her husband, Judge Fred V. Skok	

SNPJ Lodge 781, Avon, Ohio .....	\$25
SNPJ Lodge 355, Fairport Harbor, Ohio .....	\$25
In memory of all deceased Brothers & Sisters of SNPJ Lodge 355	
SNPJ Lodge 355, Fairport Harbor, Ohio .....	\$25
In memory of all deceased Brothers & Sisters of SNPJ Lodge 355	
SNPJ Lodge 562, Barton, Ohio .....	\$25
In memory of the two members who passed away in 2015	
Edward & Henrietta Snyder (776), Leetonia, Ohio ...	\$25
In memory of Janet Zebrasky	
Dorothy Bruce (138), Washington, Pa. ....	\$25
In memory of Marilyn Vogrig	
Louise (Skok) Myers (223), Willoughby, Ohio ...	\$25
In memory of Frank & Louise Shume	
Pauline Barbish (53), Willowick, Ohio .....	\$25
In memory of Lillian Senkinc	
Edward & Agnes Engel (138), Canonsburg, Pa. ...	\$20
In memory of Sylvia McCullough	
Peggy Gricar (138), Canonsburg, Pa. ....	\$20
In memory of Marilyn Vogrig	

Agnes Engel (138), Strabane, Pa. ....	\$20
In memory of Lillian Senkinc	
Lee Jackopin (355), Wickliffe, Ohio .....	\$10
In memory of his grandfather, George Jurij Jakopin, secretary of the former Lodge 60	
Bill & Veronica Progar (138), Houston, Pa. ....	\$10
In memory of Lillian Senkinc	
Alan Clingerman (355), Painesville, Ohio .....	\$5
Stan Baucher (355), Concord Twp., Ohio .....	\$5
John Grzely (355), Fairport Harbor, Ohio .....	\$5
Lee Jackopin (355), Wickliffe, Ohio .....	\$5
Tom Kerr (355), Madison, Ohio .....	\$5
Irene Kovach (355), Painesville, Ohio .....	\$5
Christine Regnier (355), Madison Ohio .....	\$5
Jim Reho (355), Painesville, Ohio .....	\$5
Joe Reho (355), Fairport Harbor, Ohio .....	\$5
Lou Reho (355), Painesville, Ohio .....	\$5
Carol Satej (355), Mentor, Ohio .....	\$5
Frank Sajj (355), Concord Twp., Ohio .....	\$5

# Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Nov. 19, 2015, at the SNPJ Home Office, Imperial, Pa.

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Chairman Clifford with Brothers Hervol, Evanish and Lawrence in attendance. Bro. Anderson was absent.

A motion was made by Bro. Hervol, second by Bro. Evanish, to approve the minutes of the Sept. 24, 2015, meeting. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Bro. Evanish, second by Bro. Hervol, to approve the secretary's (National Treasurer's) report of bond purchases and disposals for the third quarter of 2015. Motion approved.

Reviewed the portfolio and transactions for the period.

Joined by phone conference at 2:45 p.m. with Wellington Management Co. representatives Andrew Paone, Mike Stack and Liz Kleinerman. Discussion and questions on capital markets review by Liz Kleinerman.

Discussion on strategies to increase book yield in the portfolio. The committee agreed with the recommendations proposed by Wellington to increase investment income.

The committee reviewed portfolio performance, outlook and strategy, and compliance issues. The committee thanked the Wellington representatives for the presentation and ended the phone conference at 3:40 p.m.

Discussion on mortgages and Society Lodge properties. Reported that proceeds were received from the Bon Air Lodge to reimburse the Society for past grants.

Discussion on the gas lease at the Recreation Center.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016, at 2 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 3:55 p.m. by Bro. Hervol, second by Bro. Evanish. Motion approved.

**ROGER C. CLIFFORD** **ROBERT J. LAWRENCE**  
Chairman Secretary

## Report of the Secretary for the period July 1 through Sept. 30, 2015

Purchases:	Trade Date	Security Description	Coupon	Yield	Par Value	Cost	Maturity Date	Rating
08/25/2015	Actavis Funding SCS	4.550	5.170	\$250,000	\$231,183	03/15/2035	BBB-	
09/09/2015	Allina Health MN	4.805	4.810	515,000	515,000	11/15/2045	AA-	
09/08/2015	Canadian Pacific Rail Co	4.800	4.640	625,000	622,131	09/15/2035	BBB+	
07/09/2015	Charter Communications	6.384	6.380	295,000	295,000	10/23/2035	BBB-	
08/24/2015	Consolidated Edison	5.850	4.160	200,000	246,414	03/15/2036	A-	
09/25/2015	Dominion Res Inc	7.000	5.190	500,000	620,000	06/15/2038	BBB+	
08/13/2015	KS DFA Pension	4.727	4.730	625,000	625,000	04/15/2037	AA-	
08/12/2015	Morgan Stanley	3.950	4.400	550,000	527,505	04/23/2027	BBB+	
09/09/2015	Pentair Finance SA	4.650	4.690	220,000	219,305	09/15/2025	BBB	
09/10/2015	Pentair Finance SA	4.650	4.670	50,000	49,923	09/15/2025	BBB	
09/16/2015	SFAVE 20155AV	4.144	4.540	490,000	467,338	01/05/2035	AAA	
08/25/2015	Synchrony Financial	4.500	4.490	400,000	400,176	07/23/2025	BBB-	
09/23/2015	Promedica Health	4.982	4.980	390,000	390,000	11/15/2045	AA	
07/20/2015	UnitedHealth Group	4.625	4.630	60,000	59,993	07/15/2035	A+	
07/22/2015	Waterbury CT GO Pension	7.089	5.540	410,000	465,350	12/01/2038	AA-	

Sales or Full Calls:	Disposal Date	Security Description	Coupon	Yield	Par Value	Consideration	Maturity Date	Gain/Loss
07/21/2015	Baxter International	2.400	2.450	\$426,000	\$428,624	08/15/2022	3,971	
07/15/2015	NCNB Corp	10.200	8.080	475,000	475,000	07/15/2015	0	
07/14/2015	Wesco Corp	4.350	4.360	230,000	232,300	10/02/2034	2,656	
07/01/2015	Wagner College NY	6.916	5.890	100,000	100,000	07/01/2023	(6,481)	
08/10/2015	Transurban Finance Co	5.040	5.040	1,000,000	1,000,000	08/10/2015	0	

**ROBERT J. LAWRENCE**  
Secretary, Finance Committee

## SNPJ Youth Roundup

June 19-24, 2016, at the SNPJ Recreation Center

### Registration Form

Child must be between the ages of 7 and 12 and have an annuity or life insurance policy with SNPJ to receive member rates.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

### Youth Roundup Member Rates:

1 Child: \$200 2 Children: \$350 3 Children: \$475  
Non-member rate: \$350 per child

Make all checks payable to SNPJ. Send completed reservation form along with enrollment fee to:

### Slovene National Benefit Society

Att'n: Fraternal Director  
247 W. Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126

Registration Deadline: June 10, 2016

## SNPJ 80th National Bowling Tournament May 7-8, 2016

Colonial Lanes

3210 Wilmington Rd.  
New Castle, PA 16105  
Phone: (724) 654-5000  
[www.coloniallanesbowling.com](http://www.coloniallanesbowling.com)

### Doubles & Singles

Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m.  
 Saturday, May 7, 1 p.m.

### Team Event

Sunday, May 8, 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday, May 8, 1 p.m.

Doubles & Singles Event	Lodge No.	Highest Average 2014-15	All-Events \$5 per person YES/NO
1. Entry fee \$30 per person Saturday Only			
2.			
1.			
2.			

Four-Person Team Event	Lodge No.	Highest Average 2014-15
1. Entry fee \$60 per team Sunday Only		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Submit bowlers' names by position in lineup  
Team name \_\_\_\_\_  
Team captain's name, phone number & e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

The entry fee in each event is \$15 per bowler, \$6.00 of which shall be used for prizes, and \$9.00 for bowling. An extra \$5 is charged to all who desire to compete for handicap all-events prizes.

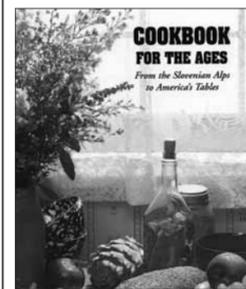
Return form, along with fees of \$15 per person, per event, to:

John Baselj  
742 Mill St. • Bridgeville, PA 15017  
Phone: (412) 398-6659

Make checks payable to SNPJ Lodge 6

ENTRY DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2016

All memberships will be verified at the SNPJ Home Office. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126. Schedule of entries will be posted online at [www.snpj.org](http://www.snpj.org).



## Cookbook for the Ages

The cookbook sponsored by the SNPJ Heritage Center is now on sale! For additional information, contact the SNPJ Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.

**\$20 each**

plus \$3 s/h for first 2 copies  
For 3 or more books, add \$1 shipping for each copy.

Return this order form to:  
**SNPJ Heritage Center • 270 Martin Road • Enon Valley, PA 16120**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Number of copies \_\_\_\_\_  
Make check or money order payable to **SNPJ Heritage Center**.

# SNPJ FRATERNAL HONOREES

Members celebrating 50, 60, 70 and 80 years with the Slovene National Benefit Society

by JOSEPH C. EVANISH  
SNPJ National President

Of the 2,000 life insurance companies and fraternal benefit societies operating in the U.S., less than 100 have been in existence as long as the SNPJ. As a not-for-profit fraternal benefit society, we have successfully provided life insurance to our members since 1904, along with a full package of social, athletic and cultural programs, scholarships, community service projects, and much more. SNPJ also offers annuities that can be used for IRAs and Roth IRAs.

Our more than 110 years of longevity and success have been made possible by the loyalty and dedication of our members. The SNPJ's engine may have been built and its direction set by its founders and subsequent leaders, but its path has been traveled, cleared and paved by our dedicated members.

As a way to show respect and appreciation to our longtime and loyal members, we recognize

membership milestones with a custom gift. The years of membership are counted in terms of adult membership years, not including youth enrollment years. These milestones of recognition include 50, 60, 70 and 80 years of adult membership.

We ask our Fraternal Honorees, once they have received their awards from the Society, to submit a short report on their past and present lifestyle, including their Lodge affiliation, hobbies and any other information that might be of interest to our readers.

In acknowledging these dedicated members, it is our privilege to show respect for these honorees by offering our thanks and appreciation for the loyalty they have shown the SNPJ for so many years. In this small way, through our official SNPJ publication, we can etch their names even deeper into the archives of the Slovene National Benefit Society.

On behalf of the entire membership, we extend our congratulations to those members reaching these anniversary milestones.

• Sis. **ALICE DAVIS**, a 70-year SNPJ member, was honored by Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 and the Society. Sis. Davis writes:

"Thank you, SNPJ, for the thoughtful gift. The lovely blanket certainly will be used, and it will serve as a reminder of fun times at SNPJ Lodge 106. The thoughtfulness is very appreciated."

**Sis. ALICE DAVIS**

Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106  
Imperial, PA

• Melvindale, Mich., Lodge 518 and SNPJ honored Sis. **LORETTA BREWSTER** for attaining 60 years of membership. Sis. Brewster writes:

"My late parents, Edward F. and Rose (Debelak) Potochan, are the reason I'm a member of the SNPJ. They were also members of Lodge 518. My father loved polka music and celebrated his birthday at the hall in Melvindale whenever possible with family members, including my sister, Elaine Bohn; my twin brother, Edward Lawrence Potochan; and my children, Lori, Gwen and Ava, their spouses and children. I have many fond memories of the SNPJ."

**Sis. LORETTA BREWSTER**

Melvindale, Mich., Lodge 518  
Trenton, MI

• Sixty-year SNPJ member Sis. **MARLENE ALESTRA** was honored by the Society and Melvindale, Mich., Lodge 518 for her longtime membership. Sis. Alestra writes:

"First I want to thank you so very much for the beautiful pen. I will use it with the greatest of pleasure. I remember receiving a beautiful wallet, and it's hard to believe that was 10 years ago.

"My parents, Herman and Emma Rugel, were members of SNPJ their entire lives. They were both active in the Lodge and my mother was involved with the former Youth Circle 58. Brings back a lot of memories.

"As a child I was also active in Circle 58, writing to *The Voice of Youth* and *PROSVETA*, and I even participated in the first Miss SNPJ Pageant in 1957. Now being a 60-year member is a great honor.

"Thank you again for the thoughtful gift."

**Sis. MARLENE ALESTRA**

Melvindale, Mich., Lodge 518  
Wixom, MI

• As a 70-year member of SNPJ, Sis. **MARTHA NAVTOFT** was recognized by Denver Lodge 218 and the Slovene National Benefit Society. Martha also recently celebrated her 97th birthday with a gathering of friends and family in October 2015.

Sis. Navtoft is the mother of three, grandmother of five, great-grandmother of five and great-great-grandmother of two. She enjoys reading, working on word puzzles, watching game shows on television and dining out. Martha is also an avid sports fan and

**Sis. MARTHA NAVTOFT**  
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

rarely misses watching the Denver Broncos, Colorado Rockies and Denver Nuggets.

**Sis. MARTHA NAVTOFT**

Denver Lodge 518  
Denver, CO

• Bro. **ANTHONY PERMAN**, a 70-year SNPJ member, was honored by Greensburg, Pa., Lodge 223 and the Society.

Bro. Perman celebrated his 88th birthday in November 2015. He was born and raised in Homer City, Pa. His father, Louie Perman, was an SNPJ member. As a child, Anthony would visit the former SNPJ Lodge in Homer City with his dad. He can remember playing with the other children in the basement and seeing the floor bounce from the adults dancing above them on the first floor. Bro. Perman became an SNPJ member 70 years ago, and appreciates the commemorative blanket he received from the SNPJ in honor of this milestone.

Prior to his wife's passing, the Permans regularly attended the annual Slovenefest celebration at the SNPJ Recreation Center where they enjoyed the button box music and ethnic food. Anthony has four children, three grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren. He now lives in St. Andrew's Village, a skilled care facility in Indiana, Pa., and continues reading *PROSVETA*.

**Bro. ANTHONY PERMAN**

Greensburg, Pa., Lodge 223  
Indiana, PA

• Cleveland Lodge 142 and SNPJ honored Bro. **PHILLIP LUNCHAR** for attaining 70 years of membership. Bro. Lunchar writes:

"Thank you for the blanket as a remembrance of my 70 years with the SNPJ. I can't wait to try it out over the winter.

"My wife and I celebrated our 59th wedding anniversary. I still enjoy button box music, though I can no longer attend various functions. I spend my time taking care of my roses and the garden in my backyard. The work keeps me active."

**Bro. PHILLIP LUNCHAR**

Cleveland Lodge 142  
Willowick, OH

• Fifty-year SNPJ member Sis. **VIRGINIA BILSKI** was honored by the Society and Detroit Lodge 564 for her longtime membership. Sis. Bilski writes:

"My name is Virginia Bilski and I am 88 years young. My son Paul Jr. and I have both been members of Young Americans Lodge 564 for 50 years. My husband Paul, son Paul Jr. and daughter Donna bowled on an SNPJ league and came in first place that year. My family and I attended many dances and parties at the old John R. Hall

**Sis. VIRGINIA BILSKI**  
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

on 6 Mile Road in Detroit; we went to a Hawaiian dance once that I will remember forever. There were many other dinners and dances that I attended where I danced the polka all night long. Those were the days...

"I was married to Paul Sr. 53 years before he left us on Oct. 2, 2002. My husband and our two sons had their own company until my son Ronald was tragically killed by a drunk driver at the very young age of 34. The company folded after that.

"I worked at Chrysler (Dodge Main) for years and at Meijer's store for 15 years. I have 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. I enjoy going to dinner with my family and visiting the casino.

"I want to thank the SNPJ for the beautiful leather wallet and 50-year pin that I will treasure for years to come. Memories of all the parties and dances I attended with my fellow members of Young Americans Lodge 564 will live in my heart forever."

**Sis. VIRGINIA BILSKI**

Detroit Lodge 564  
Royal Oak, MI

• As a 70-year member of SNPJ, Sis. **FRANCES SHELTON** was recognized by Cle Elum, Wash., Lodge 371 and the Slovene National Benefit Society. Sis. Shelton writes:

"Thank you for the letter and custom blanket celebrating my 70 years as an SNPJ member. I wish to honor my father, Albin Karnicnik, who was born on a farm in Vransko, Slovenia, in 1890 and came to America alone in 1907; and also my mother, Mary Mejasch, born in Judendorf, Austria, in 1897 and came to America with family in 1913. They were the most amazing Slovenes I ever knew.

"Mom was educated in Germany and married *Ata* (Dad) at age 16 in a Pennsylvania mining town. My sisters, Mary ('Mitzi') and Helen, were born in mining towns in Hendersonville, Pa. In 1920, *Ata* and Mom moved to a beautiful farmhouse on 180 acres near Hendersonville. My brother Albin ('Red') and I were born on this farm.

"As wonderful newcomers to the U.S., my parents learned to speak and write English, became American citizens and worked very hard to improve the farm and help my aunts and uncles. Uncle Frank lived with us, went to our high school and nicknamed me 'Honey.' *Ata* was an excellent farmer and soon we were self-sufficient. Mom energetically helped with everything, even while raising four children.

"Our social life included SNPJ polka dances, singing, baking studel and potica, and grand holiday celebrations. I remember wearing my first Slovenian costume to the harvest dance in Lawrence, Pa., when I was 6 years old. I also remember *Ata* singing '*Moja Dekla*' ('My Girlfriend') at night while he



Sis. MARLENE ALESTRA (518)



Bro. PHILLIP LUNCHAR (142)



Sis. MARTHA NAVTOFT (218)



Sis. VIRGINIA BILSKI (564)



Bro. ANTHONY PERMAN (223)



Sis. FRANCES SHELTON (371)

**Sis. FRANCES SHELTON**  
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

cultivated corn. In 1946 we moved to California as *Ata* had been diagnosed with 'miner's lung.' There we joined the former SNPJ Lodge 615 in East Los Angeles. My sisters moved to California too.

"In 1949 I married Norman Shelton, a World War II Marine, after we taught him and six friends to polka. In November 2015, Norm and I celebrated our 66th wedding anniversary. We had three wonderful children, all of whom are college graduates and doing well. We also have two grandchildren and both are SNPJ members. Jenna is in the culinary program at Santa Barbara City College, and Bruce is writing 'the Great American novel' while on dialysis waiting for a kidney; his blood type is B+ and he can only be matched with type O.

"We moved around Southern California while Norm became an engineer, and built homes in Downey, Cowan Heights in Tustin and Simi Valley. Our daughters worked in the Winchell's Donut shop I ran in Simi. I also tried a children's store, but finally went to work at the Ventura Public Health Department for nine years and attended junior college for two years when I was 38 years old. We went to a lot of dances in Fontana, Calif., when Mom moved there and my sister Helen managed the Fontana Slovene Rest Home.

"In 1980 we left California and built our fourth home in Port Townsend, Wash. We were never close to an SNPJ Lodge, but I joined the closest and visited when I could. Instead of polkas, Norm and I square-danced for 45 years. I'm currently trying to write Mom's biography. She was an amazing, intelligent and wonderful Slovene-American.

"Thank you again for the honor."

**Sis. FRANCES SHELTON**

Cle Elum, Wash., Lodge 371  
Port Townsend, WA

• Sis. **MARIE PROGAR**, a 60-year SNPJ member, was honored by Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 and the Society. Sis. Progar writes:

"Thank you so much for the commemorative pen! It's hard

**Sis. MARIE PROGAR**  
CONTINUES NEXT COLUMN



Sis. MARIE PROGAR (138)

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FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

to believe it has been 60 years since I joined SNPJ. Although I haven't been actively involved for quite some time, I have many fond memories of my earlier activities.

"As a matter of fact, it was at the 1949 SNPJ New Year's Eve party at Strabane Lodge 138 that my husband Ed and I had our first date. We were married the following November. Unfortunately, Ed passed away in 2006, but that first date was the beginning of our 56-year journey together. We spent many memorable times with relatives and friends dancing the night away at various SNPJ polka dances, bowling in SNPJ leagues and tournaments, and celebrating holidays and weddings at the Lodge 138 Hall.

"Our two children are also members of SNPJ. Eddie currently lives in Cleveland and Kathy Anderson resides in Canonsburg, Pa.

"Since my retirement from RCA and Sarris Candies, I have been spending time with my four grandchildren and my first great-grandson, who was born in January 2015. I also enjoy cooking and baking pizzelles, watching cooking shows, game shows, Steelers and Pirates games, and reality TV, as well as occasional trips to The Meadows Casino.

"Thank you, again, for honoring my 60-year membership in SNPJ. I send my best wishes for the Society's continued prosperity!"

**Sis. MARIE PROGAR**  
Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138  
Canonsburg, PA

**Sis. MARTHA NAVTOFT**  
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**Sis. VIRGINIA BILSKI**  
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**Sis. FRANCES SHELTON**  
CONTINUES NEXT COLUMN

SNPJ fraternal sympathies

**Sis. ANN CHESNIC**  
• LODGE 138 •

**STRABANE, Pa.** — The members of Lodge 138 sadly announce the Nov. 18, 2015, passing of Sis. Ann Chesnic, 97, of Canonsburg, Pa., in her home with her beloved children by her side.

Sis. Chesnic was born April 14, 1918, in Aliquippa, Pa., a daughter of the late Anton and Frances Grum Groznic. She was raised in Aliquippa and relocated to Canonsburg with her husband in 1942. She was a 79-year SNPJ member and a longtime member of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church in Canonsburg.

Ann had been a housekeeper for 33 years for attorney Howard Stevens and his family. She had also been a housekeeper for Dr. David Bell for 10 years.

On Jan. 8, 1942, she married her beloved husband, Max G. Chesnic, who passed away on March 28, 1995.

Surviving are her two loving sons, Thomas J. Chesnic and Gerald W. Chesnic. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Tony Groznic, and an infant sister. She was the last of her immediate family.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Slovene Radio Program, 381 F St., Pittsburgh,

PA 15209.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 138 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our sympathies to Sis. Chesnic's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**Sis. GLORIA J. MATUSKY**  
• LODGE 138 •

**STRABANE, Pa.** — With sadness, the members of Lodge 138 announce the Dec. 7, 2015, passing of Sis. Gloria J. Matusky, 71, of Canonsburg, Pa., in Townview Health and Rehabilitation Center, Canonsburg.

Sis. Matusky was born Aug. 11, 1944, in Canton, Ohio, a daughter of the late Leo Sr. and Ada Savage Andrews. She was a member of SNPJ Lodge 138, St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Canonsburg, and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are two sons, Michael S. Matusky (fiance Carol Markulik) and Donald P. (Carla) Collins; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Betty (Albert) Febo.

Gloria was preceded in death by a daughter, Tina Henderson; two brothers, Kenneth Andrews and Leo "Dink" Andrews Jr.; three sisters, Dorothy Cole, Patricia Cullens and Dolores Vincenty;

and her companion of many years, Willie Adams Jr.

Services for Sis. Matusky were celebrated Dec. 11, 2015, in McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home, Ltd., Houston, Pa., officiated by the Rev. Catherine Brall officiating. Interment followed in Venice Cemetery, Cecil Twp., Pa.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 138 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Sis. Matusky's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**BRO. WILLIAM ANZUR**  
• LODGE 721 •

**ALIQUIPPA, Pa.** — The members of Lodge 721 sadly announce the Dec. 11, 2015, passing of Bro. William G. Anzur Sr., 84, of Hopewell Twp., Pa., in Heritage Valley, Beaver, Pa.

Bro. Anzur was born May 6, 1931, in Ambridge, Pa., a son of the late John and Jenny Ivana (Habich) Anzur. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Korean War, and a retired employee of the blooming mill at LTV Steel with 35 years of service. A 66-year SNPJ member, he was also a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Hopewell Twp.

Surviving are four sons, William (Eva) Anzur Jr., David (Nancy) Anzur, Daniel (Lynette) Anzur, and Eric (Debbie) Anzur; two daughters, Kathy (Joe) O'Neill and Judy (Robert) Pippard; 19 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma "Toots" (Kleber) on April 19, 2014; two brothers, Frank and John Anzur; two sisters, Jean Kamicker and Mary Kirish; a grandson, Daniel Anzur Jr.; and a great-granddaughter, Abby Rose.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Bro. Anzur on Dec. 17, 2015, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, officiated by Fr. Howard Campbell. The Beaver County Special Unit conducted full military honors.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 721 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Bro. Anzur's family, relatives and friends on their loss.



Bro. WARREN A. PIKE (225)

**BRO. WARREN A. PIKE**  
• LODGE 225 •

**GIRARD, Kan.** — The Pike family and members of Lodge 225 sadly announce the Dec. 17, 2015, passing of Bro. Warren A. Pike, 57, of Girard, in the Freeman Health System in Joplin, Mo., which he entered shortly before his passing due to a sudden illness.

Bro. Pike was born Oct. 14, 1958, in Girard, the son of Albert and Rosalie J. (DeMaire) Pike. He grew up and attended schools in Girard and attended Pittsburg State University.

He helped his father at Pike's Garage in Girard from 1966 until he purchased the garage and fertilizer business in 1991. He was operating the business at the time of his passing.

In addition to his lifelong membership with SNPJ Lodge 225, Bro. Pike was a member of the First Christian Church in Girard, Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and Girard FFA Alumni. He enjoyed his family, especially his grandchildren; deer and bear hunting; fishing; and camping. He was an avid Kansas State University football fan and donor,

attending many games and tailgating activities.

Warren married Deborah A. Standlee, who survives, on June 13, 1978, in Miami, Okla.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kassie Lynn Pike (Strider) Steele; a son, Christopher Warren (Patricia) Pike; his mother, Rosalie J. Pike; a sister, Rosemary J. Mahoney; six grandchildren, Latricia, Matthew, Deanna and Anthony Pike, and Breckyn and Xander Steele; a nephew, Ryan (Katie) Mahoney; and a great-nephew, Keon Mahoney.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother-in-law, Paul Mahoney; and a nephew, Matthew Paul Mahoney.

Funeral services for Bro. Pike were held Dec. 22, 2015, at Smith-Carson-Wall Funeral Home, Girard, with Pastor Danny Childers and Pastor Rick Prideaux co-officiating. Burial followed in Garden of Memories Cemetery, near Pittsburg, Kan.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 225 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Bro. Pike's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**BRO. PATRICK C. GASTGEB**  
• LODGE 89 •

**MIDWAY, Pa.** — With sadness, the members of Lodge 89 announce the Dec. 19, 2015, passing of Bro. Patrick C. Gastgeb, 41, of McDonald, Pa., in his home.

Bro. Gastgeb was born July 21, 1974, in Pittsburgh, a son of the late Albert Herman Gastgeb and Gene Marie Cobbett Gastgeb. A 1993 graduate of Fort Cherry High School, in 1997 he received an associate's degree in applied science from Community College of Allegheny County and was a 2000 graduate of Pittsburgh Technical Institute with a degree in computer technology.

In addition to his SNPJ membership, Patrick was a member of the National Rifle Association and was a Republican Committee chairman. He had a beautiful voice and was a gifted karaoke singer. Not only did he participate in karaoke at several local clubs, he was also a disc jockey for many karaoke events.

Surviving are an aunt, Karen C. Altman, and an uncle, Commander Sgt. Major (retired) James L. (Ruth) Cobbett. He was predeceased by a sister, Megan Marie Gastgeb.

A memorial service for Bro. Gastgeb was held Jan. 2 in Nation Funeral Home, Inc., McDonald.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 89 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our sympathies to Bro. Gastgeb's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**Sis. SHIRLEY F. MAGA**  
• LODGE 265 •

**SOUTHVIEW, Pa.** — With sadness, the members of Lodge 265 announce the Dec. 27, 2015, passing of Sis. Shirley Frances Maga, 80, of Southview in the emergency room of Canonsburg Hospital, Canonsburg, Pa.

Sis. Maga was born Oct. 18, 1935, in Hill Station, Pa., a daughter of the late John and Frances Simpson Smith. She worked as a cook at McDonald's and as a clerk at Stone's Hardware, both in Bridgeville, Pa.

In addition to her SNPJ membership, Shirley was a former member of the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed playing bingo, visiting casinos and watching television.

Surviving are four sons, Michael "Micky" (Kassy) Maga, Albert "Pitsy" (Linda) Maga III, Christopher (Mary) Maga and Shane (Jamie) Maga; two daughters, Tracy Turner and Penny (Vincent) Curtis; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Robert Lukasik and Joseph (Mary) Smith; two sisters,

Doris Evelyn (Roger) Weese and Mary Jane (Chuck) Lupsa; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Albert Maga Jr., on Sept. 10, 2009; two brothers, James Smith and Melvin Daniel; and a sister, Catherine McDowell.

A blessing service for Sis. Maga was held Dec. 31, 2015, in Coleman-Taylor Funeral Services, Cecil, Pa., officiated by Fr. Stan Gregorek. Interment followed in National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Cecil Twp., Pa.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 265 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Sis. Maga's family, relatives and friends on their loss.



Sis. MARY S. BENCLOSKI (87)

**Sis. MARY S. BENCLOSKI**  
• LODGE 87 •

**HERMINIE, Pa.** — The Bencloski family and the members of Lodge 87 sadly announce the Jan. 1, 2016, passing of Sis. Mary S. Bencloski, 93, of Herminie, at her home surrounded by her family.

Sis. Bencloski was born Jan. 15, 1922, in Evanstown, Pa., a daughter of the late Frank and Mary (Berginc) Mlekus. She lived in Herminie all of her life. She was a very active person who always thought of others before herself. She even kept a calendar of birthdays of friends and relatives, and regularly sent cards.

Mary was an 80-year member of SNPJ Lodge 87 and served on various committees over the years. She was very proud of her Slovenian and Austrian heritage and visited relatives in those countries several times. Her ties with Slovenia and Austria were strong, and she kept in regular contact with cousins in both countries.

Sis. Bencloski was also a member of the Madison, Pa., Golden Agers for more than 40 years and enjoyed interacting with her many friends in that organization. Her favorite activity was baking delicious pineapple upside-down cakes for the organization's annual bake sale. Her cakes proved to be the most sought after items at the sales.

Mary was a very intelligent person whose interests included cooking, vegetable and flower gardening, and ceramics. She was especially skilled at growing African violets, and had more than 60 varieties of daffodils growing in her yard. Every spring she faithfully delivered beautiful bouquets of daffodils and other flowers to her friends. She was especially proud of growing beautiful head lettuce.

When her eyesight was sharp, Mary painted beautiful ceramic items, including a spectacular Nativity set. When she was not shopping or visiting with friends, her faithful companion Mickey, a Siamese cat, kept her company.

Sis. Bencloski's most important accomplishment, one she was proudest of, was raising two successful children. Daughter Marianne was a nurse and nursing director, and son Joseph was a university professor. Mary always said that the happiest moments of her life were marked by the birth of her children. Even in her poor health, she worried about their health and welfare.

Raised during the Great Depression of the 1930s, Sis. Bencloski learned to be self-sufficient and acquired many skills that carried her through life. She learned to milk a cow,

can fruits and vegetables, and make clothing from flour sacks.

Some of Mary's favorite things to do included enjoying the occasional hotcake breakfast at the McDonald's history store with her son, shopping and meeting friends at the grocery store, and watching Pittsburgh Pirates baseball games and Wheel of Fortune on television. Sis. Bencloski always recalled the good times spent at Forbes Field, rooting for the Pirates.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Bencloski, in 1990. She is survived by her daughter, Marianne Bencloski; her son, Dr. Joseph W. Bencloski; her sister, Lillian Bencloski; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Her spirit will live on in the things that she touched and nurtured, especially in her children.

Sis. Bencloski was laid to rest at the Westmoreland County Memorial Park in Greensburg, Pa.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 87 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our condolences to Sis. Bencloski's family, relatives and friends on their loss.



Sis. BEA CVETAS (603)

**Sis. ALBENA "BEA" CVETAS**  
• LODGE 603 •

**SAMSULA, Fla.** — The Cvetas family and members of Lodge 603 sadly announce the Feb. 8, 2016, passing of Sis. Albena "Bea" Cvetas.

Sis. Cvetas was born Nov. 26, 1926, to Mary Dekleva and Joseph Butkovec in Pittsburgh. In her younger years, Bea was an excellent student and always had a talent for writing. She spent the majority of her career working for the Shaler Area School District in Glenshaw, Pa.

In 1995, family and warm weather lured Bea and her husband, the late Joseph Cvetas, from the Pittsburgh area to Florida, where they resided in North Palm Beach and Jupiter.

Bea took great pride in her Slovenian heritage and was an active SNPJ member for 71 years. She spent her summers with her beloved "Big Joe" at the SNPJ Recreation Center. She often referred to it as "God's Country," and it held a very special place in her heart.

Bea was very compassionate, loved to polka, and enjoyed a good hearty laugh. Her family was her pride and joy, and she never missed an opportunity to share how fortunate and blessed she was to have so many loving people in her life.

Bea is survived by her two sons, David Cvetas and his wife Jeanne Anne of Florida, and Joseph Cvetas and his wife Jennifer of California; four grandchildren, Marty (Mary Frances) Cvetas, Sarah (Tony) McLendon, Jessica Cvetas and Jared Cvetas; and three great-grandchildren, Martin and Warren Cvetas, and Keegan McLendon. She will be sadly missed by her nieces, nephews, extended family and many loving friends.

A life celebration will be held at the SNPJ Recreation Center at a later date. The family has suggested that in honoring her memory, donations may be sent to the Slovene Radio Program, 381 F St., Pittsburgh, PA 15209.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 603 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our sympathies to Sis. Cvetas' family, relatives and friends on their loss.

**SNPJ Crossword**  
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**DEATHS REPORTED**

For the month of November 2015

LODGE NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CITY-STATE
A02 James Paul Utz	08-26-2015	Pittsburgh, Pa.
2 Frank Drnach	10-12-2015	Peru, Ill.
2 Michael Kozel	10-23-2015	Oglesby, Ill.
5 Anna M. Sharkozy	08-05-2015	Elyria, Ohio
6 Anna M. Vayansky	07-31-2015	Mt. Holly, N.C.
6 Terrence E. O'Mahoney	10-17-2015	Bridgeville, Pa.
6 Victoria T. Minella	08-24-2014	Pittsburgh, Pa.
8 Marjorie L. Montes	09-15-2015	Muskegon, Mich.
8 Stella DeStJean	10-06-2015	Cedar Lake, Ind.
33 Jennie Laderer Boyd	09-09-2015	Columbiana, Ohio
106 Ida M. Wilkinson	10-17-2015	Coraopolis, Pa.
106 Charles Schreiber	10-15-2015	Oakdale, Pa.
138 Anthony Lavrich	10-25-2015	Ridge Manor, Fla.
138 Evelyn J. Lindsay	10-02-2015	Washington, Pa.
138 Sylvia K. McCullough	11-02-2015	Houston, Pa.
153 Kevin D. Mager	10-16-2015	Canfield, Ohio
158 Theresa F. Patrick	04-25-2015	Mentor, Ohio
274 Jill A. Rose	10-31-2015	Tarrytown, N.Y.
459 Steve A. Loncarevic	11-03-2015	Flint, Mich.
564 Rose Padar	10-17-2015	Venice, Fla.
566 Olga Scott	09-26-2015	Anaheim, Calif.
577 Mary T. Vivic	09-14-2015	Walsenburg, Colo.
581 Joseph Gardine	10-11-2015	Honesdale, Pa.
581 Lorraine B. Martincic	08-15-2015	Tionesta, Pa.
584 Anton Perme II	09-16-2015	Sheboygan, Wis.
603 Lillian M. Silc	10-24-2015	Pittsboro, N.C.
603 Janet N. Davis	11-10-2015	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
643 Judy Ann Mohn	05-14-2015	New Middletown, Ohio
677 Lucille F. Simonick	07-26-2013	Lapeer, Mich.
686 Wilmer F. Roller	10-18-2015	Sheboygan, Wis.
689 Samuel L. Hamilton	09-15-2015	Ogden, Utah
715 Darrell L. Orlie	10-25-2015	Tionesta, Pa.
721 Frank J. Brancato	06-07-2015	Succasunna, N.J.
723 Frances Halpin	11-10-2015	Lahaina, Hawaii
729 Anthony P. Blatnik	01-03-2015	St Louis, Mo.
738 Gary E. Dime	10-11-2015	Bellevue, Wash.
770 Katherine A. Rosepiller	10-28-2015	Industry, Pa.
782 Lorraine C. Sabol	10-06-2015	Pittsburgh, Pa.

KAREN A. PINTAR  
National Secretary

## the gift of *Heritage*

a visit to Slovenia the  
“best birthday ever” for  
Lodge 719 member

by NANCY ROOTH  
Lodge 719

**CLAIRTON, Pa.** — When you are turning 88 years of age, what should you do for your birthday? If you are Slovenian, travel to Slovenia, of course! And that’s exactly what Clairton Lodge 719 member Angela Zalakar did in June 2015 – and she had “the best birthday ever!” Angela is the daughter of Angela Klun, who was a longtime member of Lodge 583 in Lowber, Pa., and held the office of secretary. Traveling along with Angela were her son Chuck (719), daughter Nancy Rooth (719), and son-in-law Gary.

This trip marked Angela’s fourth trek over the Atlantic to visit Slovenia. The first three trips were arranged through SNPJ, but we decided to arrange this one on our own so that we could concentrate on visiting all of our Slovenian friends and relatives. One of the goals of the trip, besides having an awesome time, was to visit the villages where Angela’s mother and father were born, and the villages where her late husband’s parents were born. We accomplished that and more.

As we visited our relatives and friends, there was one thing in common: they each had some sort of birthday celebration for Angela. They all made sure this trip was a memorable event for her, and we celebrated her birthday every day that we were there.

Not only did we visit known Slovenian friends and relatives, we also had a nice surprise that resulted from DNA testing. A distant cousin found out that he was related to Angela through matches on their DNA tests. This happened right at the time we were visiting Slovenia, so we were able to set up a meeting. He was fascinating to talk to since he was very knowledgeable on genealogy. We had just visited the village where the Klun side of the family originated, and this cousin knew all about the house where our relatives lived. We also found out that he worked with a cousin who we had just visited.

We thoroughly enjoyed riding throughout Slovenia to visit people. Nothing can describe the beauty of the county of Slovenia, but a few things stand out: the green environment, the cleanliness, and the hospitality of the Slovenian people.

The environment is green, greener and greenest! Whether you’re looking upon the coastal area, the rolling hills or the Julian Alps, or Slovenian’s gardens, you see green, green, and more green. I think it’s a born trait for a Slovenian to have a green thumb! Every relative we visited had beautiful vegetable gardens and generously shared the fruit of their labors.

Because of the amount of traveling we did, we stayed in six different hotels. At each hotel, the management was very proud of their facility and made sure we had everything we



**ANGELA ZALAKAR** upon her arrival to Misliče, the village from which her father’s family (the Klun side of the family) originated.

needed. The rooms were spotless, as if every nook and cranny had been scrubbed.

The hospitality of the Slovenians was amazing. From Bled, to Potorož, to Ljubljana, to Gabria, to Ptuj, to Novo Mesto, we were served the best food, all in extremely generous helpings. But no problem with the extra calories; we certainly burned quite a few touring the most beautiful country in the world.

It is unbelievable how many places there are to tour in Slovenia, from the churches, to the wineries, to the caves. But another one of my goals was to visit as many castles as possible.

The castles in Slovenia are as diverse as the climate. One of the most impressive castles is Predjama Castle, built into a natural cave. We stood in awe of this amazing castle, imagining the genius who designed this structure.

Although we visited numerous castles, each unique and wonderful, another one that certainly stood out was Castle Ptuj. The hike up to the castle was quite strenuous, even for the young, but Angela climbed and climbed the very long, steep hill to reach the castle entrance. Only then did we discover that we could have driven up to drop her off! However, the hike was well worth it since the castle was not only a beautifully designed structure, but had numerous rooms to explore, full of musical instruments, artwork, portraits of former inhabitants and tapestries. The castle even had an ingenious method of sending warm air throughout the rooms, long before forced air furnaces were invented. The views from all sides of the castle were breathtaking; well worth the long hike.

From the historic castles and churches to the awesome caves, the Lipizzaner horses, beautiful Lake Bled, the delicious food and super hospitality, we couldn’t say what the main draw to Slovenia is. All of these things – plus more – lure us back to the origin of our Slovenian roots.

When we planned this trip, Angela said that this would be her last trip to Slovenia. On the way back home she was quoted as saying, “One last trip to Slovenia when I’m 90!” We’ll see you in two years, beautiful Slovenia!



The Zalakar group (from left, **Chuck Zalakar**, **Nancy Rooth**, **Angela Zalakar** and **Gary Rooth**) taking in the spectacular view from Celje Castle.



[Left] The Zalakars with Angela’s mother’s side of the family in Ankan. Angela’s first cousin, **Sylva Birsa**, is wearing the plaid jacket.

[Below] The Zalakars with the family of Angela’s late husband.



## Take part in a mid-April benefit for Parkinson’s Moving Day in Cleveland

by CHARLOTTE PERDAN  
Lodge 604

**CLEVELAND** — SNPJ Utopians Lodge 604 and the Rudy Perdan family are sponsoring a fund-raising dinner for Parkinson’s Moving Day on April 11 in the Recher Slovenian Hall clubroom from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The menu will include southern-style pork barbecue sandwiches, Pam’s cole slaw, Rudy’s baked beans and Charlotte’s peach dump cake. Tickets are being sold in advance so we know how many dinners to prepare. Donations are \$10.

Why are we involved? Our

nephew, Scott “Bill” Perdan, was diagnosed with Parkinson’s a few years ago and is now co-chairman of the Cleveland Moving Day. Save the date of June 18, the Saturday before Father’s Day, for the first Parkinson’s Moving Day on Wade Oval in University Circle in Cleveland.

Have you ever wanted to participate in a walk but are unable to walk the mile? Then this is the event for you. Moving Day is about different types of movement, from face to feet. It’s your chance to join others and win the battle against

Parkinson’s. Move with us by walking, stretching or doing some other activity. Together we can raise funds and awareness while celebrating the importance of movement for us all. And if you have little ones, bring them along; there will be a Kids Zone.

You can join or make a donation to our team, SLO’s-We Polka for Parkinson’s, at [www.movingdaycleveland.org](http://www.movingdaycleveland.org). You can also set up your own team, sign up as an individual or make an anonymous donation.

People who move change the world.

## Lodge 138 young adult member commended for rescue at a local pool

by KAREN MANSFIELD  
Washington, Pa., Observer-Reporter

**CANONSBURG, Pa.** — Five people received certificates of commendation from Canonsburg Borough Council Sept. 14, 2015, for rescuing a Canonsburg man who nearly drowned at Town Park Pool over the summer.

Lifeguards Christopher Elish (138), Louie Krivanek and Cora Blodgett, along with pool-goers David Buchta of Houston and Jennifer Livolsi of Canonsburg, rescued 36-year-old Albert Johnson after he was found in the deep end of the pool July 31.

Elish, who was off duty that day, was swimming with Krivanek, a junior at Canon-McMillan High School, during the 10-minute adult swim period when they spotted Johnson at the bottom of the pool.

Elish said he and Krivanek pulled Johnson from the water and carried him to the side of the pool, where Blodgett met them with a CPR mask. “He was unconscious and definitely wasn’t breathing when we got him out of the water,” said Elish, a senior at Canon-Mac.

Buchta, an emergency room nurse at St. Clair Hospital who had accompanied his son to the pool, began chest compressions and CPR, and Livolsi, a respiratory therapist who was sitting with her sons near the shallow end of the pool when she noticed the rescue underway, ran to help.

Buchta said Johnson twice lost a pulse while the group waited for an ambulance to arrive. “We took turns, and whenever one of us got

tired, the other took over until the ambulance showed up,” said Livolsi. “It was luck, the right people being there at the right time. I’m glad we were there. My adrenaline was pumping.”

Buchta said the group worked well together to save Johnson.

“It’s always a team effort,” said Buchta, who is also assistant scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 1378 of Houston. “Everybody did a great job. It’s a scary situation, but everyone did what they had to do.”

Johnson was flown by emergency helicopter to Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, where he initially was listed in critical condition. He has fully recovered.

Canonsburg Mayor David Rhome presented the group with commendations at the borough council meeting and thanked them for their service, calling them Good Samaritans.

“Because of their decision to act and their quick response, Mr. Johnson was revived,” said Rhome. “They demonstrated exceptional character.”

The lifeguards at Town Park are trained in first aid and certified in water rescue, but Elish wasn’t sure he would ever be called on to put his training to use.

“It was my first rescue, and hopefully it’s my only one,” Elish said. “I’m happy we were able to step in. If we weren’t around it definitely would have been a different outcome.”

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Lifeguards and pool patrons were presented with certificates of commendation for rescuing a man who nearly drowned at the Town Park Pool in Canonsburg, Pa., on July 31, 2015. From left are St. Clair Hospital emergency room nurse David Buchta, respiratory therapist Jennifer Livolsi, Canonsburg Mayor David Rhome (who presented the awards), and lifeguards Louie Krivanek and SNPJ Lodge 138 member **CHRISTOPHER ELISH**.

## Zarja centennial opens with spring frolic

by KATHERINE MATAS  
Lodge 604

**EUCLID, Ohio** — Zarja just turned 100! While we gear up for the official anniversary celebration during our fall concert on Oct. 30, we’re busy getting ready for our annual spring frolic.

On April 23, the Zarja Slovenian Singing Society will present “The Wanderer

Returns or Does He Dare Go Back?,” a story packed with lovable characters, catchy tunes and, as always, lots of laughs. Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. or just for the show at 7. We guarantee that either way you’ll be glad you came!

Make sure to bring your dancing shoes for after the show as the Jeff Pecon Orchestra will perform starting at 8

p.m. You can purchase dinner tickets for \$27, or concert and dance only tickets for \$12.

Both the April 23 spring frolic as well as the Oct. 30 fall concert and 100th anniversary celebration will take place at the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid. For more information, contact Barbara at (440) 257-2540 or e-mail [bjelersich@yahoo.com](mailto:bjelersich@yahoo.com).

## DU Tammies return to Ellwood City, Pa.

by PETE KUCAN  
Lodge 776

**PITTSBURGH** — The Duquesne University Tamburitzans will perform their new production Sunday, March 20, at Lincoln Jr./Sr. High School, 501 Crescent Ave., Ellwood City, Pa., beginning at 3 p.m.

In their 79th season, the Tamburitzans will take the audience on a whirlwind tour

of Croatia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, Greece, Italy and the Ukraine. The blend of colorful costumes, precise footwork and youthful energy has long been a trademark of any Tamburitzan concert and all attendees will thrill to the performance.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ellwood City Scholarship Fund, all reserved

discounted seats are \$20 (+fee) and \$18 (+fee) for groups of 10 or more and may be purchased online at [tamburitzans.talentshadows.com](http://tamburitzans.talentshadows.com). Tickets at the door on the day of the performance will be \$25 (+fee). Ticket inquiries can be made to (412) 974-6465. The Tammies haven’t been in this area for many years, so be sure to get your tickets early!

# Florida SNPJ Days now over, Samsula Lodge 603 looks to future activities

by JEANNETTE HUMPHREY  
Lodge 603

**SAMSULA, Fla.** — The members of SNPJ Lodge 603, located in beautiful downtown Samsula, met earlier this month with a good turnout.

Ruth Benedict installed the new slate of officers for 2016, which includes President George Benedict, Vice President Jerry Hafner, Recording Secretary Rhonda Tesouro, Secretary Elaine Figueroa, Treasurer Connie Massey, Sergeant-at-Arms Jennifer Luznar, and auditors John Tesouro, Laura Hoffman and Jeannie Novatny. Our Lodge is happy to announce it has 528 adult members and 44 youth members.

Now that the Lodge has a sidewalk leading

to the new gazebo-type structure at the rear entrance, names will be added soon. The fund for the names on the blocks has reached \$551.

Lodge members planned activities for the year, and a letter was sent out to each member. This way, everyone can plan ahead.

Jerry Hafner won the meeting gift in January, and Connie Massey was the winner for the month of February.

Sympathy was extended to Mary Pleterski as her sister, Sarah Ruth Manning, passed away in South Florida where she had lived for many years since moving from New Smyrna Beach. Sara and Steve Brown flew in from Double Oaks, Texas, to attend the funeral service.

Elaine Figueroa gave a report on the Florida

Cattle Drive held earlier in the month. Our Lodge donated \$600 to help out with expenses on this Wounded Veterans Organization project which is held once every five years in Florida.

Anna Grimm, who has outlived the life of her SNPJ insurance policy, was recognized as an Honorary Member of Lodge 603.

President Benedict complimented past President Pauline Lockwood on a job well done for our Lodge, and for all the festivities she planned and carried out for the past two years.

By the time you read this, we will have completed our annual Florida SNPJ Days polka festival, which will be reported on in the next *PROSVETA* issue.



Lodge 603 officers: Treasurer **CONNIE MASSEY**, Secretary **ELAINE FIGUEROA**, Vice President **JERRY HAFNER**, President **GEORGE BENEDICT**, Recording Secretary **RHONDA TESAURO** and Sergeant-at-Arms **JENNIFER LUZNA**.

# All Accordion Festival returning to the Fontana Slovene Hall in September

by FRANK ROTE (723)  
Fontana Slovene Hall

**FONTANA, Calif.** — SNPJ Lodge 723 and the Fontana Slovene Hall are excited to begin planning for our second All Accordion Festival to be held Friday through Sunday, Sept. 2-4.

After a very successful festival held over Labor Day weekend last year, from which we received such positive feedback, the attendees mandated that we “do it again!” So the Lodge and hall boards decided to go for it. We’re getting the word out now, so you may make travel/vacation plans to visit California’s Fontana Slovene Hall in September.

As it did last year, the event will kick off Friday, Sept. 2, with our welcome to all which includes free admission on this day only. Adult admission for Saturday and Sunday is \$15 person, per day, or two-day passes are available for \$25. There is reduced admission for those ages 17-25 and admission is free for those 16 and under.

Performers will have a 20-minute slot on stage to perform. Those wishing to perform should contact Frank Rote, who is developing the performance schedule, at (909) 987-8714. Slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. As in the past, there is no monetary compensation for

performing. The hall features a covered outdoor patio area for open jamming as well.

We are seeking sidemen (drummers, bass players in particular) who care to donate their talent. Of course, we’ll welcome other instrumentalists as well. Again, the contact is Frank at (909) 987-8714 or [butnbox@aol.com](mailto:butnbox@aol.com). We’re also welcoming volunteers to fill such tasks as gate admissions, drawing ticket sales, general cleanup, etc.

Back again this year will be the Gruber Family Band (GFB) from Northern California. They’ll be featured Saturday and Sunday for two two-hour slots. The GFB was

well-received last year as they are excellent performers and entertainers providing a great variety of music. Toni, Peter, Martin and Michael will keep your toes a-tappin’!

Last year we were thrilled to have such polka celebs as the Alaska Polka Chips and Button Box Gang; Kathy Hlad, the Polka Queen of Cleveland; Sam Pecorilla of Oregon; Otto Schnauber of Utah; and many California entertainers headline our Slovenian dance hall. By the way, the Fontana Slovene Hall’s dance floor is reputed to be the best in Southern California!

Eric Wood and family promise to keep the kitchen

open to satiate your appetite with Slovenian and American food available for purchase. Our bar is well-stocked with ethnic choices as well as traditional beverages for purchase.

How can you go wrong with a nominal price for en-

tertainment you won’t find anywhere? We hope to see you in September!

The Fontana Slovene Hall is located at 8425 Cypress Ave., Fontana, CA 92335. For information, contact Eric Wood at (909) 823-1953.

# CAL Don Gorjup Open playing into its 52<sup>nd</sup> season

by RICK GORJUP (158)  
CAL President

**CLEVELAND** — This year marks the 52nd year of CAL hosting an annual golf tournament, so don’t miss out on a great day of fun and fraternalism.

We have a great bunch of golfers, and with our CAL reps, friends and volunteers, this year’s outing (hopefully) should be the best! The outing is about 90 days away, and we hope to have a record crowd. After the weather we’ve had, we pray that Mother Nature treats us well.

This year’s CAL Don Gorjup Open Golf Tournament will be played at Rolling Green Golf Course in Huntsburg, Ohio, Saturday, May 28. Since the tournament opens with a 9 a.m. shotgun start, we ask that you arrive at the course by 8:15 a.m. for check-in at the pavilion. Here’s where you can pick up your goodie bags and scorecards before heading out on the links. Hot dogs and pivo will be available at the turn, and a great steak dinner awaits at the 19th hole.

This is always a fun day, meeting old friends and mak-

ing new ones. And remember, this year the beer, pop and bottled water are free – all day long!

The entry fee of \$80 for adults (\$72 for youth) includes your greens fee, cart, prizes, a goodie bag, dinner and a sandwich/beverage at the turn. We will again offer our hole-in-one contest which awards \$5,000 to the lucky golfer who can obtain that elusive ace. Other prizes are offered on the other par-3 holes as well. Your friendly hostesses will again be coming around to visit each foursome for a photo op and a toast to Don.

To have even more fun, one can dress in something unusual, if one likes, for the day... you never know what theme is going to dominate the dress-code on the course. Isn’t that right, Ron Tkach or Dave Strnisa? The party bus will again be coming from the SNPJ Recreation Center in Enon Valley, Pa.

Donations are coming in for our drawing and we’re planning a few surprises this year, so call your golf buddies and sign up early. We hope to see you on a beautiful, sunny and warm Saturday, May 28.

# Join Lodge 786 for their Wine & Beer Tasting Picnic

LODGE 786 WINE TASTING  
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alcoholic beverages – and everything is included. The first taste is offered at 12:30 p.m., accompanied by crackers, cheese and fruit. Fred Mlakar talks about the various wines as we go through the list, and you’ll also have a menu to follow along and read about what you’re tasting. The beer tasting is a bit less organized. Guests go up to the bar and request the beer they’d like to try.

Lunch is a buffet prepared by our favorite German chef, the Vineyard Gourmet. He hails from Bavaria and really knows what he’s doing. To top it all off, our own bakers prepare apple strudel for dessert, and it’s accompanied with a special selection of wine which will be served to your table. All the while, you will be entertained by the Fontana Button Box Club as well as

other talented volunteer musicians.

You will also have a chance to win prizes with the complimentary tickets you’ll receive at the gate. We try to have every table covered with a canopy to shade the sun, but if you have one of your own, please bring it along to help the cause. We’d greatly appreciate it!

Now for the business of it all. Tickets for adults are \$25 and include everything, unless you want to purchase extra wine. You’ll be able to make those purchases at the club rate. A discount ticket price is available for children and teens ages 6-20; children under age 6 and SNPJ youth members will be admitted free of charge. Checks made payable to “SNPJ Lodge 786” should be mailed to Jean Koci, 29476 Vista Plaza Dr., Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. Please call Jean Koci at (949)

495-0097 or e-mail [ajkoci@cox.net](mailto:ajkoci@cox.net) if you have any questions.

Now the really important part of this message is the date and time. Our 2016 Wine and Beer Tasting Picnic will be held Sunday, May 22, from noon until 5 p.m. Advance reservations are required, as mentioned.

Take the lovely drive to Temecula, Calif., about six miles east of the I-15, exiting at Rancho California. Follow Rancho California (the Wine Road) to Wiens Family Cellars at 35055 Via del Ponte, just past the round-about at Anza to the third driveway. We will be on the right side of the road at the grassy section with the bandstand. Don’t miss it; order your tickets early just to be sure... because it will be here before you know it! *Na zdravje!*

## 50-Year Members March 2016

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
A01	Edward S. Schwartz	559	Thomas R. Battaglia
6	Elizabeth E. Chambon	562	Edward J. Stachyra Jr.
6	Ronald J. Manzini	581	Linda S. Telatovich
41	Patricia A. Hudson	581	Joan F. Oley
41	Eugene D. Zecker	584	Robert J. Hribar
53	Gary A. Paine	584	Kenneth M. Znidarsic
87	Ann L. Kroohs	629	Michael G. Markovich
87	John A. Detweiler	643	Michael E. Bestic
87	Robert D. Stefanon	677	Robert F. Yuvan
89	Charles M. Stetar	715	Carol J. Kumer
107	Gary M. Senczyn	715	Shirley A. Johnson
126	Arlene F. Odon	715	Anna E. Evanish
142	Barbara Kalin	723	Linda A. Wilcox
216	Claudia E. Skarja	723	Charles E. Mauro
225	Paul J. Kranker Jr.	749	Bonita L. Logar
254	Patricia A. Remz	749	Helen M. Huber
257	Beverly L. Ivancic	749	Ernest D. Fetzter
257	Marianne Stefanik	771	James S. Penwell
459	Thomas H. Rowe	771	Frances A. Kapusta
559	Frank P. Tobola	771	Dorothy Helvak

## 60-Year Members March 2016

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
2	Marilyn K. Smith	257	Agnes P. Holladay
2	Carole C. Haas	304	Evelyn J. DelCarlo
6	Claire T. Wapinsky	577	Marlene R. Pratto
8	Patricia Kuhel	584	Shirley M. Porter
8	David L. Cremosnik	729	Joy Y. Palicka
138	Vincent F. Likar	776	Florence J. Webb
218	Edward J. Dekleva		

## 70-Year Members March 2016

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
5	Violet Heiden	566	Theresa E. Iskra
87	Marian M. Pasternak	584	Ann Pogorelc
207	Glenn Kenda	584	Margaret J. Latz
254	Joseph Hadari	603	Frank L. Stritar
268	Jacob Kokaly	603	Cecelia L. Magdziak
321	Louis N. Lushina	677	Rose Tait
476	Matilda Stratton	721	Barbara Peterson
564	Dorothy A. Roth	782	John Pavshak

## 80-Year Members March 2016

Lodge	Member
158	William Kosmach

# SNPJ RECOMMENDER PROGRAM



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