

FRIENDS OF THE SNH NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Incredible Ride!

Shakespeare once quoted, “It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves.” – It is up to each and every one of us to create the lives we want. Your destiny is what you make it.

Well, I can definitely confirm my destiny has been and always will be the Slovenian National Home. The dedication to preserving this fine institution has been a 30+ year commitment. I have had great and dedicated people involved over this 30 year period. What is even more exciting is the new group that will be taking over!

The Slovenian National Home continues to move forward with several projects that were in the “wing.” Shortly, we will be completing new flooring in the Clubroom. We also hope to get the ceiling done in the bar room of the main hall this year and continue the kitchen renovation in the main hall. Please continue to donate to the Slovenian National Home.

We are also completely re-doing our website. We strongly believe that this will help increase rentals, create a better understanding of what our mission is and certainly give up to date reports on calendar events.

The new President will have many new projects and ideas and I will continue to support him wholeheartedly.

In 2024, the Slovenian National Home will celebrate 100 years since it was built. Many activities are currently being planned during this year.

Please keep supporting the Friends of the Slovenian National Home with your donations. As this organization is designated a 501c3, your donations may be tax deductible.

The ride isn’t stopping. Just switching to a newer model.....

Bob Hopkins
President, Slovenian National Home

Kurentovanje
February 10, 2024



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MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS OF SLOVENIAN NATIONAL HOME PRESIDENT

Hello Friends!

Happy 2024 to all! This year, 2024 is an incredibly significant and milestone year for The Slovenian National Home. We are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Grand-Opening and Dedication of the Slovenian National Home Building and Complex. Not that long ago we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the incorporation of SND. That took place in 2014 and what a celebration it was! Here we are 10 years later, commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of the Grand-Opening and Dedication of the Slovenian National Home Building and Complex! 2024 also marks the 100th Anniversary of the Maksim Gaspari painting titled "Mother Slovenia." We are standing still and still going strong, 100 years later!

To celebrate this 100-year milestone of our Beloved Building, we are planning a Centennial Reverse Raffle Benefit and Dinner on the evening of Saturday September 21, 2024. Mark your calendars now, as there will only be 200 main board tickets sold. Along with the raffle, there will be music, gift baskets and 50/50 drawings. Thank you in advance for your support and joining us to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of this landmark building and complex.

The Trustees of Friends kept busy this past year approving projects that needed immediate attention. Number one being an entire new roof over the Kenik Room and main kitchen. As you recall, the renovation of the main kitchen had to be placed on a temporary hold because of roof issues and expenses. Now that the roof is complete, we need to have brand new ceiling and lighting installed. This was part of the initial renovation plan. With the increased cost of construction, labor and materials, the estimates are coming in at \$60,000, which is overwhelming. What we are hoping for, without an additional mailing, is to reach out to our great supporters like you! Please consider a donation towards the new ceiling and lighting included with your renewal or new membership to Friends enclosed with this newsletter. Without your financial support, without you, this Historic Facility that we all know and love, which was given the name Slovenian National Home, would not be in the pristine condition as it stands today, 100 years from its Grand-Opening.

Renew your membership or become a new member today by mailing the enclosed form or you can go online to <https://www.slovenianhome.com/> to bring up Friends Memberships. Friends, as always, thanks you in advance for your generosity and continued support for the preservation of this Landmark Facility, our beloved Slovenian National Home. We look forward to celebrating this milestone Centennial Year with you.

In Friendship,

Shelli Slapnik March

President, Friends of Slovenian National Home



Congratulations

The Trustees of Friends and the Board of Directors of the Slovenian National Home congratulate Friends President **Shelli Slapnik March** on being honored by the St. Vitus Alumni for her many years of dedication and service to the St. Clair community, St. Vitus Parish, and the Slovenian National Home.

Shelli received this well-deserved recognition at the annual St. Vitus Alumni Mass and dinner held on October 29, 2023.

Our best wishes to Shelli on receiving this honor!



Shelli Slapnik March (r) with Agnes Koporc (l) - the 2023 St. Vitus Alumni honorees

Friends of the Slovenian National Home, Inc.

Dedicated to the preservation of our Slovenian Cultural Landmark

The Slovenian National Home 6417 St. Clair Avenue Cleveland, Ohio

Celebrating the Building Centennial in 2024!

The Friends of the Slovenian National Home annual appeal for new and renewal of memberships is in process. Please consider joining, renewing, or signing up a friend to become a member of the Friends of the Slovenian National Home. Detach and use this form to send in your membership dues or visit the website slovenianhome.com and click on FRIENDS MEMBERSHIPS. The year 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the building of the Slovenian National Home! Please consider an additional donation to help with the preservation of this historic hall. We thank all of our 'Friends' for your continued and generous support. We are honored and grateful for all of our lifetime members. Hvala lepa!

2024 Membership Dues:	<u>Annual</u>	or	<u>Lifetime</u>
Individual Membership	\$20.00		\$1000.00
Family Membership	\$30.00		\$1200.00
Organizational Membership	\$50.00		\$1500.00
Business Membership	\$75.00		\$1500.00

I/we wish to renew my/our membership. Enclosed find \$ _____

Please accept an additional contribution of \$ _____ towards your preservation efforts.

Name/Organization or Business: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please make your check payable to: **Friends of the Slovenian National Home, Inc.**

Mail to: **6409 St. Clair Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44103-1633**

Friends of the Slovenian National Home, Inc. is a 501©(3) organization.

Slovenian National Home Schedule of Events

Organization	Date	Contact	Phone#/email
Slovenian National Home Annual Meeting (Zoom)	March 3, 2024	Caitlin Peterson caitlin.dawn.peterson@gmail.com	
Club of Associations Lenten Friday Fish Fry	February 16th thru March 22nd	Caitlin Peterson caitlin.dawn.peterson@gmail.com	
St. Vitus CWV #1655 and St. Vitus Alumni Social	April 2, 2024	Steve Mills Frank Zitko	216-392-2768 440-488-8284
Slovenian National Home Summer Zabava Festival	August 3, 2024	Caitlin Peterson caitlin.dawn.peterson@gmail.com	
Kres Dance Performance	August 31, 2024	Marc Tomc	216-475-8409
Friends of the Slovenian National Home Centennial Celebration	September 21, 2024	Shelli Slapnik March	216-407-5062
Belokranjski Club	November 9, 2024	T. Smuk	216-798-5699
Slovenian National Home Thanksgiving Eve Jam	November 27, 2024	Gerri Hopkins	216-361-5115
AMLA Christmas Party	December 15, 2024	AMLA Office	216-531-1900

Our monthly socials have been selling out. You can pre-purchase your tickets for six or twelve months by contacting the office at 216-361-5115. You do not need to be present to win, except for the attendance prize, of course!

Monthly socials are held the last Wednesday of the month. *Note date changes due to holidays. A \$10.00 ticket includes refreshments and a chance to win one of many prizes. Join us for an evening of fun, music, and friendship!

2024 Social Dates

January 31
February 28
March 27
April 24
May 29
June 26
July 31
August 28
September 25
October 30
November 20 *
December 18 *



Memorial Donations

We are grateful to the families and friends who have remembered their loved ones with a memorial donation to the Friends of the Slovenian National Home. Donations listed were received November 1, 2022 thru October 31, 2023.

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In Memory

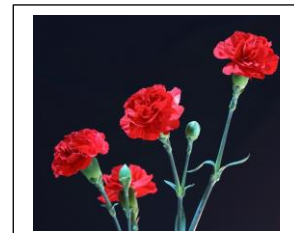


Marcelline Mills

1929-2023

We remember Marcelline Mills, dear mother of board member Geraldine Hopkins and mother-in-law of Robert Hopkins. Marcie was a long-time supporter of the Slovenian National Home, St. Vitus Parish and the St. Clair community. Always ready with a smile, we fondly remember her attendance at so many of the events held at the Slovenian National Home.

May she rest in peace.



Slovenian National Home Annual Shareholders Meeting
March 3, 2024 2:00 p.m. Eastern time on Zoom

All certificate holders are invited to attend
Registration is required. Contact Caitlin Peterson at
caitlin.dawn.peterson@gmail.com for Zoom meeting details.

The Board of Directors of the Slovenian National Home and the trustees of Friends of the Slovenian National Home thank you for your support of the Preservation of the Slovenian National Home, Our Slovenian Cultural Landmark!

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