Ambassador's Visit to Texas

Ambassador Žbogar visited Texas on February 15, where he was hosted by Slovenian Honorary Consul to Texas, Mr. Richard B. Wilkens, III, and his wife, Mrs. Sandy Wilkens.

During his time in Texas, Ambassador visited the American Aeronautics Agency, NASA, where NASA’s director, Mr. Michael L. Coats, presented him with a Slovenian flag that was sent to space.

Ambassador also had an opportunity at the evening reception organized by American-Slovenian society to meet with medical students from Slovenia, who are currently on student-exchange program in Texas. On the invitation of the Slovenian surgeon MD. Igor Gregorič, Ambassador Žbogar visited the St. Luke’s Heart Institute, where he was greeted by Mr. Dentonom A. Cooleyem, the first American to perform a heart transplantation.

Ambassador Žbogar paid a visit to the Trinity Episcopal School as well, where he was greeted by Mr. Mort Dukeheart, the Head of the School, and a group of 4th graders.

Ambassador's Trip in the News

The Ambassador's visit to Texas was accompanied by a couple of articles in Austin Chronicle and Austin American Statesman. Furthermore, the ambassador
gave an interview to the local CBS - KEYE TV. You can check the articles on-line at the following links:
http://www.statesman.com/search/content/news/stories/local/02/14/14schools.html

NCIV Diplomats Visit the Embassy

On February 16, a group of some 30 citizen diplomats, attending the 2007 National Council for International Visitors (NCIV) in Washington, was welcomed at the Embassy by the Counselor Mr. Tadej Rupel. Mr. Rupel presented main characteristics of Slovenia and stressed its achievements after the independence.

NCIV is a nonprofit organization founded in 1961. NCIV has member councils in 93 cities across the United States. Each year, more than 80,000 volunteers are involved in NCIV member activities. Many open their homes, offices, and classroom to special guests from Slovenia.

New Bilingual Books For Children

_In the Land of Gingerbread_ by Jana Bauer is the first children bilingual book in the new series called Spominčice/ Forget-Me-Not. The series aims to younger generations of Slovenian Americans and their families, who are eager to preserve the Slovenian heritage in the English-speaking countries.

First book in the series of Forget-Me-Not

If you are further interested in these books, please visit: [www.forgetmenotbooks.com](http://www.forgetmenotbooks.com).

How can I donate funds for the Ambassador's project?

There are three ways to donate funds:
1) Send a check to the MLI at 2425 Wilson Blvd, Suite 313, Arlington, VA 22201;
2) Send a check to the Embassy at 1525 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington DC, 20036;
3) Donate online at [www.marshall-legacy.org](http://www.marshall-legacy.org) or at [www.firstgiving.com/AmbZbogar](http://www.firstgiving.com/AmbZbogar).

Please make all checks out to MLI, mark them “for ITF” and inform the Embassy by email.