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Dear member of SGSI,

March 22, 2017

Attached, at long last, is the Registration Form and Itinerary for the **“GENERating GENEalogy Memories” Conference** we’re offering the **weekend of June 23 – June 25, 2017**, here in Cleveland.

I hope as you read over the many fun, exciting, and informative events we’ve planned, you’ll be as excited as we are to become a part of it, and will plan to join us. We’ve invited speakers from many area historical, cultural, and genealogical organizations to share their expertise and passion with us, and are pleased all have accepted. They include representatives from the Western Reserve Historical Society, the Lake County Genealogical Society, the Slovenian-American Heritage Foundation, Slovenska Pristava / Slovenian American Times, and the Ohio Genealogical Society, among others.

We’re even offering an optional Sunday excursion to “hit the high spots” of our Cleveland Slovenian culture, capping the day off with a trip to Slovenska Pristava, the beautiful cultural center outside Cleveland to enjoy the festivities of “Proud to Be A Slovenian Day”. This event includes music, dancing, a cultural program of singing and folk dancing, and of course, great Slovene food, drink, and pastries.

So from start to finish, from Friday through Sunday, we promise to give you a weekend we hope you won’t forget. As we get closer to the weekend we will send attendees a more detailed schedule of events, as well as directions to the hotel and a list of area restaurants and points of interest.

In the meantime though, please enjoy reading over the attached information, and send in your registration soon. Registrations are now open only to members, but others have already begun asking to attend. So after the **member deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>**, registration will be open to all while space is available.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to email me at [bnosse.sgsi@att.net](mailto:bnosse.sgsi@att.net)  
I look forward to hearing from you now, but even more to meeting you and seeing you in June!

Hvala lepa,

Betsy Nosse  
President, SGSI



# Generate Genealogy Memories

Friday, June 23 – Sunday, June 25, 2017

Holiday Inn Rockside | 6001 Rockside Rd. | Independence, OH 44131

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR PLANNING AND REFERENCE

Friday, June 23 | 3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**3:30 P.M. CONFERENCE CHECK-IN**

**5:30 – 7:30 P.M. MEET & GREET** Hors d'oeuvres, punch, cash bar

Saturday, June 24 | 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**7:30 – 8:30 A.M. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** Join us in the hospitality suite. Check-in continues.

**7:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. HOSPITALITY SUITE**

We will have a suite available for the duration of the day's events. Grab a beverage and snack, and visit with other members. We invite you to bring your favorite Slovenian recipes to share in our "Recipe Swap Corner"!

**12:00 NOON – 1:30 P.M. LUNCHEON** Lunch will include a dedication of the "Rose Marie Macek Research Center of SGSI"

**8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS**

## TWO WORKSHOPS

Each 1-1/2 hour session will be offered three times.

### Archiving Your Family History

Using Shutterfly, we will demonstrate how to get your photo book started and help individually where you need assistance to develop your project. Bring your laptop or tablet as you will be working on your own for the majority of this workshop. You also will need to have your photographs and any other documents you would like to use in your book in digital format on your device. Free wi-fi will be available in the conference center.

### Free Genealogy Rest Stops on the Information Highway

With more genealogy research being done from the comfort of our homes genealogy websites seem to be popping up all around the internet. I will be covering "Free" websites that can help your research. Bring a laptop or notebook and follow along as we cruise down the "Information Highway". Our stops will include many interesting and helpful websites. Bring your laptop or tablet with you if you would like to following along with the instructor.

## SEVEN PRESENTATIONS

Each 1 hour session will be offered twice except for "DNA Tested" and "DNA Tested: The Results are In!"

### *Babica pripoveduje – Grandmother's tales*

A glimpse of times past, this presentation will describe how Slovenians lived, their family life, their values, customs and traditions (especially holiday times). Included will be some folk tales and folk heroes passed on from generation to generation. To give justice to people who achieved an exemplary status in the past in the fields of literature, music, a few "greats" will be briefly included.

### DNA Tested

An introduction to Autosomal DNA testing and an overview of what you get when you buy a spit kit including a comparison of the three main companies.

### Researching: How Do I Get Started?

This presentation focuses on the first-time Slovenian genealogy researcher—the person who contacts the SGSI Research Center and says, "I'd like to find out about my Slovenian ancestry, but I don't know where to begin! We never talked about our family history when I was growing up and now everyone is gone and I don't know anything!" You will learn what you need to know to get started, what is involved in doing research, where to gather information, how to keep your findings in logical order, and lots more. It's never too late to begin!

### Dealing with Idiosyncrasies of Slovenian Genealogy Research!

Doing research in our Slovenian ethnicity follows that of genealogy research in general, but not when it comes to interpreting information found in U.S. Census reports and ships' passenger manifests among others. Numerous obstacles, Slovene in nature, may stop you in your tracks! What to do? Attend this presentation and learn to recognize these obstacles and how to deal with them, thereby making your genealogy research experience a pleasant one!

### DNA Tested: The Results are In!

The excitement of receiving your DNA results can quickly turn to confusion. Understanding how to use this information can further your genealogical research.

### Preserving Your Original Documents

Learn more about methods and techniques to preserve original family documents, records, and photos in order to be able to pass on the story of your family to future generations.

### Slovenian Architecture and Art

Take a tour of some of Slovenia's artistic treasures and architectural gems. The illustrated presentation will review Slovenia's rich vernacular traditions as well as its world renowned masterpieces.

Sunday, June 25 | 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

## OPTIONAL EXCURSION: Cultural Experiences

If there is sufficient interest in this offering we will provide motor coach transportation for this day-long event. Leaving from and returning to the Holiday Inn. Cost is \$65 per person.

**10:00 A.M.** Slovenian Mass, St. Vitus Church

**11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.** Tour our Research Center & Slovenian Museum and Archives

**1:00 – 6:00 P.M.** Proud to be a Slovenian Day, Slovenska Pristava



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## REGISTRATION FORM

**Room Reservations:** Please reserve your room directly with the hotel at 1.216.524.8050. Mention our conference to receive our special rate of \$95 per night.

**Friday and Saturday Conference Fee: \$95 per person**

**Sunday Excursion:** If there is sufficient interest we will notify you and request payment at that time.

**To assist us with our planning, please mark all workshops and presentations that you would like to attend. You will be free to choose among available sessions on the day of the event.**

### WORKSHOPS

- Archiving Your Family History
- Free Genealogy Rest Stops on the Information Highway

### PRESENTATIONS

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- DNA Tested
- DNA Tested: The Results are In!
- Researching: How Do I Get Started?
- Preserving Your Original Documents
- Slovenian Architecture and Art

### OPTIONAL EXCURSION: CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- I am interested in attending Sunday's activities

### INDEPENDENT FAMILY RESEARCH

Unfortunately we cannot offer research opportunities at the Research Center during the weekend's events. However if you are interested in coming to Cleveland during the week before or after the conference, we would be happy to schedule an appointment to assist with your research. Please provide some information below and we will call to schedule your appointment.

- I am interested in Independent Family Research.
  - Thursday, June 22
  - Monday, June 26
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete a form **for each attendee** and return by Monday, May 15. Mail with your check payable to SGSI to: SGSI Genealogy Conference, 6415 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44103.

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LUNCHEON PREFERENCE  Chicken  Fish  Vegetarian