

TCS Activity - October

Membership Meeting – October 24

Our October winter weather brought snow, slippery roads and shoveling way before we were ready, but it did not deter attendance at our monthly meeting. Over 50 attendees, many with coffee cups in hand, “zoomed in” to recognize **Liz Miller** as *Member of the Year* and to enjoy an excellent presentation of their search for family roots provided by Liz and son, John Miller. Liz and John shared the challenges they faced in painstakingly tracing the family back to their Slovenian roots and the amazing success and family photos that search yielded. Liz and John also narrated the story of their first trip to Slovenia where they met relatives for the first time and experienced beauty and hospitality of Slovenia. We “met” their relatives and could almost taste the wonderful Slovenian food they all shared during the trip. Many thanks to Liz and John for a fine presentation!



Also on the agenda - Updates from our president, Mike Koski, and “break-out rooms” for socializing. Door prizes (very cool Slovenian socks, provided by Liz Miller) were awarded (in absentia) to Bailey Peternel and Joe Kuznik.

Slovenian Language Class

The class met on October 17 and continued to work on their vocabulary and grammar. John and Ksenja two:

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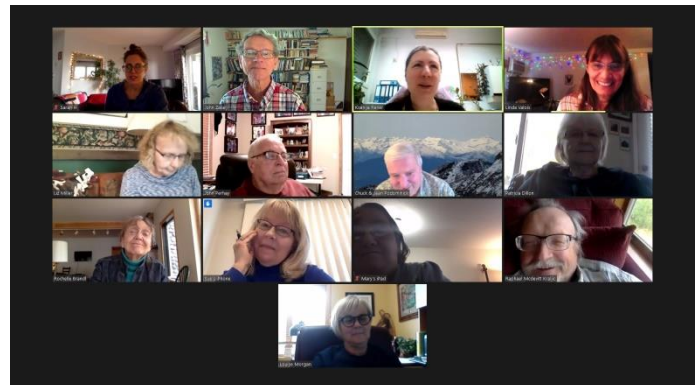
The Alphabet Song

(Slovenska abeceda v pesmi)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkAlhVDUc90>

Slovenian children learning their alphabet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pzVu5YVjZdk>



Announcements

2020-2021 Program Year – Program Updates

Saturday, November 14, 2020



Historian and writer Joe Valencic shares stories about the traditions around St. Martin's Day, November 11, when Slovenians around the world raise a toast to the autumn's new wine. You'll learn about the foods and festivities associated with the day, as well as other Slovenian fall festivities, such as koline (the annual pig slaughter), the rape harvest, and All Saints Day. Slovenians in America also have their particular observations at this time of year.

Saturday, December 19, 2020



Christmas is a time for celebrating the birth of Christ – but is also a wonderful time for music, good food and nostalgic memories of Christmas past.

Rich Samec and Sue Rademacher team up to present our Christmas program – Christmas themed music and the story of St. Nicholas. Bring your cookies and Christmas treats – to share virtually – and enjoy the program!



Zoom Meetings

For each scheduled membership meeting, you will receive an email announcement the day before the meeting. This announcement will contain your link to join the meeting.. Each meeting's link is unique... so be sure to use the current one. If you have questions about Zoom or would like to try a session, contact our Zoom Team:

Elaine Barthelomy elaineab@yahoo.com

Or if you would like to become familiar with “Zooming”, AARP has a great video – just click on the following link.... <https://www.aarp.org/home-family/personal-technology/info-2020/how-to-use-zoom.html>

Member News



Congratulations to **Marsh and Marsh Pechauer**, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary recently. Daughter Ruth surprised them with a HUGE drive-by socially distanced celebration.

This and That

2021 Calendars



2021 calendars were mailed in mid-October. Thank you for supporting this annual fund-raiser. We sold 180 calendars! We hope you enjoy this beautiful 2021 calendar. Thanks to Rick Pisa for all his excellent work!



Slovenian Wine Whine

With November and Martinovanje upon us, many of us turn our thoughts to wine... especially the wines of Slovenia. The biggest (and perhaps only) gripe about Slovenian wine for many Twin Cities Slovenians is... well, there isn't much here. If you have been lucky enough to travel the "Wine Road" in Slovenia or visit a Slovenian gostilna or winery, you are in on a "great" secret: Slovenian wine is great! So why can't we find it in our liquor stores?! This is especially annoying to those of us who have witnessed the wine giveaways at TCS meetings.... and missed the lucky number by a digit or two.

Those in the know cite a couple of reasons for this. First, most wine produced in Slovenia comes from small wineries that cannot meet the minimum supply requirements of wine distributors. Second, the cost of transporting the wine to the US prices the relatively unknown Slovenian wine out of the market. But, as the Bob Dillon song goes, "the times, they are a-changing". The wines of two of Slovenia's larger wineries are finding their way to the Twin Cities in larger quantities.

Pulles wines have been spotted at Kowalski's, Total Wine, Top Ten Liquors, Haskell's and even on the menu of some local restaurants. Pulles wine is from Ptujaska Klet, the oldest winery in Slovenia. Its cellars date to 1239 and lie labyrinthine beneath the streets of the city of Ptuj. They are most famous for their white wines, such as Pinot Grigio and Chardonnay

Avia wines are available at Top Ten Liquors. They are produced by the Klet Brda winery in Dobova on the western Slovenian border with Italy. Klet Brda, the largest winery in Slovenia, was established in 1957 and is a cooperative owned by local growers.

Keep whining for those Slovenian wines... it's working!!

TCS Membership Renewal

This is membership renewal time for Twin Cities Slovenians. Thank you to all who have renewed during the month of October! Your participation and donations are key to the vitality of our organization.

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

Slovenian Information - Links, pages and emails

Slovenian Facebook Pages

Slovenska Kuhinja - Slovenian recipes
Slovenian Genealogy (Genealogy 2000)

Slovenian Links of Interest

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

US Slovenian Organization Sites

Find us on Facebook:	Twin Cities Slovenians
Connect with SUA Website:	https://slovenianunion.org
Find SUA on Facebook (NEW!):	Slovenian Union of America
Membership and Newsletter email:	TCSLO2013@gmail.com

If you have news to share – or a subject you would be interested in, please contact us at:
TCS Website: <https://twincitiesslovenians.org/>

Slovenian Wine Country

