

## Madeleine Albright at the West Park Slovenian Home

By Phil Hrvatin



Madeleine Albright traveled across Northern Ohio campaigning for Senator Barack Obama on Friday October 24, 2008. One her stops included a meet and greet event at the West Park Slovenian Home.

Ohio State Representative Kenny Yuko District 7 coordinated with the Obama camp to make this event possible in our Slovenian Community.

One attendee to the function was West Park Slovenian Home's own Rudy Pivic. Little did Rudy know that he would have the opportunity to waltz with the first woman to become United States Secretary of State and at the time the highest-ranking woman in the history of the United States government, the author of several books, a professor at Georgetown University and the second woman to become a United States Ambassador to the United Nations. Rudy commented that he wasn't aware of all of her accomplishments, but said she is a very good dancer.



*Madeleine Albright & Rudy Pivic at the West Park Slovenian Home*

After her presentation Madame Albright took time from her busy schedule to answer questions, pose for photos and sign autographs for those in attendance.

The West Park Slovenian Hall is located at 4583 West 130th Street Cleveland, Ohio 44135. Music was provided by Wayne Tomsic and Joe Reboudo.



*Autograph session*



*Phil Hrvatin, Madeleine Albright, Kenny Yuko*



Phil,  
 here are some photos from Saturdays' Martinovanje and 50th anniversary of Stajerski and Prekmurski klub in SNH Cleveland. There were about 450 people, the Klobuk Show Band was playing and also took care of 'official'



blessing of 'most' (mosht, young wine, grape juice) which became wine (Martinovanje = St. Martin's celebration on November 11). The bird in the photo is



the 'Storklja' (shtorklja), mostly settled in the Prekmurje region.

Zvone

Also, our Cleveland based Kres dance group performed at the event.



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## Izjava Nadškofije Ljubljana ob sklenitvi sporazuma o Blejskem otoku

Nadškofija Ljubljana se s sporazumom, sklenjenim 14. oktobra 2008 med *Župnijo Bled* in *Ministrstvom za kulturo*, odpoveduje zahtevku za vrnitev Blejskega otoka, eventualnim pripadajočim odškodninskim zahtevkom in v zadevi umika pritožbo pred Evropskim sodiščem. Povekove pravice v Strasbourgu. V posest Župnije Bled bodo vrnjene preostale stavbe na otoku, ki omogočajo nadaljevanje večstoletne tradicije duhovnega in kulturnega *življenja* na tem prostoru. Ob tem bo župnija upraviteljem povrnila vlaganja, ki so po *veščini* vrednost predmetnih stavb in objektov.

Katoliška Cerkev je na otoku navzoča že 942 let. Briksenški škofje so blejsko posest z otokom prejeli v dar od cesarja Henrika II. leta 1004. Otok je leta 1688, po dolgotrajnih prizadevanjih ljubljanskih škofov, prešel v last in posest Škofije Ljubljana in s tem tudi upravno postal sestavni del slovenskega narodnostnega prostora. Vse stavbe in objekti na otoku *upokojeno* cerkvijo, so dobile današnjo svetovno znano podobo *nasu*, ko je bil otok že pod upravo ljubljanske škofije. Velika vloga vlaganj v objekte je bila izvedenih iz *roka* vernikov in iz drugih prihodkov župnije oziroma škofije. V *nasu* upraviteljstva blejskih župnikov in drugih duhovnikov ljubljanske nadškofije je Blejski otok postal povezovalni narodnostni simbol slovenstva, romarsko in kulturno *preostalo* za vse obiskovalce. Otok je ostal v lasti Župnije Bled do leta 1946, ko ga *federativna ljudska republika Jugoslavija* nacionalizirala. S posebnim sporazumom je v *novejšem* *nasu* Župnija Bled upravljala z otokom od leta 1992 dalje. V aktualnem sporazumu *stare* deležni strani dogovorili, da se Župniji Bled za dobo 45 let *izpustijo* zakup nepremičnine na otoku, ki so v lasti Republike Slovenije, kar bo omogočilo nadaljevanje celostnega upravljanja otoka.

Nadškofija Ljubljana bo kot dober gospodar stavb in objektov in upravitelj *nepremičnosti* spoštovala in varovala varstveni *režim* kulturnega spomenika, ki velja za območje celotnega otoka. Ob tem bo skladno z *določbami* sporazuma zagotavljala, da bo na otoku potekala splošno koristna kulturno – umetniška dejavnost in da bo Blejski otok ostal javno dostopen za vse *domače* in tuje obiskovalke in obiskovalce.



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