

Foreword

Foreword by Frank Rudzik President of the Slovak Garden, Inc.

Since 1952, when

Maria and Karol Belohlavek and other Slovak American pioneers established this fine organization, it has always found a way to help Slovak people, as well as promote Slovak culture and customs. The Slovak Garden, Inc. is a very unique institution in the Southeastern United States. Our uniqueness is evident by the many individuals that dedicated their time and provided donations to support our organization. During the last fifty years of its existence, the Slovak Garden was able to grow physically, financially, and influentially.



I rank

this publication as the most important historic document published by the Slovak Garden. It includes critical facts about its history and present state. I would like to express special gratitude and appreciation to everyone who participated in creating this book. It is my honor to be the President of the Slovak Garden during its 50th Anniversary. I am confident that this organization will prosper for many more years to come.