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The SNPJ Heritage Center invites you to take a Closer Look at Slovenia during 2018 Slovenefest

by KATHY PAULENICH (776)
 SNPJ Heritage Center Committee

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — It's almost the middle of summer, and we all know that means Slovenefest weekend is nearly upon us! I hope you've made your plans to attend the 37th annual "greatest polka weekend of the year" on July 13-15.

The "Closer Look at Slovenia" tent, sponsored by the SNPJ Slovenian Heritage Center, is returning this year and will be featuring a speaker every hour who will give insight on Slovenian music, food, crafts and travel. You're guaranteed to walk away from one of these

presentations with a desire to visit Slovenia. Besides all the great music Slovenefest has to offer, the "Make It, Bake It, Grow It" crafters' bazaar is returning – with even more booths – to the tennis court area. Ladies, be sure to bring extra money for the bazaar and, of course, for the Heritage Center gift shop. Food trucks set up on the midway will be ready to serve you all weekend long, and if you want a home-cooked dinner, the indoor dining room will be serving meals. Those craving barbecued chicken, pork or lamb can head over to the Heritage Pavilion and enjoy a meal while listening to traditional Slovenian

music on Saturday and Sunday. Slovenefest has so much to offer for all ages, so be sure to encourage family and friends to attend. Now we just need to chant "rain, rain, go away!" and hope it brings sunshine and warm weather that weekend. The Heritage Center Committee would like to thank everyone who attended our dance on June 9. We had a nice crowd despite the threat of thunderstorms, which never happened. There was nice participation in the balina and bean bag toss tournaments, and we hope to grow both of these events next year. We'll see you at Slovenefest!

The Strabane Lodge 138 Duck Race returning for its 24th year

by JASON CADEZ
 Lodge 138 President

STRABANE, Pa. — SNPJ Lodge 138 in Strabane will hold its annual Duck Race and family picnic on Saturday, July 21. This will be a day filled with good food, live entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure, and plenty of activities for the youngsters.

The usual picnic fare will be provided by the Lodge; covered dishes are always most welcome. The food will be served around 4 p.m.

If you enjoy a cold beverage on occasion, be sure to stop by the bar and check out our newly installed tap system. We currently have six specialty drafts available: Stella Artois, Great Lakes Elliot Ness Lager, Leinenkugel Summer Shandy, Sam Adams Summer Ale,

Blue Moon, and a cream ale called 1802 brewed by Canonsburg's very own microbrewery, Rusty Gold.

The Karl Lukitsch Band will be on hand once again to perform some great music for the evening. The band will entertain from 6 to 10 p.m., and the race is scheduled for 6:30.

It's hard to believe, but this is the 24th year for the Lodge 138 Duck Race. It gets more exciting every year, so bring your family and enjoy the day.

I also wanted to send out a special thank you to Bob "Mr. Fantastic" Lawrence Sr. for all he has done for Lodge 138, both as Lodge secretary and as chairman of the Duck Race over the years. Your hard work is definitely appreciated. *Na zdravje!*

PERIODICAL MATERIAL

briefly

Home Office closed for the 4th of July holiday

IMPERIAL, Pa. — The SNPJ Home Office be closed Wednesday, July 4, in celebration of Independence Day. Normal office hours, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., will resume Thursday, July 5. We wish all SNPJ members and friends a happy and safe Independence Day.

No July or Aug. meetings planned for Lodge 584

MILWAUKEE — There will be no Lodge 584 meetings held in July or August. Meetings will resume Sept. 13 at Mary Queen of Heaven gym, 2360 S. 106 St. in West Allis, Wis., at 7 p.m.

BOB SMOLE
 Lodge 584

Lodge 518 will host a balina outing in August

MELVINDALE, Mich. — SNPJ Lodge 518 will host the Frank Tehovnik Memorial Balina Outing Saturday, Aug. 25, starting at 2 p.m. in Lake Orion, Mich. The cost is \$12 per person for instruction and indoor play time. Restaurant service will be available. Please RSVP by July 27 by e-mailing SNPJ518@gmail.com or phoning (248) 628-4858.

BILL KRZISNIK
 Lodge 518 President

Your pageant donations support SNPJ tradition

IMPERIAL, Pa. — The Miss SNPJ Pageant Booster Fund is currently accepting donations. All donations, both large and small, are truly appreciated to help defray costs. Please make checks payable to SNPJ, noting "Miss SNPJ Pageant" on the memo line, and mail your donation to Slovene National Benefit Society, Attn. Miss SNPJ Pageant Booster Fund, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126.

THE DEADLINE

The next two *PROSVETA* issue dates are Aug. 1 and Sept. 3. All material must be received by Wednesday, July 18, for the Aug. 1 issue, and by Wednesday, Aug. 15, for the Sept. 3 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.

SNPJ mourns the passing of former Regional Vice President Sis. Lorraine Babcock

by JOSEPH C. EVANISH
 SNPJ National President/CEO

IMPERIAL, Pa. — The SNPJ sadly reports the May 27, 2018, passing of former SNPJ Regional Vice President Sis. Jennie Lorraine (Chesnik) Babcock, 88.

Sis. Babcock was born Jan. 26, 1930, in Spring Canyon, Utah, a daughter of the late Joseph and Jennie Benedict Chesnik. The family moved to Helper, Utah, in 1932 where Lorraine attended local schools before graduating from Carbon High School in 1947. She was a devoted class reunion committee member. In her youth, she was known as a great baseball player on Bryner St. She told stories about walking to school in knee-deep snow, uphill, in both directions.

Lorraine married the love of her life, Sheldon Grant Babcock, on June 30, 1950. They danced

a million steps together and traveled the world, but both agreed there was no place they loved more than their home on 5th Ave. in Helper, where they raised their family and resided for almost 60 years.

Lorraine was a dedicated employee of Mountain Bell Telephone Company, retiring after 30 years of service. Together with her husband, she was co-owner of Grant's Distributing Co. in Helper for more than 30 years.

She was a 70-year SNPJ member, and she and Grant also belonged to Helper Dinner Dance. She was a past president of the Price Ladies of Elks, having served two terms, and was honored as Lady Elk of the Year; a member of the Helper City Library Board for eight years; and chairperson of the Helper City Planning and



Sis. LORRAINE BABCOCK
 1930 – 2018

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SNPJ welcomes woodworkers on a SABA visit

submitted by JURČEK ŽMAUC
 SABA President

CLEVELAND — From May 21-25, a group of Slovenian woodworking representatives visited the United States on a trip organized by the Slovenian American Business Association (SABA), the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia (CCIS), the Wood Industry Cluster (GZS), the Slovenian Public Agency SPIRIT and the U.S. Slovenian Embassy. The group visited New York City, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, and the SNPJ Home Office in Imperial, Pa.

The organizations represented by CCIS and the Wood Industry Cluster during this trip included Donar (Ivan Ukmar, www.donar.si), Lina Design (Damjan Uršič, www.linafurniture.com), CETA (Igor Stepančič, www.ceta.si), Mizarstvo Florjančič (Robert Florjančič, www.florjancic.eu), Aleš Potočnik s.p. (Aleš Potočnik, www.pohistvopotochnik.si), CBD (Bruno Dujic, www.cbd.si), Lesna Vrata (Gorazd Ulbl, www.lesna-vrata.si), CCIS (Marko Jare, www.gzs.si) and Wood Industry Cluster (Bernard Likar, www.lesarski-grozdsi).

Each representative introduced their company and products to members of the Slovene National Benefit Society. In addition to being one of the three largest and oldest Slovenian organizations in the U.S., SNPJ is also one of the first members and supporters of SABA.



Hosted by the Slovenian American Business Association (SABA), a delegation of Slovenian woodworking representatives spent five days visiting the United States in May and were warmly welcomed at the SNPJ Home Office and Lodge 106 in Imperial.

On May 25, SNPJ National President/CEO Joseph C. Evanish and SNPJ Fraternal Director Kevin Richards welcomed the group to the SNPJ Home Office and learned of the latest developments from these representatives. President Evanish praised the quality of the ideas the

company representatives presented and ensured the dissemination of this information to SNPJ members throughout the U.S.

Following the presentations, SNPJ invited the

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• Logan J. Bjornberg
 Born Feb. 5, 2018
 Bon Air, Pa., Lodge 254

The members of Lodge 254 welcome Logan John Bjornberg as their newest addition. Logan is the son of Darren and Renee (254) Bjornberg, brother of Ava Bjornberg (254), grandson of John and Donell Jacoby (254), and great-grandson of the late Louis and Zita Jacoby (254). We welcome Logan to the Slovene National Benefit Society and extend our best wishes to his entire family.

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Spartans Lodge hosting a summer fiesta at the SNPJ Farm

by TONI THOMEY
Lodge 576 Recording Secretary

CLEVELAND—Summer is finally here! As I write this article, our city is abuzz as the Cleveland Cavaliers once again battle it out in the NBA Finals against our arch nemesis, the Golden State Warriors. Our Cleveland Indians are also on a roll, and SNPJ is preparing for the 2018 Quadrennial Convention!

Over the last few months, our members have been very busy attending events around the Cleveland area. Many of our members participated in and volunteered at the CAL Don Gorjup Open over Memorial Day weekend at Rolling Green Golf Club. The day was beautiful and I had the pleasure of visiting with many of my SNPJ pals at the 14th hole where I served up refreshments.

Several Lodge 576 members had a great day on the course and even got the chance to take a photo with fellow Spartan and Miss SNPJ 2018 Lauren Sebusch. What a great tribute to Don Gorjup and the entire Gorjup family! Don made sure the sun came out and Dorothy made sure everything else was perfect.

The Spartan Lodge officers would like to extend a huge congratulations to all of our young adult members who

recently graduated from college and are off to the next chapter of their lives. We wish you all the best in the future!

Over the next month we will be busy planning our annual picnic scheduled for Aug. 5 at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio. The theme this year is "Nacho-Average" Picnic and we'll be serving up a mix of fiesta classics like walking tacos and nachos, alongside your usual favorites like roast beef, sausage, Slovenian potatoes and krofe. There will be margaritas at the bar and our own Patty C & The Guys will entertain. Please contact Lou Novak at (440) 461-6476 for ticket information.

Also in August, several Lodge 576 members will be attending the Quadrennial National Convention at the SNPJ Recreation Center in the Borough of SNPJ, Pa. Secretary/Treasurer Lou Novak will be running for the National Board Audit Committee once again this year. Good luck to Lou and all of the delegates in attendance.

Aug. 20 is Slovene Heritage Day at the Lake County Captains baseball game. This event is hosted by Region 4 Vice President Linda Gorjup (576). For tickets to this fun evening, please contact either Linda Gorjup or Lou Novak.

Finally, Spartans Lodge 576 would



Spartans Lodge 576 members [from left] JAKE YOUNG, CRAIG YOUNG, LOUIE NOVAK and JOHNNY KOPCSO took a break from their golf game for a photo with Miss SNPJ 2018 LAUREN SEBUSCH (576).

like to congratulate Miss SNPJ 2018 Lauren Sebusch for an amazing year. You, my dear Lauren, have represented our Lodge, the SNPJ and your family with great poise and dignity. You have demonstrated the true meaning of fraternalism, and we are so proud of what you have accomplished both as Miss SNPJ and in your personal life. May you continue to be the wonderful woman that you are! As you pass the crown to Miss

SNPJ 2019, we hope you also pass on your knowledge and grace as well. Good luck in whatever you do next!

Please note that the next Lodge 576 meeting will be held Monday, July 9, at 6:30 p.m. The location is TBD; I'll send an e-mail out to those I have an address for with the final location. Please contact either Lou Novak at (440) 461-6476 or me at (216) 744-4710 if you have not heard from us and would like to attend.

SNPJ Region 5 planning for a Lipizzaner show in August

by TINA RIGLER (449)
SNPJ Region 5 Vice President

CHICAGO — Join the members of SNPJ Region 5 on Saturday, Aug. 25, as we visit Tempel Farms in Old Mill Creek, Ill., to see the Lipizzaner horses.

Region 5 Vice President Tina Rigler will be selling tickets for this show, which are priced at \$22 per person. Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your ticket, contact Tina Rigler at (630) 257-5051 or (708) 257-8312.

The performance starts at 6 p.m. and runs 90 minutes. Please let Tina know if you are interested in taking a bus to and from the event from Lemont, Ill. An additional fee will be charged for the bus.

Lipizzaners have been called the finest riding horses in the world. They are very intelligent, sociable horses with a robust and graceful form. Six families with 16 ancestors can be traced back to the early 18th century, and their pedigrees read like those of medieval royalty. The stables at Lipica,



Photo: www.lipica.org

Slovenia, display charts on each horse stall with complicated figures, dates and names like Maestoso Allegra and Neapolitano.

Surprisingly, Lipizzaners are not white when they are born, but rather gray, bay or even chestnut in color. The celebrated "imperial white" doesn't develop until the horses are between 5 to 10 years old, when their hair loses its pigment. Their skin remains gray, however, so when they are ridden hard and sweat they become mottled.

A fully mature Lipizzaner measures about 15 hands, or just over 5 feet, and weighs between 1,100 and 1,300 pounds. They have long backs, short thick necks, silky manes, and expressive eyes. They have a life span of 25 to 30 years.

Lipizzaners are bred at Lipica in Slovenia, in Austria, and in the United States as riding and show horses. They are known for their beauty, elegance and agility.

Celebrate the July 4th holiday at Lodge 603

by JEANNETTE HUMPHREY
Lodge 603

SAMSULA, Fla. — Happy Fourth of July from Lodge 603 in beautiful downtown Samsula. Pauline Lockwood will be chairing our Fourth of July celebration at the Lodge 603 Hall starting at 5 p.m. Come dressed in patriotic attire and decorate your vehicle, tractor or lawnmower for the parade around the Lodge grounds. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning entries.

Traditional foods such as hot dogs, hamburgers and more will be available for purchase, along with your favorite libations. Pauline has generously donated the fireworks that will be displayed later in the evening. This is another chance to come out and support the Lodge 603 Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

The Frank and Mary, and John and Jennie Luznar Family Reunion is set to take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4. A family photo shoot is planned, and we ask that you bring along pictures to share.

Bill Tomazin has volunteered to serve as reunion chairman. He and Billy McDonald will be cooking the chicken for the meal, and family members are asked to bring a food dish (or two) to share. Samsula has a long-standing Slovenian history, starting with the Luznar family farm that began in 1914-15.

We won't be making the trip north for Slovenefest at the SNPJ Recreation Center this year, but we wish you great success. Several of us will be attending the 31st Quadrennial Convention at the Recreation Center Aug. 12-13 and we're looking forward to seeing all of you once again.

Up-and-Coming...

A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

- JULY 5Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 bar bingo in the Lodge 106 clubroom. Early bird games start at 6:30 p.m., regular games start at 7. Kitchen will be open. For details contact Lodge 106 at (724) 695-1411 or snpj106@gmail.com.
- JULY 8Fairport Harbor, Ohio, Lodge 355 picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Slovenian food starting at 2 p.m. with music by the Bob Kravos Band from 3-7. For additional information contact Lee Jackopin at (440) 943-3170.
- JULY 13-15 The 37th Slovenefest and the 62nd Miss SNPJ Pageant at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For details phone the Recreation Center at 1-877-767-5732.
- JULY 19.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 bar bingo in the Lodge 106 clubroom. Early bird games start at 6:30 p.m., regular games start at 7. Kitchen will be open.
- JULY 22Utopians Lodge 604 picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Roast beef and sausage dinners, sides and smoked gouda mac & cheese served starting at 2 p.m. Music by Patty C & The Guys from 3-7. For details contact Gerri Trebets at (440) 951-9611.
- JULY 22.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 car cruise featuring music by The GRID Band; noon-4 p.m. A buffet will be available. For details contact Lodge 106 at (724) 695-1411 or snpj106@gmail.com.
- JULY 27-29 TEL Workshop at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For details contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 ext. 144, or e-mail krichards@snpj.com.
- JULY 27-29 Youth Roundup at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For additional information contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 ext. 144, or e-mail krichards@snpj.com.
- JULY 29.....Cleveland V Boj Lodge 53 picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 1 p.m. Music by the Jeff Pecon Orchestra. For additional information contact Martha Meglich at (440) 884-5043.
- JULY 29-AUG. 4.....Family Week at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For details phone the Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732. The registration deadline is June 24.
- AUG. 2 Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 barbingo in the Lodge 106 clubroom. Early bird games start at 6:30 p.m., regular games start at 7. Kitchen will be open. For details contact Lodge 106 at (724) 695-1411 or snpj106@gmail.com.
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- AUG. 12-13 ... The 31st Quadrennial SNPJ Convention at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.
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- AUG. 19 Chicago District Federation dinner dance at the Slovenian Catholic Center, Lemont, Ill. Baked good donations are welcome. For more information contact Marianne Murray at (773) 582-2632.
- AUG. 19 Cleveland Athletic League (CAL) annual picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. The gates open at 1 p.m.; dinners served starting at 2. Dancing from 3-7 to the Ron Likovic Band. For tickets and more information, contact Linda Gorjup at (440) 853-8776.
- AUG. 19-25 Senior Week at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For details contact the Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732 or e-mail snpj@snpjrec.com.
- AUG. 20 Slovenian Heritage Night at Lake County Captains ballpark, Eastlake, Ohio; 7 p.m. Hosted by SNPJ Region 3 Vice President Linda Gorjup. For additional information contact Linda Gorjup at (440) 853-8776.
- AUG. 25Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 Memorial Golf Tournament and member picnic. For additional information contact Lodge 106 by phone at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail snpj106@gmail.com.
- AUG. 26Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 car cruise featuring entertainment by Elvis Lives: A Tribute to the King; noon-4 p.m. A buffet will be available. For more information contact Lodge 106 at (724) 695-1411 or snpj106@gmail.com.
- DEC. 2Westmoreland Co. Federation holiday dance in the Crystal Ballroom, Herminie, Pa.; 2-6 p.m. Music by The Polka Classics. Food and refreshments will be available.

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Graduation

This is graduation season, and it's time to celebrate with family and friends as the graduates determine their next step in life. Nowadays, every step of our children's schooling is acknowledged and validated as we've started to celebrate graduation from pre-school, kindergarten, elementary school, and middle school. Graduation means "the successful completion of a program of study," but it's also defined as "to advance to a new level of skill, achievement or activity."

Based on the latter definition, there are other milestones in life that can likewise be considered as a graduation of sorts and should also be celebrated. For example, graduation from single to spouse; from childless to parenthood. Graduation from renter to home owner; from full house to empty house. Or the ultimate graduation, from working stiff to retiree. Life is full of endings and beginnings, and each time we "advance to a new level of skill, achievement or activity."

Whenever a new beginning occurs in your life, you may want to ask your SNP timer representative to help you celebrate by reviewing your life insurance coverage. More or fewer responsibilities in your life usually mean a change in the amount of life insurance coverage that you need. When you step into marriage and begin to have children, you have a family that now depends on your income. By having life insurance, you can help your family avoid financial hardship in the event of your untimely death. When you become a homeowner and begin making mortgage payments, you need to be sure that upon your death your family could continue to make house payments so that they are not uprooted from their home. When you finally graduate to retirement, your bills may be fewer and the house may be paid for, which means you may actually need less life insurance coverage.

Unfortunately, not all new beginnings will be easy or necessarily positive. You may graduate from being married to being a widow, and dealing with that new beginning will be challenging. Having an SNP timer life insurance policy during the good times and the trying times gives you the reassurance of knowing that someone always has your back.

Have you celebrated a graduation in your life recently? If so, you may need to call your local SNP timer agent, Lodge secretary, or the Home Office to get more information on our affordable and competitive life insurance policies.

- **Thought for the Month** — There is a good reason they call these ceremonies "commencement exercises." Graduation is not the end, it's the beginning.

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Term expiring for U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia

MARIBOR (STA)—The U.S. Embassy in Slovenia has confirmed that Ambassador to Slovenia Brent Hartley will conclude his three-year term in July. It is not yet known who the State Department will send to Slovenia after Hartley leaves, but a confidential procedure is already underway.

Until such time as the new ambassador is appointed, the U.S. Embassy in Slovenia will be headed by a charge d'affaires.

A career diplomat, Hartley has been in charge of the embassy in Slovenia since February 2015. Unofficial information was circulated last summer about a possible early end of his term, coming with the change of the U.S. administration following the election of President Donald Trump; however, Hartley remained in the position.

Work starts on transfer to eco-friendly vehicles

LJUBLJANA (STA) — In mid-May, the Slovenian Infrastructure Ministry unveiled a draft action plan for boosting the use of alternative fuels in transportation. The ministry hopes to double the number of electric and hybrid vehicles, as well as vehicles using friendlier fossil fuels, each year until 2020.

The action plan, which focuses on a series of incentives for a three-year period, is part of a strategy adopted by the government last year.

Infrastructure Ministry representative Matjaž Vrčec said he believes the situation is good in Slovenia when it comes to charging the country's infrastructure. However, the expected breakthrough in the use of alternative fuels has not occurred yet.

The goal of Slovenia's Strategy For Alternative Fuels in Transportation is to prohibit the initial registration of cars with CO₂ emissions exceeding 100 g/km after 2025. After 2030, the cut-off point would be 50 g/km, which at present is only possible for electric and hybrid vehicles.

The action plan addresses the need for more incentives – subsidies and an increased awareness – in the coming three years. "We are facing a major revolution," said Bojan Žlender, a member of the Sustainable Mobility and Traffic Policy Department at the Infrastructure Ministry, as he addressed the press.

While a doubling of eco-friendly vehicles is planned each year, Žlender said that after "what are now only 'constructive measures,' restrictive measures will have to be added at one point, probably around 2020."

A Slovenian beehive presented at UN gardens

NEW YORK (STA) — To celebrate World Bee Day on May 20, the Slovenian mission at the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) presented a Slovenian beehive at the UN headquarters in New York. The beehive, located in the northern portion of the UN gardens in New York, was made by Matija Čemažar and will be cared for by Andrew Cote, a member of the Bees Without Borders organization.

"I've never worked with such a beehive before, so if any beekeeper from Slovenia could spare some time to come teach me, his know-how would be very useful." Cote said at the inauguration ceremony. Cote introduced the Slovenian bees, known as the Carniola bee, to the beehive on May 21, saying jokingly that the time of Italian bees at the UN is running out.

The president of the UN General Assembly, Miroslav Lajčak, noted that the UN had bees in two beehives for two years, and that the hives had produced 113 kilograms (approximately 250 pounds) of honey. He also congratulated Slovenia on succeeding with its initiative to have the UN declare World Bee Day, which was celebrated for the first time this year on May 20.

Slovenian Ambassador at the UN Darja Bavdaž Kuret pointed to the fact that the UN General Assembly had declared World Bee Day unanimously. "Slovenia's gift to the UN is a living monument," she added.

Lajčak regretted the fact that bees were endangered due to pesticides, parasites and the loss of natural habitat, so the UN was doing its best to preserve them. He said bees could serve as a role model for the UN General Assembly, be-



ing entrepreneurial, productive, patriotic and well organized, with every single bee having its own task in the beehive, yet all working together for the common good.

Slovenia's former Ambassador at the UN, Ernest Petrič, who was in New York for an International Law Commission session, said Slovenian President Borut Pahor had asked him to attend the inauguration. However, he indicated that he would have attended anyway since "bees are an important part of the Slovenian heritage," and stressed that "our grandparents were known as the best beekeepers in the Austrian empire."

Petrič also said Slovenia "is grateful that so many countries had supported the World Bee Day Resolution, which expresses the ambition of a small country to promote itself not with a monument to a general, of which we do not have many, but rather with bees."

Carla Mucavi, director of the FAO Liaison Office in New York, thanked the Slovenian government for successfully carrying through the process of declaring World Bee Day. She highlighted the role of bees for the survival of humanity and pledged further support of the FAO to protect bees and other pollinators.

The FAO Liaison Office in Washington hosted a conference to mark World Bee Day, accompanied by an exhibition on the Carniola bee at which guests were able to taste Slovenian honey.

April 2018 the warmest on record in Slovenia

LJUBLJANA (STA) — This year's April in Slovenia was the warmest since at least as far back as 1800, with daytime highs in some localities reaching up to 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit), the Slovenian Environment Agency reported in mid-May.

April may be the moodiest month of the year weather-wise, but this year Slovenia saw plenty of sunshine, as much as 25 to 40 percent above the long-term average, according to the agency's data.

Temperatures were above average throughout the month in most parts of the country. In low-lying areas the mercury rose above 25 Celsius (77 Fahrenheit) several times, in some spots as high as 30 Celsius for a day or two.

Throughout most of the country, April temperatures were between 3.5 and 4.6 degrees [Celsius] above the average measured for the month between 1981 and 2010; even higher in the east, and a bit less in the west. One of the highest temperatures, 30.3 Celsius (86.5 Fahrenheit), was recorded in Lendava in the northeast of the country on April 29.

Kredarica, Slovenia's highest weather station at the altitude of 2,515 meters (8,250 feet), recorded a temperature of 9.8 Celsius (49.6 Fahrenheit) on April 21, while Ljubljana hit its high on April 28 at 27.9 Celsius (82.2 Fahrenheit).

Roman-era cemetery architecture discovered

LJUBLJANA (STA) — The archaeological excavations on Gosposvetska Street in Ljubljana have turned assumptions about what the area was during Roman times upside down. While it was assumed that a road leading to ancient Emona was located there, archaeologists have now found the remains of impressive cemetery architecture.

"The cemetery architecture, decorated with frescos and mosaics, is unlike anything that has been found so far around Roman-era graves in Ljubljana," said excavation coordinator Andrej Gaspari as he addressed the press.

He said that based on the discoveries so far, it could be assumed that the finds include remains of chapels, and possibly mausoleums. Fragments of frescos and black and white mosaics were also unearthed. The fragments date back to the middle or late-fourth century, Gaspari, a member of the Ljubljana Faculty of Arts, explained.

Sarcophagi with remains of the deceased were discovered under the floor mosaics. It is presumed that some of these had been buried there before the buildings were erected. Archaeologists assume that members of an early, well-off Christian community were buried there.

"Such cemetery architecture had not been found in Emona to date," Gaspari said. In the past, 15 sarcophagi were discovered in Gosposvetska, and during the

excavations that started last year another 35 were uncovered. Three sarcophagi were to be opened in late May.

Archaeologists were also excited about the discovery of three inscribed tombstones from the second to third centuries that were designed for use as tomb covers. One is a complete mystery; very fragmented and bearing a Greek inscription. The other two contained details about two high-ranking Roman soldiers, which is an extremely rare find.

A number of Slovenian archaeologists have been working at the site, and the excavation work was planned through mid-June, weather permitting.

Organ from Zurich will be moved to a Koper church

KOPER (STA) — An organ from the famed Tonhalle Concert Hall in Zurich, Switzerland, has found a new home at the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Koper. If everything goes according to plan, the organ will be played for the first time in Koper in 2020.

Tonhalle decommissioned the organ after fewer than three decades because the old organs, built by the firm Kleuker-Steinmeyer, never quite fulfilled the expectations of a venue that prides itself on being one of the best acoustically designed halls in the world.

The foundation decided that instead of simply throwing the old organ away, they would donate it. The church in Koper learned about the plan by sheer chance. "We heard about it from Italian friends who knew we don't have the means to afford new organs," Koper priest Primož Krečič told the press.

According to Krečič, the church completed an application for the donation, which included a plan of work and statements from supporters, and they were selected from applicants across Europe.

The church is now busy preparing the space for the new organ. Most notably, they have to build a new choir loft, which they plan to complete in 2019. The organ is expected to be in operation in 2020. "This will be a long process; every single one of the 6,000-plus pipes must be returned and installed," Krečič said.

Since it is one of the biggest churches in Slovenia, the Koper Cathedral is seen as an ideal home for what will be the biggest church organ in Slovenia. The instrument will not be used for liturgy alone. Krečič said these were concert organs, and he hopes many musicians will come to Koper to play them.

The existing church organ from the late 18th century, which Krečič said was too weak for the mighty building, will be decommissioned. If the church community can raise enough money, the organ will be restored and transferred to a smaller church in Koper.

A few Dr. Seuss titles available in Slovenian

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Several works by Theodor Seuss Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss, one of the world's most popular children's authors, are finally available in Slovenian almost three decades after the author's death as Slovenian publisher Mladinska Knjiga has launched the translations of "Cat in the Hat," "Green Eggs and Ham" and "Fox in Socks."

The books were first published in the United States in the late 1950s and early 1960s, but it was only recently that Slovenia's largest publisher picked up the rights for Slovenia. Another reason for the late arrival in Slovenia is that the texts are very rhythmic and playful, rendering translations difficult.

Urša Vogrinc Javoršek, the translator of all three books, said an additional problem was that "each illustration precisely determines what the author has written," which means she was severely confined by the illustrations.

"Green Eggs and Ham posed another challenge because Dr. Seuss used only 50 different words for the entire text, a feat that is virtually impossible to replicate in Slovenian due to differences in the structure of the language. Javoršek said she intentionally ignored the scarcity of words because "I didn't want to get frustrated." She compensated by focusing on the structure. "Dr. Seuss was mindful of the number of words, I took the much more difficult path – in Slovenian – of structure."

Due to their simplicity and playfulness, the books are popular among early readers and their parents.

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Join Utopians Lodge 604 for a fun-filled summer picnic at the SNPJ Farm

by GERRI TREBETS
Lodge 604 Secretary

KIRTLAND, Ohio—It's picnicking once again, and we hope that everyone will come on out for the Utopians Lodge 604 annual summer picnic on Sunday, July 22, at the SNPJ Farm on Heath Road in Kirtland.

We'll have delicious fare available to whet your appetite: roast beef or sausage dinners with your choice of Slovenian potatoes or sauerkraut, salad, rolls and butter, krofe and coffee, all for the low price of \$9 (the gate fee of \$8 per person is not included). We're also offering smoked gouda bacon mac and cheese as an additional item – yummy! This menu item has been a big hit at our last few picnics.

Hot dogs and open-face roast beef sandwiches, in addition to the other items, will be available throughout the afternoon. The doors open at 1 p.m. and serving starts at 2.

For your listening and dancing pleasure we have engaged Patty C & The Guys to entertain from 3 to 7 p.m. The group has been appearing at many locations throughout Cleveland and other areas, and they're sure to keep your toes a-tapping and your feet a-moving.

For the past two years we have held some type of fund-raiser to benefit the Alzheimer's Foundation, which has been orchestrated by the Perdan family. The Alzheimer's Foundation is an organization near and dear to their hearts. We will be holding a

drawing with several prizes to benefit this organization. We hope you'll support our endeavor.

In addition, we will be honoring all our 50-, 60-, 70- and 80-year members. This year we are pleased to have 13 honorees: 50-year members Sally J. Rogell Caldwell, James L. Oliverio, William S. Schultz, David P. Mehosky, Charlene A. Koeth, Geraldine Sexton, James M. Nolan and Richard T. Hill; 60-year members Clifford Gabriel, William R. Kronik and Stefi Somrack; 70-year member Dorothy M. Rzeszut; and 80-year member Emma A. Reya. We congratulate these members on this prestigious honor and thank them for being a part of the Society for so many years.

The SNPJ Farm offers bean bag toss, horseshoes and balinca, and we have a beautiful playground for the young ones. Come out for a relaxing afternoon, taking in nature's finest array of beauty. Our illustrious crew has been sprucing-up and making many improvements, and I can't think of a better place to enjoy yourself, conversing with friends or just making new acquaintances. I hope to see some of our Utopian Lodge members in attendance!

I wanted to mention that my son, Edward (604), has opened up his own tasting studio, Urban Vintner in Willoughby, Ohio (37484 N. Industrial Parkway W. in Willoughby). A former winemaker at DeBonne, Ed has decided to venture out on his own and

bring winemaking back into the city.

His studio is now open on Fridays and Saturdays for wine tasting and purchases. He has two lines of wine available, Muddy Paw and Urban Vintner. Private tastings can be arranged by phoning Ed at (440) 487-1988, by visiting his website, www.urbanvintner.net and on Facebook. Check it out for dates and times; I'm sure you'll love his wines. Stop on by to learn how the grapes are processed into wine – it's very interesting.

Finally, please support all the other organizations and Lodges that hold their picnics at the SNPJ Farm throughout the season. We need to keep our Slovenian heritage alive!

I hope you all have a very enjoyable summer; be safe and stay well.



Photo submitted by Jim Curl (6), SNPJ Region 2 Vice President.

No Tap a Strike with Region 2 Bowlers

Thanks to everyone that came out to the Region 2 No Tap Tournament held at the Sygan Bowling Center on May 20. We had a great turnout of bowlers, and Fraternal Director Kevin Richards did an excellent job grilling the hamburgers and hot dogs that all enjoyed. Many thanks to my wife, Betty Curl, and Ruth Wright and Karen Pintar for bringing the side dishes for everyone. It was a great day of bowling and fraternalism, and I'm looking forward to next year's event!

Lodge 53 doubling up the fun this summer

by PAULINE BARBISH
Lodge 53 President

KIRTLAND, Ohio — It's the time of the year for V Boj Lodge 53 to host their annual summer picnic at the SNPJ Farm on Heath Road in Kirtland. The picnic date is Sunday, July 29.

This day of pleasure will begin at the kitchen, which will open at 2 p.m., with the availability of delicious homemade dinners of cabbage rolls, roast pork in gravy with two sides and, of course, Slovenian sausage sandwiches and hot dogs, plus the ever-popular melt-in-your-mouth krofe (donuts).

Starting at 3 p.m. from the bandstand, pleasing dancing and listening music by the Jeff Pecon Orchestra will entertain you until 7 p.m. There is a possibility that "guest musicians" will be on the bandstand as well.

Sometime during the afternoon,

recognition will be extended to 10 Lodge 53 members who have reached milestone status of membership. They include 50-year members Dale Intihar, Denise Intihar, Maxine Milosovich, Nancy Podboy, Carolyn Pratt and Alan Sosic; 60-year members Antoinette Ipavec, Ronald Princ and Florence Sommerich; and 70-year member Louise Misenko. Congratulations!

This is the perfect time to remind our members to consider enrolling young family members into the SNPJ through an insurance plan. Numerous plans are available, and there are many opportunities for access to the SNPJ Recreation Center, youth involvement, the Miss SNPJ Pageant and scholarships, to mention only a few. Contact Lodge 53 Secretary Martha Meglich for more information.

So, how about it? Won't you join us on Sunday, July 29? We promise

you an afternoon of friendly camaraderie, music, dancing, balina, horse shoes, bean bag toss, and delicious food and libations of your pleasure. Your good time is our pleasure. Stop by the kitchen counter and say hello to us. See ya!

There's going to be another get-together for Lodge 53 members that will interest your family. A "Family Fun Picnic" is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 16, at the SNPJ Farm. The decision to do this was to bring members closer together and meet other Lodge members. If, by some chance, you can't make the Lodge's summer picnic, maybe this smaller, more intimate gathering will better suit you since it's being held on a weekday in the late afternoon/early evening, from 5 to 8 p.m. To share your thoughts or for additional information, phone Martha at (440) 884-5043 or Pauline at (440) 944-9139.

Loyalites looking forward to Slovenefest, Farm picnic

by DANIELLA VOLPE
Lodge 158

EUCLID, Ohio—Hello everyone. I hope all of you are having a fabulous summer so far.

As for the Loyalites, we have been very busy. Don and Sue Srnick participated in the Lake County Senior Games, and they both won the bronze medal for putt-putt. For bowling, Sue won a silver medal, and Don a bronze medal. Their son, David Srnick, graduated with his associates of arts from Lakeland Community College.

Finally, a group of the Loyalites took part in the Slovenian Men's Club trip to Detroit to watch the Cleveland Indians play the Tigers. This group included Phil Yan Jr. and Phil Yan Sr.; Gina, Greg and Daniela Volpe; Rich and John Harwood; Dan and Diane Horabik; and Don and Sue Srnick.

As for upcoming events, we would like to remind everyone that

the annual Slovenefest is coming up the weekend of July 13-15 at the SNPJ Recreation Center in Enon Valley, Pa. If you can make it, we love seeing Loyalites Lodge members out there "polka-ing" the night away.

The Loyalites annual picnic at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, is coming up on Aug. 26. We're calling this year's picnic "Slovenestock." This will surely be an event to tell the grandkids about, with plenty of food and friends, and lots and lots of polka music from past and future artists all day long! We're also holding a Chinese raffle and are looking for donations for baskets. If you would like to donate or have any questions, contact Gary Smrdel by e-mailing garylodge158@roadrunner.com or phoning (440) 655-7592. We hope to see you all there!

Finally, we would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to our ailing members and their families during this difficult time.

Autumn chill in the air for the Lodge 321 spring picnic

by Cerkvena Miš
Lodge 321

WARREN, Ohio — Someone has some explaining to do! I was told Lodge 321 was having a spring picnic but we had fall-like weather. What's going on with this nonsense?

But really, it was O.K. because all of my girls were there. Kelley Church made me pasta salad, and it was so good. My girls Joy and Gail had lots of cheese for me, but the best part of the day was getting hugs and kisses from Evalyn and Lillian. Oh, how wonderful it is to get a hug and kiss from them!

Grandpa Fred Church showed Evalyn how to cast a fishing line since she was going to a fishing

camp. I'm not sure how she handled the worms, but I'm sure she was fine. Glad it was her and not me!

Lillian worked Aunt Gail's phone and mastered several puzzles that left me quite puzzled. John Church tried to assist Evalyn and grandpa with the fishing pole, and he found a way to sneak me some cheese without getting caught, so that was nice.

The weather may have been cold, but with my girls it's always warm. We're hoping the weather will be better in August for the Lodge 321 fall picnic. I hope you can come and hang out with me and my girls! Until then, I'm going to nap because my belly is full, just like my heart.

Lahko nož!

PROSVETA Crossword Rock and Roll (#0718) by StatePoint Media

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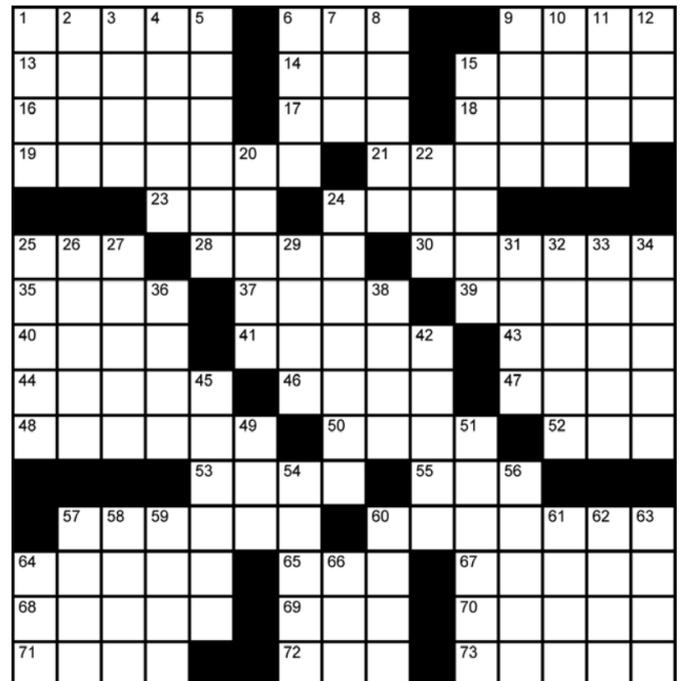
- Harvest helper
- Obi ____
- Disagreeing votes
- _____ in the sand
- International workers' group
- *One of Violent Femmes?
- Consumed
- Common Russian given name
- Dead-on
- *Took a "Walk on the Wild Side"
- *First woman in Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- Cauliflower ____ on a boxer
- Garden intruder
- Attorneys' org.
- Italy's obsolete money
- Mexican liquor distilled from desert plants
- Bolsheviks
- * ____ Kirkwood, founder of the Meat Puppets
- Indian side dish
- Pelvic bones
- Pale with fear
- Fill to excess
- 1st letter of Hebrew alphabet
- Wife of Zeus
- *Video didn't do it to the radio star
- Motion sickness
- Casino chip

DOWN

- Worshipped by ancient Semitic peoples
- Choir member
- French "place"
- Accustom
- Sometimes done to a ban or law
- *Born to be this?
- A in IPA
- Star bursts
- *"Who's ____" 1971 album by The Who
- Wet nurse
- Village People hit
- Workout segment
- Bird supplier

- Author ____ Jong
- *"Losing My Religion" band
- Cold War deterrent
- Born under the sign of Aries
- Isabella Swan of "Twilight"
- Farewell in France
- *"Tom Sawyer" band
- Quarterback's downfall
- Locomotive hair
- Bikini ____ in the Marshall Islands
- *Clapton hit
- Depletes
- Seaside bird
- Birth-related
- *Famous stairway destination
- "____ Maria"
- Authoritative proclamations
- Europe's "boot"
- It's often mini
- Boris Godunov, e.g.
- Agitate
- Middle of March
- Wading bird
- U.S. lake
- Ballistic missile acronym
- *Shirts sold at rock concerts
- Eureka!
- *Founding member of Mötley Crüe

The solution to puzzle #0718 will run in the Aug. 1 issue.



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Delegates and Alternates to the 31st SNPJ Quadrennial Convention

August 12-13, 2018, at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.

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1	Michelle Hribar-Hernandez	Janina Hribar
2	Delores A. Spelich Jeanette Ravnikar John Ravnikar	
3	Marilyn Alberter	Jeanne Susko
5	Joe Valencic Richard Tomsic Karen Tomsic	
6	Ken Pintar Frank Wright Dennis H. Brand John Baselj Carol Brand Beverly Baselj Danielle Brand	Darcy A. Bible Jeff Beatty Deann James Dennis J. Brand
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31	Edward I. Robich Barbara Bogolin	
33	Chris Petukauskas Jerome Petukauskas	Janet Duzicky
34	Jerry M. Watson Marija Watson	
41	William L. Volkar JoAnn Raspotnik	Angela Murphy John Raspotnik
53	Pauline Barbish Martha Meglich	Patricia Gruden
87	Shirley Bailley Catherine Monstrola Frank Gradisek Margaret Bregar	James R. Stefanacci Ronald Rich
106	Shelly Botwright Dan Fink Allen Zadrozny Wendy Kinney Gary Kinney Ray Chappell	Ron Zadrozny Christie Dorste
117	Joseph Grkman Jr.	Steven Grkman
120	Joanna Baker	
138	Karen Brumbaugh Ryan Brumbaugh Bob Lawrence Chris Cadez Jason Snider Jason Cadez Shannon Muraco	Margaret Maletta Ken Vogrig Carissa Boyer
142	Chris Bacnik Sophie Matuch	Christian Chermely Joan Chermely
153	Diane L. Chermely Tanner Helen Sally Chermely	Wilma J. Vukovich Henry J. Vukovich
158	Gary Smrdel	Greg Volpe

Lodge	Delegate	Alternate
158 (cnt'd.)	Pat Nevar Daniella Volpe Colleen Frank Janet Smrdel Donald F. Smovrsnik	Elizabeth Smrdel
174	Kenneth J. Zakraysek	Kimberly R. Zakraysek
216	Jennifer Provenza	
218	Bonnie Lehnerz Gregg Lehnerz	
223	Rose Masarik Robert B. Davis	
225	Linda L. Scales Donald E. Scales Johnnie J. Zibert	Mary J. Lipasek David Main M. Kathleen Brown-Cecora
254	William North Brittini Walters Francis Naugle Donna Naugle	Christine Naugle
257	Rudolph Pivik Marie Pivik	Patricia Juda Philip Emery
265	Mindie Klinsky	
274	John Micko Marcella Micko	
277	Susan Krispinsky	Mary Blakely
304	Chris Shobar	
321 (476)	Hermine Gail Church	Hermine Joy Church
355	LeRoy G. Jackopin	
358	Sarah M. Loudon	
449	Meredith Maresh	Vince Rigler
518	Michael Tehovnik William Krzysnik	Mary Beth Krzysnik Charles Zakrajsek
559	Kaitlyn Chiappetta Melanie Matiasek Geraldine Matiasek	Louis Chiappetta
564	Marion Volpe Thomas Hostnik	Rudy Zornik Ermando Volpe
576	Karen M. Novak Josephine P. Candela Antoinette E. Thomey	H. Charles Thomey
581	Marcia Klancer Bleggi Jerry Troha	Pat Moore John Moore
584	Jeffrey Maker Rudolph Papa	
603	John Tesauro Jeannette Humphrey Constance Massey	
604	Alexandria Perdan	Gerri Trebets

Lodge	Delegate	Alternate
614	Charles J. Shaver	Joseph Bradac
629	Dawn Klasnick	Ryan Klasnick Lacie Klasnick
643	Ray Kovac Ed Matasy Kathleen Seifert	Joyce Kovac Brian Kren Joan Twaddle
665	Ron Rosenberger	Sharon Ujcich
677	Dorothy Anderson Gerald Stachowiak	Karen Schnuell-Ruth Carol Roberts
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721	Nancy K. Koutoulakis Andrea Kamicker	Larry Kamicker Kristine Stedeford
723	J. Eric Wood Julianne K. Wood Frank Rote	Marcia Leathers
729	Larry Krance Joann Krance Rose M. Govi	Francis Liptak Barbara Liptak
745 (719)	John Mlakar	Joseph L. Mlakar
749	Evelyn Dimpfl Joanne Vasilko James J. Vasilko	Julie Wagner Beatrice Edwards
770	Gerald Sankovich David Sankovich	Donald Prejsnar
771	Carol Penwell	Raymond Cracraft
776	Edward E. Snyder John Pierog Vonnice Dombrosky	Mark Petcovic Joseph Tonya Mike Nahod
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786	Carol Jancich	Arnold Koci
A01	Betty J. Orlovski Robin W. Clifford	Robert Mustio Gary Westfall

* Lodge numbers listed in parentheses are those which were combined during the delegate election process. Representatives of combined Lodges may belong to any of the Lodges contained under the combination.

The SNPJ National Board agreed that the addresses of the delegates and alternates to the SNPJ Quadrennial Convention will not be published in order to protect their personally identifiable information.

Official Proceedings

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
March 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Evanish with Sis. Pintar and Bro. Lawrence in attendance.

The minutes from the Feb. 27, 2018, meeting were read and approved.

Discussed the proposed Bylaw and Resolution changes from the Executive Committee to the National Board for the upcoming meeting.

Discussed the Resolution of Disputes Policy reviewed by the attorney that will be discussed at the upcoming National Board meeting.

Discussed the Information Access Policy.

Reviewed and discussed the information provided by our sales director regarding the sales incentive trip proposal.

Approved a donation in the amount of \$60 payable to Special Olympics.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

April 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by President Evanish with Sis. Pintar and Bro. Lawrence in attendance.

The minutes from the March 12, 2018, meeting were read and approved.

Discussed Slovenefest sponsors and plans for the event.

Discussed lease options at the SNPJ Recreation Center.

Reviewed plans for the upcoming Quadrennial Convention and logistics of delegates traveling, transportation, etc.

Approved payment in the amount of \$29,000 to the Society actuary for cash flow testing.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

JOSEPH C. EVANISH
National President/CEO

KAREN A. PINTAR
National Secretary/COO

Woodworkers from Slovenia visit the SNPJ Home Office

SABA WOODWORKERS
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group over to the Lodge 106 clubroom ("gostilna") for a visit before their return to Slovenia after a five-day visit to the U.S.

SABA will continue the promotion of Slovenian com-

panies which have demonstrated interest in cooperating with U.S. companies. Likewise, SABA will also keep the SNPJ informed about economic visits or events that take place in Pennsylvania.

SABA, the Slovenian Amer-

ican Business Association, was founded in Cleveland in 2012 with the main objective of providing connections between companies from Slovenia and the United States. In addition to these connections, SABA also offers fee-based market

research and analysis, assists members in searching for local partners, and organizes visits of economic delegations from both countries.

For additional information about SABA, visit www.sloaba.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What I wish: An ode to the SNPJ Recreation Center

I wish:

1.) I could hear Bea Cvetas singing "Let's talk about our old friends at camp" when my phone rings.

2.) I could receive a birthday card signed "Your secret admirer" from Al Jerala.

3.) I could see Roger Evanish eating sardines in the conference room before his Heritage Center meeting.

4.) I could be getting voting supplies ready for Harry and Mary Knaus, and get them breakfast from McDonald's.

5.) I could hear Harold Pernisek play "My Happiness" on his accordion on the bus trips to Atlantic City with our group.

6.) I could see Al Roginski video tape each bus trip to Atlantic City.

7.) I could see Mary Knaus giving out her ornament pins made from plastic and large pens.

8.) I could see Tony and John Dezelon hanging fans in the lower pavilion on work weekend.

9.) I could see Ed Zitko in costume leading the Slovenefest parade following a straw cart.

10.) I could see Mary Bizzak cutting grass on the riding mower on work weekend.

11.) I could talk to Skip Tomesco at Slovenefest, playing his heart out!

12.) I could see Marty Gorenc winterizing my trailer.

13.) I could hear Charlie Danzinger laughing when he helped put the roof on my deck.

14.) I could see Tony Bole and give him a "coffee royal."

15.) I could hear and see Joe Cvetas giving orders to everyone to keep them in line and our camp in order.

16.) I could see Adam Zupancic tending bar in the Gostilna on Friday nights.

17.) I could see all my pensioners sitting outside on the benches waiting for me to open the office, and sharing every birthday with me from 1989 to 2010.

18.) I could see Lucille Hrovath dancing in the old gym, and Willie sitting on his chair by the bar.

19.) I could see beautiful Karen Russ sitting in the old Gostilna, laughing and singing.

20.) I could hear Joe Fedorchak playing his heart out every Easter Sunday for many years!

21.) I could see Elsie Demshar and Agnes Deleuze doing crafts at Pensioner Week.

22.) I could visit with Mary Roginski before the Heritage Center meetings.

23.) I could see Mazie and Ed Trisnar sitting on their deck at the trailer they loved so much.

24.) I could see and hear Frank Mavrich at the Tiki Bar with his contagious laugh and smile.

25.) I could see John "Jack" Kumer light up the hallway during Family Week with his quick wit and happy-go-lucky attitude.

26.) I could see Bill Dornbush to say thanks for hiring me in 1984 to work in the

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dining room, which led to my wonderful memories of old and new SNPJ friends as I worked in the office.

27.) I could see the calm and understanding Director Leo Kandzer walk down the hall to check on the wedding.

28.) I could see Millie Savena arrive during Family Week with the happiness she had just being at the campsite with her family.

29.) I could see Pat Zele come to my trailer and play her accordion for my birthday.

30.) I could see my beloved Josie Krispinsky in the kitchen cooking every Sunday for the best meals we've ever had.

31.) I could say hello to and hug all those who have passed that I didn't mention.

Thanks for the memories...

JUDY GERMANI (715)
SNPJ Recreation Center Secretary
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SNPJ fraternal sympathies

BRO. DONALD L. BUSHMIRE
• LODGE 138 •

STRABANE, Pa. — The members of Lodge 138 sadly report the Jan. 31, 2018, passing of Bro. Donald L. Bushmire, 68, of Strabane, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

Bro. Bushmire was born Jan. 3, 1950, in Canonsburg, Pa., a son of the late Elmer and Helen Russo Bushmire. A graduate of Canon-McMillan Sr. High School, he lived his entire life in Canonsburg. He served with the U.S. Army as a medical corpsman, and had been employed as a nursing aide prior to his retirement from Mayview State Hospital and Western Center.

He enjoyed watching the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates, and was a jack of all trades.

He is survived by a daughter, Tina (August) Passieu of Cecil Twp., Pa.; a son, Kevin Thomas (Leigh-Ann) Bushmire of Canonsburg; four grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; two brothers, James (Kathy) Bushmire of Scottsdale, Ariz., and E. Thomas (Diana) Bushmire of Scenery Hill, Pa.; a sister, Georgette "Sissy" Levin of Rochester, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment took place Feb. 6 in National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Cecil Twp., with full military rites accorded by Canonsburg VFW Post 191 Honor Guard and the U.S. Army.

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

SIS. DOROTHY A. BALOG
• LODGE 153 •

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — The members of Lodge 153 sadly report the April 28, 2018, passing of Sis. Dorothy A. Nenadich Balog, 83, at St. Elizabeth Boardman Health Center, surrounded by the love of her family.

Sis. Balog was born Feb. 20, 1935, in Struthers, Ohio, the second child of the late Zakarija and Anna Bacak Nenadich. She was a 1952 graduate of Struthers High School.

On Aug. 16, 1952, she married Richard N. Balog of Youngstown. They spent over 43 happy years together, until his death in May 1996. After marriage, the couple moved to Cleveland, where their three daughters were born. A son was born when the family moved back to Youngstown where they resided on the city's west side.

Dorothy worked in the housewares department of Strouss Department Store in downtown Youngstown for 24 years, until the store's closing in 1986.

An excellent cook, she was well known in her circle of family and friends for her homemade apple strudel and other delicious dishes.

Sis. Balog enjoyed crocheting and was an avid sports fan who loved to watch the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pirates and Penguins. She had a lovely voice, which she added to the Strossmayer Singing Society, where she sang in the mid-1960s.

In addition to her SNPJ Lodge 153 membership, she



Sis. DOROTHY A. BALOG (153)

was a member of Holy Apostles Parish, SS. Peter & Paul Church in Youngstown, as well as Croatian Fraternal Union of America, St. George Lodge No. 66.

Sis. Balog leaves her children, Darlene (Greg) Fejka of Moon Township, Pa., Kathleen Balog, with whom she shared her home, Joann (Edward) Jopek of New Castle, Pa., and Joseph Balog (Denise Fletcher) of Austintown, Ohio; five grandchildren, Cara (Krassi) Kassabov, Stefanie (Luke) Dybalski, Lisa (John) Kettler, Matthew Balog and Nicholas Fejka; eight great-grandchildren, Gaby, Mimi, Kali, Johnny, Kenzi, Kaylan, Kristian and Nelie, with another great-grandchild "coming soon"; three sisters, Rose Horvat of Youngstown, Theresa Ulicney of Columbus and Kathy (Edward) Gries of Youngstown; a brother, Joseph (Karllynn) Nenadich of Boardman, Ohio; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a half-sister, Mary

Plesh Hamarik, and two half-brothers, Thomas and John Plesh.

A memorial Mass for Sis. Balog was celebrated May 5 at SS. Peter & Paul Church, Youngstown. Interment took place at Calvary Cemetery, Youngstown.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 153 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our sympathies to Sis. Balog's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

SIS. ELIZABETH M. TOMSIC
• LODGE 218 •

DENVER — The Tomsic family and the members of Lodge 218 sadly report the June 1, 2018, passing of Sis. Elizabeth Tomsic, 89, of Denver, at her home of 67 years.

Sis. Tomsic was born into humble beginnings in Walsenburg, Colo. She was born on March 14, 1929, to John and Rose Duzenack. On Nov. 25, 1948, she married Edward M. Tomsic in a small service in Walsenburg and moved to Denver shortly thereafter.

Liz was a very unassuming and appreciative individual. She loved to crochet, knit and sew, making dozens of items for family and friends. Many years ago she took a bread making class at Emily Griffith Opportunity School and spent many hours baking various types of bread, in particular, her favorite Danish bread, fruitcake and potica that she baked for Christmas. She also took a cake decorating class, and received many accolades for the cakes that she baked for



Sis. ELIZABETH M. TOMSIC (218)

birthdays, special occasions and the most beautiful wedding cakes for her kids.

Sis. Tomsic was a lifelong member of the SNPJ and was very active in Lodge 218. She actually met her husband at SNPJ youth activities in Walsenburg.

Her greatest passion, and one of the activities that she will always be remembered for, was China painting. She started China painting in the early 1960s and created some of the most beautiful works of art. She won many ribbons at the state fair and other competitions. Her trademark was detail; while many painters could produce a piece in short order, she literally spent hours painting each petal, leaf and stem, and was not happy until it was perfect. She belonged to a local China painting club, and was the club president for many years.

Liz was often happiest when left to her own devices, whether it was cooking, baking, sewing, China painting, tending to the garden, tinkering around the house or going on a Sunday drive. She loved all of her kids

and was all about family.

Liz and Ed enjoyed doing almost everything together. Their passion was dancing, particularly the polka, and they traveled throughout the country attending polkafests. They also took several trips to Slovenia, the most memorable one being the celebration of the 100th anniversary of SNPJ. The two of them were also actively involved in crewing for hot air balloons, and were big supporters of the Denver Broncos.

Sis. Tomsic is survived by two sons, Jim (Cindy) and Don (Ann); two daughters, Bonnie (Gregg) Lehnerz and Connie (Geoff) Burg; a brother, Albert (Gerri); a sister, Verna; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 68 years, Edward; a daughter, Rosemary Cochran; and two brothers, Anthony Duzenack and Thomas Duzenack.

A Rosary and Funeral Mass were celebrated for Sis. Tomsic at the Chapel at Mount Olivet Cemetery. A reception followed the service at the Denver Kickers Sport Club, where one could usually find Liz and Ed dancing on Sunday afternoons.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Lutheran/Collier Hospice, 3210 Lutheran Pkwy, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033; or Autism Speaks, 1060 State Road, Second Floor, Princeton, NJ 08540.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 218 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our condolences to Sis. Tomsic's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

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SNPJ saddened by the loss of Sis. Lorraine Babcock

SIS. LORRAINE BABCOCK
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Zoning Board for 10 years. She also belonged to the Variety Club, and was a faithful member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Next to her family, Lorraine's greatest pride was her Slovenian heritage. Polka music and dancing were a family tradition. Grant learned to polka in the Chesnik family home. She made a promise to her father to carry on SNPJ Lodge 689 in Helper and became secretary/treasurer of the Lodge, serving the local Slovenian community for 35 years. She was a regular contributor to PROSVETA, earning a Literary Award. She was proud to have Lodge 689 recognized for million dollar insurance status.

During her 35-year tenure as a Lodge 689 secretary/treasurer, Sis. Babcock was the first and only woman from Utah elected to the SNPJ National Board, serving eight years as a Regional Vice President representing the states of Utah, Colorado and New Mexico. As the local Lodge secretary, she assisted dozens of young people in

obtaining college scholarships. Her love of heritage allowed her to contribute greatly to the promotion and preservation of the Slovenian community. She led efforts locally for cultural events, and on the national level she helped gain U.S. recognition of Slovenia's independence in 1992.

Lorraine also served on the board of directors and as secretary/treasurer for the local Slovenian Home in Spring Glen, Utah. She was instrumental in starting the annual Slovenian Day Picnic, and served with her husband as co-chairpersons for more than 25 years.

She loved collecting crystal dinner bells and angel figurines, and she loved pink roses. She never met a Hershey bar she didn't love. Talking with friends and family on the telephone was one of her greatest pleasures in life. Most of all, she was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She was enthusiastic about life and lived it well. "How sweet it is to love and be loved." She will be greatly missed by a community of best friends. She leaves

a legacy of love and kindness.

Sis. Babcock is survived by her son, David Grant (Gaye) Babcock of Spring Glen; a daughter, Shelly Lorraine (Jim) Stephenson of Houston, Texas; four grandchildren, Michelle (Sam) Slaughter, Stefanie Jo (Dave) Mumford, Chas (Emily) Morris and Jenna Raine Morris; and seven great-grandchildren, Cheyanne, Ashlyn, Kaydi Jo, Faith Marie, Isabella Raine, and Mackenna and William Grant. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Sheldon Grant Babcock; and her sister, Jo Ann Chesnik Couch.

A vigil service for Sis. Babcock was held June 1 at Mitchell Funeral Home, Price, Utah. A Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated June 2 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Helper; interment followed at Mountain View Cemetery in Helper.

On behalf of the Slovene National Benefit Society, we greatly appreciate Sis. Babcock's many contributions to the Society of the years. Her enthusiasm and love of the SNPJ will long be remembered.

DEATHS REPORTED

For the month of April 2018

LODGE NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CITY-STATE
A01 Millard C. Mitchell	04-28-2016	Langhorne, Pa.
5 Albert Pestotnik	01-12-2018	Willoughby Hills, Ohio
6 Christine Fischer	10-25-2017	Bethel Park, Pa.
6 Rudolph S. Harmon	02-07-2018	Uniontown, Pa.
8 Carol A. Tome	03-19-2018	Chicago, Ill.
33 Patricia A. Fedorka	01-19-2018	Pittsburgh, Pa.
33 Steve J. Kuzniar	01-09-2018	Beaver, Pa.
41 Judith K. Kienle	04-04-2018	Virginia Beach, Va.
87 Louis E. Rendulic	03-11-2018	Belle Vernon, Pa.
87 Gertrude R. Lavella	12-27-2017	Herminie, Pa.
89 Tammy Y. Kinney	03-26-2018	Langeloth, Pa.
107 Helen Straub	11-19-2017	Carlville, Ill.
107 Ann Brckovich	03-05-2018	Buckner, Ill.
138 Frances B. Keibler	03-09-2018	Bellefonte, Pa.
138 Mary F. Thomas	03-29-2018	Tiltonville, Ohio
142 Anthony Tomsic	04-02-2018	Wickliffe, Ohio
158 Alice M. Spehar	04-02-2018	Aurora, Ohio
216 William J. Martincic	03-03-2018	West Mifflin, Pa.
216 Donald D. Buzzelli	03-03-2018	Verona, Pa.
225 Philip Hutchcraft	02-15-2018	Scammon, Kan.
274 Thomas A. Birk Sr.	02-15-2018	Johnstown, Pa.
304 Dorothy J. O'Haire	11-18-2017	Napa, Calif.
459 Joseph P. Stimac	03-21-2018	Mt. Morris, Mich.
459 Thomas H. Rowe	04-09-2017	Chesaning, Mich.
559 Rosemary Sergio	03-19-2018	McCook, Ill.
576 John Udovich	03-28-2018	Euclid, Ohio
603 Nancy R. Wilder	01-30-2018	New Smyrna Beach, Fla.
626 Scott O'Reilly	02-21-2018	Toledo, Ohio
715 Dolores S. McAllonis	01-25-2018	New Kensington, Pa.
715 Regis E. Rusnock	03-31-2018	Greensburg, Pa.
721 Christina Lambros	02-22-2018	Rochester, Pa.
721 Marlene P. Joseph	01-15-2018	West Wareham, Mass.
729 Marie E. Dalesandro	10-02-2017	Latrobe, Pa.
749 Gladys A. Good	03-14-2018	Johnstown, Pa.
749 Joshua E B Udy	03-23-2018	Charleston, S.C.
749 Elizabeth M. Scheck	03-15-2018	West Reading, Pa.
749 Paul Polippo	02-07-2018	Johnstown, Pa.
770 Barbara L. Rogers	03-20-2018	New Castle, Pa.
771 Pauline E. Crocetti	02-22-2018	Lowellville, Ohio
771 Nadine Gennaro	03-11-2018	Bessemer, Pa.

KAREN A. PINTAR
National Secretary/COO

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Beautiful weather, delicious selections for the Lodge 786 wine tasting picnic

by JEAN KOČI
Lodge 786 Secretary

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. — Orange Coast Lodge 786 members, friends and guests enjoyed a gorgeous day at Wiens Family Cellars in the SoCal wine country of Temecula.

About 100 toddlers, teens, young adults, parents and grandparents started arriving at this park-like venue around noon. It was beautifully set up with tables for 10 under sun-protecting shade covers. Our team started putting out bowls of snacks, cheese, crackers and dried fruit, and soon after the first wine was ready to be poured. Four anxious pourers picked tables to care for and were very careful to not miss anyone.

Those with a beer ticket tasted from a nice selection of craft beers brewed by the Wiens Family Brewers at their site near downtown Temecula. Beer has been a popular choice over the past couple of years, but this year's wine selection was outstanding and really

proved the integrity of this winery. We started with two whites and then moved on to three great red wines, the specialty of the winery.

Don Milek started the music with his wonderful repertoire. After a little while, the Fontana Button Box Club took over and kept our toes tapping. At 1 p.m., a buffet lunch was set up. There were delicious sandwiches, German potato salad and giant bowls of green salad. All of this was followed by apple strudel that a few of us had made the day before. A delicious sparkling wine accompanied dessert for a gala finish. Of course, the music continued. Don had another chance to entertain, and he brought the talented German songstress from the Phoenix Club to sing for us.

It was a lovely afternoon. Those who did not attend missed a very special day, and some who attended are already planning for next year! I thank all who attended, especially those who helped serve, set up, load

and unload. We also appreciate the courtesies of the Wiens' staff who were so helpful.

It was nice having a delightful young family from Slovenia. Dejan and Petra Caglic now live in San Diego with their adorable little boy and girl. The children danced on stage along with a Mlakar great-granddaughter, Angeline, who already has the music in her veins!

This was our second special event of 2018. Our next event and meeting will be a barbecue and swim party on Sunday, July 22, at noon at Rancho Niguel Recreation Center. Notices will be sent out, and we ask that you please RSVP so we know how much meat to buy for this free event. We're asking folks to bring potluck appetizers, sides, salads and desserts to add to the meal. Also, please bring your own beverages if possible. We'll have some water, of course, but it's difficult to know what everyone enjoys drinking. I hope to hear from you!



Adults and children alike had a fun time socializing at the annual wine and beer tasting picnic hosted by Orange Coast Lodge 786.

SNPJ Recreation Center 2018 Fraternal Events Schedule



- July 13-15 **SLOVENEFFEST 2018**
- July 27-29 **Youth Roundup Weekend**
- July 27-29 **TEL Workshop**
- July 29-Aug. 4 **Family Week**
- Aug. 12-13 **SNPJ National Convention**
- Aug. 19-25 **SNPJ Senior Week**
- Aug. 31-Sept. 2 **National SNPJ Days**
- Sept. 29 **Recreation Center Wine & Sausage Fest**

SNPJ Recreation Center 2018 Dance Schedule

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| July 13-15 | SLOVENEFFEST 2018 | Day-long |
| Sept. 2 | National SNPJ Days Picnic | 2 to 8
Joe Grkman & Frank Stanger (Heritage Pavilion) |
| Sept. 29 | Rec Center Wine & Sausage Festival | 2 to 8
Turcola/Kravos Orchestra (North Pavilion) |

Dances are held in the upper pavilion unless otherwise noted. Schedule is subject to change. For information phone the SNPJ Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.

The SNPJ Farm 2018 Dance Schedule

SNPJ Farm, 10946 Heath Road, Kirtland, Ohio
off Chardon Road (Route 6), three miles east of Route 306
For information phone (440) 256-3423 or (440) 461-6476

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| July 4 | Holiday Dance | 1 to 7
Ed Klančnik, Brian O'Boyle, Ron Likovic & Friends |
| July 8 | Fairport Lodge 355 Picnic | 3 to 7
Bob Kravos Band |
| July 22 | Utopians Lodge 604 Picnic | 3 to 7
Patty C & The Guys |
| July 29 | V Boj Lodge 53 Picnic | 3 to 7
Jeff Pecon Orchestra |
| Aug. 5 | Spartans Lodge 576 Picnic | 3 to 7
Patty C & The Guys |
| Aug. 19 | CAL Pasta Bake | 3 to 7
Ron Likovic & Friends |
| Aug. 26 | Loyalites Lodge 158 Picnic | 3 to 7
Don Wojtila Orchestra ("Slovenestock" theme) |
| Sept. 3 | Holiday Dance | 1 to 7
Eddie Rodick and Frank Stanger bands |
| Sept. 9 | Ladies Auxiliary Goulash & Polenta Dinner | 3 to 7
Bob Kravos Band |
| Sept. 12 | Polka Hall of Fame Picnic | 12 to 8
Slovenian Sausage Festival |
| Sept. 16 | Friends of the Farm Picnic | 3 to 7
Wayne Tomsic Orchestra |
| Sept. 23 | Slovenian Grape Festival | 2:45 to 7
Joey Tomsick Band |
| Oct. 21 | Pancake & Sausage Polka Brunch | 10 to 1
Kathy Hlad |

Gates open at 1 p.m. Dinners served every Sunday starting at 2 p.m. Sunday music and dancing from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday picnic admission is \$8 per person. Rent the SNPJ Farm for your special functions. For additional information visit www.snpjfarmkirtland.com.

St. Marys Lodge 581 welcomes four new members

by JERRY TROHA
Lodge 581 Secretary/Treasurer

ST. MARYS, Pa. — Lodge 581 is pleased to report the addition of four new youth members: Ellie Mix of Kane, Pa.; Karly Ann Messner of Muncy, Pa.; Peyton Adams of Aliquippa, Pa.; and Remi Jobson of Buffalo, N.Y. Welcome to the SNPJ family! Our Lodge now has 329 adult and 35 youth members.

SNPJ Lodge 581 and North Central Pennsylvania Slovenian Polka Boosters will pay tribute to Jim Murone of Murores Music and TV Store who started the Sunday WKBI Radio Slovenian Polka Party some 60-plus years ago in St. Marys. Jack Tady, John Laborda and C. Taylor wrote "Murores Polka" as a tribute to Jim. The Dick Tady Orchestra will perform for the tribute on Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Ridgway, Pa., Eagles Club.

Lodge 581 extends get well wishes

to John Salov of the Polka Quads from Steelton, Pa.

The third quarterly meeting of Lodge 581 will be held Sunday, July 15, beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Marys Moose Club. A dance featuring the Bill Bevec Orchestra will follow.

Lodge 581 and the North Central Pennsylvania Slovenian Polka Boosters will sponsor their annual summer picnic Aug. 19 at the fire hall in Johnstown, Pa., from 2 to 6 p.m. featuring the popular Del Sinchak Orchestra. A hot meal will be catered and available at a modest price; guests are welcome to bring their favorite dessert to share. Everyone is welcome!

The Slovenian Polka Boosters will host a dance on July 15 featuring the Bill Bevec Orchestra from Warren, Ohio, at the St. Marys Moose Club from 2 to 5 p.m. Their July 22 dance will be held at the Maples

Inn on Rt. 46 in Crosby, Pa., featuring the popular Karl Lukitsch Band from 2 to 5 p.m. A meal is included in the admission fee; the dance starts at 1:30 p.m.

On July 29, again back by poplar demand, the Karl Lukitsch Band will perform at the Eagles Club in Ridgway from 2 to 5 p.m. A delicious lunch will be available for purchase at all dance venues.

For additional information on North Central Pennsylvania Slovenian Polka Booster events, contact Pat Moore by phoning (814) 837-9218 or e-mailing moorski@verizon.net. For information on SNPJ Lodge 581, contact Jerry Troha by phoning (814) 781-6978 or e-mailing jerometroha@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook at St. Marys SNPJ Lodge 581.

Come visit us at one of our dances in beautiful Elk County, Pa. *Se vidiva* – see you soon!

S'more News from the Trailer Court Association

by TAWNIA SPOHARSKI (6)
SNPJ Trailer Court Assoc.

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — The 2018 Trailer Court Association season kicked off in fun fashion as we wore blue and celebrated a "Journey Under the Sea." We sadly said our farewells to Ashley Russ and Mike Brately as they move on to start a new chapter of their lives together. Thank you both for all of the hard work you have done on behalf of the Trailer Court Association; we wish you love and happiness. A special thank you to KTB for providing the entertainment that kept us dancing the day and night away.

We welcome our new president, Joe Kostik, and vice president, Jill Yingling. The TCA looks forward to your fresh ideas as we enter a new season. We're also happy to announce that the casino bus trip will be returning this year. Our thanks to Marlene Skovinski for volunteering to organize this anticipated event. Details of the trip will be posted on our Facebook page and on our bulletin board at the Gostilna as they become available.

The Recreation Center hosted their annual Brew & Bean Festival in May, and we'd like to give a shout out to TCA members Bryan and Kuhinja Zec for winning best chili (again!), and Jerry Hlebak for winning best brew. Congratulations

to you all!

By the time this issue is in print, we will have already battled it out on the balina courts in our annual tournament. Details of this event will be shared in our next article. We'd like to thank the Recreation Center for providing us with available dates so that we can schedule these fun events that bring us together as part of the SNPJ community.

Speaking of the SNPJ community, the biggest of all events is the fast approaching: Slovenefest, a time when SNPJ heritage shines! We hope to see you all at this three-day event that embodies the culture and fun of Slovenia. It takes a village (our Recreation Center village) to help create this amazing experience that will draw thousands to the campsite to take part in. Please volunteer for one of the many areas where help is needed.

We're working on many plans for the 2018 season, and we'd like to share a few of our random ideas here. After significant research, the Trailer Court Association has purchased three new sets of balina balls, two of which will be donated to the Recreation Center while one set will be available through sign-out with any TCA board member. We'll also make a suggestion box for this year's "Give Back to the Campsite" project. Please share your

thoughts to help improve our great camp.

Trailer Court Karaoke is scheduled Friday, Aug. 17, from 9 p.m. until midnight in the Gostilna. Warm up your vocal cords and join in to sing some old classics and new favorites.

While we don't want to rush our summer, the closing party is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Upper Pavilion. Mark your calendars; details will follow. The "Let Us Pay Your Pad Fee" drawing returns after much success last year. See any board member to purchase your \$20 ticket for your chance to win. Please stop by our bulletin board in the Gostilna hallway for pictures of activities we have shared and updates on upcoming events.

For those of you who have not yet joined the SNPJ Trailer Court Association and would like to do so, membership is \$20 per adult and \$10 per young adult age 17-20. Children age 16 can join for free. Membership includes all of the TCA parties and other activities. Remember, guests are always welcome to attend any party at a cost of \$10 per person.

We look forward to a season filled with many visits to the pool, good times on the balina courts and playing frisbee golf, just hanging out with friends at our trailers, and taking part in all of the fun we are so lucky to enjoy as part of the SNPJ.

SNPJ Scholarship Fund Donations for the months of March-May 2018

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Lodge 559 members looking forward to future events in the Chicago area

by KAITLYN CHIAPPETTA
Lodge 559 President

CHICAGO — Lodge 559 members kicked off their second meeting of the year with another food drive. This time we donated all of the items to St. Cletus Church, of which Lodge Vice President Geri Matiassek is a member. Thank you, Geri, for dropping off the donations, and to everyone who donated!

We were all excited to see Grace Doerk attend our May 11 meeting. She has been absent from our last few meetings due to a recent move, but we were all glad to see her at the meeting and in good spirits. Thank you to her son, Ed Doerk, for bringing her to the meeting. We again held our meeting at the McCook Bohemian Restaurant and enjoyed the food immensely.

Several of our members celebrated birthdays in April, so we sang a belated "Happy Birthday" to those members in attendance: Lou Chiappetta, Frank Michalek and Grace Doerk.

The weekend of June 15-17, I attended the SNPJ Young Adult Conference as the Lodge 559 delegate. I drove several members of Lodge 449 to the conference, and we all enjoyed the road trip together. The conference was a great time to catch up with all of my SNPJ friends from around the country. Our service project, making tie-blankets to donate to cancer patients, was a lot of fun, both to make the blankets, and to know that we are hopefully bringing a smile to someone going through chemo treatments.

Thank you to Darcy Bible

(6) for thinking of this service project, and for all of her hard work setting us up with the supplies to make it happen. Congratulations to Meredith Maresh (449) for being elected as next year's chairperson for the Young Adult Conference!

Upcoming Lodge 559 activities include the Slovenian Cultural Center annual picnic in August, as well as the Chicago Federation dinner dance. In November we will hold a toy drive which will be held at our final meeting of the year. Feel free to send toys or monetary donations to support our cause. We're looking forward to all of these events!

Our next meeting will be held Friday, Aug. 10, starting at noon at the McCook Bohemian Restaurant, 8300 Joliet Rd., McCook, IL 60525.



During the May meeting, Pioneer Lodge 559 members held their second food drive of the year, donating all of the items collected to St. Cletus Church.

Badger Jabber

by BOB SMOLE
Lodge 584

MILWAUKEE — The Badger Lodge 584 regular monthly meeting was held Thursday, June 7, as scheduled, at Mary Queen of Heaven Gym. A moment of silence was observed in memory of deceased members Sisters Dorothy M. Perkovich and Rosalie Toth. The monthly reports of officers were made and accepted as presented. A very small group of members was in attendance again this month.

A discussion was held regarding the SNPJ Tony Mlinar Sr. Golf Outing that was to take place in two days. A letter was read from Tony Mlinar Jr. requesting participation, asking for a prize donation and soliciting for a hole sponsorship, which was not acted upon due to timeliness. The Badger Lodge did appropriate a \$50 donation for golf prizes.

Another discussion was held concern-

ing the SNPJ Young Adult Conference that was to begin the following day. The Badger Lodge had several members scheduled to fly to Pennsylvania to attend this event at the SNPJ Recreation Center.

The monthly birthday celebrant was yours truly, and I was pleasantly serenaded by the traditional birthday song. As an added delight, I was also the winner of the monthly attendance award.

Badger Lodge members are reminded that there will be no regular monthly meetings held in July and August. It was decided at our last regular monthly meeting to forego the meetings in July and August. Our regular meeting schedule will resume on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Mary Queen of Heaven Gym, 2360 S. 106 St. in West Allis, Wis.

We will resume our regular meeting schedule with our annual Ice Cream Social. Yes, back by popular demand, you are invited to attend this event and "build your own sundae." All the fixin's will be available, unless you have a special topping you believe to be extra special. If that's the case, please bring

it along and share it with us — we would love to try it!

There was no further business brought forth for discussion, and the meeting was adjourned. Coffee and desserts were available for all in attendance.

A speedy recovery and best wishes from Badger Lodge 584 are conveyed to my brother, Bro. Rudy Smole. Rudy is recovering at a rehab facility in Maryland after experiencing some medical issues. Bro. Rudy Smole just celebrated his 91st birthday on May 21. Hope you get better soon, brats... love 'ya!

I was just informed of the passing of a longtime active member of the Badger Lodge. SNPJ Badger Lodge 584 mourns the passing of Bro. Louie Saje. Bro. Saje and his late wife, Ida, were very staunch followers of all Slovenian activities in the Milwaukee area in earlier years. He was 93 at the time of his passing.

On behalf of Badger Lodge 584, we extend our deepest condolences to Bro. Louie Saje's family and many friends. Farewell, Bro. Lou Saje; you will be sadly missed but not forgotten... farewell.

Lodge 153 recognizing their honorees in August

by WILMA VUKOVICH
Lodge 153

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — The Lodge 153 May meeting was held in the main building of Shepherd of the Valley in Poland, Ohio. All officers were in attendance.

Happy belated birthday wishes to Steve Pavlich, who celebrated on May 9. We'd also like to extend birthday wishes to everyone who celebrated in May and June.

All Lodge 153 members celebrating an SNPJ anniversary in 2018 are invited to attend our Aug. 21 meeting at which

time they will be recognized. Celebrants include 50-year members Patricia Alpage, Michael Jurich and Catherine Skebo; 60-year member Wilma Vukovich; and 70-year member Mary Kohler. A light lunch will also be honored during our annual Christmas party.

The remainder of the 2018 Lodge 153 meetings will continue to be held at Shepherd of the Valley club room in Poland. Our next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

A busy summer schedule arranged at Lodge 106

by KEVIN RICHARDS
Lodge 106

IMPERIAL, Pa. — Greetings from Imperial Lodge 106, where we continue to play bar bingo on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Special early bird games start at 6:30 p.m.; the first regular game starts at 7. Our kitchen is open during bar bingo evenings.

Stop by the Lodge 106 clubroom on the first Tuesday of each month to enjoy an evening of free jukebox.

We have two "Seems Like Old Times" dances scheduled in the Imperial Room at Lodge 106 on Sunday, July 8, and Sunday, Aug. 5. Both dances will run from 7 to 10 p.m. The Lodge 106 kitchen will open at 5 p.m. and offer a buffet meal for \$10. Admission for each dance is \$8 at the door. You'll enjoy the sounds of the Wally Merriman Group for

these ballroom-style dances. We also have bean bag toss tournaments scheduled for Saturday, July 21, and Saturday, Aug. 18. The entry fee for each tournament is \$5 per person. The competition starts at 1 p.m.

The next Lodge 106 car cruise is planned for Sunday, July 22, at noon. We have partnered with the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce to host a Community Expo in the Imperial Room during the car cruise. The expo will allow local business leaders the opportunity to display an exhibit in our hall, showing the community what they have to offer while getting to know our community members in a festive environment.

If you are a business owner in the Imperial area and would like to have a table at our Community Expo, please call Lodge 106 Secretary Shelly

Botwright at (412) 498-3557. Tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis and can be reserved with a \$25 deposit. Your deposit will be refunded, so this event is basically free of charge.

Musical entertainment during the July 22 car cruise and expo will be provided by The GRID Band. Food, drinks and a 50/50 drawing are offered, all on our level, paved parking lot and in our air-conditioned clubroom. This event is open to the public, and bikes are welcome too!

The Lodge 106 Memorial Golf Tournament will be played Saturday, Aug. 25, at Black Hawk Golf Course in Beaver Falls, Pa. Golfers are asked to arrive at the golf course by 7:30 a.m. for the 8 a.m. shotgun start. You can sign up in the Lodge 106 clubroom. The fee is \$65 per golfer, which includes your

greens fee, prizes, door prizes and dinner at the Lodge 106 member party. You can play with a foursome of your choice; however, competition teams will be randomly drawn. The entry deadline is Aug. 11.

Lodge 106 will also be holding a member party on Aug. 25 beginning at 4 p.m. There will be food, door prizes, a 50/50 drawing and music by DJ Ron Z.

Would you like to receive periodic e-mails from Lodge 106 about upcoming events? If so, send an e-mail to 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 at www.snpjimperialpa.com, or by following SNPJ Lodge 106 and the Imperial Room at SNPJ Lodge 106 on Facebook.

50-Year Members July 2018

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
A01	Rosemary Yambor	174	Stanley J. Kabala
A01	David J. Salabsky	223	Louis P. Minardi
A01	Barbara L. Klucik	265	Kathleen J. Brady
2	Dean J. Rauh	274	John P. Yuhos
2	Roger A. Mahnich	584	James M. Smole
2	Chester J. Wasilewski	603	Kevin F. Wright
2	Clare M. Gonzalez	603	Robert F. Shaw
5	Barbara J. Elersich	614	Robert L. Matetich
5	Tonee A. Zobec	643	John H. Komlanc
6	George R. Morgan Jr.	643	Richard J. Racick
8	John T. Fleischhacker	677	Allen J. Nameth
34	Alfred F. Hartman	677	Josephine M. Busuttill
41	Sally J. Henry	715	Randolph M. Sovic
87	Susan M. Ruddle	715	Marlene L. Kumer Dean
87	Karen A. Murray	721	Rose M. Mavrich
89	Joseph F. Korosec	749	Linda C. Sevanick
89	Judy Kramer	749	William F. Podbensek
106	John A. Ursic	770	Shirley A. Anthony
106	Patricia E. Jussen	770	Bonnie S. Casto
106	Barbara A. Jobkar	770	Norma J. Holleran
120	Serene A. Bartoletti	771	Glenn L. Penwell
138	David J. Podboy	786	Leonard A. Welch
158	Thomas M. Zgela		

60-Year Members July 2018

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
A01	John J. Meyers	559	Marlene M. Braxton
2	Eugene J. Galassi	559	Bruce W. Ristow
5	Jean A. Pleszko	564	Genevieve M. Tribu
5	Donald E. Hupcey	576	Sandra L. Kolenc
8	Carolyn J. Kratovil	577	Mark J. Vivoda III
53	Florence Sommerich	577	Richard S. Vivoda
87	Robert Kapelar	584	Marie E. Wozniak
138	Agnes I. Engel	584	Robert J. Smole
190	Frances White	584	Joann C. Voss
216	John C. Flajnik	584	James F. Pouh
254	Virginia A. Cook	614	Joyce M. Toth
449	Nadine A. Vesel	723	Mary L. Subic
518	David A. Stefanic	729	Theodore Sebetich

70-Year Members July 2018

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
A02	Robert O. Havekotte	577	Stanley F. Erjavec
53	Louise Misenko	723	Margaret T. Macdonald
158	Esther Pierce	723	Anna Marie Marinch
158	Robert E. Edmiston	745	John C. Pozar
257	Dorothy A. Grmek	782	Rose P. Kokel
459	Mary Penabaker	782	Mary Hrobak
518	Josephine M. Gillespie		

80-Year Members July 2018

Lodge	Member
138	Sophia C. Kern
218	Daniela Ciarallo

All West Park Home shares due the end of September

by RUDY PIVIK
Lodge 257

CLEVELAND — The West Park Slovenian National Home closed its doors on Oct. 31, 2017. The building and lot are now for sale. All persons who have West Park Home certificates or shares must turn them over to:

Mr. Jeff Sheehan
9507 Larnder Ave., #2
Cleveland, OH 44102
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All members' certificates or shares must be turned in by Sept. 30, 2018.

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82nd SNPJ National Bowling Tournament Results

Tournament rolled May 5-6, 2018, hosted by Euclid, Ohio, Lodge 158 at the SNPJ Recreation Center

Men's Doubles Event

Team	Lodge	Score	Prize
*S. Morgan/G. Marshman	138	1,320	\$150
**K. Pliska/G Strack	138/6	1,437	\$150
I. Brumbaugh/J. Mangione	138	1,414	\$98
C. White/J Kuisis	138/6	1,389	\$52
D. Prejsnar/D. Sankovich	770	1,389	\$52
S. Anderson/C. Flockhart	677/564	1,357	\$46
B. Hervol/D. Pounds	138	1,353	\$44
S. Wiant/K. Vogrig	138	1,347	\$42
R. Snow/B. Kessler	6	1,337	\$40

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
D. Prejsnar	770	695	\$30
T. Zivkovich	158	691	\$29
D. Fetcko	138	681	\$28
G. Volpe	158	676	\$26
C. White	138	675	\$25
D. Sankovich	770	675	\$25
J. Petukauskas	33	674	\$23
R. McNurlen	138	671	\$22
G. Strack	6	668	\$21
B. Frank	158	662	\$20

Men's All Events

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*G. Marshman	138	2,074	\$55
**C. Flockhart	564	2,130	\$55
M. Brately	158	2,127	\$35
S. Anderson	677	2,101	\$25
A. Brumbaugh	138	2,050	\$24

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
S. Taylor	138	687	\$30
D. Brand	6	663	\$24
T. Halaburda	158	650	\$22
T. Spoharski	6	650	\$22
J. Hudson	6	644	\$20
C. Frank Sr.	158	644	\$20

Men's Singles Event

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*S. Morgan	138	736	\$80
**M. Brately	158	790	\$80
S. Anderson	677	727	\$65
C. Flockhart	564	714	\$45
G. Marshman	138	713	\$39
B. Lawrence	138	708	\$35
A. Brumbaugh	138	696	\$32

Men's Team Event

Team	Lodge	Score	Prize
*All Balls No Glory	138/158	2,583	\$140
**Sixty Somethings	138	2,701	\$140
Martay's Partay	6	2,688	\$100
Where's Hawk?	138/6	2,687	\$80
Fantastic 4	138	2,646	\$72
Wolverine Bombers	564/626/677	2,633	\$68

Women's Doubles Event

Team	Lodge	Score	Prize
*T. Anderson/C. Roberts	677	1,063	\$90
**P. O'Smith/D. Bradwell	6	1,346	\$90
M. O'Malley/C. Frank Sr.	158	1,326	\$50
S. Taylor/J. Fetcko	138	1,296	\$44
J. Hudson/L. Strickland	6/626	1,293	\$40

Women's Team Event

Team	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Wolverine Gold	6/626/677	1,847	\$88
**Irish Creams	158	2,615	\$88
Alley Cats	138	2,591	\$72

Women's All Events

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*C. Roberts	677	1,590	\$35
**P. O'Smith	6	2,052	\$35
D. Horabik	158	1,996	\$15

*Indicates Actual Champion
**Indicates Handicap Champion

2018 SNPJ Western Pa. Golf Tournament Results

Tournament played June 9, 2018, at Rolling Green Golf Course, Eighty-Four, Pa.

Men: Members

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Cory Ward	138	74	\$100
**Jeff Cadez	138	63	\$100
**Jason Snider	138	63	\$100
Ron Tkach	138	67	\$50
Larry Butka	138	68	\$40
Daren Fetcko	138	69	\$40
Ryan Brumbaugh	138	69	\$40
John Wagner	138	69	\$40

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
Jerry Kelly	138	71	\$30
Eric Valencic	138	72	\$20
J.P. Bevec	138	73	\$10
Mike Lucas	138	73	\$10
Jeremy Cadez	138	73	\$10

Men: Guests

Name	Score	Prize
*Brandon Dritz	70	\$70
Steve Hornyack	68	\$35
Brian Mosesso	68	\$35
Larry Sayre	68	\$35
Bob Alvarez	70	\$10
Rocco Iannetta	70	\$10

*Indicates Scratch Champion
**Indicates Net Champion

Women: Members

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Sara Taylor	138	97	\$20
**Krissy Jack	138	66	\$20

2018 SNPJ CAL Don Gorjup Open Golf Results

Tournament played May 26, 2018, at Rolling Green Golf Course, Huntsburg, Ohio

Men's Division

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Tom Gorjup	158	74	\$100
**Nick Thompson	158	62	\$100
Mark Pust	614	63	\$70
Ryan Brumbaugh	138	66	\$60
Jacob Young	576	67	\$50
Joe Bradac	614	68	\$45
Jacob Cadez	138	69	\$40
Greg Curl	6	69	\$40
Brad Stroth	158	69	\$40
John Kopcsso	576	70	\$35
Craig Young	576	70	\$35
Jim Gorjup	576	71	\$30
Ken Pintar	6	71	\$30
Jason Snider	138	71	\$30
Joe Blatnik Jr	614	72	\$22
Joe Novak	576	72	\$22
Greg Ostanek	126	72	\$22
Daren Fetcko	138	73	\$18
Mike Jasinski	126	73	\$18
Rich Damore	158	74	\$15
Mark Kocin	158	74	\$15
Tom Sedora	138	74	\$15

2018 CAL Flight Winners

Men's Division			
Fairport (355) Flight #1			
Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
Gross	Daren Fetcko	138	78 \$35
Net	Greg Ostanek	126	72 \$35
Long Drive	Greg Ostanek	126	\$5
Pin Shot	Brent Rudd	604	\$5

Strugglers (614) Flight #2			
Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
Gross	Jim Gorjup	576	79 \$35
Net	Greg Curl	6	69 \$35
Long Drive	Greg Curl	6	\$5

Farm Board Flight #3			
Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
Gross	Jacob Cadez	138	83 \$35
Net	John Kopcsso	576	70 \$35
Long Drive	Joe Novak	576	\$5
Pin Shot	Jacob Cadez	138	\$5

Spartans (576) Flight #4			
Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
Gross	Ryan Brumbaugh	138	85 \$35
Net	Jason Snider	138	71 \$35
Long Drive	Jeremy Tomic	604	\$5
Pin Shot	Mark Pust	614	\$5

Loyalites (158) Flight #5			
Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
Gross	Jacob Young	576	90 \$35
Net	Craig Young	576	70 \$35
Pin Shot	John Harwood	158	\$5

Utopians (604) Flight #6

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
Gross	Joe Bradac	614	98 \$35
Net	Mark Kocin	158	74 \$35
Long Drive	R.J. Likovic	576	\$5
Pin Shot	R.J. Likovic	576	\$5

Mirni Raj (142) Flight #7

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
Gross	J.D. Gorjup	576	113 \$35
Net	Ken Lawrence	138	80 \$35

Women's Division

Urban Vintner Flight #8			
Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
Gross	Kris Jack	138	133 \$35
Net	Laurie Cadez	138	91 \$35

Guests Division

Cleveland Federation Flight #9 and V Boj (53) Flight #10			
Name	Net Score	Prize	
Mike Boreave	61	\$70	
Steve Collins	63	\$60	
Jessie Baden	64	\$40	
Joey Palazzo	70	\$35	
Patty Pinkney	70	\$35	
Steve Jackson	71	\$20	
Gary Barbish	71	\$20	



Heritage Weekend Champions Crowned

Congratulations to the 2018 SNPJ Heritage Weekend tournament winners: first place bean bag toss [above, right] **ASHLEY RUSS** (158) and **MIKE BRATELY** (158); second place bean bag toss [above, left] **MEGAN** and **BRIAN SPICIER** (782); first place balina [below] **JAMIE** and **PATTI EVANISH** (715), and **LISA** and **DENNY BRAND Jr.** (6); and second place balina [bottom] **DAVE** and **PEGGY CUSHMAN** (138), **ANN EVANISH** (715) and **JACK ZAMAN** (142).



74th SNPJ National Golf Tournament

at Black Hawk Golf Course
644 Blackhawk Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010
Phone: (724) 843-5512
Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018
8 a.m. Shotgun Start

Individual Event

Name	Lodge No.
1.	
2.	
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4.	

Team Event

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

Entry fees for team and individual events are \$66 per member. For individual event only, entry fee is \$61 per member. Entry fee includes greens fees, golf cart, prize fund, lunch at the turn, a golfer's meal in the dining room at the SNPJ Recreation Center, and a drawing ticket for give-aways.

Return this form, along with entry fees, to:
Slovene National Benefit Society
247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126
Phone: 1-800-843-7675
Make checks payable to SNPJ
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SNPJ National Balina Tournament

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 1-2, 2018
at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.

Name	Lodge Number
1.	
2.	
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4.	

Team name _____
Team captain's name, phone number & e-mail address: _____

\$20 per team entry fee for men's and women's competition.
ENTRY DEADLINE is Aug. 24, 2018
Return this form, along with entry fees, to:
Slovene National Benefit Society
Att'n.: National Balina Tournament
247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126
Phone: 1-800-843-7675
Make checks payable to SNPJ

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 National Bean Bag Toss Tournament

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018, starting at 2:30 p.m.
at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.

Select Entry Division:
Men's/Co-ed Women's

Name	Lodge No.
1. (Team 1 captain)	
2.	
1. (Team 2 captain)	
2.	

Team 1 captain's name, phone number & e-mail address: _____

Team 2 captain's name, phone number & e-mail address: _____

Entry Fee: \$10 per two-man team
Return this form, along with entry fees, to:
Slovene National Benefit Society
Att'n.: National Bean Bag Toss Tournament
247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126
Phone: 1-800-843-7675
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by JOSEPH C. EVANISH
SNPJ National President

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Sis. **DOROTHY VENGLARIK**, a member of Sharon, Pa., Lodge 31, was recognized by the Society for her 70-year membership. Sis. Venglarik writes:

"Thanks for the gift of a throw. I enjoyed its warmth. It's nice to be remembered for 70 years."

Sis. DOROTHY VENGLARIK
Sharon, Pa., Lodge 31
Hoover, AL

• Sixty-year SNPJ member Bro. **BILL GALICIC** was honored by the Society and Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6 for his longtime membership. He writes:

"It has been an honor to belong to the SNPJ for 60 years. Thank you for the recognition and the beautiful pen. I spend my time enjoying my friends, retirement and wonderful family."

Bro. BILL GALICIC
Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6
Bridgeville, PA

• The Slovene National Benefit Society and Barton, Ohio, Lodge 562 recognized Sis. **DOROTHY MOLNAR** for her 70 years of membership. Sis. Molnar writes:

"Thank you so very much for the lovely blanket with the SNPJ logo on it commemorating my 70-year membership. My parents, John and Mary Skerbetz, enrolled me into the SNPJ in Piney Fork, Ohio. I still live in the area, although our SNPJ Lodge is no longer here. Piney Fork was a booming mining town at one time, but since the mine closed, the population has reduced greatly.

"My husband, Joe, passed away in 1994. I have been blessed with three wonderful children. Linda and Sandra live in Columbus, Ohio, and Ron lives in Rayland, Ohio, about five miles from me. I also have five grandchildren, all of whom are members of SNPJ, as are their parents.

"My family and I enjoy spending three days at Slovenefest every year. We rent a cabin each year as do my sister, Shirley, and her husband, Ev Borkoski. The family members who don't have a cabin pitch tents. Every Slovenefest Saturday, we have a big cook out with relatives and friends. My family and I look forward to this weekend every year.

"Again, thank you for my blanket. We are looking forward to Slovenefest 2018 where we will meet up with friends we've met over the years and dance to wonderful Slovene music."

Sis. DOROTHY MOLNAR
Barton, Ohio, Lodge 562
Dillonvale, OH

• Detroit Lodge 564 and SNPJ honored Bro. **ANTON POTOCHNIK** for attaining 50 years of membership. Bro. Potochnik writes:

"I am a retired home builder who has decided climate change

is the greatest challenge we face. I'm a member of the bi-partisan Citizens' Climate Lobby, working for the federal legislation of the Fee and Dividend plan.

"I live with my wife, Debbie, in Newport, Ken., across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, Ohio, and my daughter's family, including my two granddaughters. We really enjoy the Cincinnati area. My daughter, Angela, is a professor at the University of Cincinnati and her field is philosophy of science. She published her first book recently and a second is on the way.

"I've never lived near an SNPJ Lodge, but I have fond memories of visiting my grandparents, Rudy and Mary Potochnik, in Troy, Mich., and going to their Lodge. Polka is the only dance I can do. Shout out to my cousins the Blazics in the Detroit area!"

Bro. ANTON POTOCHNIK
Detroit Lodge 564
Newport, KY

• Bro. **RONALD ZLATOPER**, a member of Cleveland Lodge 614, was recognized by the Society for his 60-year membership.

Admiral R. J. "Zap" Zlatoper is a third generation Slovenian-American who has continually supported Slovenia and the American Slovenian community throughout his public and private lives.

Bro. Zlatoper is a lifelong member of the Slovene National Benefit Society with Lodge 614, and a life member of the Slovenian-American Heritage Foundation. Committed to improving Slovenian-U.S. relations, he has worked actively to help Slovenia gain entry into NATO, including attending meetings with the U.S. Executive Branch at the White House in Washington. D.C. In October 1995, Admiral Zlatoper was honored by the Slovenian-American Heritage Foundation with his induction into its Hall of Fame. He is currently completing his 13th year as the Honorary Consul for Slovenia in Hawaii. In 2016-2017, he served as the Dean of the Consular Corps of Hawaii.

Bro. Zlatoper completed his assignment as the 24th Trustee of the Estate of James Campbell in 2017 after successful earlier careers in the high technology industry and the United States Navy. During his service in the private and public sectors, Admiral Zlatoper served for over 10 years as the Chief Executive Officer of large organizations in the national defense and commercial sectors.

Prior to joining The Estate of James Campbell, Admiral Zlatoper served as the co-chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Sanchez Computer Associates Inc., a banking software company rated 45th on *Forbes* list of the 200 best small companies in the United States.

Before joining Sanchez, Bro. Zlatoper completed a distin-

guished naval career. His final assignment was Commander in Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, the world's largest naval command, including more than 190 ships, 1,600 aircraft and 200,000 personnel. He is a combat experienced naval aviator with over 4,000 flying hours and 1,000 carrier landings.

Zap has received numerous personal decorations including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal (with Combat "V"), as well as various campaign and unit awards. He is the honored recipient of the Japanese Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun and the Korean Presidential Tong 11 medal.

Admiral Zlatoper holds an honorary doctorate in engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a master's in management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a master's in administration from George Washington University and a bachelor's in mathematics from RPI. He currently serves as a trustee for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a governor for Chaminade University and board member on the University of Hawaii Engineering School Council. He also serves on the boards of the Pacific Forum CSIS, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii Military Affairs Council and three corporate boards.

A native of Cleveland, Bro. Zlatoper and his wife, Barry Lane Oliver of Virginia, have two grown children on the mainland — Ashley, a medical doctor, and Michael, an advertising executive — and five grandchildren.

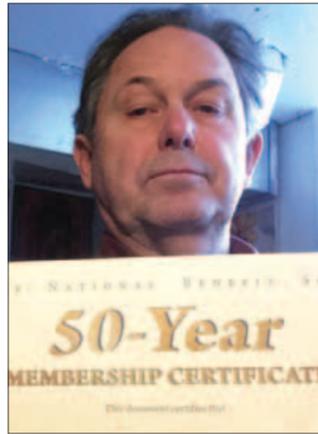
Bro. RONALD ZLATOPER
Cleveland Lodge 614
Honolulu, HI

• Sixty-year SNPJ member Bro. **DONALD RUDALEVIGE** was honored by the Society and Bon Air, Pa., Lodge 254 for his longtime membership. He writes:

"Sue, my wife of 53 years, and I live in Maine where we retired in 2006 following 42 years of pastoral and administrative ministry in the United Methodist Church, mostly in New England after several years in Philadelphia.

"We have three adult children. Our daughter, Joanna, works for National University in San Diego. Trevor, our younger son, lives in Garden Grove, Calif., and is a chemist for U.S. Customs. Trevor and Allison have one son, Liam, who is 11. Our oldest son, Andrew, is a professor in U.S. Government at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. He and his wife, Christine, have two children: Owen, a sophomore at the University of Chicago, and Eliza, a high school junior.

"Since retirement, we have



Bro. ANTON POTOCHNIK (564)



Bro. DONALD RUDALEVIGE (254)



Bro. RONALD ZLATOPER (614)



Bro. CARL NAGODE (138)

Bro. DONALD RUDALEVIGE
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

continued to travel extensively, primarily in Europe, with excursions to Southern Africa and Latin America. Sue and I met at Oxford University and she still has relatives in Britain, so that's always high on our list of places to visit.

"In Maine, I continue to be active in a variety of social justice causes including Planned Parenthood, Equality Maine, NAACP, Maine Peoples Alliance, various environmental groups combating climate change, and, most recently, The Poor Peoples Campaign. Our deepest commitment has been to assist asylum seekers, predominantly from Africa, as they become established in Maine.

"I'm a co-founder of Hope Acts, a non-profit which houses 13 asylum seekers until they are allowed a work permit, while Sue has created a non-profit charity to provide no-interest loans for asylum seekers trying to get their first apartments. Both of us are active at the State House, advocating for immigrants in a State that desperately needs younger people and is enriched by the variety of backgrounds and cultures represented by the 'New Mainers.' We are also active in our local church, HopeGateWay UMC.

"At 78, I'm amazed and grateful to have such opportunities and energy, and give thanks to God for chances to share my life."

Bro. DONALD RUDALEVIGE
Bon Air, Pa., Lodge 254
Cape Elizabeth, ME

• Sixty-year SNPJ member Bro. **CARL NAGODE** was honored by the Society and Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 for his longtime membership. He writes:

"Thank you for the pen commemorating my 60 years of membership with SNPJ Lodge 138. I can still remember attending the various youth events and learning to bowl on the Lodge lanes.

"I was born March 23, 1940, in Canonsburg, Pa. I attended grade school at South Hills School, eighth grade at Alexander School in Strabane and graduated from Canonsburg High School in 1958.

"I started my engineering career with Engelhardt-Power & Assoc. in Canonsburg as a draftsman before enlisting in the U.S. Army and attending their engineering school at Ft. Belvoir, Va. During my military service, I was assigned to the 64th Engineering Battalion. I did mapping survey in Libya, North Africa; Camp Drum, N.Y.; and Ft. Sill, Okla., among other locations. After discharge, I enrolled in surveying courses and later engineering courses, receiving licenses as a surveyor and engineer.

"I was married to my wife, Jane Ann (Kelly), for 45 years. She passed away in December 2013. We enjoyed taking one-day bus



Sis. GLADYS RANGE (A02)

Bro. CARL NAGODE
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

trips, and took two ocean cruises. We have one daughter, Melissa, who is a special education teacher. My sister Nellie (Sue) lives in Norristown, Pa.

"My employment was with PADOT, PADEP, Carpentertown Coal and Coke Company (Sharon Steel). I retired from the rail safety division of PAPUC in 2010. While employed with the state, I was able to visit most of the counties in Pennsylvania.

"I'm currently a member of St. Patrick R.C. Church in Carlisle, Pa., and volunteer in the RCIA Ministry, St. Luke's Ministry and Adoration Chapel. I enjoy taking one-day bus trips and driving my 1931 Model A Ford. I also enjoy listening to and playing Slak music on my button box accordion, and occasionally attending button box jam sessions in Steelton, Pa. I have visited the beautiful country of Slovenia three times and hope to do so again."

Bro. CARL NAGODE
Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138
Carlisle, PA

• Pittsburgh Lodge A02 and SNPJ honored Sis. **GLADYS RANGE** for attaining 70 years of membership. Sis. Range writes:

"I'm a two-time widow, and both of my husbands were great. I was married to my first husband for 52 years, and my second husband for just five years.

"This year, at age 88, I started learning to play the electronic keyboard. I'm doing great! I'm a very happy lady."

Sis. GLADYS RANGE
Pittsburgh Lodge A02
Beaufort, N.C.

celebrating your SNPJ anniversary?

Share your biography with *PROSVETA*. Send your material to the attention of National President Joseph C. Evanish at 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126.

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Eight entrants will compete for the title of Miss SNPJ 2019

by KEVIN RICHARDS
SNPJ Fraternal Director

IMPERIAL, Pa. — On behalf of the SNPJ Fraternal Department, I extend a welcome to the 2018 Miss SNPJ Pageant contestants. The contestants will be introduced on each stage throughout Slovenefest weekend.

KATIE JO RASPOJNIK is a member of Irwin, Pa., Lodge 41. She is the daughter of Al Raspoznik (41) and Leann Zuzich, and the granddaughter of John and Joann Raspoznik (41), and Bob and Peg Miller.

Katie Jo graduated from Penn Trafford High School with high honors in May 2017. She was an honor roll student and member of the National Honors Society. During her time at Penn Trafford she was involved in many organizations, including SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), Spanish Club and Community Action Program. She served as Art Club president and won the 2017 Outstanding Achievement in the Arts award.

Continuing her academic success, Katie Jo completed her freshman year at Clarion University as a Dean's List student with a 4.0 GPA. She has a double major, marketing and management, and plans to add finance to her degree as well. She was inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success and is also a member of the University Activities Board in the Arts Committee. She is a student worker in the university's Marketing and Management Department.

A lifelong member of SNPJ Lodge 41, Katie Jo has participated in many Lodge and Federation events, and has regularly attended meetings. She has volunteered for and participated in the Westmoreland County (Pa.) Federation "Pretty in Pink" fund-raiser every year since its start in 2011, and the Grape Festival since birth. She has also represented Lodge 41 at the SNPJ TEL Workshop.

Katie Jo currently holds the title of SNPJ Miss Talent 2018. She appeared as Miss Talent at the Westmoreland County Federation 85th anniversary dance, where she displayed her artwork and volunteered by selling tickets and greeting guests at the door.

ELIZABETH SMRDEL is a member of Euclid, Ohio, Lodge 158. She is the daughter of Janet and Gary Smrdel (158), and the granddaughter of Marilyn (158) and Martin Hulin, and the late Francina and Ludwig Smrdel (126).

Elizabeth graduated from Mentor High School with the Community Service Honor Cord. She was a lettered member of the Fighting Cardinal Marching Band Color Guard and Rifle Line, and also participated in Winter Guard during her senior year. She was a member of the school's choir and chamber ensemble, and participated in Drama Club, Improvisation Club, Ecological Club and the local Lake County Theater Program.

Throughout high school, Elizabeth volunteered at the Lake Farm Park where she worked various holiday functions and helped in the dairy room. She volunteered as a flag coach for the youth and at various festivals, painting faces or running the children's games.

This fall, Elizabeth will start her senior year at Baldwin Wallace University where she is a public relations major with a double minor in marketing and arts management. She was recently inducted into Gamma Sigma Alpha, a national academic honor society. She is also a member of the Arts Management Association and serves on the executive board for the Public Relations Student Society of America.

Elizabeth participates in the Baldwin Wallace Color Guard and the Marching Yellow Jackettes, and is a cheerleader for the men's basketball team. She participates in the Habitat for Humanity Building Walls event, the Baldwin Wallace Day of Service, and Campus Kitchen Initiative. She holds an on-campus job at the smoothie bar, and works as a marketing and public relations representative for several businesses.

A sister of Phi Mu, Elizabeth serves as the public relations chairwoman. She also served a term as social chair-

woman and assistant Phi director, and held positions on the Greek Sing Committee and FSL Move-in Committee. She is currently on the Philanthropy Committee, helping to coordinate events for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland.

Elizabeth has been a member of Lodge 158 since birth and has been active through Christmas parties, Lodge picnics, submitting artwork to *The Voice of Youth* and participating in the Youth Circle 2 bowling league. She has fond memories of bowling with her grandmother in the Family Twosome Bowling Tournament, and with her mother in the Sweetheart Doubles Tournament.

Elizabeth serves Lodge 158 as a second-term auditor and helps to plan Lodge activities such as their annual picnic at the SNPJ Farm and the recent National Bowling Tournament. She is currently coordinating a pop tab drive for her Lodge for Ronald McDonald House.

On the national level, Elizabeth has served as a delegate to the TEL Workshop and Young Adult Conference, and as a counselor for Youth Roundup and TEL. She has been visiting the SNPJ Recreation Center her entire life, and looks forward to National Days, Fraternal Weekend, Slovenefest and Family Week each year.

Elizabeth is also active in the Slovenian Society Home where she volunteers for events such as the Button Box Bash and the summer balina league. One of her fondest memories was representing the Slovenian Society Home at Cleveland City Hall for the 25th anniversary of Slovenia's independence.

KRISTINA HARTMAN is a member of Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138. She is the daughter of Paul and Mary Jo Hartman (138), and the granddaughter of the late Joseph "Mooney" and Rose Germovsek (138), and Ruth and the late Herbert Hartman.

Kristina is a graduate of Bethel Park High School where she participated in orchestra and the annual musical. She was also involved in Ways and Means, as well as Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). She was a Girl Scout for 13 years and has bridged to an adult member. She has earned both her Bronze and Silver Girl Scout Awards, and has participated in community cleanups, food collections for the Pittsburgh Food Bank, Presents for Patients, and the Project Linus Preemie Cap knitting project.

A former member of the Junior Tamburitzans of the South Hills for nine years, she was a lead instrumentalist on prim and violin.

A Summa Cum Laude graduate of Slippery Rock University, Kristina majored in early childhood education and special education. She was a member of the Gamma Sigma Sigma national service sorority, completing 133 community service hours and serving as recording secretary and treasurer. She participated in the Transition Program as a mentor for high school students with disabilities, and was a member of the Early Childhood Club, Council for Exceptional Children, and National Science Teachers' Association.

Kristina is proud to be a lifelong member of Lodge 138. She performed in the Youth Circle 19 Christmas pageant, attended and assisted with holiday parties at the Lodge, and rode on the Lodge 138 Fourth of July float in the Canonsburg parade. She has fond memories of being a member of the Circle 19 Singers and performing at many SNPJ events. She also bowled with her Youth Circle for several years and participated in the Family Twosome Bowling Tournament.

On the national level, Kristina has been active in the Society by attending Youth Roundup, TEL and the Young Adult Conference, as well as working the Slovenefest admission booth for three years. She ran the children's games for National SNPJ Days in 2016 and was very proud to help plan Youth Roundup 2016 with her sister, Betty. She has had the opportunity to serve as a counselor for both Youth Roundup and TEL for three years, and looks forward to serving as a counselor for



KATIE JO RASPOJNIK (41)



ELIZABETH SMRDEL (158)



KRISTINA HARTMAN (138)



ALEYNA GEE (257)



BRIDGET GEE (257)



ERIN GEE (257)

TEL again this year.

During the summer of 2017, Kristina had the opportunity to visit Slovenia and Croatia with her family. She was able to connect with family members and immerse herself in the culture, which left her with a greater appreciation of her heritage.

ALEYNA GEE is a member of Cleveland Lodge 257. She is the daughter of George and Jenny Gee (257), and granddaughter of George and Edna Gee, and Carole and Phil Emery (257).

As a high school student, Aleyna won the Linnea Massey Award for Outstanding Character and the Class of 1972 Scholarship, which is awarded to the student with the most improved GPA throughout high school. She participated in her high school's Communications Club, interacting with special needs individuals in a social, peer-to-peer manner. She was also involved with German Club and International Club.

Aleyna is very involved at Brecksville United Methodist Church, serving on committees that include Evangelism and Our Caring Communities, which gives her the opportunity to visit the elderly in nursing homes. She also assists with Vacation Bible School. Every September through December she volunteers for the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad as an elf on the Polar Express.

Through her job as a nursing assistant at University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center in Cleveland, Aleyna has been able to work with patients and their families. She has a warm heart for the environment, which has led her to participate in numerous clean up days, both independently and with groups hosted by her school. She also takes part in the Cuyahoga Valley Trailblazer Team which helps clear walking/hiking trails for public use.

BRIDGET GEE is a member of Cleveland Lodge 257. She is the daughter of George and Jenny Gee (257), and the granddaughter of George and Edna Gee, and Carole and Phil Emery (257).

Bridget graduated high school in 2015 with an honors diploma. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Tri-M (Modern Music Masters), HUDDLE and Model United Nations. As part of the Communications Club, she spent time after school with special needs students. Bridget was involved in the drama club and International Club, played lacrosse and ran cross country.

Having just completed her third year at Kent State University, Bridget is studying pre-physical therapy and plans to later attend graduate school to receive her doctorate degree. She recently started a job as a care manager at an assisted living facility where she has the opportunity to work with the senior generation.

At Kent, she participates in various research studies and in intramural volleyball. She enjoys running and recently completed her first half-marathon. She also enjoys traveling, hiking and dancing.

Bridget is also an active member of Brecksville United Methodist Church where she regularly participates in the praise team and has made numerous service trips. She serves as a Vacation Bible School group leader, volunteers in the church nursery, helps lead the children's choir, and is part of the caroling team.



ALYSSA URBAN (715)



BRIANNA MCCUE (715)

Bridget has participated in the Miss SNPJ Pageant the last two years with her older sister. She's excited to finally participate with both of her sisters, Aleyna and Erin, this year. Her grandparents, Phil and Carole Emery, introduced her to SNPJ and sparked her interest in her Slovenian heritage.

ERIN GEE is a member of Cleveland Lodge 257. She is the daughter of George and Jenny Gee (257); the granddaughter of George and Edna Gee, and Carole and Phil Emery (257); and the sister of pageant contestants Aleyna and Bridget Gee.

Erin recently graduated from Brecksville Broadview Heights High School with the class of 2018. She will be attending the University of New Hampshire to continue her education, studying event management with a minor in tourism.

Erin was a part of her school's National Honor Society and marching band. In her free time she loves traveling, spending time with family and friends, and going on hikes. She has been very involved with dancing over the years in various styles, including jazz, lyrical and ballet, and she has a great appreciation for polka dancing.

Erin is excited to be competing in this year's Miss SNPJ Pageant alongside her two older sisters, Aleyna and Bridget. Her grandparents, Carole and Phil Emery, piqued her interest in the Slovenian culture and got her involved in the SNPJ.

ALYSSA URBAN is a member of Universal, Pa., Lodge 715. She is the daughter of Karen Evanish (715) and Greg Urban, and the granddaughter of Anna Evanish (715), the late Roger Evanish (715), and Doris and Edmund Urban.

Alyssa graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder, this past May with her bachelor's of science degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing. She also received an Operations and Information Management (OPIM) Certificate and a Technology, Arts and Media (TAM) Certificate. Alyssa made the Dean's List four semesters and finished with a 3.79 GPA.

She was involved in the co-ed professional business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi, Alpha Rho Chapter, all four years, and served on the executive board multiple semesters as the social chair, secretary and co-pledge educator. As an active member, she participated in professional networking, fund-raising and community service events each semester to exhibit the four pillars of professionalism, leadership, brotherhood and service.

Alyssa also served as a teacher's assistant for the statistical analysis class for five semesters where she

actively worked with students in and outside of the classroom.

Along with her academic involvement, Alyssa participated as a player on the CU Club Lacrosse team for four years. She was selected captain/vice president of fund-raising her senior year for the completely student-run team.

Alyssa has been attending SNPJ events her whole life. She always attends Slovenefest and has a tradition of volunteering to sell drawing tickets or to work at the Heritage Center booth with her cousins and grandmother. She has helped with the Miss SNPJ Pageant for several years, and has contributed to *The Voice of Youth* and *PROSVETA*.

She attended Youth Roundup and the TEL Workshop, and has now attended the Young Adult Conference for four years. Following the 2017 Young Adult Conference, she began attending her Lodge meetings and is excited to serve as a Lodge delegate to the 2018 SNPJ National Convention.

BRIANNA MCCUE is a member of Universal, Pa., Lodge 715. She is the daughter of Terrence and Cindy McCue (715), and granddaughter of William McCue (715) and the late Joy McCue, and Joe and Gerry Maley.

Brianna received numerous high school honors, including two letterman awards, and attained honor roll recognition each year of high school. She was involved with many charitable clubs and organizations, such as Helping Hands and National Honors Society, which required many hours of community service.

Brianna was a four-year member of the high school swim team and played the violin in the school orchestra for four years. She was also a member of her school's Games Club and Page Turners, and was a Dean's List student during her first year at Edinboro University.

For nine years, Brianna volunteered at an amputee camp for a week each summer. She also participated in the school-sponsored Super Saturday event, which introduces computer programming to elementary students. Her hobbies include reading, playing piano and computer programming.

We welcome these young ladies to the Miss SNPJ Pageant and wish them all the best.

The pageant program will start at noon on Friday, July 13, in the Alpine Room at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Everyone is invited to attend. The crowning of Miss SNPJ 2019 and her court will take place at noon on Sunday, July 15, in the Alpine Room. We look forward to seeing everybody there to support this time-honored Society tradition.



Photos submitted by Bro. Bill Krzysnik (518).

Lodge 518 Spreads Cheer with Flowers

[Above] On June 9, Lodge 518 members held a regularly scheduled meeting at the Forest View Assisted Living facility in Brownstown, Mich. Prior to the meeting we planted flowers and hung a hummingbird feeder for the residents on their patio. The residents will water the flowers as part of their daily activities. Lodge members also visited a member resident and greeted several others. [Below] IRENE and KLAUDIA KOVAC with the newly installed hummingbird feeder.



Chicago Fed hosts memorial, plans dinner dance

by TINA RIGLER (449)
Federation Recording Secretary
CHICAGO — The Chicago District Federation held its 84th annual Memorial Day services May 28 in the SNPJ Section of Woodlawn Cemetery in Forest Park, Ill. A program booklet was distributed that lists the names of those buried at Woodlawn.

Boy Scouts Robert Rigler (449) and Jason Rigler (449) conducted the flag ceremony, and everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Zbor Spodov men's chorus sang the American and Slovenian national anthems, and Federation President Edward Dabrowski (449) welcomed family and friends to the service.

The program continued with Zbor Spodov performing some more musical selections that everyone enjoyed. Federation Secretary/Treasurer Marianne Murray (1) was then introduced and gave an interesting speech regarding historical facts within the cemetery that many weren't aware of.

Closing remarks were made by Edward Dabrowski, who also gave some history about the poppy and its meaning. The poppy is a worldwide symbol of sacrifice that was worn to honor the men and women who served and died for their country in all wars. This tradition was started in 1918 by an American woman, Moina Michael.

Edward also thanked everyone for attending, along with those who volunteered to help keep the tradition of the Memorial Day service.

It was nice to see former SNPJ National Secretary Grace Doerk (559) in attendance. Also in attendance were SNPJ Region 5 Vice President Tina Rigler (449) and many Federation Lodge officers.

The service concluded with the Boy Scouts retiring the flag. Afterward, family and friends gathered at a local Olive Garden for lunch following the ceremony.

Please make plans to join us next year. The services will be held May 27, 2019.

The Chicago District Federation's next event will be its ninth annual dinner dance, scheduled Sunday, Aug. 19, at the Slovenian Catholic Center in Lemont, Ill.

The festivities will begin at noon with a delicious dinner and a short program. Miss SNPJ 2019 will be asked to attend this event. Musical selections will be performed by Vince Rigler. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages 7 to 12. Donations of baked goods will be accepted for the sweet table.

Tickets for the dinner dance must be purchased in advance before Aug. 10. Please contact Vince or Tina Rigler at (630) 257-5051 for tickets and additional information.



[Above] A number of Chicago-area SNPJ members participated in the Chicago District Federation Memorial Day services held May 28 in Woodlawn Cemetery.

[Below] Following the Memorial Day services, many in attendance enjoyed lunch at a local Olive Garden restaurant.



54th annual CAL Don Gorjup Open a picture perfect day on the links

by RICK GORJUP
Lodge 158

CLEVELAND — If you could box up the weather that we had on May 26 for every CAL Don Gorjup Tournament, it would be like golfing in paradise!

Our 54th open was a huge success with more than 80 golfers enjoying a super day on the links, and all enjoying plenty of food and drinks.

Linda Gorjup and her kitchen crew cooked, served and provided much enjoyment for our golfers. Gerri Trebets, Lou Novak and Chris Bacnik cooked the hot dogs and steaks to perfection. Our beverage stands were in full use, and the apple pie shots were plentiful.

The scoring was great, as always, and we congratulate the following winners: men's low gross: Tom Gorjup, 74; men's low net: Nick Thompson, 62; women's low gross: Philomena Damore, 107; and

women's low net: Sara Taylor, 83. See the tournament results on page 9.

We had a special visit from the '70s Disco Boys, who were dressed to the nines. Ron Tkach, Dave Belfiore, Shawn Sutton and Dave Strnisha have made this annual outing exceptional (unusual?) with their unique costuming. This is the ninth year they've been doing so, and we all look forward to seeing their outstanding attire!

Even Miss SNPJ 2018 Lauren Sebusch was on hand to welcome everyone. The music was abundant — Ron and T.J. Likovic played in the main pavilion and even on the course, traveling in a golf cart.

I would like to thank everyone who participated and all of our CAL workers who made this event another great success. Next year will be our 55th tournament, and we hope to make it special and memorable.



Paying tribute to the golden age of disco, [left to right] SHAWN SUTTON (138), DAVE BELFIORE (138), RON TKACH (138) and DAVE STRNISHA (158) donned their retro-chic apparel for the 54th CAL Gorjup Open in May.

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37th ANNUAL

July 13-15, 2018

Slovenefest is held annually at the
SNPJ Recreation Center

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Admission: \$10 Friday/\$15 Saturday/\$10 Sunday/Three-day Pass: \$30
Children ages 16 and under admitted **FREE**

Friday, July 13

Alpine Room

Sponsored by Slovenian Savings & Loan Assoc.

Noon to 4 p.m. Miss SNPJ Pageant Competition
6 to 9 p.m. Mikey Dee Tamburitza Stars

Outside Stage

4 to 6 p.m. Jack Tady & The JTB
6 to 8 p.m. Don Wojtila Band
8 to 10 p.m. Jack Tady & The JTB
10 p.m. to Midnight Don Wojtila Band

Gostilna

7 to 9 p.m. Anthony Culkar Band
9:30 to 11:30 p.m. Polka Bros

Outside Food & Jam Tent

Noon to Midnight Day-long Button Box Jam

Saturday, July 14

Alpine Room

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1 to 3 p.m. Fred Ziwich & The ISM
3 to 5 p.m. Frank Moravcik Band
5 to 7 p.m. Fred Ziwich & The ISM
7 to 9 p.m. Frank Moravcik Band

Outside Stage

Noon to 4 p.m. Joe Grkman Orchestra
4 to 6 p.m. Ron Likovic Band
6 to 8 p.m. Eddie Rodick Orchestra
8 to 10 p.m. Ron Likovic Band
10 p.m. to Midnight Eddie Rodick Orchestra

Heritage Pavilion

Sponsored by The Cvetas Family

12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Matt Frank Trio
2:30 to 3 p.m. Mladi Glas Dancers
3 to 5 p.m. Murski Val w/Ansambel Europa (from Canada)
5 to 7 p.m. Matt Frank Trio
7 to 7:30 p.m. Mladi Glas Dancers
7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Murski Val w/Ansambel Europa

Gostilna

1 to 2:30 p.m. Polka Playmates from Michigan & Canada
3 to 4:30 p.m. Western Pa. Button Box Club
5 to 6:30 p.m. Fairport Jammers
7 to 8:30 p.m. Ron Pivovar
9 p.m. to Midnight Patty C and The Guys

Outside Food & Jam Tent

Noon to Midnight Day-long Button Box Jam

Crafters' Bazaar

Noon to 7 p.m. Located near The Barn

Sunday, July 15

Alpine Room

Sponsored by Slovenian Savings & Loan Assoc.

10 a.m. Polka Mass
(with music by the Dick Tady Orchestra)
Noon to 2 p.m. Miss SNPJ 2019 Crowning
3 to 7 p.m. Frank Stanger Orchestra

Outside Stage

1 to 3 p.m. Polka Classics
3 to 5 p.m. Klancnik & Friends
5 to 7 p.m. Polka Classics
7 to 9 p.m. Klancnik & Friends

Heritage Pavilion

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Noon to 2 p.m. Murski Val w/Ansambel Europa
2 to 4 p.m. Veseli Fantje
Darryl & Frank Valencic, Tony Trontel
4 to 4:30 p.m. Mladi Glas Dancers
4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Murski Val w/Ansambel Europa

Gostilna

1 to 2:30 p.m. Button Box Divas
3 to 4:30 p.m. Magic Buttons
5 to 6:30 p.m. Matt Sepesy and Pravi Rojaki
7 to 8:30 p.m. Mahoning Valley Button Box Club

Outside Food & Jam Tent

Noon to 10 p.m. Day-long Button Box Jam

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additional information and complete performance schedule online at www.slovenefest.com

