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Family Matters...

National News



Picasso (Age 5-7)
1st Place • Jack Gaither



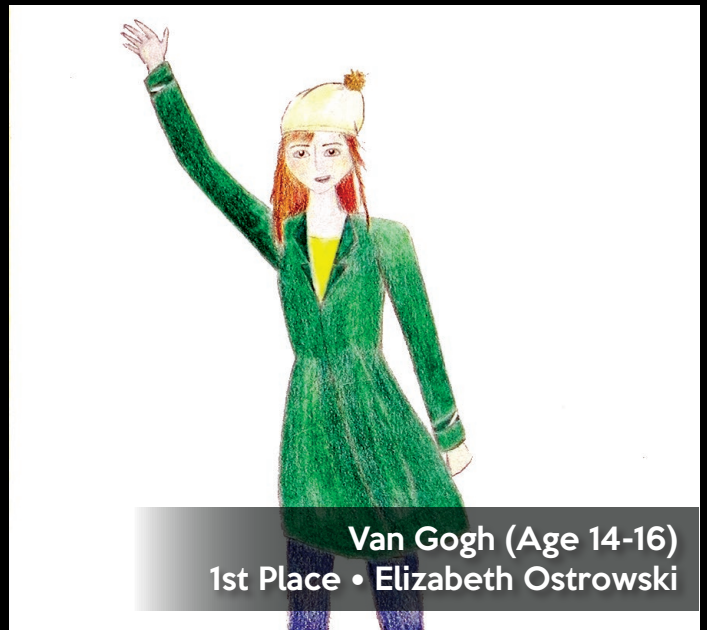
Rembrandt (Age 8-10)
1st Place • Gretchen Kropf

2018 ART CONTEST WINNERS

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Michelangelo (Age 11-13)
1st Place • Ben Ostrowski



Van Gogh (Age 14-16)
1st Place • Elizabeth Ostrowski

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Activities At A Glance

<p>REGION 2</p> <p>August 2 August 12 August 18 October 14 November 18</p>	<p>Assemblies L075, 0617</p> <p>Assembly 0617, Picnic, Knoebel's Amusement Park at 12 noon Assembly L075, Summer Picnic, Mercatelli-Segilia Park, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm Region 2, Meeting, Perkins, Pittston, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly L075, Meeting, Grande's Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly L075, Wilkes-Barre VA Bingo Party, Recreation Room at 2:00 pm</p>
<p>REGION 5</p> <p>August 4 August 12 August 19 September 9 September 16 September 22 October 6 October 28 December 2 December 2</p>	<p>Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0737, 0774</p> <p>Assembly 0123, Miniature Golf, Neville Island at 11:00 am Assembly 0377, Meeting/Luncheon, Richardson's Park, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm Region 5, Picnic, Cedar Creek Park, Activities Center, Westmoreland County, PA at 12 noon Assembly 0039, Meeting, Flamingo Hollywood Steak House at 6:00 pm Slovak Radio Hour Dinner Dance, Westwood Golf Club, West Mifflin, PA Septemberfest, Home Office, McMurray, PA at 11:00 am Assembly 0737, Meeting, Godor's residence, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly 0377, Halloween Party, Toscana Brick Oven, Canonsburg, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly 0377, Holiday Party, Canons Chop House, Canonsburg, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Knights of Columbus Hall, Uniontown, PA at 2:00 pm</p>
<p>REGION 8</p> <p>August 19 August 21 September 8</p>	<p>Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595</p> <p>Assembly 0004, Meeting, Havar's residence at 2:00 pm Assembly 0432, Meeting, Pytel's residence at 7:30 pm Assembly 0070, Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner, Brooklyn, OH at 5:00 pm</p>
<p>REGION 14</p> <p>October 7 October 28</p>	<p>Assemblies R059, L102</p> <p>Assembly R059, Meeting, Slivka's residence, Bethlehem, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly R059, Hot Dog/Coffee Hour, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church at 3:00 pm</p>
<p>REGION 15</p>	<p>Assemblies L002, 0028</p> <p>No activities at this time</p>
<p>AT LARGE</p> <p>August 12 September 2 October 21 November 4 December 1 December 24</p>	<p>Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0731, 0800, 0813</p> <p>Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck's residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck's residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA (TBA) Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Stambaugh Room, Boardman, OH at 1:00 pm Assembly 0705, Annual Christmas Eve Celebration, 6:00 pm (Fraternal Fund Activity)</p>

From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC
President, CEO

Greetings from sunny McMurray, Pennsylvania. We are back at the Home Office after spending eight nights in Hershey, Pennsylvania where we held the 37th Quadrennial Convention of the National Slovak Society from Sunday, June 24th through Thursday, June 28th. The convention was attended by 201 delegates consisting of Officers, Board members, Honorary Board members and Society members along with another 75 guests. In addition to the convention proceedings, at the same time 29 of our youth with ages from 5 to 15 participated in the Youth FunFest, which was under the supervision of Ashley Bernardo, Lindsey Felton, Amanda Zinn and Heather Bolton. The children had a great time with activities such as a scavenger hunt, chocolate bingo, a falconry experience, a craft which was taught by Larry Kozlowski, and a morning of magic and balloons by Steve Haberman. By all accounts that I heard, the youth had a great time. A special thanks goes out to the above named adults for their help in making the FunFest a memory for our youth.

The convention business sessions ran well with the normal business taking place. Sunday evening we conducted a memorial service in memory of Honorary Director Edward Havir, Director Keith Godor, Honorary Officer Henri O. Albert, and Honorary Officer Paul J. Godor, and all members of the Society who have passed on since our last convention in 2018.

At the opening session Chair of the Board Joseph Stefka Jr. and Director Robert Katricak were elected by the delegates to serve as Vice-Chairs of the convention and yours truly served as the Chair of the Convention; appointed by the Board to do so.

Monday's session started out with By-Law proposed revisions which compared to past conventions were not that in depth. We also heard from our Actuary and CPA as to the Society's financial condition which were all positive reports. The Budget and Finance Committee delivered their report. Nominations for the Board were presented by the Nominating Committee. We had a total of 10 candidates interested in serving. Congratulations to Joseph Stefka Jr., Alan Burns, Michael Czarney, Andrea Garbon, Abigail Gross, Robert Katricak, Susan Ondrejco, John Payerchin, and Andrew (Drew) Wesnak on their re-election to the Board for the next four years,

A special thanks to Monsignor Thomas Derzack for conducting Mass on Monday and Tuesday and for all and any prayers he offered during the convention. Also, thanks to all the members and delegates who so willingly served on the many committees prior to and during the convention. The convention concluded Tuesday and that evening we held our Convention Banquet where we had a chance to announce our 2018 Fraternalist of The Year Marge Gushka and our Youth Achievement winner Luke Webb. We also recognized four of our delegates who were of the age 90 or older. Joe Annotti, President/CEO of the American Fraternal Alliance was our keynote speaker and delivered a nice message about the fraternal benefit system.

Special thanks to all who helped make our convention a success and especially to my co-officer Linda Strom and Administrative Assistant Pam Blum for all they did over the past few months. Unless you have ever planned or organized an event, the magnitude of our convention, you don't know what time and effort goes in to making sure all runs smoothly and all the t's are crossed and i's dotted.

News Of Narodniars

Best wishes go out to Sue Burns, George Strish and Todd Glaser, who are all experiencing health issues. May God be with you all!

Happy Birthday wishes go out this month to Home Office employee Ryan Strom, former staff member, Jodi Onder, Carol Godor, Jim Amorose, Chelsey Eubank, Andrew Blazek, Pam Tabone, Jan Amick, Bella Grace Bernardo, Jeremiah Moore, and grandsons Logan Kearney, Hudson Lavin, and Brady Kearney. Happy wedding anniversary to Lori and Kevin Crowley and Danielle and Jeff Lavin, and to all others celebrating this month.

How To Be Successful In Life

1. **Think Big.** "The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark."

2. **Find what you love to do and do it.** "You know you are on the road to success if you would do your job and not be paid for it."

3. **Learn how to balance life.** "There is an immutable conflict at work in life and in business, a constant battle between peace and chaos. Neither can be mastered, but both can be influenced. How you go about that is the key to success."

4. **Do not be afraid of failure.** "Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently."

5. **Have an unwavering resolution to succeed.** "I made a resolve then that I was going to amount to something if I could. And no hours, nor amount of labor, nor amount of money would deter me from giving the best that there was in me. And I have done that ever since, and I win by it. I know."

6. **Be a person of action.** "It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things."

7. **Avoid conflicts.** "The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people."

8. **Don't be afraid of introducing new ideas.** "A person with a new idea is a crank until the idea succeeds."

9. **Believe in your capacity to succeed.** "If you can dream it, you can do it."

10. **Always maintain a positive mental attitude.** "Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."



Punography Of The Month:

The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

A Page From My Notebook...

Linda M. Strom, Secretary/Treasurer

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Happy Birthday Dave!

I'd like to take this time to wish our President & CEO David Blazek a very happy August 3rd Birthday! Now that our Convention is over you can relax and enjoy your special day.

2017 Diamond, Platinum and Silver Awards

At the Spring Board Meeting of the NSS Board of Directors, convened at the Hershey Lodge, 6/22-6/23, 2018, the Board approved the 2017 Fraternal Allowance for our Assemblies and Regions and the 2017 Diamond, Platinum and Silver Awards. Following are those "Extra Effort" award winners who have gone the extra mile in helping their members and their communities.

Diamond

0039	Uniontown, PA
0070	Brooklyn, OH
L075	Duryea, PA
L102	Schnecksville, PA
0123	Coraopolis, PA
0160	Lorain, OH
0432	Fairview Park, OH
0434	McMurray, PA
0588	Slovan, PA
0617	Ashley, PA
0731	Lowellville, OH
0774	McMurray, PA
0813	Englewood, FL

Platinum

0737	N. Huntingdon, PA
RO59	Whitehall, PA

Silver

0004	Parma, OH
0108	West Mifflin, PA
0377	Bentleyville, PA
0586	Chicago, IL
L161	Pittsburgh, PA

In next month's issue I will publish a recap of the minutes of the 2018 Winter and Spring Board Meeting.

2018 37th Quadrennial Convention of NSS

From the pounding of the gavel to open the convention to the election of the Board of Directors for the next four years, everything was perfect. I extend my gratitude to each and every delegate in attendance at this convention for their dedication to the NSS and their kindness extended to me, Pam and all of our helpers. I would be remiss if I didn't mention those Hershey employees who helped make our event a huge success: Jason, Lauren, Michelle, Chuck and Patrick to name a few. You would be amazed at what goes on behind the scenes in order to accommodate over 200 members in attendance. Thank you for your efforts.

At this convention we introduced a new way of voting when a vote was called for. Using electronic handheld remotes each delegate in attendance was able to vote within seconds and immediately see the results. What a time savings. I heard so many favorable comments about the new process from our Delegates.

As a result of the vote to elect nine Directors for the next four (4) years, the delegates voted for all the current Directors to remain in office. The Board will now refocus and continue with the creation and adoption of required Board Policies (primarily in the areas of Cybersecurity, Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity). Also, we anticipate communication from the PA Insurance Department that they will soon begin their Risk Based State Audit (we will receive a questionnaire from the state requesting preliminary information within the next several months). This audit could take 4-6 months to complete.

And finally some interesting convention facts. There were:

- 208 Registered delegates
- 264 Officers, Members, and Guests were present at the Tuesday evening banquet
- 29 Youth attended the FUNFEST event
- 4 Delegates were over the age of 90

The History of the Pittsburgh Cookie Table

My nephew is getting married in November of this year which made me start thinking about CAKE AND COOKIES, which always brings back fond memories. For many generations, the cookie table has been a staple at weddings in Pittsburgh, as well as throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania. I can still remember attending weddings with my family and seeing the "baba's" in attendance pulling out their paper or



plastic bags or using their handkerchiefs from their purses in order to take home as many

cookies as they could.

Too many people who are not natives to Pittsburgh, the idea of having a cookie table at a wedding may be baffling. However, the cookie table is a strong tradition that has stood the test of time in Pittsburgh.

It is believed that this tradition started during the Great Depression when many families could not afford a wedding cake, instead substituting homemade cookies baked by the wife's family as part of their financial responsibility to pay for the wedding.

Traditionally, the bride's immediate family, including her mother, grandmothers, aunts, cousins and closest friends, spend the months before the wedding dutifully baking cookies from scratch.

Every cookie is made with love in the hope that the married couple will share in many happy years with one another as there were dozens of cookies at the wedding.

This tradition has long been practiced by various cultures that have migrated to Pittsburgh over the decades including the Italian, German, Irish, Slovak and other Eastern European cultures.

REMEMBER, IN PITTSBURGH, PEOPLE DON'T WONDER "HOW WAS THE WEDDING?", THEY ASK, "HOW WERE THE COOKIES?"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RYAN!

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Congratulations to our convention campaign (recommender) winners!

We had an exciting six-month convention campaign to reward our recommenders for introducing new people to NSS Life. There were four prizes to be given away. The first was \$500 for the person with the most recommenders. Ken Stanley of Montville, OH was, by far, the leader and winner with 11 recommenders. Three other \$250 winners were drawn at the convention. The winners are:

1st prize	\$500.00	Ken Stanley	Montville, OH	Assembly 004
2nd prize	\$250.00	Stanley Nych	Mercer, PA	Assembly 123
3rd prize	\$250.00	Ronald Platak	Pittsburgh, PA	Assembly 161
4th prize	\$250.00	Stephanie Bassi	Garden City, NY	Assembly 110

Thank you to all who participated – we appreciate your continued support. The recommender program is open and available to any member every day. Just send us the name, address and phone number of a person you think would like to become a member. Then we will contact them with some information. If they join – we will send you a \$25 recommender as a thank you.

From the Sales Department...

By Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC
Sales Director



Slow and Steady Wins the Race

Everyone knows Aesop's Fable of the tortoise and the hare. They are going to race each other and, of course, the hare should win by a landslide. The hare has such a big lead at the beginning of the race that he decides to take a nap and wait for the tortoise to catch up. However, when he awakens the tortoise has passed him and crosses the finish line in first place.

The lesson here is that perseverance pays off. Slow and steady wins in the long run. So how does this relate to today? Let's use the example of getting rich quickly. Is this even possible? It sure is - some people inherit money, some win the lottery and some earn unbelievable amounts because of their profession. As a quick footnote, believe it or not, more than one third of all lottery winners declare bankruptcy within five years of winning.

Here are two stories with opposite endings that may help put this in perspective. The first is about Mike Tyson. A tremendous boxer who worked very hard to be the best that he could be. He earned more than \$400 million dollars over his career and yet he went bankrupt. He had all that money but he couldn't hang on to any of it because of bad advice, outrageous spending, poor investments, legal problems, and more.

The other story is about Robert Morin, a librarian at the University of New Hampshire for fifty years. He led a quiet, frugal, and unassuming life. He drove an old car, brown bagged his lunch and didn't eat out very often. He was a learned man, a voracious reader

and a saver. When he died a few years ago he left the university a \$4 million dollar bequest. How is that possible?

Robert used two time proven principles about money. He put something from every pay aside for the future and he let compound interest do the rest of the work. Over time, the librarian (the tortoise in this case) beat the boxer (the hare).

So what can you do? First, open an IRA or an annuity with NSS. These accounts can be started with almost any amount of money. Then on a regular basis (monthly, quarterly, etc.) add to your account. NSS always pays a competitive rate of interest so you know over time you will be building a nest egg. Call your local NSS representative or the Home office and ask for Joe Elliott for more information. We can help you win the big race in life - the race for financial security.

2018 First Quarter Leaders

Our **TOP PREMIUM** producer for the 1st Quarter is **Mike Chiodo**. Mike and his wife, Karen, live in Strasburg, PA. Mike is the owner of Michael Chiodo Financial Services. He has been an insurance agent since 1985. Mike works with individuals and families to provide a variety of services customized to meet their financial needs.

Karen and Mike have three grown children, Emily, Sarah, and Michael. Mike serves on Strasburg Borough Council as President and as Treasurer of the Strasburg Scout House Association.

"NSS has been a great fit for my business. The whole staff does an outstanding job providing my clients and me with exceptional service. I am very pleased to be part of the NSS Family," said Mike.

Mike can be found on LinkedIn and can be reached at:
michael.chiodo7@gmail.com



Our top **NEW MEMBER** producer for the 1st Quarter is **Nouchao Her**. Nouchao lives in Oklahoma, but continues his business in the states of MI, WI, OH, PA, CA and CO. He has 17 years of life insurance experience and has been with NSS Life since 2011. Honest and always ready to provide life insurance solutions to members. If you are looking for life insurance coverage for you or your loved ones, please contact Mr. Her at his toll-free number: 866-317-1514 or email him at: **NOUCHAOHER@GMAIL.COM**.

*Have You
Signed Up a
New Member lately??*

Thought for the Month

The smallest act of kindness, is worth more than the grandest of intentions.

*Oscar Wilde, Irish poet and playwright
(1854 -1900)*

Fraternal Matters...

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Fraternal Activities Coordinator
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PVR Scholarship Recipients

CONGRATULATIONS to the 61 First Year PVR Scholarship recipients, all applicants were approved by the Board of Directors at the Convention in Hershey!! Their photos will appear in the September issue of the National News. The checks for 2018 grants will be mailed from the Home Office the first week in August.

Region 5 Picnic

The Region 5 Picnic is Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 12:00 noon at the Activities Center in Cedar Creek Park. The Activities Center is air conditioned and there is plenty of parking. There are bike/walking trails and the Activity Center sits right on the Youghiogheny River, so if you're a licensed fisherman, please feel free to bring those fishing poles. Corn Hole will also be available. Once again, this year's picnic will be catered and, therefore, we need to know how many people to plan for so we may order the right amount of food. Please call Pam at the home office 724-731-0094 or email me at pblum@nsslife.org by Wednesday, August 15th if you are planning to attend. Please bring a dessert to share.

Upcoming Contests

The deadline for the Poetry Contest is August 15th so get your entries in. This fall will be the Photo Contest and once again we will add the Convention category. The Photo entries are due by October 1st. We will end 2018 with the Ornament Contest with a deadline of December 1st.

Hershey Word Search Winner Announced

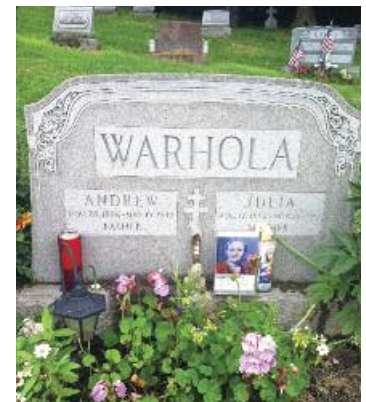
CONGRATULATIONS to **Donna Gzboda** who is the winner of a \$200 Best Buy Gift Card. Donna's name was drawn at the Convention from the entries submitted for the Hershey Word Search puzzles that appeared in the Magazine in February, March, April & May.

Three VIP August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to my Mom, **Doris Dudd**, who will be 93 years young on August 7th. My sister Paula & I are very blessed to have her in our lives.



A HUGE **Happy Birthday** goes out to my boss and NSS President, **Dave Blazek**. Hope the coming year is filled with joy and laughter.



The last VIP Birthday is.... Andy Warhol.

Born Andrew Warhola, Andy was born on August 6, 1928. His parents, Julia and Andrej Warhola were Carpatho-Rusyns who immigrated from what is now known as eastern Slovakia. He grew up during the Great Depression in the urban surroundings of the smoky industrial city known as Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

At an early age, he showed a wonderful talent for drawing. Andy attended Schenley High School and graduated at the young age of 16 in 1945. He was the first member of his family to ever go beyond high school by attending Carnegie Institute of Technology (currently known as Carnegie Mellon University). He then moved to New York City to pursue the world of art.

Andy Warhol was an artist, filmmaker, photographer, author, editor, and cultural icon and had an illustrious career as one of the most famous artists of our time. (Think Campbell's Soup and Marilyn Monroe). In 1987 Warhol was hospitalized to have an infected gall bladder removed. Though the routine operation was successful, he died mysteriously during the early morning of February 22, 1987. He was 58 years old. Andy Warhol was laid to rest alongside his parents, Julia and Andrej Warhola, at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cemetery in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania. The Cemetery is a 5-minute walk from my house and there is a 24/7 camera on his gravesite. You can see it live by going to <https://www.warhol.org/andy-warhols-life/figment/>

2018 Art Contest Winners



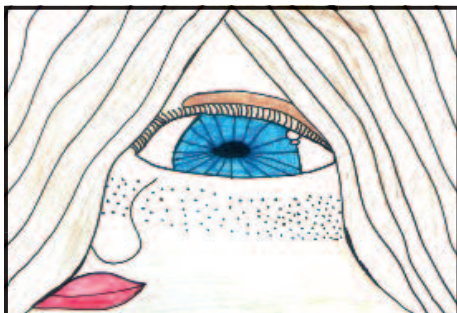
Jack Gaither - Assembly C731
1st Place Picasso Level



Anthony Cherevka - Assembly C108
Tied 2nd Place Picasso Level



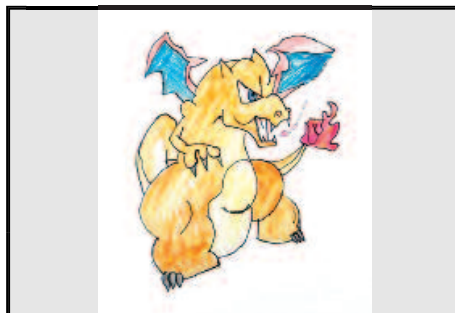
Bella Bernardo - Assembly C588
Tied 2nd Place Picasso Level



Gretchen Kropf - Assembly C434
1st Place Rembrandt Level



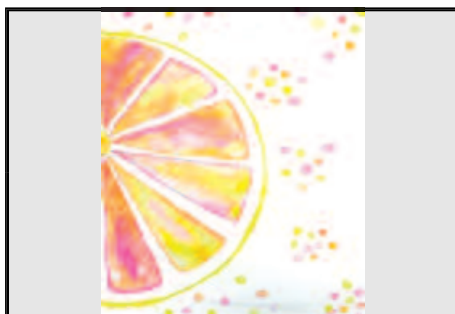
Ashlynn Mason - Assembly C731
2nd Place Rembrandt Level



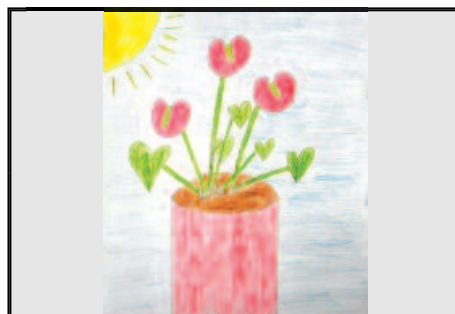
Carson Bernardo - Assembly C588
3rd Place Rembrandt Level



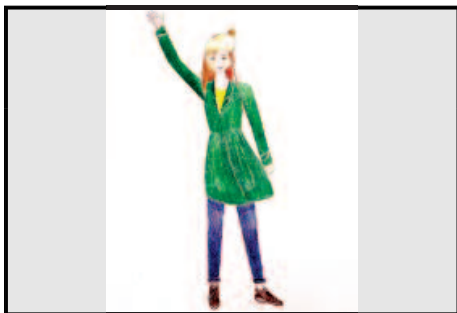
Ben Ostrowski - Assembly C617
1st Place Michelangelo Level



Chloe Woods - Assembly C434
2nd Place Michelangelo Level



Maya McDonnell - Assembly C617
3rd Place Michelangelo Level



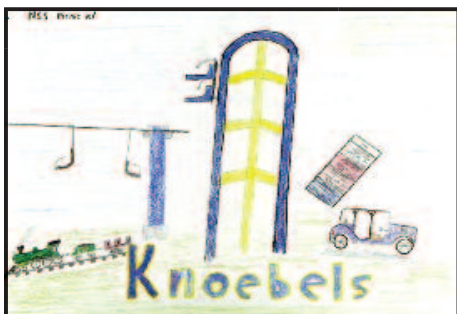
Elizabeth Ostrowski - Assembly C617
1st Place Van Gogh Level



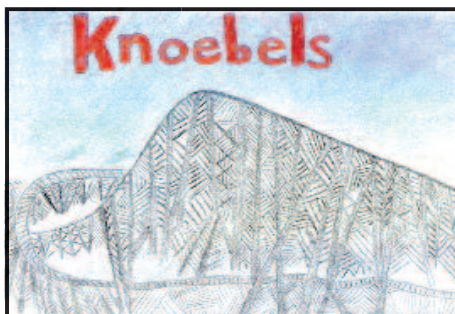
Avery Hannan - Assembly C434
Poster Picasso Level



Alexa Woods - Assembly C434
Poster Rembrandt Level



Benjamin Ostrowski - Assembly C617
Poster Michelangelo Level



Elizabeth Ostrowski - Assembly C617
Poster Van Gogh Level

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LIFE HAPPENS



Scenes from the NSS 37th Quadrennial Convention in Hershey, PA



President David Blazek addresses the 37th Quadrennial Convention of the NSS



President David Blazek and Chairman of the Board Joseph Stefka, Jr. presenting representative from Aaron's Acres charity with donation from the NSS



Honorary Vice President Dean Burns and brother Robert Burns



Director Alan Burns, wife Justina, Annette Stefka, and magician Steve Habermann



Attendees of the NSS 37th Quadrennial Convention



Attendees relaxing in the foyer at Hershey Lodge



Youth members posing with the Hershey Bears hockey team mascot at Hershey Lodge



Director John Payerchin, Heather Bolton, and children show off their creative talents



NSS Funfest attendees participating in various activities led by Funfest counselors and magician Steve Habermann



Scenes from the NSS 37th Quadrennial Convention in Hershey, PA



NSS Funfest attendees participating in various activities led by Funfest counselors and magician Steve Habermann



NSS Funfest attendees were taught how to create Slovak "Modra" Pottery during the kid's folk crafts activities by member Larry Kozlowski



NSS Funfest attendees participating in the Hershey Lodge Falconry Experience



Hershey Gardens' botanical garden and arboretum



Hershey Gardens' butterfly atrium



Gregory Felton and Jeff DeSantes pose with the Hershey Kisses mascot at Hersheypark

Scenes from the NSS 37th Quadrennial Convention in Hershey, PA



Newly elected Board of Directors being sworn in by Honorary Vice President Dean Burns during the NSS 37th Quadrennial Convention banquet



Joseph Stefka, Jr. honoring the 2018 Fraternalist of the Year Margaret A. Gushka, Assembly #0617



Joseph Stefka, Jr. honoring the 2018 Youth Achievement Award recipient Luke A. Webb, Assembly #0774



90+ year old attendees of the NSS 37th Quadrennial Convention banquet Peter Longstreth, Assembly #0123, and Joseph & Catherine Janichko, Assembly #L075



Former United States Armed Forces members in attendance at the NSS 37th Quadrennial Convention banquet



Attendees enjoying the after-party festivities



President David Blazek presents certificates of completion to each attendee of the NSS Youth Funfest program

ASSEMBLY 004

Parma, OH

A meeting will be held on Sunday, **August 19, 2018** at the residence of Mildred Havir, 1744 Westhill Boulevard, Westlake, Ohio at 2:00 pm. We'll look for you then.

Sonia Vorell
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 039

Uniontown, PA

All assembly members are invited to the Region 5 "Summer Picnic" at the Cedar Creek Park on Route 51 North. The date is Sunday, **August 19th**. If you are coming from Uniontown, the park is on the right just past Interstate 70. The festivities start at Noon. Great food and fraternalism!

Congratulations to all of those who were recently elected to serve on the NSS Board of Directors from 2018-2022. As an assembly, we are thankful that our President, John Payerchin was re-elected to a full term. Our corporate leadership team is in great hands and we look forward to successful growth in the next four years.

Youth, the "Youth Poetry Contest" is coming up quickly. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to have their children and grandchildren enter. Everyone receives a prize for entering! Deadline is August 15th. Contest rules are in the "National News".

Mark on your calendars **Saturday, September 22nd**. You are encouraged to attend "Septemberfest 2018" at the home office in McMurray, PA. The event is sponsored by the NSS Heritage Museum and festivities start at 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. Food, dancing, vendors and more. **ALL FREE!!!** Bring along your favorite baked goods!

Our Third Quarter Meeting will be held on Sunday, **September 9th** at 6:00 pm. Our delegates to the recent NSS Convention will be giving a report. We will be remembering those that died on September 11th, especially those that perished on Flight 93 in Shanksville, PA. **NOTE: The meeting venue has changed!! We will meet at the Flamingo Hollywood Steak**

House directly across from the entrance to Sylvan Heights Cemetery on North Gallatin Avenue Ext.

Adults, place on your calendars the deadlines for the "October NSS Photo Contest" which is October 1st and the "NSS Christmas Ornament Contest", deadline December 1st. Your participation earns our assembly points in the "NSS Assembly Growth Program".

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY R059

Bethlehem, PA

The remainder of our 2018 schedule is as follows:

October 7 - Meeting at Michael and Francine Slivka's residence, 1741 Greenleaf Street, Bethlehem, PA. at 3:00 pm.

October 28 - Hotdog/Coffee Hour Social at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, 980 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA. following Divine Liturgy (approximately at 11:15). Proceeds will go to the Allentown Rescue Mission.

Our continued thoughts and best wishes to Protodeacon Michael Sawarynskias as he recovers from surgery.

Michele Guydan
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 070/C070

Brooklyn, OH

A Pot Luck Dinner and meeting will be held on Saturday, **September 8, 2018** at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio at 5:00 p.m. Side dishes would be appreciated. Please call John or Mary Ann Karkosiak at 216-741-6990 if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

Mary Ann Karkosiak
President

ASSEMBLY L075

Duryea, PA

Mark your calendars for our future meetings:

August 12 - Fraternal Summer picnic at Mercateli-Segilia Park Birney Avenue, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm. Members are asked to bring something for the table and a raffle basket item. Refreshments will be provided by the assembly.

August 18 - Region 2 meeting at Perkins Restaurant in Pittston at 1:00 pm.

October 14 - Assembly meeting at Grande's Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 1 pm.

November 18 - Wilkes-Barre VA Bingo Pizza party at 2:00 pm, 2nd floor recreation room.

Lehrae Ann Edwards
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 123

Coraopolis, PA

For those of you who faithfully read my article something may have seemed strangely familiar, especially the last few paragraphs. Well, it is like that famous saying of Yogi Berra. It's like Déjà vu all over again. It wasn't done to see if you were paying attention nor was it that I'm now in the habit of repeating myself. Just an editing error, but keep reading and if you find an error or a hidden message, give me a call you could be eligible for a nice prize.

I promise not to mention the Pirates ever again this year. But now football season is upon us and we can hope for the best from the Steelers.

I had a call from Caroline Brown, wife of the late Bob Brown our past Fraternalist of the Year, now living in North Carolina. She sends her best to all our members. So nice to hear from you Caroline and to hear you are doing well. Miniature golf Saturday, **August 4th** at 11:00 am at the Neville Island sports complex. Free to all members. Only come if you intend to enjoy yourself.

Sunday, **August 19th** is Region 5 picnic at Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver Twp in Westmoreland County. It is a beautiful park and the food is excellent, all members are encouraged to attend. Picnic starts at 12 noon.

August 6th is the birthday of Andy Warhol probably one of the most famous Slovaks known worldwide and was from right here in Pittsburgh. Why didn't he paint a Heinz Ketchup bottle not a Campbell Soup can?

August 28th is the anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I Had A Dream" speech, back in 1963. I believe our ancestors had those same dreams years ago when they came to this country. And, we too, dream that we can leave this life a better place for our children and grandchildren. The key is to turn those dreams into reality.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Bill Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 554 Curwensville, PA

A meeting will be held on **September 2, 2018** at the home of Jim Stricek, 135 McCullough St., Dubois, PA at 2:00 pm. Please contact Jim Stricek at 814-590-7021 or at assembly554@gmail.com if you are attending this meeting. Also, mark your calendar for our next meeting which will be on **November 4, 2018**.

Jim Stricek
Secretary

All members are welcomed and encouraged to participate but you must have a reservation by July 23th.

RSVP by calling Rose Mary Strish 570-825-3681. During that call I will take your hoagie order and give you the pavilion number and you can tell me what you will be bringing. See you soon.

Rose Mary Strish
President

ASSEMBLY 705 Seelyville, IN

Please mark your calendars for future events in 2018:

August 12 - 1:00 pm at the Buck home
Seelyville, IN

October 21 - 1:00 pm at the Buck home
Seelyville, IN

December 24 - 6:00 pm Annual
Christmas Eve Celebration (Fraternal Fund
Activity)

Dorothy Buck
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 617 Ashley, PA

Matching Fund

Our assembly will sponsor a Basket Raffle and 50/ 50 Drawing from **July 14 through August 4th**. This fundraiser will be our Matching Fund Project to benefit and support the missions in El Salvador. Our member, Rev. John Ostrowski, is the pastor of the San Pedro Parish in Teatepepue, El Salvador. He serves there through the Cleveland Diocese Latin American Mission Team. This may be Father John's last year at the mission. He may be returning back to Cleveland where he will celebrate his 20th anniversary of ordination. Father John and his congregation always appreciate all the support they have received through the NSS. We want to make this year even more generous with everyone's help.

The Basket Raffle and 50/50 will also be available at Knoebel's Day on August 2, 2018.

Fraternal Day at Knoebel's

Knoebel's Amusement Park is again the setting for our assembly picnic and park fun. All members are invited to come to Knoebel's Park, Ellysburg, PA on Thursday, **August 2, 2018** from 12 noon to closing (rain or shine). Knoebel's has no admission and free parking. Members will be given park tickets for the rides (excluding pool). We will also provide hoagies (1 per member). We ask every family to bring a snack, treat or fruit to share and your favorite nonalcoholic drink.

ASSEMBLY 377 Bentleyville, PA

Join us for our future events:

August 12 - Meeting/Luncheon at Richardson's Park (large pavillion), Fry Avenue, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm.

October 28- Halloween party at Toscana Brick Oven, 1800 Main Street, Canonsburg, PA at 3:00 pm. Costumes optional.

December 2- Holiday party at Canons Chop House, 1900 Main Street Canonsburg, PA at 3:00 pm. We would also like all members to bring a dozen of cookies to share with everyone.

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 731 Lowellville, OH

You don't want to miss the following event so mark your calendar for:

Saturday, December 1st - 1:00-3:00 pm
Christmas Party
Stambaugh Room, Boardman Park,
375 Boardman-Poland Road
Boardman, OH

Laurie Fox
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 381 Grosse Ile, MI

At the delegates meeting held on June 10, 2018, it was decided to hold a meeting on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 12:00 pm. We will meet at Mom's Restaurant on Fort St. (near West Road) in Trenton.

There will be another meeting Saturday, **November 10, 2018** scheduled at Mom's at 12 pm RSVP Joanne T. Medved at jtm1849@gmail.com.

Joanne Medved
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 737 Westmoreland County, PA

A meeting will be held on **October 6, 2018** at the home of Carol Godor, 9280 Clubview Drive, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm.

We will set a date for our Christmas meeting at that time.

Carol Godor
Treasurer

REGION 2

Our next meeting will be on **August 18, 2018** at Perkins in Pittston, PA at 1:00 pm.

Rose Mary Strish
Secretary

REGION 5

Our annual picnic for all assemblies of Region 5 will be held at Cedar Creek Park, Activities Center, 453 Evergreen Drive, Bell Vernon, Westmoreland County, PA on Sunday, **August 19, 2018** at 12 Noon.

Joseph Stefka, Jr
President

Radio Hour Dinner Dance

The 36th Annual Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour Dinner Dance will be held on Sunday, **September 16th, 2018**, once again at Westwood Golf Club in West Mifflin, PA. Details will be announced on the radio program as they are finalized. The program is heard every Sunday at 3:00 pm. Eastern time over WPIT, 73 AM or 96.5 FM, and also is heard world wide over the internet - **www.wpitam.com**. Just click on "Listen Live."

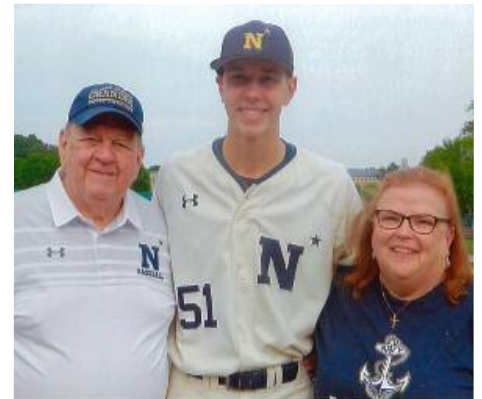
A lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by a sheriff. He thinks he's smarter being a big shot lawyer from New York and has a better education than a sheriff from West Virginia. The sheriff asks for license and registration. The lawyer asks, "What for?" The sheriff responds, "You didn't come to a complete stop at the stop sign." The lawyer says, "I slowed down and no one was coming." "You still didn't come to a complete stop. License and registration please," say the sheriff impatiently. The lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and registration and you can give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket." The sheriff says, "That sounds fair, please exit your vehicle." The lawyer steps out and the sheriff takes out his nightstick and starts beating the lawyer with it. The sheriff says, "Do you want me to stop or just slow down?"

Congratulations To Members of Assembly 123



Mitch Farrell, Assembly 123 member and a senior at St. Vincent College just received the President's Award given each year to the student who best embodies the qualities of the college's high standards.

Mitch is a Dean's List student, a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and Delta Mu Delta Honor Society. He has volunteered for three service trips to Haiti. He is a member of the St. Vincent College Singers and has been the featured soloist on many occasions on campus. We wish Mitch all the best as he starts his career as an accountant with Sisterson and Company.



Jaren Leins of Assembly 123 was just named to the Collegiate Baseball Freshman All American Team. Pitching for Navy, Jared was named four times Patriot League Rookie of the Week. He accumulated five saves and five wins with 52 strikeouts.

Jared is flanked by his proud grandparents Bill and Susan Knoll.

Intermediate/Advanced Classes Set

The Slovak language classes for intermediate and advanced students are as follows:

When: Every Tuesday, September 11th thru October 30th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Where: Mt. Lebanon Public Library
16 Castle Shannon Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15228
(412) 531-1912

Instructor: Bozena Hilko
Tuition: Free

Reservations: Bozena at Bozi@comcast.net



Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to our President, David G. Blazek who will celebrate on August 3rd. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous year.

Directors, NSS Staff & Members

This Month in National Slovak Society History

Joseph Stefka, Jr., Chairman of the Board

August, 1896

A monument to Samo Tomašik, author of the patriotic hymn, "Hej Slovaci," was unveiled during a dedication ceremony held in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, on August 20, 1896. The dedication ceremony was attended by 15,000 visitors

August, 1970

The 25th Quadrennial Convention was held in Chicago, Illinois, from August 2-7, 1970. A newcomer to the National Slovak Society national scene, Paul J. Godor, was elected as Second Vice-President of the Society.

August, 1998

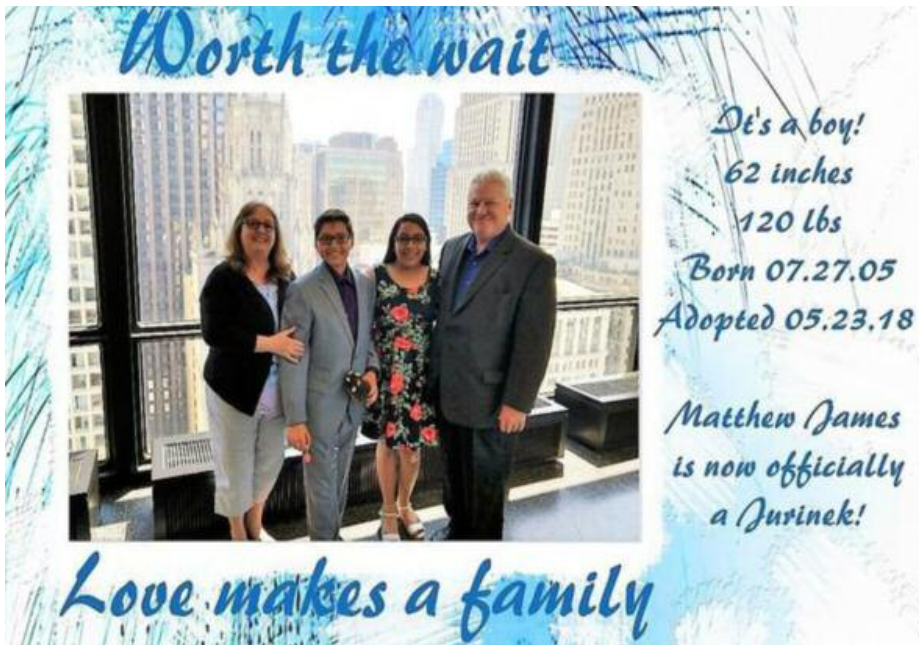
The 32nd Quadrennial Convention, held at Willow Valley Resort in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, opened with a symbolic merger ceremony with representatives of the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle, the Presbyterian Beneficial Union, the Russian Orthodox Catholic Women's Mutual Aid Society, and the National Slovak Society taking part. A square candle with the initials of each Society was placed together on a table and lighted during each convention session. The candles burned individually but melted together representing the merger of the societies.

August, 2002

At the 33rd Quadrennial Convention held in Grand Island, New York, delegate Andrew Chengery of Assembly 108 proposed that the National Slovak Society consider adding a museum to its Home Office and asked members to donate any Slovak memorabilia to the museum to preserve the history of the Society and to promote Slovak culture.



Assembly 586



Tom, Nancy and Gabriella Jurinek joyfully welcome, at last, Matthew James to their family. He entered their home and hearts seven years ago and his adoption was just finalized on May 23. Congrats to the new, larger Jurinek family from your 586 and NSS family!

SCHOLARSHIP FOR SENIOR MEMBERS A Fraternal Program

PURPOSE ~

To encourage our older members to continue their education and to make fuller use of their leisure time.

MEMBER ELIGIBILITY ~

Any life insurance or annuity member, fifty-five (55) years or older, who has enrolled and successfully completed a continuing education or adult education course. Members may submit up to two (2) applications in one calendar year.

COURSE ELIGIBILITY ~

Vocational schools, community colleges and universities offer a variety of short-term courses which may include areas like computer training, cake decorating, photography, landscaping, small engine repair, ballroom dancing, etc. This program does not cover courses that assist you to maintain your current full or part-time job. (Example: We will not reimburse life insurance or real estate agents who take continuing education credits to maintain their licenses.)

PROCEDURE ~

Members should enroll and pay for the course of their choice. Once the member has finished the class, they must submit an application, along with verification that the class was successfully completed, to the Home Office for approval by a National Officer. If the scholarship application is approved, then NSS will reimburse one-half (1/2) of the tuition for the course up to, but not to exceed, one hundred dollars.

INFORMATION & APPLICATION ~

For an application or additional information on this NSS Scholarship for Seniors Fraternal Program, contact Pam Blum at pblum@nsslife.org or call the office at 724-731-0094, ext. 1010. The National Officers are the sole authority in any decisions regarding this scholarship program. Their decision is final in all cases.

2018 Slovakia Heritage Tour

September 7-16, 2018

Experience Slovakia's culture and history up close and personal on the 2018 Slovakia Heritage small-group tour. Genealogical research and ancestral visits available.

For details: visit www.slovakiaheritage.com or contact Judith Northup-Bennett, 978-544-5144 or slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com

Assembly 731 Old Western Dinner & Dance



Mike & Laurie Fox serving the pasta.



Youth members enjoy the dance party.

Visit our website
at
www.nsslife.org



Melissa Burns shows youth members, Ashlynn Mason, Hannah Mason, and Valerie Cessna some line dancing moves.



Valerie Cessna, Aubreanna Martini, and Elijah Mason spend some time with DJs, Ryan and Becky.

Happy Birthday

Birthday wishes to Timothy P. Schwer, Vice President of Assembly 0039 on his 73rd birthday on Aug. 14th. May you be blessed with good health for the future years to come.

Historical note: It was on this date the Japanese surrendered, ending their part in WW II.

Members of Assembly 0039

Assembly 731 hosted a fun dinner & dance for members and friends at the Lowellville Rod & Gun Club in Lowellville, Ohio. An Old Western theme made for a casual, friendly atmosphere for all. Everyone enjoyed the pasta dinner followed by root beer floats and sundaes before dancing to a variety of music played by a local DJ.

Thanks to the adult members who helped with advertising, selling tickets, making decorations, setting up tables & chairs, preparing and serving food, and clean-up. We couldn't have successful events like this without the help and cooperation of our members.

Upcoming events include a summer picnic and fishing, fall hayride, and winter Christmas party....be sure to watch our Assembly Facebook page for details.

Laurie Fox
President

NSS Director & Slovak Easter Bunny



Surprise - NSS Director Sue Ondrejco was so happy when she discovered that the Easter Bunny is SLOVAK!

Submitted by a friend of the bunny who is a member of A-123.

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.

DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Here are four good reasons why making a donation makes sense...

- Every penny donated goes directly into the PVR Scholarship Fund.
- Your contribution will help our young members achieve their academic goals.
- Your donation may benefit your own son, daughter, niece or nephew.
- Every year, requests for grants increase, making more demands on the PVR Scholarship Fund.

YES, I want to help our young members attain their academic goals. Here is my donation of \$ _____.

Name: _____

Assembly: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Please issue your check to:

NSS PVR Scholarship Fund

And send to:

National Slovak Society
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317



PVR Scholarship Fund Donations

In Loving Memory of **James L Holbert:**
From Assembly 0123: 20.00

In Loving Memory of **Ruth Davis:**
From Assembly 0123: 20.00

In Loving Memory of **Catherine Migut:**
From Assembly 0123: 20.00

In Loving Memory of **Vincent Pronesti:**
From Assembly 0123: 20.00

In Loving Memory of **Mary Schumacher:**
From Assembly 0123: 20.00

In Loving Memory of **Lois Swarmer:**
From Assembly 0123: 20.00

In Memory of our **Deceased Members:**
From Assembly 0004 100.00

Donations:
Peter M Sullivan 25.00

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

June, 2018

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Antos, William	Exeter, PA	05/08/2018	L102
Armstrong, Ernest	New Castle, PA	05/19/2018	0731
Aschley, Maureen	South Park, PA	06/15/2018	0774
Barnhardt, Melissa	Concord, NC	06/06/2018	0774
Batzli, Anne	Cambridge, OH	04/14/2018	0595
Bedillion, Beatrice J	Washington, PA	06/06/2018	0588
Bobby, Daniel	Parma, OH	03/06/2018	0070
Bohach, Anna	Central City, PA	05/07/2018	0774
Braun, Paul	Beaver, PA	05/27/2018	0123
Cederwall, Frank	Greenville, MI	05/26/2018	0381
Chojnicki Jr., Anthony E	Carmichaels, PA	04/30/2018	0100
Duratz, Sophia	Grindstone, PA	04/04/2018	0039
Ekas, Edward	Cranberry Township, PA	01/07/2018	0123
Fiebig, Audrey	Duncannon, PA	12/27/2013	0774
Fitts, Pauline	New Castle, PA	05/08/2018	0731
Ganassi, Mabel	Elizabeth, PA	04/04/2017	0434
Gorski, Helen T	Wilkes Barre, PA	06/26/2018	0617
Green, Thomas	Naples, FL	03/17/2018	0800
Grenier, Patricia	New Castle, DE	08/12/2017	0774
Kirkpatrick, Barbara	Canonsburg, PA	06/25/2018	0434
Kobosky, Carl	Belle Vernon, PA	06/12/2018	0377
Kostro, Irene	Crete, IL	05/26/2018	0586
Kottelich, Stephen	East McKeesport, PA	05/15/2018	0737
Kvancz, Janet	Flower Mound, TX	03/22/2018	0774
Laser, Kerry	Pittsburgh, PA	05/07/2018	0100
Lavery, William	Pittsburgh, PA	05/13/2018	0123
Lopes, Henry	Port St Lucie, FL	03/21/2018	0813
Majernik, Paul	Hartland, MI	09/22/2017	0588
Maiorana, Jarmila	Pittsburgh, PA	03/07/2018	0434
McMahon, Thaddeus	Munhall, PA	04/29/2018	0441
Moskal, Dorothy	Sun City West, AZ	09/02/2017	0774
Niles, Jack W	Richland Center, WI	05/24/2018	0774
Ostrosky, Helen	Coaldale, PA	04/19/2018	0774
Petrucci, Shirley	New Brighton, PA	06/12/2018	0123
Pickens, Maria	Philadelphia, PA	04/25/2018	L102
Quist, Marjorie	McBain, MI	04/24/2018	0381
Quist, Wendy	McBain, MI	05/25/2018	0381
Radella, Alan J	Rochester, PA	06/28/2018	L161
Ray, Mary R	Mantua, OH	05/02/2018	0731
Rega, Mary	Mount Pleasant, PA	05/15/2018	0737
Risinger, Nellie	Blairsville, PA	06/04/2018	0774
Skees, Wayne J	Allison Park, PA	05/10/2018	L161
Smith, Edward E	Milton, PA	03/02/2017	0774
Smith, Roger D	Charleston, IL	04/27/2018	0586
Soell, Joan	Plantation, FL	05/20/2018	0110
Straw, Mary	Ebensburg, PA	12/18/2017	0774
Tremble, Lois	Oregon, IL	03/18/2018	0586
Tucker, Thelma	Bristol, PA	06/07/2018	0774

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Slovak Heritage Programs

October 1, 2018 - "Slovak Genealogy"

Lisa Alzo, an expert in Slovak Genealogy, will show you some time saving tips on researching your Slovak ancestors.

November 5, 2018 - "You Shall Leave Your Mother and Father"

Fr. Peter Haladej, pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in East Liverpool, Ohio will explore the complexity of transitions in religion, culture and life when moving from Slovakia to the U.S.

December 3, 2018 - "Show - N- Tell"

Because of the popularity of this program in prior years, we are again asking you to bring your memorabilia from Slovakia - photos, books, souvenirs, etc. This is an opportunity for everyone to participate.

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the crowd,
Or do you stay at home and crab both long and loud?
Do you take an active part to help the assembly along?
Or are you satisfied to be the kind to "just belong"?
Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick,
Or leave the work for just a few and talk about the clique?
There is quite a program scheduled that means success, if done,
And it can be accomplished with the help of everyone.
So attend the meetings regularly, and help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member, but take an active part.
Think this over, Member, are we right or are we wrong?
Are you an Active Member?
or--Do You Just Belong?



Region 5 - Fraternal Nite at PNC Park



Departed Members

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OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS June, 2018

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Wesnak Sr., William E	Dunmore, PA	06/10/2018	L075
Williamson, Joy	Perth Amboy, NJ	04/30/2018	0110
Wojcik, John	Hazleton, PA	04/21/2018	L102
Yoho, Eleanor	New Brighton, PA	04/02/2018	0123
Yonco, Robert	La Grange, IL	06/11/2011	0586
Zawistowski, Gertrude	Waterford, PA	06/12/2018	0731
Zeock, Carol	Sterling Heights, MI	05/29/2018	0381

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church Centennial Year!

The 28th annual Parish Slovak Festival will be held Saturday, August 25 and Sunday, August 26, at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church in Sterling Heights, Michigan (about 25 miles northeast of Detroit).

Join us as we celebrate our Slovak heritage with ethnic food, live entertainment including Slovak folk dancers, imported beer & liquor, and a Slovak Heritage Room. There is fun for the entire family with an active Children's Area for all ages. Plus a parish festival raffle with a top prize of \$5,000 cash.

This year we also celebrate the church's 100 Year Anniversary (1918 - 2018). Perhaps you were a parishioner and/or attended St. Cyril grade school or high school when the church was located in Detroit, or were a more recent parishioner when it relocated to Sterling Heights in 1988. We invite you back and invite all to help us celebrate this milestone of the church. We also welcome any historical documents or artifacts you may have from the old church. Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church, 41233 Ryan Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48314

For more information on the festival and/or the 100 year anniversary, please call 586-726-6911 or go to www.saintcyriils.org



Come Meet
Roxy
the Slovensky Cuvac



SEPTEMBERFEST 2018

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Presented by the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum

11 AM—4 PM **** FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

This year will mark our 7th annual event at the museum. We would like to have as many of our Assemblies and Regions be involved in helping to make this year's event another successful experience. We are looking for volunteers to help in various ways throughout the day.

Here are some ways you and/or your Assembly can help: **Donate homemade baked goods**

Volunteer an hour or two * Publicize the event at your meetings or local papers**

OR

Be a Sponsor \$100 ...Gold \$50...Silver \$25....Bronze

Send your donation to: NSSHM .. 351 Valley Brook Rd McMurray, PA 15317

By participating as a volunteer or as a sponsor your assembly will earn fraternal tracking points.

Vendor spaces are available although limited. For more info contact sue.ondrejco@gmail.com

August

Mesiacom v roku kedy väčšina občanov trávi dovolenku—zotavuje sa, z každodennej práce a z povinnosti ktorými je zaplnený náš život.

Naši krajanovia v Amerike cestujú k oceánom na plaž alebo do hôr a lesov na tiché miesta aby si oddýchli a načerpali nových sil. Veď aj v žalmoch píše:

**Pán je môj pastier Nič mi Nechýba
Vodí ma k vodám kde si odpočiniem.
Pán dušu moju občerstvuje.**

Vieme, že za pár týždňov sa začne nový školský rok. Všetkej mládeži a tiež i celemu nášmu členstvu NSS prajeme krásny mesiac august a pôžitok z voľného času.



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 novin, 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.

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.



Krojované bábätká —vzácný!



O Našej 37 Konvencii

Ďakujeme všetkým delegátom ktorý sa zúčastnili na 37 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, Zuzka Ondrejco, Andrea Garbon, Allan Burns, Michal Czarney, a Abigail Gross, a novozvolený Jan Payerchin.

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.

“Septemberfest 2018 v Našom NSS Múzeu

Viete, že naša organizácia NSS—otvorila svoje Národné múzeum v čom máme krásne kroje úkážky zručností nášho pracovitého ľudu, knihy, časopisy, a tiež i hystóriu našej organizácie—počiatkom myšlienky zakladateľov Narodného Spolku (rovnoprávnosť a samosprávu nášmu Slovenskému národu) a celý pokrok za vyše 125 rokov existencie ba aj splnenie cieľa zakladateľov. Veríme, že i vy sa prídete pozrieť do nášho múzea a možno prinesiete ideu ale aj vzácnu slovensku vec na displej pre múzeum.

A čo viac pozývame Vás na septembroví festival čo bude na 22 septembra tu v našou múzeu. V múzeu sa budete môcť pokochať aj “**krásnemu rezbárskemu dielu**” ktoré má vyše 80 mechanických pohybov.

Ozaj krásna, a hrdosť nášmu múzeu.

Počas septembrového festivalu sa bude podávať i jedlo ako haluški, palačinky, pyrohy atď. Tiež pre prítomných bude i zábava slovenským folklórom—tancom a spevom, a možno poniektorý z Vás si zakúpi i suveníri. **Vstupné zdarma.**

Rezervujte si dátum a dovidenia na 22 septembra.



Youth Circle Page

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

2018 YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

Deadline: August 15, 2018

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, 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
 - Angelou - Ages 8, 9, 10
 - Frost - Ages 11, 12, 13
 - 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 or call the Home Office at 724-731-0094 if you have any questions.

New Member Colton Seifert



Congratulations to one of our newest member - Colton Seifert of McDonald, PA. Colton joins his brother Chase and Connor as members of NSS Life.

He is also a 4th generation member. He joins his mother, Alaina Seifert, grandmother, Diane Moeller and great-grandparents, Veronica and Cliff Moeller. Welcome to NSS Life!

Junior Pittsburgh Slovakians

We'd like you to become a part of our performing ensemble!

- * Learn to sing, dance and/or play the violin.
- * No experience necessary, we'll show you!
 - * Meet new friends
 - * Learn about your Slovak Heritage!
 - * Perform at the Pittsburgh Folk Festival, Slovak Day, Slovak Heritage Festival at Pitt as well as other events!

We are now accepting new members and would like to invite you to come and find out what we are all about! For more information, call **Sue Ondrejco** at 412-421-1204 or e-mail: sue.ondrejco@gmail.com

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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 family and friends. Best of all, you will receive a cash reward for recommending someone that we issue a policy to. You will receive a \$25 recommender fee (\$10 on the youth term product) 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.*

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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.