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# We welcome Miss SNPJ 2016

by KEVIN RICHARDS  
 SNPJ Fraternal Director

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — Greetings from the Fraternal Department. I hope everybody had a great time this year during the Miss SNPJ Pageant and Slovenefest 2015.

Activity for the Miss SNPJ Pageant opened with the talent competition in The Alpine Room on Friday, July 10. The Alpine Room looked spectacular and the talent was outstanding.

Many special guests were in attendance at Slovenefest on Saturday, and the Miss SNPJ Pageant contestants and committee members attended a special reception with the SNPJ National Board, the Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia Dr. Božo Cerar, Slovenian Consul General Mr. Jure Žmauc, and Honorary

Consul of Slovenia based in Pittsburgh Sis. Petra Mitchell (782). We also introduced all of the pageant contestants on the Slovenefest performance stages.

Slovenefest marked Mr. Žmauc's last official appearance as consul general, and National President Joseph Evanish presented Jure with the key to the Borough of SNPJ during a special ceremony held Saturday afternoon at the International Pavilion. It has been an honor to know Jure and his family, and to call them friends. Good luck, Jure, wherever your road leads you.

The Sunday program featuring the introduction of our Miss SNPJ contestants and Miss SNPJ 2015 Nicole Vehar was also held in The Alpine Room. Bro. Vince Rigler (449) performed the National Anthem, and Monika Mavek from

Murski Val performed the Slovenian national anthem. The mayor of the Borough of SNPJ, Pa., Bro. Gerald Sankovich (770), presented a proclamation honoring the Miss SNPJ Pageant and Slovenefest weekend.

All former Miss SNPJs were invited to the stage by our reigning Miss SNPJ, Nicole Vehar. It's great to see these ladies return to support the Miss SNPJ Pageant program and crowning.

Immediately afterward, Miss SNPJ 2015 Nicole Vehar delivered her farewell address. Nicole has been active not only on the local level at Lodge 138, but with the programs at the SNPJ Recreation Center as well. I am confident that we will see Nicole participating in SNPJ

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### Lodge 776 hosting youth fishing tournament

**BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.** — SNPJ Lodge 776 will hold its annual youth fishing tournament at the SNPJ Recreation Center on Aug. 9 from noon until 2 p.m. The tournament is open to children age 16 and under. A social will follow the tournament at 2 p.m., followed by a regular meeting. All members are urged to attend.

**VONNIE DOMBROSKY**  
 Lodge 776 Recording Secretary

### Aug. 10 meeting slated for the Western Pa. Fed

**STRABANE, Pa.** — The Slovene Federation of SNPJ Lodges of Western Pa. will hold a meeting Monday, Aug. 10, beginning at 7 p.m. at Lodge 138 in Strabane. We welcome any and all members to join us for this meeting. Please come and share your ideas, thoughts and friendship with your Federation. We hope to see some new faces.

**CHRIS PETUKAUSKAS (33)**  
 Federation Secretary

### Lodge 31 members to discuss holiday dinner

**SHARON, Pa.** — The next meeting of SNPJ Lodge 31 will be held Tuesday, Aug. 11, starting at 7 p.m. at the Slovenian Hall, 1037 Baldwin Ave. in Sharon. Please park in the lot and walk up the handicap ramp. Our holiday dinner honoring members and other Lodge business will be discussed. For information contact Barb Bogolin before 10 p.m. at (724) 347-1197.

**BARB BOGOLIN**  
 Lodge 31 Secretary

### Lodge 686 has August meeting on their agenda

**WEST ALLIS, Wis.** — August greetings to all members of Lodge 686. Our next meeting will be held Friday, Aug. 21, beginning at 7 p.m. We meet at the Bevssek-Verbick Funeral Home, 10210 W. Lincoln Ave., in the lower level meeting room. Contact me at (414) 543-4429 or e-mail [cak923@gmail.com](mailto:cak923@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**CHARLES A. KASSECKERT**  
 Lodge 686 Secretary/Treasurer

## THE DEADLINE

The next two *PROSVETA* issue dates are Aug. 19 and Sept. 2. All material must be received by Friday, Aug. 7, for the Aug. 19 issue, and by Friday, Aug. 21, for the Sept. 2 issue. If you are concerned about making the deadline, send an e-mail to [prosveta@snpj.com](mailto:prosveta@snpj.com) or submit your material via the publications area of our website, [www.snpj.org](http://www.snpj.org).

PERIODICAL MATERIAL



Miss SNPJ 2016 **JULIE ROCKWELL** (138) receives her crown from Miss SNPJ 2015 **NICOLE VEHAR** (138).



The 2016 Miss SNPJ Pageant Court: [from left] Miss Activity 2016 **ELIZABETH HARTMAN** (138), Miss Talent and Miss SNPJ 2016 **JULIE ROCKWELL** (138), and Miss Fraternalism 2016 **JENNIFER PROVENZA** (216).

## Utopians Lodge preparing for Aug. 9 picnic

by CHARLOTTE PERDAN  
 Lodge 604

**KIRTLAND, Ohio** — As a friendly reminder, the Utopians Lodge 604 picnic is scheduled Aug. 9 at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland. Music will be provided by the Ron Likovic Band with Utopians member R.J. on drums.

The Utopians will once again be offering a \$2 reduction on the gate admission with the donation of a non-perishable food item or a monetary donation for the Cleveland Food Bank. Items such as tuna, peanut butter, cereal, etc., are always welcome.

The Utopians are trying something new this year on the food menu: doughnut hamburgers/cheeseburgers and doughnut hot dogs. We will have the usual food items

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## Celebrate National Days to cap off your summer

by KEVIN RICHARDS  
 SNPJ Fraternal Director

**IMPERIAL, Pa.** — The Fraternal Department and the SNPJ Recreation Center invite all of our members to the SNPJ Recreation Center during Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-6, as we celebrate the 76th National SNPJ Days.

For those of you who like to start your weekend early by arriving at the Recreation Center on Thursday, the Gostilna will be open the evening of Sept. 3.

The weekend will kick off on Friday evening, Sept. 4, with a welcome reception sponsored by the Slovenian Heritage Center from 7 to 8 p.m. The reception will be followed by a welcome party in the Gostilna featuring music by the Brigita Šuler Ansambel from Slovenia.

Saturday, Sept. 5, will start early as our golfers arrive at Stonecrest Golf Course to compete in the 70th National SNPJ Golf Tournament, which will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. We have a special hole-in-one prize of \$5,000 on one of the par-3 holes. Participants will have a chance at many other nice prizes and, of course, all golfers are eligible to win the many door prizes that have been donated by our suppliers.

The golfers will return to the SNPJ Recreation Center



The **Brigita Šuler Ansambel** from Slovenia will perform Friday, Sept. 4, in the Gostilna at the SNPJ Recreation Center for the National SNPJ Days welcome party.



• **Tori A. Raspotnik**  
 Born April 14, 2014  
 Irwin, Pa., Lodge 41

Lodge 41 welcomes Tori Ann Raspotnik as their newest member. Tori is the daughter of Albert Raspotnik (41) and Leslie Gentile, and the granddaughter of Barbara Dowling, and John and JoAnn Raspotnik (41). We welcome Tori to the Slovene National Benefit Society and extend our best wishes to her entire family.

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# Slovenefest 2015 Prizes

## Membership Booth drawing winners

32" Samsung TV ..... **John Volpe**, Roseville, Mich.  
FinePix XP80 Camera ..... **Matthew Forman**, Austinburg, Ohio  
Punk Wireless Speaker ..... **Alan Brooks Jr.**, Lawrence, Pa.  
Heavy Duty Watering Set ..... **James Schmidt**, North Lima, Ohio  
Magic Bullet Deluxe ..... **Eugene Brutovsky**, Kirkwood, N.Y.  
LED Solar Lights ..... **Larry Sanders**, New Middletown, Ohio  
Marshall Headphones ..... **Tracey Belle**, Canonsburg, Pa.  
GPS ..... **Joan Proto**, Pittsburgh  
\$50 Visa Card ..... **Frank Mastalski**, Hambden, Ohio  
(Winning Guess: 333; Actual Total: 332)

# Join CAL for some fun at the SNPJ Farm

by RICK GORJUP (158)  
CAL President

**KIRTLAND, Ohio** — Now that summer is finally here, the weather has been much more enjoyable for everyone.

The Cleveland Athletic League (CAL) is hosting their annual summer picnic at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland on Sunday, Aug. 16. We will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill, and serving a pasta bake, sausage dinners, roast beef dinners, and sandwiches.

The Eddie Rodick Orchestra will be performing on the bandstand for your enjoyment. The balina courts and bean bag boards will be available for play. Come out and have a great day with family and friends to eat, dance and enjoy the afternoon.

## Utopians adding a twist to their Farm picnic menu

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available as well, and for the faint of heart we will also have regular buns for the hamburgers/cheeseburgers and hot dogs.

Our Lodge is proud of members Ally Perdan, who sang the Slovenian national anthem during the Slovene Heritage Night with the Lake County Captains baseball game, while R.J. helped hold up the Slovenian flag prior to the game. Later in the evening, member Kathleen Trebets played "Slovene Trivia" and answered all the questions correctly. Well done, everyone!

single-elimination tournament.

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

**BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa.** — The SNPJ Trailer Court Civic Association will hold its annual balina tournament Saturday, Aug. 22. Sign-up will take place at 11 a.m. with the games beginning at noon. This will be a

Beef brisket, chicken, roasted potatoes, green beans almondine and corn on the cob will be served in the barn starting at 4 p.m. We ask that you please bring a munchie to share at the balina court, or a dessert for after dinner. This is one of the best parties

of the year and everyone always has a great time!

It's never too late to join the SNPJ Trailer Court Civic Association. President Rowland Hudson, Vice President Joyce Hudson, Treasurer Sonny Jurkowski and Secretary Amy Mavrich encourage everyone with a

trailer at the SNPJ Recreation Center to become a Civic Association member. Dues are \$20 per person for the season, and children 16 and under are free. Come and join us; we always have too much fun!

Until next time, see 'ya at the Gostilna or Tiki Bar!

# Up-and-Coming...

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

- AUG. 7-8.....Fraternal Weekend at the SNPJ Recreation Center. Friday night music provided by the W. Pa. Button Box Club at 8 p.m. Saturday dance will feature the Don Wojtila Orchestra from 4-5:30 and 7-8:30, and the Eddie Rodick Orchestra from 5:30-7 and 8:30-10. For details contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 ext. 144, or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com).
- AUG. 9.....Annual Utah Slovenian Day Picnic sponsored by Lodges 113, 689 and 757 at Price City Washington Park; noon-5 p.m. For more information contact Joanne Lessar at (435) 637-6925.
- AUG. 9.....Matt & Stephan's Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Herminie, Pa.; 1-6 p.m. Button box music and more. For more information contact Matt Sepesy at (724) 331-4329.
- AUG. 9.....Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 jam session at the Fontana Slovene Hall; 2-6 p.m. Open to all musicians. For details contact Frank Rote at (909) 987-8714 or [butnboxr@aol.com](mailto:butnboxr@aol.com).
- AUG. 9.....Utopians Lodge 604 picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Donut hamburgers and cheeseburgers, hot dogs and usual fare available at 2 p.m. Music by the Ron Likovic Band from 3-7. For more information phone Gerri Trebets at (440) 951-9611.
- AUG. 13.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 bar bingo in the Lodge 106 clubroom. Early bird games begin at 6:30, regular games at 7. The kitchen will be open. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- AUG. 16.....Chicago District Federation dinner dance at the Slovenian Catholic Center, Lemont, Ill. For details contact Marianne Murray at (773) 582-2632.
- AUG. 16.....CAL picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Music by Eddie Rodick. Grilled hamburgers and cheeseburgers will be served. For more information, phone Rick Gorjup at (440) 354-5001.
- AUG. 16.....Fontana, Calif., Lodge 723 dance at the Fontana Slovene Hall; 2-6 p.m. Music by the Frank Rote Orchestra. For details contact Frank Rote at (909) 987-8714 or [butnboxr@aol.com](mailto:butnboxr@aol.com).
- AUG. 16.....Herminie, Pa., Lodge 87 Slovenian Luau dinner dance in the Crystal Ballroom; 2-6 p.m. Music by The Vibrations. Advance reservations are required. For more information contact Shirley Bailey at (724) 864-1606.
- AUG. 16-22.....Senior Week at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. For information contact the SNPJ Recreation Center toll-free at 1-877-767-5732.
- AUG. 22.....Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 hosts Eddie Rodick in the outdoor pavilion; 6-10 p.m. For details phone the Lodge 138 clubroom at (724) 745-9860.
- AUG. 23.....Mikey Dee's Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Herminie, Pa.; 1-6 p.m. Music by Mikey Dee and The Polka Quads. For details contact MaryAnn Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- AUG. 23.....Fairport Harbor, Ohio, Lodge 355 picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Dinner service begins at 2 p.m. with music by the Bob Kravos Band at 3. For more information contact Lee Jackopin at (440) 943-3170.
- AUG. 27.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 bar bingo in the Lodge 106 clubroom. Early bird games begin at 6:30, regular games at 7. The kitchen will be open. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- AUG. 30.....Jack Tady's Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Herminie, Pa.; 1-6 p.m. Music by the Jack Tady Bears and Guys & Dolls. For additional information contact MaryAnn Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- AUG. 30.....Cleveland Lodge 142 picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 1 p.m. Music by the Wayne Tomsic Orchestra. For more information phone Martha Meglich at (440) 884-5043.
- SEPT. 4-6.....76th National SNPJ Days weekend at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa. Welcome party in the Gostilna Friday, Sept. 4; FREE National Days Picnic at the lower pavilion Sunday, Sept. 6, from 2-8 p.m. For additional information contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 ext. 144, or e-mail [krichards@snpj.com](mailto:krichards@snpj.com).
- SEPT. 7.....Val Pawlowski's Labor Day Dance at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 1-7 p.m. Performances by Frank Stanger and Eddie Rodick. A pig roast and ethnic foods will be available.
- SEPT. 10.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 bar bingo in the Lodge 106 clubroom. Early bird games begin at 6:30, regular games at 7. The kitchen will be open. For details contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- SEPT. 13.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 Black & Gold car cruise at Lodge 106; noon-4 p.m. Join us for the Steelers season opener. For additional information contact the Lodge at (724) 695-1411 or [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- SEPT. 20.....Westmoreland Co. Federation Grape Festival at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Herminie, Pa.; 1-6 p.m. Music by Frank Stanger Orchestra and George Suhon Duo. For additional information contact MaryAnn Bebar by calling (724) 668-7394.
- SEPT. 24.....Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 bar bingo in the Lodge 106 clubroom. Early bird games begin at 6:30, regular games at 7. The kitchen will be open. For additional information contact the Lodge by phone at (724) 695-1411 or e-mail [snpj106@gmail.com](mailto:snpj106@gmail.com).
- OCT. 25.....Detroit Lodge 564 annual Grape Dance at the Slovenian American Club, Melvindale, Mich. Doors open at noon. Dinner served at 1 p.m. with dancing from 2-6.



The Zbor Spodov men's choir performed a few songs during the 81st annual Memorial Day services held May 25 in Woodlawn Cemetery.

# Chicago Federation continues Memorial Day service tradition

by ANITA VITOUS  
Lodge 559 Secretary/Treasurer

**CHICAGO** — On May 25, the Chicago District Federation hosted a memorial service honoring those buried in the SNPJ section of Woodlawn Cemetery. This marked the 81st annual service. Wow, what a tradition! As quoted from the program booklet:

"It has been 80 years since we gathered here together for the first time to pay our respects and share memories. It became a tradition to feature two speakers on the program, one to speak in Slovene and one in English. In 1962 the men's Slovene Singing Society, Prešeren, became a part of our program until 1986, when they disbanded. Beginning in 2011, we have been fortunate to have local Boy Scouts give the opening flag presentation. Also, the men's chorus Zbor Spodov became part of our program in 2011.

"The Federation and Woodlawn Cemetery worked together to bring about the special Slovene Section. It was through the efforts of Oscar Godina (559) that we now have a Memorial Stone. Ron Zefran (559) aided those efforts by conferring with the cemetery, the stone cutter and the monument designer. Also, the SNPJ gave us a generous donation. The Memorial Stone was dedicated in a ceremony on July 16, 1992. A program booklet is printed each year listing the names and dates of those buried at Woodlawn. Names are added as burials occur, and some names have been removed because of mistakes in information."

Federation President Edward Dabrowski (449) emceed this year's memorial service. This year marked the ninth time that Dr. Janez Vidmar (559), Honorary Consul of the Republic

of Slovenia in this area, spoke to the group in both Slovenian and English.

The service was followed by a gathering for lunch at Czech Plaza Restaurant. As always, the food was great and we especially enjoyed the musical entertainment supplied by Vince Rigler (449) and his accordion. Slovenian music makes us all smile!

Our thanks go out to Jean Cherway (559) for making the service arrangements with Woodlawn Cemetery, to Grace Doerk (559) for helping prepare the program booklet and keeping it up-to-date, and to Edward Dabrowski (449) for taking the photos.

Next year's Memorial Day service will be held once again in the SNPJ section of Woodlawn Cemetery on May 30, 2016. Come out and share in a great day, fraternalism and great food!



Honorary Consul Dr. JANEZ "John" VIDMAR (559) addressing the crowd at the Memorial Day services.

### Have something for Up-and-Coming?

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

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

Site \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

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SNPJ Marketing Department

## The value of loyalty

Tommy Lasorda is a baseball legend who has spent six decades in some form or fashion with the Los Angeles Dodgers. At the age of 87, he is still involved as a scout, an advisor, and an ambassador for the Dodgers international affiliates. He is best known for his 20 years as the Dodgers manager, and during that time he earned the respect of both players and management throughout baseball. He was known as a great leader who worked at keeping team morale high, telling jokes and giving praise for hard work.

As a teenager, Lasorda took note of the motto on the side of a can of Carnation milk: "Contented Cows Give Better Milk." That philosophy took root, and throughout his career his approach was to remain positive and to work toward keeping his team content. His players rewarded him with hard work and loyalty. He was quoted as saying, "You give loyalty, you'll get it back."

SNPJ agrees with Lasorda's philosophy and believes that loyalty begets loyalty. That's why we recently introduced the Loyalty Annuities that have a guarantee interest rate for the first year. The Loyalty 8 is guaranteed to earn 3.5 percent for one full year, and the Loyalty 5 is guaranteed to earn 3.0 percent for the first year.

But SNPJ takes loyalty one step further and offers a higher first-year loyalty rate to those members who convert their existing SNPJ annuities into one of our new Loyalty Annuities. When you convert into the Loyalty 8 Annuity, your money is guaranteed to earn 3.75 percent for the first year. When converting into the Loyalty 5 Annuity, the guarantee first-year interest rate is 3.25 percent. SNPJ appreciates your loyalty, so we're offering you more earning power for your money in the form of higher interest rates.

Tommy Lasorda learned at a young age that contentment went hand-in-hand with hard work and loyalty. He spent his career working to keep his team happy and content, and it proved to be a successful approach. SNPJ has spent 111 years keeping its members happy and content, and the loyalty of our members has been a big part of our success. We're excited about the Loyalty Annuity, as well as the higher loyalty interest rate applied to SNPJ conversion money. Phone the Home Office at 1-800-843-7675 for more information and to find out how this offer can benefit you.

• **Thought for the Week** — You give loyalty, you'll get it back.

Tommy Lasorda



## Central bank warns of counterfeit U.S. bills

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — Slovenia's central bank has advised caution after one of the banks in Slovenia issued two counterfeit \$100 bills of very good quality to a customer.

The warning comes after a branch of Deželna banka Slovenije issued two \$100 bills to a customer. According to an article in the daily *Večer* newspaper, the man realized the bills were counterfeit while traveling in the United States.

Upon his return, the bills were confirmed as fakes by Slovenia's National Forensic Laboratory. Initially, the bank could not believe that the bills were counterfeit since no other such bills had been discovered by the bank.

Police said that 16 similar counterfeit \$100 bills had been seized this year, and it was believed that they came from the same batch. "These are quality fakes, but they can be detected with a UV light," said a representative of the Maribor Police Administration.

According to representatives at Banka Slovenija, all banks and other monetary institutions are obligated to check euro bills before issuing them. The central bank noted that nearly 2,440 counterfeit euro bills and 1,120 fake euro coins, as well as 335 phoney U.S. bills, were seized in Slovenia last year.

## Parliament cuts local government funding

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — In mid-July, the National Assembly passed a compromise deal between the government and municipalities on funding for Slovenia's 212 local communities. The changes to the 2014 and 2015 Budget Implementation Act reduce the per capita rate of national funding from EUR 525 (\$572) in the first half of the year to EUR 519 (\$566) in the second half.

The proposal was passed in a 52-6 vote, with opponents siding with the municipalities, which wanted the funding to remain unchanged.

According to the terms of the initial deal struck between the municipalities and the government, the per capita rate would drop to as low as EUR 500 (\$545) in the second half of the year. However, that deal was dependent on other measures through which the state would provide funds for municipalities. After the government failed to do so, the per capita funding arrangement was negotiated anew.

"At first, the government offered EUR 514 (\$560), but increased the figure to EUR 519 (\$566) after hearing from municipal representatives," Finance Ministry State Secretary Mateja Vraničar reported to the members of parliament.

As Vraničar explained, municipalities were additionally eligible for 54 percent of the income tax collected each year. This year, the figure totaled EUR 1.18 billion (\$1.29 billion), which is not sufficient to cover the per capita rate. An additional EUR 60 million (\$65.4 million) will be required to make up the difference. "The government had already earmarked EUR 41 million, (\$44.7 million); the remainder will be allocated from budget reserves," Vraničar said.

## Work week in Slovenia among longest in the EU

**BRUSSELS, Belgium (STA)** — According to the results of a survey conducted by the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound), Slovenia is among the EU countries with the longest work weeks.

Slovenians registered a 40-hour work week in 2014, which compares to the actual work week of 39.5 hours across the entire EU.

The highest number of working hours per week was recorded in Romania, at 41, followed by Luxembourg and the UK at 40.9. The shortest work weeks were reported in Finland and France, at only 37.3 hours.

Employees in the member-states that joined the EU in 2004 or later work an average of 40.1 hours a week, almost an hour longer than those in the older member-states (39.3 hours).

An analysis across five commercial fields showed the shortest average work week in the EU was in the banking industry, at 37.6 hours, while the longest was in retail, at 38.4 hours.

A comparison between periods of required minimum leave of employment in EU member states shows that Slove-



nians have one of the shortest periods, registering only 20 days of required leave. This figure compares to 25 days of leave in Austria and Italy, and the average EU required leave of 25.1 days.

## Ljubljana University launches a world network

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — The World Network of Ljubljana University has been established in an effort to boost the quality of study programs and international cooperation, along with the university's reputation. The network will link respected scientists, professors and other persons active in academia and research and development outside of Slovenia.

Following the network's inaugural session, held July 21 at the university, representatives of Ljubljana University said that the network had outlined "very bold development plans for the future," and would "bring positive effects in this regard."

A majority of the network's members are active in the natural and social sciences, humanities, technical sciences and technology, medicine, and health care. Most of the members are employed in the United States, UK, Italy and Germany.

The network's council, which was elected during the inaugural session, will prepare a nine-year work program based on session discussions and featuring its members, Ljubljana University announced in a press release.

## Use of anti-depressants on the rise in Slovenia

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — Slovenia has been seeing a sharp rise in the number of anti-depressants prescribed over the past decade or so, and the most recent data indicates that five percent of the population is currently taking these drugs.

Slovenia's National Public Health Institute (NIJZ) noted that the use of anti-depressants is increasing in Slovenia, as well as in other OECD countries, while prescriptions of sedatives are dropping. Doctors in Slovenia issued 525,200 prescriptions for anti-depressants last year, up from 459,680 in 2010. Most of the prescriptions were written for patients between the ages of 45 and 64, and two of every three were written for women, according to the NIJZ.

Earlier this year, several Slovenian media cited health sources when reporting that anti-depressant prescriptions had risen by 360 percent since 2001. This spike in prescribed anti-depressants is attributed to several factors, including a greater awareness of depression, economic and social turmoil, and the fact that anti-depressants are sometimes prescribed instead of addictive sedatives.

For the most part, those seeking help from general practitioners for mental health problems in 2011 and 2012 suffered from anxiety disorders, reactions to stress, adjustment issues and bouts of depression. Data from 2009-2013 shows that 91,774, or two percent of all appointments at the primary level per year, were due to various mental health conditions.

The NIJZ cited a 2010 Eurobarometer survey on mental health in which eight percent of the respondents in Slovenia reported taking anti-depressants in the prior 12-month period (the EU average was seven percent). However, only 39 percent of the respondents in Slovenia (compared to the EU average of 51 percent) took the drugs to treat depression or anxiety, 27 percent to treat chronic pain, and 19 percent to attain "better efficiency."

## Ljubljana swimming pool reopens a decade later

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — A fully renovated, Olympic-size swimming pool located in the Vič borough of Ljubljana reopened in mid-July after having been left to waste away for more than a decade.

In addition to its main pool, the Kolezija outdoor swimming facility, now revived by the Ljubljana municipality, offers a wading pool and a massage pool, and can accommodate up to 700 visitors.

Table tennis tables, a basketball court and a beach volleyball court have also been installed at the site that was popular

years ago, in particular because of its Olympic-size pool.

The Ljubljana municipality is also considering the possibility of adding a short-course 25-meter pool to the complex in the future, but only if a private investor will fund the project.

Pool admission, set at 9 euros (\$10) for adults during the week and 11 euros (\$12) on weekends, is higher than at most municipal pools in Slovenia, but still lower than that of pool complexes operated by private companies.

## A battle shaping up over Slovenia's Teran wine

**LJUBLJANA (STA)** — Slovenia plans to fight Croatia's renewed efforts to use the name "Teran" — for which Slovenia has protection within the EU — for a wine produced in the Istria region that it cannot sell under the current arrangement.

"We expect the European Commission to shield the Slovenian protected origin. There are no talks underway with Croatia; we did not consent to [discussion] at any point," Slovenian Agriculture Minister Dejan Židan told the press in mid-July.

Židan made his statement after Croatian Agriculture Minister Tihomir Jakovina indicated that Croatia had stepped-up its effort to find a solution favorable for Croatian wineries. "We have the commission's understanding and support. We hope things proceed in a positive direction; if not, we will sue the commission and Slovenia at the EU Court," Jakovina explained to the Hina Croatian press agency.

Slovenia protected Teran wine as a Slovenian product in 2000, and Teran became a protected product at the EU level in 2004 when Slovenia joined the EU. In 2013, Slovenia secured a ban on the sale of Croatian Teran wine in stores across the EU.

Croatia claims Teran is a wine native to the entire Istria region, and that Croatian, as well as Italian wineries, are entitled to sell it under that name. Croatia demands that its wineries be allowed to sell Teran under the name "Teran, Croatian Istria," which is also acceptable for the nation's wine producers.

Minister Židan acknowledged that Croatia was exerting strong pressure on the commission's agriculture department, but he also noted that Slovenia had been countering Croatia's efforts and would continue to do so. "Slovenia will, in any case, advocate its position at the commission. If the commission does not respect the will of a member state, we are ready to defend our interests at other appropriate levels," he said.

Croatia and Slovenia have been embroiled in several disputes over protected designation of origin. The two countries reached an agreement on the protection of Istrian prosciutto and Carniola sausage, but a deal on Teran appears out of reach, at least for now.

## Museums plan exhibit of presidential gifts

**LJUBLJANA/MARIBOR (STA)** — Two museums, the Modern History Museum and the Military Museum, are planning a joint exhibition of gifts given to Slovenia's former presidents. The display, which is slated to be launched next year, will showcase hundreds of gifts received by Milan Kučan, Janez Drnovšek and Danilo Türk.

Some 700 gifts received by Kučan during his two terms as president (1992-2002) have found a new home in the Ljubljana-based Museum of Modern History. The Military Museum, located at the Maribor barracks, holds some 700 gifts given to Drnovšek (2002-2007) and Türk (2007-2012).

"The collection of Kučan's gifts is very diverse," according to curator Monika Kokalj Kočvar. It includes paintings, sculptures, weapons, plates, candlesticks and a number of photos of the president with foreign dignitaries. "Each gift has a significant symbolic value and a story," said Kočvar, adding that it was hard to assess their value.

The Maribor Military Museum has included some 100 gifts received by presidents Drnovšek and Türk in its permanent collection. The remainder are in storage, but can be viewed by visitors.

The gifts received by current President Borut Pahor remain in the presidential palace, though some of the smaller gifts have been donated to a store run by a charitable association for the homeless.

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## Aljažev stolp je povezal vrh gora in morje

**HEADLINE:** Aljaž's tower connected the top of the mountains and the sea

**TOPIC:** While shopping in Koper, Planet Tuš visitors can also jump to the top of Mt. Triglav and view Aljaž's Tower. A precise copy of the tower is on exhibit in the shopping center to mark the 120th anniversary of the installation of this metal tower on the highest Slovenian mountain. And here, at (almost) the lowest point of the country, it will remain until Aug. 6. A day later, exactly 120 years after Jakob Aljaž installed the tower on top of Mt. Triglav, it will be transported to the Slovenian Alpine Museum in Mojstrana.

With this tower, Jakob

Aljaž hoped to set a milestone that indicates Slovenian property at the summit of the Slovenian mountains. The tower was visible at the time of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, during the First World War in the vicinity of the Soška Front, and during the Second World War when it was first visited by the Germans and then by the Partisans. With the declaration of Slovenia's independence, the Slovenian flag was flown from the tower, and in 1999 it was recognized as a cultural monument of national importance.

Med nakupovanjem v koprskem Planetu Tuš lahko skočimo še do vrha Triglava in si ogledamo Aljažev stolp. Njegovo natančno kopijo so

namreč razstavili v nakupovalnem središču in tudi na ta način obeležili 120. obletnico postavitve pločevinastega stolpa na najvišji slovenski gori. Na (skoraj) najnižji točki države bo ostal do 6. avgusta. Dan pozneje, točno 120 let zatem, koje Jakob Aljaž stolp namestil na vrhu Triglava, ga bodo prepeljali v Slovenski planinski muzej v Mojstrano.

"Aljažev stolp je pred dobrim stoletjem predstavljal utelešenje narodne zavesti Slovencev. Danes ga sicer poznamo kot pomemben simbol, krajinski motiv, a pri tem pogosto pozablamo na njegovo zgodbo, ki je edinstvena v Alpah in verjetno tudi v svetu," pravi Gorazd Lemajič, soavtor razstave o stolpu Ta pleh ima dušo in vodja oddelka za

konserviranje in restavriranje v Narodnem muzeju Slovenije.

Jakob Aljaž je želel s stolpom postaviti mejnik, ki označuje slovensko lastnino vrha naših gora. Izkazoval jo je že v času Avstroogrške monarhije, v času prve svetovne vojne, ko je v njegovi bližini potekala soška fronta, v Kraljevini SHS je meja potekala prav po vrhu Triglava, med drugo svetovno vojno so ga obiskovali najprej Nemci, nato vse pogosteje partizani, ki so nanj postavili tudi slovensko zastavo. Ob razglasitvi samostojnosti je na njem zaplapolala slovenska zastava, leta 1999 pa je postal kulturni spomenik državnega pomena, že prej pa tudi točka, ki jo obiskujejo množice planincev.

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## Matjaž Cotič najboljši v kuhanju testenin

**HEADLINE:** Matjaž Cotič the best in cooking pasta

**TOPIC:** When it comes to cooking pasta, Chef Matjaž Cotič from Zalošče near Dornberk is one of the four best chefs in the world.

At the recent world competition held at the Culinary Academy in Parma, Italy, Cotič won over the judges with his Karst flavored pasta and the smell of the sea.

"I prepared twisted trofie pasta with a shrimp sauce wrapped in unsmoked Karst bacon, and along with it I served a tatarec made from chopped fresh shrimp sprinkled with a salt flower from the Piran salt pans, a sauce made from fresh peas, and I sprinkled the plate with albumin curd from cow's and goat's milk," Cotič described of his chef d'oeuvre. Cotič is the head chef at the Gostilna dela snack bar in Ljubljana.

Kuharski mojster Matjaž Cotič iz Zalošče pri Dornberku je eden izmed štirih najboljših kuharjev v kuhanju testenin

na svetu.

Na nedavnem svetovnem prvenstvu na kuharski akademiji Barilla v Parmii je strogo komisijo, v kateri so sedeli tudi dodeljevalci Michelinovih zvezdic, prepričal s testeninami z okusom Krasa in vonjem po morju. "Pripravil sem zvite testenine trofije z omako iz gamberov, zavitih v nedimljeno kraško slanino, zraven sem postregel tatarca iz sesekljanih svežih gamberov, posutih s solnim cvetom iz Piranskih solin, in omako iz svežega graha, krožnik pa sem posul z albuminsko skuto in kravjega in kozjega mleka," svojo mojstrovino opisuje Cotič, sicer glavni kuhar in mentor v ljubljanski okrepčevalnici Gostilna dela. Strogo komisijo je najbolj prepričal kuhar iz Turčije, ostali trije finalisti - poleg Cotiča še kuharja iz Francije in Arabskih emiratov - pa so si bili po kakovosti tako blizu, da se komisija ni odločila za 2., 3. in 4. mesto, ampak je kar vse tri uvrstila na isto - med najboljše štiri.

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## Razstava starega kmečkega orodja na Starodu

**HEADLINE:** The exhibition of old farming tools in Staroda

**TOPIC:** Ivan Šuštar from Staroda likes to collect objects from the old days, especially old farm tools, as well as items that were once used in peasant kitchens. In front of his house in Staroda, Šuštar has arranged an exhibition from his collection which he opened with a cultural program.

An old farm wagon, scythes, sickles, axes - mainly all the tools that were used by farmers and foresters before modern equipment was available - are exhibited in the courtyard. In the basement of his farmhouse is a tidy old peasant kitchen with pots in which the housewives once cooked polenta, jugs for milk, wooden spoons, a wood-burning stove, a table with a white tablecloth...

As a collector of antiques, Šuštar has been gathering old articles and furnishings for many years. He received most of the items from people who didn't use them anymore.

Ivan Šuštar iz Staroda rad zbira pred-

mete iz starih časov. Posebej staro kmečko orodje, pa tudi predmete, ki so jih nekdanj uporabljali v kmečkih kuhinjah. Iz zbirke je pred njegovo domačo hišo na Starodu nastala razstava, ki jo je Šuštar podprl z bogatim kulturnim programom.

Na dvorišču star kmečki voz, pa kose, srpi, sekire ..., skratka vse orodje, ki so ga nekoč - še pred sodobno mehanizacijo - pri svojem delu uporabljali kmetje in tudi gozdarji. V kletnih prostorih domačije Ivana Šuštarja pa lepo urejena stara kmečka kuhinja s posodami, v katerih so gospodinje nekoč kuhale polento, pa kanglice za mleko, kuhlalnice, peč na drva, miza z belim prtom...

Kot ljubitelj starih stvari Ivan Šuštar, danes upokojenec, stare predmete in opremo zbira že vrsto let. Da bi tudi širša javnost videla, kako in s čim so nekoč delali kmetje, gozdarji, pa tudi mizarji, je zbirko ponudil v ogled na priložnostni razstavi.

Obiskovalci so si lahko na Minkinem brjaku pred njegovo hišo ogledali orodje, obenem pa prisluhnili bogatemu kulturnemu programu. Zapeli so pevci moškega

pevskega zbora Dragotin Kette in člani Brštolin bande iz Harij. Član obeh je tudi Šuštar, ki je kot harmonikar nastopil še v duu Eniš.

Da je avtor razstave navezan na Starodu dala vedeti pesem, ki jo je napisal o tej vasi, obiskovalcem pa jo je prebral Frane Dolgan. "Pesmi domačih avtorjev Danice Pardo s Prema in Janeza Škrnja iz Dolnjega Zemona pa so prebrali Laura Frgova s Staroda, Žan Evešov s Pavlice in sestri Ana in Martina Klančnerjevi iz Studene Gore," je povedal Šuštar.

Posebej zanimiv je bil ogled stare kmečke kuhinje, ki jo je Šuštar uredil v kletnih prostorih. "Kuhinja ima vso opremo iz starih časov. Stvari sem dobil v dar od ljudi, ki jih niso več potrebovali, in zaupali so mi jih v dobri veri, da bo iz tega nekaj nastalo," je povedal Ivan Šuštar.

Kuhinjo je blagoslovil župnik Martin Šuštar, Ivan Šuštar pa je povedal, da bo razstavo v prihodnje z veseljem razkazal vsem obiskovalcem od blizu in daleč, ki jih bo zanimala.

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## Pesem mengeških zvonov

**HEADLINE:** Song of the Mengeš Bells

**TOPIC:** For decades, chiming in Mengeš has had a very special place - it has a long tradition and a rich cultural heritage of which the people of Mengeš are very proud. Chiming in Mengeš has now found its place in a book, one of the few of its kind in the country, that bears the title "Song of Mengeš Bells - About the Chiming in Mengeš."

Mengeš is a musical city. With numerous musical instrument makers, good musicians and even better singers - as well as the bell ringers - the residents like to call it the "European music center."

The decision to produce the book came about in May 2013. "Bells accompany us throughout life. Every day, happy and sad sounds come from the bell towers, but chiming on the bells has a special, solemn significance. And at the same time, bell ringing is uniquely Slovenian since this type of harmonic bell ringing is little known in the neighboring nations," said editor Nataša Vrhovnik Jerič during the launch of the book.

Pritrkovanje ima v Mengšu že desetletja prav posebno mesto - gre za dolgoletno tradicijo in bogato kulturno dediščino, na katero so Mengšani zelo ponosni. Pritrkovanje

v Mengšu paje zdaj svoje mesto našlo tudi v knjigi, eni redkih tovrstnih pri nas, ki nosi naslov Pesem mengeških zvonov - O pritrkovanju v Mengšu.

Mengeš je glasbeno mesto. Mengšani ga radi poimenujejo celo evropsko glasbeno središče s številnimi izdelovalci glasbil, dobrimi glasbeniki in še boljšimi pevci. Pa tudi pritrkovalci. Starosta slovenskega in mengeškega pritrkovanja, dolgoletni mentor številnim rodovom pritrkovalcev in že več kot trideset let tudi zbiralec notnega in drugega gradiva o mengeškem pritrkovanju je častni občan občine Mengeš Franc Blejč, ki letos praznuje svojih 85 let in knjiga je luč sveta ugledala prav ob njegovem

jubileju.

Odločitev za pripravo in izdajo knjigo je 'padla' maja leta 2013, ko so svoja znanja, sposobnosti in prizadevanja strnili Nataša Vrhovnik Jerič, Ivan Sivec, Jože Vahtar in Primož Hieng in rezultat dvoletnega dela je knjiga, ki so jo ob letošnjem občinskem prazniku pred dnevi predstavili v mengeškem župnijskem domu. "Zvonovi nas spremljajo vse življenje, saj se vsak dan z veselimi ali žalostnimi melodijami oglašajo iz zvonikov, pritrkovanje oz. pritrkovanje nanje pa je poseben način slovesnega zvonjenja in hkrati slovenska posebnost, saj tovrstnega ubranega zvonjenja sosednji narodi

skorajda ne poznajo.

Literature o pritrkovanju na Slovenskem je še vedno zelo malo: nekaj novejših krajših člankov, dva priročnika iz leta 1936, notno gradivo iz let 1928 in 1987, novejša zbirka pritrkovalskih melodij, nekaj redkih zvočnih posnetkov, doktorska dizertacija in monografija o pritrkovanju na Vipavskem. Prav zato naša knjiga ni le knjiga o pritrkovanju na Mengeškem, ampak gre za pomemben prispevek v mozaiku dediščine slovenskega pritrkovanja," je na predstavitvi knjige povedala urednica Nataša Vrhovnik Jerič, predsednica Zveze kulturnih društev občine Mengeš.

GORENJSKI GLAS

## Kitajci nagradili slovensko knjigo o kavi

**HEADLINE:** The Chinese reward a Slovenian book about coffee

**TOPIC:** The book by Božidar Jezernik, "Coffee: Magic Potion," which was published by Modrijan, has received the Gourmand Award in China for the world's best book about coffee in the last two decades. The Gourmand Awards, which are awarded in several categories, are often compared with the Oscar awards for films.

This year's event, the 20th Gourmand Awards for wine and other drinks, was held in June in the city of Yantai, China. Prizes were awarded in several categories.

In his monograph,

Jezernik describes the triumphant march of coffee to all of the world's continents: from Yemen, Ethiopia, the Ottoman Empire, the Balkans, Western Europe, Brazil, all the way to the modern coffee production which is dominated by Starbucks in America.

In his decades of dealing with coffee, Jezernik has collected close to 500 postcards which have now been published for the first time. More than 250 photos, drawings and advertising slogans illustrate the production, distribution, opposition to, and approval of this beverage.

The book also describes the arrival of coffee to Slovenian lands, which in the 17th

and 18th centuries remained limited to the wealthiest residents. In the middle of the 19th century, the wealthy farmers also started to drink coffee. Cafes then became popular among the townspeople. For Slovenians, cafes had a special significance because they were the gathering place of the social and political activists at the time of the national awakening. Most of the coffee came to Slovenia from Trieste, Italy, which is still an important port for coffee.

Knjiga Božidarja Jezernika Kava: Carobni napoj, ki je izšla pri založbi Modrijan, je na Kitajskem prejela nagrado Gourmand za najboljšo knjigo o kavi na svetu v zadnjih dveh

desetletjih. Nagrade Gourmand Awards, ki jih podeljujejo v več kategorijah, pogosto primerjajo s filmskimi oskarji.

Letošnja jubilejna, 20. prireditve Gourmand Awards za vino in druge pijače, je potekala junija v mestu Yantai na Kitajskem. Nagrade so bile podeljene v več kategorijah, z ožjega seznama najboljših del so bila izbrana tri najboljša na svetu. Za nagrade se ne potegujejo samo knjige, pač pa tudi filmski in televizijski prispevki ter glasbena dela, so sporočili iz Modrijana.

V monografiji Božidarja Jezernika je opisan zmagoviti pohod kave na vse celine sveta, od Jemna, Etiopije, Osmanškega cesarstva, Balkana, zahodne Evrope, Brazilije vse do

sodobne proizvodnje kave, ki ji kraljuje ameriški Starbucks.

Jezernik je v desetletjih ukvarjanja s tematiko kave zbral približno 500 razglednic, ki jih je zdaj prvič objavil. Več kot 250 fotografij, risb in reklamnih sporočil ilustrira proizvodnjo, razširjenost, naspotovanje in odobravanje tega napitka. Knjiga v 19 poglavjih prinaša zgodbe o zanimivih osebnostih, odvisnikih od kave.

V knjigi je opisan tudi prihod kave v slovenski prostor,

**NAJHITREJŠI - Trije dečki se pogovarjajo, čigav oče je najhitrejši. Prvi pravi: "Moj oče je nogometaš in je tako hiter, da kadar brčne žogo z enajstih metrov, steče in jo ujame, preden pride v gol." Drugi reče: "Moj oče je še hitrejši: vrže kamen s hriba, steče dol in ga ujame. Tretji pa se pohvali: "Moj oče je najhitrejši. Dela na občini do treh, ob pol treh je pa že doma."**

PRIMORSKE NOVICE

## Posodobitev dolenske potujoče knjižnice

**HEADLINE:** Modernizing the Dolenjska traveling library

**TOPIC:** Next year, a new "bibliobus" will start to deliver books to 65 rural sites in Dolenjsko and Bela krajina. The new bibliobus - a traveling library offering close to 7,000 books - will be equipped with modern technology and air conditioning, and it will also be handicap accessible.

Last year the bibliobus had 1,300 active members ranging in age from preschool children to pensioners. The bus made more than 11,000 visits and loaned out

120,000 pieces of reading material.

V 65 dolenskih in belokranjskih podeželskih krajeh bo knjige čez dobro leto začel voziti nov bibliobus. Pogodbo o nakupu so z ministrico za kulturo Julijano Bizjak Mlakar podpisali župani osmih občin na Novomeškem, ki bodo sofinancirali nakup.

Na razpisu ministrstva za kulturo je novomeška Knjižnica Mirana Jarca za potujočo knjižnico pridobila 200.000 evrov. Manjkajočo vsoto, okoli 100.000 evrov, so se zavezale zagotoviti dolenske občine na območju nekdanje novomeške. Novi

bibliobus bo sodoben, z novo tehnološko opremo, klimo in dostopen tudi obiskovalcem z gibalnimi ovirami, omogočal pa bo izposojlo okoli 7000 enot knjižnega gradiva.

V občini Šmarješke Toplice se jim zdi naložba predraga in v vse bolj elektronskih časih celo nepotrebna, a podatki govorijo drugače. Sedanji bibliobus je imel lani ob 1300 aktivnih članov od predšolskih otrok do upokojencev več kot 11.000 obiskov in 120.000 enot izposojenega knjižnega gradiva. Z novim bo na Dolenjskem ohranjena dostopnost knjižnega gradiva bralcem vseh starosti v oddaljenih

krajih. Po besedah Julijane Bizjak Mlakar se na ministrstvu zavedajo pomena dostopa do knjige in podpirajo nakupe novih bibliobusov. Novomeški ni edini, na nov razpis bodo morali počakati na Gorenjskem in Koroškem, ter v Porabju in Benečiji.

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**URADNIK - Neki deček je opazoval uradnika pri njegovem delu. Pol ure, eno uro. Uradnik je to opazil. Po dveh urah je stopil k dečku in ga vprašal: "No, ali hočeš tudi ti nekoč postati uradnik?" - "Ne, jaz ne," je odvrnil deček, "mogoče pa moj brat, ki je velik lenuh."**

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wounded  
soldiers**



Sis. BERTHA HAYES (106)

IMPERIAL, Pa. — Sis. Bertha Hayes of Lodge 106 has outlived her life insurance policy.

Sis. Bertha (Yamnik) Hayes, 96, was born Nov. 6, 1918. Her family lived in the California Hollow area of Imperial, just below the current location of the SNPJ Home Office. Her father, Joseph Yamnik, was one of the builders and a founding father of SNPJ Lodge 106.

At age 10, Bertha told her mother she was going to war to take care of soldiers. Her mother explained that there was no war. However, after graduating from Allegheny General Hospital as a registered nurse, Bertha was working in Cleveland when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Her hospital was activated by the Army, and on Jan. 19, 1942, while on a train en route to New York, she was sworn into the U.S. Army. Sis. Hayes spent the next four years taking care of soldiers, as she had predicted, in the South Pacific, including New Guinea, Philippines and Australia. She rose to the rank of 1st Lieutenant during a time when women rarely attained that position.

After discharge, Bertha married, had a daughter and divorced soon after. She raised her daughter as a single parent during a time when it was frowned upon. At the age of 50 she married her true love, Bill Hayes, and they had a wonderful life until his death in 1979. Sis. Hayes remained in the Imperial area until moving to Georgia in 1996 to live near her daughter.

Bertha was able to follow her passion of traveling and visited the places where she served during World War II, as well as South America, Israel, Russia, Ireland, Indonesia, Europe and China, twice. In 2012 she visited Imperial and the new Lodge 106 clubroom, and reunited with numerous friends.

Sis. Hayes now lives with her daughter, Linda Trusnovic Baker, in Acworth, Ga. Her immediate family includes daughter Linda, step-grandson Brooks (Roxanne) Gayton, step-great-granddaughters Layla and Skyla Gayton, and niece Joan Grze Nitz.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 106 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend best wishes to Sis. Hayes for continued health and happiness.

**Sunny Smiles  
at Lodge 218**

The State of Colorado, the Denver area in particular, recently made the national news because of torrential rains, hail three feet deep, and trees down in the streets. So a lucky break in the weather was just what the members of SNPJ Lodge 218 needed for a picnic. The group was all smiles at the welcome sight of sunshine.



Photo submitted by Bro. Ed Tomsic (218).

**Hodgepodge  
from the  
Reveliers Lodge**

by CHRIS PETUKAUSKAS  
Lodge 33 Secretary/Treasurer

AMBRIDGE, Pa. — Slovenefest is now in the rearview mirror, and as I view it with a smile because it happened, I also feel a void because it's over so quickly! Some thoughts that come to mind...

Congratulations to Julie Rockwell on winning the title of Miss SNPJ 2016! I am sure she will represent the Society with pride. Best wishes to her predecessor, Nicole Vehar. She did a great job and left big shoes to fill. We are proud of both of these awesome young ladies.

It was wonderful to see Bea Cvetas! How nice that she was able to attend and be

part of an event that her husband Joe was instrumental in planning for many years. I'm also so glad Phyllis Wood is back in action after being ill. How nice that she could attend all the way from California.

My thanks to everyone who worked so hard to put Slovenefest together for our enjoyment. It's a treat to attend each year. It was awesome to see so many young folks attending and especially supporting the polka music; they love dancing and singing along. It's entertaining to watch them get so involved. Again, everyone had a good time as our Slovenian traditions come alive each year.

"The sun will come out tomorrow" has been the motto of this summer weather. Finally, this past week brought some expected sunshine and not that four-letter word we've seen so much of this summer... but the ducks are happy!

As the students prepare to get back to their routine and return school in another month or so, we wish them well and much success. It will be bittersweet sending my son off for the first time, but I know it

will be the best four years of his life. You prepare them with a strong foundation and hope for the best. It's time for our children to fly, and wings were never meant to be pulled back. May they always remember what they were taught and use it wisely.

Family Week is right around the corner! We're looking forward to seeing all the families we share the week with, and we're hoping for lots of sunshine to make it even better. It always proves to be relaxing, enjoyable and memorable. If you've never participated in Family Weeks, you don't know what you're missing. Come and join in the fun!

We'd like to extend best wishes to our longtime member and friend Eugene Standley who relocated to the south. Here's hoping all is well from your friends in Lodge 33. You are missed!

Enjoy the rest of the vacation season, and I hope to see you at a fraternal event. May you all stay healthy and happy. Remember, the only thing in life we can always count on is our fingers! Until next time, blessings and smiles.

*Join in the fun of this year's National SNPJ Days*

**2015 NATIONAL DAYS**  
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for their dinner at 4 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded at 4:30.

The opening rounds of the SNPJ National Balina Tournament will be played on Saturday as well in the Balinarena. The balina tournament finals will follow on Sunday, Sept. 6, at 9 a.m. Also on Sunday, the SNPJ National Horseshoes Tournament will begin at 11

a.m. and the National Beanbag Toss will begin at 1 p.m. Entry forms for all of the national tournaments taking place during Labor Day weekend are available on our website, [www.sn timer .org](http://www.sn timer .org), or by contacting me at the Home Office.

At 1:30 p.m., the National SNPJ Days Golf Cart Parade will begin at the upper pavilion and proceed through the trailer court to the lower pavilion, the

location for the National SNPJ Days Picnic. Be sure to come cheer on the participants.

The picnic will feature a free dance for all of our members to celebrate National SNPJ Days. There will be crowd-pleasing entertainment as the Joe Grkman Orchestra and the Polka Bros. will perform from 2 to 8 p.m.

Of course, it wouldn't be a picnic without games for the

children and the young at heart. The Fraternal Department is planning many activities for the children as these have been a favorite of our members for many years.

Be sure to bring the family to the SNPJ Recreation Center to celebrate National SNPJ Days. Contact me at the Home Office at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail [k richards@sn timer .com](mailto:k richards@sn timer .com) with any questions.

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2015 Dance Schedule**

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Aug. 9	<b>Utopians Lodge 604 Picnic</b> Ron Likovic & Friends	3 to 7
Aug. 16	<b>CAL Picnic</b> Eddie Rodick Orchestra	3 to 7
Aug. 23	<b>Fairport Lodge 355 Picnic</b> Bob Kravos Band	3 to 7

Dancers enjoy the finest in Cleveland-style polkas and waltzes at the SNPJ Farm. The Farm features the best-known names in polka music, plus down-home dining. Gates open at noon. Dinners served Sundays starting at 2 p.m. with music and dancing from 3 to 7 p.m. The bar opens at 1 p.m. Sunday picnic admission is \$7. Rent the SNPJ Farm for your special functions! For additional information phone (440) 256-3423 or (440) 461-6476.

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for the month of June 2015**

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James & Veronica O'Donnell, Reston, Va.....\$100	In memory of Sylvester G. Holzer (father of Mrs. [Frank] Karen Valencic & siblings)	Barbara Smole (584), Elm Grove, Wis. .... \$25
SNPJ Lodge 257, Cleveland..... \$50	SNPJ Lodge 265, Southview, Pa. .... \$10	Timothy & Mary Donovan (584), Greenfield, Wis..... \$25
Edward & Henrietta Snyder (776), Leetonia, Ohio..... \$25	In memory of Helena McElhaney	Cynthia Perich (584), Waukesha, Wis..... \$25
In memory of Stanley "Stush" McCloskey		Kimberly Lindquist, Eden Prairie, Minn. .... \$25
Tony Shircel (584), Sheboygan, Wis..... \$25		Amy Jones, Milwaukee..... \$20
In memory of Stanley Sircelj		Robert & Amalie Smole (584), Mequon, Wis... \$20
Tom & Patti Eckert (138), Bethel Park, Pa. .... \$25		Karen Francisco, Greenfield, Wis..... \$20
In memory of Amelia Progar		Donald (584) & Susan Lesar, Muskego, Wis... \$20

The following donations were made in memory of Bro. John Poklar (584):

Jeffrey & Susan Mouthey (584), Greendale, Wis..... \$80	Marcia Schlueter, New Berlin, Wis..... \$30
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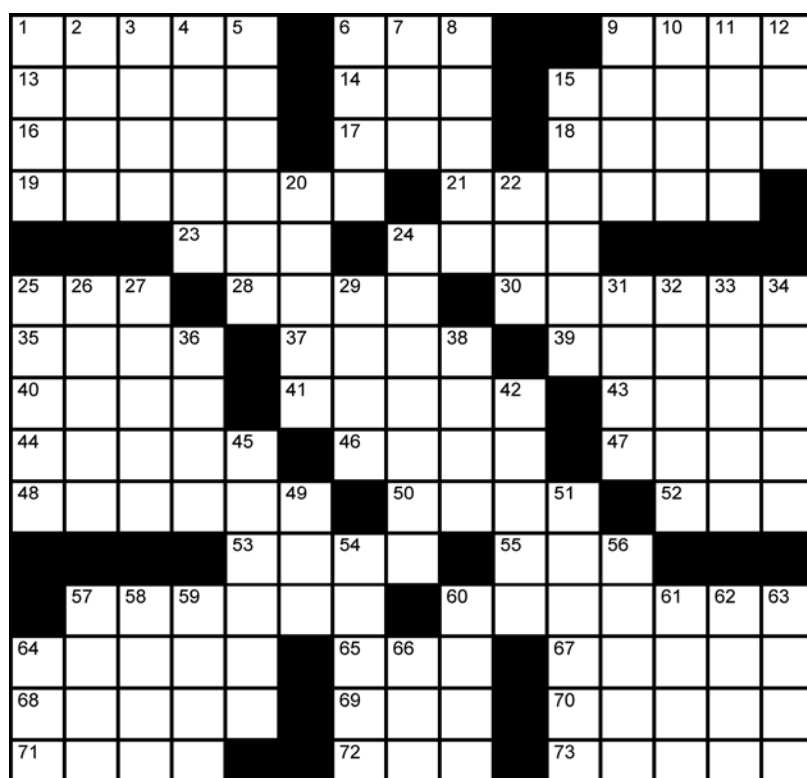
**ACROSS**

- Gold measurement
- \*Trans World \_\_\_ lines or TWA
- Daughter of Zeus
- Broadcasting sign
- \*Watson's and Crick's model
- Alternative to truths
- Bug
- Denouement
- Beginning of a sickness
- \*1950s car feature
- Aroused
- + or - atom
- Montana tribe
- Pecking mother
- Do over
- Genuflect in submission
- Spill the beans
- \*McCarthy's foes
- Wither from heat
- Fairytales beast
- Anklebone
- Crunchable info
- New World parrot
- Acute
- Grand \_\_\_
- In need of fixing
- Brooklyn team
- Big fuss
- Minor damage
- Beehive State native
- \*Type of skirt popular in 1950s

**DOWN**

- \*First man-made satellite to orbit earth
- Schoolmarm's whip
- Rainy
- \*It supported the North in Korean War
- Brandish
- Sodium hydroxide
- Piece of cake
- Approximately
- Coniferous tree
- Indian \_\_\_
- \*Nixon's respectable Republican cloth \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Karenina
- Hindu princess
- Garlicky mayonnaise
- Make an attempt
- Yemeni port
- \*Holiday \_\_\_ motel chain
- Highway patrolman's gun
- \*Slugger \_\_\_ Aaron debuted in 1954
- Gaelic
- "\_\_\_ there, done that"
- "C" \_\_\_ la vie!"
- \*The Platters' sound
- Dead to the world
- Moo goo gai pan pan
- Young codfish

- \*Thermonuclear weapon
- "Pomp and Circumstance Marches" composer
- Narcotics lawman
- Wanted state in old west?
- Bankrolls
- \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ la
- "Eight Is Enough" group, e.g.
- \*The maker of Frisbee and Hula Hoop
- Yellow on bald eagle
- "Absolutely!"
- Get something ready
- Tied the knot
- Not a thing
- Exterior plaster
- Very recently
- Set of principles
- Lucy and Ricky, e.g.
- Has a mortgage
- \*1952 Olympic site
- Like soup, but thicker
- Supreme Court count
- Ancient Peruvian
- \*Newsweek sports editor, "Boys of Summer" author
- Pencil type
- \*CBS unveiled this logo in 1951



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The Miss SNPJ Pageant truly an experience to remember

I have always enjoyed Slovenefest, but this year I had the most amazing time throughout the entire weekend. A week before Slovenefest, I heard about the lack of girls entered in this year's Miss SNPJ Pageant. At that point, I tossed caution to the wind and submitted my pageant application. When I decided to enter, I didn't know what a fantastic time I would have, nor did I realize how many amazing friendships would form over the course of a few days.

Upon arriving at the Hampton Inn on Thursday evening, I was treated like a princess. The beds were plush and the room was perfect. Once settled in our hotel rooms, the girls began to congregate in the hall. Some of us knew each other, but mostly the hall was full of bright new faces. All of the girls were friendly, and I knew then that I was going to make some amazing friends. One would think we should have been a competitive group of ladies, but it wasn't that way in the slightest.

After getting to know each other, we headed to the SNPJ Recreation Center to practice for the pageant. Once arriving, we were showered with gifts, lotions, embroidered blankets and, of course, SNPJ "swag bags." Our rehearsal went great, and we all had a great time laughing and enjoying each other's performances during practice for the talent competition.

Then came the big day: the talent and question portions of the pageant. What should have been a stressful day turned into a super fun experience. We helped one another curl hair and steam dresses while blasting music in our hotel rooms.

PROSVETA welcomes letters to the editor from all SNPJ members. All submissions to Letters to the Editor must include a name, address, Lodge and telephone number for verification, and all are subject to editing. The views expressed in Letters to the Editor are those of the contributor and not necessarily those of the Slovene National Benefit Society or PROSVETA.

Letters to the Editor submissions should be addressed to SNPJ PROSVETA, Att'n: Letters to the Editor, 247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126. Letters may also be faxed to (724) 695-1555 or e-mailed to [snpj@snpj.com](mailto:snpj@snpj.com). Not all letters will be printed or individually acknowledged.

We were nervous once we were all on stage, but we knew that the other girls had our backs. After the questions, interviews and performances were done, we were treated to a lovely meal with the SNPJ Executive Officers and the most delicious cheesecake. Then the dancing began! The music was blaring and everyone wanted a dance with the pageant girls. People spun us around until the music stopped.

On Saturday morning we were handed money for a shopping spree at the mall before being treated to lunch at Olive Garden. We made our way back to the Recreation Center where we were introduced on each stage, and everyone cheered as if we were pop stars. We attended dinner in a beautifully decorated room that evening. I made new friends by sitting and talking with members of the SNPJ National Board,

the Executive Officers and dignitaries from Slovenia. Once again we danced the night away until almost losing the feeling in our feet. The night was capped off with an amazing fireworks display.

The crowing on Sunday was so much fun. By then, we all had become so close that we were happy for each other; there was an overwhelming feeling that we were all winners. We watched with pride as our friend, Miss SNPJ 2015 Nicole Vehar, gave her moving farewell speech. The roaring crowd cheered for us before we were presented the titles and whisked away for pictures. We watched with happiness as Julie Rockwell started her reign as Miss SNPJ 2016. We all hugged, knowing that we were so proud of one another and wishing that the weekend wouldn't end. We were finally set free to once again polka the day away.

Being part of the pageant was one of the best weekends I've had in a long time. I made amazing friends, not only among the pageant contestants but with many others as well. For all of the girls who have contemplated becoming a part of the pageant, I would say it is an experience that will change your life. I have never thought of myself as much of a pageant girl, but at Slovenefest I felt like a princess. I know I will hold these memories for a lifetime. I would like to personally thank the SNPJ Executive Officers, the National Board, Fraternal Director Kevin Richards and the Miss SNPJ Pageant Committee for a fantastic experience.

ELIZABETH HARTMAN (138)  
SNPJ Miss Activity 2016

## News from Here & There

by GRACE DOERK  
Lodge 559

**CHICAGO** — Ready or not, I'm back after a brief break from writing. It seems as you get older, all kinds of goodies pop up. I was about to go for back surgery, and noticed that Otto was having a health problem, so I canceled my appointment, went to the doctor with him, and then that very night fell in our front room and fractured my right arm in three places.

I had to have a cast put on my arm, and in three weeks I got two different kinds of rashes and had to have the cast taken off. Now I'm waiting to see if I will have to have the cast put back on. We never have a dull moment around here, but we just go on our way accepting what comes.

In the meantime, I have missed so much activity. I am so happy that Vince Rigler (449) posts various items on Facebook so I can see some of the things I've missed.

I'll open by wishing a happy 60th wedding anniversary to Frank and Delores Novotny (8) who will be celebrating Aug. 13. Happy anniversary, and many more anniversaries to come.

Congratulations and best wishes to our grandson Joey (559) and his wife Mary who have just moved into their first home.

May you both find much happiness.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Ray Przybyski, husband of Angie (Rokavec) Przybyski. If you remember, Angie performed at many Prešeren concerts with the late Alice Birsa, the late Frank Gradisek and the late Tim Prelesnik. Our sincere condolences to Angie and the family.

We were happy to hear that Ken Hoytt (559), husband of Denise (Cherway) Hoytt, is on the mend. There's nothing like being tied up with health problems. John Cretnik (559) has finished his radiation therapy; hopefully he will be in remission. John Kovack (8) has been having a health problem, and hopefully it will be taken care of successfully. To these and all members on the sick list, my most sincere wishes for a return to better health.

Marianne Murray (1) recently returned from visiting her sister in Kentucky. So many members have been planning get-aways since our weather, up until two weeks ago, was really terrible. We just finished a week of sunshine and no rain, for which we have all been waiting.

Otto and I recently attended a steak fry sponsored by the KSKJ. This is an annual function at which everyone cooks their own steaks and the club provides the trimmings. Many thanks to Mike Vidmar (559) for taking care of our steaks. They were delicious!

We also attended the July 24 Chicago Federation meeting. After the reading of the minutes and the presentation of the financial report, we heard the delegate

reports from Lodges 1, 8, 449 and 559.

The delegates discussed the Memorial Day services held in the SNPJ section of Woodlawn Cemetery, agreeing that the program was excellent. However, the crowd dwindles each year as many of our members are being laid to rest here.

Next on the meeting agenda was the Federation dinner dance which will be held Aug. 16. We will be honored to have the new Miss SNPJ in attendance. All plans for the dinner dance were finalized, and if you would like to attend you can contact Federation Secretary Marianne Murray for tickets, which are priced at \$10. Members are asked to bring baked goods.

The next Federation meeting will be held Sept. 25. All members are invited to attend these meetings, regardless if they are a delegate or alternate.

The Slovene Cultural Center has a busy schedule coming up. Their annual picnic is planned Aug. 9 and will feature a \$10,000 prize drawing. A barbeque lunch with your choice of pork, lamb or chicken will be served, along with *čevapčiči* and klobase. The Zbor Spendov choir will entertain in the evening.

One other important date to remember is Nov. 8 for the Slovene Cultural Center 20th anniversary celebration.

Pioneer Lodge 559 members, don't forget that our next meeting will be held Aug. 24. We hope to see some new faces there.

Well, that's about all for now. I hope you are all enjoying the summer and staying healthy. I always say that health is wealth.

## Official Proceedings

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Feb. 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by President Evanish with Sis. Pintar and Bro. Lawrence in attendance.

The minutes from the Jan. 27, 2015, meeting were read and approved.

Approved to send National Secretary Karen Pintar and Miss SNPJ Nicole Vehar to Florida SNPJ Days Feb. 26-28, 2015.

Discussed the Cherry Blossom Festival that is held in Washington, D.C., in which the Slovenian Embassy participates, and approved to invite Miss SNPJ to participate in the event.

Reviewed the health care proposal again for employees and approved a plan with a health reimbursement account as previously approved by the National Board.

Discussed Slovenefest donations and bands.

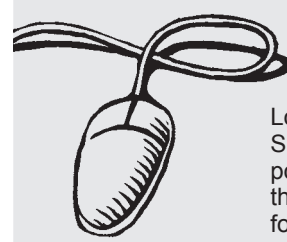
Discussed postage costs and postage cost increases. Discussed ways to reduce these costs.

Reported that the auditors will be in the first week of March to finalize the 2014 year-end audit.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

JOSEPH C. EVANISH  
National President/CEO

KAREN A. PINTAR  
National Secretary/COO



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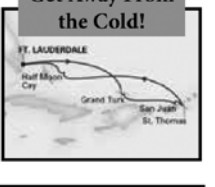
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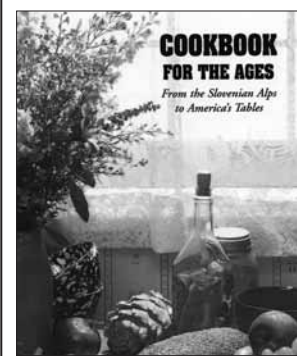
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1.		
2.		
3.		
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# 2016 Miss SNPJ Titleholders

**Miss SNPJ JULIE ROCKWELL (138)**

**Miss Activity ELIZABETH HARTMAN (138)**

**Miss Talent JULIE ROCKWELL (138)**

**Miss Fraternalism  
JENNIFER PROVENZA (216)**



Miss SNPJ 2016 JULIE ROCKWELL (138) with SNPJ National President Joseph C. Evanish



SNPJ Miss Activity 2016 ELIZABETH HARTMAN (138) with SNPJ National Secretary Karen A. Pintar



SNPJ Miss Talent 2016 JULIE ROCKWELL (138) with SNPJ National Treasurer Robert J. Lawrence



SNPJ Miss Fraternalism 2016 JENNIFER PROVENZA (216) with SNPJ Fraternal Director Kevin Richards

## 34<sup>th</sup> annual Slovenefest weekend launches the reign of Miss SNPJ 2016

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fraternal programs for many years to come. She did a great job representing the Society during her reign.

I want to personally thank a few young ladies, all of whom are former Miss SNPJs, for serving on the Pageant Committee: Miss SNPJ 2014 Ashley Russ, Miss SNPJ 2013 Kristen Cushman, Miss SNPJ 2012 Danielle Brand, Miss SNPJ 2004 Courtney

(Pabian) Koenig and Miss SNPJ 2001 Kandace Kocjan. Please know that your efforts are greatly appreciated.

When National President Joseph C. Evanish addressed the audience, he touched on the many benefits of belonging to SNPJ. We had a special guest in attendance, Ambassador for the Republic of Slovenia Dr. Božo Cerar, who helped introduce Miss SNPJ and her court during the ceremony.

The moment we'd all been waiting

for the entire weekend had finally arrived: the announcement of our award winners. I had the honor of announcing that Jennifer Provenza (216) was selected SNPJ Miss Fraternalism 2016. The runner-up to Miss Talent, Toni Zibert (225), was announced by Region 5 Vice President and Lodge 449 Secretary Sis. Tina Rigler. SNPJ National Treasurer Robert Lawrence then introduced Julie Rockwell (138) as SNPJ Miss Talent 2016.

The announcements for Miss Activity started with the introduction of runner-up to Miss Activity Julie Rockwell (138) by the chairperson of the SNPJ Audit Committee and Lodge 723 Secretary Sis. Phyllis Wood. SNPJ National Secretary Karen Pintar then announced that Elizabeth Hartman (138) was selected SNPJ Miss Activity 2016.

Anticipation grew as the announcement of Miss SNPJ began with the

introduction of the runner-up to Miss SNPJ, Elizabeth Hartman (138), by Region 2 Vice President and Lodge 6 Secretary Jim Curl. SNPJ National President Joseph C. Evanish then opened the final envelope and announced Julie Rockwell (138) as Miss SNPJ 2016.

I thank all of our members who came out to support the 59th Miss SNPJ Pageant and Slovenefest. I'll see you at a fraternal event soon...

Miss SNPJ			Miss Activity			Miss Talent			Miss Fraternalism		
Year	Name	Lodge	Year	Name	Lodge	Year	Name	Lodge	Year	Name	Lodge
1957	Marlynn Turki	138	1957	Marianne Swiderski	137	1957	Valare Gorss	87	1969	Jane Gregorin	14
1958	Janet Snyder	36	1958	Genevieve Masser	564	1958	Anne Marie Galardy	715	1970	Kathy Kovacic	8
1959	Marie Tome	8	1959	Joyce Bence	564	1959	Marlene Lustik	764	1971	Margaret Rosko	643
1960	Nancy Sleber	87	1960	Patricia Urana	87	1960	Sandra Ozonich	288	1972	Margaret Rosko	643
1961	Sandra Ogrin	14	1961	Judith Rebich	758	1961	Margaret Peterlin	53	1973	Susan Stritar	14
1962	Gail Nachtigal	604	1962	Janet Pollock	223	1962	Patricia Schlarb	576	1974	Mary Sierputowski	576
1963	Ruth Butkovich	270	1963	Janet Prevec	643	1963	Peggy Peterlin	53	1975	Kathy Hillman	254
1964	Karen Solomon	87	1964	Elizabeth Highberger	87	1964	Lois Svoboda	715	1976	Susan Marisa	289
1965	Elaine Kvaritch	6	1965	Joanne Janiga	769	1965	Charlotte Bokal	142	1977	Lisa Standkowski	6
1966	Nancy Skiba	615	1966	Linda Koziak	615	1966	Judy Ann Rebarich	277	1978	Kathleen Hlad	576
1967	Linda Serro	87	1967	Linda Serro	87	1967	Karen Turkovich	137	1979	Patricia Derner	254
1968	Barbara Turkovich	137	1968	Barbara Turkovich	137	1968	Paula Evans	262	1980	Laurie Belvedere	33
1969	Jane Gregorin	14	1969	Susan Sohacki	87	1968	Margaret Laurash	427	1981	Andrea Zupancic	769
1970	Patricia Hlebak	604	1970	Rosemarie Roginski	33	1969	Pat Hlebak	604	1982	Ann Marie Sternot	139
1971	Carol Bokal	142	1971	Carol Bokal	142	1970	Paula Kertis	87	1983	Christine Ebelacker	782
1972	Denise Lamm	566	1972	Denise Lamm	566	1972	Linnette Lesko	566	1984	Suzanne Chuberko	6
1973	Linda Roginski	33	1973	Donna Wolf	142	1973	Susan Stritar	14	1985	Susan R. Caroll	643
1974	Michelle Volk	117	1974	Michelle Volk	117	1974	Kathy Tokarcik	117	1986	Dawn Tatters	223
1975	Judy Pintar	6	1975	Karen Klobucar	7	1975	Kathy Hillman	254	1987	Mary Ann Racic	723
1976	Joyce Braddock	158	1976	Maryann Morvetz	87	1976	Sharon Krofina	158	1988	Kathy Jo Lajevic	138
1977	Cheri Gottke	26	1977	Justina Dabrowski	1	1977	Annette Gadusek	665	1989	Alicia Franchi	1
1978	Kathy Hlad	576	1978	Kathy Hlad	576	1978	Elaine Soldo	277	1990	Lisa Vidergar	723
1979	Carol Morvetz	87	1979	Carol Morvetz	87	1979	Ann Renée Koval	153	1991	Irene Schulman	8
1980	Valerie Stodolsky	87	1980	Donna Kravanja	117	1980	Valerie Stodolsky	87	1992	Marsha McVay	259
1981	Justina Dabrowski	449	1981	Andrea Zupancic	769	1981	Justina Dabrowski	449	1992	Renae Eorio	769
1982	Tracey Anderson	677	1982	Tracey Anderson	677	1982	Ann Marie Sternot	139	1993	Michelle Smidl	769
1983	Karen Kovach	142	1983	Laura Vercheck	138	1983	LynnMarie Hrovat	576	1994	Kelli Blair	784
1984	Toni Trontel	262	1984	Beth Ann Prost	138	1984	Suzanne Chuberko	6	1994	Dierdre Kocjan	643
1985	Jackie Morvetz	87	1985	Joan Grabner	142	1985	Jackie Morvetz	87	1995	Melissa Ann Snyder	776
1986	Kathy Roginski	33	1986	Julie Ann Podboy	138	1986	Kathy Roginski	33	1996	Shelby Tonti	138
1987	Mary Ann Racic	723	1987	Mary Ann Racic	723	1987	Dawn Meyer	147	1997	Stephanie Topolovec	689
1988	Gretchen Buday	153	1988	Jeanette Marie Hiti	576	1988	Gretchen Buday	153	1999	Kelly Lampel	289
1989	Teresa Mlakar	723	1988	Kelly Vavrek	138	1989	Joni Marie Crotty	115	2000	Jacqueline Elk	391
1990	Lisa Vidergar	723	1989	Teresa Mlakar	723	1990	Irene Schulman	8	2001	Kandace Kocjan	643
1991	Melissa Lawrence	138	1990	Lisa Vidergar	723	1991	Lisa M. Streck	5	2002	Erika Marline	314
1992	Anna Marie Klepec	643	1991	Melissa Lawrence	138	1992	Anna Marie Klepec	643	2003	Caralynn Fejka	153
1993	Stacey Apanaites	158	1992	Lisa M. Streck	5	1993	Stacey Apanaites	158	2004	Lindsay Snak	6
1994	Deirdre Kocjan	643	1993	Anna Marie Klepec	643	1994	Amy Powers	153	2005	Jacqueline Elk	391
1995	Jennifer Skrajner	142	1994	Stacey Apanaites	158	1995	Amy Lynn Kobert	138	2006	Tandy Krajec	147
1996	Allison Engel	138	1995	Deirdre Kocjan	643	1996	Stephanie Fall	115	2007	Monika Vidmar	559
1997	Elizabeth Buchner	576	1996	Jennifer Skrajner	142	1996	Angela Garzarelli	117	2008	Megan Reynolds	225
1999	Kelli Blair	784	1997	Allison Engel	138	1997	Stephanie Topolovec	689	2009	Danielle Brand	6
2000	Christine Wojtila	158	1997	Ann Dolgan	576	1999	Caralynn Fejka	153	2010	Danielle Brand	6
2001	Kandace Kocjan	643	1999	Carissa Pabian	138	2000	Melanie Jo Smartnick	729	2011	Selina Progar	138
2002	Carissa Pabian	138	2000	Christine Wojtila	158	2001	Kandace Kocjan	643	2012	Olivia Kamicker	721
2003	Amanda Fordyce	5	2001	Kandace Kocjan	643	2002	Veronica Vana	53	2013	Amanda Couch	715
2004	Courtney Pabian	138	2002	Veronica Vana	53	2003	Jessi Fields	225	2014	Alexandria Perdan	604
2005	Caralynn Fejka	153	2003	Amanda Fordyce	5	2004	Danica Kane	567	2015	Nicole Vehar	138
2006	Shannon Fetcko	138	2004	Courtney Pabian	138	2005	Faith Sadar	665	2016	Jennifer Provenza	216
2007	Darcy Brand	6	2005	Katherine Matas	614	2006	Rebecca Ehalt	715			
2008	Kristy Zivkovich	158	2006	Ashley Paul	138	2007	Jacqueline Denning	41			
2009	Brittney Zemko	643	2007	Shannon Fetcko	138	2008	Kristy Zivkovich	158			
2010	Kara Maruszak	53	2008	Kristy Zivkovich	158	2009	Brittney Zemko	643			
2011	Selina Progar	138	2009	Danielle Brand	6	2010	Cynthia Bober	138			
2012	Danielle Brand	6	2010	Colleen Frank	158	2011	Kara Maruszak	53			
2013	Kristen Cushman	138	2011	Kara Maruszak	53	2011	Selina Progar	138			
2014	Ashley Russ	158	2012	Samantha Volpe	158	2012	Molly Kohler	153			
2015	Nicole Vehar	138	2012	Nicole Wright	6	2013	Emily Hogan	6			
2016	Julie Rockwell	138	2013	Amy Vogrig	138	2014	Ashley Russ	158			
			2014	Megan Sinan	782	2015	Audrey Whetzell	225			
			2015	Nicole Vehar	138	2016	Julie Rockwell	138			
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**Miss SNPJ 2016 JULIE ROCKWELL** is a member of Lodge 138 in Strabane, Pa. She is the daughter of Bob and Jan Rockwell (138), and the granddaughter of Tony and Josie Bole (138).

Julie is a recent graduate of The Pennsylvania State University where she earned a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology with a minor in biology. While at Penn State, her honors included being named to the Dean's List for five semesters, and membership in the Health and Human Development Honors Society and the National Health Pre-Professional Honors Society. She was actively involved in the Penn State Panhellenic/IFC Dance Marathon (THON), and was also a teaching assistant.

A member of Lodge 138 since birth. She has attended and helped at many Circle 19 holiday parties, and has assisted with the Lodge 138 Duck Race. She has participated in the Youth Telegraphic and Family Two-some bowling tournaments, and has submitted articles and artwork to both *The Voice of Youth* and *PROSVETA*.

Along with her grandparents, she has attended Federation meetings and volunteered at Federation picnics. She was a Youth Roundup camper for seven years, a TEL delegate for five years and has served as a delegate to the Young Adult Conference for three years. She has also served as a counselor for Youth Roundup and the TEL Workshop.

