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## Parliament Endorses New Cabinet

**The National Assembly on Wednesday endorsed the new cabinet of Slovenia's first female Prime Minister, Ms. Alenka Bratušek, with 52 votes in favor and 35 against, completing the formation of the 11th Slovenian government.**

Together, the newly formed coalition controls 49 seats in the 90-seat National Assembly, while Wednesday's vote also saw endorsements by two of the three unaffiliated MPs and one minority MP. The



Slovenia's new government was sworn in on Wednesday, March 20 evening.

14-member cabinet was sworn in in the National Assembly immediately and took over duties from the dismissed government on Thursday.

In her first statement after the vote, the 42-year-old Bratušek, who heads the Positive Slovenia (PS) party, said she would lead the team "on the path of positive change and progress." The new opposition is formed by Janša's Slovenian Democratic Party (SDS), New Slovenia (NSi) and the Slovenian

People's Party (SLS), all of which voted against the endorsement.

Ministers in Slovenia's eleventh cabinet are: Dr. Uroš Čufer, Minister of Finance, Mr. Karl Erjavec, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Tomaž Gantar, Minister of Health, Dr. Uroš Grilc, Minister of Culture, Mr. Roman Jakič, Minister of Defense, Dr. Anja Kopač Mrak, Minister of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Mr. Igor Maher, Minister of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning, Dr. Jernej





Mr Karl Erjavec, existing Minister of Foreign Affairs continues his work. (All photos are courtesy of www.vlada.si)

Pikalo, Minister of Education, Science and Sport, Dr. Senko Pličanič, Minister of Justice, Mr. Stanko Stepišnik, Minister of Economic Development and Technology, Dr. Gregor Virant, Minister of the Interior and Public Administration, Mr. Dejan Židan, Minister of Agriculture and the Environment, and Ms. Tina Komel, Minister without Portfolio for Relations between the Republic of Slovenia and the Autochthonous Slovenian National Community in Neighbouring Countries and between the Republic of Slovenia and Slovenians Abroad.



Ms. Tina Komel , newly appointed Minister without Portfolio for Slovenians in Neighbouring Countries and Abroad.

## SLOVENIAN COMMUNITY

# Celebration at St. Joseph's in Bethlehem, PA

St. Joseph's Slovenian church in Bethlehem, PA, opened its doors for the second annual celebratory Mass honoring its patron saint on Saturday, March 16. The service, presided over by the Rev. Scott Ardinger of the Incarnation of Our Lord in Bethlehem, and concelebrated by Fr. Krizolog Cimerman of the Slovenian St. Cyril's Church in New York City drew several hundred people to the Slovenian church for the second time since the church has been shuttered in 2008 along with 57 other churches in the Diocese of Allentown. However, parishioners appealed their church's closing to the Vatican and won a partial victory that allowed the church to be used, but only for funerals and on the feast of St. Joseph.

The ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia, Roman Kirn, was a guest at the service at the



From left: Bethlehem Mayor John B. Callahan, Congressman Charles Dent (R), State Senator Lisa Boscola, city councilman Robert Donchez, President of Bethlehem - Murska Sobota Sister City Association Gene Novak and Ambassador Kirn at St. Joseph's.

invitation of Mr. Stephen Antalics, founder of the Bethlehem and Murska Sobota Sister-City Association. Congressman Charles Dent (R), Pennsylvania State

Senator Lisa Boscola, Mayor John B. Callahan and Robert Donchez, Bethlehem city councilman, who is of Slovenian ancestry, also joined the feast.



St. Joseph's parish was founded back in 1913 to serve Slovenian immigrants, most of whom came from the Prekmurje region. The foundation stone was set in 1914 and the church was consecrated, with a Mass in the Slovenian language, in 1917. A strong and vital Slovenian community is trying to have it reopened because of the importance for Slovenes to have a place of worship where they can nurture their heritage.



The foundation stone of the church was set 99 years ago.

At the reception following the Mass, held at the Iacocca Hall at Lehigh University's Mountaintop Campus, Ambassador Roman Kirn praised the vibrant Slovene community in Bethlehem for its endeavors to preserve its cultural identity. He highlighted the influence of the Slovene church in Bethlehem, not only as a place for divine worship but also as a place for the Slovene community to enhance its cultural identity. Ambassador Kirn expressed his support for their endeavors to keep St. Joseph's church open to the needs of Slovene community in Bethlehem.

Of the three sister-city relationships Bethlehem has

with other foreign cities, the Bethlehem-Murska Sobota Sister-City Association has been since its establishment in 1996 widely recognized as the most dynamic, resourceful and productive of all. Events like the annual Slovenian flag rising at the city center to celebrate Slovenian Independence day are widely recognized and accepted in the city.

This year, the Slovenian event will take place on Friday, June 21 at 10:30 at Bethlehem's

Payrow Plaza. The president of the Bethlehem-Murska Sobota Sister City Association, which has 185 members, is Gene Novak, who together with his wife Kathy helps to nurture the ties of the Slovenes in Bethlehem with the high school in Murska Sobota, organizing exchange programs for them. Ms. Marija Skrilec coordinates visiting exchange programs with Slovenia through the Northeast Pennsylvania Lutheran Synod.

On this occasion, the Slovenian Book Agency, the National and University Library, the Alojzij Šuštar Elementary School, the National Education Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, and the Slovene Reading-Badge Society donated to the association more than 150 Slovenian books, textbooks, magazines, CDs and DVDs to encourage the Slovenes of Bethlehem to take great pride in their ethnic roots and Slovenian language.

You can follow the activities of Slovenian community in Bethlehem at: St. Joseph's Facebook Page at <http://www.facebook.com/StJosephChurchBethlehemPA>



Ambassador Kirn addressing vibrant Slovenian community at the Iacocca Hall at Lehigh University's Mountaintop Campus.

## Astronauts Williams and Hoshide at the Embassy

NASA astronaut and U.S. naval officer of Slovenian descent, Sunita L. Williams, visited the Slovenian Embassy in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, March 21, together with astronaut Akihiko Hoshide of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), both of whom are International Space Station (ISS) Expedition 33 crewmembers, who served on board the ISS from July 14 to November 18, 2012.

The Expedition crewmembers visited the embassy where they met with Ambassador Kirn and approx. 30 guests, with whom they shared their experiences of travel and life in space. Opening remarks were made by Ambassador Kirn and Andreas Diekmann, a former head of the European Space Agency's Washington Office, who represented the Agency in the United States and in Canada.

Sunita Williams holds the record for the longest single space flight by a woman – 195 days. She also spent a total of almost 322 days



Astronauts Hoshide and Williams, who is of Slovenian descent met with Ambassador Kirn. Also on the picture is Sunita's mother Bonnie Pandya.

in space during seven missions. The last one --Expedition 33 -- was a four-month stint on the International Space Station in a Russian Soyuz capsule. In the spacecraft were three astronauts: beside Hoshide and Williams, also Russian cosmonaut and Soyuz commander Yuri Malenchenko of ROSKOSMOS (Russian Federal Space Agency).

The crew spent 125 days aboard the ISS in a \$100-billion research complex involving 15 countries and orbiting 240 miles (385 km) above Earth. From ISS, Sunita Williams controlled a European Space Agency rover in Germany. This operation was a test of a communication protocol designed for interplanetary spaceflight and an excellent example of joint tests by NASA and ESA and their cooperation.

Last time Sunita visited Slovenia was in September 2009, as her family on maternal side comes from a small town Leše pri Tržiču. In 2011, the Slovenian Science Foundation (SZF) published a book on Sunita L. Williams, written by physicist Dušan Petrač and SZF director Edvard Kobal to present the achievements of Slovenians in space exploration. The book starts with a presentation of Slovenians who took part in the space program - including Slovenian space travel visionary Herman Potočnik Noordung (1892-1929).



Astronauts shared their experience about their last expedition in space.



## Basketball Star Goran Dragić in D.C.

Slovenian basketball star Goran Dragić visited Washington, D.C., as his team Phoenix Suns played against Washington Wizards in Verizon Center on Saturday, March 16 evening. Embassy staff attended the game to support the Suns and their Slovenian Phoenix Suns point-guard Dragić.

Slovenia's biggest NBA star has been the leading scorer with an average of 14.1 points this season. Although the Suns lost on Saturday with the final score 127-105, Dragić kept fighting until the end, scoring 12 points and 11 assists.

Goran Dragić began his professional career at the age of 17 in 2003 with Ilirija Ljubljana. In 2007, he joined the Slovenian League, Adriatic



Phoenix Suns' point guard, Goran Dragić (1) drives to the basket as Washington Wizards forward Martell Webster (9) and guard John Wall (2) defend during the second half at the Verizon Center.

League and Euroleague club Olimpija Ljubljana, where he played for one year,

during the 2007-08 season, winning the Slovenian League championship. In 2008, he signed with the Phoenix Suns and joined the NBA. In 2011, he was traded to the Houston Rockets; however, Dragić returned to Phoenix Suns in 2012, signing a four-year contract as the team's first playmaker.

Dragić confirmed he would join Slovenia's roster for the European Basketball Championship, which will take place in Slovenia in September. The Slovenian team is scheduled to gather for training camp on July 19. It is due to play 12 warm-up games ahead of the September 4 opening match in Stožice, Ljubljana.



Phoenix Suns' Goran Dragić, of Slovenia, met with the embassy staff after the game in the locker-room of the Verizon Center.



## Skier Tina Maze Concludes Exceptional Season

Overall World Cup winner, Tina Maze, returned to Slovenia on Monday, March 18, after a record-breaking season in alpine skiing, which brought her 2,414 points for the Overall, SG and GS titles, a gold and two silver World Championship medals. Maze not only broke the overall score record among women and men, she has also become the best-paid skier of this season.

Her amazing achievements place Tina Maze among the best alpine skiers in history and best athletes in Slovenia. Maze cruised to her 22nd podium finish three weeks ago to match the record of Austrian skiing champion Hermann Maier, who managed the same feat in the 1999/2000 season. Maze won 11 races this season, which puts her third in the history of women's alpine skiing, coming only behind



Tina with her three crystal globes.

Switzerland's Vreni Schneider (14 wins in the 1988/89 season) and Lindsey Vonn of the U.S. (12 wins in the 2011/12 season).

Maze was on the podium 24 times and won races in all five

disciplines. She was in the top ten in 32 out of 35 races. She scored a total of 2,414 points this season, more than any skier ever before. Slovenia's anthem was played three times for Maze at the final event on Sunday, March 17, in Lenzerheide, Switzerland, first for her last victory, then for the small giant slalom crystal globe, and then at 2:30 a.m. when she was given the great crystal globe as the overall World Cup winner.

The president of the International Skiing Association, Gianfranco Kasper, hailed Maze as the definitive queen of this season. Maze was also honored by the Slovenian government, stating that she has promoted Slovenia "above all expectations," particularly by drawing attention to its tourism and economy.



Tina and her team to A-MAZE.

## Cerknica and the Notranjska Regional Park



Intermittent Lake Cerknica.

Cerknica, a town in the Karst region of southwestern Slovenia, is located on the southern border of Cerknica polje around the river Cerknjščica. The original settlement was probably located on the present Uševak polje. From there, it was supposedly moved to the hill around the church, where is the present old town core, called Tabor. Cerknica's name, containing the root word "cerkev" (church), allegedly originated there. At Gradišče, there are the remains of prehistoric walls, testifying to an early settlement, and, on Sinja gorica, a Roman burial site.

Cerknica was first mentioned in the records in 1040. In the 15th century, continuous and cruel Turkish raids began, which caused much damage to this part of Slovenia. The inhabitants were forced to

organize self-defense, and the remains of the fortifications around the main church testify to that. These defense walls against the Turks are one of the best preserved monuments of this kind in Slovenia. In the

midst of them stands the church dedicated to the Birth of Virgin Mary, which was built in the 13th century, but burnt down in a Turkish raid in 1472 and was then rebuilt. It acquired its final form in mid-16th century. Built in the Late Gothic style, it is famous for its history and beautiful interior; it belongs to the group of hall-like churches.

By any means the most famous sight of the area is the intermittent Lake Cerknica: when full, it covers 24 sq. km. (9.3 sq. mi.) and is thus the largest lake in the country. Yet, in 1686 Janez Vajkard Valvasor, a nobleman, scientist and polymath, and a fellow of the Royal Society in London, noted: "Without any false modesty, I can state that the story of Lake Cerknica is a true wonder of nature, and that it ranks, rightfully and without any bias, among the greatest wonders of the natural world."



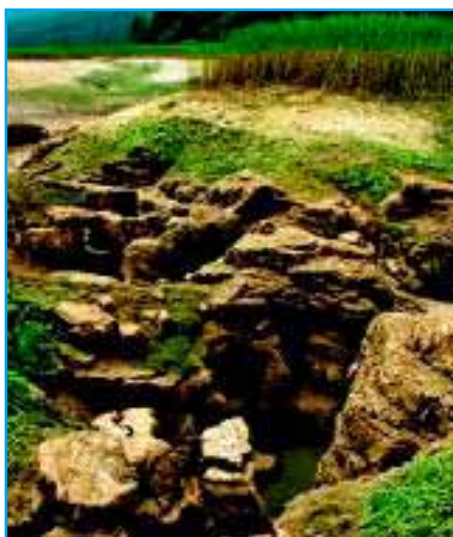
Sunken karst valley of Rakov Škocjan.





Cerknica is famous for its traditional carnival that always features a witch from Mount Slivnica.

In the summer and late winter, when the lake is usually dry, picturesque karst features can be seen on its dry bed, including vertical sinkholes, estavelles, cave sinkholes, and surface water flows. The main watercourse in the lake area is the Stržen River. In the autumn, when the rainfall is light, the lake is completely drained into caves below the ground and its bed is quickly covered by rich vegetation. With the return of heavier rains, the surrounding higher lying caves are



Vertical sinkhole on the drained Lake Cerknica.

filled and suddenly discharge water through the subterranean passages into the lake, so that it very rapidly regains its ordinary volume and may even inundate the surrounding areas. The changes in its level are, however, very irregular. Sometimes, the lake does not disappear for several years, whereas, on the other hand, it can remain dry for over a year, as it did in 1834-35. It is rich in fish, which disappear and return with the water.

The Notranjska Regional Park covers the area of the Municipality of Cerknica. It was established in 2002 in order to preserve, protect, and explore the natural and cultural heritage of the area. The park is marked by invaluable biodiversity. A large part of the park is included in the European Network of Special Protected Areas, the Natura 2000 sites. The park includes many different habitats: dry and wet meadows, transitional marshes, wetlands, vast forests, and numerous caves. This results in a great diversity of animal and plant species. So far, more than 250 bird species have been observed in the

area; also, 15 species of amphibians have been recorded in the park. The park is also home to many endangered species of mammals, such as the brown bear, wolf, lynx, and otter.

Lake Cerknica has no surface outflow; all the water seeps underground and surfaces as the Rak River in the Rakov Škocjan valley. The lake is a part of the karst river system of the Ljubljana River – one river that along its course bears, altogether, seven different names.

Nearby, one can find the sunken karst valley of Rakov Škocjan, which was named after the church of St. Cantianus, the ruins of which can still be seen today. The main attractions of Rakov Škocjan are the Tkalca Cave, the Zelške Caves, and the Big and Little Natural Bridges.

Križna jama is one of the most interesting caves in the world. It lies in the eastern part of the park and has 22 underground lakes, through which flow the waters from the Bloke Plateau. The Javorniki Hills, covered with beech and fir forests, rise from the southwest shore of Lake Cerknica.

On the lake's north side, stands Mount Slivnica (1,114 m.; 3,655 ft.), famous for its legendary witches, as Cerknica is also famous for its traditional carnival. Every year for one week before Lent, the town changes its name into Butale, an imaginary village inhabited by simpletons, Butalci, who come to life at carnival time, based on the book "Butalci" by Fran Milčinski. This carnival, one of the biggest carnival festivities in Slovenia, also includes the traditional »sawing of the witch« and the inauguration of the Carnival Mayor of Butale.

More information available at: <http://www.cerknica.si/>



# Slovene Language Courses

**The Center for Slovene as a Second/Foreign Language at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Ljubljana** is organizing various Slovene language courses in the spring and summer:

**Let's Taste Slovene (March 28-June 6, 2013):** a 30-hour afternoon course for beginners (A1). Once a week, for 3 school hours, Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Faculty of Arts on Tobačna 5, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia.

More information available at: [www.centerslo.net/l2.asp?L1\\_ID=1&L2\\_ID=121&LANG=eng](http://www.centerslo.net/l2.asp?L1_ID=1&L2_ID=121&LANG=eng)

**Intensive Course of Slovene (June 3-7, 2013):** the 20-hour afternoon course is a one-week opportunity to learn basic communication patterns in Slovene or to refresh what you have already learnt. Monday to Friday from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Faculty of Arts, Aškerčeva 2, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia.

More information available at: [http://www.centerslo.net/l2.asp?L1\\_ID=1&L2\\_ID=16&LANG=eng](http://www.centerslo.net/l2.asp?L1_ID=1&L2_ID=16&LANG=eng)

**32nd Summer School of Slovene (July 1-26, 2013):** 2- or 4-week morning course, a wide variety of afternoon courses and a varied accompanying program – all of this in the company of more than 130 participants from all around the world! Monday to Friday at the Faculty of Arts, Aškerčeva 2, 1000 Ljubljana. More information available at: [http://www.centerslo.net/l2.asp?L1\\_ID=1&L2\\_ID=1&LANG=eng](http://www.centerslo.net/l2.asp?L1_ID=1&L2_ID=1&LANG=eng)

Summer school activities are not limited to language learning; there is also a varied social program, where you can get acquainted with Slovene culture, history and contemporary reality. In workshops, you will learn about cultural practices and customs, meet famous and interesting Slovenes, see a Slovene film or a theatrical production, go to a concert and do some sports.

The activities of the accompanying program are held in the afternoons and evenings and are covered by the tuition fee. Parts of the accompanying program are translated into English, which enables beginners to follow those activities as well; other activities are held only in Slovene and are meant as a direct complement of the language courses.

At the end of the Summer School, you will receive an official Certificate of Attendance of a Slovene language course at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Ljubljana.

If you want to obtain an official certificate of Slovene, you can take the Exam of Slovene at the Intermediate or Advanced Level at the end of the first 2-week course. Applications will be collected during the Summer School.

## Fees:

EUR 530 (about \$690) for a 2-week course (40 hours)  
 EUR 900 (about \$1,170) for a 4-week course (80 hours)  
 EUR 155 (about \$202) for a 2-week elective course (18 hours).

Tuition fees cover language courses as well as the additional activities program. The cost of textbook is not included in the fee; you will buy it at the course after the results of the placement test are known. The fee for the course also does not include the Exam of Slovene.

You can apply for the course (using the application form found on the Center's website) no later than **June 17, 2013** (and July 1 for the July 15–26, 2013 course).

Members of Slovene ethnic minorities in other countries and descendants of Slovene expatriates and emigrants can apply for the **scholarship** (2-week morning course). **The deadline for applications is May 15, 2013.**

Candidates who do not have Slovene background, but are actively engaged in Slovene culture or in some other way contribute to the promotion of Slovenia in the world can apply for one of the **scholarships** of the Jana Zemljarič Miklavčič Scholarship Trust. **The deadline for applications is May 1, 2013.**

More information at: <http://www.centerslo.net/index.asp?lang=eng>



# Presenting Slovenia at the Multicultural Heritage Fair

As a Slovene, who 20 years ago initially planned to only come briefly to the United States, I now happily claim Chicago as my adopted hometown. However, Slovenia will always be my motherland and I never miss an opportunity to educate my fellow Americans on the country of my birth and promote its natural beauty, which is still largely unknown by many in the United States. I was therefore very excited when I learned that my children's school was organizing a Multicultural Heritage Fair to promote knowledge and understanding of different countries around the world and their cultures. Harper Elementary School is located in Wilmette, a suburb on Chicago's North Shore, and serves kindergarten through 4th grade. The school is attended by students from approximately 300 families, many of whom have foreign ties.

Now in its 3rd year and quickly becoming a Harper tradition, this year's Multicultural Heritage Fair took place on Thursday, March 14. In addition to our Slovene table, many other world countries such as Canada, Australia, Brazil, China, Japan, and Sri Lanka participated. Interestingly, we were the only country to represent Europe this year.

As part of our presentation, we put together many interesting facts about Slovenia to educate the children as well as their parents about our small, but unique and extremely diverse country. Here are some things our visitors learned:

- - Just how does one pronounce the name of the capital of Slovenia? (such a hard word for an American tongue...).
- - Why is the dragon a symbol



of Ljubljana? (according to Greek mythology the dragon was slain somewhere in the vicinity of the city's location by Jason and the Argonauts on their return from their quest for the Golden Fleece).

- - What is unique about the Slovene language? (it's one of only a few of today's world languages to have the dual form).
- - Which Disney movie was filmed in Slovenia? (Chronicles of Narnia, filmed in the Soča Valley in 2008).
- - What do most Slovenes aspire to do at least once in their lifetime? (climb the 9,396 ft. tall Mt. Triglav, the symbol of Slovenia, represented in our flag and coat of arms).

One of the most popular aspects of our presentation was, without a doubt, potica, our famous nut roll pastry, samples of which were given to all that stopped by our table. Our female visitors also enjoyed a nagelj (a red carnation, primarily known for the Gorenjska region of Slovenia and portrayed on many traditional Slovene articles of wood or pottery), handed out by our enthusiastic 6-year old daughter. Our 9-year old son distributed

Slovene "passport" stamps to all the children who visited our table and he helped each child find the answer to "What is the capital of Slovenia?" (all the children attending the Fair received a list with trivia questions, the answers to which could be discovered based on the information found at each table's display... every correct answer collected resulted in a stamp in the child's passport).

Our presentation was a great success and our entire family had a lot of fun educating our community about Slovenia. Many of the Harper parents showed great interest and told us they are definitely putting Slovenia on their family's future travel list!

Many thanks to the Embassy of Slovenia in Washington, DC, the Consulate General of the Slovene Republic in Cleveland, as well as the Republic of Slovenia Government Communication Office in Ljubljana for providing various promotional materials, which helped make our table so interesting and attractive. We are already looking forward to next year's event!

Vera Holroyd



### **Workshop » How To Do Business in U.S.«**

How to expand your business to the United States? How to open a U.S. subsidiary? What do you need to know about taxes and permits when entering the largest market in the world? To whom can you turn if you need additional information? Join the Workshop "How to Do Business in U.S." intended for Slovenian firms expanding into the United States or already operating there. The event is co-organized by the Ministry's of Foreign Affairs Department for Economic Diplomacy, the U.S. Embassy in Slovenia and the American Chamber of Commerce -- AmCham Slovenia.

When: [Wednesday, March 27, 2013, from 2:00 to 6:30 p.m.](#)

Where: [Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prešernova cesta 25, Ljubljana](#)

More information: [http://www.amcham.si/en/events\\_and\\_networks\\_future\\_events.aspx?iEVENT\\_KEY=130000016](http://www.amcham.si/en/events_and_networks_future_events.aspx?iEVENT_KEY=130000016)

Confirmations: no later than Monday, March 25, to the following address: [masa.siftar@gov.si](mailto:masa.siftar@gov.si).

### **SUA NYC – Butarice Workshop**

The Slovenian Union of America in New York City is organizing a workshop, where one can learn how to make »butarice«. Thereby, the SUA follows a long-standing Easter tradition in Slovenia: the yearly making of butare (literally "bundles"), where sprigs and branches of local greenery are bound up with colored ribbons. Whether you have made a butara before or if this is your first try, all are welcome. All the materials will be on hand, collected in the woods of Massachusetts and New York.

When: [Sunday, March 23, 2013, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.](#)

Where: [St. Cyril's Church, 62 St. Mark's Place, New York, NY.](#)



### **Easter Blessing of Food in Washington, D.C.**

The traditional Slovenian Easter blessing of food will take place on Holy Saturday, [March 30, 2012, at 3:00 pm in the Slovenian Chapel of Our Lady of Brezje, located on the lower level of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4th Street and Michigan Avenue, Northeast, in Washington, DC.](#)

The event is sponsored jointly by the Bishop Baraga Society -- Lodge No. 257 of the KSKJ (Kranjsko Slovenska Katoliška Jednota - American Slovenian Catholic Union) and the local Slovenian Union of America (formerly the Slovenian Women's Union of America). The blessing is open to members, friends and the public.

## 16th Annual E.U. Film Festival in Chicago, IL

From March 1 through 28, the Gene Siskel Film Center welcomes all to the 16th Annual European Union Film Festival. This year's festival will screen the Chicago premieres of 61 new feature films, providing a broad picture of the creativity of Europe's most adventurous filmmakers. Slovenia will be represented by:

### **VAJE V OBJEMU (TANGO ABRAZOS/PRACTICING EMBRACE)**

2012, Metod Pevec, Slovenia, 89 min.

When: [Friday, March 22 at 8:00 p.m.](#) and [Sunday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.](#)

Tickets: <http://www.ticketmaster.com/Tango-Abrazos-tickets/artist/1831308?brand=siskelfc>

More information: <http://www.siskelfilmcenter.org/eufilmfest2013>

## 37th Cleveland International Film Festival

The Consulate General of the Republic of Slovenia is proud to be an official partner of the Medical Mutual Community Engagement Program of the 37th Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF), presented by Dollar Bank, which will take place April 3–14, 2013, at Tower City Cinemas. The 37th CIFF will screen 178 feature films and 164 short-subject films from 65 countries. Tickets go on sale to members only on Friday, March 15 and to the general public on Friday, March 22. Ticket prices for films are \$12 per film for CIFF members and \$14 for non-members.

When: Slovenian film [SHANGHAI GYPSY](#) is scheduled to screen on [Friday, April 12 at 3:35 p.m.](#), [Saturday, April 13 at 9:10 a.m.](#), [Sunday, April 14 at 9:10 a.m.](#)

Where: [Tower City Cinemas, 230 Huron Road, Cleveland, OH 44113](#)

Use code SLOV to receive \$2 off the ticket price. Tickets will be available online at [www.clevelandfilm.org](http://www.clevelandfilm.org), by telephone (1)(877) 304-FILM at the Ulmer & Berne Film Festival Box Office in the lobby of Tower City Cinemas, or by mail using the Program Guide order form.

## Taste of Slovenia: A Real Food Tour May 16-23, 2013

Slovenian-American, Sylvia P. Onušič, PhD, licensed nutritionist, and Saša Božič of Panoramic Travel Groups, Ljubljana, Slovenia, invite you to join them on a merry romp through Slovenia's local and traditional food venues, 8 days, 7 nights for \$1855 land price, which includes meeting food personalities Valentina Novak, Dr. Janez Bogataj, Dr. Janko Božič, Aleš and Vesna Kristančič of Movia Wineries, Slovenian chef, Tomaž Kavčič of Gostilna Pri Lojzetu and many more. Three- and four-star hotels throughout the trip. Price includes all expenses, fees, hotel and most meals. The tour includes Ljubljana, the Adriatic Coast, Goriška Brda, the Karst, Štanjel, Vipava Valley, Julian Alps, Lakes Bled and Bohinj, Kamnik, Velika Planina, Cerknica Lake, Snežnik Castle, and more.

For detailed information, including the itinerary, see the Taste of Slovenia blog at <http://www.foodtourslovenia.wordpress.com> or call (814) 736-8782. You can subscribe to the blog, which regularly publishes updates on the latest in Slovenian local food, Slow Food, new restaurants, reviews, recipes.



### Doing Business in Slovenia

The Doing Business in Slovenia 2013 publication, issued last week, is an excellent source of comprehensive and up-to-date information about the Slovenian economy. Please, find it at: [http://poslovniportal.si/Doing\\_Business\\_Slovenia.php](http://poslovniportal.si/Doing_Business_Slovenia.php).



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