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REGION 2	Assemblies L075, P09M, 0146, 0617
March 16	Assembly 0146, Convention Meeting, American Legion Post 539, Glen Lyon, PA at 1:30 pm
REGION 5	Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0283, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0700, 0737, 0774, 0809
March 8	Assembly P38A, Dinner/Convention Meeting, Gaslight Restaurant, Wintersville, OH at 5:00 pm
March 8	Assembly 0737, Convention Meeting, Godor Residence, N. Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm
March 9	Assembly 0108, Convention Meeting, Strom Residence, Baldwin, PA at 2:00 pm
March 9	Assembly 0700, Convention Mtg, Ferienc Residence, Richey Ave, Pittsburgh, PA at 2:00 pm
March 11	Assembly 0039, Convention Meeting, IHOP Restaurant, Uniontown, PA at 6:00 pm
March 16	Region 5, Convention Meeting, NSS Home Office, McMurray, PA at 1:00 pm
May 10	Assembly 0039, USPS National Food Drive, Uniontown, PA at 10:00 am
June 8	Assembly 0039, Picnic, Knights of Columbus, Uniontown, PA at 1:00 pm
REGION 7	Assemblies P09A, 0008, 0731
	No activities at this time
REGION 8	Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595
March 2	Assembly 0432, Tobogganing, Cleveland Metroparks Chalet, Cleveland, OH
March 16	Assembly 0070, Convention Meeting, Dr Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 12:15 pm
March 16	Assembly 0004, Convention Meeting, Havir Residence, Westlake, OH at 2:00 pm
March 30	Assembly 0004, Scotch Doubles, Yorktown Lanes, Parma, OH at 3:30 pm
April 23	Region 8, Convention Meeting, Dr Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 6:30 pm
REGION 10	Assemblies 0065, 0586
March 2	Region 10, Convention Meeting, McCook Restaurant, McCook, IL at 1:00 pm
March 2	Assembly 0065, Convention Mtg w/Reg 10 & Assm 0586, McCook Restaurant, McCook, IL at 1:00 pm
March 2	Assembly 0586, Convention Meeting, McCook Restaurant, McCook, IL at 1:00 pm
April 10	Assembly 0065, Meeting, Riverside Restaurant, Riverside, IL at 11:30 am
REGION 14	Assemblies R059, L102
	No activities at this time
REGION 15	Assemblies L002, L006, 0028, L145
March 12	Assembly L002, Convention Meeting, Marticek's Residence, Stratford, CT at 8:00 pm
April 12	Region 15, Convention Meeting, Jesus School Meeting Room, Stratford, CT at 9:00 am
AT LARGE	Assemblies R019, R023, P31M, 0038, L040, L075, 0110, 0207, 0236, 0240, 0267, 0299, 0316, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0705, 0800, 0805, 0813
March 4	Assembly 0381, Convention Meeting, Medved Residence, Grosse Ile, MI at 3:00 pm
March 9	Assembly 0800, Convention Meeting, Cepko Residence, Bonita Springs, FL at 12:00 noon
March 16	Assembly 0800, Kidney Foundation Walk, Lakes Regional Park, Fort Myers, FL
March 16	Assembly 0267, Convention Meeting, Matia Residence, Smithmill, PA at 3:00 pm
March	Assembly 568, Convention Meeting, La Canada, CA
June 27-29	Assembly 0110, Bi-annual Weekend Outing, Villa Roma Resort, Callicon, NY

Prince of Peace Parish

Prince of Peace Parish on Pittsburgh's South Side will celebrate its annual Slovak Mass and Easter Customs Breakfast on Saturday, March 29, 2014, at St. Adalbert Church, (160 So. 15th Street). The Holy Rosary, prayed in Slovak, will begin at 9:45 a.m., followed by the Holy Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Father Peter Haledaj, of St. Aloysius Church in East Liverpool, Ohio, will again celebrate mass in Slovak, and the Prince of Peace Parish choir will lead responses and hymns in Slovak.

After Mass, guests are invited to gather at the Prince of Peace Parish Center (81 South 13th Street) to sample a traditional Slovak Easter breakfast of sunka, kolbasy, pysanky, paska, sirek, hrin, and kolace. Cultural displays, craft demonstrations, a "Slovak Auction," and unique gift items will also be available. An Easter basket filled with all of the goodies needed for your own Slovak Easter breakfast, under a unique hand-embroidered basket cover will be raffled.

This mini-cultural heritage festival is open to the public. There is NO CHARGE for admission, but donations are gratefully accepted. Doors to the breakfast hall open following the Mass (approximately 11:15 a.m.).

For more information about the day's events, or for displaying your own Slovak heirlooms, demonstrating a traditional craft or to make a donation, call Paul or Connie Zatek at (412) 488-8238.



Visit our website at
www.nsslife.org
for all current
information.

Slovak Garden 62nd Slovak Day

The Slovak Garden, Inc. Board of Directors cordially invites you to the 62nd Slovak Day, Saturday, March 1st, 2014. The celebration will take place in the Great Hall of the Slovak Garden. Doors open at 12:00 noon.

A delicious Slovak dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. and at 3:00 p.m. a cultural program will start. Popular Slovak singer Barbara Hacakova, fujarist Peter Salling and other will entertain us with the Slovak and American songs. After the cultural program, excellent music band EUROPA will play fine dancing tunes.

On Sunday, March 2, 2014 the Annual Convention will be held. We will start with Slovak Catholic Mass at 11:00 a.m. serviced by our new priest Rev. Jozef Krajnak, PhD. At 12:00 noon registration of the members will take place. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. and the Convention will start at 2:00 p.m. Dear members and friends, we are looking forward to meet you.

Jerry J. Krupa, P/M



"2014 Convention" Recommender Campaign

Here is an exciting opportunity for you to help NSS while earning some extra cash. This contest is open to all members and fraternal agents of the Society. (regular agents are excluded)

From **November 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014** every recommender form you send in that is approved and issued will get you one chance in a drawing. There is no limit to how many chances you could have in the drawing. NSS will award **four (4) prizes**; one to who ever has the **most recommenders** in this seven month period; and **three (3) random winners will be drawn at the NSS convention** in Hershey, PA in June 2014. Only one prize per person. Each prize is \$250.

In addition to the convention campaign prizes, please see the back page of the magazine for a new easier recommender form. There you will find the new recommender earns \$25 (except for the youth term plan which is \$10) for all plans. You can copy this form and send in as many as you can. Good luck.

Youngstown/Spisska Nova Ves 17th Annual Tour

Visit Slovakia with the Youngstown Spisska Nova Ves Sister Cities Heritage Tour from July 7 to 21, 2014. Contact Jim and Kay Bench at jmbench@yahoo.com or phone 724-858-5843 or 724-771-7900 for further information. Paul Hudak at Adventure International Travel will be making travel arrangements also. He can be reached at 216-228-7171 or 800-542-2487 or Fax 216-228-7174.

2014 Slovakia Heritage Tour

Experience Slovakia's culture and history, up close and personal on the 2014 Slovakia Heritage, September 4-14, 2014 eleven-day, small-group tour. Genealogical research and ancestral visits available.

For details: Visit www.slovakiaheritage.com or contact Judith Northup-Bennett, 978-544-5144 or connectionswork4u@hotmail.com

From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC
National President

Greetings from the frigid zone of McMurray, Pennsylvania. As I drove to work this morning the thermometer on my car read -6 degrees, and with the wind chill the temps feel like negative 15 degrees. These abnormal temperatures remind me of my days spent 40 years ago during Navy boot camp at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Temperatures overnight would drop to 25 below zero on occasion and the winds never stopped. But we were dressed properly for the frigid weather and I was much younger. This is the reason that to this day, I never complain about being hot in the summer. Being warm is much better than being cold.

This month marks the beginning of the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. The first weekend of the month marks the date of the Annual meeting at Slovak Gardens in Florida followed by Slovak Day on Sunday, March 2nd. The Slovak Gardens holds a special place in my heart as my grandparents, Paul and Anna Blazek were 2 of the original officers and founders of the Gardens back in the early 1950's. 60 plus years later, the Slovak Gardens is still in operation and has many retired Slovak's living in apartments on the grounds.

For any of our members with some Irish in their blood, St. Patrick's Day is March 17th and I'm sure there will be

many celebrations on the weekend preceding. The Irish do know how to party. As we draw closer to our convention in June, I see many assembly and region meetings scheduled for the purpose of electing delegates to represent them at this the 36th quadrennial convention.

News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday to Home office staff member Lori Korte, Carole Koches, Kelsey Marshall and Peter Longstreth. Congratulations to all others celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this month.

Benevolence's

The Society Mission Statement as stated in the By-Laws reads: "Providing our fraternal family members with opportunities for financial security while offering charitable, cultural, social and educational opportunities that benefit them and their communities."

Each of our members knows that we offer Life insurance and Annuity products for financial security, and social opportunities through our assembly and national activities, but many do not know of the many contributions to organizations that are made on the local, regional, and national level. We receive many thank you letters from these organizations annually and I save them in a folder that is about an inch thick. I thought it might be of interest to list the different organizations that we help annually with donations from our matching funds program on the assembly level and contributions approved by the National Assembly.

Following are the organizations I have received thank you's from over the past year: West Hills Food Pantry, Prince of Peace Parish, Habitat for Humanity, South Sarasota County, Tatra Slovak Dancers, Youngstown Sister Cities Program, Slovak League of America, Boy Scouts of America, Slippery Rock University, Arthritis Foundation, Little Sisters of the Poor, The Salvation Army, Lakewood Commission on Aging, Catherine McAuley Center, Aaron's Acres, Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation, Project Bundle-Up, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Lehigh County Conference of Churches, Hekima Place, Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association, University of Ottawa, and Catholic Charities of Cleveland.

As you can see from the preceding list, we as an organization have provided financial support to many different types of organizations both on the local and national level. You should be proud of the fact that the National Slovak Society and it's members live up to our mission statement regarding charitable opportunities in our communities.

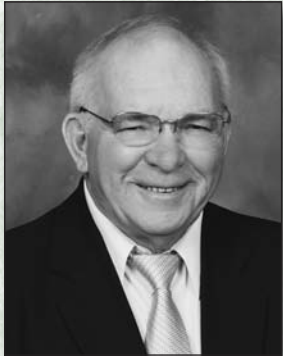
Tax Deadline Fast Approaching

We are only a little over one month from the tax filing deadline which is also the deadline for making contributions to an IRA for 2013. If you haven't already made your maximum contribution for 2013, now is the time. Also, you have the option to make a contribution for 2014 as well. Contributing early is one of the best ways to make the most of the power of compounding and help enhance your IRA's accumulation potential.

Paraprozdokian of the month:

Adult Truths: Nothing is worse than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.

The Second Opinion from the Vice-President



Dean Burns, FIC
National Vice-President

Spring

As everyone knows, every year I wait for Spring to come creeping out of the February snow and ice to make my world brighter. I am too stubborn to move to a warmer climate but there are rumors of global warming and last fall was way warmer than normal, so, if I just hang in there a while longer, I may see that sub-tropical weather here in the North. Please no letters telling me that global warming is a myth. It is fine with me if you feel that way, but allow me to have my own opinion, even if you feel I am wrong. It won't be the first time I am wrong, and almost assuredly, it won't be the last. But you will have to wait for the book to come out to see a list of my mistakes. I haven't started writing it yet, so it will be a while. I could give you a synopsis of some of my more tragic mistakes but the details are what make it interesting. For example, I bought a fancier car than I usually do, thinking that I won't be buying too many more in my lifetime. Two weeks ago, I

proved that a Nissan coupe can't hold its own against a Peterbilt dump truck. So the Nissan is history. But I wasn't scratched and neither was the truck driver. That part is good. But I am buying one more new car before I get out of the car buying mode. (I know about used cars, but, right or wrong, my butt still thinks it deserves a nice new ride.)

That is just one example of my plans not syncing up with God's. (Yiddish wit; Man plans and God laughs). I think that it would be a good idea if I stop trying to prove those old adages wrong. After all, those sayings probably are based on a lot of experience. Those old wise people are not waiting to see if my experience fits the pattern. They just say what is true for them. It is time that I took their word for it and stop testing the sayings. After all, a lot of grief went into some of those sayings.

Learning

One might think that a guy who spent his first life as a teacher would value education, and I do. But I think that I short changed experience when I think about it. That is odd, because for some things, I value experience. We all know some person who can fix the computer, the stove, the garage door opener, or anything else that we call to fix. I have never seen an ad that said someone had an advanced degree in repairing things which then influenced us to hire that person. But when we need a lawyer, an accountant, or other professionals, we look at all those letters after the name and hire the letters. I do not advocate those services which give other people's opinions about workers (which I will not name since I do not want to be sued). But experience has taught me that letters after a name have little to do with competence but they do have something to add. After all, I have letters after my name. I am not confessing incompetence; I am just saying there is no connection

between the letter and the knowledge. Besides, some of our greatest lessons come from those negative experiences which add a little spice to our lives. We may hope incident free lives, but we all know that it would be boring if everything always went as we hoped. Yes, I would still like to try it for a while to be sure but it won't bother me all that much if I continue as I am.

Convention

We are coming up on convention. In June, delegates will meet in Hershey, PA. to make decisions about the direction NSS will take in the future. So far, we have done very well. And we owe the previous delegates for their diligence and contribution. But now it is your turn. Get to be a delegate and join us in Hershey in late June. We value all input, so be sure we get yours. If you cannot make the convention, contact your local officers and give them your suggestions. As a last resort, contact one of your National Officers and give them your ideas.

National officers include the three executive people and the Board members. Their names are on the inside cover of this magazine or call the office and ask for one. I am usually in the office on Tuesday, but someone is there all week. The call is free.

"I enjoy the spring more than the autumn now. One does, I think, as one gets older."

Virginia Woolf, Jacob's Room

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

[Meditations Divine and Moral]"

**Anne Bradstreet,
The Works of Anne Bradstreet**

A Page From My Notebook.....

By Linda M. Strom, National Secretary/Treasurer
Email: lstrom@nsslife.org

Congratulations....

.....to Kevin G Crowley, Jr, son of NSS Editor Lori Crowley and husband Kevin, for achieving a milestone with his installation into the Baltimore, MD Police Force. Kevin, you've climbed that mountain and are now at the top. You've shown us all what pure determination can accomplish. God Bless You!



Convention Information

1. Elected Delegate Forms continue to come in to my office. Reminder that the **deadline is March 22, 2014.**

2. Delegate Packets are being developed that contain information about the convention and all forms required to register for the convention. These packets will be in the mail the week of March 24th.

3. Once again, anyone wishing to run for the Board of Directors must submit their Biography and Picture to the Nominating Committee **no later than April 1, 2014.**

4. As with prior Conventions, all reservations (hotel, events, transportation, excursions) will be handled through the Home Office. Delegates are not to call the Hershey Lodge or Airlines to make reservations.

5. Fraternal Day activities have been finalized. Three great choices to spend a day with family and friends. They are: Gettysburg, Lancaster and Hershey park. All three are filled with much to do. More information will be included in the Delegate Packets.

6. Planning for our convention "YouthFest" (our 3rd Youth Convention) is off to a great start. A committee has been formed and the first meeting held. This promises to be a great, fun-filled event. More details to come.

7. IMPORTANT: All deadlines are final and will be strictly enforced.

IRA Required Minimum Distribution

Just a quick reminder for those who are required to take minimum distributions from their qualified annuities (IRAs). Each year we send out forms which gives our members the opportunity to change their RMD if they so choose. If there are no changes there is nothing further to be done.

However, if there are changes then the form should be filled out and sent back in to the Home Office. In addition, if you change your RMD so that it is taken from accounts in another financial institution you must notify the Home Office as NSS will continue to take the RMD as originally designated until we are notified of any changes.

One final item. RMD Letters will be mailed shortly. Verification of the information in the letters was necessary prior to mailing. Once again, thank you for your patience.

Form 5498

We have received calls from members asking about their Form 5498. In order to allow for additional deposits into your IRA's for tax year 2013 the 5498's are not sent out until it nears their deadline which is May 31st.

Words of Wisdom

A friend shared this with me on Facebook. Enjoy !!

Everything I Need to Know about Life, I Learned from Noah's Ark.

1. Don't Miss the Boat
2. Remember that we are All in the same Boat.
3. Plan Ahead: It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay Fit. When you're really old, someone may ask you to do something really BIG.
5. Don't listen to the critics, just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on High Ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there is always a rainbow waiting.



NSS Convention June 22, 2014



Make it a family vacation with your children at The Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA. There are plenty of activities being planned for the children.

PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS January, 2014

In Memory of Kathryn Stefka:	
From Richard & Valerie Domencic	50.00
In Memory of Kathryn Stefka:	
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In Memory of our Nephew & Godson, Kevin Semelsberger:	
From Ed & Carole Koches	100.00
In Memory of Jacob & Mary Hudacek:	
From Joanne Burkhart:	25.00
In Memory of Kenneth Felton:	
From Dean Burns	50.00
In Memory of our Departed Secretary/Treasurer, Dolly Peters:	
From Assembly 0123	50.00
In Honor of Bob Brown , Fraternalist of the Year, 2013:	
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Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Blizman, Joseph J	Callery, PA	10/13/2013	0700
Bonacorso, Salvatore	Munhall, PA	11/24/2013	0108
Cossu, Peter	Washington, PA	12/16/2013	0588
Djubek, Charles	Maple Grove, MN	10/17/2012	0737
Dubnicka, Anna M	Lakewood, OH	09/10/2003	0432
Duncan, Ann M	Clearfield, PA	12/19/2013	0554
Elkins, Madeline	Lindside, WV	12/04/2013	0774
Felton, Kenneth	Jacksonville, FL	12/16/2013	0434
Funk, Richard E	Murrysville, PA	12/05/2013	L105
Gehrke, Annette	Mosinee, WI	12/08/2013	0774
Grady, Eleanor P	Oakdale, PA	12/12/2013	0283
Hantz, Robert	Redford, MI	01/06/2014	0377
Henry, Anna L	Lima, OH	12/05/2013	0774
Hill, Henry E	Homer City, PA	12/30/2013	0039
Hoffman, Rose Marie	Johnstown, PA	01/08/2014	0038
Hrabina, Helen	Scranton, PA	12/29/2013	L075
Jacobs, Janet Y	Connellsville, PA	12/07/2013	0039
Kincade, Dorothy B	Kennedy Twp, PA	12/24/2013	0283
Lasenyik, Joan	Parma, OH	12/16/2013	0070
Lucas, Wilma M	Silver Lake, OH	12/23/2013	0100
Maffei, Joseph P	McMurray, PA	10/04/2012	0434
Magusin, Cecilia M	Riverview, MI	11/12/2013	0381
Maskell, Charles E	Elyria, OH	12/01/2013	0160
McKay, Ruth	Urbana, IL	07/20/2013	0705
Merrifield, Sharon L	Colorado Springs, CO	12/03/2013	0236
Ondi, Sue	Maple Heights, OH	12/14/2013	0377
Pazour, Mildred	Chicago, IL	12/24/2013	0065
Potajacki, Michael	Danville, VA	10/23/2013	L102
Putas, Alberta M	Pittsburgh, PA	11/18/2013	0100
Ripley Sr, Robert Carl	Rainelle, WV	12/19/2013	0774
Rivoir, Laverne M	Sewickley, PA	11/19/2012	0434
Robbins, Kathleen	McMurray, PA	11/05/2013	0434
Romito, Liberty	Charleroi, PA	01/15/2014	0377
Smith, Anna	Greenville, WV	12/08/2013	0774
Stchur, Leona	Hudson, PA	11/27/2013	0617
Swearinger, John T	Greensburg, PA	12/11/2013	0737
Tarullo, Leonilda	Pittsburgh, PA	12/28/2013	0123
Terlep, Elsie M	Peublo, CO	10/19/2013	0236
Timms, Beverly	NW Rochester, MN	01/23/2013	L145
Tutsock, Thomas	Portage Boro, PA	12/24/2013	0038
Vlasak, Adolph O	Glendale, WI	12/04/2013	0774
Welch, Patricia A	Clay City, IL	12/19/2013	0065
Wooten, Sarah D	Currie, NC	12/04/2013	0774

Fraternal Matters...

By: Pam Blum
Fraternal Activities Coordinator
Email: pblum@nsslife.org



*May your glass be ever full.
May the roof over your head
be always strong.
And may you be in heaven half
an hour before the devil
knows you're dead.
—Irish prayer*

PVR Scholarship Program

The deadline for submitting an application to be considered for this years scholarship is May 1st. Contact me at the Home Office to request an application or email me at pblum@nsslife.org.

2014 Art Contest

This years Art Contest Greeting Card Category is to be a "Thank You" card for our Servicemen and Women. The Poster Category is "When I grow up I want to be..." After the winners are determined, all of the "Thank You" cards will be forwarded to our Military that are currently deployed overseas. The deadline for the contest is May 1st, 2014.

2014 Fraternalist of the Year

The deadline for submitting a nomination is April 1st. We would like all assemblies to nominate a deserving member.

2014 Youth Achievement Award

If you know of youth member who is deserving of consideration for this award please contact the Home Office. The deadline for this award is April 1st.

2014 National Golf Tournament

The National Golf Tournament will be held on July 18-20, 2014 at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron OH. More information will be forthcoming.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!

It is finally a beautiful sunny (but still freezing) day in Pittsburgh. There is the eternal hope that spring will arrive sooner rather than later. The Home Office is buzzing with so many plans for the 36th Quadrennial Convention (see the information below about YouthFest 2014.) With the coming of spring also comes many activities for our members to take part in. Additional information on all of the following activities can be found on our web site www.nsslife.org.

2014 United Slovak Fraternal Bowling Tournament

This year's tournament will be held April 25 & 26, 2014 at Mt. Lebanon Lanes in Pittsburgh. The deadline to register is March 7th, 2014.

"YouthFest"

2014



36th Quadrennial Convention
June 22-25, 2014
Hershey Lodge
Hershey, PA

Folk Crafts

Slovak Expo

Kids Helping Kids

Family Ancestry

&

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Hockey Experience

Photo Contest

Chocolate !!



SEE YOU AT "YouthFest" 2014 !!!!

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We can relax and have a good time now.

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Effective January 1, 2013

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<i>Optimum 3</i>	<i>2.00%</i>
<i>Preferred 5</i>	<i>3.00%</i>
<i>Preferred 8</i>	<i>3.50%</i>

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By Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC
National Sales Director

Why Choose NSS instead of Other Financial Firms?

We often get this question when someone is considering putting their money with NSS. So what is the right answer? There are a lot of variables to take into consideration and not just the interest rate. Here is an example.

Company A

Recently someone bought an 8 year annuity from a company in Texas. They thought it was a good deal because the rates were fixed for the entire eight year period. It had a stated rate of 1.95% for the first two years and 1.0% for years 3 through 8. If you started with \$100,000 deposit at the end of the 8th year your account value would be \$110,329.

NSS

Compare that to an NSS Preferred 8 annuity that is currently crediting 3.50% interest. Our rate can change on a quarterly basis but keep in mind we have been paying this same rate since January 1, 2012. So for more than two years we have been able to keep this rate the same. After eight years at current rates your account value would be \$131,681 which is more than \$21,000 greater than the other plan. Of course that assumes we continue to pay the same rate for the next eight years which is probably unlikely. So let's take a more conservative approach and look at how much you would earn on a guaranteed basis. At 2.0% interest; after eight years the account value would be \$117,166 which is more than \$7,000 over the other company. Plus our rate can go up and you would earn more money.

Another plus for NSS is additional deposits do not extend or create new surrender charges.



Obviously the comparison between these two products heavily favors the NSS but we've just scratched the surface. There are some products out there that pay bonus rates and they look better than NSS at least for that first year. After the first year many of these companies drop their crediting rate to 1.0%, however, you are still locked in for a number of years. Now you are stuck with an inferior product that looked great one year but really isn't.

Now this is where the NSS really starts to shine. You see this is a member driven organization. Each member in a sense is an owner of a mutual organization called a fraternal. Yes, we make decisions that benefit the company. We have to have a strong, viable entity to withstand the rigors of our complex financial world. But our mission is to benefit our members so we strive to give you the best rate we can

today and tomorrow. We treat all members equally and sometimes that might cost us business but we think it makes sense. You see the slogan Family Matters, really means that we take care of our members. So you see that's why your money should be here.

Contact your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information on how our products and services can help you.

Twice a Year - the CD Dilemma

Believe it or not twice a year (March/April) and (Sept/Oct.) more CDs mature at local banks than at any other time. Now those dates are not surprising considering that many old IRAs were opened right around tax time. However, a lot of people bought six month CDs so their renewal would be Sept./Oct.

So right now is a good time to evaluate your current CD. When you get that statement in the mail look at the new renewal rate. Is it 1.00% or a little less? Would you like to earn more money? NSS offers several plans with one of our best rates at 3.50% interest. We also have a three year plan crediting 2.0% and a Preferred 5 plan paying 3.0% interest.

Also, since it is tax time it is also IRA time. You can make a Traditional IRA contribution for up to \$5,500 and if you are age 50 or older you can add another \$1,000 in catch-up contributions for a total of \$6,500. Even if you and your spouse are covered by a pension plan at work you can still make deductible contributions as long as your modified AGI is \$95,000 or less. Check with your tax advisor to see specific rules.

If you have the earned income you can also make a contribution for a non-working spouse. Roth IRAs are another option – they are not tax deductible but if all the rules are followed they can be tax-free at withdrawal. Call us and we will be glad to send you all the information regarding IRAs.

2014 Family Matters

On the back inside cover is some information about our new Family Matters campaign. The exciting program allows you to buy life insurance on a guaranteed issue basis. The last time this program was offered was in 2010. So take advantage of this opportunity – read the information, send in the coupon to find out how much the different plans will cost and send in the recommender form and earn up to \$25 cash.

Thought for the Month

It's not about being the best; it's about being a little better today than you were yesterday.
Slovak proverb

ASSEMBLY L002

Windsor, CT

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at Thomas Marticek's residence, 225 Bunnyview Drive, Stratford, CT at 8:00 p.m.

All members are encouraged to attend. We will elect delegates to the convention during this meeting.

Kristin Toman
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 004

Parma, OH

A meeting will be held on Sunday, March 16, 2014 at the residence of Edward and Mildred Havir, 1744 Westhill Boulevard, Westlake, OH at 2:00 p.m.

An important part of the agenda will be the election of delegates to the National Convention to be held June 22 thru June 25, 2014. Filling out delegate forms will be required by the elected delegates at this time. You need to attend this meeting to become a delegate. All members are urged to attend.

Sonia Vorell
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 004

Parma, OH

Scotch Doubles Tournament

Assembly 0004 has scheduled it's 4th Annual Scotch Doubles Tournament for Sunday, March 30th, 2014 at Yorktown Lanes at 3:30 p.m. Practice will be allowed prior to the start.

We will bowl 3 games which are alternated between partners and a handicap score will be used. After bowling, pizza, coffee and pop will be served and prizes awarded.

Final results will be printed in the newsletter. Deadline for entries will be March 23rd. Contact Bob or Bud Sir-Louis at (440) 845-2616, if you would like to bowl.

Bob Sir Louis
Fraternal Director

ASSEMBLY P31M

Fords, NJ

A meeting was held on Sunday, February 23rd, 2014 to elect delegates for the upcoming convention. Any questions, please call Andrew Mako at 732-738-7857.

Andrew Mako
Secretary

ASSEMBLY P38A

Wintersville, OH

A Dinner/Meeting will be held at "The Gaslight Restaurant" at 820 Canton Road (Rte 43) Wintersville, Ohio on Saturday, March 08, 2014. We will have a cocktail hour at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner (order from Menu) at 5:30 p.m. All members of P38A (and their guests) are urged to attend this our bi-annual dinner/meeting.

As this is a complimentary meal, **RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!!!** We have limited seating, so first come, first served. Please call 740-264-4333 or 740-283-1916 to place your reservations and get directions if needed. We hope to have one or two of our NSS National Directors in attendance to give us the latest news from the Home Office and to answer any questions we may have regarding the NSS in general. We will also be electing delegates to the NSS Convention to be held in Hershey, PA in June 2014. Please consider accepting this very responsible position for our Fraternity. It will not only be educational but also very entertaining at this popular resort.

Please plan on attending this Fraternal Evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

Roger Watts
President

ASSEMBLY 039

Uniontown, PA

Delegate Election Meeting

Our first meeting in 2014 will be held at the IHOP restaurant community room, in the Walmart Plaza in Uniontown, PA on Tuesday, March 11th at 6:00 pm. We will be electing delegates to the 2014 NSS Quadrennial Convention on June 22-25, in Hershey, PA. Come and enjoy a free dinner and the fraternal fellowship.

Because we serve over eight hundred members, we are eligible for sixteen delegates to the Convention. If you cannot be at the meeting and wish to be a delegate, please call me at 724-355-4100 or 724-570-1301.

The NSS Constitution and By-laws has two requirements to be an assembly delegate: 1) Must be an adult member in good standing; 2) Must be a member of the assembly one year prior to the opening of the convention. The society will pay the transportation, lodging and meal costs for each delegate at the convention site.

Parents and grandparents! If you have an outstanding child in high school or college, the NSS Youth Achievement Award is available with a prize of \$500.00. Deadline for entry is April 1st and entry forms are on the NSS website. High school seniors are reminded that applications for the NSS Scholarship Program are due on May 1st.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Free summer picnic on Sunday, June 8th at the outdoor pavilion of the Knights of Columbus on Gallatin Avenue Extension in Uniontown at 1:00 p.m. The picnic will feature hamburgers, hotdog's, potato salad, baked beans and dessert. More information in next month's issue.

We need volunteers to participate in the USPS National Food Drive on Saturday, May 10th. Volunteers should meet at the main post office, in downtown Uniontown at 10:00 a.m. This project is in conjunction with the NSS National Feed America Project.

Come to our meeting at IHOP on Tuesday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is on us!

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY 065

Chicago, IL

Our February meeting was canceled and changed to Sunday, March 2. This meeting was in conjunction with the Region 10 meeting and members of Assembly 586. The meeting was held at McCook Restaurant starting at 1:00 p.m. and lunch was served. The upcoming convention was discussed.

At the time this meeting was proposed, it was too late to have an announcement in the February newsletter. A report on the meeting will be published in a later edition.

Our April meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10 at the Riverside Restaurant starting at 11:30 a.m. Plan to join us!

Mildred Mendel
President

ASSEMBLY 070/C070

Brooklyn, OH

A meeting will be held Sunday, March 16, 2014 at Dr Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, OH at 12:15 p.m. The agenda includes election of delegates for the Convention and also plans for our June picnic. Refreshments will be served.

John Karkosiak
President

ASSEMBLY 108

West Mifflin, PA

A meeting will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2014 at the Strom residence, 3453 Bench Drive, Baldwin, Pa at 2:00 p.m. At this meeting election of delegates for the convention will be held.

Joseph Palko
President

ASSEMBLY 110

New York, NY

Our biannual weekend outing will be held on June 27-29, 2014 at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon, New York. Reservation forms will be mailed out at a later date. Please contact Maryann Malik at (516) 794-9014 for more information.

Rich DeSanctis
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 123

Pittsburgh, PA

Congratulations! The worst of winter is behind us! Spring is right around the corner and with it longer days and warmer weather. I for one can't wait.

We received a nice thank you letter from the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank thanking us for our donations. Thanks to each of you for your dollar donation at each of our activities. They have over 120,000 people in our region receiving some type of food assistance. They are always looking for volunteers at their various food pantries so keep this in mind if you have time and the fraternal spirit of NSS moves you.

Speaking of volunteering. Our assembly is scheduled to volunteer at the World Vision Warehouse in Sewickley on Wednesday, March 26th at 9:30 a.m. Your help is needed to do some sorting and packing of clothes. Afterward we will gather for lunch and a meeting at the Eat N Park. Please call Joan Smith at 412-778-0431 if you will be joining us or need directions.

Bill Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 146

Nanticoke, PA

A meeting will be held on Sunday, March 16, 2014 at the American Legion Post 539, Glen Lyon at 1:30 p.m. for the election of delegates to the 2014 National Convention.

Calvin Kanyuck
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 160

Lorain, OH

A meeting to elect delegates to the 2014 National Convention will be held on Tuesday, March 18th, 2014 at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway, Lorain, at 7:00 p.m. (This is our regularly scheduled meeting place and time.)

The 2014 convention will take place in Hershey, PA, from June 22-25. All members are welcome to vote or run for a delegate position, but you must be in attendance on March 18th to do so!

John P Katricak II
Vice President

ASSEMBLY 267

Smithmill, PA

A meeting will be held on Sunday, March 16th, 2014 at the home of John Matia, 2899 Plank Road, Smithmill, PA at 3:00 p.m.

This meeting's primary purpose will be to elect delegates to the NSS Life 2014 Quadrennial Convention. Please try to attend.

John Matia
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 377

Bentleyville, PA

Our next meeting will be held on March 2, 2014 at the Grand China Buffett, 301 Oak Springs Road, Washington, Pa. 15301. Our agenda includes election of delegates, discuss the upcoming convention, and our yearly plans for the assembly. Please RSVP to me at 724-207-0410 and join us for a nice afternoon. Hope to see you there!

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 381

Grosse Ile, MI

A meeting will be held on March 4, 2014 at the Medved's, 27620 Elba Drive, Grosse Ile, MI at 3:00 p.m. We will elect delegates to the 36th Quadrennial Convention held in Hershey, PA.

Joanne Medved
Treasurer



ASSEMBLY 432

Lakewood, OH

Thank you to everyone who came out for our Annual Christmas party! Please make sure for future events, that you RSVP, so we can plan accordingly.

A meeting was held on February 18, 2014 at Tony & Linda Beno's residence to nominate and choose delegates for the National Convention. Thanks to all that attended.

Please Note - Date Has Changed!

Our Tobogganing event will be held at Cleveland MetroParks Chalet, 16200 Valley Pkwy, Cleveland, OH 44136 on **March 2, 2014**.

Please call Dave Pytel at (440) 777-4054, or Bill Shuttleworth at (440) 331-6997 so we can get an accurate count for how many people will be attending.

Shawn Pytel
Activity Director



ASSEMBLY 586

Chicago, IL

A meeting and lunch will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at the McCook Bohemian American Restaurant, 8300 Joliet Road in McCook, IL. at 1:00 p.m. We'll order from the menu so everyone has what they like, discuss convention delegates and participate in a convention warmup activity, too.

Please email or call me at 630-985-2196 to let me know that you will attend.

Janet Tomaskovic
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 700

Pittsburgh, PA

A meeting will be held on March 9th, 2014 at William Ferienc's residence, Richey Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA at 2:00 p.m. Delegates for the upcoming convention will be elected. Please try to attend.

Dr. William Ferienc
President



ASSEMBLY 737

North Huntingdon, PA

A meeting will be held on March 8, 2014 at the home of Paul J. Godor, 9280 Clubview Drive, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 p.m.

Assembly business will be discussed at this time, including election of delegates for the upcoming convention. All members are urged to attend.

Paul J Godor
Treasurer



ASSEMBLY 800

Bonita Springs, FL

Delegate Convention Meeting

A meeting will be held on March 9th, 2014, at the home of Gary Cepko, 9735 Glen Heron Drive, Bonita Springs, Florida, 34135 at 12:00 noon. Any member of Assembly # 800 in good standing with the National Slovak Society is invited to attend this important meeting to select delegates to the 36th Quadrennial Convention. All interested members should call Gary at 239-560-2964, prior to the meeting. Hope to see many of our members there.

Matching Funds Project

The 3rd Annual National Kidney Foundation Kidney Walk will be held at Lakes Regional Park, Fort Myers, FL.

The event is scheduled for March 16th, 2014. All funds that are raised will be put towards patient services programs, awareness programs, and health screenings.

Assembly #800 is going to hold this as a Matching Funds project and is asking its members to come out and support this worth while cause by either walking or making a monetary contribution. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Gary Cepko at 239-566-7180.

Gary Cepko
President



ASSEMBLY 813

Englewood, FL

At a recent meeting of Assembly 813 plans were formulated for the upcoming year's charitable projects.

The Youth Circle is once again teaming with Habitat for Humanity, South Sarasota County, for their "Make Every Can Count" effort. Aluminum cans collected from February 1 st to April 15th, will be recycled with the money going to support Habitat's goal to provide affordable decent housing. Caly and Blaze Farrell are the Youth Circle's chairpersons, and Judith Wilcox is the advisor from Habitat for Humanity.

The Assembly project, which will benefit the Catholic Heart Work Camp again this year, will be the Tri-State BBQ Festival. The Festival runs April 11-12 with good food, BBQ competition, activities for children, music and other entertainment on both days. Assembly members will take part in various areas, and good help is always welcome. Contact Mary Jo Holker, 941-473-0559, to volunteer.

The Assembly will be taking part in the USPS food drive in Mayas their Join Hands Day endeavor. They plan to support the Wounded Warrior Project and the Food Bank's Brown Bag Program as well.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary

REGION 5
Pittsburgh, PA

A meeting will be held on Sunday, **March 16, 2014** at the Home Office, McMurray, PA at 1:00 p.m.

Election of our delegate to the NSS Convention in June, 2014 will be held. Please try to attend.

Joseph Stefka
President

REGION 8
Cleveland, OH

Convention Meeting

Region 8 (Assemblies 4, 70, 160 & 432) will be holding their semi-annual meeting and special Convention meeting hosted by Assembly 0432 on:

DATE: April 23, 2014

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

(Please note special time)

LOCATION: Dr. Martin Luther Church
4470 Ridge Road
Brooklyn, Ohio 44144

Officers from the Home Office in Pittsburgh will be attending this meeting to discuss the upcoming Convention which will be held at Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA. Refreshments will be served.

Please call either John Karkosiak at 1-216-741-6990 or Carole Koches at 1-440-238-8287 with the number of people from each assembly that will be attending. Deadline for reservations is April 16, 2014. Hope to see everyone at this special meeting.

Carole Koches
Recording Secretary

REGION 10
Chicago, IL

A convention meeting will be held on Sunday March 2, 2014 at the McCook Bohemian American Restaurant, 8300 Joliet Road in McCook, IL. at 1:00 p.m.

All assemblies of Region 10 (A-0065/0586) are urged to attend.

Mildred Mendel
President

Assembly 588 Members Assist with Toys for Tots and Food Drive



George and Margie Leasure preparing to distribute donated groceries to needy families.

Assembly 588 members George and Margie Leasure assisted with the Toys for Tots Campaign for Washington and Greene counties prior to the Christmas Holiday.

The campaign was hosted by the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Washington. Toys were collected, packaged, and delivered to children by the volunteers. In addition, the Church collected food donations for the needy families in the area. George and Margie assisted with the packing and distribution of 700 bags of groceries.

They volunteered their time in the true fraternal spirit to make the Christmas Holiday a more special time for the less fortunate families of Washington and Greene counties.

Celebrate the Season

Many members of Assembly 705 in Seelyville, IN celebrated Christmas together on December 24 at the home of Mary Ann Froderman in Brazil, IN. We gathered together at the annual Butwin Family Christmas Eve Party. Nearly 60 family members came together to share a meal and fellowship. Meat for the meal was provided by the Assembly and everyone brought either a side dish or a favorite dessert. We sang Christmas carols after the meal as we awaited the visitor all the children were looking for. Santa Claus made his appearance around 8:00 p.m. to the delight of everyone present.



Dorothy Buck, Secretary Assembly 705 and Jim Jones, President,

Santa brought presents for all the children, some were ready to sit on his lap and some were not. We sang a few extra songs as Santa left to continue his journey. This family tradition was started by John & Anna Butwin, founding members of Assembly 705, and continues through 5 generations of descendants.



Helen M. Butwin Meunier, life long member of Assembly 705, with three of her granddaughters, Breanna, Brendi, & Brittany.

Dorothy Buck
Secretary



Museum Minutes... 3.14

2013 at a glance:

- 259** officers, workshop attendees, and visitors signed in, either in the guest book or on a registration sheet.
- 7** were visiting Pittsburgh from Slovakia... Other visitors came from **6** states beside Pennsylvania.
- 2** new exhibits were created.
- 3** authentic costumes were purchased.
- 3** folkcraft workshops were offered.
- 3** displays were set up at various events outside the museum.
- 2** e-newsletters went out to **over 100** friends of the museum in addition to the museum minutes printed in the noviny.
- The gift shop sold **\$1359.00** in merchandise.
- We received **\$2270.00** in donations including **3** matching fund donations from NSS assemblies, **\$500.00** donation from the Regional Golf Tournament, and **\$500.00** from AQS Asset Management.
- Our **2nd** "Christmas in September" was once again a huge success!
- We had **23** volunteers (in addition to the curator) who donated **277.5 hrs** of their time to the museum!



Available from the NSSHM Gift Shop



NEW!
Egg Patterns—
Slavic Style:
Over 300 Color Egg
Decorating Patterns &
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\$12 (includes
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handling)

Egg - in - Wrap


Choose from

Slavic Pin Art or Old World Designs

Sleeve of 6: \$1.50
Sleeve of 12: \$3.00

1. Use large raw, hardboiled, blown, ceramic or plastic eggs.
2. Slide egg into egg wrap.
3. Place egg on spoon.
4. Dunk into boiling water until wrapper shrinks around egg.



**Celebrate ...
... Easter Slovak Style**
By Lawrence G. Kotowski

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McMurray, PA 15317**

Marec



Jar je tu!

Prvý jarný deň je dňom rovnodennosti, čo znamená, že všetci na zemi budú mať rovnako dlhý deň ako noc.

Nádherné slová Sv. Otca Františka o svätosti ...

Potrebujeme svätcov bez sután a závojov. Potrebujeme džínsových a teniskových svätcov.

Potrebujeme svätcov, ktorí idú do kina, počúvajú hudbu a prechádzajú sa so svojimi priateľmi a kamarátmi.

Potrebujeme svätcov, ktorí Boha dávajú na prvé miesto, ale vynikajú aj na vysokej škole.

Potrebujeme svätcov, ktorí si nájdu čas na každodennú modlitbu a sú schopní čistej lásky, alebo posväcujú čistotu.

Potrebujeme svätcov moderných, svätcov 21. storočia, ktorí vytvárajú svoju duchovnosť pre túto dobu.

Potrebujeme svätcov takých, ktorí sú zviazaní a odhodlaní pre potreby chudobných a nutné sociálne zmeny.

Potrebujeme svätcov vo svete žijúcich, vo svete sa posväcujúcich svätcov, ktorí sa neboja žiť vo svete.

Potrebujeme svätcov, ktorí pijú Colu, jedia hot-dogy, používajú internet a iPad.

Potrebujeme svätcov, takých, ktorí milujú Eucharistiu a nahanbia sa cez víkend piť pivo, alebo jesť pizzu so svojimi priateľmi.

Potrebujeme svätcov, takých, ktorí majú radi kino, divadlo, muziku, tanec, a šport.

Potrebujeme svätcov, spoločenských, ktorí sú otvorení, normálni, priateľski, veselí a sú dobrými priateľmi.

Potrebujeme svätcov, takých, ktorí žijú v tomto svete a vedia si vychutnať dobré a čisté veci tohoto sveta, ale predsa sa nestanú svetskými...

—Jednota

Tohto roku si pripomínáme 75. výročie od vzniku Prvej Slovenskej Republiky
14. marec je významným dňom v Slovenskom kalendári, keď pomocou Amerických Slovákov v roku 1939 vtedajší novozvolený prezident Slovenskej Republiky Dr. Jozef Tiso vyhlásil Slovensko za samostatný štát, čo trval iba počas druhej svetovej vojny do roku 1945.



Jánošíkovská legenda

Zbojníctvo má v slovenskom folklóre osobitné postavenie a najmä jánošíkovská tradícia sa rozvila do nebyvalých rozmerov. Ľudia videli v Jurajovi Jánošíkovi symbol slobody a odporu voči sociálnej nespravodlivosti.

Jánošíkovskú tému možno nájsť azda vo všetkých umelckých prejavoch. Objavuje sa vo výsostne ľudových i moderne spracovaných piesňach, povestiach, rozprávkach, básniach a románoch. Výjavy zo zbojníckeho života boli najmä v minulosti námietom obrazov maľovaných na sklo, keramických a rezbárskych prác a výzdobz najrozmanitejších predmetov - črpákov, valašiek, fujar a pod.



Pôstna doba

V mesiaci marci sa pripravujeme pre Nový Život prírody a dobre by bolo ak by sme sa pripravili aj my pre nový život duševného života keď slávime pôstne dni na prípravu k Veľkej Noci.

Ježišu Kriste zmiluj sa nad nami.

Pane spomni si na mňa keď prides do svojho kráľovstva.



Medzinárodný deň žien 8. marec

Tento sviatok dával mužom skvelú príležitosť, ako sa odmeniť ženám za ich celoročnú „drinu“, veď ŽENA je slovo, ktoré skrýva v sebe čaročaru, duchaplnosť i zmyselnosť. Bez našich žien by bol svet pustý ako lúka bez kvetov, ako nočná obloha bez hviezd či ako srdce bez lásky.



Z ľudovej múdrosti...

Marcové slnko má ešte krátke ruky a od nôh chladí.



Youth Circle Page

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NSS YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Rules And Regulations

The National Fraternal Congress of America, through their "Americas Promise" Program, has encouraged their member societies to increase their awareness of the contributions of youth to the fraternal benefit system. In response to that challenge, the National Assembly, in 1998, voted to establish a "Youth Achievement Award" that is similar to our "Fraternalist of the Year Award" for adults. The contest is open to all NSS Youth Members under the age of 21.

RATIONALE: The award is directed at youth who do outstanding fraternal work in these four (4) areas: a) At their school/work, b) In their community, c) In their church, d) In their local assembly.

NOMINATION: Youth members can be nominated by any adult member of the NSS or through their local assembly. A document detailing the qualifications of the Youth Member being nominated must be attached to this form and submitted to the Home Office. A Youth Member may be nominated each year either until they reach their twenty-first (21st) birthday or until they are selected to receive this award. Nomination forms are available from the Home Office or on our web site at www.nsslife.org under "Forms/Fraternal."

DEADLINE: Deadline for nominations to be in the Home Office is April 1st of each year. The winner will be selected by a non-member judge.

AWARD: The winning youth will receive a \$500.00 U.S. Savings Bond and will be announced in the "National News", the "Youth Circle Magazine" and listed on our web site at www.nsslife.org under "Youth Achievement Award". Their name will be displayed on a plaque in the Home Office.

JUDGING: An independent judge, appointed by the National President, will review all nominations and make a determination of the winner. The National President, or an appointee, shall be the final authority on all matters involving this fraternal benefit.

**The winner of the NSS "Youth Achievement Award" will be notified
by the Home Office of their selection.**

DEADLINE: April 1st of Each Year

For more information, contact the National Slovak Society of the USA
ATT: Youth Achievement Award
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317
Phone (724) 731-0094
Fax (724) 731-0145
NSS Web Site: www.nsslife.org

St. Patrick's Day Leprechaun Hat

In your spare time, especially with all the school closings, maybe you can try this craft (bank) for St. Patrick's Day. Cut a slit in the lid of the coffee can and you can use it to collect spare change for your favorite charity.

Materials:

clean coffee can with a lid
black and green paint
paint brush
black and yellow construction paper
green construction paper or a cereal box
scissors
glue

Instructions:

Cut a small slit in the middle of the lid if you would like to use your pilgrim hat to collect spare change.

Paint the bottom inch or two of the can black. Let dry.

Put the lid on the can and paint the can green but leaving a ring at the bottom black. Let dry.

Cut a green circle out of construction paper. Use a plate to trace the circle first. If you do not have green construction paper you can cut the circle from a cardboard box like a cereal box and paint it green.

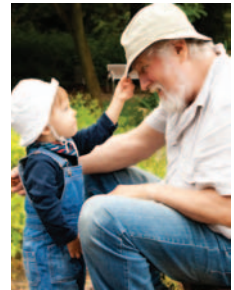
Glue this green circle to the bottom of the can to make a brim for the hat.

Make a buckle out of construction paper. Cut a square with rounded corners out of a piece of yellow construction paper. The yellow square should be a little bigger than the black stripe at the bottom of the can.

Cut a slightly smaller square with rounded corners out of black construction paper. Cut a small notch out of the side of the black square so it looks like a "C". Glue the notched black square on the yellow square and glue the yellow square to the hat to look like a buckle.

2014 Family Matters

We are pleased to introduce the new and exciting opportunity for you to purchase additional life insurance protection for you and your family. This guaranteed issue offer is available to members, their families and friends.



For a limited time (April through June 2014) you can choose any permanent plan we offer. This includes single premium, whole life and twenty-pay life. The advantages of a permanent plan include cash/loan values, reduced paid-up insurance options, dividends and more.

Complete the form below to express your interest to purchase additional life insurance and return. We will mail you a brief application along with the rates for all of the plans being offered so you can decide which plan is best for you.

The maximum amount of insurance being offered will depend on your age:

ISSUE AGES	MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF INSURANCE
0-40	\$10,000
41-50	\$7,500
51-60	\$5,000
61-75	\$5,000*

*Single Premium only.

There is a limit of one new policy per person. Any one that was previously declined since January 1, 2012 is not eligible for this program. Coverage is not available for terminally ill, and permanently disabled individuals. Rates are based on age nearest birthday.

Recommender for family and/or friends

This is a great opportunity as a member of NSS Life, to share your experience with non-members. If we issue them a policy, your recommender is worth up to \$25 as our thank you. Simply complete the new prospect recommender form below and return.



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351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317
Toll Free: 1-800-488-1890
Email: sales@nsslife.org

2014 Family Matters Program

*Yes, I am interested in purchasing additional life insurance!
Please send me the rates.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of birth: _____

Used nicotine in the past year: Yes No

Daytime phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Optional: Recommender information for new NSS member

Prospect Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone number: _____

REFERRED BY:

Member Name: _____

Daytime phone number: _____

National Slovak Society
(USPS 0371-140)
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317-3337

Address Service Requested

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Pittsburgh, PA
Permit No. 1166

Could you use a little extra “green?”

Recommender

As a proud member of NSS Life, there is no better time than now to share your experience with friends and family. Best of all, you will receive a cash reward for recommending someone that we end up issuing a policy to. You will receive a \$25 recommender fee (\$10 on youth term) for each person that becomes a member.

Recommender Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Prospect Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send form to Joe Elliott at the Home Office.

Change of Address

Please use this form to register your change of address for the National News and mail to the Home Office. Upon receipt of this form completed in its entirety, the staff will immediately implement the change. *Thank you.*

Name _____

Assembly No. _____

New Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

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City _____

State _____ Zip _____

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