

TCS Activity

Membership Meeting – September 19th

September brought us together again for our first fall membership meeting – but not in the usual way. Our first “Zoom” gathering brought over 30 attendees together to watch Rick Steves’ video, “*The Best of Slovenia*”. (Available on You Tube, if you missed it.)



We also listened to updates from our president, Mike Koski, and entered “break-out rooms” for socializing. We missed sharing coffee and treats, but had no long drives or parking problems! Kudos to Elaine Barthelomy for organizing the Zoom meeting and John Perhay for technical support.

Among the many subjects discussed were the clever Slovenian socks offered for sale in Slovenia and via website. These soft nylon, cotton blend socks come in a variety of patterns, including honey, dragon, potica and klobasa! Liz Miller has provided the website for those of you who might be interested. <https://slocks.net/>

Zoom Coffee Hour - October 10th

Slovenians (and their descendants) are well known for their desire to share and socialize. The newly inaugurated Zoom Coffee Hour was held on October 10th. The starter discussion subjects were: 1) the Slovenian domination of the 2020 Tour de France race and 2) what you like best with your coffee. The 15 attendees enjoyed the opportunity to connect. More Coffee Hours will be scheduled in the future; look for notices in your email inbox.

Slovenian Language Class

Class resumed for those studying the Slovenian language. John Zakelj continues to lead the expanded class, with the able assistance of Kasenja from her podium in Slovenia. One of the assignments for the first class was to listen to a famous Slovenian song (sung in Slovenian, of course) and identify the words. Very difficult!! Very fun!

Member News

SUA Educational Grant Winners

The SUA Educational Grant for 2020 has been awarded to Connor Ellis and Dylan Ellis, The grant is awarded by SUA for higher education expenses other than tuition. Dylan Ellis was also awarded an \$800 scholarship from SWUA. Connor and Dylan are members of SUA Branch 109 and the grandsons of TCS members Beverly and Robert Kochman. Congratulations to Connor and Dylan!

Congratulations to these members celebrating milestones in September!

- Larry and Jane Debelek celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.
- Elaine Barthelomy celebrated her 75th birthday.
- Nancy Pajunen celebrated her 80th birthday

Announcements

2021 Festival of Nations

The International Institute of Minnesota announced in February that the Festival of Nations will not be held in 2021 – due to the impact of COVID19. This is sad news for our organization as well as for those who have enjoyed this festival over the years. It has been the signature TCS event for sharing our Slovenian culture with the community. We send them our best wishes and hope that the Festival will return when conditions permit.

2020-2021 Program Year

The situation with COVID19 continues to impose safety restrictions on large and small gatherings. With this in mind, the decision has been made to conduct all our membership and Board meetings through May 2021 remotely using Zoom. Upcoming meetings are listed below. We will update you with the full year's program when available.

- Saturday, October 24, 9:30am.....Liz Miller*Finding our Slovenian Roots,
from America to Europe*
- Saturday, November 14, 9:30am.....Joe Valencic*Martinovanje*

For each scheduled membership meeting, you will receive an email announcement the week of 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>

2021 Calendars

2021 Calendars were shipped on October 14th and should arrive in your mailbox soon. Note: (If you ordered more than two calendars, they will arrive in more than one shipment.) Thank you to all who ordered the calendars!



News from Slovenia



If you are not tuned in to cycling sports – or have not encountered a very proud Slovenian in the past few weeks – you may not have heard about the Slovenian domination of Europe’s premiere race, the Tour de France. To say that the Tour de France, which takes place in the Italian and French Alps between August 20 and September 20, is a bicycle race, is like saying the Super Bowl is a football game. It has great importance in Europe and around the world. This year, the race was dominated by two of Slovenia’s finest cyclists, Tadej Pogacar and Primož Roglič. Congratulations to Tadej and Primož .. and proud Slovenians everywhere

Slovenian Food

From Mary Lou Voelk – SUA President

I grew up with beets. Every summer Mother would can many quarts of beets, green beans, and wax beans. It was our winter salad once the endive grown under the tarp could not take the November cold in Ely. The beets and beans were always served with sliced onions and seasoned with salt, pepper, and an oil and apple cider vinegar vinaigrette.

Beet Salad Recipe

2 cans sliced beets, drained (save the juice for jelly making)

½ white onion, sliced

Oil and apple cider vinegar vinaigrette

Salt and pepper to taste



Beet Jelly Recipe (*Editor's note: I have NEVER heard of beet jelly!*)

3 ½ Cups beet juice

1 pkg. Sure-jel

5 Cups sugar

1 pkg. grape Kool-aid

Mix beet juice and Sure-jel in saucepan.

Bring to a boil and cook 1 minute.

Remove from heat; add sugar & Kool-aid

Boil 5 minutes; fill jars and seal

TCS Membership Renewal

October is membership renewal month at Twin Cities Slovenians. 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.
- Please submit by **November 1, 2020**

Questions? Contact Jean Podominick at 651-226-3336 or tcslo2013@gmail.com

This and That

Slovenian phrases:

| <u>English</u> | <u>Slovene Phrases</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Greeting | Pozdravi |
| Hi! | Zdravo! |
| Good morning! | Dobro jutro |
| Good afternoon! | Dober dan |
| Good evening! | Dober večer |
| Welcome! (to greet someone) | Dobrodošli! |
| How are you? (friendly) | Kako ste? |
| How are you? (polite) | Kako ste kaj? |
| I'm fine, thank you! | Dobro hvala! |
| Good | Dobro |
| Long time no see | Že dolgo se nisva videla |
| I missed you | Pogrešal sem te |
| What's new? | Kaj je novega? |
| Thank you (very much)! | Najlepša hvala |
| You're welcome! (for "thank you") | Ni za kaj |
| Come in! (or: enter!) | Vstopite |
| Farewell Expressions | Slovo |
| Good night! | Lahko noč! |
| Good bye! | Na svidenje! |

Slovenian Facebook Pages

Slovenska Kuhinja - Slovenian recipes
Slovenian Genealogy (Genealogy 2000)

Slovenian Links of Interest

Slovenian Consulate of Minnesota
Slovenian Genealogy Society International
Slovenian Cultural Archives
Slovenian Tourist Board

<https://www.sloveniaconsulatemn.org>
<https://www.sgsii.com>
<http://www.thezaurus.com>
<http://www.slovenia.info/en>

US Slovenian Organization Sites

Find us on Facebook:
Connect with SUA Website:
Find SUA on Facebook (NEW!):
Membership and Newsletter email:

Twin Cities Slovenians
<https://slovenianunion.org>
Slovenian Union of America
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TCS Website: <https://twincitiesslovenians.org/>