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SNPJ National Bowl returning to the Rec Center

by KEVIN RICHARDS
 SNPJ Fraternal Director

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — The 2016 SNPJ National Bowling Tournament will be held at the SNPJ Recreation Center the weekend of May 6-8, sponsored by Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6. SNPJ District 2 Athletic Director John Baselj will serve as the tournament secretary. Bowling will take place at Colonial Lanes in New Castle, Pa., with all social activities taking place at the SNPJ Recreation Center.

There are still cabins available for the tournament weekend. Please phone the SNPJ Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732 to reserve your cabin today. Food will be available throughout the weekend.

A block of rooms has been secured at the

Hampton Inn in New Castle. The special rates are \$129 per night for rooms with two double beds and \$119 per night for a king room. Phone (724) 656-0000 and mention the SNPJ bowling tournament to receive these rates. Hurry – the deadline for room reservations is April 6.

The Slovenian Heritage Center will host a welcome wine and cheese reception Friday, May 6, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The gift shop will be offering special clearance prices on select items in preparation for the new season. From there, join us in the Gostilna for a welcome party with the entertaining sounds of the Turcola Band from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Doubles and singles events will be bowled at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 7. A bus will be available to transport bowlers between

the bowling center and the SNPJ Recreation Center for both shifts of bowling. Please e-mail krichards@snpj.com to reserve your seat on the bus. A minimal fee will be collected when you board the bus, which will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis until full.

The team competition is scheduled Sunday, May 8, with shifts starting at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Wear your favorite Kentucky Derby hat to the Gostilna on Saturday evening to watch the race and enjoy drink specials. The entertainment on Saturday evening will feature Mansfield 5 in the Gostilna from 8 p.m. until midnight.

We look forward to once again welcoming all of our bowlers to the Recreation Center for the SNPJ National Bowling Tournament.

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Western Pa. Fed slates April 10 meeting date

STRABANE, Pa. — The Slovene Federation of SNPJ Lodges of Western Pennsylvania will hold their second meeting of 2016 at Strabane Lodge 138 Sunday, April 10. The meeting will start at 3 p.m. We urge all Lodges from the Federation to send a representative to this meeting.

DON PROGAR (138)
 Federation President

Lodge 31 will host an April dinner meeting

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

BARB BOGOLIN
 Lodge 31 Secretary/Treasurer

Westmoreland Fed reps to attend April meeting

GREENSBURG, Pa. — The Westmoreland County Federation of SNPJ Lodges will hold its second quarter meeting Sunday, April, 24, at SNPJ Lodge 223 in Greensburg. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. All Lodge representatives are encouraged to attend.

MARYANN BEBAR (41)
 Federation President

Meeting information for Lodge 153 members

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — SNPJ Lodge 153 meetings for 2016 will continue to be held at Shepherd of the Valley in Poland, Ohio; however, we will meet in the main building rather than the recreation building. The next meeting date is May 17.

DIANE CHERMELY TANNER
 Lodge 153 Secretary/Treasurer

THE DEADLINE

The next two *PROSVETA* issue dates are May 2 and June 1. All material must be received by Wednesday, April 20, for the May 2 issue, and by Wednesday, May 18, for the June 1 issue. If you are concerned about making the deadline, send an e-mail to prosveta@snpj.com or submit your material via the publications area of our website, www.snpj.org.

Miss SNPJ receives a royal welcome from Lodge 603

The red carpet was out in Samsula for special Florida SNPJ Days guests

by JULIE ROCKWELL (138)
 Miss SNPJ 2016

STRABANE, Pa. — Another journey is in the books as Miss SNPJ 2016 as I was privileged to attend Florida SNPJ Days at Samsula Lodge 603, Florida's first SNPJ Lodge which is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year.

On Feb. 25, my mom and I headed down to nearby New Smyrna Beach, Fla., along with

Region 6 Vice President Tracey Anderson (667), to soak up some sun. We spent our first 24 hours exploring the town and taking a "casual" five-mile walk to explore some sand dunes. On Friday we headed down to Lodge 603 where we made some new friends and saw some familiar snowbirds as well.

I spent the evening enjoying the music of the Bob Turcola Orchestra (Bob being one of the snowbirds) and assisting with a very large drawing that awarded prizes like fresh Florida fruit, local wine, home office goodies, some of Bob's homemade klobase, cash prizes and

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PERIODICAL MATERIAL



Lodge 603 representatives **RUTH BENEDICT**, **JEANNETTE HUMPHREY** and **GEORGE BENEDICT** welcomed Miss SNPJ 2016 **JULIE ROCKWELL** (138) and SNPJ Region 4 Vice President **TRACEY ANDERSON** (667) [center] to the annual Florida SNPJ Days celebration.

Be sure to save your spot for Slovenefest

by SUSAN ZARELLA (277)
 SNPJ Recreation Center

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — The 35th annual Slovenefest is coming July 8-10! If you are planning to stay in an RV or a tent at the Recreation Center for the weekend, you must call us soon to make your reservation. Spots are limited so the sooner you make your plans, the better!

Tent and RV spots must be paid in advance. I'm sorry to say that once these areas are filled, there will be no more available room.

Call us at 1-877-767-5732 to reserve your spot for a fun-filled weekend with more music than ever. Let's make this Slovenefest the best one yet!

A caring membership the pride of the SNPJ

by KAREN PINTAR
 SNPJ National Secretary

IMPERIAL, Pa. — It's always so nice to receive the Community Service/Humanitarian Acts Forms and see just how many of our Lodges and members are actively participating in events that benefit our communities and better the lives of those less fortunate.

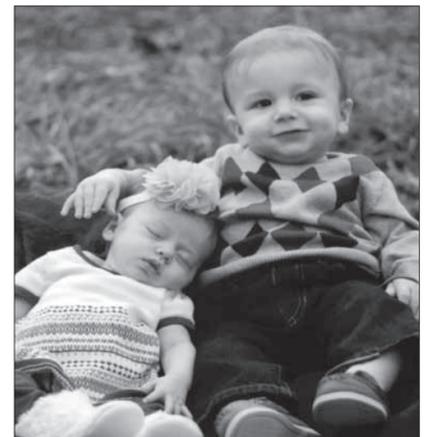
In 2015, our members participated in a wide variety of services and acts for the betterment of mankind, such as reading to underprivileged children; providing support and assistance at

senior centers; baking cookies for nursing homes; raising money for and participating in Relay for Life; donating to food banks; cleaning up road side trash and litter; raising money for homeless shelters; helping with local Meals on Wheels programs; donating money to local Salvation Army divisions; collecting cleaning supplies for local Ronald McDonald House locations; donating art supplies to the Young Adult Conference project supporting after-school art activities for disadvantaged youths; donating boxed and canned goods to

neighborhood food drives; donating money, toiletries and paper items to homeless shelters; participating in the American River Clean-up; holding toy drives for Toys for Tots; and fundraising to combat MS, cancer, heart disease and Parkinson's.

These are all wonderful, helpful acts and services performed by our members. It's part of our fraternal purpose, and we and all those who were helped by your kindness are most appreciative.

Keep up the good work!



• Jillian M. Vasilko and Logan P. Reitnauer Johnstown, Pa., Lodge 749

Lodge 749 welcomes two new members, Jillian M. Vasilko and Logan P. Reitnauer. Jillian is the daughter of J.J. (749) and Sarah Vasilko. Logan is the son of Phil and Julie Vasilko (749) Reitnauer. Jillian and Logan are the grandchildren of Ann Michele Vasilko (749), and Jim and Cathy Vasilko (749), and the great-grandchildren of Joe and Joanne Vasilko (749), and Paul and Anita Brodge. We welcome Jillian and Logan to the SNPJ and extend our best wishes to their families.

The Pust tradition continues in San Francisco

by DIANE BRAHNEY
 Lodge 304

SAN FRANCISCO — Torrential El Niño rains failed to keep revelers away from the Lodge 304 Pust celebration held March 5. Our traditional Pust date, the Saturday before Ash Wednesday, would have been Feb. 6, which was the day before the Super Bowl. We opted to change the date because of the massive crowds, traffic and high lodging rates in the Bay area during that week.

Approximately 175 people attended our Pust, making new acquaintances and reconnecting

with old friends. This was especially notable in the bar room, where Lisa Videgar Lucas, Fred Mlakar, Jože Antolin, Joe Rosenberger, Michael Kramer, Joe Mlakar, and Erich Sylvester jammed and put everyone in a happy mood. Stanko Pecavar was a strolling musician.

We thank all those who ventured from afar, including Fred Mlakar, Marty Swiderski, Joe Udovch, Kohnny and Patty Govednik, and Arnie and Jean Jochi from Orange Coast Lodge 786; Eric and Phyllis Wood and family from Fontana Lodge 723; and Joe Mlakar from Sacramento Lodge 745.

Eric Wood worked in the kitchen, as did daughter Juliana and son John Eric. Many thanks! We were pleased to see Phyllis looking well. Way to go, Phyllis!

The next day, some of the members from other Lodges attended Mass at our Slovenian Church of the Nativity, where we had a chance to socialize afterward. It's been too long!

The Gruber Family Band entertained in the big hall. Not only were our older, seasoned dancers on the dance floor, but so were the younger

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SNPJ Regions preparing to host fraternal activities in 2016

by KEVIN RICHARDS
SNPJ Fraternal Director

IMPERIAL, Pa.—Several Regional Fraternal Activities for 2016 are in the works, and a couple are ready to be marked on your calendar. I thank our Regional Vice Presidents for organizing these events, with assistance from the Fraternal Department, for the benefit of our members in the different regions. These activities have been quite successful in the past and we hope to continue them

in the future.

The first Regional Fraternal Activity for 2016 will take us back to a very popular bowling area in SNPJland: the Sygan Bowling Center and SNPJ Lodge Hall. This will be the sixth year that Region 2 Vice President Jim Curl has hosted a no-tap bowling tournament for this region. The event will take place Sunday, May 22, and all Region 2 members are invited to participate in this fun day of bowling and fraternalism.

Bowling will begin at 2 p.m. There will be a cookout with hamburgers, hot dogs and sides, and yours truly will be serving as guest chef. You can register to bowl by calling Lodge 6 at (412) 221-9862.

Our next event takes us right into the middle of the Slovenian community in Cleveland. I recently spoke with Region 3 Vice President Linda Gorjup and she informed me that Slovene Heritage Night at the Lake County Captains is scheduled for

Monday, Aug. 15. This is a 7 p.m. game against the West Michigan Whitecaps. Tickets are only \$8 and can be purchased by contacting Linda Gorjup or your local Lodge secretary. SNPJ members will receive a food voucher at the game.

We're still putting together plans for other regional events, and I'll have details for you as soon as they're available. I look forward to seeing you at one or more of these fraternal events.

A sweet afternoon of CAL doubles bowling

by LINDA GORJUP (158)
CAL Treasurer

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Athletic League (CAL) hosted their annual Sweetheart Doubles Bowling Tournament the afternoon of Feb. 20 at Wickliffe Lanes. Check-in began at 1 p.m. with the tournament starting at 1:30. All bowlers received a free shoe rental and unlimited soft drinks all afternoon; the alley really worked with us to make this a great event. Of course, there was the inevitable split raffle as well.

After a few hours of bowling and beers, the group was treated to a "picnic" consisting of fried chicken, mini sliders, vegetable trays, a variety of deli salads and giant cookies, all served by CAL representatives Sophie Matuch (142), Gerri Trebets (604), Lou Novak (576) and Dorothy Gorjup (158). It was nice to have Dorothy come out and visit with all her friends. But as we all know, Dorothy couldn't sit still and had to pitch-in. Thank you, everyone.

Our drawing was headed by Pat Novak. She sure can

sell those tickets! Chris Bacnik handled the jackpots. We were missing one important person this year, CAL President Rick Gorjup (158). He was tending to funeral arrangements for his mother-in-law, Lillian Dietrich, who recently passed away. CAL officers and members send their condolences to Rick and his wife's family.

Now on to the results. This year's adult champs were the mother and son duo of Michele and Ryan Vojtush, who rolled 1,301. We had six youth bowlers this year. Ashley and Patrick Vojtush were the youth champs, wowing us with a 1,186 series. For their effort, they received Target gift cards. The men's high game for the afternoon was Marshall Gorjup with a 249; the women's high game went to Donna Wolf Tizzano with a 232.

Thanks to all the bowlers who participated, and to the CAL representatives who devote their time each year to make this a successful event. Next year's Sweetheart Doubles is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 11, 2017.



Reigning at the 2016 CAL Sweetheart Doubles Bowling Tournament were adult champions [above] MICHELE and RYAN VOJTUSH, and youth champions [below] ASHLEY and PATRICK VOJTUSH.



Trailer Court Civic Assoc. ready for season opening party

by AMY MAVRICH (138)
SNPJ Trailer Court Civic Assoc.

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — It's April! Not only does that mean the days are getting longer and warmer and everything is in bloom, it means the water is on at the SNPJ Trailer Court – yay!

So now we can open our trailers, dust off our golf carts and get this season started. The SNPJ Trailer Court Civic Association has many activities planned for the new year, starting with the opening party on Saturday, May 28. Be sure to mark your calendar. Details will follow in next month's PROSVETA and on flyers. Let the fun begin!

President Roland Hudson, Vice President Joyce Hudson, Treasurer Sonny Jurkowski and Secretary Amy Mavrich encourage everyone who has a trailer in the SNPJ Trailer Court to become a member of the SNPJ Trailer Court Civic Association. Dues are just \$20 per person per trailer (there are no dues for children 16 and under) and can be paid to any Trailer Court Civic Association officer or at the opening party. Join us... you'll be glad you did!

Until next time... see 'ya at the Gostilna!

Up-and-Coming...

A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

- APR. 2Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6 Couples Nite Out in the Sunshine Room featuring live music, dinner, dancing and prizes. For tickets e-mail brandlk64@yahoo.com.
- APR. 2Midway, Pa., Lodge 89 community bingo in the upstairs hall; 6 p.m. Kitchen will be open.
- APR. 3Fontana, 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.
- APR. 3Detroit Lodge 564 annual spring dance at the Slovene American Club, Melvindale, Mich. Dinner 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. 9SLO-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. 9Imperial, 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.
- APR. 10Imperial, 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.
- APR. 14Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 bar bingo 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.
- 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 e-mail butnboxr@aol.com.
- APR. 23Imperial, 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.
- APR. 24Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 hosts the Frank Rote Band at the Fontana Slovene Hall; 2-6 p.m. For additional information contact Frank Rote at (909) 987-8714 or e-mailing butnboxr@aol.com.
- APR. 24Imperial, 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.
- APR. 24Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6 hosts the Prime Time Polka's 19th Anniversary Radio Benefit Dance in the Sunshine Room; 2-7 p.m. Music by the Frank Stanger Orchestra and many more.
- APR. 28Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 bar bingo 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.
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- MAY 7Midway, Pa., Lodge 89 community bingo in the upstairs hall; 6 p.m. The kitchen will be open.
- MAY 7-8SNPJ 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 8Imperial, 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.
- MAY 15Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 hosts the Chris Thomas Band at the Fontana Slovene Hall; 2-6 p.m. For details contact Frank Rote at (909) 987-8714 or butnboxr@aol.com.
- MAY 15Imperial, 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 or snpj106@gmail.com.
- MAY 19Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 bar bingo 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.
- MAY 22Region 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 22Orange 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 additional information contact Jean Koci at (949) 495-0097 or 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 information contact Frank Rote at (909) 987-8714 or butnboxr@aol.com.
- MAY 28CAL Don Gorjup Golf Open at Rolling Greens Golf Course, Huntsburg, Ohio. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. For additional information contact Rick Gorjup at (440) 354-5001.
- MAY 30Val Pawlowski's Memorial Day dance at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 1-7 p.m. Music by the Don Wojtila and Frank Stanger bands. For more information contact Val at (330) 318-3004.
- JUNE 4Tony Mlinar Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament at New Berlin Hills Golf Course, New Berlin, Wis. For additional information or to register, contact Tom Schweiger at (414) 543-7110 or luckylanes13@yahoo.com, or stop by Lucky Lanes, 5014 W. Howard Ave., Milwaukee.
- JUNE 4Midway, Pa., Lodge 89 community bingo in the upstairs hall; 6 p.m. Kitchen will be open.
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Have something for Up-and-Coming?

Lodge/Organization _____

Type of Event _____

Site _____

If a concert or dance, who is performing? _____

Date _____

Time _____

Who to contact _____

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Mr. Buffett started accumulating his wealth at a very early age when he sold chewing gum, Coca-Cola bottles and magazines door-to-door. While in high school he made money delivering newspapers, selling golf balls and detailing cars. On his first income tax return at the age of 14, he took a \$35 deduction for the use of his bicycle and his watch on his paper route. At the age of 15 he and a friend purchased a pinball machine for \$25 and placed it in a local barber shop. Within several months they owned several machines in three different barber shops, and later sold their business for \$1,200.

Mr. Buffett is well-known for his quotes and words of wisdom. His advice for 2016 is "Rule No. 1: Never lose money. Rule No. 2: Never forget rule No. 1." It's easy to see that he has followed this advice from the time he was a child, and investing in an SNPJ annuity can help you follow this wise advice as well. The SNPJ Loyalty Annuities are currently earning 3.5 percent or 3.0 percent for one full year, and they are guaranteed to never earn less than 2.0 percent; you'll be sure to never lose money. And if you're looking for a tax deduction, you can use the annuity to fund your IRA.

Buffett also said "Most behavior is habitual. I think the biggest mistake is not learning the habits of saving properly because saving is a habit." SNPJ can help you follow this advice as well. We can make it easy for you to put money into your annuity or IRA by automatically withdrawing your desired amount from your bank account. The habit of saving money will be automatic and easy.

Another piece of wisdom that Mr. Buffett has offered is, "Risk comes from not knowing what you're doing." Again, SNPJ can help you with that because we know what we're doing. You can count on us to take care of your money, and to make sure there is no risk involved.

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- **Thought for the Month**— Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.

Warren Buffett



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Slovenia's emergency center network complete

IZOLA (STA) — A \$38 million project to create a network of emergency centers across Slovenia was completed with the opening of the last of the 10 regional units in the coastal town of Izola in late February. The project, which was slated for conclusion by the end of 2015, was mostly funded by the EU: the European Regional Development Fund contributed \$32.5 million, while \$5.5 million came from the national budget and individual hospitals.

The first emergency center, located at Brežice Hospital, opened in November 2014 after three years of construction. New emergency centers were also constructed in Murska Sobota, Maribor, Jesenice, Slovenj Gradec, Celje, Trbovlje, Nova Gorica and Novo mesto.

There had been significant delays at individual locations, but all emergency centers were opened last year with the exception of the one in Izola, where the delay was due to an audit of office equipment and supplies. As Slovenian Health Minister Milojka Kolar Celarc explained in an interview with the press last December, Slovenia would not have to return the EU funds due to the delay.

Although in full operation, most of the emergency centers still do not have final staff figures, which will depend on the number of patients treated.

The original plans for the nationwide network of emergency centers also included new centers in Ljubljana and Ptuj, which were later excluded from the scope of the project. Ljubljana, as the seat of the country's main hospital, already has an emergency unit. However, a new emergency center is planned for construction in Ljubljana in February 2017.

Due to pressure from parliament and the local community, the Health Ministry also determined that an emergency center would eventually be constructed in Ptuj as well. The project is already included in the national development plan.

New restrictions, taxes on tobacco products

LJUBLJANA (STA) — In late February, the Slovenian Health Ministry proposed tightening restrictions on tobacco products to coincide with new EU regulations, as well as introduce new taxes to finance smoking prevention programs.

In this first major revision of tobacco legislation since major limits on sales, advertising and smoking in public were imposed in 2007, the draft bill seeks to discourage smoking, in particular among the youth. The bill would also transpose the new EU tobacco products directive and other measures imposed by the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

A key demand of the EU directive is the inclusion of large warning tags and graphic images of illnesses caused by smoking on cigarette packs.

Within a period of two years, the Health Ministry is hoping to introduce a uniform, no-brand packaging for tobacco products to make them less attractive to buyers. "The tobacco industry is targeting youth in particular," according to Minister Milojka Kolar Celarc, who added that "the biggest concern in Slovenia was an increase in the number of smokers among girls and young mothers."

By implementing the EU directive, Slovenia would impose a ban on flavored cigarettes, such as fruit or menthol, and additives such as vitamins or herbs in both cigarettes and loose (rolling) tobacco.

In addition, the Health Ministry seeks to tackle the sale and advertising of electronic cigarettes as Minister Kolar Celarc announced a ban on online sales of tobacco and tobacco products.

The ministry also proposes measures to reduce accessibility to tobacco products, a full ban on advertising, and a ban on smoking in cars carrying minors. Cigarettes and other tobacco products would be banned from the media. This would not affect films, but smoking would be prohibited on television programs.

Minister Kolar Celarc also announced a new fee, labeled a "tobacco cent," which could amount to between 50 cents and a dollar per sale. The money raised through the tobacco cent would be collected separately and earmarked for programs aimed at preventing and reducing the damages caused by smoking.

Additionally, tobacco retailers would be required to obtain a license. The ministry has proposed a license fee amounting to EUR 200 (\$215) per year per vending outlet, which would net an estimated \$1.4 million per year. These funds would be used for smoking prevention programs and to raise awareness of the health



hazards of smoking.

The licenses granted, as well as the fines (on which license extensions would depend), would be maintained in a registry which the Health Ministry hopes will be set up within a year. To crack down on offenders, the ministry proposes to use minors – with the consent of their parents – to track down vendors selling tobacco products to minors.

Ancient statues found near the Croatian border

LJUBLJANA (STA) — According to report on Radio Slovenija in early March, Slovenian police have found three items of great historical value in one of the refugee centers located near the Croatian border. Unofficially, the three statues could be more than 3,000 years old. Since the objects were not seized, but rather found, no criminal report was filed.

The statues, which seem to have been left behind during the recent movement of migrants through Slovenia, most likely date back to the period of the ancient Sumerian civilization, according to police information, but their authenticity is still being verified.

After receiving opinions concerning the origin and age of the statues, the police turned to experts for help, and the process of determining their age is being conducted through the courts.

The Radio Slovenija report speculated that the person carrying the objects might have wanted to sell them on the black market to make money for himself, or he could be part of a carefully planned operation aimed at financing specific goals. Military operations have caused irreparable damage to thousand-year-old monuments in the Middle East, and many valuable artifacts have been stolen and are now being sold on the black market.

A symposium devoted to the issue was held in London in February. Participants revealed that severe damage to the cultural heritage was being caused on the Turkish-Syrian border, where smaller artifacts in particular are being smuggled out of the region. Occasionally, parts of monumental art, such as mosaics, are also discovered among the smuggled objects.

Yugoslav space program documentary at film fest

NEW YORK (STA) — "Houston, We Have a Problem!" a documentary exploring an alleged Yugoslavia space program, has been selected to compete in the 2016 Tribeca Film Festival. Directed by Žiga Virč, this is the first Slovenian film to be accepted to the world-famous festival of independent film founded by Robert De Niro in 2002.

The documentary investigates the theories alleging that the United States purchased the Yugoslav space program in the early 1960s after falling behind Russia in the race to the moon.

The film will be screened as part of the festival's World Documentary Competition, competing against 10 other films. The festival, scheduled April 13-24, will also feature U.S. and international narrative competitions.

"Houston, We Have a Problem!" is a co-production of Slovenia, Croatia, Germany, the Czech Republic and Qatar, and the screening at the festival will mark the film's world premiere.

The film is based on the story of Ivan, a former engineer for the Yugoslav space program, and on yet-unseen documents.

Following the Second World War, the Yugoslav intelligence service allegedly presented President Josip Broz Tito with the space technology plans formulated by Herman Potočnik Noordung (1892-1929), a Slovenian pioneer of space travel theory. Tito, trapped between the East and the West during the Cold War, is said to have ordered the launch of an ambitious space program.

The program was then sold to the United States in March 1961 for a great deal of money, with which Yugoslavia funded its national development. Two months later, President John F. Kennedy announced the United States would send a man to the moon.

According to public broadcaster RTV Slovenija, Slovenia's co-producer of the film, "Houston, We Have a Problem!" is a surprising mix of reality and fiction portraying recent history through conspiracy theories.

Eco-friendly sightseeing train rolling in Ljubljana

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Beginning in mid-April, a zero-emission tourist train, named "Urban," is set to tour the streets of Ljubljana. Urban, which will carry passengers free of charge in the first days following its launch, will connect Ljubljana's main tourist attractions throughout the year.

The state-of-the-art tourist train "is the brainchild of the LPP transportation company and Slovenian e-mobility experts," representatives of the Ljubljana City Municipality wrote in a press release.

Urban is composed of three passenger cars and one locomotive. Equipped with 12 solar panels that provide the train with energy, it will reach a maximum speed of nearly 16 mph.

The train's route is planned to start at Ljubljana City Hall, carrying passengers on a route through Ljubljana Castle, the Špica town beach, Trnovo borough, French Revolution Square, Congress Square, and Prešeren Square before concluding the tour at its starting point.

As Ljubljana Mayor Zoran Jankovič indicated during a press conference, the route will be set after some test rides conducted by LPP, which will ensure that Urban doesn't cause traffic jams during rush hours.

The train will embark on its route at the top of every hour throughout the year, offering 47 seats for passengers, one seat for the tour guide and one handicap-accessible space.

Passengers will be able to pay for their ride with cash, by credit card, with the Urbana city card, or with their smart phone. Urban is set to start its regular route at the end of April.

Majority of Slovenians on phones while driving

LJUBLJANA (STA) — A recent survey conducted by the Slovenian Traffic Safety Agency indicates that 75 percent of Slovenian drivers use their cell phones to make calls, send text messages or check social media while driving. "Drivers are not aware that using a phone while driving is similar to driving under the influence," the agency reported.

The survey showed that drivers' phone conversations lasted an average of five minutes, that texting took three minutes, and that checks of social media took four minutes. Some drivers (five percent) even admitted to surfing websites while behind the wheel, three percent used mobile apps, and 10 percent said they used their phones to listen to music or for GPS navigation.

The results of the survey are quite alarming, proving that Slovenian drivers do not realize the dangers involved in the use of phones while driving. According to the agency, driving while operating a cell phone is similar to driving with a 0.08 percent blood alcohol content.

Ironically, the respondents believed that people who use phones while driving are the most dangerous drivers, followed by those who drive under the influence.

The survey involved a thousand respondents over the age of 18 who drive at least an hour each day.

Slovenians complete first-ever tandem ski jump

PLANICA (STA) — Slovenian skijumpers Rok Urbanc and Jaka Rus made history in February by successfully completing the first-ever tandem ski jump at Planica, the cradle of Slovenian ski jumping.

The idea of two jumpers taking flight on just one pair of skis was floated on the *Trainers4me.com* website by Marko Filej, who presented the idea to ski jumping coach Vesa Bajc. "[Bajc], too, thought that the idea was bold, but he believed in it. He suggested Rok Urbanc and Jaka Rus, who have successfully made the historic jump," Filej told the press after the event, which took place Feb. 18.

Urbanc, who won a World Cup event in Zakopane, Czech Republic, in 2007, and Rus, who jumped 195 meters during warm-ups in this year's Ski Flying World Cup event in Kulm, Austria, were also excited about the jump. "We cannot believe that we made it."

A video of the historic jump was uploaded to YouTube on the Feb. 21 and has since gone viral. Visit the SNPJ Facebook page to watch the jump.

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Loyalites Lodge working on summer event plans

by LINDA GORJUP
Lodge 158 Secretary

EUCLID, Ohio — Happy belated Easter to all our friends and family. I hope the winter wasn't too harsh for anyone.

Now let's get down to SNPJ business for Lodge 158. Our Lodge meeting was held March 10. We had one 50-year member, Dean Moore. Congratulations, Dean, on reaching this milestone. The Lodge purchased the Silver Sponsor package for this year's Slovenefest, and members discussed our upcoming events.

The first Loyalites Lodge 158 event of the year was our chili cook-off held March 20. Watch for my article in the May PROSVETA for all the details.

Our next event is the SLO-ISH Bowling Tournament Saturday, April 9, at Wickliffe Lanes. For more information or to sign up, contact Colleen Frank Sr. at (440) 953-3626 or Gina Volpe at (440) 205-1618.

I also want to mention that

the next day, Sunday, April 10, is the annual Button Box Bash at the Slovenian Society Home (Recher Hall) in Euclid. This event draws people from all over Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan. The doors open at 1 p.m. with non-stop music on two stages until 9 p.m. Recher Hall and the Polka Hall of Fame are the co-sponsors of this event.

We also discussed plans for our summer picnic at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, on Sunday, July 17. We will honor our membership anniversary celebrants at the picnic, and letters to the honorees will be sent in the near future. Lodge member Bobby Kravos will be supplying music for your dancing pleasure. We haven't pinned-down our menu yet, but it will be yummy as usual.

The month of March was busy for Loyalites Janet Smrdel, Colleen Frank, Colleen Frank Jr., Sami Volpe, Sue Srnick, Diane Horabik, Rachel

Elam and Molly O'Malley as they marched as the Celtic Nations Ladies Drill Team in both the Akron and Cleveland St. Patrick's Day parades. They were accompanied by drummer and Lodge member Nick Horabik.

Happy April birthday to Greg Volpe (the big 60!), Danny Elam, Colleen Frank Jr., Donna Sebusch, Jim Gorjup, Kim Gorjup and Kate Gorjup. Happy anniversary to Greg and Gina Volpe, who are celebrating their 29th year of bliss together. Happy 32nd anniversary to Fred and Pat Nevar as well.

The next Loyalites Lodge 158 meeting is set for April 14 beginning at 7 p.m. at Recher Hall in the upper bar annex.

We will vote for our Young Adult Conference (YAC) delegates and alternates. If you have submitted your name to me, please try to attend; our members would like to see who they are voting for. If you're

interested in attending the YAC (June 24-26 at the SNPJ Recreation Center), you still have time to submit your name. The deadline is April 14, prior to the Lodge meeting. Send your name to lmgl020@att.net or text me at (216) 650-1279.

The Teens Experience Leadership (TEL) Workshop will be held Aug. 5-7 at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Members age 13-17 who would like to attend can send me their names before May 12. We will be voting on the TEL delegates and alternates at our May 12 meeting. I can be reached by calling (440) 853-8776, calling or texting (216) 650-1279, or e-mailing lmgl020@att.net.

Thanks again for allowing me to keep you apprised of Lodge 158 business. I hope you come to one of our events and/or attend a Lodge meeting. We meet every second Thursday of the month at Recher Hall in the upper bar annex. See you all soon!



Treat the entire family to a week of fun activities at the SNPJ Recreation Center this summer during SNPJ Family Weeks. Family Weeks are scheduled July 17-23 and July 24-30.

Get in on the fun of SNPJ Family Weeks

by KEVIN RICHARDS
SNPJ Fraternal Director

IMPERIAL, Pa. — Have you ever thought of spending a week with your family at the SNPJ Recreation Center, enjoying fraternalism with fellow SNPJ members and a week full of fun and activities? If so, SNPJ Family Weeks are for you! This year's First Family Week will run from July 17-23, and the Second Family Week will run from July 24-30.

SNPJ members are offered a reduced rate and, just like Youth Roundup, you won't find a better deal anywhere! We're also offering an early bird discount, and we've created a special SNPJ Trailer Court resident rate that includes everything except lodging. See below for a breakdown of the rates.

Do you have family members who are SNPJ members and would like to visit for just a few days? They can stay with you in your cabin and be a part of Family Week for only \$45 per day for members 17 and older, or \$35 a day for

youth members ages 3-16. Non-members can visit for \$65 a day for those 17 and older, and \$55 a day for those ages 3-16. Of course, they can only visit for three days; any longer than that and they will have to pay the full week rate.

As I mentioned in my last article, there are four fraternal weeks held at the SNPJ Recreation Center: Youth Roundup, First Family Week, Second Family Week and Senior Week. These programs are subsidized by the Society, which means members pay a special reduced rate and SNPJ picks up the difference. Of course, we also offer non-member rates, but in most cases it's more economical to purchase a life insurance policy and become an SNPJ member to receive the special rates.

To make your reservation to attend either First or Second Family Week, contact the SNPJ Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732. A \$25 deposit is required to hold your cabin. You're sure to have a blast!

Lodge 603 offers a dose of southern hospitality for Miss SNPJ

MISS SNPJ HEADS SOUTH
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more. The kitchen was headed by Ruth Benedict, and the food was absolutely delicious. There was a variety of options, including klobase, fried fish, cabbage rolls, pierogies, potato and macaroni salad, fresh Florida fruit and more. It left all those in attendance with full and happy bellies.

Among the new friends we met at Lodge 603 were President George Benedict and his wife Ruth, Bill Benedict, Bill Allison, Gary Stone and many others whose faces I remember but whose names elude me. I was also thrilled to meet a childhood friend of my grandmother who knew her from growing up in Lawrenceville, Pa., and singing in Slovenian singing society. It's true when they say it's a small world. I learned from the Floridians that you have to travel north to get to the south, as almost every Florida resident is a transplant from somewhere else. It's such a melting pot that the renowned southern culture is absent in Florida, except for southern hospitality which abounds at Lodge 603.

On Saturday morning my mom, Tracey and I were blessed with a bright, sunny day, and we were eager to head back to Lodge 603. The Marc Bouchard Orchestra played all day for the great turnout! Everyone

danced along and had a blast. We saw a lot of familiar faces including Lou and Pat Novak (576), Kathy Paulenich (776), Babe and Beverly Baselj (6), and Wendy and Butch Kinney (106). Another face my mom and I recognized was one we met on our Slovenia tour in 2004, Jeanette Humphrey. It was great to see her and reminisce about our time exploring Slovenia.

The food was once again amazing, with Saturday's kitchen headed by Nancy Bass, who did a great job! The band paused to call on all willing button box musicians for a jam session, and guess what? They were all women, all six of them. You ladies sounded great! Another drawing with just as many awesome prizes was held and my mom was a lucky winner! She won a bag of fresh Florida oranges and grapefruit, which were delicious. You couldn't have picked a better suited prize for my mom, except for the fact that she had to tote the 10-pound bag of citrus through three airports on Sunday. She says it was worth it; the grapefruit were to die for.

During a break in the music, the Lodge had a brief program where I was able to say a few words of thanks. President Benedict presented me with flowers, local wine and a gift from the members of Lodge 603.

Tracey also presented President Benedict with a plaque recognizing the Lodge's 90th anniversary. Babe Baselj said a few words, as did the always-entertaining Marty Kumer (715).

Afterwards, my mom, Tracey and I timidly entered the bean bag toss tournament, which made us feel like we were right at home back at the campsite. Although there was a random draw for teammates, my mom and I ended up together, but we didn't make it past the second round (it was a double elimination tournament). On the other hand, Tracey, who begrudgingly signed up as she was afraid she wouldn't be able to get the bags on the board, kicked butt and made it almost to the end, landing a very respectable fourth place! Saturday flew by so fast, we were sad to leave when the festivities ended.

Our trip to Florida for SNPJ Days couldn't have been more fun. The generosity from Lodge 603 was very humbling and I felt so fortunate to be a part of their event. I highly recommend that those local to the area, as well as those looking for an escape from the snow, stop by next year. Thank you again to the Benedicts and all the other members of Lodge 603 for making our visit so unforgettable. We hope you'll visit us at the Rec Center soon!



Miss SNPJ 2016 JULIE ROCKWELL and her mother, JANICE ROCKWELL, were happy to soak up the Florida sun during their February visit to Lodge 603 in Samsula.



The Florida SNPJ Days event had a variety of drawing prizes up for grabs, and Julie and SNPJ Audit Committee member LOU NOVAK [right] didn't miss out on their chance to win.

Register by June 16 for Early Bird Discounts*

SNPJ Members	With Cabin	Trailer Court Rate
Adults 17 & over	\$200/person	\$160/person
3-16 years old	\$150/person	\$120/person
Children under 3	Free	Free
Non-Members		
Adults 17 & over	\$350/person	\$310/person
3-16 years old	\$275/person	\$235/person
Children under 3	Free	Free

Register by the July 1 Deadline*

SNPJ Members	With Cabin	Trailer Court Rate
Adults 17 & over	\$225/person	\$185/person
3-16 years old	\$170/person	\$140/person
Children under 3	Free	Free
Non-Members		
Adults 17 & over	\$365/person	\$325/person
3-16 years old	\$290/person	\$250/person
Children under 3	Free	Free

*Prices do not include 6% tax.

PROSVETA Crossword

Think Spring (#0416) by StatePoint Media

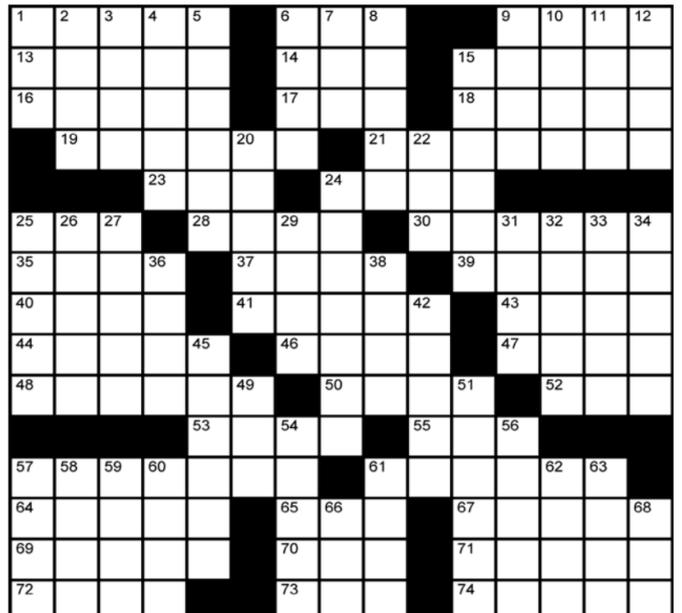
ACROSS

- Boat load
- Line of work
- Stairway alternative
- Hitler's mistress
- High or low card
- Country on Samoan Islands
- Stiff hair or bristles
- Kan. neighbor
- Holy See loyalist practicing different rites
- *Daylight ____ time
- *Spring is a symbol of this
- Much of this about nothing?
- *"Stop!" to marchers
- Feather glue
- World's largest continent
- To show off
- Functions
- Jittery
- End of a poem
- *Before you spring clean you make one?
- Manet's and Gauguin's contemporary
- Seaside bird
- *"Spring to mind" or "Spring into action," e.g.
- Table mineral
- Equal
- Correspondence friend

DOWN

- *Masters Tournament network
- Mars, to the Greeks
- "Pro" follower
- Exotic jelly flavor
- Iroquois tribe
- *More ____ for the buck
- *It dissipates in spring
- Striped equine
- Raja's wife
- Gulf V.I.P.
- Castle's line of defense
- Beaten by walkers
- Difficult to detect
- Red-____ like Rudolph

- Hermey the dentist, e.g.
- Wasted-looking
- *Popular spring flower
- Comment to the audience
- Pine product
- *____ of March, or March 15
- "The ____ Go Marching"
- Part of eye containing iris, pl.
- Marilyn Monroe's given name
- Pronged, as in three-____ fork
- "Cut that out!"
- Ivy League school
- Bills under mattress
- Like "The Martian" mission
- DiCaprio to his friends?
- Nature spirit in Greek mythology
- Ooze out
- Movie trailer, e.g.
- Cocoyam
- Leg muscle
- "Do ____ others as..."
- Frosts a cake
- Formally surrender
- Lion's warning
- Strong desires
- Horror movie series
- One of a set of dice



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The solution to puzzle #0416 will run in the May 2 issue.

Imperial Lodge 106 greeting spring with a full schedule of entertainment

by KEVIN RICHARDS
Lodge 106

IMPERIAL, Pa. — Greetings from SNPJ Lodge 106 in Imperial! Our bar bingo nights continue on the second and fourth Thursdays in the Lodge

106 clubroom. Come out to the club on those Thursdays, sign the weekly book and enjoy an evening of bingo. Early bird games start at 6:30 p.m.; the first regular games start at 7. Our kitchen is open during bar

bingo evenings.

The fabulous oldies group Magic Moments will once again grace the stage in the Imperial Room at Lodge 106 on Saturday, April 9, from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission will be \$10 at the door and the Lodge 106 kitchen will be offering a buffet meal.

For the first time ever, Lodge 106 will welcome Polka Classics featuring Rob Deblander from Detroit to the clubroom stage on Saturday, April 23. Music will run from 7:30 to 11 p.m. and the kitchen will be open.

The Lodge 106 car cruise

season is back! Our first car cruise is set for Sunday, May 15. Our good friends Cool Change will be providing the entertainment, and car cruise schedule magnets will be available to the first 100 cars. Our Sunday, June 5, car cruise will feature music by the George Suhon Duo and dash plaques for the first 50 cars.

Our third car cruise will take place Sunday, July 17. The Messengers will be providing the entertainment, and there will be dash plaques for the first 50 cars. To honor Elvis Week, our Sunday, Aug. 14, car cruise will feature "Elvis

Lives: A Tribute to the King!" There will be dash plaques for the first 50 cars.

Our final car cruise of the 2016 season will be a Black and Gold car cruise and it will take place Sunday, Sept. 18. We'll be giving out SNPJ Lodge 106 Car Cruise Terrible Towels.

All of the Lodge 106 car cruises are scheduled from noon until 4 p.m., and each features live entertainment, a food buffet, drinks, 50/50 drawings and door prizes on our level, paved parking lot and in our air-conditioned clubroom. The Coors Light

and Miller Lite girls will be on-site for all of our car cruises, and bikes are always welcome too.

Would you like to receive periodic e-mails from Lodge 106 about our upcoming events and important announcements? If so, e-mail snpj106@gmail.com and we'll add you to our list.

Keep track of all the activities going on at Lodge 106 by visiting the "Upcoming Events" page on our website, www.snpjimperialpa.com. Don't forget to check out SNPJ Lodge 106 on Facebook and "Like" us.

50-Year Members April 2016

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
A01	Bonnie Marie Stancoven	223	Pearl A. O'Hara
A02	Howard J. Vey Jr.	265	Thomas Gazvoda
3	Mary R. Schweikert	268	Phyllis A. Torrel
6	Helen M. Davidson	274	Roseanne McDonald
6	James D. Paul	564	Ermando Volpe
6	Patricia L. Davidson	576	Joseph A. Fatur
53	Patricia A. Dugach	581	David F. Stermole
89	Jeanie L. McGinnis	629	Daniel J. Ristway
138	Leroy E. Feather	643	Hazel M. Boop
158	Doris L. Smoggie	715	Sandra Bresuciak
158	John Smoggie	723	Linda L. Vidmar
174	Markita A. Kochevar	729	Lynn Nelson
216	Carolyn M. Olszewski	771	Nick R. Candiello
218	Robert P. Cahill	782	Janet Pompe

60-Year Members April 2016

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
A02	David Ralph Werner	268	Frances M. Sundberg
2	Roger J. Schaefer	371	Maynard J. Plahuta
6	Elaine A. Hiker	518	Margaret Dowie
8	Arlene M. Shostack	518	Arlene M. Kent
89	Edward Daniel Morra	584	Vera Switalski
89	Frances Marie Tamulinas	584	Arlene R. Lunow
106	Alberta Coughlin	603	Mary Ann Klotz
174	Nancy A. Rabic		

70-Year Members April 2016

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
A01	Ella C. Ankowski	218	Rosemarie L. Moore
A01	Carl S. Troy	254	Mary C. Saloney
A02	Bernadette Genser	257	Joseph Bolta
6	James R. Pintar	268	Annabelle L. Alesh
6	William L. Dermovsek	577	Lucille E. Jesik
106	Verna A. Beck	584	Edward F. Vidmar
158	Mary E. Krockner	603	Margaret Thomas
158	Josephine Rotter	677	Edward Anthony Prim
218	Albert L. Grubestic	686	Carolyn Holevatz

80-Year Members April 2016

Lodge	Member
6	Pauline J. Sakely
41	Helen Jelochen

Badger Jabber

by BOB SMOLE
Lodge 584

MILWAUKEE — The regular monthly meeting of Badger Lodger 584 was called to order by President Tim Donovan at 7 p.m. on March 10, as scheduled. All officers were in attendance. The previous meeting's minutes were accepted as read. The secretary/treasurer's reports were presented and accepted as well. The Badger Lodge auditors were advised that an audit would be completed following adjournment.

A report was given by Sis. Mary Donovan on the Verbick Memorial Bowling Tournament, with all indications that it was another successful event. There was more money to split between the SNPJ, KSKJ, CFU and Sloga scholarship funds in comparison to previous years. Our thanks to all who participated, and we hope you will attend again on Jan. 21, 2017, at Lucky Lanes. The date is set, so mark it in your calendar.

USPEH representative Bro. Tom Gehm gave a report from the recent USPEH meeting. Upcoming events were outlined and will be covered later in this article.

Several albums were presented for review of a large collection of Slovenian stamps; a beautiful collection that obviously took many years and a multitude of hours to organize and maintain. It was a pleasure to look at this collection of brilliant color and artwork that went into these stamps. The albums were available for review throughout the evening.

There were no birthdays to celebrate with song in March. The monthly drawings were won by Brothers Jeff Mlaker and Tim Donovan. Sis. Mary Donovan won a

special prize donated by Sis. Jan and Bro. Tom Gehm. The short-and-sweet meeting was adjourned, and coffee, cake and fresh strawberries were made available.

The Badger Lodge has some membership anniversaries to celebrate. Congratulations to Bro. Robert J. Hribar on reaching his 50-year membership; to Sis. Shirley M. Porter who is celebrating her 60-year membership; and to Sisters Ann Pogorelc and Margaret J. Latz who have reached their 70-year membership with SNPJ. Again, congratulations to all of these fine members!

Congratulations and best wishes to Bro. Tim and Sis. Mary Donovan on the completion of their new home. They moved into their spacious new abode recently and are very happy to be able to leave apartment living in their past. We're looking forward to a scheduled tour.

The UWM Slovenian Arts Program (SAP) is presenting an evening of Slovenian music and dance on Saturday, April 16, at St. John the Evangelist Church and Hall, 8500 W. Cold Spring Road. The Zbor Špendov Slovenian men's group is from Lemont, Ill., and performs liturgical and secular music. They will sing at the 4:30 p.m. Mass, and then at 7 p.m. will perform a concert in St. John's downstairs hall.

Many of the choral group members perform with the Zadnja Kapla band which will follow the concert. The band will be playing Avsenik and Slak music for dancing.

This is a free event and the public is invited. This is going to be a great social night of music, snacks and refreshments, so make sure you don't miss this one.

Interested in playing balina? Well here's your chance! The Milwaukee SNPJ Balina League will open the 2016 season on Monday, May 2, with a meeting of the teams starting at 6 p.m. at West Allis

Veteran's Park, S. 70th St. and W. National Ave. League play will begin at this location on Monday, May 9. The league will play every Monday in two shifts, the first starting at 6 p.m. and the second at 7 p.m.

This is a fun night out on beautiful summer evenings at one of West Allis' delightful parks, enjoying the spirit of friendly competition and rivalry among teams. After the season is complete in September, following the playoffs, a banquet is held to award prizes to the top-placing teams.

The league is open to all interested individuals over the age of 18. The \$20 fee includes the banquet and league prizes. If you would like to participate, contact Denise Bartlett at (414) 327-4990 or e-mail denisebartlett@wi.rr.com for further information.

Your calendar of "must attend events" should include Sunday, June 26, for a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the independence of Slovenia. The Triglav Slovenian Cultural Society and the USPEH organization are partnering to make this a very memorable day at beautiful Triglav Park. A Mass is scheduled at 11 a.m., followed by a day filled with good food, delicious Slovenian baked goods, *pivo*, *vino* and great music. A program is also being planned.

This will be a fun-filled day at this beautiful park nestled in the midst of large oak trees and the shade they provide. You don't want to miss this one either!

Badger Lodge 584 will hold our regular April monthly meeting on Thursday, April 14, starting at 7 p.m. at Mary Queen of Heaven gym, 2360 S. 106th St. in West Allis.

Come out and see what takes place at these Lodge meetings – you might even like it, and possibly come up with some new and exciting ideas that we can try.

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Greet the new season at the Zarja Spring Frolic

by DOUG ELERSICH (566)
Zarja Slovenian Singing Society

EUCLID, Ohio — It's been said, "You can't go home again." I don't know who said it and I'm not sure it's true, but if you'd like to see if it can be done, check out the Zarja Slovenian Singing Society's annual Spring Frolic. Zarja's

performance of "The Wanderer Returns or Does He Dare Go Back" will take place Saturday, April 23, at the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid.

The skit is a hilarious comedy with melodious tunes that will truly delight and set you up for a wonderful spring. The

evening will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7 and music for dancing around 8.

The donation for the whole package is \$27 per person. Tickets for the program and dance only will be available for \$12. For tickets or more information, contact Barbara at

(440) 257-2540 or bjelersich@yahoo.com; Karen at (216) 481-1379; your favorite Zarja member; or stop by the Polka Hall of Fame, E. 222 St. in Euclid.

Remember, the Spring Frolic date is Saturday, April 23, and the location is the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave. in Euclid.

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BRO. NIKOLEM J. BIBER
• LODGE 6 •

SYGAN, Pa. — The members of Lodge 6 sadly announce the Oct. 6, 2015, passing of Bro. Nikolem J. "Nik" Biber, 94, of Oakdale, South Fayette Twp., Pa., in his home.

Bro. Biber was born Aug. 26, 1921, in Noblestown, Pa., a son of the late Lawrence and Frances Biber. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

After working as a machinist at Westinghouse, he opened Biber's Garage in 1946. In the mid-1970s he worked as a prototype machinist for Rockwell International. He was an avid bowler.

In addition to his SNPJ membership, he was also a member of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church, Oakdale.

Surviving are his children, Joseph (Linda) Biber, Dennis (Elaine) Biber, Marylyn (Dwayne) Donaldson, Carolyn (Paul) Latkowski, Allan (Mary) Biber, Robert (Cindy) Biber and David (Christie) Biber; a sister, Agnes Javits; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Susan (Yalch) Biber, who passed away in 2012; four sisters, Ann Kyle, Mary Likavec, June Schmidt and Amelia Biber; and two brothers, Frank and Peter Biber.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Bro. Biber on Oct. 10, 2015, in St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church. Interment followed in St. Patrick Cemetery, Oakdale.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 6 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we

extend our sympathies to Bro. Biber's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

BRO. RANDY M. MCCLINTOCK
• LODGE 6 •

SYGAN, Pa. — With sadness, the members of Lodge 6 announce a second recent loss with the Nov. 17, 2015, passing of Bro. Randy M. McClintock, 48, of New Brighton, Pa., at UPMC Shadyside, Pittsburgh, following an extended illness.

Bro. McClintock was born July 25, 1967, in Beaver Falls, Pa., a son of Donna McClintock of Beaver Falls and the late Myron M. McClintock. He had been a refractory bricklayer at the former Horsehead Corporation, and loved hunting and fishing.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are a son, Derek McClintock; a daughter, Maranda McClintock (fiancee Ryan Stack); a grandson, Bryson McClintock; a brother, Ralph McClintock; three sisters, Diane (Mike) Plum, Sharon (Phil) Halstead and Christine (John) Knecht; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service for Bro. McClintock was held Nov. 20, 2015, in the J&J Spratt Funeral Home, New Brighton, officiated by the Rev. Donald W. MacNeil. Interment followed in Beaver Falls Cemetery.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 6 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Bro. McClintock's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

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Ludvik was a skilled machinist and woodworking craftsman. After coming to Euclid in the 1930s, he designed and built his own house in which he raised his family and lived with his wife for over 60 years. He also crafted many items from trees he cut down himself. His projects included a canoe, birdhouses and many pieces of furniture; two beds he crafted for his grandsons are presently being used by his great-grandsons.

Ludvik's family would like to express gratitude for the loving care he received at Mulberry Gardens in his last few years of life.

Bro. Miklausich was preceded in death by his parents, Ignac and Johanna (Starin) Miklausich; his wife of 68 years, Lillian (Jadrich) Miklausich; his 18-month-old son, Dale; brothers Edward, Anthony, Ignace, Frank and Valentine; and sisters Angela Stebly, JoAnn Gersetich and Olga Mesojedec, and sister Margaret in infancy.

He is survived by his brother, Robert (Theresa) Miklausich; daughters Joyce (Paul) Naujoks and Patricia (John) Manson; grandchildren John (Mavis) Manson, Christopher (Heather) Manson, Patrick (Jennifer) Manson, Andrew (Mary Ann) Manson, Peter (Kimberly) Manson and Sarah (Matthew) Ewing; 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Bro. Miklausich was celebrated Jan. 11 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Stow, Ohio. He was laid to rest at All Saints Cemetery, Northfield, Ohio.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 142 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Bro. Miklausich's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

SIS. AGNES A. YEANEY
• LODGE 138 •

STRABANE, Pa. — The members of Lodge 138 sadly announce the Jan. 4, 2016, passing of Sis. Agnes A. Yeaney, 70, of Waynesburg, Pa., in Washington County Health Center.

Sis. Yeaney was born Nov. 5, 1945, in Canonsburg, Pa., a daughter of the late George and Mary Davey Modrak. She was a homemaker, and for most of her life resided in Waynesburg.

In addition to 52 years of SNPJ membership, Agnes was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Waynesburg. On Aug. 30, 1969, she married Mervin "Bud" Yeaney. He preceded her in death on Jan. 27, 2007.

Surviving are a son, Mervin G. (Heather) Yeaney; a granddaughter, Holly Yeaney; and a brother, George Modrak.

Services for Sis. Yeaney were held Jan. 9 in Behm Funeral Homes, Inc., Waynesburg, officiated by the Rev. J. Francis Frazer.

On behalf of the members

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

SIS. CAROLYN A. KAVCICH
• LODGE 225 •

GIRARD, Kan. — With sadness, the members of Lodge 225 announce the Jan. 6, 2016, passing of Sis. Carolyn A. Kavcich, 76, of Pittsburgh, Kan., formerly of Girard, at St. Luke's Hospice House in Kansas City, Mo.

Sis. Kavcich was born March 30, 1939, in Cockerill, Kan., a daughter of John and Ann Domesick Baloh. She graduated from Arma High School in 1957.

Carolyn was a homemaker who worked as a secretary for Super Sweet Feed in Girard, and later for the U.S. Census Bureau. She moved to rural Girard in 1970 and most recently moved to Pittsburgh in 2014. She was an avid bingo player.

On Jan. 10, 1959, she married Anton Kavcich in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Arma, Kan. Anton preceded her in death on March 15, 2011. In addition to her SNPJ Lodge 225 membership, Sis. Kavcich was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Girard and TOPS in Pittsburgh.

Survivors include two daughters, Judy (Fred) Reynolds and Cindy (Don) Akina; a son, Robert (Amy) Kavcich; a brother, Glenn Baloh; five grandchildren, Megan Reynolds (Kyle Hill), Chris Reynolds, Jessica (David) Steinebaugh, and Parker and Gracie Kavcich; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, John Baloh, and a sister, Florence Baloh.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 225 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our sympathies to Sis. Kavcich's family, relatives and friends on their loss.



Sis. LILLIAN L. SENKINC (138)

SIS. LILLIAN L. SENKINC
• LODGE 138 •

STRABANE, Pa. — The Senkinc family and the members of Lodge 138 sadly announce a second recent loss with the Jan. 10, 2016, passing of Sis. Lillian Louise (Sammartino) Senkinc, 89, of Canonsburg, Pa., in Country Meadows Nursing Home, Bridgeville, Pa.

Sis. Senkinc was born April 3, 1926, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Joseph and Josephine Schicilone Sammartino. She attended Canonsburg schools and was a lifelong member of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church in Canonsburg.

In addition to her SNPJ membership, Lillian was a member of Catholic Daughters of America, Christian Mothers of St. Patrick Church, Orchard Lakes Ladies Auxiliary, Greater Italian American Association, and numerous bowling leagues. She loved dancing and baking her favorite pizzelles.

Sis. Senkinc and her husband had a Cub Scout troop from St. Genevieve Church in Canonsburg, which they both loved. Her husband, John Senkinc, whom she married in 1950, preceded her in death in 2001.

Surviving are a daughter, JoAnn (David) Wolff; a son, John (Judy) Senkinc; a brother, Joe (Rita) Sammartino; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Deceased are a sister, Edith Plants, and a grandson, Matthew Senkinc.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Sis. Senkinc on Jan. 14 in St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church, Canonsburg. Interment followed in Forest Lawn Gardens, McMurray, Pa.

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



Sis. ANNA M. KORBAR (629)

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• LODGE 629 •

EAST PITTSBURGH, Pa. — With sadness, the Korbar family and the members of Lodge 629 announce the Jan. 30, 2016, passing of Sis. Anna M. Vodopivec Korbar, 90, of Greensburg, Pa., formerly of McKeesport, Pa.

Born Aug. 25, 1925, in McKeesport, Sis. Korbar was the daughter of the late Nick and Josephine Matvija Pavlic. She was a retired secretary for Pennsylvania General Services.

In addition to 71 years of SNPJ membership, she was also a member of Corpus Christi Parish, and CFU Lodge 146 of Versailles, Pa., and its Ladies Club.

Sis. Korbar was preceded in death by her husbands, Louis E. Vodopivec II and Joseph Korbar; and her son-in-law, David D. Kaylor.

Surviving are her daughter, JoAnne Kaylor and special friend, Thomas Rush; a son, Louis E. (Anne) Vodopivec III; five grandchildren, David (Traci) Kaylor II, Kristen (Jeff) Smith, Louis E. (Asia) Vodopivec IV, Lisa Vodopivec and Maura Burns; eight great-grandchildren, Alec and Allie Kaylor, Leo Vodopivec, Ava and Andrew Burns, and David, Ryan and Kaylor Smith; a sister, Mildred Greene; and several nieces and nephews.

Mass was celebrated for Sis. Korbar on Feb. 3 at Corpus Christi Parish in McKeesport. Interment followed in Mt. Vernon Cemetery.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 629 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our sympathies to Sis. Korbar's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

BRO. FRANK J. MLAKAR
• LODGE 31 •

SHARON, Pa. — The members of Lodge 31 sadly announce the Feb. 3, 2016, passing of Bro. Frank J. Mlakar, 94, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, formerly of Farrell, Pa.

Bro. Mlakar was born in Boswell, Pa., to Johanna and Frank J. Mlakar Sr. Frank was a World War II Army veteran. He retired from the former Sharon Transformer Division of Westinghouse Electric Corp. after 42 years of faithful service.

He was a lifelong member of the Society, transferring to Lodge 31 after many years with the former Lodge 755.

Bro. Mlakar is survived by two daughters, Joyce (Mike) Smith and Kathy (Clayton) Kie; and a granddaughter, Chloe Kie. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret (Soro-kach) Mlakar; a sister, Rose Mlakar Reda; and a brother, Edward Mlakar

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Bro. Mlakar Feb. 6 in St. Matthew the Apostle Church, Gahanna, Ohio.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 31 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our condolences to Bro. Mlakar's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

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DEATHS REPORTED

For the month of December 2015

LODGE NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CITY-STATE
FD4 Frances Dantry	10-31-2015	Bethel Park, Pa.
3 Donald J. Delich	05-01-2015	Johnstown, Pa.
6 Helen P. Stojanovic	11-12-2015	Pittsburgh, Pa.
6 Randy M. McClintock	11-17-2015	New Brighton, Pa.
6 Margaret Yankovich	10-05-2015	Pittsburgh, Pa.
8 Frank L. Kavich	12-01-2015	Oak Park, Ill.
53 Virginia E. McCreary	05-20-2014	Cibolo, Texas
87 Clara F. Jerina	11-06-2015	Irwin, Pa.
89 Theresa Anzlovar	10-04-2015	Slovan, Pa.
106 Geraldine J. Kislosky	12-01-2015	Imperial, Pa.
107 Lorretta Forbeck	10-21-2015	St. Louis, Mo.
107 Mildred Corrigan	11-11-2015	St. Louis, Mo.
138 Walter I. Kostka	11-05-2015	Canonsburg, Pa.
138 Ronald R. Miles	11-03-2015	Washington, Pa.
138 Donald P. Moore	11-03-2015	Canonsburg, Pa.
138 Ann Chesnic	11-18-2015	Canonsburg, Pa.
138 Gloria J. Matusky	12-07-2015	Canonsburg, Pa.
142 Joseph W. Tomsic	12-06-2015	Kirtland, Ohio
158 Mary J. Grano	08-25-2015	Concord, Ohio
158 Frances E. Schmidt	11-15-2015	Cleveland, Ohio
158 Irene A. Gulick	11-23-2015	Willoughby Hills, Ohio
158 Linda M. Nardy	11-30-2015	Willowick, Ohio
225 Gladys R. Spacek	10-24-2015	Kansas City, Kan.
225 James A. McClendon	11-10-2015	Liberal, Mo.
225 Carolyn R. Girard	11-13-2015	Joplin, Mo.
254 Lawrence W. Marhefka Sr.	11-11-2015	Johnstown, Pa.
292 Samuel J. Dolinar	04-07-2013	Sunland, Calif.
518 Joe Ostanek	10-27-2015	Trenary, Mich.
518 Frank Skrbina	11-02-2015	South Lyon, Mich.
559 Rosalie Sternisha	10-20-2015	Naperville, Ill.
562 Antoinette M. Kobasko	11-05-2015	Moundsville, W. Va.
564 Margaret M. Neri	11-27-2015	Pinckney, Mich.
564 Frank C. Hostnik Sr.	12-02-2015	Warren, Mich.
577 Henry P. Fear Sr.	10-29-2015	Salida, Colo.
577 Mary E. Kastelic	08-17-2015	Pueblo, Colo.
584 Arlene A. Pease	11-13-2015	Spokane Valley, Wash.
603 Violet M. Jusich	07-09-2015	Sarasota, Fla.
603 Mildred K. Cesen	12-03-2015	Willoughby, Ohio
686 Robert A. Malaczewski	11-17-2015	Greenfield, Wis.
686 Emil Holvevat	10-08-2015	Ashland, Wis.
715 Antoinette R. Wagner	11-08-2015	North Braddock, Pa.
723 William Dolenc	06-29-2013	Rock Springs, Wyo.
723 Priscilla Dolenc	08-29-2015	Rock Springs, Wyo.
723 Stanley Sarniske	05-22-2015	Monmouth, Ore.
771 Joseph M. Kondracki	11-11-2015	Beaver Falls, Pa.
776 Paul E. Boben	11-05-2015	Slippery Rock, Pa.
776 Edward Dagarin	11-04-2015	Liberty Lake, Wash.
782 Janice M. Hudon	01-11-2015	Curtisville, Pa.
782 Violet S. Mellentine	06-05-2015	Tonawanda, N.Y.

KAREN A. PINTAR
National Secretary



Bro. LUDVIK J. MIKLAUSICH (142)

BRO. LUDVIK J. MIKLAUSICH
• LODGE 142 •

CLEVELAND — With sadness, the Miklausich family announces the Jan. 1, 2016, passing of Bro. Ludvik J. Miklausich, 99, formerly of Euclid, Ohio, in Munroe Falls, Ohio. Bro. Miklausich was an Honorary Member of Lodge 142, having outlived his policy in February 2012.

Bro. Miklausich was born in 1916 in Biwabik, Minn. He cherished his time growing up as an outdoorsman on the Mesabi Range of Minnesota, and maintained strong lifelong ties to family members who remained on the range. He enjoyed hunting pheasant and deer, and raising and training hunting beagles. He was also an avid birdwatcher and loved watching them feed at his bird

In loving memory of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

It has been 14 years since you left us...

MARY LIPOVEC GLAD

February 12, 1904 - April 21, 2002

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*Sadly missed by her family
Mary Lou Videgar;
Frank, Gretchen, Anna & Ivan;
and Lisa, Keith & Mia.*



IN LOVING MEMORY
of our dear brother and friend



TONY ("SONNY") KREN
June 14, 1940 — April 11, 2011

WE MISS YOU

Girard, Ohio, Lodge 643

2016 SNPJ Winter Classic Bowling Tournament Results

Tournament rolled Feb. 19-21, co-hosted by SNPJ Lodges 6 and 138

Men's Doubles Event

Team	Lodge	Score	Prize
*D. White/C. White	138	1,411	\$230
**N. Grady/W. Chabassol	6	1,529	\$230
J. Knodle Jr./A.J. Wargo	138	1,435	\$200
J. Pezza/S. Traverso	138	1,428	\$140
J. Wagner/M. Lucas	138	1,415	\$80
A. Brumbaugh/T. Vehar	138	1,408	\$66
J. McNurlen/J. Kuisis	138/6	1,395	\$60
D. Belfiore/S. Sutton	138	1,389	\$58
J. Valencic/N. Verch	138/158	1,388	\$54
S. Bostjancic/K. Vogrig	138	1,387	\$52
E. Valencic/C. Fetcko	138	1,381	\$50
B. Hervol/M. McKee	138	1,379	\$48
G. Volpe/S. Wiant	158/138	1,361	\$46
F. Wright/J. Barthurst	6	1,351	\$44
R. McNurlen/B. Rohrbacher	138	1,350	\$42
J. Conkle/J. Duval	138	1,350	\$42
R. Backa/H. Quevi	6	1,348	\$38

Men's Singles Event

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*S. Sutton	138	733	\$120
**N. Grady	6	793	\$120
J. Herforth Jr.	138	751	\$95
C. Cadez	138	750	\$70
F. Wright	6	748	\$61
J. Knodle Jr.	138	748	\$61
R. Godish	138	742	\$56
J. Evanish	715	735	\$54
T. Vehar	138	723	\$53
S. Morgan	138	721	\$52
H. Quevi	6	714	\$48
B. Lawrence	138	710	\$47

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
J. Conkle	138	708	\$43
G. Usnick	6	708	\$43
Ja. Cadez	138	706	\$38
T. Verch	158	703	\$36
J. Pezza	138	696	\$35
B. Frank	158	693	\$33
C. Embleton	6	693	\$33
A.J. Wargo	138	692	\$31
Ja. Neubauer	6	690	\$30
D. Belfiore	138	683	\$29
E. Turney	6	681	\$27
B. Wasky	6	680	\$26
M. Brately	158	679	\$25
K. Vogrig	138	677	\$24
R.J. Likovic	158	675	\$23
W. Chabassol	6	674	\$22
M. Reed	6	672	\$21
S. Bostjancic	138	671	\$20
N. Robb	6	670	\$19
M. Paris	138	670	\$19
T. Sedora	138	668	\$18
B. Lowe	138	668	\$18

Men's Team Event

Team	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Misfits	6/138/715	2,369	\$200
**Gutter Rats	136	2,627	\$200
Older Guys	138	2,618	\$160
Frightened Turtles	6	2,615	\$104
3 Fords and a Queen	6	2,605	\$100
Beer Nuts	138	2,604	\$92
Renegades	6	2,528	\$88
Wackos	6	2,512	\$84

Team	Lodge	Score	Prize
Neubiblekam	6/721	2,486	\$80
Stick It In	138	2,481	\$76

Men's All-Events

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*R. Godish	138	2,112	\$65
**J. Knodle Jr.	138	2,247	\$65
N. Grady	6	2,226	\$50
H. Quevi	6	2,096	\$38
B. Frank	158	2,084	\$30
J. Evanish	715	2,080	\$27
T. Vehar	138	2,079	\$25
F. Wright	6	2,059	\$23
T. Sedora	138	2,053	\$21
J. Wagner	138	2,053	\$21

Women's Doubles Event

Team	Lodge	Score	Prize
*K. Cushman/P. Cushman	138	1,062	\$180
**S. Sacco/G. Verch	138/158	1,328	\$180
R. Morgan/K. Brumbaugh	138	1,320	\$110
M. Binotto/L. Downs	138	1,319	\$66
M. Baselj/A. Russ	6/158	1,318	\$48
B. Bozicevich/J. Teyssier	6	1,303	\$44
G. Volpe/T. Halaburda	158	1,300	\$42
P. Powers/J. Braun	6	1,290	\$40

Women's Singles Event

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*M. Graff	138	591	\$90
**M. Wasky	6	712	\$90
K. Miller	6	707	\$80

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
D. Bradwell	6	699	\$70
D. Pond	6	698	\$58
T. Carroll	6	695	\$44
Dar. Brand	6	683	\$36
J. Braun	6	676	\$33
T. Vehar	138	676	\$33
A. Russ	158	660	\$30
K. Usnick	6	655	\$28
L. Mickle	6	652	\$26
D. James	6	646	\$25
B. Bozicevich	6	645	\$24
B. Snow	6	643	\$21
M. Higgins	138	642	\$20

Women's Team Event

Team	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Get 'R Done	138	1,917	\$168
**Superstars	6	2,658	\$168
Beer Babes	138	2,623	\$112
We Can Do It	138	2,622	\$92
Milka's Magnesia II	138	2,566	\$88
Yo Yo's	138	2,542	\$84

Women's All-Events

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*K. Almo	138	1,630	\$50
**M. Wasky	6	2,124	\$50
T. Vehar	138	2,002	\$42
T. Carroll	6	1,979	\$28
B. Bozicevich	6	1,976	\$25

*Indicates Actual Champion
**Indicates Handicap Champion

Lodge 786 making preparations for their annual Wine & Beer Tasting

by JEAN KOCI
Lodge 786 Secretary/Treasurer

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. — The weekend of March 4-6, members and friends of all four California SNPJ Lodges gathered in San Francisco for a belated Pust celebration.

Several of us from Lodge 786 ventured north on a rainy weekend in Joe Udovch's new Odyssey van, stopping in Santa Barbara, Calif., for breakfast at the landmark Joe's Cafe, which dates back to the 1920s. It was a great breakfast, enjoyed right in the old downtown area of Santa Barbara. The friendly staff, great food and vintage photos on the walls made the stop memorable. We then

continued on the beautiful 101 highway to our destination hotel in south San Francisco.

Our group consisted of Fred Mlakar, Joe Udovch, Arnie and me. In the evening we had plans to meet at the Basque Cultural Center with Marty Swiderski (786), who has been working at Stanford on a special project for the past few months. He and his wife Connie love these events. It's too bad she couldn't make it. We were also joined by Audrey and Nino Dodic, as well as Mary Lou Videgar from the Bay Area. Fred brought out his accordion and played some tunes for us and the other patrons of the restaurant. We try to do this

whenever we travel up north.

The next night was the dinner/dance at the historic Slovenian Hall in San Francisco. Our thanks to Lodge 304 who went to great lengths to make this a special evening. Eric Wood and family from Fontana worked with the San Francisco group to make the traditional sausage, pork roast and all the delicious side dishes. Eric even baked potica for dessert to top it all off. The music performed by the Gruber Family Band was lively and fun.

Since members of all the California Lodges were in attendance at the hall, we took the opportunity to hold the semiannual California Federation meeting. Thanks to those of you who took part and had to miss some of the dance time; the Federation appreciates the fact that you were able to attend. We hope to assist Lodges which may need help in certain aspects of leadership or organization. Please know that you can count on the Federation for support.

On Sunday morning we had the opportunity to visit the Church of the Nativity in San Francisco, and we were able to meet with more Slovenians with whom we had made acquaintance in prior years. The drive home was very pleasant (no rain), and a lunch stop and sausage delivery to Ana, David and Jacob Fajnor (786) in the famous garlic center of West Gilroy, Calif., was a pleasant time. It was good seeing them again!

As I write this, it's the day after our Lodge 786 meeting, held March 13, which was hosted by very generous members Lina Kerwick and her husband, Tony Saltikov, at their lovely home in the hills of San Juan Capistrano. We had a good meeting with almost 20 members in attendance.

Delegates to the SNPJ Young Adult Conference were elected. We are holding a couple of spots for young

adults who might not have notified me of their interest in attending the conference. Most are accepted as surrogate delegates and are able to take advantage of the opportunity to meet young members from around the country. The Young Adult Conference will be held the weekend of June 24-26. Many lifetime friendships are created at these events – don't miss out!

Details of the upcoming Temecula Wine & Beer Tasting were also discussed. The date is Sunday, May 22, starting at noon at Wiens Family Cellars. The \$25 adult admission charge includes everything from the tasting, extra beverages, snacks, a full catered lunch with homemade strudel for dessert... and, of course, music by the Fontana Button Accordion Club. Order your tickets now. Youth and young adults under age 20 receive a special admission rate, so please ask. SNPJ youth members are admitted free of charge.

After the meeting, even though we had been munching on tasty appetizers for almost an hour, everyone was anxious to dig in to the delicious buffet of lasagna (made by Lina), salads, fruits, breads and several desserts. A variety of beverages was available as well. Even in March, it was nice enough for some of the folks to sit out on the patio and enjoy the view of Dana Point Harbor; others relaxed in the comfortable living room and family room, or hung around the dining table where so much food was available, thanks to the potluck items that were provided by those attending.

We always have a great time visiting, and with Fred playing his accordion in the background, who could ask for a more enjoyable time? Our meetings are truly something that our members look forward to. We greatly appreciate the generosity of those who offer their homes or clubhouses and



[From left] CAROL JANCICH, LINA KERWICK and TERESA KOCI enjoying the outdoors at the Lodge 786 March meeting.



Lodge 786 meeting hostesses LINA KERWICK and ANA LORENZ BERNHARDT.

usually prepare the main dish as meeting hosts. Thank you so much!

Sadly, over the past couple of months we have lost two Lodge members. E. Guy Johnson, husband of longtime member Virginia Zajc Johnson, passed away Christmas Eve. Guy was an avid bowler and joined our group, not only to share time with Virginia, but to take part in bowling tournaments in Las Vegas, Nev., and at our local competitions.

We also lost Kathleen Maas Brost, a member since childhood who was active in youth and young adult activities until work and family kept her from attending events in recent years. Kathy and her sister Pat were both part of the former Los Angeles Youth Circle 65 Slovenian Folk Singers, the group that sang at many functions in Southern California, as well as the International Institute of Los Angeles for a

number of years. Their parents were also an integral part of our Lodge activities. Kathy leaves behind a loving husband and three young adult children.

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, April 24, beginning at noon at the home of Jean and Arnie Koci, 29476 Vista Plaza Dr. in Laguna Niguel. Phone (949) 495-0097. We will elect delegates to the SNPJ TEL Workshop, scheduled Aug. 5-7, for members between the ages of 13 and 17. Please contact me if you would like to attend this great weekend at the SNPJ Recreation Center in Pennsylvania.

It will also be the last meeting before the above mentioned wine tasting, so please try to attend. We welcome members and guests to all of our meetings and activities. Please contact me for any information on the Orange Coast Lodge or any other Lodge in California. I will be happy to help you find the perfect match.

San Francisco Lodge 304 carries on its Pust tradition

SAN FRANCISCO PUST
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adults who really enjoyed themselves and danced with abandon. It was nice to see such a crowd with happy faces.

Our Pust celebrations at the San Francisco Slovenian Hall began sometime in the late 1930s or early 1940s. In a very happy atmosphere, Slovenians came to the hall in costumes, carrying on their traditions from the old country. In my parents' region of Bela Krajina, the children would dress in costumes and go from house to house in their village and neighboring villages hoping to get something good to eat. Later on, it was mainly the men of

the village who dressed in costume and went from house to house, singing and dancing to the strains of an accordion, in hopes of being rewarded with a sweet or "malo za pit."

One belief of the origin of Pust is that according to the old Roman calendar, March – being the first month of the year – was celebrated with some type of New Year festivity. Pust celebrations now begin during the weekend before Ash Wednesday, the days being referred to as "Fat Sunday," "Fat Tuesday" and "Mardi Gras." Everyone feasts on especially fatty foods. There is a saying that if you don't eat on this day, you will be hungry all year long.

Some of the waitresses added a bit of whimsy by wearing decorative Mardi Gras-type masks. It all added to the celebration. It would be fun to revive the old custom of dressing in costume for the Pust celebration.

Many salutes go to the San Francisco Lodge 304 officers, especially President Robert Bevc who did a fine job of making sure all ends were tied (not just the ones on the klobase!) to ensure a successful event. Kudos as well to head cook Robin Talmadge and her crew who made sure that all of the guests were served, satisfied and will not go hungry all year long.

We wish you all a joyous Easter!



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Get a jump on golf season by entering the 52nd CAL Don Gorjup Open

by RICK GORJUP (158)
CAL President

CLEVELAND — Get ready for the annual CAL Don Gorjup Golf Open! We have a great bunch of golfers, and with our CAL reps, friends and volunteers, this year's outing should be the best! The outing is about 60 days away and we hope to have a record crowd. After the weather we've had, we pray that Mother Nature

treats us good. This will be our 52nd year of hosting this golf tournament, so don't miss out on a great day of fun and fraternalism.

This year's CAL Don Gorjup Golf Open will be played at Rolling Green Golf Course in Huntsburg, Ohio, Saturday, May 28. 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

you can pick up your goodie bag and scorecard before heading out on the links. Hot dogs and pivo will be available at the turn, and a great steak dinner will be waiting at the 19th hole. And remember, 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 sand-

wich and beverage at the turn. We're again offering our hole-in-one prize, awarding \$5,000 to the lucky golfer who can obtain that elusive ace. More prizes will be offered on other par-3 holes, and your friendly hostesses will be around to visit each foursome for a photo op and a toast to Don.

To add even more fun to this event, dress in something unusual for the day. You never

know what theme is going to dominate the dress code on the course. The party bus will also be running from the SNPJ Recreation Center in the Borough of SNPJ, Pa.

Donations are coming in for

our many drawings, and we are planning a few surprises as well this year. See the entry form below. Call your golf buddies and sign up soon. We hope to see you on a beautiful, sunny and warm Saturday, May 28.



A Post-holiday Treat for Lodge 218 Football Fans

Planning an activity weeks in advance can sometimes bring surprises. The members of Lodge 218 planned a post-holiday party for Sunday, Jan. 17, at ViewHouse, a sports bar in Denver. As it turns out, the party was scheduled on the same day as the AFC Championship game, in which the Denver Broncos played. Needless to say, the place was packed. It was a welcome outing for the members of Lodge 218, many of whom are Broncos fans.

Photo submitted by Bro. Ed Tomsic (218).

Spartans Lodge 576 busy as spring approaches

by TONI THOMEY
Lodge 576 Recording Secretary

CLEVELAND — Hello, Spartan Lodge 576 members. I hope you enjoyed the mild "winter" weather. We've been so lucky! Due to illness I missed the deadline for the March PROSVETA, but I wanted to send warm wishes to all of our February and March birthdays. *Na zdravje!*

who won several awards, including the prestigious Spark Plug Neckerchief Ring for his first entry in his Cub Scout Pack's Pinewood Derby.

We would also like to extend special congratulations to Joe Monteleone for sinking his first hole-in-one on the 18th hole at Valleaire, just one month shy of his 80th birthday. Way to go, Joe!

If you have some wonderful news, a special event, a joke or funny story you'd like to share, feel free to contact me at (216) 744-4710 or e-mail athomey28@icloud.com. I'd love to share our members' activities in articles throughout the year.

The next Spartans Lodge 576 meeting will be held at Recher Hall on Monday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m. The Rudy Perdan family and Utopians Lodge 604 are sponsoring a Parkinson's fund-raiser dinner in honor of Bill (Scott) Perdan. The dinner is planned from 4:30 to 7 p.m. If you are interested in purchasing dinner tickets, call me at (216) 744-4710.



[Top to bottom] Spartans Lodge 576 members extend congratulations to youth members **GABBY THOMEY**, **MIKEY LAWRENCE** and **OWEN DICKENSON** for their achievements in sports and Cub Scouts.



The Spartans Lodge was well represented at the 2016 CAL Sweetheart Doubles Bowling Tournament in February.

52nd CAL Don Gorjup Open Golf Tournament

May 28, 2016
at Rolling Green Golf Course, Huntsburg, OH
9 a.m. Shotgun Start

Check Entry:
Men Ladies Youth

	Name	Lodge	Phone	Hdcp.
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The \$80 entry fee covers greens fees, cart, prizes, dinner, and sandwich and beverage at the turn. Youth entry fee is \$67. Return this form, along with entry fees, to:
Rick Gorjup
7180 Kory Ct., Concord, OH 44077-2221
Phone: (440) 354-5001 [H] or (440) 773-3233 [C]
Make checks payable to
SNPJ Cleveland Athletic League (CAL)
ENTRY DEADLINE IS MAY 22, 2016
The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126.

2016 SNPJ Western Pa./Slovene Federation Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 4, 2016
Shotgun start: 1 p.m.
Rolling Green Golf Course, Eighty Four, PA
Auspices of Lodge 138

Check Entry:
Men Women

	Name	Lodge No.
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

The \$70 per person entry fee covers green fees, cart and prizes. The entry fee is non-refundable. Field limited to the first 72 entries. Return this form, along with entry fees, to:
SNPJ Lodge 138, c/o Golf Tournament
269 Latimer Ave., Strabane, PA 15363
Phone: (724) 745-9860
Make checks payable to SNPJ Lodge #138
ENTRY DEADLINE IS MAY 20, 2016
The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126.

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

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 Entry fee \$30 per person Saturday Only	Lodge No.	Highest Average 2014-15	All-Events \$5 per person YES/NO
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Submit bowlers' names by position in lineup

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

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The SNPJ Recommender Program provides an opportunity for adult members to encourage family, friends, children and acquaintances to join the Slovene National Benefit Society and take advantage of SNPJ's competitive products and numerous fraternal benefits. Not only will you be helping a friend and strengthening our Society, you'll also be receiving benefits yourself.

Recommender Benefits

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- Every valid referral earns the recommender one chance in the Quarterly Drawing for an opportunity to win \$100.
- Every valid referral also earns the recommender one chance in the Year-end Drawing for an opportunity to win \$500 cash.

By submitting one valid referral, you have the opportunity to earn a total of \$610 in cash prizes!

I would like to introduce _____ for SNPJ membership

Please contact: _____
(Parent or guardian if under age 18)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Indicate Preferred Agent _____
(Optional)

My Name: _____

My Lodge Number: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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e-mail _____

Each individual must be informed that an agent will contact him/her and the referral must have some interest in SNPJ in order for the recommender to be considered valid.

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