

## TCS Activity - April - May

### Membership Meeting – April 17, 2021

**A Walking Tour of Ljubljana** - Tom Hall. TCS presented a video featuring professional tour guide, Tom Hall, who provided a first-timer's tour of Ljubljana, camera in hand. We tagged along visiting the sights of Slovenia's lovely capitol city. These included the famous castle, the Central Market, Triple bridge and Dragon's bridge. An enjoyable time in our favorite country!

**Wine Winners:** Patrice Pakiz, Mary Ann Palmer

### Membership Meeting – May 15, 2021

**World War II in Slovenia** – Pat Dillon, Chuck Debevec and Joe Petrich presented a fascinating synopsis of the history of World War II in Slovenia and heart wrenching stories of their families during the civil war raging there at that time. They brought to life this chaotic period in Slovenian history through their clear and organized narrative as well as the experiences of their families during World War II.

Joe and Chuck recommended the following book about the history of this sad conflict: [Slovenia 1945 \(Memories of Death and Survival after World War II\)](#) by John Cosellis and Marcus Ferrar.

## Slovenia –part of Yugoslavia - Before the war



**Map of Yugoslavia in 1935**  
Area in light green Yugoslavia  
upper left area Slovenia



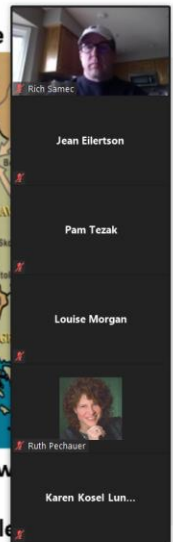
**King Peter II**  
Serbian Dynasty  
of Karadordevic

the last king of Yugoslavia, reigning from October 1934 until November 1945 when the Yugoslav Constituent Assembly formally deposed Peter and proclaimed Yugoslavia a republic; Peter settled in the United States after his deposition.

### Apr 6<sup>th</sup>, 1941 Germany invaded the



The invasion swept down all sides and upon the invasion, the dynasty fled Greece then to British-ruled Jerusalem in Mandatory Palestine, & Cairo in Egypt & then to London.



**Wine Winners:** Sue Rademacher, Jean Eilertson, Mary Rom

# Announcements

## 2020-2021 Program Year – Program Updates

### September 18 – **Slovenian Independence (Statehood) Day Celebration**

Slovenian independence is normally celebrated each year on June 25, but the pandemic has prompted rescheduling the actual celebration.

– At the home of Miro & Karen Medved

### October 16 – Presentation: **Climbing Mt. Triglav**

– Norm Setnicker – Location – TBD

### November 13 – **Martinovanje Celebration**

– Information on location at a later date

**If you have a subject of interest or would like to present to the group, contact program chairman, Chuck Podominick, [crpodomin@yahoo.com](mailto:crpodomin@yahoo.com) or 651-429-7331**

### Newsletter Update

The newsletter staff is off for the summer. Have a great summer – see you in the Fall!

## Member News

### Frank Medved

Happy birthday to Frank Medved, who turned a very young 85 on May 25<sup>th</sup>!

### *We sadly report the passing of two long-time Twin Cities Slovenians:*

#### John Medved

John Medved passed away on April 18, 2021. John was a regular at TCS functions for many years – as well as a long-time participant in the Slovenian Language Class. We extend our sympathies to his family. Obituary Link: [https://www.mesabtribune.com/obituaries/john-paul-medved/article\\_18c30c14-a3a0-11eb-b12c-938ec010a893.html](https://www.mesabtribune.com/obituaries/john-paul-medved/article_18c30c14-a3a0-11eb-b12c-938ec010a893.html)

#### Jim Klobuchar

Jim Klobuchar passed away on May 12, 2021. Jim is a past TCS member and father of current member Senator Amy Klobuchar. Obituary Link: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/twincities/name/jim-klobuchar-obituary?n=jim-klobuchar&pid=198670191>

## This and That

### World Bee Day - May 20



The initiative to declare World Bee Day came from Slovenia, and the date that was selected was the birthday of the great bee expert from the 18th century, Anton Janša. Janša was the first bee-keeping teacher in the court of the Habsburg Empress Maria Theresa. By introducing bee-keeping methods that were successfully used by Carniolan bee-keepers, he caused a real revolution in bee-keeping of the time. Among other things, he introduced honey flow, re-defined the role of drones, and wrote all of his findings in two books, which are still a useful manual for many bee-keepers.

Beekeeping is deeply rooted in the Slovenian consciousness. Slovenia is one of the leading EU countries in terms of the number of beekeepers per capita, and the Carniolan honeybee, a native bee species in Slovenia, is one of the most widespread honeybees in the world. The well-preserved natural environment offers good conditions for beekeeping.

### Slovenian Genealogy News



For those who are researching their Slovenian ancestry, a major announcement this week: The parish registers for the Ljubljana Archdiocese are now available **online!** The parish records include registers of baptism/births (Krstna knjiga), marriages (Poročna knjiga) and deaths (Mrliška knjiga).

The following link will take you to the site containing the registers:

[data.matricula-online.eu/en/slovenia/ljubljana/](http://data.matricula-online.eu/en/slovenia/ljubljana/)

ProjectAncestry provides an excellent tutorial for using the on-line resource:

[projectancestry.com/matricula](http://projectancestry.com/matricula)

# Have a WONDERFUL Summer!!!



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## **Slovenian Information – Links, pages and emails**

### **TCS Membership**

#### To join/renew:

- Print the TCS Membership Form (attached).
- Complete the information requested.
- Mail with your donation to the address indicated at the top of the form.

Questions? Contact Jean Podominick at 651-226-3336 or [tcslo2013@gmail.com](mailto:tcslo2013@gmail.com)

### **Slovenian Facebook Pages**

Slovenska Kuhinja - Slovenian recipes  
Slovenian Genealogy (Genealogy 2000)

### **Slovenian Links of Interest**

Slovenian Consulate of Minnesota	<a href="https://www.sloveniaconsulatemn.org">https://www.sloveniaconsulatemn.org</a>
Slovenian Genealogy Society International	<a href="https://www.sgsii.com">https://www.sgsii.com</a>
Slovenian Cultural Archives	<a href="http://www.thezaurus.com">http://www.thezaurus.com</a>
Slovenian Tourist Board	<a href="http://www.slovenia.info/en">http://www.slovenia.info/en</a>

### **US Slovenian Organization Sites/Links/Email**

Find us on Facebook:	<b>Twin Cities Slovenians</b>
Connect with SUA Website:	<a href="https://slovenianunion.org">https://slovenianunion.org</a>
Find SUA on Facebook (NEW!):	<b>Slovenian Union of America</b>
2021 TCS Budget (request)	<a href="mailto:TCSLO2013@gmail.com">TCSLO2013@gmail.com</a>
Julian H. Sleeper House Museum	<a href="http://www.julianhsleeperhouse.com/">http://www.julianhsleeperhouse.com/</a>

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If you have news to share – or a subject you would be interested in, please contact us at:  
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