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Deputy Secretary of State Visits Slovenia

Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg met with Prime Minister Pahor, Foreign Minister Zbogar, and Parliamentary opposition leader Janez Jansa on a recent trip to Slovenia. They discussed a broad range of issues of interest to both countries, ranging from transatlantic security to economic and trade issues. The Deputy Secretary praised Slovenia's leadership on Euro-Atlantic integration of the Western Balkans, and expressed appreciation for Slovenia's civilian and military contributions in Afghanistan.



Cajun Good Times Coming to Slovenia

Louisiana Cajun/zydeco band The Pine Leaf Boys is coming to Slovenia next week, as part of the U.S. Embassy's fourth annual America Days festival. They will be playing Cankarjev dom on April 14, and Klub Satchmo in Maribor April 15, and will also hold a class on Cajun cooking immediately before their Cankarjev dom show. For more information, go to www.cd-cc.si for Cankarjev dom and www.nd-mb.si for Narodni dom (Klub Satchmo). We hope to see you there!

A promotional graphic for a performance by The Pine Leaf Boys. On the left is a photograph of the band performing on stage at the 'Blue Moon Salo' (Kluba Luna) restaurant. On the right is a dark blue text box with white and yellow text. The text includes the venue 'cankarjev dom', the date '14. aprila 2010 ob 20. uri', the band name 'Pine Leaf Boys', and the description 'Glasba cajun iz Louisiane & Delavnica in pokušina louisianske kuhinje'. A small URL 'www.cd-cc.si' is visible in the bottom left of the photo.

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**SLOVENIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION
SLOVENSKO AMERIŠKI KULTURNI SVET**

2010 LECTURE SERIES

LIFE IN SLOVENIA

Kay S. Raplenovich

7:00 PM – Tuesday, April 20, 2010

**Slovenian Society Home (Lower Hall),
20713 Recher Avenue, Euclid, Ohio**

The Slovenian-American Heritage Foundation invites all to attend the first talk in our 2010 Lecture Series. The Foundation is extremely pleased that Kay S. Raplenovich, an American teacher from West Salem, Ohio, will share her experiences living in Slovenia and discuss her work with students in Nova Gorica.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will take place on Tuesday April 20th at 7:00 PM in the Lower Hall of the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Avenue in Euclid. A coffee and strudel social will follow the lecture.

Kay S. Raplenovich is a Touring Artist and an Artist in Education with the Ohio Arts Council and has been trained as an Ohio teaching artist by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. She has guided thousands of student in creating and producing their own operas, plays, and vignettes as well as teaching classroom teachers how to integrate the ARTS in their curriculum.

Ms. Raplenovich currently splits her time between teaching private voice lessons and directing choirs in Nova Gorica, Slovenia and teaching and guiding residencies in Ohio. She has been a teacher of classical singing at Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland University and in the private studio at Thistlefink Gardens. Her students have progressed to major universities to study classical voice and many are currently having professional careers.

Ms. Raplenovich has soloed with The Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Opera on Tour, Opera Charleston, Whitewater Opera (Indiana), Lirico Sperimentale, (Spoleto, Italy) and other regional U.S. symphony orchestras and opera companies. She has performed solo recitals in the Midwest, the Eastern U.S., Russia and Slovenia. For Slovene audiences she has created classical sacred recitals with flutist Armando Mariutti as well as American Cabaret (a recital of American art songs, arias, Broadway tunes and spirituals) and A Slave's Voice (an multi-media introduction to the life and music of the American slave performed with the writings of slave Charles Ball, photography and the music of spirituals).

American Mutual Life Association AMLA to Volunteer at Slovene Home for the Aged

Neighborhood Volunteer Day Promotes Partnerships Between Youth and Adults

Tenth Annual JOIN HANDS DAY - May 1, 2010

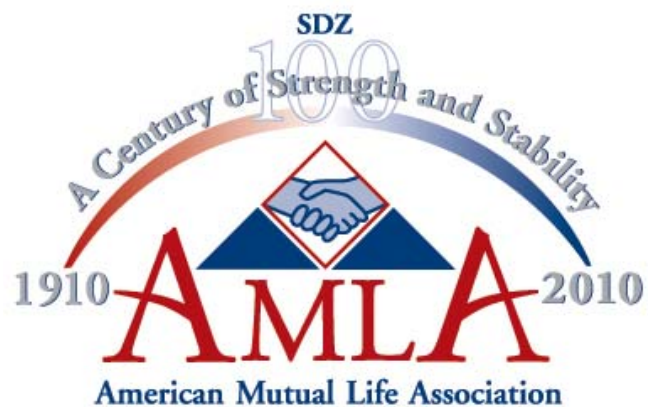
Cleveland, Ohio – Connecting youth and adults in neighborhood volunteering is the unique focus of JOIN HANDS DAY, a national day of service sponsored by the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA), a trade association of America's fraternal benefit societies. This year's Join Hands Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st. The **American Mutual Life Association (AMLA)** www.americanmutual.org a member of the NFCA, will partner with the **Slovene Home for the Aged** www.slovenehome.org on this year's Join Hands Day project.

Juvenile and adult members of AMLA will join together to plant flowers, spread mulch and otherwise spruce up the courtyard of the Slovene Home for the Aged, a 150 bed skilled nursing facility located at 18621 Neff Rd in Cleveland. **AMLA** will also commemorate its 100th Anniversary by underwriting the acquisition of two trees that will be planted in the courtyard that day. Volunteers will also paint one of the hallways in the facility.

About the American Mutual Life Association

The American Mutual Life Association is a fraternal benefit society celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. It was organized on November 13, 1910 by a group of Slovenian immigrants in Cleveland, Ohio, then as now the home of the largest concentration of Slovenians anywhere outside of Slovenia. Originally known as the Slovenska Dobrodelna Zveza, AMLA provides mutual aid, protection and security for its members and their families through affordable insurance and stable financial

products. Membership is open to persons of Slovenian extraction, their spouses, or any other persons, regardless of national origin who support its Mission to perpetuate the common bond of Slovenian language, heritage and culture. Membership is conferred upon the purchase of a life insurance certificate. AMLA is the only Slovenian fraternal benefit society headquartered in the City of Cleveland and State of Ohio.



About Join Hands Day

JOIN HANDS DAY encourages people to form partnerships across generations to build greater mutual understanding, respect and trust. JOIN HANDS DAY is an opportunity for youth and adults to work side-by-side as they tackle projects and make life better in Cleveland and other communities. JOIN HANDS DAY is a way to break down barriers between generations, while promoting volunteerism and making a difference in the community.

<http://joinhandsday.org/>

KSKJ Life - American Slovenian Catholic Union Cleveland lodges participate in JOIN HANDS DAY

Saturday, May 8, 2010 – St. Joseph Lodge #169 will participate in the 22nd annual **Walk for Hunger** sponsored by the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland www.hungernetwork.org. Over 2,000 walkers in teams of 10 or more participate to help raise money to directly support hungry men, women and children in greater Cleveland. Festivities will begin at 9:30 a.m. Contact lodge president Phil Hrvatin at 216-574-7371 / phil.hrvatin@wellsfargoadvisors.com

Saturday, May 1 – Christ the King Lodge #226 will do spring cleaning of the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue in Cleveland. Contact Joe Rigler at 440-256-3137 or joseph.rigler@uhhospitals.org or Erika Kurbos at 216-470-0748 or Erika.kurbos@gmail.com

Saturday, May 8 – St. Lawrence Lodge #63 - will volunteer their time and services at Malachi Hospice House www.malachihouse.org. Malachi House, created out of a Christian sense of ministry, serves persons who are terminally ill, without cost or regard to gender, race, religion or national origin. Contact: Jean Marincic at 440-526-8658 or jmarincic@att.net.

About JOIN HANDS DAY

Sponsored by the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA), a trade association for fraternal benefit societies. Volunteers work together for JOIN HANDS DAY to make a difference in their communities through helpful projects that connect youth and adults. <http://joinhandsday.org/>



About KSKJ Life, American Slovenian Catholic Union

Formed by Slovenian immigrants and originally named Kranjsko Slovenska Katoliska Jednota, generations of members have trusted KSKJ Life, American Slovenian Catholic Union since 1894.

KSKJ Life offers Life Insurance, Tax-Deferred Annuities and Medicare Supplement products along with member benefits. Our fraternal story is more about our spirit, which shines through with our members, who give of their time in volunteering for charitable causes in the communities where we have lodges. Our Home Office is located in Joliet, Illinois, and 10 Lodges are very active in the Cleveland area.

Membership is open to all baptized Christians by simply purchasing one of our excellent financial products.

Whether hosting charitable fundraisers or helping a local church, school or organization, our members give of their time to reach out to those in need in communities across the nation. We invite you to share our spirit. www.kskjlife.org

Fantje na vasi
Slovenian men's chorus
Cleveland, Ohio

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Fantje na vasi (Boys from the village) Slovenian men's a cappella singing group was formed in the spring of 1977 out of a love for the tradition of Slovenian men's choral singing. The purpose of the group is to perpetuate Slovenian heritage through song, specifically Slovenian men's a cappella music. The group also sings in Latin and English.

In addition to its annual concert in the Cleveland area, the Fantje have been fortunate to travel to Slovenian communities in Chicago, Fairfield, Hamilton, Indianapolis, Johnstown, Milwaukee, New York, Toronto and Washington, D.C. In 1992, the group was one of the first to perform in a newly independent Slovenia, as well as in Italy and Austria. The Fantje have represented Slovenians at multi-cultural events such as at New York's Lincoln Center (Slavic Heritage Foundation's annual program) and multiple times in Cleveland at the International Folk Festival.



To date, the group has three recordings. The first two were compilations of Slovenian folk songs. The latest, Laudate Dominum (Praise the Lord) is a CD of sacred and classical selections in Slovenian, English and Latin . Several selections are accompanied by a string quartet or piano.

John Srsen has directed the group since its inception. He also directs the Slovenian mixed chorus, Korotan, two choirs at St. Vitus Church and assists as an instructor of music at the St. Vitus Slovenian Language School. All but one of the members is a first generation American Slovenians who are active at either St. Mary's or St. Vitus Slovenian parishes in Cleveland.

www.fantjenavasiusa.com

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What do Anton Janša and Marie Antoinette have in common?

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THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS

is the University of Ljubljana's largest member with almost 8,000 full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate students. Founded in 1946, the Faculty is an important pillar of the Slovenian research and business community. As one of the first faculties in Slovenia, the Faculty established new internationally comparable Bologna programmes in 2005. In 2006 the Faculty was awarded with EQUIS accreditation which is the leading international system for the quality assessment, improvement and accreditation of higher education institutions in management and business administration.

THE CITY OF LJUBLJANA

the capital of Slovenia, is a relatively large central European city situated between the Alps and the Adriatic Sea with approximately 300,000 inhabitants. It is the political and cultural heart of the Slovenian nation and most charming in summer. It is a city of culture and a rich historical legacy which offers all the friendliness of a small town and at the same time everything that a capital city should offer.

SLOVENIA

the Republic of Slovenia – lies at the heart of Europe where the Alps face the Pannonian plains and the Mediterranean meets the mysterious Karst. On 25 June 1991 Slovenia declared its independence and began its successful story of transition from socialism to a market economy. It boasts stable GDP growth and is viewed as a safe country, being ranked among those countries with the lowest degree of risk. Slovenia joined the European Union on 1 May 2004 and introduced the euro on 1 January 2007. Slovenia was holding the EU Council Presidency from January to June 2008 involving managing and representing the Community of 27 Member States and about 500 million citizens.



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is a three-week programme. It is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. During the three exciting and challenging weeks, you will attend courses, interact with managers during company visits, discover local culture and socialise with people from around the world.

LEARN

You will be able to choose among many courses which are academically challenging and intellectually stimulating. Discussion between professors and students through various interactive teaching methods are strongly encouraged. Lecturers, from Slovenia and abroad, are experts in their chosen fields and are actively involved in academic research; many act as advisers and consultants to companies and the government.

GROW BY EXCHANGING VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES

Meet colleagues from different parts of the world and gain insights into new cultures and thinking processes that are a source of creativity and development. You will work in teams and improve your communication skills. You will visit successful Slovenian companies from various industries or services in different Slovenian regions. Company visits are an integral part of the courses and ECTS credits.

EARN ECTS CREDITS

In line with your home university policy, you can earn ECTS credits if you fulfil all course requirements. Together with ECTS credits you receive a Certificate of Attendance.

You may choose one or two courses. The courses will be lectured in the morning or in the afternoon. Number of students per course is limited. Please note:

- a course will not be offered if fewer than 10 students apply.
- total number of credits is maximum 12 ECTS.

The list and description of courses is available on the web site: <http://www.ef.uni-lj.si/summerschool/>

**SOCIAL EVENTS**

An international evening, Ljubljana sightseeing, social events, a closing ceremony and much much more... Students experience Slovenian culture through cultural and social activities included in the programme. There will be enough time also to individually or organised visit the most beautiful places in Slovenia: from the Alps to the Adriatic sea, to explore a world-famous cave of breathtaking beauty, to inspect mysterious medieval castles whose history is both exciting and romantic.

SLOVENIAN LANGUAGE COURSE

Slovenian or Slovene is spoken by approximately 2 million speakers worldwide, mostly living in Slovenia. It is one of the few languages to have preserved the dual grammatical number. It is also one of the official languages of the European Union. The course will consist of two 45-minute lessons three times a week for a total of 18 lessons a week. You will be taught by experienced teachers.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Deadline for applications	9 April	Official Programme	5–23 July
Applicants will be notified by	23 May	Official close	23 July (evening)
Arrivals	4 July	Departures	24 July
Official opening	5 July (morning)		

**VENUE AND FACILITIES**

All courses are held at the Faculty of Economics in large, modern, well-equipped and air-conditioned rooms. Access to computer facilities and the wireless free Internet is provided to all participants. You are welcome to bring your laptops.

VISAS

Participants must obtain a valid visa (if necessary). For further information about travel requirements to Slovenia please consult the Slovenian embassy in your home town. The Ljubljana Summer School will help you acquire your visa but does not cover any visa costs or the costs involved with an unsuccessful application.

INSURANCE

Please make sure you bring your own insurance policy papers with you.

ACCOMMODATION

Students will stay in a newly renovated student dormitory in double rooms with shared bathroom and kitchen. Distance between the student dormitory and the Faculty of Economics is easily reached by city bus.

FEE

Ljubljana Summer School fee for undergraduate and graduate courses for one course or two courses is 850 EUR. The fee includes tuition and study materials, use of FELU library and computer rooms, company visits, organised social activities, trips around Slovenia, city bus ticket, breakfast and lunch on week-days and accommodation in double rooms. Slovenian course fee is 150 EUR.

Not included in the fee: transport to and from Ljubljana, health insurance, visa costs, additional meals, individual sightseeing trips and personal expenses.

SCHOLARSHIP

Selected students from the list of institutions in CEEPUS countries (Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, the Slovak Republic) may apply for a CEEPUS scholarship. If accepted fee will be lowered for €200.

APPLICATION

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THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 9 APRIL 2010.

