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# *Activities at a Glance...*

<b>REGION 2</b>	<b>Assemblies L075, 0146, 0617</b>
August 9 October 19 October 25	Assembly L075, Matching Funds Benefit, Viewmont Mall, Dickson City, 10am - 9 pm Assembly L075, Meeting, Grande Pizzeria, Birney Avenue, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm Region 2, Meeting at Grotto Pizza, Edwardsville, PA at 12:30 pm
<b>REGION 5</b>	<b>Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0283, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0700, 0737, 0774, 0809</b>
August 8 August 12 August 16 September 20 September 21 October 18 December 7	Assembly 0774, NSS Pirate Night at PNC Park Assembly 0039, Stuffers Club Meeting, I-HOP Restaurant, WalMart Plaza at 6:30 p.m. Region 5, Picnic, Cedar Creek Park at Noon Assembly 0123, Gateway Clipper Cruise, Pittsburgh, PA at 12 Noon. Assembly 0039, Meeting/Bar-B-Q, Knights of Columbus Pavilion, Uniontown, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly 0737, Meeting, Godor's Residence, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Knights of Columbus Social Hall, Uniontown, PA at 2:00 pm
<b>REGION 7</b>	<b>Assemblies P09A, 0008, 0731</b>
August 3 August 10 August 28 September 6 October 11 November 2 December 6	Assembly 0731, Family Picnic, Yellow Creek Park, Struthers, OH at 1:00 pm Assembly P09A, Picnic, Heritage Presbyterian Church at 12:30 pm Assembly 0731, Scavenger Hunt, Canfield Fair, Canfield, OH at 1:00 pm Assembly 0731, Trip to Akron Zoo Assembly 0731, Halloween Hayride, Countryside Farms, Lowellville, OH at 5:30 pm Assembly 0731, Meeting, Ruth Burns Residence, Poland, OH at 3:00 pm Region 7, Christmas Party, Holy Family Parish Hall, Poland, OH at 1:00 pm
<b>REGION 8</b>	<b>Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595</b>
August 22	Assembly 0160, Pre-Game Picnic and Lake Erie Crushers Baseball Game at 6:00 pm
<b>REGION 10</b>	<b>Assemblies 0065, 0586</b>
	No activities at this time
<b>REGION 14</b>	<b>Assemblies R059, L102</b>
	No activities at this time
<b>REGION 15</b>	<b>Assemblies L002, 0028, L145</b>
	No activities at this time
<b>AT LARGE</b>	<b>Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0299, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0705, 0800, 0813</b>
August 3 August 31 September 14 September 27  October 5 October 19 November 7 December 24	Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek's Residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0381, Meeting/Cookout, Medved's Residence, Grosse Ile, MI at 2:00 pm Assembly R019, 120th Annual Celebration, Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, Buffalo, NY at 4:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek's Residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek's Residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Annual Christmas Eve celebration

## From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC  
National President

Greetings from the office of the President. The dust has settled from the 36th Quadrennial Convention, and from all the comments I heard personally from the delegates in attendance, it was a huge success. The Hershey Lodge was accommodating in all we asked of them, and the staff was very friendly to all that came in contact with them.

The new By-Laws which adopt a new Board Governance was well received and adopted by the convention unanimously. With the new By-Laws, approved by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, the delegates elected 9 individuals to serve on the Board. At this time, I would like to personally thank four Board members that have served the Society well over the years. Vice President Dean Burns decided not to run for re-election to the Board and for his twenty-four years of service, he was elected as an Honorary Officer. Tony Beno who has served the NSS for over twenty-eight years, Mary Jo Holker who has served for twenty years and Bill Knoll who has served for four years were not re-elected. The Convention bestowed the title of Honorary Director on Tony Beno and Mary Jo Holker.

Elected to serve for the next four years were incumbents Keith Godor, Bob Katricak, Sue Ondrejco, Joe Stefka and Drew Wesnak and new comers Alan Burns, Mike Czarney, Andrea

Garbon and Abigail Gross. I congratulate each of the elected Directors and look forward to working with you, as we grow the society over the next four years, hopefully reaching our goal of 1 Billion in assets by the next convention which will be held in 2018.

This month I see there are many activities scheduled on the Assembly and Region level; August 3rd, P09A and Assembly 0731 will hold picnics, August 8th is Pirate Night at PNC Park for Assembly 774, co-sponsored by Region 5, August 9th, Assembly L075 will hold a Matching Funds Benefit, August 16th, Region 5 will hold their annual picnic at Cedar Creek Park, August 22nd, Assembly 0160 will host a picnic followed by a trip to the Lake Erie Crushers Baseball Game, and August 28th, Assembly 0731 will hold a Scavenger Hunt at the Canfield Fair. So with all these activities going on as summer winds down, try to make it to one of the events in your area.

## News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday to former National Director Caroline Kucan, Carol Godor, Jodi Onder, Chelsey Eubank, Jim Amorose, Andrew Blazek, Pam Tabone, Jan Amick, Bella Grace Bernardo, and a special Happy Birthday to my grandson Logan Kearney who will turn one on August 4th.

Happy Wedding Anniversary wishes to Danielle and Jeff Lavin and to Lori and Kevin Crowley and to all others celebrating this month.

## Protect Your Skin This Summer

Many people describe sun-tanned skin as a "healthy tan", but nothing could be farther from the truth. There is no such thing as a safe tan!

Skin cancer attacks one out of every seven Americans each year, and one American dies from the disease every hour. Exposure to the sun causes over ninety percent of skin cancers in the

United States. Any type of suntan constitutes sun damage caused by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. Other types of sun damage include wrinkles, age spots, freckles, tough or leathery skin, dilated blood vessels, sunburn, and skin cancer.

The sun emits two kinds of UV radiation: UVA which causes aging, and UVB which causes burning. Both UVA and UVB rays are undetectable to a person sitting in the sun; one cannot feel them on their skin and both may be just as damaging on cool, cloudy days as they are on clear, sunny days. In addition, both types of radiation cause skin cancer.

Skin cancer is the uncontrollable growth of abnormal cells in a layer of the skin. Over ninety percent of all skin cancers develop on skin that has been exposed to the sun, as sun damage builds up over the years and results in skin cancer.

The two most common types of skin cancer, basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma, are easily treated if caught early, and are rarely fatal. Basal cell carcinoma usually appears as a red patch, a shiny bump, or an open sore that does not heal. Squamous cell carcinoma usually arises as a scaly patch or a raised, wart like growth. The most dangerous form of skin cancer, malignant melanoma, looks like a mole-like patch with an irregular shape. Malignant melanoma is most often found on the legs of women, and on the trunks, especially the backs of men.

Everyone has a least some risk of getting sun damage and skin cancer, because everyone is exposed to the sun. People are most susceptible when they are exposed to sudden, short bursts of sunlight while vacationing in places where the sun is very strong, such as locations near the equator or at very high altitudes.

The easiest way to prevent skin damage and lessen your chances of getting skin cancer is to avoid getting sunburn.

Here are a few tips to help keep you

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## The Second Opinion from the Vice-President



Dean Burns, FIC  
National Vice-President

## Little Boy Blue

Once upon a time Eugene Field wrote a poem called Little Boy Blue about the death of a child. It was not his child, but his child did die several years later. He wrote,

"Now, don't you go till I come," he said,  
"And don't you make any noise!"  
So, toddling off to his trundle-bed,  
He dreamt of the pretty toys;  
And, as he was dreaming, an angel song  
Awakened our Little Boy Blue---  
Oh! the years are many, the years are long,  
But the little toy friends are true!

Ay, faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand,  
Each in the same old place---  
Awaiting the touch of a little hand,  
The smile of a little face;  
And they wonder, as waiting the long years through  
In the dust of that little chair,  
What has become of our Little Boy Blue,  
Since he kissed them and put them there."

I like the poem, just because I do. It makes me think of the plans that we make that often go awry. It makes me think of all the times that we are surprised by the way things go.

In Genesis there is a verse that says, "Man plans; God laughs." Basically, that is true. We all make our little plans

expecting our dreams and aspirations to come true, but in the real world, we have no control over what happens. But we do learn rather quickly that we will survive in spite of losing our plans.

We wait the long years through and Little Boy Blue stays true to us since we kissed them and put them there. What more could we ask than he stays true to us.

## Other Things

What made me think of Little Boy Blue at this time was the convention. Some people's plans did not come out as they wished and others came out exactly as they wanted. The net result is that NSS has a fine Board to guide us for the next four years.

It is not a secret that I retired from being vice president and became an honorary officer effective in November. The basic reason is that we did away with vice president because there is no need for one with the new officer format. Now, if the president becomes incapacitated, the Board will hire a new one.

Once the new bylaws passed, I decided to go to honorary status. The president told me that my brain still worked, so I should contribute to the society. I did not always agree with things as presented to the Board, but we always managed to work out some kind of compromise. Sometimes I had to bite on my lips, but the whole idea was that we (the officers and Board) agreed on what was best for NSS. The NSS prospered and grew in the last twenty years and will continue to do so because of wise decisions made by the last Convention.

## Careers

I spent 30 years teaching school and making people smarter for the good of the students (At least that is what students told me I did.) Then I spent

twenty years at NSS trying to make the Society smarter (or more profitable) for the good of the members. Now I am looking for a job. Just kidding.

## Column

For twenty years I wrote a column for the National News. Over the years, I have heard from a few people that they liked the column. Yes. Sometimes I also heard that it wasn't so good from some people on occasion and I respected those people just as much as the believers (or whatever they are called.) I call them believers because they went out of their way to compliment me and we all need some of that stuff now and then.

I have said more than once that I don't know all that much and it is difficult to come up with new stuff every month. I also know that it wasn't always new. That never bothered me all that much because I, if it was true once, it probably still is. Some of the Burns Brothers would say just recycle an old column if I was stuck.

I think I did that once and it was an article that Chris (oldest) wrote about his grandmother who fit the stereotypical Slovak grandmother and helped the brothers grow into fine young men. People requested that article and I was happy to let him have the space.

I can't remember if I let the brothers have the space to write their mother's eulogy. Maybe, but I was kind of upset and don't remember all that well. They write well for engineers. That is not to put down engineers. I started out to be one, but decided I could not do that till I was 65 and it worked out well for me. I guess my plans were like Little Boy Blue's. Some of my toys are still in place. Can't ask for much more than that.....

## A Page From My Notebook.....

By Linda M. Strom, National Secretary/Treasurer  
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## Guess What.....

Yippee!, Hip, Hip Hooray, Success!, Finally!, It's Over, Yes!. So many words describe our 36th Quadrennial Convention that it's difficult to find just one that says it all, but, it was AMAZING.

Following are some highlights:

1. First and foremost I'd like to thank the delegates in attendance at the convention who represented over 27,000 members. It was obvious that they read the information they received prior to the convention and came prepared to act upon the business as presented.

2. Once again the NSS will take "the road less traveled" and move into a new governance structure as outlined in the bylaws adopted by the delegates at this convention and approved by the PA Insurance Department. Work on revising the bylaws began over a year ago and involved a Board Bylaw Committee, the Board of Directors, our Legal Counsel, road trips to our Regions, the PA Insurance Department and the Convention Bylaw committee. Thank you to all involved in the preparation of the new bylaws as much work was required. I also extend my gratitude to the convention delegates for adopting a new governance structure. You have strengthened the NSS and ensured its existence for future generations.

3. With the adoption of the new bylaws and governance structure the Board of Directors will see some changes. There will now be 9 National Directors. From the nine, one will be elected, from amongst themselves, to become the Chairman of the Board and work closely with the President in the leadership of the society. More information to come in future articles.

4. Through the generosity of the delegates, donations presented at the convention to benefit the PVR Scholarship Fund and the NSS Heritage Museum totaled \$18,429.07. A special mention

is needed here as Assembly 0065, Chicago, IL, donated \$10,000 to the PVR Scholarship Fund for a perpetual scholarship. We are grateful for this donation however sadly, Assembly 0065 has decided to disband. Thank you to President Mildred Mendel and the Officers of Assembly 0065 for helping to support the education of our youth and for your many years of dedication to the National Slovak Society of the USA and it's members.

5. The Convention Fund Raiser benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project was a huge success. Through the generosity of our Assemblies, Regions, Members, Families and Friends \$3,000 was collected.

6. Thought you might like to know the attendance at the convention. There were: 206 Delegates representing 36 Assemblies and 6 Regions, 16 Fraternal Guests, 6 NSS Advisors and over 75 Other Guests totaling close to 300 convention participants.

7. While supplies last we have copies of the 36th Quadrennial Convention Book, the "Pamatnica" available for purchase. If interested, please send a check to Fraternal Activities Coordinator Pam Blum for \$5.00 made out to "NSS Life" and include your name and current address. NOTE: If you placed an Ad in the Convention Book you will be receiving a complimentary copy soon.

8. And finally, I would be remiss if I didn't once again thank the Hershey Lodge Convention Services Team and the entire Hershey Lodge staff for making our Convention just perfect. We always asked ourselves "WHAT IF" we forgot something or someone however

we found that we were in very capable hands. Thank you Patrick, Doug, Michele, Lauren, Jimetta, Buck, Scott, Chris and so many, many more.

**PS** - the Board of Directors voted unanimously to hold the 37th Quadrennial Convention in 2018 at the .....drumroll please.....Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA. Mark Your Calendars!

## PA Insurance Department Audit

We continue to provide the PA Insurance Department Audit Team with information requested as they continue to move towards completion of our 4-year State audit.

## Final 2013 Fraternal Allowance Report

At the 2014 Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors held June 20th & 21st at the site of our 36th Quadrennial Convention, the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA, the Board of Directors approval the following Platinum and Diamond Award winners:

### **Platinum Level:**

0039 Uniontown, PA  
P09A Youngstown, OH  
L161 Pittsburgh, PA  
0588 Slovan, PA

### **Diamond Level:**

0070 Brooklyn, OH  
L075 Duryea, PA  
L102 Whitehall, PA  
0123 Coraopolis, PA  
0160 Lorain, OH  
0432 Fairview Park, OH  
0434 McMurray, PA  
0617 Ashley, PA  
0731 Lowellville, OH  
0813 Englewood, FL

Once again, congratulations to all the officers and members of the Assemblies and Regions listed above who have received this "extra effort" award.

## And now the fun begins..

## From the President's Desk (Continued from Page 4)

safe in the sun:

- \* Stay out of the sun between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- \* Wear clothes with tightly woven fabric and a hat that shades your face, neck and ears.
- \* Wear sunglasses whenever you are out side to avoid developing cataracts and damaging your retina.
- \* Use sun screen that has at least SPF (Sun protection factor) 15 protection. Apply it continually every day especially on your lips. SPF 15 sun screen allows you to stay outside fifteen times longer than without sun screen. However, at that point applying more sun screen will not help; your skin will simply burn. Also note that SPF 30 sun screen offers only three percent more protection than SPF 15.
- \* Avoid using tanning beds. They are just as damaging as the sun.
- \* Carefully protect children from sun damage. Two-thirds of skin damage will occur before age fifteen.

Avoiding excessive sun exposure and sunburn is the best way to protect yourself from sun damage and skin cancer. Routinely inspect your skin for any changes. If you suspect that a spot on skin is new, or has changed color or appearance consult a dermatologist. Ninety percent of all skin cancers can be cured if detected and treated in time, but practicing preventive techniques is the best way to avoid it altogether.

### Adult Truths:

*"Was learning cursive really necessary"?*

## Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to our National President, David G Blazek who will be celebrating on August 3rd, 2014. Best wishes on your special day and good health throughout the year. May all your dreams and wishes come true!

Happy Birthday President Blazek and many, many more!

NSS Members

## 2014 NSS Fraternalist of the Year Lauren Fox



Congratulations to Lauren Fox for being chosen as the NSS 2014 Fraternalist of the Year. Lauren has been actively involved with Assembly 731 for over 20 years as its President and she also serves Region 7 as the Recording Secretary/Treasurer. She plans, organizes and attends a variety of successful fraternal activities such as Christmas parties, Easter egg hunts, family dinners, scavenger hunts, fishing derbies, picnics, dances, hayrides, golf outings, bus trips and many projects for Join Hands Day. She keeps members updated about assembly events and NSS contests through a Facebook page dedicated to NSS activities and sends email reminders. Knowing that some members do not use the computer, she also sends newsletter and postcard reminders. Because of her encouragement, assembly members have volunteered many hours of hard work to help support the American Heart Association, the Rescue Mission, Sojourner House for Victims of Domestic Violence and the Beatitude House for women and children who are seeking help to better their lives.

Lauren has been a delegate at the past four NSS Quadrennial Conventions and again was a delegate at the 2014 Convention. At the past three conventions, she has served on the 2002 Election Committee, 2006 Fraternal Committee and 2010 Financial Committee.

In addition to current NSS activities, Lauren is member of the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church in Poland, Ohio where she is the Treasurer and the Bingo Caller for their Senior Club. She is the Vice-President for the Poland Ohio Historical Society in charge of their public relations and membership and is on a committee designing a new Poland Township webpage.

While working a full time job as the Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent of Mahoning County Schools when her children were growing up, she always found extra time to be actively involved in youth programs that instilled responsibility and leadership skills in the children that would help develop good moral values for them. During her daughters' school years, she was a Girl Scout leader for their troop. In addition to her troop leadership, she worked on a variety of committees, events and camping experiences while she was Secretary and Chairperson for the Lake to River Girl Scout Council's Boardman-Poland Service Unit. She was a 4-H advisor for the clubs her three children were involved with. Her involvement with Girl Scouts and 4-H led way for her to become an advisor to teenagers representing a variety of youth groups (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Grange, FFA, Farm Bureau, and Campfire) serving on Mahoning County's Junior Fair Board. She coordinated high school band and cheerleading shows for sixteen school districts at Mahoning County's Canfield Fair and coordinated the Mahoning County public school districts' displays and activities in Educational Hall at the fair. Lauren is a firm believer that today's youth must be prepared to meet the challenges for a successful adult life and they learn those skills at an early age.

Lauren has been married to Michael for 40 years and they raised three children together and now have four grandchildren. Now retired, she enjoys babysitting the grandchildren whenever she is needed while their parents are at work. She committed to family and is always working on ways to keep family members connected. She has organized numerous family reunions, maintains a family tree database that includes information and photos and has created DVDs of the information to share with family members. Lauren is a caring, giving person deserving of the NSS Fraternalist of the Year award. Congratulations Lauren, you have really earned this award.

## PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS June, 2014

In Memory of **Dad and Mom, John & Margaret Doslak:**

Richard and Marie Scheinberg 50.00

In Memory of **Kenneth W Felton:**

Greg Felton 250.00

Donations:

Mary Paff 25.00

Dorothy Stafiniak 25.00

Cindy and Gary Robinson 500.00



## Stone & Perpetual Scholarship June, 2014

Assembly 065, Chicago, IL 10,000.00



## DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

YES, I want to help our young members attain their academic goals.

Here is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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Assembly: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

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Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please issue your check to:

**NSS PVR Scholarship Fund**

And send to:

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## OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS June, 2014

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Anhalt, James J	Manitowoc, WI	02/14/2014	0774
Argalas, Edward G	Detroit, MI	05/04/2007	0381
Atkins, Dale W	Monongahela, PA	05/26/2014	0377
Batto, Robert	Aleppo, PA	06/01/2014	0123
Blystone, Ronald E	Indiana, Pa	01/18/2014	0038
Boros, Irene Mary	Maple Heights, OH	05/16/2014	0070
Boucher, Celeste	Pinellas Park, FL	07/25/2013	0813
Clark, William E	Elkins, WV	03/05/2014	0809
Cornman, Eugene G	Indiana, PA	03/17/2014	0038
Dishneau, Darlene	Chippewa Fall, WI	04/24/2014	0774
Dobosh, Steven M	Hubbard, OH	04/28/2014	0008
Dodasovich, George	Pittsburgh, PA	05/24/2014	P38A
Early, William B. Sr	High Point, NC	04/21/2014	0774
Easley, Mary	Charleston, WV	04/12/2014	0809
Egan, Anna	Elyria, OH	06/12/2014	0004
Flanagan, Shirley M	Highland Hts, OH	04/16/2014	0070
Folz, Irene	Crest Hill, IL	05/11/2014	0586
Galbawy, Scott F	Marina, CA	03/04/2014	0568
Greenwood, Terry L	Belle Vernon, PA	06/08/2014	0377
Huber, Mary J	Wyocena, WI	05/22/2014	0774
Johnson, Therese	Sharpsburg, GA	03/23/2014	0774
Jurik, Helen	Donora, PA	05/27/2014	0377
Kepich, Geraldine	Ortonville, MI	04/06/2014	0381
Koches, Lorraine	Wilkes-Barre, PA	05/04/2014	0617
Laboskie, John	Coal Township, PA	05/19/2014	0774
Leonard, Barbara	Columbus, OH	01/26/2014	0731
Maina, M Gloria	Trumbull, CT	03/30/2014	0028
Markle, Daniel K	Lexington Twp, OH	05/08/2014	0008
Marouchoc, Philomena M	Nesquehoning, PA	06/01/2014	L102
McQuide, Mary Alice	Troy, NY	02/09/2014	0813
Miazga, Mary M	Whitemarsh, PA	05/15/2014	0123
Morgan, Betty S	Mecklenbrug, NC	03/08/2014	0774
Morgan, Buren V	Dallas, NC	05/22/2014	0774
Muccino, Joseph A	Belle Vernon, PA	04/26/2014	0377
Nicholson, Pearl E	Dunbar, PA	05/24/2014	0039
Pedder, Sean Robert	North Huntingdon, PA	05/31/2014	0434
Pellegrino, Patricia	North Versailles, PA	05/19/2014	0039
Perry, Maxine H	Tyrone, PA	04/11/2014	0267
Ruetschi, Carol J	Washington, PA	06/07/2014	0377
Sharony, Barbara W	Dekalb, GA	05/23/2013	0774
Smolder, Vincent	Kenna, WV	04/02/2014	0774
Smolko, Ann	Youngstown, OH	05/23/2014	0008
Snyder, Helen M	Kulpmont, PA	06/10/2014	0774
Sproul, Laura A	Crafton, PA	05/19/2014	0774
Stinson, Dewey	Orlando, FL	05/13/2014	0800
Tilley, Clara J	Pineville, WV	02/15/2014	0774
Veres, Veronica	Palatine, IL	03/02/2014	0065
Walega, Phyllis	New Castle, PA	04/19/2014	0070
Wells, Mary	Cross Lanes, WV	05/20/2014	0809
Wolfe, Marty E	Huntington, WV	05/20/2014	0774



## Fraternal Matters...

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## 2014 Youth Achievement Award

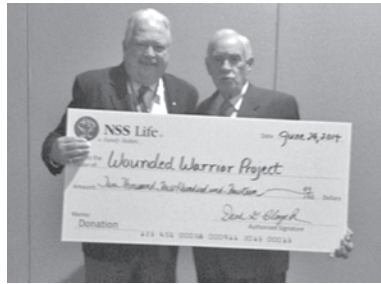
This year's \$500 Youth Achievement Award goes to Stephen Hadick of Assembly 070. Congratulations Stephen!!

I would also like to recognize those who were nominated: Mason Bebo of Assembly 0588, Andrew Cessna of Assembly 0731, Grace Holker of Assembly 0813, Jacob Urbanek of Assembly 0123, and Madison Petro Wesnak of Assembly L075. NSS Life is very fortunate to have such outstanding youth members.



Comedian Buzz Sutherland with NSS Life's very own Linda, Linda, Linda (Strom).

## 2014 36th Quadrennial Fraternal Project Supports Wounded Warrior Project



President David G Blazek presenting a check to Jim Hays of the Wounded Warrior Project. During the Convention in Hershey, NSS Life collected a total of \$3000.00 to support the local Wounded Warrior Project. Thanks to all who participated in such a worthy cause.



## 2014 Fraternalist of the Year

This year's Fraternalist of the Year Award goes to Lauren Fox of Assembly 731. Laurie chose Poland Christian Church to receive the \$500 donation. Congratulations Laurie!! I would like to recognize those who were nominated: Daniel Farrell of Assembly 813, Jill Grover of Assembly 123, Milton Saniga of Assembly 377 and Pamela Schiaffo of Assembly L102.

## 2014 Art Contest Winners

### PICASSO LEVEL - Ages 5, 6 & 7

1st Place	Alexa Woods	Assembly C434
2nd Place	Samuel Strish	Assembly C617
3rd Place	Jacob Ostrowski	Assembly C617
GC	Jacob Ostrowski	Assembly C617
Poster	Maya Ann McDonnell	Assembly C617

### REMBRANDT LEVEL - Ages 8, 9, & 10

1st Place	Noah Strish	Assembly C617
2nd Place	Ella Woods	Assembly C434
3rd Place	Giovani Ferary	Assembly C774
GC	Valentina Gulino	Assembly C039
Poster	Benjamin Ostrowski	Assembly C617

### MICHELANGELO LEVEL - Ages 11,12, & 13

1st Place	Mara Lako	Assembly C039
2nd Place	Sarah Delien	Assembly C434
3rd Place	Isabella Ferary	Assembly C774
GC	Giavanna Gulino	Assembly C039
Poster	Elizabeth Ostrowski	Assembly C617

### VAN GOGH LEVEL - Ages 14, 15, & 16

1st Place	Katherine Ostrowski	Assembly C617
2nd Place	Alisa Christensen	Assembly C586
3rd Place	Cariana Shultz	Assembly C102
GC	Caly Farrell	Assembly C813
Poster	Caly Farrell	Assembly C813

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\*Preferred 7 and Flex earning 4%, these plans are no longer available.

Please contact your NSS Life financial service representative or  
Joe Elliott in the Home Office at 1-800-488-1890.

## From the Sales Department...

By Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC  
National Sales Director

## Seventeen times the Money

Have you ever looked at the difference between a bank CD and NSS annuities?

For the fourth week in a row, the average national one year CD rate is 0.3%. We are a little below average in the Pittsburgh region but here are some of the best CD rates in the Pittsburgh area:

Dollar Bank	0.2%
PNC	0.2%
First Niagara	0.05%
First Commonwealth	0.15%
Citizens Bank	0.05%

Now when you look at the facts, PNC has one of the better rates listed. So if you had \$10,000 in a CD with them at 0.2% interest you would earn \$20 for the year. If you had a \$100,000 with them you would make \$200 for the year. That's not much money but the one advantage that banks have is FDIC insurance.

Now let's assume you had the same monies in a Preferred 8 annuity with NSS. Your \$10,000 deposit would earn you \$350 and a \$100,000 deposit would make you \$3,500 richer. This is seventeen times the bank CD rate. Who need that interest more – you or the bank?

So how can we offer such a good deal? One, we are a member driven organization and our goal is to serve our members and not stockholders. Two, almost all of the three quarters of a billion dollars in assets that we have is invested in high quality, marketable bonds. We buy U.S. Treasury bonds, industrial, commercial, and municipal bonds. These are paying around 4 to 5% interest so we can credit 3.5% interest. One of the little known facts about annuities (they are only offered by insurance companies) is that they are required by law to be



reserved at 100%. This means that whatever amount of money you give us – we have invested in an underlying security. So unlike FDIC insurance which is backed by pennies on the dollar – an NSS annuity is backed dollar for dollar. Through conservative investing, a high standard of compliance, annual audits and government oversight you can rest assured that your money is safe with NSS. So the next time you get a CD renewal notice in the mail – take some action. Put that money in an NSS annuity and start making yourself some money.

## Inexpensive Life Insurance

A recent survey by LIMRA, the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association came out with some startling news.

- Less than 50% of the population own a personal life insurance policy.
- 40% of those would like to talk about or buy some insurance.
- Most of them don't buy because they think insurance is too expensive.
- When asked to guess the cost, most over estimated by three times the actual.

Knowing these facts, I thought this would be a good time to set the record straight. First there are a couple of different kinds of insurance – term and permanent. Term insurance is always less expensive in the short run. Permanent insurance (ie: whole life, twenty pay, single premium life) features some residual value such as cash or loan options. Because you can get your money back in these plans they are a little more money. In the long run permanent insurance is well worth the extra cost.

Let's focus on some low cost term insurance. In order to show you inexpensive this is I used monthly rates for our ten year term plan and these are all based on no tobacco use. Rates for tobacco users would be slightly more. Think about these rates for minute – this is affordable no matter what your budget. And if you would like to have more insurance – you can. There is no limit and we have \$1 million dollar policies in force. These rates are to show you how inexpensive term insurance can be.

Life insurance is the greatest financial product ever devised. With your signature and a few dollars you can be instantly insured for thousands of dollars. For pennies on a dollar you can protect your loved ones. For more information please contact your local representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office.

Age	Male		Female	
	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
25	\$5.67	\$6.84	\$5.45	\$6.39
30	\$5.83	\$7.16	\$5.60	\$6.71
35	\$6.01	\$7.52	\$5.78	\$7.07
40	\$6.68	\$8.87	\$6.26	\$8.01
45	\$7.88	\$11.25	\$7.07	\$9.63
50	\$9.61	\$14.72	\$7.97	\$11.43

### Thought for the Month

*Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better.*

*Pat Riley*

## ASSEMBLY P09A

### Youngstown, OH

Our annual picnic will be held on August 3, 2014 at Heritage Presbyterian Church at 12:30 p.m. All members are welcome.

**Betty J DeArcangelis**  
Secretary

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## ASSEMBLY R019

### Buffalo, NY

Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church in Buffalo, NY celebrates its 120th Anniversary! Please join us for this joyous occasion! Vespers Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. followed by a cocktail reception at the church hall; Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon at Creekside Banquet Facility.

For more information and tickets please check the church website at [www.peterandpauloca.com](http://www.peterandpauloca.com) or contact Mariya Rubleva at (617) 894-1268. The deadline for cocktail reception reservations (freewill offering) and banquet ticket purchases (\$25) is Friday September 12, 2014.

**Linda Mucyn**  
President

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## ASSEMBLY 039

### Uniontown, PA

#### Summer Bar-B-Q

Our "Our September meeting will be a "Summer Bar-B-Q" on Sunday, September 21st at the Knights of Columbus Picnic Pavilion on North Gallatin Avenue Ext. in Uniontown. The festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m. A full

report of the recent NSS Quadrennial Convention will be given by our delegates. (The Steelers are not playing that day!) The Assembly "Stuffers Club" will meet at the I-HOP Restaurant, in the Wal-Mart Plaza on Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30 p.m. to stuff flyers for our "Summer Bar-B-Q". Come join us for a free dinner and help us stuff.

Youth members, ages 4 through 16 are reminded about the Youth Poetry Contest. Rules and regulations are in the NSS Magazine and the NSS website at [www.nsslife.org](http://www.nsslife.org). Deadline for entries is August 15th!!

Region 5 Picnic will be held at the Cedar Creek Park, in Belle Vernon (Just off of Route 51) on Saturday, August 16th starting at Noon. Any assembly member is encouraged to attend!

For those of you that like to plan ahead, our annual Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 7th, at the local Knights of Columbus Social Hall starting at 2:00 p.m.

**John Payerchin**  
President

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## ASSEMBLY 065

### Chicago, IL

This is to let our members know that due to lack of interest by our members to attend meetings and our current officers unable to keep the assembly going, the decision has been made to dissolve our assembly.

Assembly funds have been donated to the Assembly 065 Perpetual Scholarship Fund with a stone under the "Tree of Life" to read:

"In honor of all members living and deceased, whose dedication to their Slovak Heritage, founded Assembly 065 in Chicago, IL one of the oldest Slovak Assemblies in the NSS".

Other funds have been donated to charitable organizations. You will be notified by the home office.

**Mildred Mendel**  
President

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## ASSEMBLY L075

### Duryea, PA

Members of our assembly will hold a matching funds benefit by selling tickets for the Parade of Basket to benefit the Catherine McAuley Center, Scranton, PA which will take place at the Viewmont Mall Dickson City on Saturday, August 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Members are asked to wear their NSS shirts.

Our last meeting for the year will be held on Sunday, October 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the Grande Restaurant Birney Avenue, Moosic, PA to nominate and elect officers for 2015-2016. For more information contact Lehrae Edwards at 570-457-8402.

**Lehrae Edwards**  
Secretary

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## ASSEMBLY 123

### Pittsburgh, PA

Recently, I came home to find this beautiful song bird which had been viciously attacked by a ferocious cat. It was seriously injured but, I'm nursing it back to some semblance of health. The Vet said he won't fly again but, it will still be able to sing beautifully a blessed gift from God.

August 16th is the region picnic at Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver. All our assembly members are welcome. There is always lots of good food and fraternalism and best of all it is free.

It has been decided to take a cruise on the Gateway Clipper on Saturday, September 20th. This is a one hour river cruise leaving at noon. Afterwards we can have lunch at one of the restaurants in Station Square. Tickets are normally \$20 and \$18 if we get more than 15 people. Assembly members will get tickets at a discount. If you

plan on going please call Mary Maniecki, 412-264-3546, by August 23rd. The Gateway Clipper recommends that we make reservations about a month in advance. Please join us.

In October, dates yet to be determined, we will be going to volunteer at the World Vision Warehouse and the Veteran Hospital in Aspinwall.

At our last meeting we voted to donate \$123 to Kyle Hicks, the grandson of one of our members Loraine Hicks. He will be doing mission work for an organization called Mission Dei. He is full of the spirit and we wish him God speed. If you want to find out more about his work or make a small donation to him you can contact him at [Kylerh@comcast.net](mailto:Kylerh@comcast.net).

Congratulations to four of our members who qualified for the PVR scholarship: Roman Belmonte, Mitchell Farrell, Marie Pashel and Joshua Stutz. Good luck in school, do your parents proud!

Happy 95th Birthday to my Slovak Mom, Agnes Risko Knoll!

**Bill Knoll**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 160

### Lorain, OH

#### Play Ball!

Please join us for Lake Erie Crushers baseball on Friday, August 22, 2014. The group outing includes home box tickets and a pregame picnic of hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, desserts, and soft drinks. The picnic is from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. with the game starting at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests.

Please contact Erin Katricak at 440-773-0170 or [ekatricak@gmail.com](mailto:ekatricak@gmail.com) to reserve your ticket by August 1st.

**Erin Katricak**  
Activities Director

## ASSEMBLY 381

### Grosse Ile, MI

Members of Assembly 381 are invited to a meeting and a cook out on Sunday, September 14, 2014 at the Medved's, 27620 Elba Drive, Grosse Ile, MI at 2:00 p.m.

Please call 734-676-2199 by September 10, 2014 so we may plan accordingly.

**Joanne Medved**  
Treasurer

## ASSEMBLY 554

### Curwensville, PA

Our next meeting will be held on August 31, 2014 at Jim Stricek's, 135 McCullough St, DuBois Pa. at 2:00 p.m. Please try to attend as we will be attending the Festival at St. Michael's Church. We invite every one to join us on August 30th and 31st for the festival. Food includes halupki, halsuki and pierogi. Also their will be Polka music all day and Sunday afternoon is Children's day. Games and activities will be featured.

Our future meetings will be held on October 5th and November 7th, 2014 at 2:00 at the above address.

**Jim Stricek**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 737

### Westmoreland County, PA

A meeting will be held on October 18, 2014 at the home of Paul J. Godor, 9280 Clubview Drive, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 p.m.

All assembly business will be discussed at this time.

All members are urged to attend.

**Paul J Godor**  
Treasurer

## Slovak Festival in Michigan

The 24th annual Parish Slovak Festival will be held on August 23rd from 2:00 - 11:00 p.m. and August 24th from 12:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church in Sterling Heights, Michigan (about 25 miles northeast of Detroit). A Slovak Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Join us as we celebrate our Slovak heritage with home cooked food (klobasa, palacinky, stuffed cabbage, pirohy, gulas, and more), Slovak folk dancers (Sarian Slovak Folk Ensembles from Detroit, Lucina Slovak Folk Ensemble from Cleveland, and Slovak Domovina Dancers from Windsor, Canada), and imported beer and liquor. The Tri-City Plus Band and the Hank Haller Ensemble will also be performing.

Fun for the entire family with an active Children's Area including a game tent, sand boxes, face painting, inflatables, rock climbing wall, and bungee jumping. Parish raffle with a \$5,000 top prize.

Join us at 41233 Ryan Rd., Sterling Heights, M148314. For more information go to [www.saintcyrils.org/festival.htm](http://www.saintcyrils.org/festival.htm) or call 586-726-6911.

## News from Assembly 586

Our assembly met on July 20, 2014 at Papa Passero's in Westmont, IL, and had Sunday brunch together, followed by a business meeting where we heard all about the convention from our delegates, Tess Buc and Fred Olsowska.

Afterwards at our activity we gathered items for troops still serving overseas. Next meeting details will follow in the next issue.

**Janet Tomaskovic**  
Secretary

## NSS Region 2 Matching Funds Event Follow Up



Madison presenting the check for NSS Assembly 075.



Madison presenting Region #2 Matching Funds check.



Phoenix Group

The Region 2 members participated in a matching funds event for The Phoenix Performing Arts Center located in Duryea, PA. The Phoenix PAC works with children and young adults teaching them staging, dance, singing, acting, set building and all technical aspects of theatre. Without the direction and dedication of Lee LaChette these young people would not have the opportunities to gain the experience they need to make their dreams a reality. They have presented the shows Annie, Chorus Line, Willy Wonka, Jeckle and Hyde, Spamalot, Cats, Ave Q Rent, Cabaret and many others to the community.

A Basket/Silent Auction Fundraiser was held on April 12, 2014 at the Phoenix located at 409 Main St Duryea PA to help to keep the doors open and give them a home on the stage. Thank you to everyone for their support in this event including Region 2 and Assembly 75 for their generous donations to the Phoenix.

## Assembly 4 Miniature Golf Outing



Everyone enjoying a wonderful lunch.

Assembly 0004 held their 10th Annual Miniature Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 22nd at Mr Divots on York Rd. The weather was sunny and warm for the 26 contenders, 14 female and 12 male. After the tournament we all enjoyed an ice cream treat. A meeting/lunch was held inside the restaurant prior to presenting the awards to the top 3 men and top 3 ladies.

The Ladies Division:

- 1st Stephanie SirLouis- 51
- 2nd Sharon Durcansky - 53
- 3rd Gail DiGiovine - 54

The Men's Division:

- 1st Alex SirLouis - 45
- 2nd Bob SirLouis - 46
- 3rd Dick Topola - 48

Hole in One:

- Carl Topola - Hole 3
- Joann DiGiovine - Hole 5
- Denise DiGiovine - Hole 9

A discussion was held to have a Dinner Show and everyone was interested. It will take place when we begin our 2014/2015 Bowling Season. Look for future news about it in the coming issues. Over all it was a great day and a great tournament!

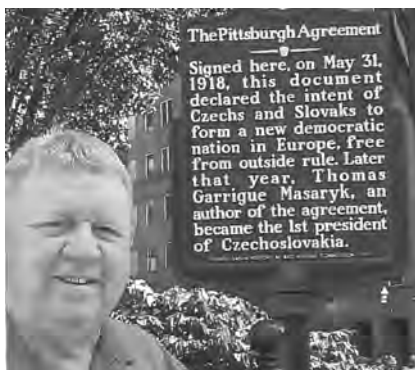
I would like to thank all participants for attending and I wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

**Dick Topola**  
Tournament Chairman

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*Visit our website at [www.nsslife.org](http://www.nsslife.org)  
for all current information.*

## A Look In The Past



Bill Knoll, President of Assembly 0123 at the location in downtown Pittsburgh where on May 31st, 1918 the famous Pittsburgh Agreement was signed declaring the intent to form the new country of Czechoslovakia. A distant relative on his maternal grandfather's side was one of the signers.

## Having a Great Time in Hershey on Fraternal Day



Peter Longstreth of Assembly 0123 having a grand old time at Hershey Park at the NSS 36th Quadrennial Convention in June, 2014.

## Slovak Fest

The Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest in Youngstown, Ohio will take place on August 10, 2014 on the grounds of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, St. Matthias Church, 2800 Shady Run Road (in the Southside neighborhood of Lansingville) at 11:00 a.m.

## 2014 Keystone Fraternal Legislative Award

In Pennsylvania, we Fraternalists number in excess of 510,000 members from the 48 fraternal benefit societies doing business here in our great Commonwealth, where almost half of the fraternal benefit societies are domiciled here in Pennsylvania from day one of their existence.

All Pennsylvania fraternal benefit societies are not-for-profit organizations that offer insurance to its members, who share a common bond or purpose; and are organized under a system of lodges or branches which offer mutual aid & assistance for the benefit of their members and the community at large. In Pennsylvania alone fraternal benefit societies charitable contributions totaled over \$16M last year along with 2,900,000 total volunteer hours spent doing charitable deed throughout PA.

Each year at our PFA Legislative Luncheon we honor a State Senator or House Member with our Keystone Fraternal Legislative of the Year Award for his/her outstanding service and support to the fraternal benefit system and to

their membership here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

This year's award goes to a House Member who has been a member of the House of Representative since 2003, and serves on the House Insurance Committee, Consumer Affairs Committee, Liquor Control Committee & Committee on Ethics.

Throughout his time in office, our Honoree has work unselfishly in the State House to make improvements in the fields of health care, education, veterans affairs along with senior citizen issues, addressing the growing nursing shortage and maintaining a reliable transportation system - all of which remain at the top of his legislative "to-do" list.

The PFA Fraternalist of the Year Award goes to Representative Nick Kotik, from the 45th Legislative District in Allegheny County & an active member of the William Penn Association, who serves as a member of its Board of Directors.

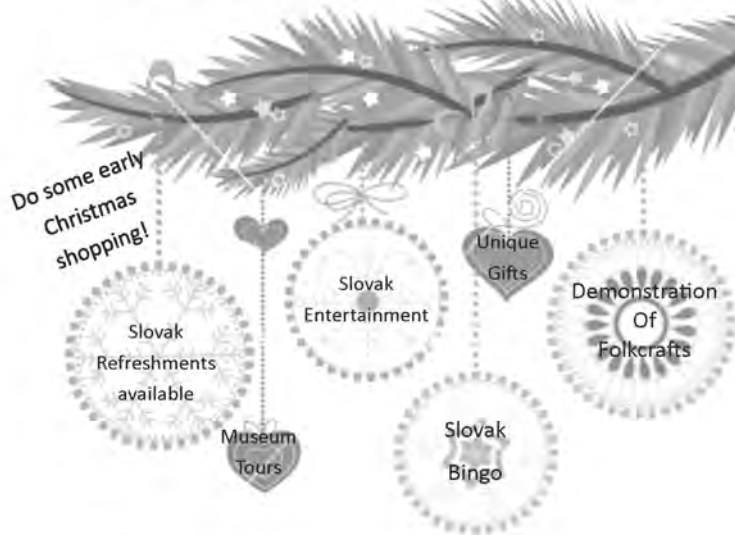
The National Slovak Society Heritage Museum presents:

## "Christmas in September"

Saturday, September 27, 2014

11 am — 5 pm

351 Valley Brook Rd. \*\*\* McMurray, PA 15317



EVERYONE WELCOME \*\*\* FREE ADMISSION

## 2014 Youth Achievement Winner



Congratulations to **Stephen Hadick** of **Assembly 070**, for being chosen as the 2014 Youth Achievement Winner. Stephen Hadick graduated in 2013 as the class valedictorian at Independence High School where he had a 4.320 GPA, even though over 50% his classes were either Advanced Placement or honors. Along with this rigorous and challenging course work, Stephen was extremely involved in extracurricular activities. He was captain of the boys swim team, the

Academic Challenge team, and twice on the television show "It's Academic". Stephen also was President of the Independence Biology Society, President of the Band, Vice President of the National Honor Society, member of the Mock Trial team, Key Club, Tri-M Music Honors Society, and performed in a musical. He received many awards for his hard work and dedication.

All of these accomplishments did not come easy, especially when he also maintained a part-time job, volunteered at the Key Club, collection drives, and the Middle School PTO. His school work never suffered, and he learned the value of hard work to save money for his future education. He has been an asset at school and in his community by volunteering 100+ hours of his time over the course of the past four years.

At Dr. Martin Luther Church Stephen has always been willing to step up and pitch in where ever he is needed. He frequently was found assisting in the service as an Acolyte, sharing his talents playing trumpet during holiday services, working on the grounds during "church yard cleanup days", and as an active member in the church youth group. Recognizing how important young members are to ensuring that the church community stays strong and continues into the future, Stephen has become a great role model to the other youth who, without his example, may be less than willing to participate.

As part of Assembly 070, Stephen has helped support various local charities, such as the Cleveland Food Bank, through lodge-supported fund raising activities. Stephen has helped sort and set up the bi-annual church rummage sales and has worked with the church youth group making and selling soup for "Souper Bowl Sunday", and candy for the Easter season. Money raised from these events, along with Lodge matching funds, have gone to various deserving local organizations.

Stephen is currently a freshman at The Ohio State University, majoring in Biology and Pre-Med. Consistent with his high school career, Stephen is maintaining a high GPA, despite the rigorous demands of the honors curriculum and heavy course load that includes classes not normally taken so early in a student's college career. Even with the demands of his program, Stephen still finds time to remain involved in extracurricular activities, intramurals, and clubs. Focused on the importance of giving back to the community, and the importance of the environment in our lives, Stephen participates in several environmental and biology-focused clubs. Recently, he volunteered to help the Friends of Lower Olentangy Watershed to help clean the Olentangy River, which was a long, muddy day, from which he learned the value of hard work to accomplish a purpose that will benefit creatures of all kinds for generations to come.

Stephen is a serious young man that puts his best effort into everything he does. He is passionate about learning, and through hard work and perseverance, he has excelled academically. His experiences in school and church have taught him to think outside of his own world, and to understand other points of view. He is a problem solver, and wishes to dedicate his future to biological research, both medical and environmental. His experiences at The Ohio State University are helping him to develop into a mature, independent adult with the potential to make a great impact in the world in the future. Stephen is a hard-working, determined young man who is a leader and role model to his peers, and is truly devoted to making a meaningful contribution in all that he does.

## Alex SirLouis & Team Makes History



**Alex SirLouis**  
winds up

Congratulations to junior pitcher, Alex Sir Louis and the North Royalton Bears on an excellent season. Alex is a long time member of Assembly 004.

For the first time in the school history, 108 years, they were in the Baseball Final Four in Columbus, Ohio finishing as the Division 1 runner up.

They beat two of the top 20 teams in the state to get there. Their record was 22-8. Alex was one of the pitchers on the staff and his record prior to the playoffs was 1-1. he had two complete games allowing only six hits and three earned runs. His ERA was 1.98.

In the playoffs, he took over as the closer, and had three saves in four appearances. One each in the district, region and finals. He was not charged with an earned run in 5 2/3 innings

He is also an excellent student and carries a 3.5 GPA. Keep up the good work and continued success.



At the same time, his sister, Stephanie graduated from North Royalton High School. We are all proud of their accomplishments.

**Oliver SirLouis**  
Secretary/Treasurer





### O Našej 36 Konvencii

Ďakujeme všetkým delegátom ktorý sa zúčastnili na 36 Konvencii NSS v Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Veríme, že všetci ste mali dobrú pohodu a stretnutie sa s bratmi a sestrami našej organizácie.

Ďakujeme za znovuzvolenie Direktorov: Jozef Stefka, Robert Katricak, Ondrej Wesnak, Keith Godor a Zuzka Ondrejco. A novozvolení a Andrea Garbon, Allan Burns, Michal Czarney, a Abigail Gross.

Veď čo -tentokrát mali sme i stretnutie mladej generácie z ktorých dúfame, že raz sa stanú lídrami našej organizácie.

Ďakujeme aj tým ktorý kandidovali a mali snahu a im to nevyšlo- azda na budúce.

Nech naše Motto: **Bratstvo, Rovnosť, Sloboda** panuje v našich srdciach aby sme spoločne kráčali vpred a robili dobro pre ľudsku spoločnosť.



### Lipový kvet

Na Slovensku ľudia oddávna uctievali lipu ako strom slovanskej vzájomnosti, priateľstva. Lipa je strom lásky. Možno práve preto ľudia odvodili symbol srdca z tvaru lipového listu.

Poznámka: Ak zozbierate lipový kvet hneď po odkvitnutí a necháte ho vysušiť na slnku môžete z neho uvariť výborný chutný čaj.

### Pranostiky na mesiac august :

Keď je v prvom augustovom týždni teplo , bude biela zima.  
Suchý august - suché víno , mokrý august - vodnaté víno.  
Čo august nedopečie , to september nedovarí.  
Aký je august posledný deň, taká má byť celá jeseň.

### Viete Že...



... v tomto roku bude v auguste päť piatkov, päť sobot, a päť nediel. Tento jav sa vyskytuje len raz a 823 rokov!

—SKS/Faleon

# August

**Ej leto leto, leto horúce  
páslo dievčatko volky na líce  
jak vola tak kriči  
kto mi moje štyri volky navraci.**

### **Msgr Andrej Hlinka**

27. 9 1864—16. 8 1938



Hlinka je živým príkladom práce za slovenský národ, boja za národné práva a obetavosti za národné záujmy. V tejto práci mu žiarilo pred očami heslo: Za Boha a národ! Za Boha život a za národ slobodu! V

tomto znamení pracoval v spolkoch pre duchovné a hmotné povznesenie ľudu a bojoval v politike za tie základné práva slovenského národa. Hlinka neúnavne pracoval; písal články do novín, vydával knihy, politicky organizoval Slovákov, cestoval, kázal, rečnil celé hodiny a to niekoľko razy cez deň, aby ohnivým slovom svojho zapáleného srdca a ducha zapálil srdcia národnej hrdosti a nepoddajnosti Slovákov.

Spisovateľ Tido Gašpar správne pomenoval A. Hlinku: A. Hlinka sa takto stal najväčším synom slovenského národa a verné slovenské srdcia mu budú navždy povďačné.



Source: TASR / Oliver Ondrás

Na snímke tisícky veriacich sa modlia na Mariánskej hore v rámci slávnostnej odpustovej omše počas posledného dňa Mariánskej púte v Levoči 6. júla 2014.

Sv. Omšu slúžil náš Kardinal Dp. Jozef Tomko.



# Youth Circle Page

Youth Circle of National Slovak Society • 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA 15317

## Attention

If you have not sent in your poetry as of yet, would you please attach this form to the BACK of your poetry.

**Entry Deadline – August 15th**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly \_\_\_\_\_

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Choose Shirt Size:

- Youth Small
- Youth Medium
- Adult Small
- Adult Medium
- Adult Large
- Adult X-Large

## 2014 YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

### Deadline: August 15th, 2014

This is a great opportunity for parents and assembly officers to encourage our youth to utilize their thinking caps, sharpen those pencils and put those poetic thoughts on paper. The poetry submitted should display an honest and true effort of creativity and unique artistic vision. The rules are as follows:

1. Contest is open to all NSS Youth members ages 5 to 16.
2. Poem may be any length up to two pages double spaced.
3. Topic is chosen by individual.
4. Each poem submitted MUST be an original work created by the member and should be typed or hand written clearly.
5. All entries must include: name, address, phone number, age, policy number, assembly/circle number, along with your t-shirt size chosen by the following sizes available:

Youth Sizes - YS and YM

Adult Sizes - AS, AM, AL and AXL

6. Winners in each category will have their poetry printed in the National News, Youth Circle Magazine, and on the NSS Website.
7. Contest shall be judged under the following ages:

Keats - Ages 5, 6, 7

Frost - Ages 11, 12, 13

Angelou - Ages 8, 9, 10

Shakespeare - Ages 14, 15, 16

8. Prizes awarded in each level shall be as follows:

First Place- \$50.00 & Certificate of Achievement

Second Place- \$25.00 & Certificate of Achievement

Third Place- \$15.00 & Certificate of Achievement

9. Deadline for entries to the Home Office is August 15th. Entries must be mailed or delivered to:

National Slovak Society  
 c/o Fraternal Department  
 351 Valley Brook Road  
 McMurray, PA 15317

10. Entries will be judged by an outside professional. Decisions made by the judge will be final in all cases.

11. The National Slovak Society reserves the right to keep all the poems.

Please contact Fraternal Activities Coordinator Pam Blum at [pblum@nsslife.org](mailto:pblum@nsslife.org) or call the Home Office at 724-731-0094 if you have any questions.

## School Jokes

Q: What did the pencil sharpener say to the pencil?

A: Stop going in circles and get to the point!

Q: How does the barber cut the moon's hair?

A: E-clipse it!

Q: What happened when the wheel was invented?

A: It caused a revolution!

Q: What do librarians take with them when they go fishing?

A: Bookworms

2014 Art Contest Winners



Alexa Woods - Assembly C434  
1st Place Picasso Level



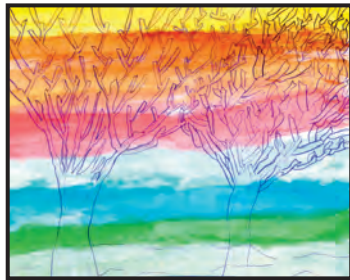
Noah Strish - Assembly C617  
1st Place Rembrandt Level



Mara Lako - Assembly C039  
1st Place Michelangelo Level



Katherine Ostrowski -  
Assembly C617  
1st Place Van Gogh Level



Ella Woods - Assembly C434  
2nd Place Rembrandt Level



Sarah Delien - Assembly C434  
2nd Place Michelangelo Level



Alisa Christensen - Assembly C586  
2nd Place Van Gogh Level



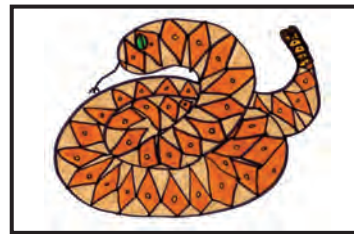
Samuel Strish - Assembly C617  
2nd Place Picasso Level



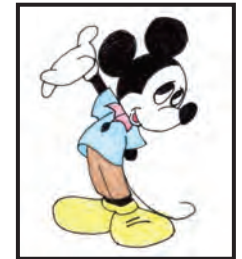
Jacob Ostrowski - Assembly C617  
3rd Place Picasso Level



Giovanni Ferary - Assembly C774  
3rd Place Rembrandt Level



Isabella Ferary - Assembly 774  
3rd Place Michelangelo Level



Cariana Shultz -  
Assembly C102  
3rd Place Van Gogh Level



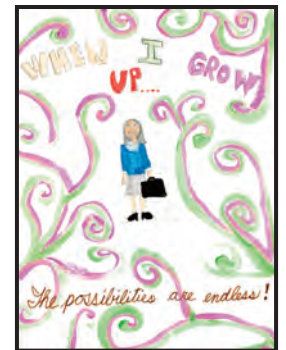
Maya Ann McDonnell -  
Assembly C617  
Poster Picasso Level



Benjamin Ostrowski - Assembly C617  
Poster Rembrandt Level



Elizabeth Ostrowski - Assembly C617  
Poster Michelangelo Level



Caly Farrell -  
Assembly C813  
Poster Van Gogh Level



Jacob Ostrowski -  
Assembly C617  
Greeting Card Picasso Level



Valentina Gulino - Assembly C039  
Greeting Card Rembrandt Level



Giavanna Gulino - Assembly C039  
Greeting Card Michelangelo Level



Caly Farrell - Assembly C813  
Greeting Card Van Gogh Level

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

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Former Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

Please be advised that all articles, notices, etc., MUST BE received by the Home Office no later than the 5th of the month. Every effort will be made to publish the article and photos in a timely manner and space permitting. Also, all articles should be typewritten in regular type.