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Since the 1880's the Slavic Village in Cleveland has been home to the Czech Karlin and the old Polish Warszawa communities. For many years these and other communities have worked together celebrating their commonality and differences. Slavic Village proudly displays the flags of these nations on the Fleet Ave Bridge. The bridge can be found four miles south of downtown Cleveland Ohio spanning over Interstate 77.

U.S. Embassy hosts 4th of July Celebration

The U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana hosted a gathering to celebrate America's Independence Day, the 4th of July, on the evening of July 3rd. Ambassador Ghafari greeted guests at Fužine Castle in Ljubljana, where they enjoyed a classic 4th of July barbecue and music from both American and Slovene traditions.

In his remarks, the Ambassador noted that one of America's founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson, is known to have studied texts describing the ancient Slovene democratic tradition of farmers consenting to be

governed by their dukes. Having received the foundations of democracy from other nations, Ambassador Gharafi said that, "our gift back to the world is our bold optimistic belief that the democratic spirit of tolerance and respect for human rights, exemplified by the 4th of July, should and can be accessible to all the peoples of the world."

Ambassador Ghafari also welcomed the participation of several Slovene-Americans in the celebration, including a trio of young American singers of Slovene heritage, who sang the national anthems and other traditional songs, and a Slovene-American college student, who gave the Ambassador's remarks in Slovene.

<http://slovenia.usembassy.gov/july4.html>



Mr. and Mrs. Ghafari with the U.S. Marines.

The Center for Slovenian Studies

Center za slovenske študije

Slovenian Studies in Northeast Ohio

The Cleveland area is home to the greatest concentration of Americans of Slovenian descent in this country. The Government of Slovenia, working in cooperation with Cleveland State University (CSU), Lakeland Community College (LCC), Kent State University, and Bowling Green University, has decided to foster the cultural heritage of this important community by establishing the Center for Slovenian Studies at Cleveland State University. The Center will be staffed by a full-time Director, who will also be the curator of the Slovenian Museum and Archives at 6415 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. The Center will coordinate the teaching of courses in Slovenian language and culture at the three regional universities and Lakeland Community College. The Fall 2008 courses in Slovenian language will be taught by a Visiting Professor from the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia. To serve non-traditional, working members of the Slovenian American community, as well as traditional students, courses are scheduled in the evenings.

Slovenian Courses for Fall '08 at CSU

MLA 196, Beginning Slovene I, (4 credits), Mon. & Wed., 4:00 -5:50 pm, room MC 318,
for those with no background in Slovenian.

MLA 296, Intermediate Slovene I, (4 credits), Mon. & Wed., 6:00-7:50 pm, room MC 318,
for those with some background in speaking and/or reading Slovenian.

The 15 week courses run from Aug. 25th - Dec. 5th. Students who are not currently enrolled at CSU must be admitted as non-degree students. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED. To apply, call 216-687-5411, and ask for a non-degree student application or go to: <http://www.csuohio.edu/admissions/guest/nondegree.html> to download the form. There is a \$30 application fee.

Slovenian Courses for Fall '08 at LCC

SLOV 1901, Elementary Slovenian, (4 credits), Tues. & Thurs., 6:00 - 7:50 pm, room H103,
for those with no background in Slovenian.

The 15 week course runs from Aug. 26th - Dec. 9th. Students who are not currently enrolled at LCC must enroll, but need not submit transcripts or take the entrance exam. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED. To apply, call 440-525-7100 or go to:

<https://www2.lakelandcc.edu/apply/>
to apply online. There is a \$15 application fee.



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Events

July 19, 2008

Saturday, July 19th is just around the corner. Slovenska Pristava will present a "Kulturni večer" or "Cultural Evening". Guests from Slovenija include the men's choir **Slavček** (10 singers) and their musical ansambel **UGIB** from Cerknica. Also performing the same evening will be a Canadian Slovenian folklore group **Planika** and **Mladi Glas** from Browns Line. The dance group has over 50 dancers ranging in age from 7-19. They will perform beautiful folk dances in various authentic Slovenian costumes.

The cultural program starts at 6 pm immediately followed by music for dancing by ansambel UGIB. Dinner will be served by Sofi Mazi from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Dinners must be reserved by calling Elizabeth Zalik at 440-537-1941 no later than Wednesday of the same week. (see attached flyer)

SLOVENSKI KULTURNI VEČER na Slovenski Pristavi bo v soboto 19. julija. Nastopili bodo, pevsko društvo "Slavček" in ansambel "Ugib" iz Cerknice, in tudi Folklorna skupina s čez 50 plesalci iz Toronta. Večerja bo servirana od 4:30 do 6:00 zvečer za katero je potrebna rezervacija, zato pokličite Elizabeto Zalik na 440-537-1941 najkasneje do 17. julija. Vsi lepo vabljeni.

July 20, 2008

ST. VITUS PARISH PICNIC will be held at Slovenska Pristava on Sunday, July 20th. The day will begin with Mass at 12:00 noon. Chicken/roast beef dinners will be served after Mass (\$12 for adults and \$6 for children under the age of 12). The Joey Tomsick Orchestra will play. There will be games, refreshments and fun throughout the day. All proceeds will help with church organ repairs. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

PIKNIK ŽUPNIJE SV. VIDA bo v nedeljo 20. julija na Slovenski Pristavi. Začetek s sv. mašo ob 12:00 opoldan. Kosilo pišeanec/govedina bodo servirali takoj po maši (\$12. za odrasle in \$6. za otroke pod 12. letom). Za zabavo bo igral orkester Joey Tomsick. Ves dohodek gre za popravilo orgel. Vsi lepo vabljeni.

July 27, 2008

St. Vitus Slovenian School annual summer picnic at Slovenska Pristava. 12:30pm mass - dinner to follow \$12 adults \$6 children

August 17, 2008

St. Mary's Church / Sv. Marija Vnebovzeta Collinwood summer picnic at Slovenska Pristava

August 29, 2008

The Ansambel Veseli **Begunčani**. will perform at Slovenska Pristava

<http://www.veseli-begunjcani.com/index2.html>





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Kulturni večer. V soboto 19. julija Cultural Evening Saturday, July 19, 2008



Pevski zbor Slavček (Men's Choir)



Ansambel UGIB



Folklorne Skupine Planika in Mladi glas
Folklore Dance Groups Planika (Edelweiss) & Mladi Glas (Voice of Youth)

Meet Matt Kushner

Matt Kushner, member of Troop 383 in at St Bede The Venerable Parish 914 Lake Shore Blvd Mentor, Ohio earned the rank of Eagle Scout on April 23, 2008. For his Eagle Scout service project, Matt led a food drive that brought in over 1,200 pounds of food and supplies for St. Bede's food pantry in Mentor, coordinated the assembly of bagged lunches for the St. James' Soup Kitchen in Painesville, Ohio which were passed out by the scouts, and educated his troop about hunger in suburban Lake County. Matt is a senior at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin High School

www.ndcl.cld.pvt.k12.oh.us,

where he is president of both Medical Careers Club and German Club and a member of the National Honor Society. He works as a caddy at Kirtland Country Club and volunteers for Hospice of the

Western Reserve www.hospicewr.org. He is also an altar server at St. Mary's Parish in Collinwood. Matt plans to go to college to study medicine. He is the son of David and Marie and the grandson of George and Norma Kushner and Jennie Smole. Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. More than 1.8 million young men, about 2% of scouting's membership, have earned the Eagle rank since its introduction in 1911. The title is held for life: "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle."



*Father and son David & Matt Kushner
David is the Deacon at St. Mary's in Collinwood*





Current Events

June 25 - August 31 - "Two Capital Cities: Ljubljana-Washington." An exhibit of contrasting photos from Ljubljana and Washington. Embassy of Slovenia.

Upcoming Events

July 11-13 - Slovenefest XXVII. SNPJ Recreation Center, 270 Martin Road, Borough of SNPJ, PA 16120. www.snpjrec.com

July 16-22 - At the Crossroads: Slovenian Cinema, Walter Read Theater, 165 West 65th Street, New York, NY. www.filminc.com

Summer Festivals in Slovenia

Slovenia is a breathtaking country to visit during every season, due to the wide variety of activities that can be enjoyed. However, if you are planning to visit in the next couple of months, you are in for a treat!



Aside from the numerous museums and art galleries, during the summertime, the city streets of Slovenia buzz with a number of festivals, displaying

the latest trends in theatre, music, and art.



In the capital of Slovenia, the **Ljubljana Festival** (19 June - 28 August) represents the oldest festival with its beginnings reaching back to 1952. Since then, the festival has been an annual event where visitors can enjoy films, concerts, as well as numerous dance and theatre performances, set in the streets or in indoor halls.

Also taking place in Ljubljana is **The Summer in Ljubljana Old Town 2008 - a Summer of European Culture** (13 June - 30 August), which is a classical music fest comprised of different acts throughout the city. There will be over 15 performers during the festival from many different countries. It is a perfect opportunity to visit the historic city and enjoy the gorgeous views!

The city of Maribor, in the Štajerska region, is famous for its annual **Festival LENT** (27 June - 12 July) which features more than 400 musical and theater performances and is as such considered to be one of the biggest festivals in Europe.



1 to 31 July, 2008, Slovenia's coastal cities, Koper, Izola and

Portorož, will host the **15th Primorska Summer Festival**, which mostly features theatre and dance performances, set outdoors to draw attention to the cultural heritage of the Primorska region. For more information please visit slovenia.si.



The town of Brežice will hold its annual **Seviq Brežice**, a project mostly dedicated to old classic music played on authentic instruments; considered to be among the best of its kind in the world.

If you would like to find more events, please visit slovenia.si.

Scholarships for Undergraduates

Public Fund of the Republic of Slovenia for development of human resources and scholarships has published on June 20, 2008 an open call for scholarships for Slovenians abroad for the undergraduate study during the school year 2008/2009.

Applications are due on September 30, 2008.

For detailed information please visit www.sklad-kadri.si.