



Slovenian Catholic Center



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MATERINSKI DAN / MOTHER'S DAY FESTIVITIES

V nedeljo 10. maja Slomškova Slovenska Šola prireja praznovanje Materinskega Dneva v Slovenskem Katoliškem Centru. Vsi ste vljudo vabljeni da se udeležite svete maše ob 11.00 uri v cerkvi. Šolski program se prične ob 12:45, z kosilom bomo začeli takoj po programu. Rezervacije se sprejemajo do sobote, 3. maja, 2014, v kulturnem centru.

The students are preparing for the annual Mother's Day Mass and Program which concludes our school year. We invite you to join us on **Sunday, May 10th** beginning with **11:00 am family mass at St. Mary's Catholic Mission. The program will begin at 12:45 pm and a buffet luncheon will follow at the Slovenian Catholic Center.** The cost for the luncheon is \$20.00 for adults, \$8.00 for students ages 7-14 and children age 6 and under are free. **Paid reservations are due at the Center by Sunday, May 3rd.** For further information, please call 630-243-0670 or visit our website at www.slovenian-center.org. Reservation form enclosed.

CONSULAR HOURS with **Consul General, Jure Žmauc**, will be held on Saturday, May 9th. The exact times will be announced in the coming weeks. Jure will also be celebrating Mother's Day with us at the Center and it will be his last time visiting us in his official role as Consul General. Anyone that needs to schedule an appointment for May 9th should contact Jure at Jurcek.zmauc@gov.si or at his office at 216-589-9220. Our sincere thanks to Jure for his hard work and friendship over the years!

The Annual **MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DINNER** will be held on Sunday, April 26th following 11:00 a.m. mass. Membership Dues are: Individual \$50; Seniors (65+) \$35 and Family \$100. All members of the Center are free of charge for this dinner. Ticket prices for non-member guests are: \$15 for adults and students (ages 7-14) are \$8. For more information, or to make your reservation, please contact the Center at 630.243.0670 or visit our website at www.slovenian-center.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

The **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Center will be held immediately following the membership luncheon. Members of the Board of Directors and their committees will be providing reports summarizing the past year. During the meeting we will also be electing the Board for the upcoming year. Everyone is invited & encouraged to join us for the meeting. Anyone that is interested in joining the Board should email us at secretary@slovenian-center.org.



SLOVENSKO VERSKO SREDIŠČE SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC MISSION

*Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held during the Mass on Sunday, April 12th, named also Devine Mercy Sunday.

*In May we maintain the beautiful Slovenian custom of a devotion to Mary, "Šmarnice". Šmarnice will take place every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. except on Mother's Day when there will be no šmarnice.

*Corpus Christi procession will be held on Sunday, June 7th starting with the solemn Mass at 11:00 am at the Lourdes Grotto (weather permitting). After the Mass there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament around 'Lake Bled'. Children are especially invited to participate by bringing flower petals to the procession and laying them before the altars during prayers. All the Slovenian organizations are invited to participate with their banners.

*Acceptance of the children who received the First Holy Communion this year will take place on June 14th at 11 a.m. Mass.

Baraga Days this year will be in Cleveland, Ohio over Labor Day weekend. We are leaving Lemont on Saturday, September 5th and returning on Monday, September 7th. On Saturday we will tour the Slovenian National Home which houses the Slovenian museum and the Slovenian Genealogical Society. We will also stop to see the Slovenian area of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens which has a statue of Baraga. Mass, in English, will be at St. Vitus at 6:30 p.m. with Bishop Lennon of Cleveland officiating. Sunday the mass will be at 2 p.m. with Retired Archbishop Uran officiating. We are using the same bus service we had last year which has all new buses. On Monday we are stopping at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, Ohio for mass and lunch. This has been a popular pilgrimage site for Slovenians from Cleveland, Windsor and London for over 50 years.

The prices are: \$300 for a single person, \$230/person for 2 people per room, \$210/person for 3 people per room, \$200/person for 4 people per room. This could vary a little bit as we finalize the taxes.

Please call John P. Vidmar (708.485.8412) or Anna Hozjan (630.253.4347) to make reservations.

* Konec meseca januarja, so v osnovni soli River
* Valley in Oakwood v Lemont, Il priredili Kulturni
* sejma, ki se ga je udeležila tudi nasa družina!
* Kot edini predstavniki Slovenije, smo se pred-
* stavili s tradicionalno narodno noso, zastavo in
* ostalimi znamenitostmi nase prelepe države!
* Sejma se je udeležilo veliko držav in veseli
* smo, da smo lahko Slovenijo predstavili in
* pokazali tudi ljudem, ki je se ne poznajo!
* Branka Genorio





PLAYGROUND PROJECT UPDATE

THANK YOU to everyone that has participated in any of our playground fundraisers or has donated to our playground fund. We have raised enough money to purchase the new playground equipment for our children and installation of the new playground will begin later this Spring. We are hoping to have the new playground installed before the Father's Day picnic! The next phase of our fundraising efforts will cover the installation material and costs. We are hoping to utilize the talents of our community to help minimize the installation expenses and will be looking for volunteers to help with the preparation of the site and installation of the equipment. Anyone that is willing to help is asked to contact the Center.

Thank you, again, to Maria Sovan and her firm, Upland Designs, for designing our new playground. Maria and her firm have donated many hours to prepare all the required plans and documents for the new playground. Hvala Maria!

We would also like to thank everyone that participated in our first ever CASINO NIGHT. Funds from the event were donated to the playground project as well. It was a great evening and everyone had a lot of fun!

Please join us for our next fundraiser, the School's Silent Auction on Mother's Day!

Please consider making a donation to the playground fund online at www.slovenian-center.org or at the Center.

Koline Wrap-up

Koline v februarju so bile zelo uspešne, to pa zaradi izkusenih kuharjev, ter veliko ljudi, kateri priskočijo na pomoč pri pripravi in izdelavi klobas. Delo se že prične v petek, nadaljuje v soboto in konča v nedeljo z okusnim kosilom. Pravi "Domači praznik" s svežimi krofi za sladico in poskočno polko za zabavo in ples po kosilu. Učenci Slomškove Slovenske Šole so s plesom pokazali svoje znanje in uspeh sobotne šole, ter obogatili dan z lepim programom. Ocenjevanje in pokušanje domačih vin je izvrsten dodatek za zabavno popoldne in polno pričakovanja, kdo dobi prvo mesto za najboljšo vino.

Za tako bogat in pester dan pa je seveda potrebno veliko prostovoljnega dela. Najlepša hvala prav vsem, ki ste priskočili na pomoč pri pripravi in pospravljanju, ter vsem obiskovalcem letošnjih "Kolin" udeležba letos je bila 300 gostov. Odgovornost za opravljena dela so prevzeli Karl Zorjan glavni kuhar pri kosilu v nedeljo in izdelovanju klobas. Narejenih je bilo 848 krvavic in 579 belih klobas, Liliana Čepin za cvrtje krofov, naredili so jih približno 600, Fanika Fritz je pripravila kosilo za vse ljudi v soboto, ta dan je pri delu pomagalo več kot 50 ljudi, pomivanje posode z jedilnice Donna in Alojz Nekič, skupina mladih strežnikov, kateri so zelo urno postregli vse mize, Kristina in Marko Čepin sta prejemale rezervacije in uredila sedežni red, Nada Petrovič učiteljica plesa, ansambel Veseljaki pod vodstvom Maksa Petrovič, Dana Blase je organizirala in izvedla ocenjevanje in pokušnjo domačih vin. Tudi pivnica je obratovala s polno paro. Hvala vsem za pomoč in darovani čas.

Slavica Sovan



The **HOMEMADE SLOVENIAN WINE COMPETITION** was held the afternoon of our KOLINE dinner on Sunday, February 8, 2015; featuring homemade sausages, homemade wine, and music by Ansambel Veseljaki! We had a great turnout and good competition. **Our contestants this year:** *Frank Čepon, Ludvik Gombač, Arthur Hrvatin, Anton Sever, Herman Simrayh, Bob Vucinic, and Valentine Zupančič.*

The winners for 2014 are as follows:

A selection of 16 wines were judged comprised of the following varieties:

Riesling, Red Zinfandel, Golden Muscat, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Pinot Grigio, Sangiovese, Merlot/Barbarey, Sirah/Zinfandel, and Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon. The judges tasted each of the wines beginning with the whites, followed by the reds, based on the following criteria: scent, clarity, and taste. Ranking each wine from 1 to 5 (5 being the best).

Special thanks to our judging panel:

Elizabeth Dierking, Stan Kastelic, Dena Manna, Dawn Vidmar and Karl Zorjan. Once the judging was complete, the score cards were tallied and the winners determined.



BEST WHITE

Herman Simrayh—(*Pinot Grigio*)

BEST RED

Arthur Hrvatin - (*Sangiovese*)



The wine makers also submitted a second bottle of their wines and a tasting table was set up for all of our guests. Many people had fun tasting the wines and trying to guess whose wine they were sampling. **Special thanks** is also deserved by those that helped with this event: *Cyndy Barkowski, Reza Rozman Bernadette Petrovič and Suzy Simrayh.*



SCC ANNUAL PICNIC & RAFFLE

The Slovenian Catholic Center will be hosting its

PICNIC on Sunday, August 9th, 2015

Lemont!

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at St. Mary's in

Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. at the grotto, weather permitting.

After mass, we will be serving a delicious BBQ lunch with your choice of pork, lamb or chicken! We will also be serving čevapčiči and klobase.

All bakery donations will be greatly appreciated.

\$10,000 Grand Prize Raffle will be held at 5:00 p.m.

There will be numerous activities after lunch such as: children's games, raffles, volleyball, bags and music for your dancing pleasure by ANSAMBEL VESELJAKI!

Slovenski Kulturni Center vas vse lepo vabi na letni piknik in romanje, ki bo

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gusta. Pričeli bomo z mašo ob 11:00 uri dopoldne pri votlini.

Po maši bomo na hribu servirali odlično kosilo. Prašički, jagnje in piščanci na ražnju z okusno pripravljenimi solatami. Pozneje popoldne vas bomo postregli s čevapčiči na žaru in s prikuhami.

Naprošamo vas da prinesete pecivo, da se bomo z njim posladkali ob kavi!

Nato se lahko sprostite in uživate v prijetni družbi svojih prijateljev in znancev, ob dobri pijači in zabavi, ki bo za vse ljudi vseh starosti. Igre za otroke in odrasle!

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

On November 7th & 8th, 2015 we will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Slovenian Cultural Catholic Center!!! Plans are underway to honor this major milestone in our Slovenian journey to preserve and promote our heritage. Please join us as we celebrate in true Slovenian fashion!

As part of our celebration, we will be compiling a pictorial directory of our members. More information on the details of the directory will be forthcoming.



ANNUAL RAFFLE

The SCC Annual RAFFLE will be held at our annual picnic on Sunday, August 9th. **The raffle is our main source of income and we encourage everyone to purchase a ticket** from your seller or by contacting the Slovenian Catholic Center 630.243.0670.

Grand \$10,000 Prize

Plus 27 additional prizes in values of—\$1000 - \$500 - \$100

Raffle ticket donation = \$50

Entry Form for Raffle ~ August 9th, 2015

\$10,000 Grand Prize plus 27 additional prizes

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Ticket donation = \$50.00

Remit to: Slovenian Catholic Center, PO Box 634, Lemont, IL 60439



Slomšek Slovenian School started its school year by visiting St. Mary's Church on top of the hill on January 17th, 2015. We were welcomed by pater Metod Ogorevc who showed us and talked about the meaning of the nativity scene (jaslice) at the church. On January 31, we had a ton of fun with the traditional Winter Games organized by Olga Voss. The less than ideal snow levels did not discourage the outdoor game "med dvema ognjema" (the Slovenian version of the dodgeball) and the indoor demonstration of Tae Kwon Do by expert, Marinko Luburic. Everyone enjoyed the great treats and home-cooked meals.

On February 8, the Slovenian Catholic Center excitedly welcomed our dancers (the pig, butchers, and sausages) at the renowned Koline celebration (under the instruction of Nada Petrovic). On March 14, a very special guest, Michelle (Haklin) Ryan, showed the children how to paint Slovenian motifs on real canvases. Michelle is a professional artist who recently painted a new portrait of our patron Anton Martin Slomšek (on display at St. Mary's church). Many children displayed their talents and love for art. Michelle will come back in April to show the children step-by-step how they can create their own portrait of Anton Martin Slomšek.

On March 21, the children discovered how challenging, yet rewarding, it is to make your own Slovenian butarica (thanks to the instructions by Nandi Puc and Branka Genorio). The last project before the Easter holidays is the traditional Easter egg coloring in the kitchen where each year Mojca Anaya and her team of dedicated helpers color over 500 eggs for the Palm Sunday luncheon.

The school is preparing for its big event on May 10, the Mother's Day Luncheon. This year, it will be a very special one because the school will also organize a big fundraising event to benefit the renovation of the new playground at the picnic grounds. The silent auction will start at noon at the Center and will include tons of exciting items from a condo rental in Bled (Slovenia) and a weekend in a Michigan vacation home to White Sox tickets, TV, a painting party, a massage party, jewelry-making class, magic show, hand-made chairs, Slovenian paintings, cooking classes (choice of potica, famous potato dumplings or strudelj), designer fruit platters, baskets of goods and numerous things for children (commercial-grade bouncy rental, soccer coaching, math tutoring, birthday cake/cupcakes). Stay tuned for more details on this first silent auction at the SCC – it will include lots of great deals all for a good cause!

If you are interested in seeing what else we are doing at the Slomšek Slovenian School, please take a moment to look at our website www.slovenianschool.info (regularly updated by Marko Cepon) and our billboard at the hall of the Slovenian Catholic Center (regularly updated by Christine and Paul Martincic and Olga Voss). Hvala lepa vsem!!!





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Slovenian Catholic Center & Slomšek Slovenian School
Mother's Day Lunch & Program Sunday, May 10, 2014
Please remit form with payment to: Slovenian Catholic Center – PO Box 634 – Lemont, IL 60439

Reservations Received & Postmarked By Sunday, May 3, 2015			
MEMBERS	Cost	Total	Names
_____ # of Adults	\$20		
_____ # of Students (Ages 7-14)	\$8		
_____ # of Children (Ages 0-6)	Free		
TOTAL COST			

Reservations Received & Postmarked After Sunday, May 3, 2015			
MEMBERS	Cost	Total	Names
_____ # of Adults	\$25		
_____ # of Students (Ages 7-14)	\$8		
_____ # of Children (Ages 0-6)	Free		
TOTAL COST			

I am paying by (select one):

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Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

3-Digit Verification Code (on the back of your card): _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

Please indicate with whom you would like to be seated other than those listed above. **We will do our best to accommodate your request provided all individuals have a paid reservation by Sunday, May 3, 2014.** We are unable to guarantee seating preferences for reservations made after Sunday, May 3rd.



Upcoming Events

April 12	Monthly Dinner
April 26	Membership Appreciation Dinner & Annual Meeting
May 9	Last day of Slovenska Sola & Consular hours
May 10	Mother's Day / Materinski Dan
May 24	Domobranska Proslava
June 8	Monthly Dinner for Ave Marija
June 14	Father's Day Picnic
June 27/28	SSK Baseball Tournament
July 19	SWU Annual Picnic
July 26	St. Ann's Lodge #170 Picnic
August 9	SCC Annual Picnic & Raffle
August 23	Honey Picnic
September 12	Slovenian School, Alter Servers & Volunteers' Picnic
September 13	Monthly Dinners Resume—St. Anne's KSKJ Matching Funds Luncheon