

Twin Cities Slovenians at Slovenian Union of America 100th Anniversary Convention



Three days of language, music, food, and family history —
hosted by Minnesota's Slovenian-American community.

July 30 – August 2, 2026 on Minnesota's Iron Range



Save the Date!

July 30, 2026 – August 2, 2026



Celebrate 100 Years with Us in Minnesota's Iron Range!
We're excited to invite you to our big centenary celebration!

Event Locations:

- Fortune Bay Resort Casino in Tower
- Minnesota Discovery Center in Chisholm



Join us as we proudly showcase the beauty and heritage of Minnesota to guests from across the country. Everyone is welcome to join the activities at the Minnesota Discovery Center!

SLOVENIAN UNION OF AMERICA
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



THE ROD CERAR ORCHESTRA
ROSANNE OMERSA | DENIS NOVATO |
SINGING SLOVENES | KRILA |
BILL KONCAR



PICNIC | POLKAS | SINGING | DANCING

AUGUST 1, 2026 | MINNESOTA DISCOVERY CENTER | CHISHOLM, MN
11:00 AM - 8:30 PM | \$35 Member Admission | \$40 General Admission
SUA Junior Members are Free!

To Purchase Tickets:
Scan The QR Code

Lots of Preparation!



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Enter your potica and have the chance to have it honored at the banquet!



To participate, contact Betsy Grahek by calling 612-644-7836 or email her at e.grahek@mediacombb.net by **JULY 31**



Convention Volunteers Needed

See Volunteer Network
Section in this issue.

Contact Mary Jo Verschay at
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SLOVENIAN UNION OF AMERICA NATIONAL CONVENTION

GET READY! FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026

FORTUNE BAY CASINO

HOME OF THE SUA CONVENTION!

WELCOME
SUA DELEGATES!

CONVENTION
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JULY 31 - AUG 2, 2026

WELCOME



Slovenian Union of America convention is on the Range this weekend

By WDIO

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Welcome to Fortune Bay!



Welcome picnic at Fortune Bay



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Friday Sessions at Fortune Bay



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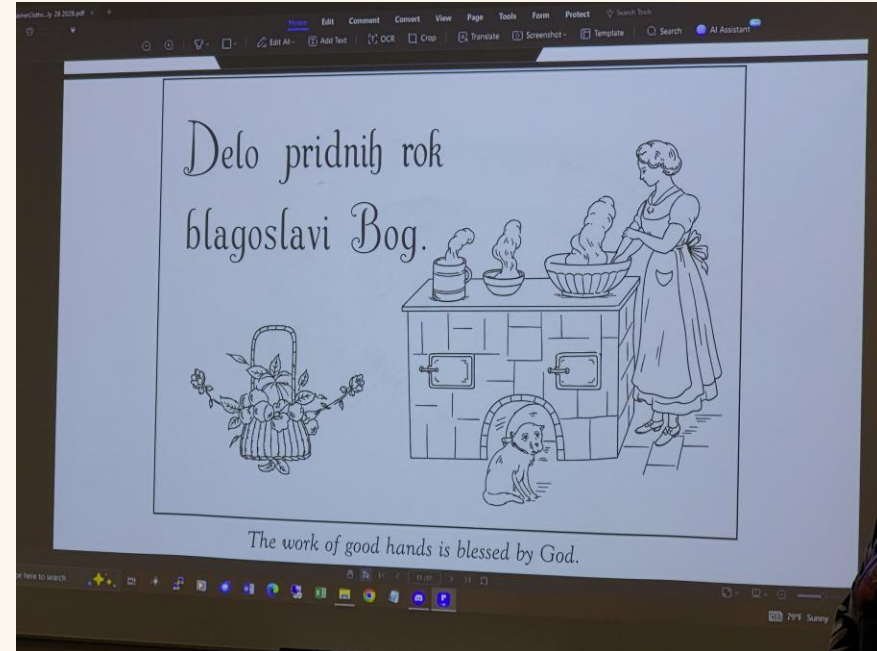
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Friday Banquet at Fortune Bay



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Friday Banquet and Dancing to Hank's Music



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Friday Banquet at Fortune Bay



Soudan Mine Tour



Saturday at Discovery Center, Chisholm



Saturday at Discovery Center, Chisholm



Saturday at Discovery Center

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Singing Slovenes Final Show – Aug. 1, 2026



Saturday at Discovery Center, Chisholm



Krila sings at Discovery Center



Saturday at Discovery Center, Chisholm



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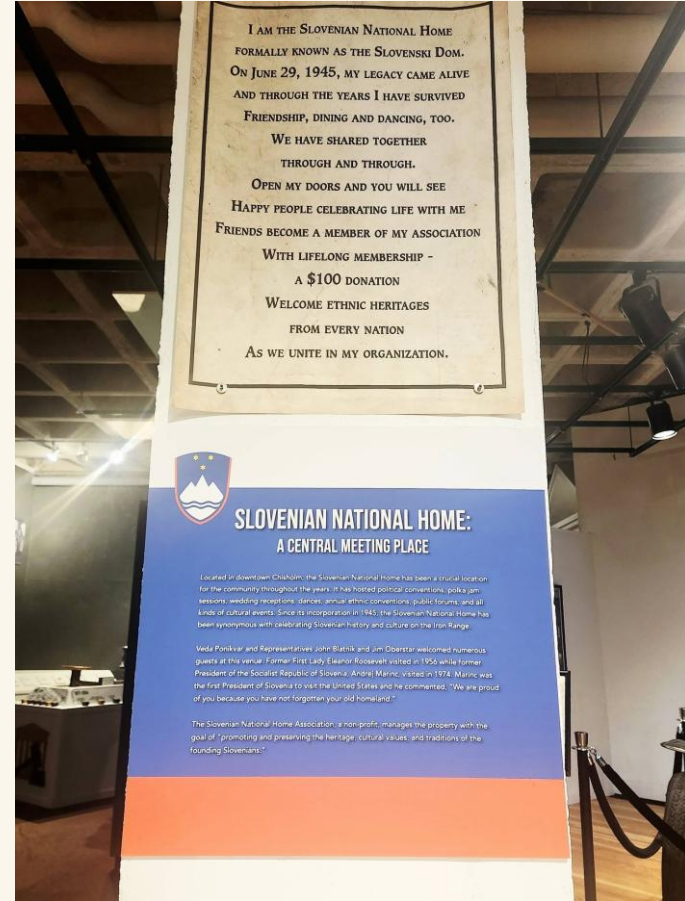


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SLOVENIAN UNION OF AMERICA: 100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

The Slovenian Union of America (SUA) is an ethnic fraternal benefit and social organization based in the United States. Its focus is on Slovenian immigrants and their descendants. The SUA was founded in 1926 as the Slovenian Women's Union of America (SWUA) to "meet the needs of Slovenian immigrant women in their new country."

Across the Range, several towns had their own chapter of the SWUA. Chisholm, Gilbert, Eveleth, Hibbing, Ely, Aurora, and Crosby-Ironton just to name a few. This speaks to the power of Slovenian immigrants in our region and their desire to preserve their culture.

In 2011, the SWUA changed to just the SUA when it became a non-profit. In 2026, they commemorate their 100th Anniversary with events on the Iron Range. We at the Minnesota Discovery Center could not be happier to join in their anniversary celebration with Zarja Fest on August 1, 2026.

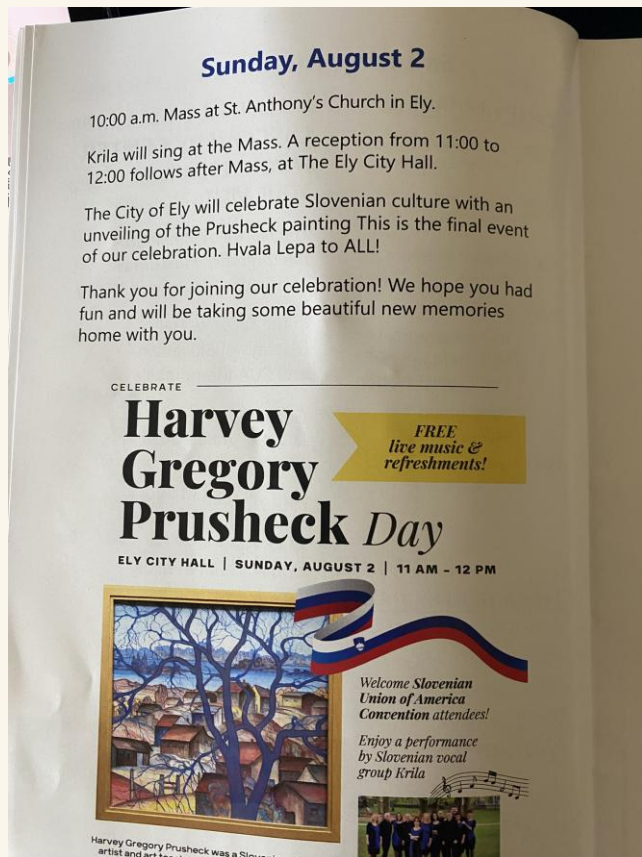
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Sunday Harvey Prusheck Day in Ely



Sunday at St. Anthony's in Ely



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