



# B/MSSCA

*summer focus*



B/MSSCA CELEBRATION PLANS IN FULL SWING FOR 2007

## 2007 Summer Picnic and Fall Dinner Plans are Set !

### Summer Picnic to be Held at Saucon Valley Acres

A picnic will be held on Monday August 6, @ 6:00 PM at Saucon Valley Acres for the Slovenian High School students who will be performing the same day at Musikfest's Plaza Tropical at Noon.

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 "Yes, I will be attending the B/MSSCA Summer Picnic to be held at Saucon Valley Acres on August 6, 2007 @ 6:00 PM  
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 I will need a total of \_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$10.00 each.  
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 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Ticket reservations must be received by July 29, 2006.  
 Please send reservations and checks to the B/MSSCA c/o:  
 Maria Skrilec  
 1174 Spring Valley Rd.  
 Bethlehem, PA. 18015  
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The students will be performing selections from the musical 'Hair'. Come, join us at this important event. We may all have a chance to meet them!

### September 16th Annual Fall Dinner at Saucon Valley Acres Promises to be a Good Time for All

September 16, 2006 will see the popular B/MSSCA Annual Chicken and Pork Fundraising Dinner. Once again we will all have the opportunity to join together in celebration of our Slovenian American heritage. This year's Annual Dinner will see great food, polka music, and prizes. Tickets will be \$20 pp. Details to follow.

### 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 was our President, Gene Novak.



Past President and founder of B/MSSCA, Stephen Antalics along with Sgt. Jack Fliter of the

Bethlehem Police Department raised the flags. Guest speaker was Samuel Zbogar, the Ambassador to the United States from Slovenia located in Washington, D.C. Reverend Ron Hari delivered the invocations. Gene presented a check for \$1000 from the B/MSSCA to the Ambassador for his charitable efforts in Slovenia. His charity is listed on



the web site [ambassadorruns.org](http://ambassadorruns.org) Mary Pongracz played the piano while, Frank E. Podleiszek and Betty Sylva delivered stirring renditions of each countries National Anthems as well as "God Bless America". A buffet luncheon was held afterwards at Saucon Valley Acres.

Many thanks go out to Betty Sylva, who chaired the ceremony, Charlie and Lisa Moretz for use of Saucon Valley Acres, and Susan Vitez for taking care of all correspondence and arrangements for the dignitaries in attendance.

## SpringFest 07' 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!



We again want to thank Susan Vitez for maintaining contact with NCC, and enabling us to participate in what has become a great community event.



### Fall Heritage Day at St. Joseph's!

A date of October 21 has been set! We certainly hope to see you all joining in good friendship as we meet again to share in our rich Slovenian heritage. It is only with the active participation of all of our members that we can continue to be such a vibrant part of the Bethlehem / Murska Sobota communities.

**Remember, elections will be held during the Fall Heritage Day celebration for the B/MSSCA Board  
Your vote counts!**

**Bethlehem / Murska Sobota Sister Cities Association  
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