

## Twin Cities Slovenians SUA Branch 109 2025 Annual Report

The Twin Cities Slovenians (TCS) was formed in Minneapolis, St. Paul and the surrounding areas as Branch 109 of the Slovenian Union of America (SUA). TCS welcomes men, women and children as members. We invite you to join our group if you have Slovenian heritage or are a friend of Slovenian culture. We encourage membership in our national organization, the Slovenian Union of America. Our goal is to honor our Slovenian heritage through the sharing of fellowship, culture, history, music, food, language, literature and genealogy activities. Come and join us if you are of Slovenian heritage, wish you were, or are just impressed by this very small and beautiful country. There's plenty of potica, good will and fun to go around. Check us out at <a href="https://www.twincitiesslovenians.org">www.twincitiesslovenians.org</a>

We continued to have membership meetings and programs at the New Brighton Community Center, in the party room at Sue Rademacher's home (Applewood Pointe) and the home of Karen and Miro Medved. Presenters covered a variety of topics from Slovenian Sporting success to memories of trips to Slovenia. We played Slovenian bingo (Tombola) and met the new Consul General Suzana Češarek. We ended the year at Applewood Pointe with a summer send off. We cooked, decorated cookies and enjoyed a Slovenian meal. We also sang songs and congratulated our Member of the Year, Elaine Barthelemy. It was a fitting way to end the program year.

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, we participated in the Slavic Experience. Members manned our booth and interacted with people we usually don't see at membership meetings.

We welcomed Patrice Pakiz as the new calendar coordinator and are prepared to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Our Slovenian language class enrollment continues to be strong and is a true asset for our organization.

We continue to upgrade our website (<u>www.twincitiesslovenians.org</u>) and maintain a presence on Facebook. Our website contains important information regarding our schedules and events. Our Facebook page requires approval for access. You can view photos of events there.

Thank you for your continued support of the Twin Cities Slovenians!

For membership and meeting information, please check www.twincitiesslovenians.org