



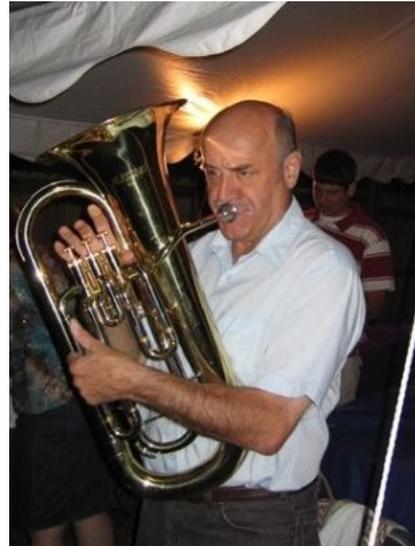
This newsletter is issued by the Slovenian Consular Office in Chicago. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep people in the Slovenian American communities of Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana aware of current events that might be of interest. We welcome news especially of events and new arrivals to the local community. Email notices may be sent to the slovenianconsul.chicago@gmail.com.

NOTICES:

This is the January 2018 issue. There was no December 2017 issue

Our Sympathies

Condolences are extended to the family of **Joe Arko**. Joe was a refugee of war-torn Slovenia (born near Ribnica) as a two-year-old with his family in May of 1945 to Austria where he spent about 5 years in the Displaced Person Camp at Spitaal au Drau. The family migrated to the USA living first in Canon City, Co, then Joliet near St. Joseph and then to St. Stephen in Chicago. Joe and his wife Freda made their home in Lemont near the Slovenian Franciscan Monastery. Joe worked for 40 years for Argonne National Laboratory where he was known as the local MacGyver. When the physicists did not know how to design a piece of equipment for their experiments, Joe was the person they turned to. Joe used these skills to support many of our



organizations. Nothing ever seemed impossible to him. He was also a passionate musician and singer, a member of every Slovenian choir in the area as well as virtually every Slovenian music group playing Avsenik and Slak. He will be sorely missed.



Condolences are also extended to the family of **Avgust Petek**. Gusti was also an immigrant from Prekmurje. Gusti was an active member of both the Prekmurje Social Club as well as the Slovenian Catholic Center. He was one of our most active outdoorsmen who loved to hunt and fish. You could also find him playing Balina on Sunday afternoons up on the hill beyond the picnic platz. He was always recognizable by his smile and the greatest mustache of anyone in the community. He will also be missed.

Cleveland Consulate

Consular visit: Consul General Andrej Rode will be at the SCC in Lemont beginning at 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 10th. Please call to make an appointment. Appointments will be taken first. It also helps to call his office in Cleveland if there is anything out of the ordinary about the need for the appointment. The number in Cleveland is 216-771-7010.



AmCham

AmCham Slovenia together with Department of State and the US Embassy in Ljubljana invite students from the US to take part in the program 6-week European Experience - Internship in the Green Heart of Europe this summer. Undergraduate students interested in a new outlook on business and entrepreneurship. More information about the program is available also on the web <http://www.amcham.si/en/european-experience.html>.

The application deadline is **March 1, 2018**. Confirmation of acceptances occurs on April 30th. the internships are held in June and July. The program does not cover a return ticket or incidental living expenses during the internship.

Consulate Address

We remind you again that the Consulate in Cleveland has moved. The new address and telephone number are below.

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Cleveland, OH 44114
216-771-7010

Tarok



Tarok is a card game that is played by many Eastern Europeans. Gypsies used these cards for their fortune telling and they refer to them as Tarot cards. The card game predates the fortune telling. Recently we found an instruction book for Taroks (it is how the Czech immigrants referred to it) printed in English by Automatic Printing in 1951 by Jerry Prescott whose uncle was Czech. His nephew Mike Prescott is the 3rd generation of the family involved in the printing business and reported to us that there is no problem in making copies of this booklet. In fact, they still have a box of the original 1951 printed booklets which we are arranging to have shipped to the Slovenian Catholic Center in Lemont which is the home of two Tarok tournaments a year. We will also have the scanned booklet available online at the SCC website.

Potica

Potica is commonly served at Slovenian homes during the holidays. It was also known as Povitica as the Croatians still call it. the earliest references we find to this walnut bread is in the writings of Valvasor. The Slovenian Union of America at its home office in Joliet sells original ceramic round baking molds (similar to a bundt cake) for anyone who wishes to make it in its original form. Hopefully, by the next newsletter, we will publish a recipe for potica from the 16th century.



Slovenian Merchandise

Ivan Hozjan and his wife, Rose, run a business that specializes in goods such as hats, t-shirts, drink coolers, coffee mugs, decals, license plate frames, different types of clothing that have Slovenian Themes. You can find them online at www.SlovenianSpecialties.com.

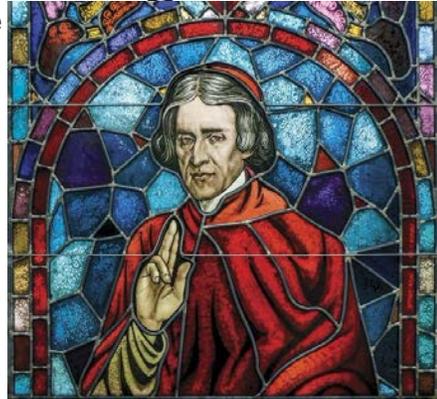
Slovenian Language classes

The **Filosofska Fakulteta** sponsors ongoing Slovenian Language classes. The summer program is the most popular that runs from the end of June to the end of July. there are tuition scholarships available through recommendations from the Consular offices. Please start this process asap to ensure you qualify for the funds available

The second semester for the **Saturday Slovenian Language Classes at the SCC** begin on January 20th. There is an adult class that is held every week from 10 am until noon.

Venerable Bishop Frederick Baraga

The 150th anniversary of the death of Venerable Frederick Baraga is being celebrated in Marquette, Michigan the weekend of **January 19, 20 and 21**. More information is available on their Facebook page. There will be further celebrations of his life during the Annual Bishop Baraga Days which will be held on **August 17, 18 and 19** in Marquette. Currently, they are in a capital campaign to turn the last home he lived him into the official archives of the BBA as well as a research center on his life, the lives of the missionaries (many of them Slovenian) who created Church in the UP and their impact on social policy towards the Native Americans in that area.



To have your event published in this newsletter, please email me at slovenianconsul.chicago@gmail.com and we will add it to the next newsletter. Slovenian organizations are welcome and encouraged to share your open events.



Consular hours are by appointment.
Please contact the consulate in Lemont by email or telephone.

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