

SLOVENIAN  
UNION OF  
AMERICA



ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2020

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Promoting interest and awakening  
passion in those Americans of  
Slovenian ancestry and serving  
their diverse interests.

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# Leadership

## 2019-2023 Board of Directors

National President:

Mary Lou Deyak Voelk (Branch 23)

National VP of Outreach:

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Richard Grill (Branch 99)

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National Treasurer:

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Mary Risner Glaize (Branch 30)

Denise P. Bartlett (Branch 43)



# ABOUT THE SUA

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**MISSION** Dedicated to honor and preserve our Slovenian legacy; to promote its ideals and to ensure its longevity for future generations.

**PURPOSE** To commit ourselves to keeping the spirit alive by fostering in our membership an understanding and appreciation of our Slovenian heritage and by reaching out to awaken or instill this passion in others through communication, education, and the provision of available resources.

During the years following the American Civil War numerous organizations were formed to provide forums for women to speak about important issues with a collective interest in creating an equitable society. Marie Prisland, the first President of the Slovenian Women's Union of America, now, the Slovenian Union of America, discussed these activities in her forward for an issue of "*Amerika Slovenka*"

"What we needed most was an organization which would foster our ambitions and serve as an open forum for all women of Slovenian birth; where they could freely express their opinions and at the same time, learn the lesson their more fortunate sisters had gathered while living in this country."

The Slovenian Union of America has evolved to include and embrace all Slovenian-Americans interested in preserving and promoting Slovenian heritage.



# BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

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\* Scholarship opportunities for high school seniors and current college students.

- 7 Grants totaling \$3,500 awarded to students entering college

\$636 awarded to 6 volunteers for exceptional service

\* Receive the quarterly magazine *Zarja – The Dawn* which highlights Slovenia, its rich heritage, culture, traditions, and recipes, plus more!

\* Participate in local Branch activities which promotes “Keeping the Slovenian Spirit Alive.”

\* Participate in national activities which include events in the United States and Slovenia.

\* Research both SUA/SWUA’s historical and genealogical resources – the Ivana Project and the Matti Register; both longterm scanning projects of member documents dating from 1926.

\* Support Slovenian Union of America’s Heritage Museum in Joliet, Illinois, with Slovenian heritage exhibits and library.

\* Connect and network with Slovenian-Americans across the country!



# The power of the SUA

## **Awarded 13 Grants**

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**TOTALING \$4,163**

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## **180**

### **SUA VOLUNTEERS**

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Across various geographical branches, the SUA has over 180 national volunteers dedicated to preserving and enriching Slovenian American lives.

## **\$8,991**

### **FUNDS RAISED**

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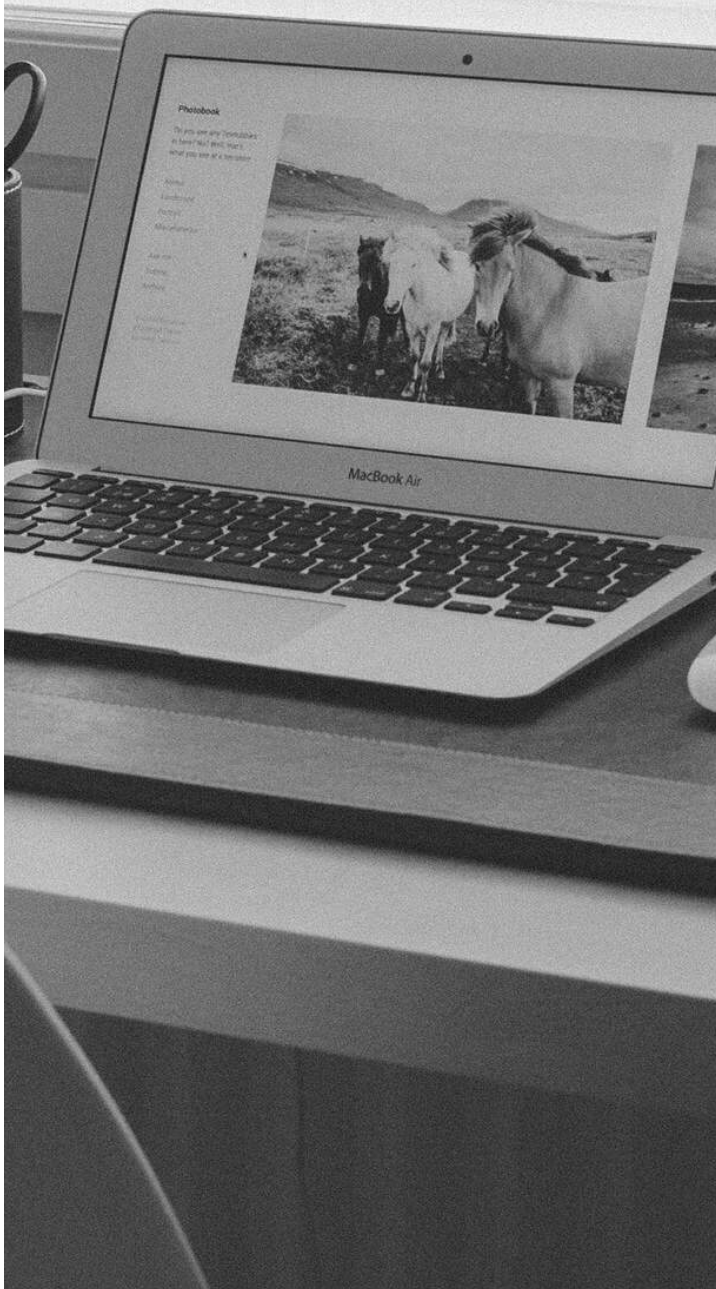
Through our various branch activities we have raised important funds for the charitable works of SUA.

## **The Literary Award**

### **FROM THE SUA**

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For nearly a century, the Slovenian Union of America has been dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Slovenian ancestry of its members. Writing has been a formative part of the Slovene heritage, and the SUA Slovenian Literary Award acknowledges those who continue this vital tradition.



# Financials

Total Revenue \$110,617



- Contributions (17%)
- Program Service Revenue (16%)
- Membership Dues (54%)
- Investment Income (10%)
- Other Income (3%)

## SUA TOTAL REVENUE

The majority of the revenue for SUA comes from generous contributions, membership dues and our heritage magazine publication the Zarja.

## SUA TOTAL EXPENSES

Most of the expenses the SUA incurs is for the salaries of three employees and the upkeep and maintenance of the museum and building in Joliet, Illinois.

Total Expenses \$88,367



- Grants (4%)
- Program Services Expense (63%)
- Administrative Expense (33%)

## CONCLUSION

Completely volunteer-led, the SUA's membership base is complex. With branches across the United States, there are unique opportunities for members to learn about our heritage and while nurturing camaraderie among the SUA member community

An annual report is a comprehensive report on a company's activities throughout the preceding year. Annual reports are intended to give members and other interested people information about the organizations activities and financial performance.