



Sterle's Slovenian Country House



In case you missed it, Guy Fieri from the Food Network visited Margot and crew at Sterle's Slovenian Country House 1401 East 55th Street Cleveland, OH 44103 Tel: (216) 881-4181 www.sterlescountrypizzeria.com The Food Network is scheduled to re-air the episode on Jan 22, 2010 9:00 PM, Jan 23, 2010 12:00 AM and Jan 24, 2010 3:00 PM Pizza, Pork & Paprikash, Episode DV0802

Margot took Guy and his camera crew behind the scenes into the kitchen to share their recipes on several Sterle's favorites including chicken paprikash and wienerschnitzel.

Watch the video: <http://www.foodnetwork.com/videos/diners-drive-ins-and-dives/48110.html>

About the Show

Diners, Drive-ins and Dives are popular again thanks to faithful baby boomers, a slew of younger fans and a whole new generation of owners. Join Guy Fieri as he visits classic "greasy spoon" spots, from a roadside shack in Tarpley, Texas to a Las Vegas sports bar with stellar stromboli.

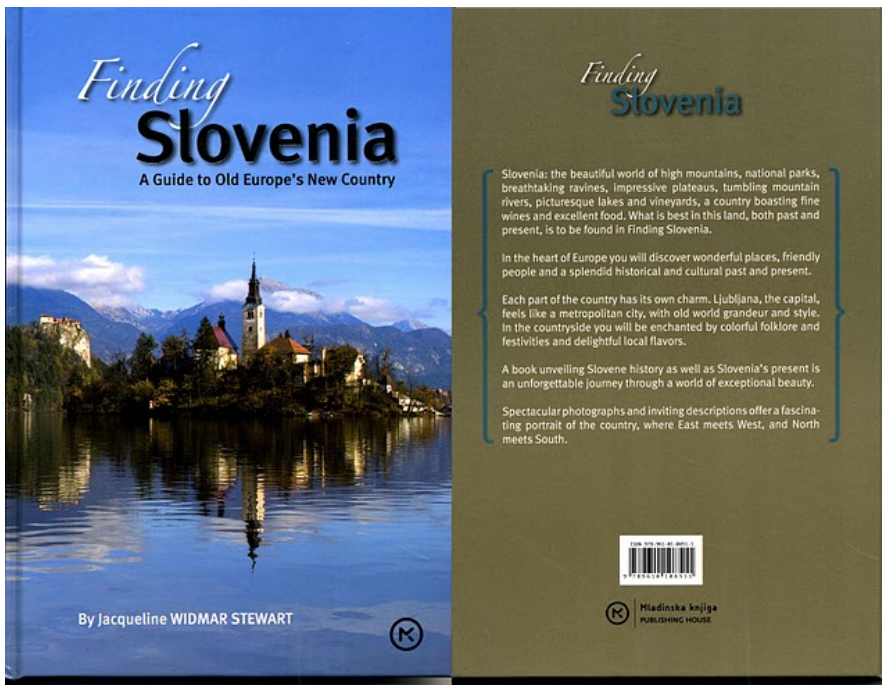
About Sterles

Stop in for a bite this weekend. Music on Saturday January 16, 2010 will be provided by the Joey Tomsick Orchestra www.joeytomsick.com



London Book Festival Award-Winner

The 2009 London Book Festival has selected Jacqueline Widmar Stewart's new book *Finding Slovenia: A Guide to Old Europe's New Country* as runner-up in its annual competition honoring the best of international publishing. Awards are based on general excellence, the author's passion for telling a good story and the potential of the work to gain a wider audience in the worldwide market. The awards ceremony will be held in London on January 21, 2010.



Finding Slovenia also was selected as Finalist in the National Best Books 2009 Awards Travel Category by USA Book News.

Fleeing imperial Austria before the scourge of two world wars, the author's grandparents never could have imagined their small homeland as a free country. In her book Stanford-educated attorney Jacqueline Widmar Stewart portrays the natural and cultural history of this green gem, long hidden away in Central Europe. Within the space of two

generations the stunningly beautiful little land has lifted itself from a feudalistic past to lead the European Union as an independent nation.

Finding Slovenia: A Guide to Old Europe's New Country by Jacqueline Widmar Stewart, was published on September 22, 2009, by Mladinska knjiga of Ljubljana, Slovenia. Ms. Stewart first book, entitled *The Glaciers' Treasure Trove: A Field Guide to the Lake Michigan Riviera*, explores the history and culture of five parks at the Lake's southern tip, including the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

For more information please see www.lexicuspress.com and <http://londonbookfestival.com>

US Government earmarks \$2.8 million for a data centre cooling energy usage project

January 8, 2010

The Edison Materials Technology Centre (EMTEC) is celebrating after being awarded the project by the US Department of Energy (DOE). EMTEC will conduct the project in collaboration with Clustered Systems, Menlo Park, CA, Emerson/Cooligy, Mountain View, CA, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, Menlo Park, CA, among others.

As the world becomes increasingly IT dependent, the amount of energy consumed by data centres rises too. A report authored by researchers at the US Government's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in 2007, for example, found that energy usage in data centres doubled between 2000 and 2006, and is poised to double again by 2011. Indeed, electricity consumed in data centre and telecom systems is already estimated to account for a staggering 3% percent of total electricity consumption in the US.

The government has plenty of reasons to care about this, but one of the most obvious is financial. If growth continues at current levels, the federal government alone will be shelling out \$740 million for data centre electricity bills in 2011. Historically, upwards of 45% of the total energy consumed by data centres has been used to provide cooling.

The objective of this latest project is therefore to develop a very dense liquid-cooled computer platform, which Dr, Michael Martin, VP Alternative Energy Technology for EMTEC, highlights "has the potential for up to a 36% reduction in data centre cooling energy usage" allowing for significant data system energy efficiency improvements.

Over the last few years, there have been significant efforts to cut the energy used for IT cooling by making small improvements to the cooling equipment and the control of air movement. However, *Frank Svet*, EMTEC President/CEO, comments that "EMTEC expects to utilise staff experience in design of high-powered electronic products to achieve a breakthrough in data centre and telecom power supply cooling" in this DOE-funded project.

In concert with the US DOE's EERE Recovery Act programme for "Energy Efficient Information and Communication Technology", this project will develop a fundamentally new architecture based upon liquid cooling and encompassing both infrastructure and equipment. EMTEC explain that "it will be low cost, have a small carbon footprint and design that comprehends board layout for heat transfer from the servers' internal components to ultimate dissipation of the heat to the ambient environment". Existing components, technologies and work practices will be used wherever possible.

Frank Svet is a member of the Cleveland Slovenian Business and Professionals Association
<http://www.clevelandslovenian.com/photos/2009-04-23.shtml>



Slovenian soprano Sabina Cvilak as DESDEMONA in the opera OTELLLO

At the invitation of Placido Domingo, Slovenian soprano Sabina Cvilak made her debut at Washington



Photo by T Košir

National Opera as Mimi in *La Bohème* and she later returned as Liù in *Turandot*. Ms. Cvilak has appeared in *Turandot* at Hamburgische Staatsoper, Finnish National Opera Helsinki and at the Savonlinna Opera Festival in Singapore and has held the roles of Nedda in *I Pagliacci* in Slovenia, Marie in Schubert's oratorio *Lazarus* at the MDR Musiksommer 2003 and Antonia in *Les Contes d'Hoffmann* at Savonlinna Festival in 2004 and in 2005. In the season 2004/05 she became Karajan-demy and member of the Vienna State Opera and has since performed in *Macbeth*, *Die Zauberflöte*, *Aladin*, *L'Elisir d'Amore*, *Le Nozze di Figaro*, *Rigoletto*, *Daphne*, *Das Rheingold*, *Die Walküre*, *Götterdämmerung* and *Parsifal*. Ms. Cvilak has also sung in *Carmen* at Teatro Giuseppe Verdi Trieste, Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* with the Orchestre National de Belgique and her concert performances include Mozart's *Il Re Pastore* at Klangbogen

festival 2004, Wagner's *Parsifal* in Monaco, Verdi's *Quatri Pezzi Sacri* in Alte Oper Frankfurt and appearances in Dresden, Beograd and Bratislava.

Otello is an opera in four acts by Giuseppe Verdi. Based on Shakespeare's play *Othello*. It was Verdi's second to last opera and is considered by many to be his greatest. It was first performed at the Teatro alla Scala, Milan, on February 5, 1887.

Palm Beach Opera is dedicated to producing opera at an international standard of excellence and to enriching the life of the communities it serves with a diverse offering of education programs. Founded in 1961 as the Civic Opera of the Palm Beaches, the fully professional Palm Beach Opera presents main stage performances from December through April at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach. www.pbopera.org

PALM BEACH OPERA | 415 SOUTH OLIVE AVENUE | WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33401

Friday January 22, 2010 at 7:30 PM
Sunday January 24, 2010 at 2:00 PM



Photos by Ann Zakelj

We wanted to get caught up on a few items from 2009. Ann Zakelj was kind enough to share her photos from a farewell reception held on August 1, 2009 for Žvone Zigon and his wife Irena.

Click this link to view Ann's photos.

<http://picasaweb.google.com/philip.hrvatini/ZvoneFarewell>



Museums in the News

The **Northeastern Ohio Intermuseum Council** will hold their *winter meeting* January 19, 2010 at the Slovenian Museum & Archives. Founded in 1942, The Northeastern Ohio Inter-Museum Council serves some 70 members in Cuyahoga and the five adjoining counties. Members range from large, internationally renowned museums in major urban centers to small local history centers spread across much of the Western Reserve.



The Council provides a forum for airing common goals and problems; sponsors educational workshops for museum staff and volunteers; hosts general meetings at member museums; and provides e-mail message board

broadcasts for member museum activities. The Council's public products include printed and Web versions of the *Guide to Northeastern Ohio Museums*. www.case.edu/affil/NEOIMC/home.htm

Exhibition of Rogaška Lines in New York

On February 1st and 2nd Designer Tihomir Tomič will show some of his recent art pieces as well as classic and contemporary collections. His barware series has been awarded Design Plus at the forthcoming Ambienete in Frankfurt. Rogaška breathes its exclusivity into the traditional and innovative exceptional highest quality crystal. The products made by Rogaška, whose origins date all the way into the distant 1665, are no strangers to the American market. Rogaška has been present here for over 50 years and the American market has always appreciated exceptional crystal glass in the traditional or the trendy shape, and the products made in small series as well as the most unique and the most exclusive products we make. Rogaška is among global market leaders of high quality crystal making. Our 931 employees annually produce 3.280 tons of crystal, 25 % of which is sold to the USA, while our other biggest selling markets are also Italy, Ireland, Germany, Great Britain, France and others. We know the power and the mysterious beauty only the crystal can embody and we create it for people who appreciate the nobility of the spirit, the knowledge, the culture and art. Our crystal is the light anchored into the soil, it is hand made, while modern machines are only used to perfect the craftsmen's work when designing shapes and quantities demanded by the market. The secret recipe for our exceptional crystal has been carefully kept for centuries, while our modern state of the art lab is overseeing the quality of all the raw materials and final products. Our crystal is among the best on the market and our capacities to produce various types of crystal objects are fully taken advantage of. We upgrade our capacities with new technologies and traditional knowledge; we can proudly claim to be among the best in the market.

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TEL. 212-518-8741 www.steklarna-rogaska.si/



Events

Our community events are also posted in the Slovenian American Times, Slovenski Ameriški Časi newspaper. Subscription information for the paper is available at: subscribe@SlovenianAmericanTimes.com



January 2010

Slovenian Workmen's Home

Fish Fry Every Friday 3 PM - 8 PM Slovenian Workmen's Home 15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland
Menu includes: Fish, Shrimp, Goulash and PorkChop Dinners Phone 216/481-5378
Call for reservations or take out orders.

Balinca - Balina (Indoor Courts) Slovenian Workmen's Home 15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland
Leagues now forming. Call 216/481-5378 for additional information.

January 10

Palačinka breakfast

8:30am until noon - St. Mary's Church / Cerkev sv. Marije vnebovzete 15519 Holmes Ave Cleveland, Ohio Tel: 216-761-7740 \$7.00
adults \$4.00 children

January 14

The Consul General of the Republic of Slovenia, Mr. Jure Žmauc, will be conducting consular hours in the Pittsburgh area on Thursday, January 14 from 6pm to 8pm at the SNPJ Lodge 106 Hall meeting room located at 255 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126. This building is just adjacent to SNPJ headquarters. Anyone requiring assistance with consular matters, or anyone wishing simply to meet the Consul General is welcome to attend. Consular matters include notarization, citizenship, voter registration, change of name, estate issues and more. If you will attend, please contact the Consulate General of the Republic of Slovenia at 216-589-9220, or simply arrive at the SNPJ Lodge 106 Hall meeting room between the hours of 6 and 8.

Jan 15

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Bob Kravos
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

January 17

ST. MARY SLOVENIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL BENEFIT DINNER

Sunday, January 17th in the parish hall from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donation for the pork chop/roast beef dinner is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and younger. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Slovenian School parents and also at the hall doors next Sunday. Everyone is very welcome to attend.
St. Mary's Parish 15519 Holmes Ave Cleveland, Ohio 44110

KOSILO SLOVENSKE ŠOLE Marije vnebovzete

Je drugo nedeljo 17. januarja v župnijski dvorani od 11:00 do 1:00 popoldan. Servirali bodo svinjske zreske in govejo pečenko s prilogami. Dar je \$12. za odrasle in \$6. za otroke Kartice za kosilo dobite pri starših učencev in tudi pri vratih na dan kosila. Vsi ste lepo vabljeni.

Slovenian Workmen's Home Annual Meeting

15335 Waterloo Road Cleveland, Ohio Meeting will begin at 1:00 PM All Shareholders are encouraged to attend.



Jan 22

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Joey Tomsick Orchestra www.joeytomsick.com
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

January 23

Pristavska Noč

A traditional Pristavska Noč Banquet will be held on Saturday January 23, 2010 at Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue. Doors will open at 6 pm, dinner to be served at 7 pm. Entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure will be provided by the Stan Mejac orchestra. For reservations, please call Elizabeth Zalik at 440-537-1941. All members and friends of Slovenska Pristava www.slovenskapristava.org are cordially invited.

Tradicionalen ples in zabava Pristavska noč bo letos v soboto 23. januarja v Narodnem domu na St. Clair Avenue. Začetek ob 6. in večerja ob 7. uri zvečer. Za ples in zabavo bo poskrbel ansambel Staneta Mejača. Za rezervacijo pokličite Elizabeto Zalik na tel. # 440-537-1941. Člani in prijatelji Slovenske pristave vabljeni.

Jan 29

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Ron Likovic & Friends
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

February 5

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Jeff Pecon
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

February 6

ST. MARY HOLY NAME SOCIETY 32nd ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE

Saturday, February 6th in the parish hall. Donation is \$50. Dinner only ticket is \$25. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. Music will be by the Joey Tomsick Orchestra. For tickets, please contact Bill Kozak at 216-731-9373. There are only 200 tickets which will be sold. St. Mary's Church / Cerkev sv. Marije vnebovzete 15519 Holmes Ave Cleveland, Ohio

“REVERSE RAFFLE” društva Najsvetejšega

Imena bo v soboto 6. februarja v župnijski dvorani. Dar je \$50. Samo za večerjo je \$25. Aperitiv ob 6:00 uri in večerja je ob 7:30. zvečer. Za ples bo igral ansambel Joey Tomsick. Za karte, ki so omejene samo na 200, pokličite Bill Kozak na 216-731-9373.

February 7

Annual shareholder meeting Collinwood Slovenian Home 15810 Holmes Ave. Cleveland, Ohio (216) 681-6649

February 12

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Wayne Tomsic Combo
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

February 13

St. Vitus Parish www.saintvitus.org Sale of Slovenian "krofe" raised donuts in social room, parish auditorium.

February 14

Annual Meeting Slovenian Society Home 20713 Recher Ave Euclid, Ohio Contact Karen O'Donnell 216-531-9309

February 16

Koline Dinner St. Mary's Parish Sponsored by the Slovenian Cultural Garden

Association 5:00pm - 8:00pm

St. Mary's Parish 15519 Holmes Ave Cleveland, Ohio 44110. For reservations and take-out call: 216-761-7740



February 19

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Bob Kravos
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February 21

Palačinka breakfast

8:30am until noon - St. Mary's Church / Cerkev sv. Marije vnebovzete 15519 Holmes Ave Cleveland, Ohio Tel: 216-761-7740 \$7.00
adults \$4.00 children

February 26

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Fred Zwich
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

February 28

Immaculate Conception Parish Reverse Raffle Slovenian National Home 6417 St. Clair Ave Cleveland, Ohio. Doors at 2:00pm.
Dinner by Joe Tavcar - Raffle ticket & dinner \$55 / dinner only \$25. Open bar, side boards, Fr. Frank Godic 216-431-5900 The
Immaculate Conception Church is located at 4129 Superior Ave. Cleveland, Ohio. Sunday Latin Low Mass 8:00am – Latin High Mass
Noon

March 2010

March 5

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Joey Tomsick Orchestra www.joeytomsick.com
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March 12

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March 19

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Dan Peters
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

March 20

Federation of Slovenian National Homes Man and Woman of the Year

Slovenian National Home 6417 St. Clair Ave Cleveland, Ohio Contact Larry Hocevar 216-361-5115

March 26

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Bob Kravos
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224



April 2010

April 6

St. Vitus CWV #1655 Social

Slovenian National Home 6417 St. Clair Ave Cleveland, Ohio Contact Robert Mills 216-431-9492

April 9

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Frank Moravcik
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

April 16

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Fred Zwich
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

April 17

Primorski Klub Dinner Dance

Slovenian National Home 6417 St. Clair Ave Cleveland, Ohio Contact Sylva Ramsack 216-692-1069 sylvapregarje@sbcglobal.net
Concert by the ensemble Fantje izpod karlovca from Ilirska Bistrica

April 23

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Dan Peters
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

April 30

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Bob Kravos
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

May 7

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Wayne Tomsic Combo
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

May 14

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Joey Tomsick Orchestra www.joeytomsick.com
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

May 15

Korotan Concert

Slovenian National Home 6417 St. Clair Ave Cleveland, Ohio Contact Ed Cup 440-729-6117

May 21

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Fred Zwich
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224



May 28

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Frank Moravcik
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

May 31

Triglav Park Memorial Day picnic, Mass at 11:00 a.m., dinner at noon
6464 South Loomis Rd. Wind Lake, WI. 53185

June 4

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Wayne Tomsic Combo
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June 11

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Dan Peters
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

June 13

Saint Mary's Slovenian School annual picnic

Slovenska Pristava 1024 Brandt Rd. Harpersfield, Ohio 44041 - more information to follow

June 18

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Fred Zwich
4583 W. 130th St. Cleveland OH 44135 Tel: 216-941-3224

June 25

West Park Slovenian Home Dance – Music by Frank Moravcik
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9101 Sugarbush Drive
Mentor, OH 44060

Vadnal Family Tribute Exhibition and CD Debut

Submitted by Joe Valencic

Bandleaders Johnny Vadnal and Richie Vadnal brought national and international renown to the Cleveland-Style Polka sound. With brothers Frank and Tony and the loving influence of mother Anna, the Vadnal family of musicians delighted dancers and fans with their lyrical waltzes and jazzy polkas. On Wednesday, February 17, 2010, the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum honors their legacy with a multimedia exhibition and CD release, "The Vadnals: The Cleveland Style's Premier Polka Family." Richie Vadnal appears in person to debut his new CD album of his and Johnny's greatest polka hits. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. and admission is free.



The exhibition features historic photographs and vintage video clips covering 70 years of the family band. Johnny's own accordion is featured, along with Richie's Slovenian costume. The Vadnals first appeared together as youngsters, performing with sister Valeria in 1938. In the polka heyday following World War II, the Johnny Vadnal Orchestra was one of most popular of the nation's Cleveland-Style bands. In the polka revival of the 1960s and 1970s, Richie Vadnal brought a fresh style and led popular polka tours to Slovenia. Wherever they appeared, the Vadnals were never far from their Slovenian roots.

All four brothers, plus mother Anna, have received lifetime recognition in the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame. Over the years, Vadnal band members included Hall of Fame honorees such as Frank Mahnic, Duke Marsic, Bill Srnick, Ron Sluga, Bob Gospich, and Joe Stradiot. Sister Valeria's son, Tony Fortuna, also led an orchestra and was a founder of the Polka Hall of Fame.

JOHNNY VADNAL led one of the greatest Cleveland-Style Polka bands of all time. Johnny's was the fun band — always singing and swinging. His upbeat sound earned him a recording contract with RCA Victor and a hit with the romantic waltz, "Yes, Dear." Johnny broadcasted a national polka show on Mutual Radio from Cleveland's Bowl Ballroom and hosted the first Slovenian TV show, already in 1950.

FRANK VADNAL was a virtuoso on the guitar and banjo and among the best sideman of any Cleveland-Style band. He gave verve and swing to the unique Vadnal sound with songs like "Happy Guitar." Gibson Guitar ads featured Frank alongside Les Paul. He harmonized with brother Tony on many memorable tunes, both in Slovenian and English.

TONY VADNAL performed on the bass and led the vocals. His engaging smile, good looks and smooth baritone brought class to the ensemble. He could yodel, too. Tony appeared on more than 250 RCA Victor recordings and every Vadnal LP and TV show. He backed up brother Richie on sell-out tours to Slovenia.



ANNA VADNAL instilled a passion for music and Slovenian culture in her five children and helped them start the first Vadnal family band. She was very active in Cleveland's Slovenian scene as a stage director, performer and drama and music coach, having led the Slovenian Youth Chorus. Anna was a long-time member of the Jadran Singing Society and wrote Slovenian lyrics for songs like "Moonlight and Roses."

RICHIE VADNAL brought charisma and new popularity to the Vadnal Orchestra. Young Richie toured with Polka King Frank Yankovic as a teen to learn the business. In 1966 Johnny entrusted the band to his kid

brother. Richie's boy-next-door appeal won over new fans with tunes like "Ta Glazek Je Prazen" and "L-O-V-E." Polka tours took his happy sound around the world. He is still a legend in Slovenia with "No *Pivo* Today."

After the exhibition opening, Richie presents his new CD showcasing some of the most beloved melodies recorded by the Vadnals. Few of Richie's recordings have been available on CD. Now Vadnal fans can listen to tunes Richie performed on TV's "Polka Varieties" and on polka tours around the world.

"This is really an honor for me and the whole family," said Richie. "It means so much to me when people tell me how they liked our band's music. With this new CD, they can enjoy our songs all over again." Richie will be available for questions and autographs.

Much of the exhibition was made possible through the donation of Johnny's archives and accordion by his wife Alice. A highlight of the show is a 1951 TV broadcast with Johnny and the band and Richie on "Polka Varieties" in 1968 with his mother. Other photos and mementos are from the Hall of Fame's extensive music and Slovenian archives maintained by the American Slovenian Polka Foundation.

The Polka Hall of Fame is located at 605 East 222nd Street in Euclid, Ohio 44123. Museum and gift shop hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5:00, and Saturdays, 10:00 to 3:00. Admission is free. For more information, call (216) 261-FAME, toll-free (866) 66-POLKA, or check the website, www.polkafame.com.

Come to St. Mary's Parish - Collinwood Pustna Večerja



Fat Tuesday
Dinner

February 16, 2010

4:30pm to

7:30pm

Hosted by the Slovenian Cultural Garden
Association

a 501(c)(3) organization

Dinners:

One rice or blood sausage, one fresh garlic sausage, or three fresh garlic sausages, Meals include home-fries, sauerkraut, dessert, and coffee.

Adults \$12.00. Children \$6.00 Take-out meals are available

Cash bar

The Fat Tuesday meal has become a tradition in the Cleveland area. The SCGA is excited to once again continue this wonderfully tasty pre-Lenten treat.

Contact Joanne 216-761-7740 joannstinziano@aol.com at the St. Mary's Collinwood rectory 15519 Holmes Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44110 to make your reservations.

Proceeds from this fund-raiser will be used to for the ongoing renovation of the Slovenian Cultural Garden. www.cleslo.com/scga



*SLOVENSKA ŠOLA PRI SV. VIDU
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6019 LAUSCHE AVE.
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44103*

Spoštovani!

Prosim da sledeče objavite. Za uslugo vam najlepša hvala.

Lepo pozdravlja,

Barbara Beyer
440-259-4904
Tajnica Slovenske Šole Pri Sv. Vidu
11. januarja. 2010

Kosilo Slovenske Šole pri Sv. Vidu

Slovenska Šola pri Sv. Vidu vabi na svoje vsakoletno kosilo, ki bo v nedeljo 28. februarja, 2010 v šolski dvorani pri Saint Martin dePorres. Kuharice bodo postregle z domačo juho, pečenimi piščanci ali svinjsko pečenko z vsemi prikuhami. Postrežba bo od 11:00 do 1:00 popoldne. Cena za odrasle je \$12, za otroke \$6. Kakor prejšna leta, boste kosilo tudi letos lahko vzeli domov. V tem primeru pridite v društveno sobo. Nakaznice za kosilo imajo starši otrok Slovenske Šole in pri vratih na dan prireditev. Vsi lepo vabljeni in dobrodošli!

St. Vitus Slovenian School Benefit Dinner

The St. Vitus Slovenian Language School annual benefit dinner of pork roast or chicken is being held Sunday, February 28, 2010 in the St. Martin dePorres Auditorium. The meal will be served between 11:00 am and 1:00pm. Take outs will also be available in the social room. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Slovenian School parents or at the door on the day of the event. Come join us for this community event and help support our school!

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NEWSLETTER

Thank you to Adrian Vatovec who sent the summer South Australia Newsletter SLOVENIA to us. The official start of summer in Australia is December 1st. It finishes on February 28th.

Click here to view the 16 page newsletter.

<http://www.clevelandslovenian.com/PDFs/australia/Newsletter%2052.pdf>

From: Natasa Ambrožič <natasa.ambrozic@vik-ng.si>

To: info@clevelandslovenian.com

Cc:

Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 03:32 am

Subject: VISITING USA - from Slovenia

Hi!

We're from Slovenia – Nova Gorica. We're going to visit Ohio –Columbus (with 2 children) this June.

I'd like to ask if it is possible to find a babysitter (3 and 7 years old child) in Columbus that also speak Slovene?

Thank you for your help.

Lep pozdrav iz Slovenije!

Nataša Ambrožič
Nova Gorica
Slovenija, Evropa



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Slovenia Retains Top Marks in Freedom House Report

Slovenia retained top marks in the Freedom in the World report released on Tuesday by Freedom House, a U.S.-based human rights and democracy watchdog.

While the global situation has grown worse four years in a row, improvements have been noticed in some regions including the Balkans, according to the 2009 report.

Kosovo moved from the "Not Free" to the "Partly Free" status after its recent elections, while Montenegro was advanced to the "Free" category.

The situation in Croatia also has improved, with the country now boasting its best mark in the political rights index.

The Middle East, meanwhile, remained the most

repressive region in the world, and some countries that had previously moved upward slipped back from the "Partly Free" into the "Not Free" category. Africa suffered the most significant declines, the report says.

Published since 1972, Freedom in the World examines the ability of individuals in 194 countries and 14 territories around the world to exercise their political and civil rights. The survey analyzes developments that occurred in 2009, and assigns each country a freedom status -- Free, Partly Free, or Not Free -- based on scoring of performance in key indicators.

The full survey, including the individual country reports, will be available in late spring 2010.



Slovene Wines in The Wall Street Journal

Although Slovenia is not yet widely renowned for its wines, progress has been noticed, as the wines have been getting better and better. Most recently, The Wall Street Journal published an article on one of the established Slovene wineries, the Kogl Winery in the Podravje Region.

The article introduces American wine dealers who import some of the Central European wines to the United States and sell them to some of the most prestigious restaurants. Among those dealers, Paul Grieco, co-owner of the New York's Heart restaurant and Terroir wine bar, now praises Kogl's Samling 88 Mea Culpa and says: "This wine sings like a young Britney Spears, joined at the hip to a Wayne Gretzky in power-play mode."

The wine is said to be a lot like Chablis – a dry white wine, clean and bright, with a pure aroma and a lively acidity. Aromatic and light, it balances sweet melon flavors with a

smoky flint character.

Slovenian wines, together with Croatian and Hungarian ones, are supposed to be the "next big thing" on the world's wine market. New technologies, combined with a long tradition, are paving the path to success. To find out more, read the article, published in The Wall Street Journal on Saturday, January 9, or on-line on the newspaper's Web site.



Golden Fox Meet Brings Top Women Skiers to Pohorje



On the photo: Tina Maze.

A total of 133 women skiers from 28 countries, eight of them representing Slovenia, will gather this weekend at Pohorje near Maribor for the 46th running of the Golden Fox meet. The World Cup giant slalom will be held on Saturday to be followed by a slalom race on Sunday.

The traditional Pohorje World Cup slope has been ready for some time, and the International Ski Federation gave green light to the venue last week as there was enough snow for the event to take place.

The meet will feature Slovenia's best: Tina Maze, who won last year's giant slalom at the Golden Fox, as well as Ana Drev, Maruša Ferk, Sara Globočnik, Katja Jazbec, Ilka

Štuhec, Katarina Lavtar, and Ula Hafner.

Considering that Maze had achieved top results in both events, the organizers expect about 25,000 visitors on both days of the Golden Fox meet.

The first run is scheduled to start at 11 AM,

and the second at 2 PM. Sunday slalom runs are scheduled for 9:15 AM and 12:15 PM.

For all who are planning to attend the Golden Fox ticket prices are supposed to remain the same as the previous year: EUR 4 for adults and EUR 2 for children.

Over 1,000 Slovenian Soccer Fans Bought Tickets for World Cup



On the photo: World Cup 2010 sign.

Slovenian soccer fans bought around 1,000 tickets for the matches with England and the United States and around 500 for the one with Algeria.

After the end, on Wednesday, of the third phase of selling tickets for the games, during which teams were able to secure the tickets for their fans, tickets will now be available to everyone.

Most of the fans will go to South Africa with the team's official travel agency, Kompas, which will shortly announce its World Cup packages.

Slovenia will play first match in Johannesburg with USA on the June 18th, 2010 at 10:00.a.m.

Minister Kresal Chosen Woman of the Year

The readers of women's magazine Jana have chosen Liberal Democrats (LDS) president and Interior Minister, Katarina Kresal, Woman of the Year 2009. The organizers wrote on their Web page that many Slovenians could have deserved the award, bestowed upon those who have made a mark with their courage and determination.

Kresal said on the occasion that she had never thought that an interior affairs minister could be selected Woman of the Year.



On the photo: Interior Minister Katarina Kresal.

Our To Do/ To see list:

1. Bogdan Grom, Selected Works, 1947 – 2008, exhibition at the Embassy of Slovenia

On September 25, 2009, the Embassy of Slovenia opened extensive body work of Bogdan Grom's from 1947 to 2008.

If you have not yet seen the exhibition, you still have the chance! It will be on view at our Embassy till January 31, 2010.

2. Verdi's Otello at West Palm Beach Opera with Sabina Cvilak

Slovenian soprano Sabina Cvilak will appear in the leading role as Desdemona in Verdi's Otello at West Palm Beach Opera. Ms. Cvilak has been a frequent performer in various opera houses around the United States. Here, she made her debut as Mimi in La Bohème in Washington National Opera where she later returned to sing the role of Micaelain Carmen and last year as Liúin Turandot.

At West Palm Beach Opera, Ms. Cvilak will perform on the opening night next Friday, January 22 and the following Sunday, January 24.

3. Batič Wines to Showcase in San Francisco Bay Area, LA, Phoenix, Las Vegas and New York

From January 21 to 31, we would like to extend an invitation to wine connoisseurs to sample exquisite Slovenian wines from winemaker Batič in San Francisco Bay area, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Las Vegas and New York.

You will have a chance to meet the producers whose family have been making wine on gentle slopes of the Vipava Valley near the Italian border since 1592.

Tasting events and wine dinners will take place at the following venues and times:

- Oakland, CA Thursday, January 21, 6:30pm

À Côté Restaurant 5478 College Avenue, 510-655-6469

- Venice Beach, CA Saturday, January 23, 6:00-9:00pm

El Vino Wine Shop • Tasting Bar 1142 Abbot Kinney, 310-396-9705

- Los Angeles, CA Sunday, January 24, 3:00pm



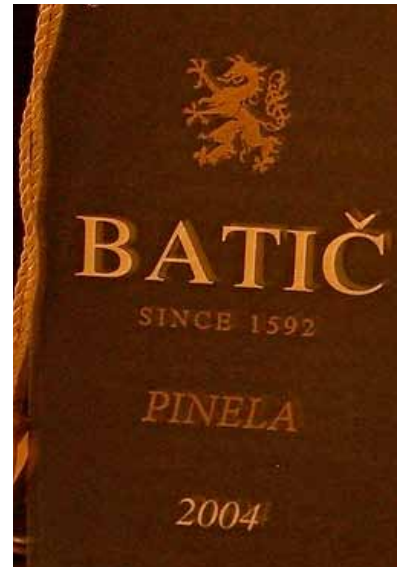
Silverlake Wine 2395 Glendale Blvd. 323-662-9024

- Long Beach, CA Sunday, January 24, 7:00pm
Benley Vietnamese Kitchen 8191 E Wardlow Rd, 562-596-8130

- Los Angeles, CA Monday, January 25, 7:00pm
Campanile 624 S. La Brea, 323-938-1447

- Mesa, AZ Tuesday, January 26, 6:30pm
Caffe Boa Bistro 2837 N. Power Road, 480-982-2000

- Yonkers, NY Sunday, January 31, 6:00pm
X2O Xaviars On The Hudson 71 Water Grant Street, 914-965-1111



4. Film Slovenian Girl

You will have a chance to see this Slovenian movie by the Slovenian director Damjan Kozole at the Palm Springs International Film Festival on January 16.

For more information about the movie and related events, please visit:
www.psfilmfest.org

4. Exhibition of Rogaška Lines in New York

Designer Tihomir Tomič will show some of his recent art pieces as well as classic and contemporary collections. His barware series has been awarded Design Plus at the forthcoming Ambienete in Frankfurt.

Showroom will take place at 41 Madison Avenue, on the February 1 and February 2, at 6:00 p.m.

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