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Autumn draws the Heritage Center season to a close

by KATHY PAULENICH (776)
 SNPJ Heritage Center Director

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — Here it is, the fall season, and that means the SNPJ Heritage Center museum and gift shop have closed for another season. We do want to thank all our visitors this summer for stopping into the gift shop. We hope to have some new items next season with the return of more events next year.

As we closed out the season, Ed Robich and I took the Heritage Center's traveling museum on a first-time trip to One World Day held at the Cultural Gardens in Cleveland. These gardens are interesting, with so many countries having

their own small patch of land to set up a display, host music or serve food.

The Slovenian garden was represented with music by Veseli Godci and Patty C & The Guys. The Heritage Center traveling museum was set up on two tables at the opposite end of the garden, away from the music. After getting set up and enjoying a few hours of beautiful weather, the skies opened up and we got a good downpour. We covered everything up and waited until it cleared, but within half an hour a heavier downpour occurred. So we packed up our wares and headed home.

What a wonderful Labor Day weekend at the

SNPJ Recreation Center! The weather couldn't be more perfect, the music was outstanding, and the food was excellent. On Friday night in the Gostilna, we all commented that it was like old times, with friendships renewed and smiles on the faces of those enjoying the toe-tapping polka music.

Sunday found people everywhere, with the men's balina tournament, the bean bag toss tournament, and music in the Heritage Pavilion. Thank you to the KTB Band, Ed Klancnik & Friends and the Joe Grkman Orchestra for a great weekend of music.

Octoberfest season is here; get out and enjoy!

briefly

Home Office closed as we celebrate Thanksgiving

IMPERIAL, Pa. — The SNPJ Home Office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26, in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal office hours, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., will resume Monday, Nov. 29. We wish all SNPJ members and friends a very happy Thanksgiving.

Lodge 723 slates an Oct. meeting on GoogleMeets

FONTANA, Calif. — Fontana Lodge 723 members will hold their next meeting on Thursday, Oct. 21, starting at 6:30 p.m. via GoogleMeets. Please contact Julianne Wood for the meeting login information, for technical support, or for a tutorial on GoogleMeets. Julianne can be reached at (951) 300-3592 or by e-mail to JulianneWood@SNPJLodge723.org.

JULIANNE WOOD
 Lodge 723 Recording Secretary

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PERIODICAL MATERIAL



Photo submitted by Sis. Amy Brown (89)

All To Benefit the Local Veterans

On Aug. 10, Midway, Pa., Lodge 89 officers presented a check in the amount of \$18,000 to the It's About the Warrior veterans organization. The donation represents the funds raised during the SNPJ Lodge 89 Bike Run held July 24. Pictured are [from left] Steve Monteleone, founder and executive director of the It's About the Warrior Foundation (IATWF); and Lodge 89 Secretary **AMY BROWN**, President **MIKE BROWN**, and Treasurer **BEVERLY SCHWAB**.

SNPJ Lodge 34 members provide support for the Slovenski Festival

by JERRY WATSON
 Lodge 34 Secretary/Treasurer

INDIANAPOLIS — *Dober dan* from SNPJ Lodge 34 in Indianapolis.

On Aug. 21, Lodge 34 members came together at the Slovenski Festival held at the Indianapolis Slovenian National Home (SNH) and provided support by volunteering for many

of the activities. Lodge members sold krofe and drawing tickets, worked as bartenders, and volunteered for clean-up and other supporting activities. Our Lodge was among the many groups that came together to enjoy our Slovenian heritage and support the SNH.

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Slovenian Consul General **Alenka Jerak** [left], Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the United States **Tone Kajzer** and **Mrs. Tone Kajzer**, honored guests at the Indianapolis Slovenski Festival, pictured with SNPJ Lodge 34 Secretary/Treasurer **JERRY WATSON** (sporting his "Slovenian Cook" apron).

St. Marys Lodge 581 pleased with August picnic attendance

by MARCIA KLANCER BLEGGI
 Lodge 581 Secretary/Treasurer

ST. MARYS, Pa. — On Aug. 22, ninety polka fans attended the annual picnic co-sponsored by SNPJ Lodge 581 and the North Central Pennsylvania Slovenian Polka Boosters at the Johnsonburg, Pa., Fire Hall. Polka fans attended from Kane, Johnsonburg, St. Marys, Kersey, Ridgway, Vowinckel, Pittsfield, Bellefonte and Warren, Pa.; and from New York. Larry Lewicki and his band from Olean, N.Y., performed throughout the afternoon.

Lodge 581 and the Polka Boosters were impressed by the wonderful turnout. As usual, the food was great and the dancing was enjoyed by all.

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Michael A. Brately Jr.
 Born Feb. 5, 2021
 Euclid, Ohio, Lodge 158

SNPJ Loyalites Lodge 158 welcomes Michael Andrew Brately Jr. as their newest member. Mikey is the son of Mike and Ashley (Russ) Brately (158); grandson of Bob (158) and the late Karen Russ, and Ken and Peggy Brately; and great-grandson of Millie (158) and the late Don Kovach, and the late Ray and Delia Russ. We welcome Michael to the Society and extend our best wishes to his entire family.

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Loyalites Lodge anticipates the upcoming holiday season

by DANIELLA VOLPE
Lodge 158 Treasurer

EUCLID, Ohio — Hello everyone, and welcome to fall! We hope your summer was filled with lots of days by the pool spent with family and friends – although I can't say I'll miss the heat; we really had some scorches this year!

The first thing we want to do is celebrate! We want to say happy birthday to Amy Gannon (Oct. 6), and we also have some belated birthdays

to celebrate as well: Anna Horabik and Molly O'Malley (Sept. 10), and Marilyn Hulin (Sept. 26). We also have a very belated congratulations for one of our soon-to-be newest members, Miss Emerson Irene Elam, who was born May 14 to Rachel and Nicole Elam.

One final congratulations is extended to Colleen Frank and Cody Cleary on their Sept. 18 marriage. We wish you the best on your journey through your new life together.

Do you hear that? I can hear the sound of jingling bells and a large man in a red suit laughing all the way. I'm just kidding – we haven't even had Halloween yet! Unfortunately, we must discuss it so we can talk about the Loyalites Lodge annual Christmas party. We will be hosting our party on Sunday, Dec. 5; the doors will open at noon.

This year, however, we're switching things up a little bit. Not only will we have the big man in red, we'll

also have Jungle Terry and magician JR Grieco.

We will have gifts for the kids, so please be on the lookout for the paperwork coming in the mail. We ask that all forms be returned by Thanksgiving. More information will be available shortly and can be found on the Loyalites Lodge website, snpj158.wordpress.com.

As always, we send our thoughts and prayers to our ailing and deceased members and their families.



SNPJ Silverstars Lodge 729 members pitched-in throughout the day to assist with the indoor picnic held at the Yukon Slovenian Hall in August. All proceeds from the event were donated to the Yukon Slovenian Hall to support its continued operation.

Lodge 729 Aug. indoor picnic brings a crowd to Yukon Hall

by JOANN KRANCE
Lodge 729 Secretary/Treasurer

YUKON, Pa. — SNPJ Silverstars Lodge 729 sponsored a Slovenian Indoor Picnic on Sunday, Aug. 22, at our Lodge home, the Yukon Slovenian Hall.

This was the first social affair that the hall has hosted since the beginning of 2020, and we had a great turnout. People were happy to get out and

see everyone again. Entertainment was provided by the Polka Classics who played a variety of music that pleased the entire crowd. Everyone had a good time.

The Silverstars Lodge sponsored this event, and all proceeds were donated to the Yukon Slovenian Hall for continued operation. We want to thank everyone for their support; it is very much appreciated!

Lodge 371 member presents social history of mining communities

by KEN KLADNIK
Lodge 371 President

CLE ELUM, Wash. — SNPJ Lodge 371 member Bro. Bob Rossi of Salem, Ore., will present a talk on Slovenian coal miners and their social history. The presentation will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2,

at the Ronald Community Club, 260 3rd St. in Ronald, Wash. Admission is free and the presentation is open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

Bob has been conducting research for the past 38 years, specifically on various coal mining communities. His

research has uncovered considerable information related to immigrant Slovenian coal miners and the chartering of SNPJ Lodges in the coal mining communities.

Much of his research has focused on coal field cultures and communal life; in particular, how Slovenians

organized themselves and went on strike so that labor laws were changed and better working conditions were implemented.

For more information, contact SNPJ Lodge 371 President Ken Kladnik by e-mail to kladatc@gmail.com or by phoning (509) 929-0896.

SNPJ Lodge 581, Slovenian Polka Boosters co-host annual picnic

LODGE 581 PICNIC
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Lodge 581 is happy to have John Troha and two of his sons back from Vietnam. Both boys, Tyler and Shawnee, will be in St. Marys attending St. Marys Area High School for the 2021-2022 school year. John continues to serve as a Lodge 581 officer and volunteers in various ways.

Future events for SNPJ Lodge 581 include our meeting on Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Wildwoods Bar and Grill starting at 12:30 p.m., followed by a North Central Pa. Slovenian Polka Boosters dance. Additional upcoming dances include Oct. 10 at Wildwoods and Oct. 24 at the Ridgway Eagles.

All SNPJ Lodge 581 members are invited to attend the quarterly meetings and share ideas for 2022 Lodge activities. For more information about SNPJ Lodge 581, contact Secretary/Treasurer Marcia Klancer Bleggi at marcia.and.don@gmail.com or phone (814) 335-4983.



In August, a group of 90 polka music fans attended the annual picnic co-hosted by SNPJ Lodge 581 and the North Central Pennsylvania Slovenian Polka Boosters.

Up-and-Coming...

A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

• OCT. 10.... Polka Brunch at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Music performed by Kathy Hlad and Patty Candela. For more information visit the SNPJ Farm website, www.snpjfarmkirtland.com.

• OCT. 23-24 2021 Fall Classic Bowling Tournament at Paradise Island Bowl in Neville Island, Pa., hosted by Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106. Shifts for doubles & singles (Saturday, Oct. 23) and team events (Sunday, Oct. 24) start at 10:30 a.m. each day. For more information contact tournament secretary Jason Cadez at cadez138@gmail.com.

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For information phone (440) 256-3423

Oct. 10 **SNPJ Farm Polka Brunch** 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Kathy Hlad & Patty Candela

Unless indicated otherwise, the gates open at 1 p.m. rain or shine. Sunday dinners served starting at 2 p.m.; Sunday music and dancing 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday picnic admission is \$8 per person, cash only. Rent the SNPJ Farm for your special occasions. For additional information and schedule updates visit www.snpjfarmkirtland.com.



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Slovenia ups awards for Olympic medalists

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Future Slovenian Olympic, Paralympic, Deaflympic and Chess Olympiad medal winners can look forward to higher medal award bonuses as Slovenia has increased the monetary rewards for winning a place on the podium in all of these competitions. The changes also apply to 2021 Olympic and Paralympic medal winners; EUR 55,000 (\$65,300) is now the award bonus for gold medal winners.

The new award amounts, which became effective Sept. 1, up the gold medal bonus for an athlete competing in individual sports from EUR 31,120 (\$36,950) to EUR 55,000 (\$65,300), according to the rules on co-funding annual sports programs at the national level. Those winning silver will receive EUR 45,000 (\$53,400), and those taking bronze EUR 38,000 (\$45,100).

When it comes to team sports, the gold-winning team will receive EUR 300,000 (\$356,000), up from EUR 151,710 (\$181,000); a second-place team EUR 240,000 (\$285,000); and a third-place finisher EUR 210,000 (\$249,300).

The higher bonuses are not limited solely to the champion and other medal-winning athletes; their coaches will receive the same amount. Assistant coaches will receive the same reward in total as the coach in an individual sport, according to the amendments that were endorsed by Minister of Education, Science and Sport Simona Kustec.

As part of the amendments, Slovenia's 2021 Olympic and Paralympic medal winners who have already received their bonuses will be paid the difference between the amount they received and the bonus increase.

A ban on the sale of most single-use plastics

LJUBLJANA (STA) — As of Sept. 4, the Slovenian government has banned the sale of single-use plastic products, barring a few exceptions. The regulation, endorsed during a mid-August session, also specifies the labeling of certain single-use plastic items and their packaging to raise awareness about recycling.

Products banned under the regulation include plastic cutlery, plates and straws, as well as ear swabs, except for those used as medical equipment. Also banned are plastic stirrers and balloon sticks, with the exception of those intended for industrial use.

The Slovenian regulation, which mirrors an EU regulation, also bans expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) food and drink packaging, and items made of oxo-degradable plastics.

The regulation also introduces new rules for the labeling of some single-use plastic products and their packaging to inform consumers of how to properly dispose such products. The items requiring the new labels include hygiene products, wet wipes, tobacco products with filters, filters marketed in combination with tobacco products, and plastic cups.

Maximum fines for non-compliance will range from EUR 3,000 (\$3,500) to EUR 15,000 (\$17,650).

Plans for a major new water source in Istria

LJUBLJANA (STA) — The government has confirmed a plan for a major new water source for Slovenia's water-starved coastal Istria region, a decision that was welcomed by municipalities in the region but decried by local environmentalists as potentially damaging to the environment.

The EUR 134 million (\$157.7 million) project, confirmed by the government in August, involves building a reservoir on the Suhorca stream and a smaller reservoir on the Padež, a larger stream of which the Suhorca is a tributary. The reservoir would supply water to three existing water systems in the region, which is typically very dry because of the karst terrain.

The project was announced after almost two years of public debate over the need for a new water source, prompted by a train accident in mid-2019 during which a kerosene leak threatened to pollute the water supply to much of the region.

The plan was selected over an alternative proposal to link the three existing but separate water supply systems in the region, which would have reduced supply disruptions but would not have increased the overall volume of available water.

The coastal municipalities of An-



karan, Izola, Koper and Piran have welcomed the government decision as a major step toward improving the reliability of the water supply. In a joint statement, municipal representatives said the decision was "not only a step toward sorting out water supply in Istria, but also the start to resolution of one of the key national security issues."

Locals residing in villages near Brkini, a hilly area of Istria where the streams will be dammed, have long opposed the project on environmental grounds and insist the project poses a threat of damage. They say the untouched nature will be irreversibly damaged and the altered water system will pose a risk to the Škocjan Caves, a UNESCO-listed natural wonder. Brkini locals desire a link to the existing water supply systems and urge the government to abandon the project immediately.

Roses from across the EU currently on display

VOLČJI POTOK (STA) — An exhibition of roses from all EU member states opened in the Arboretum Volčji Potok Botanical Gardens to mark the Slovenian presidency of the Council of the EU and to present rose gardening as an integrating element within the EU. Titled "The EU in Roses," the exhibition was conceived by Slovenia's Culture Ministry. The roses will remain on display through Oct. 31.

The existing display of roses in the botanical gardens, located some 15 kilometers (nine miles) north of Ljubljana, has been extended with rose varieties grown in other EU member states in cooperation with expert associations from the respective countries.

"The exhibition of roses highlights the importance of the integrating role of gardening, which reaches far back into the common history of the EU member states," the organizers stated. They added that the love of roses connects all EU member states, from the Scandinavian countries to the islands in the south Mediterranean Sea.

The exhibited rose varieties are marked with national flags, and the signs include QR codes which provide visitors with information about the flowers – their variety, country of origin, and details about growing. Visitors will also be able to learn more about the roses by referring to a booklet accompanying the exhibition that is printed both in Slovenian and English.

White storks settling in areas across Slovenia

MURSKA SOBOTA (STA) — While the number of white stork pairs has been constant or increasing throughout Slovenia in recent years, the figure has been steadily decreasing in the northeastern region of Prekmurje, which is the typical stork habitat in Slovenia.

"Around 200 pairs of white storks nested in Slovenia in 1999, while last year there were 259," said Damijan Denac, the director of the Bird Watching and Bird Study Society of Slovenia. The society, which has been monitoring the number of white storks in the country since 1999, notes that this species has started to colonize areas where they hadn't traditionally nested before.

Denac explained that the stork population has increased in the area between Grosuplje and Novo Mesto, where no storks nested in 1999, and today there are about 20 pairs. The storks have also made their way to Bela Krajina, the Ljubljana Marshes and the plains around Krško. Storks also nest in other locations. "It is important to note, however, that the white stork is slowly but steadily disappearing from its traditional breeding area [of] Prekmurje," Denac said.

He believes that the reasons lie in environmental changes, especially food sources. Storks feed on insects, small mammals and amphibians, which are most often found in meadows. However, as intensive farming in Prekmurje has left very few meadows, there isn't enough food left for the storks. "It is worrying that the consequences are being felt in a species that isn't even a great ecological specialist, since the stork has a fairly wide range of prey. This means that the general state of biodiversity in the area is very poor."

The white stork is a long-lived species;

it lives for 20 or 25 years and returns to the same nest every year. Unlike their parents, the young storks don't return to the nest where they were hatched, but settle elsewhere, including other countries.

Over the past few years, the society has been conducting research in which 10 young white storks have been fitted with tracking devices. They have found that the storks migrate quite actively until maturity. For example, one of the storks migrated from Sudan to Turkey, then back to Egypt.

Ancient Roman chest unearthed in Ljubljana

LJUBLJANA (STA) — A well-preserved stony chest that dates back to the first century has been unearthed in Ljubljana in what has been labeled a rare discovery. The chest was uncovered after Roman grave sites were discovered during the renovation of Dunajska Road in an area that is known as being rich in archaeological findings.

To date, some 30 graves have been excavated and studied. Recent activity brought another suspenseful find, as the stony chest, or the urn burial site, was discovered, leaving everyone wondering whether it had already been raided or still hid relics from a grave.

"The chest did in fact feature a glass urn typical of the era containing bone remains, as well as six glass pots," the head of the excavation project, Matej Draksler, stated. The chest is so heavy that its lid had to be lifted by an excavator.

The graves are very well preserved, and their discovery did not come as a surprise since it had already been established that the northern part of Ljubljana – or Emona, as the city was called in Roman times – used to be a burial site for wealthy Romans. More than 3,000 graves have been excavated there, revealing bronze and glass artifacts.

The graves date back to the first or second century; most of them contain cremation urns. "The ashes could also be found sprinkled or wrapped in a cloth," Draksler said. "The urn found in the chest was removed; however, the chest has not yet been emptied completely, so it may still hide something of interest that could tell us who was buried in it," he added.

"Archaeologists often find artifacts that have been broken into pieces, but this time around the findings are whole and almost as they were 2,000 years ago. They will be protected from decay and studied further, and are sure to be displayed in a museum in the future," Draksler said.

According to Draksler, the glass urn measures 20 centimeters (approx. eight inches) in width and 25 centimeters (approx. 10 inches) in height. It belongs to the second half of the first century. "This is quite an early Emona grave. Emona was founded at the start of the first century, so this is one of the first generations buried in this part of the cemetery," he said.

Two products win local food gift awards

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Two Slovenian local products have won awards for best European food or food-related gifts as entries in the European Food Gift Challenge, a competition organized by the International Institute of Gastronomy, Culture, Arts and Tourism (IGCAT). The award-winning products are from Slovenia's Mediterranean and Karst areas.

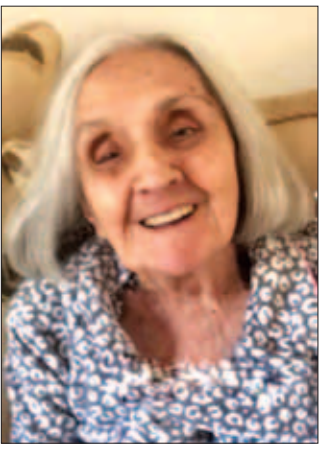
"Karst Commons in a Mug" features an herbal tea, a mini-jar of acacia honey and a handmade cup with tea strainer, all wrapped in a small bundle. The souvenir received the award for "most creative branding," the Slovenian Tourist Board announced.

The award for best innovation of traditional design went to Luka Boltar and his WoodLoveStone Collection, which includes four products made of stone and wood. The collection features two salt cellars made of local stone with a walnut wood lid, a mortar made of Soča River gravel stone and a wooden pestle, and a plate made of walnut and Karst stone.

The competition was held in Coimbra, Portugal, the city that holds this year's title of the European Region of Gastronomy together with Slovenia. A total of 25 local food and food-related craft products pre-selected in local competitions across Europe vied for awards in several different categories.

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SNPJ fraternal sympathies



Sis. ELEANOR L. BAKER (604)

Sis. ELEANOR L. BAKER
• LODGE 604 •

CLEVELAND — The Baker family and the members of Lodge 604 sadly report the June 12, 2021, passing of Sis. Eleanor L. Baker, 97, formerly of Cleveland and Lima, Ohio, at her daughter Beth's home in Bokeelia, Fla. She passed peacefully, with her usual sweet smile on her beautiful face.

Sis. Baker was born May 18, 1924, a daughter of the late Josephine (Muzic) and Vid Jancic. She was an Honorary Member of Lodge 604, outliving her SNPJ life insurance policy in May 2020.

Eleanor was particularly proud of her father, Vid, for his role in the SNPJ. In 1970, at age 81, Vid was honored with a Resolution from the Mayor of the City of Cleveland for his continuing "pride in the heritage and traditions of his homeland which contributed to the cultural enrichment of the entire community." Vid was the last surviving charter member of the Waterloo Slovenian Home.

After many happy years living in Cleveland, Eleanor married George E. Baker in 1948 and moved to Lima in early 1950. There they eventually became the owners of the Red Rooster Inn, where shuffleboard became a fun pastime for her and her patrons.

Eleanor's love of Cleveland and her Slovenian heritage always remained with her, and she often returned to Cleveland to visit friends and family. Her mother's potica recipe has been passed down to her son Greg, and her love of polka music made everyone smile! She would look forward to keeping in touch with her "roots" through PROSVETA and through her old friend, Martha Meglich.

Eleanor was of the "invincible" World War II generation: patriotic, stoic, strong, hard working and fun-loving. She was proud to have served the war effort through her employment as a "Rosie the Riveter" in Cleveland's manufacturing industry. Those who knew her held her class and grace in high esteem. She will be remembered for the beauty she always saw in God's world about her.

She is survived by her four loving children, Greg Baker of Lima, Lori Askins of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Gary (Linda) Baker of Worthington, Ohio, and Elizabeth (Dan) Johns of Bokeelia; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nephew George Kertvertis of Strongsville, Ohio; and niece Arlene Riedel of Ashtabula, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by the untimely passing of her husband, George, in 1977; her sister, Geraldine "Dolly" Kertvertis; son-in-law Terry Askins; and grandson Nicholas Taflinger.

Mom always hated saying goodbye to anyone... but now

she knew it was time.

Private family services were held for Sis. Baker on July 24. She was laid to rest in Gethsemani Cemetery, Lima.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 604 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our sympathies to Sis. Baker's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

Sis. ALICE B. GRIMM
• LODGE 138 •

STRABANE, Pa. — The members of Lodge 138 sadly report the July 7, 2021, passing of Sis. Alice G. (Barrows) Grimm, 97, of Washington, Pa. She was a 48-year SNPJ member.

Sis. Grimm was born Jan. 28, 1924, in Washington, the daughter of the late George and Nellie Meeks Barrows. She was retired from Western State Hospital.

On Nov. 10, 1943, she married Robert E. Grimm. He preceded her in death on Aug. 12, 1994.

Alice loved being with her family. She enjoyed visiting the casino and was an active Goodwill shopper.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Mary Alice Woods, Mrs. Donna (Ronald) Korba and Mrs. Peggy O'Bryan; one sibling, George (Peggy) Barrows; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by a granddaughter, Kimberly Woods; and three sisters, Peggy Carginie, Florence Keeney and Norma Jean Cuff.

Services for Sis. Grimm were held July 10 in William Neal Funeral Homes, Ltd., Washington.

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

Sis. MARY V. DAVIS
• LODGE 138 •

STRABANE, Pa. — The members of Lodge 138 sadly report the July 10, 2021, passing of Sis. Mary Virginia (Tomsic) Davis, 79, of Indian Land, S.C., formerly of Eighty Four, Pa.

Sis. Davis was born Sept. 30, 1941, a daughter of the late Frank and Mary Novak Tomsic. Mary was a 1959 graduate of Canonsburg High School and a graduate of Robert Morris University. She worked at Sears Service Center in McMurray, Pa., for 25 years.

A 63-year SNPJ Lodge 138 member, she was an avid reader and crossword aficionado.

On March 12, 1968, she married John "Jack" Davis, who survives.

She is also survived by her two children, Jeff (Tina) Davis and Kelly (Rob) Csuhita; and four grandchildren, Megan Davis, and Robby, Mikey and Kaitlyn Csuhita.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank and Henry Tomsic; and a sister, Veda Snarey.

A funeral service for Sis. Davis was held July 16 in Warhol Funeral Home, Inc., Bridgeton, Pa. Interment followed in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Cecil Twp., Pa.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 138 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we

offer our sympathies to Sis. Davis' family, relatives and friends on their loss.

Sis. VIRGINIA M. DZIACK
• LODGE A01 •

SEWICKLEY, Pa. — The members of Lodge A01 sadly report the July 22, 2021, passing of Sis. Virginia (Orler) Dziack, 92, of Baden, Pa., in her home surrounded by her loving family.

Sis. Dziack was born May 27, 1929, in Ambridge, Pa., a daughter of the late Joseph and Lillian (Mutschler) Orler. A 74-year SNPJ Lodge A01 member, she was also a member of St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Baden, where she was a member of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers, and the WBU Club in Ambridge.

She loved reading, sewing, spending time with her family, and being a mother.

She is survived by her two sons, John Dziack of Ebensburg, Pa., and George (Debbie) Dziack of Greensburg, Pa.; three daughters, Georgianne (Chuck) Costanza and Kathleen (Mark) DeBlassio, both of Harmony Twp. Pa., and Virginia Dziack, with whom she resided; 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, George Dziack Sr.; a daughter, JoAnn Dziack; two sisters, Mary Conforto and Sylvia Connors; and two brothers, Joseph Orler and Earnest "Sonny" Orler.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Sis. Dziack on July 26 in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Interment followed in Sylvania Hills Memorial Park, Rochester, Pa.

On behalf of the members of Lodge A01 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our condolences to Sis. Dziack's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

Sis. LILLIAN OPEKA
• LODGE 138 •

STRABANE, Pa. — The members of Lodge 138 sadly report the Aug. 15, 2021, passing of Sis. Lillian Kosmach Opeka, 99, of Peters Twp., Pa.

Lillian was the beloved wife of the late John Opeka Jr.; loving mother of Donald (Terri) Opeka of Broomfield, Colo., Nancy (Bill) Barnard of Upper St. Clair, Pa., and Dale (Rene) Opeka of McMurray, Pa.; proud grandmother to her nine grandchildren, Ginger (Dave) Benne, John (Janel) Opeka, Sarah Opeka, Mike (Alicia) Barnard, Ryan (Roni) Opeka, Aaron Barnard, Laura (John) DeSimone, Evan Opeka and Ross Opeka; caring great-grandmother of seven; and dear sister of Jennie Zuzek of Canonsburg, Pa., and the late Elsie Chesnik.

Sis. Opeka was born May 3, 1922, in Lawrence, Pa., the oldest of three daughters of John and Mary Kosmach. Her family settled in Strabane when she was young, and she graduated from Canonsburg High School in 1940.

Lillian and John married in December of 1942 while John was on leave prior to shipping out to the European Theatre of World War II in the Army Air Corps.

In 1949 the family moved to Peters Twp., where in 1951 she and John established Opeka Auto Repair. The company

now holds the honor of being the oldest family-owned business in Peters Twp. Lillian was an instrumental partner in the business, handling many behind-the-scenes duties, including bookkeeping, well into her 80s.

Lillian was an 82-year SNPJ member, and she and John were proud children of Slovenian immigrants. They were active in several Slovenian organizations and traveled to Slovenia on multiple occasions to visit family. Lillian enjoyed square dancing, Slovenian music, and raising her family while working in the family business.

Funeral services for Sis. Opeka were held Aug. 18 at Beinhauer Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, McMurray.

The family suggests memorial contributions to either of the following: SNPJ Scholarship Fund, 247 W. Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15216; or Association of Slovene Americans, 381 F St., Pittsburgh, PA 15209.

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

Sis. JOSEPHINE SNECKUS
• LODGE 2 •

LA SALLE, III. — The Sneckus family and the members of Lodge 2 sadly report the Aug. 16, 2021, passing of Sis. Josephine Sneckus, 95, of Springfield, Ill., at Memorial Medical Center.

Sis. Sneckus was born March 4, 1926, in Krasnja, Slovenia, a daughter of Blass and Mary (Orajem) Strukel. She married Julius Sneckus in 1948; he preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1994. She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Frank Strukel.

Survivors include a daughter, Teresa (Ron) Gregoire of Springfield; two grandchildren, Ryan (Mackenzie) Gregoire and Nathaniel (Jacqueline) Gregoire; three great-grandsons, Brooks Julius, Beckham Hall and Caden James; a sister, Amalija "Marge" Roth of Springfield; a sister-in-law, Virginia Kmet Strukel; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Josephine came to the United States in 1933 at the age of 7 with her mother and siblings, following their father who came to America in 1929 to make a new life for himself and his family. She graduated from Lanphier High School in 1945. After graduation she worked at Pillsbury Mill from 1945-58 as a quality technician in their lab, and was a homemaker thereafter.

Sis. Sneckus was a 77-year SNPJ member, joining the Society as a member of the former Lodge 567 which merged with Lodge 2. She was also a member of the Polka Club of America, Prairie State Polish Club, and the American Lithuanian Club.

Music was an integral part of family life in Slovenia. Raised in a music-loving family, in 1988 Josephine, her sister Marge and a friend, Doris "Dorie" Ushman, formed a musical ensemble known as the Slovene Strollers. Dressed in native Slovenian costume, Josephine played a stumpf fiddle that she hand-crafted. The trio combined culture and a love of harmonious singing and upbeat polkas, perform-



Sis. JOSEPHINE SNECKUS (2)

ing their ethnic music at the International Ethnic Festival, the Illinois State Fair, and at numerous local polka festivals, civic clubs, schools, churches and senior centers.

Besides singing and dancing, Josephine was well known

for her creative talents. She was an excellent seamstress and taught herself how to crochet, knit, needlecraft, make bobbin lace, and various other arts and crafts. She often won prizes for her work.

A loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Josephine was happiest when she was spending time with her family.

A funeral service was held for Sis. Sneckus on Aug. 23 at Staab Funeral Home, Springfield. Graveside services followed at Camp Butler National Cemetery. A celebration of her life is planned at a later date.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 2 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our condolences to Sis. Sneckus' family, relatives and friends on their loss.

DEATHS REPORTED
For the month of August 2021

LODGE	NAME	DATE OF DEATH	CITY, STATE
A01	Janet L. Gustafson	07-14-2020	Ogdensburg, N.J.
A01	Virginia M. Dziack	07-22-2021	Baden, Pa.
A02	Helen E. Wessel	07-04-2019	Warrendale, Pa.
1	John Mihelich	05-13-2021	Hinsdale, Ill.
2	Adele K. Donchenko	04-09-2021	Edina, Minn.
5	Daniel A. Perhay	02-23-2021	Euclid, Ohio
5	Alan J. Russ	12-07-2020	Concord Twp., Ohio
6	Mary Toth	06-23-2020	Cecil, Pa.
31	John M. Detelich	05-20-2021	Masury, Ohio
42	Franklin O. Slifkey	11-28-2020	Jeannette, Pa.
87	Margaret E. Bregar	06-11-2021	Pittsburgh, Pa.
87	Susan M. Bazzo	05-25-2021	Herminie, Pa.
87	June A. Barwiolek	07-03-2021	Irwin, Pa.
89	Donald R. Urbanic	05-23-2021	Pittsburgh, Pa.
89	Rose Ann Weidner	08-20-2021	McDonald, Pa.
107	Kathleen O. Zvanut	09-16-2020	Ellisville, Mo.
113	Lorraine Z. Murray	05-30-2021	Salt Lake City, Utah
117	Larry J. Mismas	09-29-2018	West Newton, Pa.
138	Richard K. Kern	04-10-2021	Canonsburg, Pa.
138	George E. Unger	05-06-2021	Clinton, Pa.
138	Verna J. Guzel	04-12-2021	Canonsburg, Pa.
138	John M. Piatnick	05-19-2021	Canonsburg, Pa.
138	Mary Virginia Davis	07-10-2021	Indian Land, S.C.
138	Alice B. Grimm	07-07-2021	Washington, Pa.
138	Sara A. Horstman	08-13-2021	Canonsburg, Pa.
138	Pete Petronka	06-27-2021	Washington, Pa.
138	Lillian Opeka	08-15-2021	Pittsburgh, Pa.
142	David A. Ferrante	03-21-2020	Wellington, Fla.
153	Stanley P. Chermely	05-27-2021	Canfield, Ohio
158	John A. Vasilko	12-02-2016	Concord Twp., Ohio
158	Breanna S. Smerdelj	07-29-2021	Burton, Ohio
174	Raymond Falbo	07-31-2021	Latrobe, Pa.
225	Vicki J. Gentry	03-23-2021	Pittsburg, Kan.
225	Gregory L. Schroeder	08-14-2021	Arma, Kan.
254	Mary Lou Sadar	06-22-2021	Johnstown, Pa.
274	Irene R. Porter	04-01-2021	Johnstown, Pa.
277	Donna D. Wines	07-13-2021	East Liverpool, Ohio
459	Joseph L. Bokor	01-19-2021	Barbeau, Mich.
559	Scott P. Crotty	06-19-2021	Joliet, Ill.
576	Marion K. Slejko	12-15-2020	Willoughby, Ohio
584	Stanley A. Vidmar	06-11-2021	Oak Creek, Wis.
584	Muriel L. Perko	07-10-2021	West Allis, Wis.
584	Marie E. Wozniak	08-05-2021	St. Francis, Wis.
584	Hilda E. Terek	07-29-2021	Milwaukee, Wis.
603	Marion P. Sorel	07-15-2021	Edgewater, Fla.
643	Albert G. Sipka Sr.	05-30-2021	Warren, Ohio
665	Robert S. Hanisak	12-13-2010	Tidioute, Pa.
715	Frank A. Girdich	08-11-2021	Pittsburgh, Pa.
719	Carolyn J. Atkinson	07-15-2021	Pittsburgh, Pa.
749	Ronald G. Heinlein	07-23-2021	Johnstown, Pa.
770	Leroy F. Vogler	03-21-2020	Hermitage, Pa.
776	Teresa A. Rhodes	06-26-2021	Leetonia, Ohio
786	Evelyn R. Skala	04-30-2021	Temecula, Calif.

KAREN A. PINTAR
National Secretary/COO

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SNPJ FRATERNAL HONOREES

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

by JOSEPH C. EVANISH
SNPJ National President/CEO

Of the 2,000 life insurance companies and fraternal benefit societies operating in the United States, fewer 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 115 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. ELIZABETH WEST (604)



Sis. LOUISE A. GIBBS (604)

Sis. RUTH KULLMAN
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

opted to move there and spent the next 15 years meeting new friends and volunteering for Meals On Wheels (many were younger than me), baking desserts for the church festivals, and serving as an officer for the WAS women's group and the Red Hats—so much fun! Where I live now, people have never heard of the group.

"For the past three and a half years I've been enjoying life in a condo community in Mars, Pa., not far from my family, and meeting more new friends. Life has been good to me!

"I wish to thank you for the thoughtfulness of the lovely blanket. I don't feel 88 — they say it's only a number — and my daughter says I sometimes act like I'm 8!

"I can't forget to mention that when I applied for an SNPJ annuity last year I gave the sales agent the gift that all the entrants in the first Miss SNPJ contest received, a pink satin and pearl evening bag. I was hoping you could put it in the Society museum. I hope he passed it along.

"There was so much more happiness in my life. Remembering the good things creates happiness, and you brought me back. Thank you!"

Sis. RUTH A. KULLMAN
Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6
Mars, PA

Sis. CELESTINE M. SPEHAR, a member of Badger Lodge 584 in Milwaukee, was recognized as a 70-year SNPJ member in November 2020. She writes:

"I am presently 88 years of age, and soon, in one month's time, 89. And in 2022 I will have reached the milestone of nine decades — all of 90 years!

"Since 1950, if my memory is correct, I have been a member of the SNPJ Adult Department. My parents, John and Anna Spehar, were both members of Lodge 175 in McKinley, Minn., where I was born. The community of McKinley, on the Iron Range in northeastern Minnesota, still ex-

Sis. CELESTINE SPEHAR
CONTINUES NEXT COLUMN



Sis. RUTH A. KULLMAN (6)

Sis. CELESTINE SPEHAR
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

ists even though the iron mining industry has had bad economic times. My father was a miner, having immigrated from Slovenia in 1909. Both parents were born in the Bela Krajina region of the country.

"Personally, I have visited relatives there some four or five times, the first trip in 1955 when I was a student at the University of Minnesota. During that summer I spent two months in Ljubljana. I was not alone. There were about 12 students from the university and other colleges in Minnesota; we were awarded scholarships to select a topic of our choice and conduct research with the end result being a paper written about our experiences in Yugoslavia that summer.

"I chose as my field of study translations of foreign literature into Slovenian. I met with translators, publishers and librarians. Twelve credits were awarded me by the university for my paper and research. The paper was considered to be the equivalent of a master's degree thesis.

"The name of the organization that sponsored us 12 students in Yugoslavia that summer of 1955 is SPAN, known as the Student Project for Amity Among Nations. Memories!"

Sis. CELESTINE M. SPEHAR
Milwaukee Lodge 584
Minneapolis, MN

Cleveland Lodge 604 member Sis. ELIZABETH WEST celebrated her 50-year SNPJ membership in August. She writes:

"It has been 50 years since I became a member, and the time has passed quickly. My parents, Josephine Gorjanc Higgins and Cecil Higgins, enrolled us. My sister, Louise Gibbs, received her 50-year certificate this year too. I can remember traveling to Cleveland to watch my grandpa, John Gorjanc, play bocce at his Lodge, where we would picnic afterward.

"I have three children: Kevin is 44; Dana is 34; and Cassie, who graduated from Kent State this spring, is 24. I have one grandchild, Haley.

"I belong to the Nazarene Church just down the road. I have always enjoyed quilting, sewing, embroidery and reading. I have a small pet Yorkie; his name is Cato. "I am retired and loving it! Cato and I spend time on the porch looking out over the yard and woods. God has been good to us."

Sis. ELIZABETH WEST
Cleveland Lodge 604
North Bloomfield, OH

Sis. LOUISE A. GIBBS, a member of Cleveland Lodge 604, was recognized as a 50-year SNPJ member in August. She writes:

"My name is Louise Higgins Gibbs. I have been married to Milo Gibbs for 46 years. My parents were Josephine Gorjanc Higgins

Sis. LOUISE GIBBS
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

and Cecil Higgins. I am retired, and love walking and reading.

"We have three sons: Stuart is 42, Scott (Lauren) is 39, and Shane (Alex) is 31. We love spending time with our four grandchildren, Aaron, Reese, Avery and Violet."

Sis. LOUISE A. GIBBS
Cleveland Lodge 604
Farmdale, OH

Sygan, Pa., Lodge 6 member Sis. RUTH A. KULLMAN celebrated her 70-year SNPJ membership in August. In a note of appreciation, she writes:

"To all you wonderful people... Your reminder of being a 70-year member of the SNPJ takes me back to when I was 18 years old. *The Voice of Youth* was published, and I couldn't wait until the monthly magazine came. My friend and I started Circle 84 in Willock, Pa. We had at least 15 children involved in the Circle, in which we did crafts and programs for the parents on Mother's Day and Christmas.

"One project which I will always smile about in my memories was a circus theme. With adult help, we made a circus wagon from a large appliance box — cut the strips, colored it boldly and filled it with 'stocking' monkeys which each child made. We presented it to a local orphanage in Pittsburgh, and put on a program of

Sis. RUTH KULLMAN
FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN

singing, tumbling and treats. So cute! By the way, we wheeled it on a wagon.

"At the time, I was employed by the school district as a secretary and was able to get older supplies from the art teacher, which helped greatly. I was also asked by *The Voice of Youth* magazine to write a craft column.

"I was also in the first Miss SNPJ contest in 1956. Coming from a small town, the Society opened up my life by socializing with neighborhood families, and by traveling to Chicago and to weekly polka dances in the area and elsewhere (Ohio and West Virginia) with big-name performers — Frankie Yankovic, Johnny Vadnal — and many local orchestras who were just as good. A wonderful time!

"In 1957 I married Bob Kullman. We owned Ann's Bakery on Banksville Road and at Donaldson's Crossroads a total of 35 years. During that time we met more polka friends, some coming from Canonsburg, Pa., and did more traveling throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York.

"We have a daughter, Colleen (Sam), and a granddaughter, Nicole, who recently married an Air Force pilot and resides in Oklahoma.

"My husband and I built a home in Somerset, Pa., where we skied while working — loving the mountains! He passed away in 2002, during construction. I

Sis. RUTH KULLMAN
CONTINUES NEXT COLUMN

PROSVETA Crossword Halloween (#1021) by StatePoint Media

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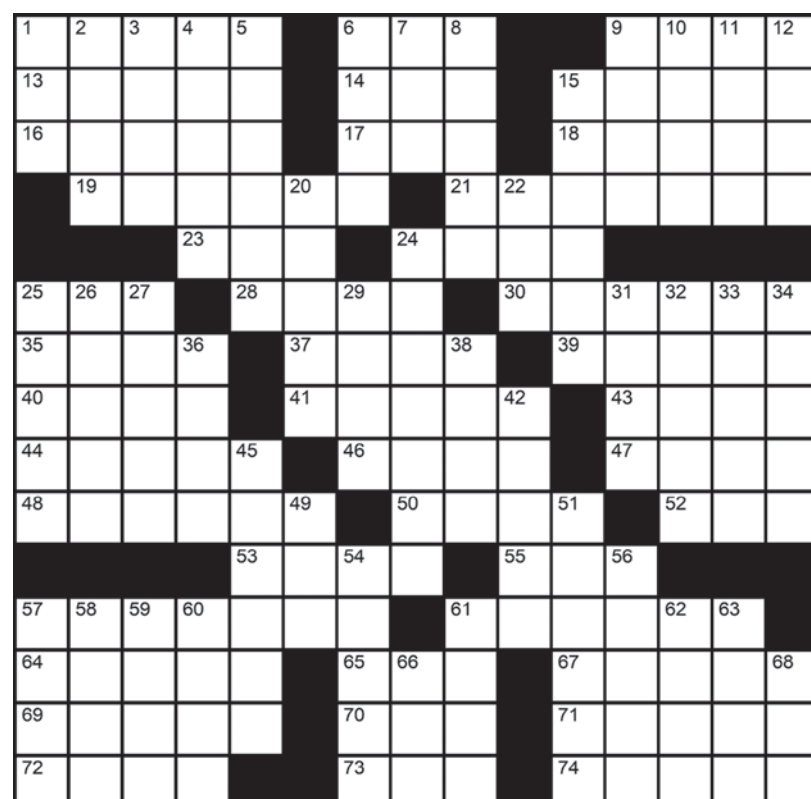
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- Reggae precursor
- Octagonal sign
- Haile Selassie's disciple
- Goose egg
- Water-filled gorge
- Blue eyes, e.g.
- Jean of Dadaism
- Pariah, for medical reasons
- *Pumpkin's Halloween precursor
- *Famous magician who died on Halloween
- *_____ mortuaire, or body bag in Paris
- Nordstrom's outlet
- "_____ Now or Never"
- Good or bad and felt by others, sing.
- Haiku, e.g.
- Equal to distance divided by time
- Post-it slip
- Quickly fry
- Type of mountain goat
- *Graveyard denizen
- Heart of the matter
- Tender spots
- Bailing twine, e.g.
- Icelandic epic
- Boss
- Greek muse's strings

DOWN

- TV tube in days of yore
- Wagner or Powers in a TV classic
- Isaac's firstborn
- Mixes up
- Geo-spacial positioning system, for short
- Ginger cookie
- Crème de cassis plus wine
- Top dog
- Musher's ride
- Language of Tupi people
- *Black cat, possibly
- _____ wig or _____winkle

- Oopsie daisy moments
- Best part of cake?
- *Halloween month
- Alters to be more useful
- Type of coffee with alcohol
- Forbidden
- Howard of radio fame
- Physicist Niels _____
- Preakness, e.g.
- Like cottage cheese
- Piano student's exercise
- *Leatherface's state
- Biz bigwig
- ESPN award
- To the point
- *Scary story-related sensation
- Lyric poem
- Choice word
- Upright
- Nary a soul
- Give up
- Skin soothing gel
- Boring
- Fusses
- Departed
- *RIP pots
- Like a bow string
- Gunk
- Fleur-de-_____

The solution to puzzle #1021 will run in the Nov. 1 issue.



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Slovenian dignitaries enjoy the Indy Slovenski Festival

INDY CELEBRATION
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The Slovenski Festival was very successful. The guests of honor were Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the United States Mr. Tone Kajzer and Slovenian Consul General Alenka Jerak. The guests were impressed with the crowds, the SNH, the dedicated volunteers, the great polka band, and the food – especially our potica. They indicated that they would like to return next year.

Alenka congratulated the Slovenian National Home and its members on the celebration of the home's 103rd anniversary. She also thanked the entire Slovenian community in Indiana for preserving Slovenian national and religious values, traditions, culture, music, dance and traditional food for more than a century, and for passing these values to the younger generation of American-Slovenians.

The next Lodge 34 quarterly meeting will be held Friday, Dec. 10, beginning at 7 p.m. at the SNH. This is an important meeting; the election of Lodge officers will take place. Please try to attend.



The Indy Lodge 34 krofe sales team included Lodge Secretary/Treasurer **JERRY WATSON** and his grandchildren, **MIKAELA** and **JAKOB VANSCHAACK**, two of the youngest members of SNPJ Lodge 34.

SNPJ Membership Anniversaries

October 2021

70-Year Members

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
106	Stella Rupnik	584	Elizabeth S. Nelson
274	John R. Krupka	643	Angeline Dobrovoles
564	Edward F. Ziots		

60-Year Members

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
87	Sandra L. Murphy	584	Jack J. Zerovec
87	Stanley M. Peton	603	Ronald G. Godina
138	Mary D. Raddish	603	Raymond R. Hafner
207	George J. Skagen	614	Kathryn R. Klasek
277	Donald J. Black	629	Barbara A. Putz
562	Geraldine Zambori	782	Robert J. Cindrich
584	August Phillipich	A01	Charles S. Melnick

50-Year Members

Lodge	Member	Lodge	Member
2	Robert J. Kuhar	576	Susan M. Subel
5	Lawrence F. Gradwell	584	Patrick W. Skalko
6	Silvio T. Faletto	604	Susan F. Bellanti
6	Betty L. Curl	629	Mary Ann C. Stanutz
6	James L. Curl	643	Robert C. Stevens
89	Raymond M. Machak	643	Janet M. Carpenter
106	Karen L. King	643	Loraine C. Ewanish
138	John R. Kaskie	721	Jimmy W. Allain
138	Joseph V. Mals	721	Andrew A. Toncic
138	Gregory L. Gayarski	721	Debra M. Balawajder
153	Joan E. Krispli	723	Denise S. Tow
158	Larry J. Strell	723	Yvonne M. Melson
207	Donald J. Ray	749	Linda A. Borrello
207	Richard G. Cestnik	749	David A. Beltz
207	Carol L. Carreau	771	Carol J. Hertz
274	Linda S. Moorfoot	782	Antoinette R. Klopsic Carroll
559	Vivian F. Tusek		
562	Susan L. Godez		

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SNPJ Lodge 53, Cleveland \$1,000 <i>In memory of Lodge Secretary Martha Meglich</i>	John Mark Hunter, Canonsburg, Pa. \$250 <i>In memory of Lillian Opeka</i>	Glenn M. & Theresa M. Avick, Pittsburgh..... \$200 <i>In memory of John and Lillian Opeka</i>
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Badger Lodge 584 SNPJ, Milwaukee \$270 <i>In memory of deceased members</i>	Paul W. & Janice R. Kernick (6), Canonsburg, Pa. \$200 <i>In memory of Lillian Opeka</i>	Richard A. & Christine W. Robison, Morgantown, W.Va. \$100 <i>In memory of Lillian Opeka</i>

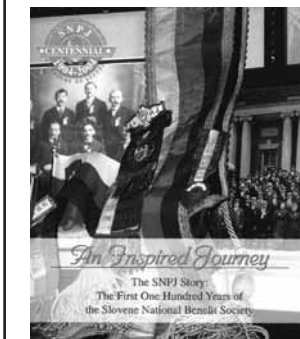
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Doubles & Singles Events	Team Event
Saturday, Oct. 23, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday, Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m.
Doubles & Singles Entry fee \$30 per person Saturday Only	Lodge No.
Highest Average 2020-21	All-Events \$5 per person YES/NO
1.	
2.	

Submit bowlers' names by position in lineup		Lodge No.	Highest Average 2020-21
Four-Person Team Event Entry fee \$60 per team Sunday Only			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

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

The entry fee in each event is \$15 per bowler, \$6 of which shall be used for prizes and \$9 for bowling. An extra \$5 is charged to all who desire to compete for handicap all-events prizes. The Slovene National Benefit Society adds \$6 per member to each prize fund except all-events.

Return form, along with fees of \$15 per person, per event, to:
Jason Cadez, Tournament Secretary
179 Alexander Ave., P.O. Box 155
Strabane, PA 15363
e-mail: cadez138@gmail.com
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Make checks payable to **SNPJ Lodge 138**
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