



B/MSSCA

summer focus



B/MSSCA CELEBRATION PLANS IN FULL SWING FOR 2006

2006 Summer Picnic and Fall Roast Plans are Set !

Summer Picnic to be Held at Saucon Valley Acres

A picnic will be held on Wednesday August 2, @ 6:00 PM at Saucon Valley Acres for Slovenian Exchange students visiting from Slovenia. Pastors of various participating congregations will be

invited to attend. This event represents a great opportunity to meet students from Slovenia here, to study the many aspects of American culture. Lets show them our Slovenian / American hospitality!

great food, polka music, and prizes. Details to follow.

Yes, I will be attending the B/MSSCA Summer Picnic with Slovenian Exchange Students to be held at Saucon Valley Acres on August 2, 2006 @ 6:00 PM

I will need a total of ____ tickets @ \$10.00 each.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Ticket reservations must be received by July 25, 2006.

Please send reservations and checks to:
Mary Karol
3270 Bingen Road
Bethlehem, PA. 18015

September 17th Annual Fall Roast at Saucon Valley Acres Promises to be a Good Time for All

September 17, 2006 will see the popular B/MSSCA Annual Fall Roast. Once again we will all have the opportunity to join together in celebration of our Slovenian American heritage. However, this year marks a special milestone. It is the tenth year of B/MSSCA! Wow, how the time goes by. Special recognition is certainly in order for those B/MSSCA members who give of themselves selflessly year after year to continue the Sister City Partnership with Murska Sobota, Slovenia. This year's Annual Roast will see

Independence Day Celebration at Bethlehem City Hall Well Attended!

The weather was fine for the Slovenian Independence Day flag (s) raising ceremony held at the Payrow Plaza, Bethlehem City Center.

Master of Ceremonies Frank Podleiszek and Bob Donchez raised the flags. Also in attendance were; Miriam Mozgan, from the Embassy of Slovenia in Washington, D.C., and Reverend Ron Hari who delivered the invocations. Our own Mary Pongracz again delivered stirring renditions of each countries National Anthems as well as "God Bless America". A buffet luncheon was held afterwards at the Palace Restaurant. Many thanks go out to Joe Boligitz and Mary Karol, who chaired the ceremony.



Trip to Murska Sobota, Slovenia Enjoyed by All

The timing could not have been better! The group that made the trip to Murska Sobota, Slovenia had the incredible opportunity to attend the 'Festivalko Soboski dnevi' during their stay. Concerts, food, dancing, and other cultural events made for a memorable experience. Still, with all the activities going on many found time to enjoy the many other wonderful sites around Murska Sobota, Slovenia, and had a chance to meet again with friends and relatives.



10th Anniversary Sister City Celebration in Murska Sobota !

Irena Brunec recognized during the trip to Slovenia

While members of the B/MSSCA were in Murska Sobota, Slovenia, Anton Stihec, Mayor of Slovenia included in the ceremonies the presentation of a plaque to Irena Brunec in recognition of her efforts to promote Slovenian-American heritage. Maria Skrilec, of the B/MSSCA Board organized the creation of the plaque for identifying Irena Brunecs' bronze relief contribution to the Sister City partnership, which contained the inscription;

**“Bethlehem Murska Sobota Sister
Cities Association”
“Certificate of Appreciation”
“Presented to Irena Brunec” “For
charitable endeavors to promote the**

**proud culture and heritage between
the sister cities of Bethlehem, PA.
USA and Murska Sobota, Slovenia”
“June 2006”**

Another plaque was also presented to Mayor Anton Stihec to be placed in the Murska Sobota City Hall with the inscription;

**“Potovanje skozi spomine by Irena
Brunec”**

An identical plaque, to be placed at Bethlehem City Hall was also presented to Charlie Brown during the recent flag(s) raising ceremony that read the same inscription;

**“Journey Through Memories by
Irena Brunec”**

SpringFest 06' at NCC a Great Success!

The Northampton Community College Family and the Bethlehem / Murska Sobota Sister Cities Association held a display for all in attendance.

There was exceptional interest in Slovenian Heritage. A good number of B/MSSCA members were there to greet and talk about B/MSSCA activities and events. Brochures were handed out, with the intent of providing festival patrons an opportunity to learn about Slovenian heritage.

We even gained some new members!

It was decided by the B/MSSCA board to again join the NCC SpringFest for 2007!

Fall Heritage Day at St. Joseph's!

A preliminary date of October 22 has been set!

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