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SNPJ TEL Workshop on the 2023 summer schedule

TEL delegate forms due in December 2022, event slated in July 2023

by JOSEPH C. EVANISH SNPJ National President/CEO

IMPERIAL, Pa. — The Teens Experience Leadership (TEL) Workshop will be planned for the weekend of July 21-23, 2023, at the SNPJ Recreation Center, pending the number of participants. This leadership workshop is for 13- to 17-year-old SNPJ members.

SNPJ offers the TEL Workshop so that our

young members have an opportunity to learn and develop strong leadership skills in a dynamic, group-oriented atmosphere. We are trying to bring this program back after five years.

Lodges must select their teen delegates by Dec. 31, 2022, so that we will know if there is enough interest among this age group to host the TEL Workshop in 2023. Delegates must be age 13 by July 21, 2023, and no older than 17 on July 23, 2023. Please encourage this age group of members to attend!

Held at the SNPJ Recreation Center in Enon Valley, Pa., TEL participants travel from across the United States to bond with their peers and engage in a group learning experience led by inspiring workshop speakers. By sharing per-

sonal experiences, workshop leaders motivate TEL participants to use effective leadership skills in school and in their communities.

Additionally, team leaders offer guidance and training in leadership situations, emphasizing the importance of team building and working together to solve problems. The idea behind the group process is that everyone participates.

SNPJ covers the cost of transportation, lodging and meals for TEL Workshop participants, who attend as representatives of their local SNPJ Lodge. Lodge secretaries received the election forms for TEL Workshop delegates in

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PERIODICAL MATERIAL

California accordionists detail aspects of American polka music

by TERESA KOCI Lodge 786 Secretary/Treasurer

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. — Accordionists Fred Mlakar (786) and Frank Rote (723) were asked by Southern California musician, historian and impresario Iggy Henderson to give an educational presentation/performance as part of the "Smiley Live" concert series under the sponsorship of the A.K. Smiley Public Library in Redlands, Calif., where "Lifelong learning is at the center of activity in the beautiful, historic building and attractive grounds."

The result was a well-researched program titled "Polka Americana – An American Folk Tradition," which was presented on Aug. 31 at the Contemporary Club auditorium adjacent to the library.

Responding to questions from the diverse and curious crowd that ranged from elementary schoolers to seniors, Fred explained how the polka originated in Europe in the 19th century and spread to the Americas, where during the 20th century it absorbed aspects of ragtime, Dixieland, swing, and Tin Pan Alley, resulting in a distinctive American sound.

Frank demonstrated with his vintage accordions how diatonic, chromatic, and piano accordions evolved on a parallel path, eliciting another flurry of questions.

After quoting from scholar/author Victor Greene's 1992 book A Passion for Polka: Old-Time Ethnic Music in America - "The single

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Photo submitted by Bill Krzisnik (518)

Linus Would Be Proud, Indeed!

Melvindale, Mich., Lodge 518 members [from left] IRENE and HEIDI KOVAC, SAM CARTER, KLAUDIA KOVAC, (not pictured) Mary Beth Krzisnik and Andrew Krzisnik recently made 10 large, two-sided, fleece blankets and donated them to the local Project Linus chapter. The idea for this Lodge activity came from Mary Beth Krzisnik, and the activity was led by Lodge 518 President Irene Kovac. Project Linus is a non-profit organization that distributes new, handmade blankets to children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere that a child might be in need of a big hug.

Santa paying a visit to the **SNPJ Recreation** Center Nov. 27

by SUE ZARELLA (277) SNPJ Recreation Center

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.—Santa is coming! Santa is coming! Santa will make his longawaited return to the SNPJ Recreation Center!

It's true; it really is true! There is a Santa Claus, and he will be visiting the SNPJ Recreation Center on Sunday, Nov. 27, when the SNPJ Heritage Center and Recreation Center host the children's Christmas party.

The party will be held in The Alpine Room starting at noon, with lunch served at 1 p.m. while we await the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus.

This year the party is for SNPJ members only, which means parents or grandparents may register children age 10 and under to come see Santa. A donation of \$5 will be asked for all adults in attendance. The party will include music, balloons, crafts and cookie making for

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Home Office closed as we celebrate Thanksgiving

IMPERIAL, Pa. — The SNPJ Home Office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal office hours, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., will resume Monday, Nov. 28. We wish all SNPJ members and friends a very happy Thanksgiving!

Society sympathies for Region 2 Vice President

IMPERIAL, Pa. — With sadness, the SNPJ Home Office reports the Oct. 15, 2022, passing of Bro. James L. "Jim" Curl, current SNPJ Region 2 Vice President, former SNPJ Recreation Center Director, and former longtime secretary of SNPJ Lodge 6 in Sygan, Pa.

On behalf of the entire Society, the members of the Executive Committee and Home Office staff extend their condolences to Bro. Curl's family and friends on their loss. A complete obituary will appear in a future issue.

Society sympathies for Lodge 254 secretary

IMPERIAL, Pa. — The SNPJ Home Office has been notified of the Oct. 7, 2022, passing of Sis. Donna M. Naugle, longtime secretary of Lodge 254 in Bon Air, Pa.

On behalf of the entire Society, the members of the Executive Committee and Home Office staff extend their condolences to Sis. Naugle's family and friends on their loss. A full obituary will appear in a future issue.

Lodge 107 and Lodge 34 merger effective Nov. 1

IMPERIAL, Pa. — Effective Nov. 1, 2022, SNPJ Lodge 107 in St. Louis has been merged into SNPJ Lodge 34 in Indianapolis.

We thank the officers of SNPJ Lodge 107 for their many years of devoted service to the members of Lodge 107, and we wish them all many more healthy and happy years in the SNPJ.

We also thank the Lodge officers and members of SNPJ Lodge 34 for agreeing to accept this Lodge and the members in a merger, and we wish you much success going forward.

KAREN A. PINTAR SNPJ National Secretary/COO

Fontana Lodge 723 slates Nov. meeting date

FONTANA, Calif. — Lodge 723 will hold its next Lodge meeting Thursday, Nov. 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members will be notified of the location via e-mail at a later date. Please call Julianne Wood at (951) 300-3592 or e-mail JulianneWood@snpjlodge723.org for information and to register your e-mail address for future contact.

> **JULIANNE WOOD** Lodge 723 Vice President

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The next two PROSVETA issue dates are Dec. 1, 2022, and Jan. 2, 2023. All material must be received by noon on Monday, Nov. 7, for the Dec. 1 issue, and by Monday, Dec. 12, for the Jan. 2 issue. If you're concerned about making the deadline, send an e-mail to prosveta@snpj.com or submit your material via the publications area of our website, snpj.org.



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The young princesses in attendance at the Harvest Princess Ball, held in September at the SNPJ Lodge 6 Sunshine Room in Sygan, Pa.

September Harvest Princess Ball draws support for future Miss SNPJ Pageants

by KRISTEN CUSHMAN BARNOT (138) Miss SNPJ Pageant Commission

SYGAN, Pa. — Greetings, Brothers and Sisters! We are thrilled to share that the Harvest Princess Ball held in September at SNPJ Lodge 6 in Sygan was a huge success.

Hosted by SNPJ Youth Circle 36 and the Miss SNPJ Pageant Commission, the ball was open to all SNPJ members, as well as non-members. In addition to all the young princesses who were able to attend, other special guests included Aurora from "Sleeping Beauty," Belle from "Beauty and the Beast," Cinderella, Elsa and Olaf from "Frozen," and Rapunzel.

The young princesses decorated their own crown, wand, and picture frame; there was a parade with a special introduction of each princess in attendance; and the dance floor was filled with singing and dancing princesses. We'd like to thank our DJ and emcee, Dave McMurdy, who provided great entertainment and music during the ball, as well as Samantha Lorenzato, who helped organize the event and created a beautiful photo backdrop.

Guests of the ball also had an opportunity to participate in a



[From left] Queen Elsa (from "Frozen") with former Miss SNPJs KRISTEN CUSHMAN BARNOT (2013), DANIELLE BRAND (2012), COURTNEY PABIAN KOENIG (2004) and DARCY BRAND BIBLE (2007) during the Harvest Princess Ball.

silent auction for various prizes that were donated. Thank you to those who donated drawing items, and to everyone who sponsored the beautiful flower centerpieces.

We'd also like to thank the Lodge 6 board members for their support and partnership, as well as JoJo Braun (6) and Ruth Wright (6) who served refreshments to guests during the ball and helped with the setup and cleanup.

The Harvest Princess Ball was quite a special event, and it was great to have involvement

from six former Miss SNPJs, including Courtney Pabian Koenig (2004), Darcy Brand Bible (2007), Danielle Brand (2012), Kristen Cushman Barnot (2013), Elizabeth Hartman (2017) and Daniella Volpe (2020).

Although they were unable to attend, we also appreciate the involvement of Miss SNPJ 2010 Kara Maruszak and Youth Circle 36 Director Bryn Snow who helped with pre-planning the activities that made the ball such a huge success.

St. Marys Lodge members enjoying local fall activities

by MARCIA KLANCER BLEGGI Lodge 581 Secretary/Treasurer

ST. MARYS, Pa. — Lodge 581 member John Moore, along with John and Nick Odonish, who comprise the Just Having Fun Band, performed at the Johnny Appleseed Festival on Oct. 8 at Sheffield Memorial Park in Sheffield, Pa.

In addition to the music, Lodge members also participated in a great variety of competitions, including apple pie baking, and enjoyed the lumberjacks, food vendors, and crafts. What a great time!

Other Lodge members had a wonderful time at the St. Marys Fall Fest on Sept. 17. John Troha and Ha Pham spent several days helping the St. Marys Historical Society with setup, while John and Pat Moore, Marcia Bleggi and their friends and family sold books, gave tours and greeted visitors.

After 45 years had passed, John Troha was able to greet a family whose girls were his babysitters in his younger years - a great reunion!

Lodge 581 November activities include the Nov. 13 meeting and election of officers starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Kersey Fireman's in Kersey, Pa. A polka dance is scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m. featuring the Larry Lewicki Band.



Bro. JOHN TROHA and his Vietnamese friend, Ha Pham, helped with the St. Marys Historical Society mannequins during the St. Marys Fall

On Nov. 27, a North Central Pennsylvania Slovenian Polka Boosters polka dance will be held at the Wildwoods in St. Marys with music by the Polka Classics. The public is always welcome.

The combined Christmas party for the members of SNPJ Lodge 581 and the North Central Pennsylvania Slovenian Polka Boosters will be held Dec. 18 at the Kersey Fireman's. Don't forget the Chinese auction! A dance is scheduled from 2 to 6 p.m. Contact John and Pat Moore for reservations by calling (814) 837-9218.

If you are looking for information about SNPJ Lodge 581, contact Marcia Klancer Bleggi at (814) 335-4983 or visit our Facebook page, SNPJ Lodge 581.

Lodge 776 sets a date for annual Christmas party

by VONNIE DOMBROSKY Lodge 776 Recording Secretary

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — SNPJ Lodge 776 will hold its annual Christmas party and regular meeting on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the SNPJ Recreation Center starting at 2 p.m. Reservations must be made by Nov. 26 by contacting Ed Snyder at (330) 952-0911, John Pierog at (330) 757-1369, or Vonnie Dombrosky at (724)

Members are asked to bring non-perishable food items which will be delivered to the local food bank.

Lodge 31 saluting honorees during annual meeting

by BARB BOGOLIN Lodge 31 Secretary/Treasurer

SHARON, Pa. — There are 13 Lodge 31/ Lodge 321 members celebrating anniversaries this year: 50-year members Frank Godina, Linda Miksa, Mary E. Rogers, Debra Safar and Susan Earl; 60-year members Sandra Furlan, Albin Cvelbar, David Miksa, Ronald Hanak and Carole Stanford; 70-year member Joan Grumski; and 80-year members Charles Bell and Josephine Yusko.

These members will be honored at the Lodge dinner on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. The dinner will be held at Hickory Grille, 1645 N. Hermitage Rd., Hermitage, PA 16148. Members' meals will be paid for by the Lodge; those attending will order from the menu.

Election of officers will be held and meeting dates for 2023 will be set during this annual meeting. Members interested in attending must contact Barb Bogolin by Monday, Nov. 7, by phoning (724) 347-1197 before 10 p.m.

Don't miss out on the SNPJ Recreation Center children's Christmas party

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the children while they wait for the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

We would like you to register your children before the deadline of Wednesday, Nov. 16, so that Santa may have a gift for each child. There will be lots of fun for everyone, so be sure to call the Recreation Center at 1-877-767-5732 to make reservations.

We are also accepting gifts for Toys for Tots at this time. Please feel free to bring a new, unwrapped gift with you so that we can donate some toys for children who are in need

Please don't forget the deadline, Nov. 16, to register your children. Seating is limited, so it's first to call and register, first to see Santa.

Merry Christmas to everyone in SNPJland!



Santa will be making his much-anticipated return visit to the SNPJ Recreation Center on Nov. 27 for the children's Christmas party.

Up-and-Coming...

A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

• NOV. 27 SNPJ Recreation Center/SNPJ • FEB. 24-25..... Florida SNPJ Days hosted by • JULY 7-9 The 40th Slovenefest and the Heritage Center children's Christmas party, starting at noon at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. Reservations required by Nov. 16. Contact the SNPJ Recreation Center at 1-877-767-5732.

• FEB. 17-19 SNPJ Winter Classic Bowling Tournament co-hosted by Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6 and Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138.

Samsula, Fla., Lodge 603.

• MAY 6-7 SNPJ National Bowling Tournament at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. Games will be bowled at Colonial Lanes, New Castle, Pa.

· MAY 27 CAL Don Gorjup Golf Open at Rolling Green Golf Course, Huntsburg, Ohio. For information contact Rick Gorjup at (440) 354-5001 or (440) 773-3233.

• JUNE 16-18 ... SNPJ Young Adult Conference at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For registration and event details contact the SNPJ Home Office at 1-800-843-7675.

65th Miss SNPJ Pageant at the SNPJ Recreation Center. For more information phone the Recreation Center at 1-877-767-5732.

 JULY 30-AUG. 5.... Family Week at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For additional information phone the SNPJ Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.

• SEPT. 1-3 National SNPJ Days weekend at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ. Pa. For details phone the SNPJ Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732 or e-mail snpj@snpjrec.com.

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As you dream about the future, life insurance may not be the first thing on your mind. However, creating a strong financial plan for your future should be a priority, and life insurance should be a part of that plan. Jenny's forwardthinking decision to obtain a permanent life insurance policy at a young age proved to be the right one for her family.

enny was single and in her 20's, but that didn't mean she wasn't thinking about the future. In fact, she knew she wanted to have a family one day and that saving for retirement – even this early on – was a priority.

That's why after meeting with insurance professional Jim Silbernagel, she decided to buy a permanent life insurance policy. She knew it would help her with both goals: provide the life insurance coverage she sought and the ability to accumulate cash value to help with saving for retirement.

Jenny's dream of having a family did come true. She met Jim on a blind date, and once married they welcomed a son, Michael, and then several years later, twins Samuel and Nathaniel. As often happens with growing families, finances got stretched tight and Jim suggested they cancel Jenny's policy to save money. Jenny was adamant that they keep it. Instead, they used some of the accumulated cash value to pay the premium and keep the policy in force. That decision would be life changing for her family.

The Chich family was looking forward to welcoming their fourth child, a girl, but tragically Jenny died while giving birth. The shock to her family was overwhelming.

While life insurance could never replace their vibrant wife and mother, Jim says that Jenny's policy helped the family in the aftermath of her death. He was able to take a yearlong leave of absence from his job to care for newborn Emma and the boys, who were all younger than 6. "I was able to focus on my kids and not worry about how I was going to buy a gallon of milk," says Jim.

And his advice to other families is simple: "Be prepared. You may look at the cost of premiums as scary, but if you work it into your budget, you don't even realize the money is going out. Just make sure your life insurance is taken care of."

Some benefits of Jenny's decision to purchase a permanent plan of life insurance:

- Her young age at the time of application increased the probability of her getting approved, and the cost of her premiums would never be less. Jenny had the peace of mind knowing she didn't need to be concerned about finding or affording coverage later in life if her health deteriorated.
- By obtaining a permanent plan of insurance, her premiums did not increase over her lifetime.
- The permanent plan allowed Jenny to accumulate cash value on a tax-deferred basis. The cash value was available* to her help her family maintain the policy when money was tight.
- The life insurance proceeds from Jenny's policy allowed her family to grieve her loss while not having to worry about their finances.

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for conversions of existing



Invasive plants hamper forest restoration

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Forests around Slovenia that have been affected by storms, fire and bark beetles are also threatened by invasive plants that started growing there after the forests were affected. The invasive plants pose a threat to natural regeneration, the Forest Service and the Forestry Institute warned as a campaign against these species was launched this autumn.

"Foreign invasive species grow and spread quickly, and thus negatively affect the natural processes in the forest and disrupt the natural balance in forest ecosystems. They are one of the biggest threats to biodiversity, [they] can cause financial damage, and some can even have a harmful impact on people's health," the Forest Service wrote in a press release.

The most widespread invasive species in Slovenian forests include the Japanese knotweed, American pokeweed, varnish tree and Himalayan balsam, the latter two of which are also included on the list of invasive plants at the EU level.

To fight off the spread of these plants, the Forest Service and the Forestry Institute launched a campaign in September as part of which they will develop methods to eradicate these invasive species, draw up a map of the most affected areas, set regulations for destroying the plants, and include this aspect in forest planning. The two institutions will also raise awareness about this problem among forest experts and forest owners, as well as the general public.

Initial activities will target the American pokeweed and varnish tree, which have also been spreading in the forests affected by the massive fire in the western region of Kras this past summer.

Dry grasslands the focus of a UNESCO project

PODSREDA (STA) — Kozjansko Park has been awarded a UNESCO project for the conservation of dry grasslands, the goal of which is to promote a more sustainable and climate-neutral Europe. The project will allow this regional park in eastern Slovenia to gather information on plants and fungi growing in dry grasslands.

The park will also educate young people on the significance of dry grasslands, biodiversity, and the importance and management of dry grasslands.

According to park management, dry grasslands are important in Slovenia because of their biodiversity. The grasslands are located in the Natura 2000 conservation area and are important growth sites for orchids and Hygrocybe fungi [aka "waxcaps"], as well as being home to many endangered animal and plant species.

Among applicants from more than 20 European countries, Kozjansko Park and the broader Kozjansko and Obsotelje Biosphere Area were selected among the top five proposals for the project. Additional projects were awarded to sites in North Macedonia, Albania, Greece, Italy and the UK. Each area will conduct research and educate in its specified field for a period of 10 months.

Slovenion the source

in Kisovec, a town in the Zasavje region some 50 kilometers (30 miles) northeast of Ljubljana.

National Institute of Chemistry Director Gregor Anderluh finds it crucial that the development center enhance the flow of groundbreaking domestic knowhow from labs to industry, and onto the market. "[The center] will have a positive impact on the Slovenian economy; in particular, new products and services related to the transition to a low-carbon society," he was quoted as saying in a press release.

While the center is seen as important for Slovenia and the broader region, it has also been welcomed by local officials in Zasavje, once a coal region that is now in the process of restructuring. Zagorje Mayor Matjaž Švagan said the region used to be a much-neglected "energy valley;" the center will bring new opportunities and better times, including new high-tech jobs.

In its current design, the development center will include two labs: one for the development, preparation and testing of batteries, and another for chemical reaction engineering of CO₂ and hydrogen conversions. Media reports indicate that the center is expected to open in two years.

University conducting atmospheric research

NOVA GORICA (STA) — In September, the Centre for Atmospheric Research at the University of Nova Gorica and the GreenLight WorldFlight organization joined forces to research the impact of natural and man-made aerosol and particulate pollution on the rising atmospheric temperature and the formation of hurricanes over the South Atlantic Ocean.

World-renowned Slovenian pilot Matevž Lenarčič is also taking part in the project. Joined by a University of Nova Gorica professor and researcher, Lenarčič began conducting measurement flights at Cape Verde in mid-September. The flights were coordinated by NASA's DC-8 research aircraft crew. Simultaneously, the European Space Agency Aeolus satellite crossed over their location.

Strong winds, which can also be attributed to cyclones that form around the islands, carry large quantities of Saharan sand, black carbon and other pollutants across the Atlantic to South and Central America. Layers of Saharan sand and black carbon are causing temperatures in the atmosphere to rise, but the impact of this phenomenon on the formation of tropical storms and hurricanes hasn't yet been fully researched.

The research project, known as JATAC 2022, will try to answer several questions, such as why sand particles remain in the air for so long, and how much the Saharan sand and soot mixtures are causing the atmosphere to warm. Research partners include NASA, the Athens National Observatory, the University of Miami, and the University of Washington.

second largest city, Maribor, launched its bike rental program this spring.

Pediatric patients have

access to quality films

e-bike rental system was made available

in Ljubljana this summer. Slovenia's

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Slovenia has joined an international project that aims to cheer up children and youth in hospitals by offering them access to quality age-appropriate films. The coordinator of the project in Slovenia, the Kinodvor cinema, has also distributed suitcases filled with various optical toys to Slovenian hospitals.

The films, of different genres and lengths, are available through the online platform Film v Bolnici (Film in Hospital), through which parents and teachers can also download a number of additional activities for children.

The online service was designed to brighten the spirits the children and youth who cannot be engaged in educational activities due to health problems. The online content was created in partnership with Slovenian film producers and distributors.

The international Film in Hospital project, funded by the EU and launched in Belgium, Croatia, Italy, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden, is planning to upgrade and expand its services over the next two years.

IT documentary tops film festival awards

RIJEKA, Croatia (STA) — "Iskre v Času" (Sparks in Time), a documentary covering the rise and fall of Slovenian IT giant Iskra Delta in the 1970s and '80s, received the main jury award at the Rijeka History Film Festival. The film's author, Jurij Gruden, also took honors as best director.

The jury described the documentary as "... a little known but important story about dreamers who set up a leading company in the middle of nothing. The story of the film, as told by Jurij Gruden, mostly tells a lot about the director himself: it is full of love, humor and awareness about the complexity of life."

"Iskre v Času" focuses on what was a global computer breakthrough by Iskra Delta, which was established in 1976, grew into a company with over 2,000 employees and created a big splash, particularly in the Eastern bloc.

The company manufactured its own computers and upgraded them by using U.S. chips that could not be exported to the Eastern market because of an embargo. At the height of the Cold War, Iskra Delta found itself caught up in behind-the-scenes political intrigue and secret service battles.

The documentary, which also received a special mention from the jury at last year's Festival of Slovenian Film, will hit the cinema circuit in February, opening at the Kinodvor cinema in Ljubljana.

"The Orchestra" vying for an Oscar nomination

LJUBLJANA (STA) — "The Orchestra," a film by Matevž Luzar, has been selected as Slovenia's candidate vying to make the list of 2023 Academy Award nominees for best foreign movie. The feature film presents a story about exuberant members of a wind orchestra traveling to a brass band music festival held in a small Austrian town.

"The Orchestra" was selected by an eight-member panel among six films entered in the national Oscar candidate competition, a representative of the Slovenian Association of Filmmakers announced in September.

"Every orchestra is made up of people, each with their own problems and dreams. Luzar's film orchestra is made up of people we believe in and who bring us universal human emotions: joy, sadness, fear, compassion, unrealized dreams, and hope," according to the panel members.

"The Orchestra" follows a mining brass band from the town of Zagorje ob Savi on its way to a town in Austria from five perspectives: those of two bus drivers; that of the troubled teenagers and wives who have stayed at home; that of the suspicious Austrian hosts; and finally, that of the orchestra as a whole.

The articles comprising this feature have been reprinted with permission from the Slovenian Press Agency (STA).

Slovenia plans a carbonfree technology center

ZAGORJE OB SAVI (STA) — In early September, Slovenia's National Institute of Chemistry announced that it would build a development center for carbon-free technologies in the northeast Zasavje region. Media reports estimate the investment at EUR 30 million (\$30 million).

The center will develop all technologies for the green transition, such as hydrogen and carbon capture, conversion technologies, and advanced battery technologies. Institute representatives said that accelerating the green transition is the best way to achieve climate neutrality and secure energy independence.

The center will focus on pilot testing of carbon-free innovations for industry, education and training for carbon-free technologies, networking with businesses, participation in international research projects, and the development of high-tech research infrastructure. The government classified the center as "an operation of strategic importance in the country's program of European cohesion policy for 2021-2027."

Covering an area of 1,600 sq. meters (17,200 sq. ft.), the center will be based

Bike rental programs continue to expand

BANOVCI (STA) — Slovenians are increasingly embracing bike rental programs, which have so far been mostly available in cities. Now, the popular rental service is expanding to the rural Prlekija region in the northeast of the country as part of a project known as Bike Chain in the Countryside. Both regular and e-bikes are available.

In mid-September, the Prlekija Local Action Group set up four automated bike share stations for regular and e-bikes in Ljutomer, Veržej and Banovci. Registered users pay EUR 5 (\$5) for a daily rental of any type of bike, and EUR 15 (\$15) for an annual pass.

Prleški Bicikl (Prlekija Bicycle) will also be connected with Soboški Biciklin (Murska Sobota Bicycle) through the Goričko Local Action Group, creating a regional system called Pomurje Bike which will offer 19 stations in nine Pomurje municipalities. Soboški Biciklin, launched in the autumn of 2015, was recently expanded with the addition of new stations.

The first city in Slovenia to introduce a bike rental system was Ljubljana in 2011, and the system has been expanding and spreading to other cities ever since. An



Lodge 771 annual donations aid local charities

by CAROL PENWELL Lodge 771 Secretary/Treasurer

HILLSVILLE, Pa. — SNPJ Lodge 771 held our meeting on Oct. 5, which was a week earlier than what we had planned due to unexpected circumstances.

During this meeting, we held our election of officers and decided when and where

to hold our meetings for the coming year. We also discussed ways to participate in activities that would make a difference in our area or in people's lives.

Members in attendance decided to donate to a program at a local school that collects non-perishable food items for needy families, along with new, unwrapped gifts such as toys, school supplies or personal items for children of all ages.

We also decided to participate in the Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child," packing a shoebox-size box with supplies and gifts for less fortunate children, then delivering the boxes to a participating church in our area.

A donation was also sent to the Mahoning County Rescue Mission for Thanksgiving meals for the less fortunate. We always enjoy finding ways to help to make people's lives

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Be thankful!

by MARTY KUMER Lodge 715 President

UNIVERSAL, Pa. — November brings Thanksgiving, and the time to vote. Our SNPJ is not a political group, only a fraternal benefit society. It is composed of both Republicans and Democrats, as well as Independents and those who don't give a damn. But you should care because the outcome of these elections could have grave consequences.

Just search your souls and figure out what is the truth. My vote goes to those who tell it, not to those who make false claims with no evidence and seek to divide our country.

Now, on to Thanksgiving. It's an American holiday, but celebrated worldwide as thanks for a good harvest, but in known to man, including polio - plus different ways.

My first visit to Slovenia was a tour to Ptuj, a city with an ancient castle overlooking a river separating Slovenia and Hungary to the east. In the castle were costumes from centuries ago celebrating the harvest. These costumes you can see at the SNPJ Recreation Center in the Heritage Center displays.

Our family has two Thanksgiving celebrations - the first, on Thursday, at cousin Marlene's (she's the daughter of Mike and Ann Kumer); and the second, on Saturday. at my daughter's (and son-in-law's) home in Yardley, Pa., in Eastern Pennsylvania.

No wonder Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. There are plenty of football games to watch on TV, too!

Best of all, it's a time to consider what we're thankful for.

I've had every childhood disease

cancer, a heart attack, surgeries for two hernias, two hip replacements and a triple bypass, not to mention trouble with my shoulders, back, bladder, tonsils, skin cancer, and some others I've forgotten. I was laid off at age 40 from the Philadelphia Inquirer with some debt, a mortgage and two children ready for college in 10 years. My wife and I had a great marriage for 44 years before her being taken away by cancer 21 years ago.

But, like Lou Gehrig, I consider myself the luckiest man in the world. It's not just ries, the good times – those are forever; the bad times are forgotten.

Just think about what we can be thank-

the stuff you've been through or what you've lost, it's what you have – your life, your family, your friends – that you love, and maybe they love you too! The memo-

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting Teleconference meeting held Nov. 4, 2021

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m. by Chairman Clifford with Brothers Anderson, Hervol, Evanish and Lawrence in attendance.

A motion was made by Bro. Hervol, seconded by Bro. Anderson, to approve the minutes of the Aug. 12, 2021, meeting. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Bro. Hervol, seconded by Bro. Anderson, to approve the secretary's (National Treasurer's) report of bond purchases and disposals for the third quarter 2021. Motion approved.

Reviewed the portfolio and transactions for

Purchases:

Joined by phone conference at 3 p.m. with Wellington Management Company representatives Courtney Madden, Liz Kleinerman and Abigail Clare.

Discussion and questions on capital markets review by Liz Kleinerman.

The committee reviewed portfolio performance, outlook and strategy, and compliance issues.

The committee thanked the Wellington representatives for the presentation and ended the phone conference at 3:50 p.m.

Discussion on portfolio duration target. Motion was made by Bro. Evanish, seconded by Bro. Anderson, to increase the portfolio duration from 9.5 years to 10.5 years. Motion approved.

Discussion on Dynamic Diversified Income investment managed by Wellington Management Company. The committee will research this investment possibility.

Motion to adjourn at 4:05 p.m. by Bro. Hervol, seconded by Bro. Anderson. Motion approved. The next meeting will be scheduled.

ROGER C. CLIFFORD ROBERT J. LAWRENCE Chairman

Report of the Secretary for the period July 1 through Sept. 30, 2021

Trade Date	Security Description	Coupon	Par Value	Cost	Maturity Date
7/1/2021	KKR 14 AR	1.334%	600,000	600,480	7/15/2031
7/1/2021	VENTR 19-32A A2A	1.260%	695,000	695,348	7/18/2031
7/15/2021	Royalty Pharma PLC	3.350%	130.000	126,835	9/2/2051
8/5/2021	Westlake Chemicals	2.875%	135,000	132,258	8/15/2041
8/9/2021	Thermo Fisher Scientific	2.800%	215,000	213,942	10/15/2041
8/17/2021	Cheniere Corpus	2.742%	250,000	205,000	12/31/2039
8/26/2021	Santa Ana CA POB	3.098%	515,000	515,000	8/1/2044
9/9/2021	Nippon Life Insurance	2.900%	425,000	425,000	9/16/2051
9/30/2021	Golden State Tobacco	3.293%	30,000	30,000	6/1/2042
Sales or Full	Calls:				
Disposal Date	Security Description	Coupon	Par Value	Consideration	Maturity Date
7/1/2021	Utah State	4.554%	20.000	20.000	7/1/2024
7/1/2021	Wagner College NY	6.916%	100.000	100.000	7/1/2023
8/1/2021	Massachusetts St Water Auth	5.192%	5,000	5,000	8/1/2040
8/1/2021	San Bernardino CA	6.020%	45.000	45.000	8/1/2023
8/13/2021	Ashtead Capital	6.250%	400.000	415,752	8/1/2026
9/1/2021	Alabama Incentives Fing Auth	6.042%	30,000	30,000	9/1/2029
					RT J. LAWRENCE

Secretary, Finance Committee

ANNOUNCE IT

Lodge 614 member marking 100th birthday

CLEVELAND — SNPJ Lodge 614 member Sis. Dorothy Kurrent will be celebrating her 100th birthday in November.

Dorothy was born in Cleveland to Ludwig and Mary (Cesnik) Ogrinc, and married Joseph Kurrent in 1943. The couple were married 72 years until Joseph's passing in 2016. An 82-year SNPJ member, Dorothy currently resides in

the Cleveland Slovene Home for the Aged. We wish Sis. Kurrent a very happy 100th birthday, along

with good health and happiness in the future!



Lodge 603 member is celebrating her 80th

SAMSULA, Fla. — SNPJ Lodge 603 member Sis. Jeannette Tomazin Humphrey is celebrating her 80th birthday in November.

Jeannette has been a dedicated Lodge 603 member since birth. She is known for organizing the original Samsula Tractor Parade; serving as chairwoman of Polka Fun In the Sun/Florida SNPJ Days, as a Youth Circle director, and as an SNPJ Lodge 603 Convention delegate; writing for PROSVETA; and as a Samsula Woman's Club member.

Jeannette is proud of her Slovenian heritage and of being a member of Lodge 603 – she is the "Ms. SNPJ" of Lodge 603. Happy birthday, Jeannette "Nettie" Humphrey!



Sis. JEANNETTE HUMPHREY, the "Ms. SNPJ" of Samsula Lodge 603, is celebrating her 80th birthday in November 2022.

PROSVETA Crossword

Thanksgiving (#1122) by StatePoint Media

ACROSS

- 1. "If all fails..."
- *Male Thanksgiving bird 8. Yoko's last name 11. Indian restaurant bread
- 12. Carhop's carrier
- 13. *"Kiss the Cook" garment 15. Homer's "The Odyssey", e.g.
- 16. *Grandpa or Grandma, often
- 17. Moolah or dough 18. *Pilgrim's colony
- 20. Allah's cleric
- 21. Arranges into categories 22. Chance's genre
- 23. *"Planes, Trains and
- Automobiles" star
- 26. Woven containers 30. Kimono sash
- 31. Aristotle's school
- 34. Part of ideal
- 35. Hurricane feature, pl. 37. Comedian Schumer
- 38. Teen worry
- 39. Side of a ruler 40. Left over
- 42. *When will the guests
- be here?, acr.
- 43. Rejuvenate
- 45. Expression of agreement (2 words)
- 47. *What Turkey Trot participants did

- 48. Outdoor entertainment area
- 50. Messy substances
- 52. *It makes Thanksgiving wishes come true?
- 55. Half of diameter, pl. 56. Flu symptom
- 57. Accompanies relief
- 59. Leaves out 60. More than a talker?
- 61. Isaac's firstborn
- 62. Skin cyst
- my party, and I'll cry if I want to ... "
- 64. Confederate or Union, e.g.

DOWN

- 1. Compass dir.
- Arctic native Go yachting
- Become enclosed in a cyst
- Freshwater fish 5.
- Hop-drying kilns
- *Pumpkin pie at the first Thanksgiving, e.g.
- Sea World's performer "Cheers" regular
- 10. Top seed 12. Like a rosebush
- 13. Spy name
- 14. *Kind of squash
- 19. Toils

- 22. Truck brand motto:
- "Guts. Glory. 23. Lawn trimmer
- 24. Toe the line
- 25. Designs on lemur's tail
- 26. Purchases
- 27. #39 Across, pl. 28. T in Ferrari TR
- 29. Thai restaurant chicken
- staple 32. Elder's support
- 36. *Thanksgiving football game

33. Flightless bird

- host city since 1934 38. Impromptu
- 40. Big coffee holder
- 41. Choice word
- 44. Desert mirage
- 46. Makes less tight 48. Lace loop
- 49. "Angela's ," memoir
- 50. *Raiders vs. Cowboys, e.g. 51. Scandinavian war god
- 52. Dry riverbed
- 53. Not final or absolute 54. Exclamation of surprise,

58. Color wheel feature

- archaic 55. Propel your boat!
- The solution to puzzle #1122 will run in the Dec. 1 issue.
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Slovene National Benefit Society Resolutions 2022-2026

Adopted during the 32nd Regular SNPJ Convention (revisions highlighted in bold text)

Resolution #1 **Future Convention Committees**

Be it resolved that in future SNPJ conventions, proposed Articles, Bylaws and Resolutions presented by an individual member or members shall be approved and signed first by local Lodges or Federations of Lodges before they are presented to the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Resolutions Committees.

Further, all such Articles, Bylaws and Resolutions, including those submitted by the National Board, must be received by the Executive Committee no later than sixty (60) calendar days prior to the opening of the convention.

Furthermore, all newly proposed Articles, Bylaws and Resolutions must also include a rationale. Such rationale will explain the need for the proposal. A two-thirds (3/3) majority of the convention will be necessary to introduce any additional Articles, Bylaws or Resolutions that are presented later than sixty (60) calendar days prior to

Further, be it resolved that Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Resolutions Committees be selected and notified sixty (60) days prior to the convention, and all proposed changes be forwarded to the committees as soon as possible after the sixty (60) calendar day deadline.

Resolution #2

The Convention Bylaws and Resolutions Committees Whereas, we all recognize the importance of the SNPJ Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Resolutions; and

Whereas, it has become evident to both the convention Bylaws and Resolutions Committees that additional time is necessary to prepare a comprehensive report on proposed changes;

Be it resolved that the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Resolutions Committees have sufficient time to meet (at the discretion of the Executive Committee) prior to the convention to perform their necessary work.

Be it further resolved that no more than one previous committee member be eligible to serve on the same committee at a subsequent convention.

Resolution #3 **Grievance Committee**

Whereas, we recognize the importance of proper presentation of appeals and grievances;

Be it resolved that any delegate wishing to file an appeal or grievance related to the convention may do so by providing such grievance in writing to the National Secretary. The National Secretary shall forward the appeal or grievance to the attention of the convention Chairperson. The Chairperson shall seek nominations from the National Legislative Body for a convention grievance committee consisting of five convention delegates who shall, to the extent practical, not be parties to the appeal or grievance. The five nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall constitute the convention grievance committee. The convention grievance committee shall meet and review the grievance and shall present recommendations for its resolution to the convention.

Be it further resolved that no literature be distributed on the convention floor for or against the said appeal or grievance. Failure to follow the requirements of this Resolution shall be grounds for the dismissal of the grievance.

Resolution #4 Federations of the SNPJ

Federations of Lodges shall be organized in cities and areas where there are SNPJ Lodges for the purpose of furthering the work as per the Bylaws of SNPJ and their principles.

Any Federation to be organized in any one city or jurisdiction shall be announced and approved by the National Board.

All Lodges participating in a Federation shall have their names published in the PROSVETA.

Federations shall have no legislative powers in affairs or decisions of the SNPJ.

Federations of SNPJ shall be sustained financially by associated Lodges' contributions, if they so decide, and by profits from affairs held by and for the Federations of SNPJ.

Resolution #5

Special Benefits for Members Over 80 Years

Whereas, the Society has many elderly members in its midst who have through their many years of membership contributed much to the growth, strength and financial stability of the Society;

Be it resolved, therefore, that the 32nd Regular SNPJ Convention go on record that all members of the Society who have reached the age of 80 and who have exhausted their sick benefits, upon presentation of a medical report satisfactory to the Executive Committee, may receive financial assistance not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) in any twelve-month period, to be effective January 1, 1987, if the Society's actuary report permits.

Resolution #6

Payment of Assessment for Members Over 80

Whereas, it is the desire of SNPJ to provide those longtime members who have made significant contributions financially and volunteered to the Society, and where the Society's present financial condition warrants, the National Board in July 1972 elected to pay the assessments for members over age 85.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Society go on record to continue to pay assessments for members over 85 years of age who have certificates in force, but only for those who have entered the Society prior to January 1, 1964, commencing January 1, 1987.

Be it further resolved that the Society approve to pay the premiums for those members 80 years of age who have certificates in force prior to January 1, 1964, and are enrolled prior to January 1, 1955, in the \$1.00 and \$2.00 Sick Benefit Class commencing January 1, 1987.

Resolution #7 65-10 Benefits

Be it resolved that upon application with proof of need satisfactory to the SNPJ Executive Committee, the Society shall assist its needy members over age 65 and who have been members of the Society at least 10 years by paying \$40.00 monthly to the individual to help as long as the need exists.

Resolution #8

Benefits for Newborn

If an infant is enrolled into the Society within one year of birth and if either mother or father is a member of the Society for at least one year, the Society shall credit the first year premium up to a

maximum of \$30.00 on any permanent plan of insurance offered by the Society. Term insurance is not included. Effective January

Resolution #9

Young Adult Conference Delegates

Be it resolved that a Lodge be allowed to nominate a Young Adult delegate from another Lodge to represent their Lodge at the Young Adult Conference.

Be it resolved that the purpose of the Young Adult Conference be furthered by allowing a Lodge with no willing Young Adult delegate to be represented by a Young Adult from another

Be it resolved that the Young Adult delegate would still have to report back to the Lodge they represent at the conference, thus allowing more Lodges to be informed of, and party to, the conference.

Be it resolved that the Young Adult delegate would be treated as a regular delegate for conference voting purposes, and that the Society's National Board consider covering the delegate's expenses as they would for a regular delegate.

Be it resolved that said delegate will create a report of the conference to present or have presented at the next available meeting for the Lodge they represent, thus allowing more Lodges to be informed of, and party to, the Young Adult Conference.

Resolution #10 Appreciation

Whereas, this 32nd Regular SNPJ Convention has enjoyed the hospitality furnished by the National Board and the SNPJ Recreation Center; and

Whereas, a friendly and cooperative atmosphere has been conducive to the accomplishments of much constructive action and decisions of benefit to our Society;

Be it resolved that this convention go on record thanking the **National Board.**

Resolution #11 Hvala Lepa

Be it resolved by the 32nd Regular Convention that in the best fraternal tradition we wish to welcome the returning members to the National Board and new member Jason Cadez.

We also wish to bid farewell and fraternal best wishes to departing National Board members Jim Curl and Ken Anderson.

We also wish to recognize with deepest condolence the passing of former Board members Region 1 Vice President Frank Bregar, Region 5/Region 6 Director William Tehovnik, Audit Committee member Lou Novak, Judicial Committee member Fannie Smole, Region 9 Vice President Caroline Brown, National Treasurer Marlene O'Connell, Audit Committee Chair Stan Repos, and National Secretary and Supervisory Committee member Grace Doerk.

We also wish to recognize with deepest condolence the passing of SNPJ Recreation Center Director and longtime Fraternal **Director Kevin Richards.**

Thank you all - Hvala Lepa!

Polka Hall of Fame Awards Show highlights Thanksgiving Polka Weekend

by JOE VALENCIC (5)

Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame

CLEVELAND — The Polka Awards Show, polka music's premier red-carpet event, returns to the Thanksgiving Polka Weekend hosted by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame.

Top polka entertainers invite you to the Holiday Inn Cleveland South for three days of the finest ballroom dance music on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 25-27. The gala awards presentation takes place Sunday, Nov. 27, to honor the newest music legends of the polka scene.

Warm up Friday afternoon with Linda Lee Brown to get back in polka shape. The award-winning Del Sinchak takes the spotlight next, while today's hot young band, the Garrett Tatano Orchestra, offers a fresh take on old favorites.

Jeff and John Pecon continue their father's musical legacy, and Klancnik & Friends deliver a bold sound with Brian O'Boyle on accordion. Nashville's Joey Miskulin and Canada's Polka King Walter Ostanek will also appear. Stay up for jamming long past midnight!

Start your Saturday with the Polka Mass, celebrated by Fr. Norm Gajdzinski, with Kathy Hlad and her friends to inspire you with their music. Bob Zolka, Garrett Tatano, and Klancnik & Friends are the featured performers, playing polkas, waltzes and specialty numbers until midnight.

The highlights of the evening are tuneful tributes to the

Vadnal family of musicians, followed by the traditional All-Star Button Box Jam Session. Tote along your accordion or banjo and share the stage with your idols, in particular, Joey and Walter.

Your last chance to dance is Sunday morning with a surprise guest combo. Then thrill to the Polka Music Awards spectacular and an eight-piece big-band orchestra in a grand salute to the newest names entering the Polka Hall of Fame. This year's contenders for lifetime achievement are bandleaders Joe Kusar, Jake Martincic, Joe Mlakar, Fred Scherz Sr. and Jeff Winard; musicians Rudy Kershishnik and Bill Srnick Sr.; and the Penn-Ohio Polka Pals organization. The weekend is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

The Holiday Inn Cleveland South is convenient to I-77 and I-480 on Rockside Road in Independence, Ohio. Parking is free. Reserve your room directly for the special rate of \$96 per night, plus tax, by phoning (216) 524-8050. The venue is just 15 minutes south of downtown Cleveland and 15 minutes east of the airport.

Plan now for the polka event of the year. Admission on Friday and Saturday is \$20 each evening; admission is \$25 for the Sunday Awards Show and dance. Save \$10 with a weekend pass, available for \$55.

For more information, contact the Polka Hall of Fame at (216) 261-3263 or e-mail PolkaShop@aol.com.



Polka legend Richie Vadnal will be honored with a tribute to the Vadnal family of musicians during Thanksgiving Polka Weekend, presented by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South, Friday through Sunday, Nov. 25-27.

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Sis. JUDY A. ZACCARIA (689)

SIS. JUDY A. ZACCARIA Lodge 689

HELPER, Utah — The members of Lodge 689 sadly report the Aug. 26, 2022, passing of Sis. Judy Costello Zaccaria.

Sis. Zaccaria was born Aug. 7, 1944, in Price, Utah, to Helen Sluga and John Costello. She grew up in Helper where she attended Helper Central and Helper Jr. High schools.

After graduating from Carbon High in 1962, Judy attended Carbon College where she earned a certificate of completion in business. She retired from M&T Mortgage as a secretary/receptionist and she also sold Avon for many years, earning many awards

In 1960 she met the love of her life, Darryl Zaccaria. They were married in 1964 at St. Anthony's in Helper and recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. They moved from Utah to Kirkland, Wash., where they raised their three children. There was nothing more important to Judy than her family.

Judy was a proud member of SNPJ Lodge 689 for 60 years. Following her retirement, she was fortunate enough to visit Slovenia three times, meeting relatives on both her mother's and father's sides of the family.

She was also a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, various school organizations, and the 4-H Club. Judy became a 4-H leader and made a lasting impression on the young ladies she taught.

As empty nesters, Judy and Darryl traveled with her sisters, their spouses and other family members to beautiful destinations throughout the western United States and abroad. They also made a pilgrimage to The Holy Land with a church group from Washington.

Judy was a beautiful seamstress, a dedicated homemaker and a fabulous cook, all skills she learned from her mother. She loved to entertain and made hostessing look effortless.

She was a pillar at St. John Vianney Parish in Kirkland. There, she assisted with parish duties, and chaired and helped with many social events, including their annual auction. She was well loved by her parish community.

Life was not without challenge for Judy. Her life was forever changed by insurmountable grief following the death of their beautiful daughter, Desiree, in August 2019. Six months later, Judy was diagnosed with cancer. She fought a valiant and courageous battle, but lost her fight on Aug. 26, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Desiree; her parents; her grandparents; and many uncles, aunts and

She is survived by her husband, Darryl; her sons, Jason and Darren (Judy Look); her granddaughter, Alexis; her sisters, Jona (Tony) Gonzales and Barbara (Bill) Jewkes; loving nieces and nephews; a special uncle, Lou (Madeline) Tonc; extended family and a community of friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Sis. Zaccaria on Sept. 9 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Kirkland.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 689 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our sympathies to Sis. Zaccaria's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

SIS. ELIZABETH M. YUVAN Lodge 2 •

LA SALLE, Ill. — The members of Lodge 2 sadly report the Sept. 13, 2022, passing of Sis. Elizabeth M. "Betty' Yuvan, 103, of La Salle, in Manor Court of Peru, Ill. Sis. Yuvan was an SNPJ Honorary Member, having outlived her life insurance policy in March 2015.

Sis. Yuvan was born April 27, 1919, in Oglesby, Ill., a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Jurjovic) Slogar. She married Frank Yuvan on July 6, 1940, in Homestead, Iowa. He preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 1974.

Betty was proud of having grown up in Jonesville, and said she came from the "hard knocks school." She left school to work at Westclox, where she was employed for more than 25 years, finishing her career as an inspector. She accumulated a nice collection of clocks that she cherished and was very proud of.

Although she said she was a shy child growing up, as an adult she never met a stranger she couldn't strike up a conversation with. She loved to talk, and the stories of her life were very entertaining.

SNPJ fraternal sympathies



Sis. ELIZABETH M. YUVAN (2)

Betty loved her sisters' dogs. She enjoyed gardening, and for many years shared her harvest with neighbors and relatives. She really enjoyed chicken noodle soup, apple pie and especially cookies!

Although she didn't have any children of her own, she embraced all of her nieces and nephews as if they were her own children. Betty was a great aunt in every sense of the word and will be missed.

She is survived by a nephew, Jim (Bonnie) Foster of Gaylord, Mich.; a niece, Sandy Morse of Poplar Grove, Ill.; and many great-nieces and greatnephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; two brothers, Emil and Joseph Slogar; two sisters, Mary Harrison and Amy Foster; and nephews Joseph V. Slogar and John Slogar.

Services for Sis. Yuvan were held Sept. 17 in Shields Funeral Chapel, Oglesby. Burial followed in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, La Salle.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 2 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our sympathies to Sis. Yuvan's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

SIS. JOSEPHINE F. BOLE Lodge 138 •

STRABANE, Pa. — The Bole family and the members of Lodge 138 sadly report the Sept. 18, 2022, passing of Sis. Josephine "Josie" Frances Hrvatin Bole, 98, formerly of McDonald, Pa. She resided with her daughter, Janice Rockwell, and husband Robert at their home in Middletown, Md.

Sis. Bole was born May 5, 1924, in Lawrenceville, Pa., at home, weighing only one and a half pounds. She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Frances Hrvatin. She was the loving wife of Anton "Tony" Bole, who predeceased her in 2016.

Josie is survived by her daughters, Janice B. Rockwell (Bob) of Middletown and Darla

J. Bole of Nashville, Tenn.; a granddaughter, Julie Frances Moeslein (Donald) of Nashville; a grandson, Robert Anton Rockwell of Long Island City, N.Y.; and nephews Gilbert Hervatin Jr. of Studio City, Calif., and George Durkt (Linda) of Cheswick, Pa.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her brother, Gilbert Hervatin.

Josie grew up in the heart

of a strong Slovenian neighborhood in Pittsburgh where her heritage played a prominent role in shaping her life. Josie's SNPJ involvement started early. Her parents loved music, and although they were poor working folks they made it a priority to buy musical instruments and provide music lessons for their children. Josie played the banjo and Gilbert played the accordion.

Their parents proudly took them to the SNPJ club as kids where they played for SNPJ programs. Josie also had a beautiful soprano singing voice. She sang with the Prešeren Singing Society from about age 18 until the group dissolved, which gave her the opportunity to travel and meet people.

Graduating from Peabody High School in 1942, Josie was offered a job at the SNPJ Headquarters in Chicago, which she seized upon even though it meant she had to miss her own graduation ceremony by a couple of weeks. She was excited to be an official part of SNPJ.

For years she assisted her father with his duties as secretary of SNPJ Lodge 118, which later merged with SNPJ Lodge 665 in Pittsburgh. Back then, the "books" were literally books which required hand-written entries, preferably in legible fashion so that other people could read them. Her father, who served as Lodge secretary for more than 25 years, said she had beautiful handwriting and asked her to make the entries in the books and generally carry out his SNPJ writing duties.

At the SNPJ Headquarters, she was assigned to work in the PROSVETA department, which in 1942 was substantial because the paper was published daily. She addressed PROSVETA copies to members and made address changes. This work, now done by computer with a few keystrokes, then required several employees. Each address had a plate that was used to imprint PROSVETA copies.

She returned home in 1945 to work as a bookkeeper at Roms, a wholesale grocery distributer in Pittsburgh, until 1958.



Sis. JOSEPHINE F. BOLE (138)

Josie met her beloved Tony on July 1, 1956, at a picnic in Drenik's Park in Strabane. She didn't want to go that day because it was her father's birthday, but a car full of Prešeren singers stopped by her house and told her she had to go because the singing society was performing that day and needed sopranos. All the Slovenian match-making ladies who knew both Josie and Tony were introducing them, especially Mrs. Klune, Mrs. Prasniker and Mrs. Jergel. Josie says she was introduced to Tony about five times that day!

Josie and Tony were married July 5, 1958. From 1959 to 1977, they owned and operated the Town House Bar in McDonald. The six-daya-week business was a true partnership, with each of them working hard to keep the bar and their household running smoothly. From 1977 to 1989, Josie worked at All in One Linen Outlet in McMurray, Pa., and later the South Hills, where her sewing skills were an asset in the curtain department.

From 1990-2012, Josie served as treasurer for the SNPJ Slovene Speaking Federation of Western Pennsylvania.

In 1980, Josie and Tony bought a trailer at the SNPJ Recreation Center, and a new pastime was born. This certainly wasn't their first experience enjoying the SNPJ "Campsite."

As their children grew up, Tony and Josie always enjoyed Sunday as family day, which more often than not involved a picnic or polka dance. Josie developed strong friendships at their weekend oasis, where she frequently could be found playing on the balina courts and compete she did!

She volunteered for the SNPJ, giving back to the fraternal organization that brought her so much enjoyment. She served as Slovenefest treasurer for many years, sewed curtains for the Campsite dorm, painted cabins, and worked admission booths. Josie and Tony especially loved the good times they had during Senior Week and on bus trips led by the Valencics and Judy Germani. The places they visited were great, but they always said the wonderful people were what made the memories.

Josie enjoyed making hats and outfits for premature babies, roller skating, playing bingo, playing cards and cheering for the Pittsburgh Penguins. She treasured her 40-year card club run with her wonderful Gladden Heights neighbors.

Josie loved her children and grandchildren, always putting their best interests ahead of her own. She took great joy sewing their clothes (even doll clothes), making grape juice, baking apple pies, crafting and knitting up a storm. Despite living several hours away, she made a priority of being involved in her grandchildren's lives, never missing the important moments, including Julie's wedding this June. Her family will miss her dearly.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the SNPJ Recreation Center Cabin Renovation Fund in memory of Josephine Bole; checks made payable to "SNPJ," addressed to SNPJ, 247 W. Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126.

To celebrate their mother and grandmother, the family is planning a commemorative balina tournament at the SNPJ Recreation Center on May 20, 2023. All are invited to play or watch.

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

In Loving Memory of

MARION VOLPE Mom. Grandma

and Great-Grandma Proud former

Secretary/Treasurer of SNPJ Lodge 564

ARE ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS

REMEMBERED BY HUSBAND, ERMANDO; DAUGHTER, LISA; Sons, John (Shelly) & Tony (Cathy); grandchildren, Justin, Danny, Jacob, Paul, Anthony & Joey; great-grandchildren, Zaiden & Paisley; and Brother, Rudy (Marlene)

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National Secretary/COO

The TEL Workshop returning to the 2023 SNPJ Recreation Center events schedule

2023 TEL WORKSHOP FROM PAGE 1

their September mailing, and there are a few important dates to re-

Lodges must turn in their TEL Delegate Election Forms by Dec. 31,

2022. Any member interested in attending this workshop must contact their Lodge secretary and make sure that their name is on that form. Be sure to also provide your e-mail address as correspondence about the TEL Workshop will be handled electroni-

cally as often as possible.

Once the election forms are received by the Fraternal Department, all delegates will receive an introductory packet via e-mail. In this packet, there will be a general information sheet about the TEL Workshop, a

tentative agenda for the weekend, and a TEL Delegate Registration Form. This form must be completed by the delegate and returned to the Fraternal Department no later than May 15, 2023.

This completes the registration

process. All delegates must turn in a form by the deadline date or they may be replaced by an alternate or surrogate delegate.

We look forward to seeing our teenage members at the SNPJ Recreation Center in July!

2022 National Golf Results

Men's Individual: Members						
Name	Lodge	Score	Prize			
*Michael DeSocio	138	73	\$90			
*Dave Belfiore	138	73	\$90			
**Joe Graff	138	63	\$90			
Jack Evanish	106	66	\$50			
Robbie Rockwell	138	67	\$45			
Robert Copich	643	68	\$40			
Bill Galicic	138	68	\$40			
David Sankovich	770	69	\$35			
Ryan Brumbaugh	138	69	\$35			
Jason Cadez	138	69	\$35			
Lou Presnar	770	70	\$20			
Glenn Spoharski	6	70	\$20			
Ron Tkach	138	70	\$20			
Joe Evanish	106	70	\$20			
Tom Vehar	138	71	\$14			
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Denny Brand Sr. Bryan Zec Bob Russ Glenn Spoharski	6 715 158 6	292	\$76
Jamie Evanish Joe Evanish Jack Evanish Dan Bosek	715 106 106 564	295	\$56
Jeff Cadez Ron Tkach Shawn Sutton Dave Belfiore	138 138 138 138	298	\$40
Robbie Rockwell Donny Moeslein Danny Volpe	138 138 564	298	\$40

Women's Individual

Justin Volpe

Name	Lodge	Score	Prize
*Sara Tkach	138	98	\$28
**Jennifer Fetcko	138	77	\$28

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Men's Individual: Guests

Name	Score	Prize
**Joe Davey	76	\$14
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Peoria Holes Selected: Front - 4, 5, 6 Back - 10, 15, 17

2022 National Balina Results

Men's Division

Team	Lodge	Prize
8 Balls	6/158/715	\$172
No Deposit, No Return	138	\$124
Young Guns	33/138/564	\$96
Pocket Pounders	158	\$80
Red Bow Rollers	770/771/782	\$64
(tie) Court Jesters	6/158/715	\$44
(tie) Bird the Word	138	\$44

Women's Division

Team	Lodge	Prize
Crown Royals	6/158	\$160
Dolls with Balls	158/564/715	\$116
TC	138/158	\$96
S.M.A.C. Talk	138/715/782	\$68
Whatchamacallit	6/564/643/715	\$40

2022 Nat'l. Beanbag Toss Results

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Men's/Mixed Doubles Division									
(Pla	ce)/Team	Lodge	Prize						
(1)	Mary Sinan/J. Oliver	782	\$160						
(2)	Ja. Cadez/J. Wagner	138	\$120						
(3)	E. Valencic/S. Sutton	138	\$90						
(4)	M. Blake/D. Weir	6	\$58						
(4)	D. Fetcko/E. Galicic	138	\$58						
(6)	J. Lowe/B. Lowe	138	\$46						

(6) A. Lowe/J. Pounds

Women's Division								
(Pla	ice)/Team	Lodge	Prize					
(1)	L. Smrdel/J. Smrdel	158	\$90					
(2)	K. Skovenski/M. Skovenski	158	\$70					
(3)	M. Spieler/L. Hudson	782/564	\$50					
(4)	B. Bozicevich/P. Smith	6	\$30					

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With Recher Hall closing, a change of meeting location

for the Loyalites Lodge

by DANIELLA VOLPE Lodge 158 Treasurer

EUCLID, Ohio — Hello, fellow fraternalists. We hope you all had a spook-tacular Halloween filled with some tricks, but mostly lots of treats. We cannot believe just how fast 2022 has flown by, but nevertheless, the Loyalites still have more in store for you.

First, however, we want to take a moment to recognize a sad but monumental day that none of us thought would come. Recher Hall in Euclid was recently sold.

This hall was home to many events, including the annual Button Box Bash, the Circle 2 Chorus concerts, and our very own Lodge Christmas parties. It was also where the Loyalites held our Lodge meetings for as long as we can remember.

It's sad to see this historic place go, but this doesn't mean the end of those events. This includes our Christmas party, which we will be holding Dec. 4. The party will still be held at Recher, so be sure to stop by for one last soirée at this memorable site.

We will be sending out letters shortly for tickets and to sign up the kiddos for their gifts from the big man up at the North Pole, so be sure to check your mailboxes. If you have recently moved, don't seem to get our mailings, or simply if you have questions, please contact Lodge Secretary Jan Smrdel for information via e-mail, jan158snpj@gmail.com.

For the time being, our meetings will be held at the Monreal Srnick Funeral Home in Eastlake, Ohio. Our next meeting is sched-



Prior to the closing of Recher Hall, Loyalites Lodge 158 members held their final meeting at the hall in October.

uled Nov. 10 starting at 7 p.m., but you can always keep up with all things Lodge 158 on our Facebook page and website.

As always, we send our thoughts and prayers to any and all ailing members and their families during these difficult times.

Lodge 559 collecting toys during November meeting

by KAITLYN CHIAPPETTA Lodge 559 President

CHICAGO—Happy fall! Hopefully everyone enjoyed the summer, too.

Lodge 559 delegates had a wonderful time at the SNPJ Quadrennial Convention. The Home Office and Recreation Center did a great job with everything involved. It was great to see all the delegates from around the country, meeting new delegates, and reconnecting with others.

We are happy to report that our proposed resolution was accepted by the Convention. We're looking forward to nominating any young adult who would like to attend the Young Adult Conference next summer.

Lodge members also enjoyed

attending the Chicago Federation movie event. The film was a documentary about polka music that was both educational and entertaining. Snacks were served at the event, and it was great to see some of the young adult members helping out by serving food.

We are saddened to say that the Bohemian Crystal restaurant, one of our preferred meeting locations, has closed. Luckily, we were able to hold our September meeting at the restaurant before it closed. At that time we hosted our third food drive of the year for the St. Cletus Church food bank.

The next Lodge meeting will take place Friday, Nov. 11, starting at noon at the McCook Family Restaurant. As our final meeting of the year, we will be electing of-



In September, Lodge 559 members hosted their third food drive of the year to benefit the food bank at St. Cletus Church.

ficers during the meeting. We will also be hosting a toy drive, so feel free to contact Lodge Secretary Melanie J. Matiasek if you would

like to donate but are unable to attend the meeting.

We hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving!

TOP TEAMS: 2022 SNPJ NATIONAL BALINA TOURNAMENT



[Above] The 2022 SNPJ National Balina Tournament women's division champions, Crown Royals: (from left) MARLENE SKOVENSKI (158), LISA BRAND (6), DARCY BIBLE (6) and **DANIELLE BRAND** (6).

[Below] The women's division runners-up, Dolls with Balls: (from left) LORI KIEFER (158), JULI BOSEK (564), ASHLEY BRATELY (158) and PATTI EVANISH (715).





[Above] The 2022 SNPJ National Balina Tournament men's division champions, 8 Balls: (from left) **DENNY BRAND** (6), **BOB RUSS** (158), **JERRY HLEBAK** (158) and **JAMIE EVANISH** (715).

[Below] The men's division runners-up, No Deposit, No Return: (from left) JIM CADEZ, KEN YARKOSKY, RON CADEZ and KEVIN YARKOSKY, all members of Lodge 138.



All the right ingredients combined for the Yukon

Lodge 729 family picnic

by JOANN KRANCE Lodge 729 Secretary/Treasurer

YUKON, Pa. — After months of planning, SNPJ Silverstars Lodge 729 of Yukon held a family picnic for their members at the Yukon Lions Field. The Lodge held annual picnics at the ballfield years ago, the last being in 1995.

We tried to re-enact picnics from the years gone by; times and people have changed. The Lodge provided hamburgers, hot dogs and corn, along with liquid refreshments. Frank Liptak and Gerald Govi took charge of transporting everything from the Slovenian Hall to the ballfield. All members and guests added to the food variety with a covered dish.

The weather was beautiful! We had more than 100 people in attendance. Members came from Ohio and as far as Georgia. We also had SNPJ Region 1 Vice President Maury Sinan and his wife, Kathleen, in attendance.

Linda Pocratsky was in charge of the entertainment. She provided and set up the PA system, and contacted musicians to volunteer their talents. Chuck Baloh was on the stage playing his button box, just as he played at our picnics years ago, never missing a beat. Additional entertainers included Matt Sepesy and Judy Stemple, $both\,Lodge\,729\,members; John$ Bogasik; Jerry Lubinsky; and Bill Viecelli.

Members Judy and Joy Palicka did an excellent job framing groups of pictures taken from the Lodge picture archives which were displayed throughout the pavilion. Rose

Govi and Barb Liptak headed up the decorating committee, with help from Sam Liptak, and Michelle, Alex, Harrison and Quinn Krance. Rose and Gerald Govi took charge of the 50/50 drawing.

A television was set up by Tony Krance, which continuously played a DVD compiled by late Lodge member Don Krance from the 1992 family picnic. The entertainment at that time featured the late Benzie Rathbone and his orchestra, with a guest appearance by a young Rodney Yemc. DVDs were available for purchase.

Sandy Krance took charge of the kitchen, with assistance from Nancy Snyder. Ron and Ginny Stepinsky cooked all the corn, which was excellent. Al and Carrie Cosalter kept all the adults happy serving refreshments.

Kennedy Krance was in charge of face painting. She had a lineup of young participants. Frank Lovato and his wife, Nicole, did an excellent job of rounding up all the children and keeping them entertained with many games. All of the children received a "participation" prize - they were all winners!

Our thanks to anyone who helped in any way to make this a successful event. We had all the "right ingredients" to make it a beautiful day, which made wonderful new memories for everyone in attendance.

The Lodge would like to thank all members who attended the picnic, along with the members who attended numerous meetings to plan this event – a job well done!



SNPJ Silverstars Lodge 729 hosted a family picnic at Yukon Lions Field, serving up hamburgers, hot dogs, corn and a wide variety of sides provided by those in attendance.





The younger Lodge 729 family picnickers enjoyed participating in the many games arranged throughout the afternoon.

SNPJ Membership Anniversaries November 2022

80-Year Members

Member Jean Grandovic

70-Year Members

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
2	Betty Z. Ramsden	245	John E. Chopp
218	Beverly J. Bertron	304	Joann M. Curtis
225	John Sarley	584	Grace Christensen

60-Year Members

odge	Member	Lodge	Member
5	John K. Wohlgemuth	218	Antonette Lane
5	Andrea F. LoPresti	225	Jerry L. Tersinar
6	Alvin Chervon	254	Charlotte M. Torok
6	Don B. DeVore	371	Richard G. Reedy
8	Kenneth A. Klancnik	564	Darlene M. Wojton
8	Patricia R. Lustig	604	Patricia Delventhal
31	Ronald J. Hanak	614	Mary J. Bradac
34	Donald M. Hopwood	614	Ronald R. Simcic
87	Marianne Bencloski	723	Joyce M. Parkel
106	Wilma E. Walkowski	723	Francine Phaller
138	Janice K. Nosky	729	Florence Chesnick
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Lodge 518 members rely on their feet to fundraise

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MELVINDALE, **Mich.** — retary/Treasurer Bill Krzisnik. bers took part in the Ronald McDonald House walks for Lansing and Detroit; the Tom Izzo Walk, which supports several charities; the Tower Guard Walk, benefiting people with disabilities; and the Lupus Foundation Walk.

Participating in the above walks were Lodge 518 Recording Secretary Mary Beth Krzisnik, Lodge 518 members

Lauren Krzisnik and Andrew Krzisnik, and Lodge 518 Sec-

Several SNPJLodge 518 mem- In addition, Lodge 518 members participated in the three-mile "Walk 'n Roll" for ALS, remembering Franc Kovac. Franc lost his battle with ALS on July 16, 2013. He was a longtime member of Lodge 518, where he was known as the "Slovenian Prince."

Franc was loved by the four ladies pictured, and well-liked by all who knew him, including



[From left] IRENE KOVAC, Franc's wife and Lodge 518 president; HEIDI and KATIE KOVAC, Franc's daughters and Lodge 518 members; and KLAUDIA KOVAC, Franc's granddaughter, also a Lodge 518 member; participated in the Walk 'n Roll for ALS in remembrance of Franc Kovac

"Polka Americana" traces the evolution of polka music

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group that did the most by far to alter Old World music to make it more palatable not only for their own group in America but for Americans in general was the Slovenes" - the two musicians led the listeners on a sonic journey of dance melodies and songs tracing the evolution of polka from Hoyer, Lausche and Pecon to Yankovic.

The program was complemented with a display of Henderson's personal archive of Frank Yankovic posters, photos and memorabilia in the back of the hall.

The audience rewarded the accordionists with a standing ovation and an enthusiastic "yes" when emcee Henderson asked if they should be invited back. The duo responded with a rousing button accordion encore.

Their 2015 recording, "Fred Mlakar, Frank Rote and Friends," was nominated for Album of the Year by the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame. CDs may be ordered by e-mailing fredmlakar@cox.net. You can catch more about Fred's talents online at www.mlakarmusic.us.



SNPJ members and accomplished accordionists FRANK ROTE (723) [left] and FRED MLAKAR (786) performed several polkas while presenting "Polka Americana - An American Folk Tradition" to a receptive audience in August.

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