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From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC President, CEO

Greetings as we enter the Dog Days of Summer, 2016. Did you ever wonder where the term Dog Days of Summer came from? The dog days of summer occur during the hottest and muggiest part of the season. Webster defines dog days as the period between early July and early September when the hot sultry weather of summer usually occurs in the northern hemisphere.

The term dog days has an interesting origin. In ancient times, when the night sky was not obscured by artificial lights and smog, different groups of people in different parts of the world drew images in the sky by connecting the dots of stars. The images drawn were dependent upon the culture: the Chinese saw different images than the Native Americans, who saw different pictures then the Europeans. These star pictures are now called constellations, and the constellations that are now mapped out in the sky came from our European ancestors.

They saw images of bears, (Ursa Major and Ursa Minor), twins, (Gemini), a bull, (Taurus), and others including dogs, (Canis Major and Canis Minor). The brightest of the stars in Canis Major (the big dog) is Sirius, which also happens to be the brightest star in the night sky. In fact, it is so bright that the ancient Romans thought that the earth received heat from it. Look for it in the southern sky (viewed from northern latitudes) during January. In the summer, however, Sirius, the Dog Star, rises and sets with the sun. During late July Sirius is in conjunction with the sun, and the ancients believed that its heat added to the heat of the sun, creating a stretch of hot and sultry weather. They named this period of time, from 20 days before the conjunction to 20 days after, dog days after the Dog Star.

News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday wishes go out this month to home Office employee Ryan Strom, former staff member Jodi Onder, Jim Amorose, Carol Godor, 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 to Danielle and Jeff Lavin, and to all others celebrating this month.

Punography Of The Month: I'm reading a book about anti-gravity; I can't put it down.

Love

I recently read a weekly message from the Pastor of my church that I think is well worth passing on about how to reach out in Love:

L - Listen to those around you. Don't just be waiting for your turn to talk, but truly listen to what others believe, value, fear, and hope for. Sincerely respect and get to know them.

0 - **Observation** of those around you. Take time to notice what is right before you, as well as become aware of what is not readily seen. Observe people and notice what is going on in their lives. Do you even see the spiritual lost-ness of people around you?

V - Viewpoint. How do you view people before you even get to know them? Pray and ask God to take away your prejudices and ask Him to help you view people through the loving eyes of Jesus.

E - Engagement. Step out in faith and take a risk to engage others and share the Gospel in a loving, meaningful and respectful way. Pray for, prepare for, and take those opportunities which God provides to point people to Jesus.

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?

2016 FIRST QUARTER REPORT - NATIONAL SLOVAK SOCIETY

Net Admitted Assets:

	March	December
	2016	2015
Bonds	\$902,086,626	\$872,509,151
Preferred Stocks	200,000	600,000
Common Stocks	360,908	379,425
Mortgage Loans on	,	
Real Estate	8,687,127	8,765,201
Certificate Loans	675,906	652,721
Real Estate Occupied		
By Society	739,690	745,029
Cash On Deposit	15,550,674	12,266,748
Electronic Data Equipme	nt 0	0
Uncollected Premiums	120,483	97,937
Investment Income Due	12,352,143	11,031,689
TOTALS	\$940,773,557	\$907,047,901

Liabilities and Unassigned Funds:

	March	December
	2016	2015
Aggregate Reserve	\$838,827,000	\$810,989,000
Deposit-type		
Contracts	53,014,468	48,359,100
Certificate Claims	250,000	250,000
Commissions Due	105,000	160,000
Refunds Due and Unpaid	385,000	385,000
General Expenses Due	1,399,750	1,547,000
Retained By The Society		
As Trustee	1,099	37,257
Asset Valuation		
Reserve (AVR)	4,621,000	4,366,800
Interest Maintenance		
Reserve (IMR)	4,769,502	4,795,733
Contingency Reserve	150,000	150,000
Unassigned Funds	37,250,738	36,008,023
TOTALS	\$940,773,557	\$907,047,913

Surplus Account:

	March	December	
	2016	2015	
Beginning Surplus	\$36,158,022	\$28,218,630	
Net Income	1,359,766	9,085,723	
Change in Net Unrealized		, ,	
Capital Gains or (Losses)) 137,150	(143,256) (188,275)	
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Change in Valuation			
Reserve	(254,200)	(814,800)	
Aggregate Write-ins for Gains			
and Losses in Surplus	0	0	
Net Change In Surplus	1,242,716	7,939,392	
Surplus At Stmnt Date	\$37,400,738	\$36,158,022	

Summary Of Operations:

	March 2016	December 2015
INCOME:		
Premiums & Annuity		
Considerations	\$47,483,625	\$152,299,739
Net Invest. Income	11,130,003	41,201,928
Amortization Of Interest		745 000
Maintenance Reserve	167,300	715,629
Income Sub-Total	\$58,780,928	\$194,217,296
	Marah	December
	March	December
EXPENSES:	2016	2015
Death Benefits	¢1 275 521	\$5,298,808
Matured Endowments	\$1,275,521	37,243
Annuity Benefits	20,712 25,664,238	81,527,319
Disability, Accident,	20,004,200	01,027,010
Health Benefits	153	4,167
Surrender Benefits	106,394	584,648
Interest On Deposit	100,001	001,010
Type Contracts	4,369	(3,443)
Increase In Aggregate	.,	(-,)
Reserve For Life		
Contracts	27,838,000	88,773,500
Commissions On		
Direct Business	1,104,768	4,044,199
General &		
Fraternal Expenses	1,148,415	4,291,671
Insurance, Taxes,		
Licenses, Fees	68,187	179,850
Expense Sub-Total	\$57,230,757	\$184,737,962
	Manah	Describer
	March	December
SUMMARY:	2016	2015
Net Gain From Operations		
Before Refunds	>	
To Members	\$1,550,171	\$9,479,334
Refund To Members	(<u>85,258)</u>	(380,865)
Net Gain From Operations	(00,200)	(000,000)
After Refunds	·	
To Members	1,464,913	9,098,469
Net Realized	.,,	0,000,100
Capital Gains	(105,147)	(12,746)
Total Net Income	\$1,359,766	\$9,085,723

Linda M Strom Secretary/Treasurer, CFO

PVR Scholarship **Fund Donations** June, 2016

In Memory of Leo Chraska, Jr. From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Robert Knoll : From Assembly 0123 In Memory of Lois Masiarik :	20.00
From Assembly 0123 In Memory of Donald Young :	20.00
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Assembly 774	5,177.33



Memorial Tree Leaf Donations

Donation: John Bebo, Jr., 2016 Fraternalist of the Year 300.00

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June, 2016

DONATE TO 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

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OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS June, 2016

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Boretsky, Helen	Norristown, PA	06/03/16	R059
Boretsky, John	Norristown, PA	02/02/16	R059
Budinsky Sr., Edward	Oakmont, PA	03/16/16	0100
Carroll, Wilson	Washington, PA	05/27/16	0588
Covelli, Wendie L	West Newton, PA	05/18/16	0377
Crowe, Calvin	Beckley, WV	01/27/16	0774
Delaney, Roland	Monaca, PA	06/08/16	0123
Giuliani, Eugene	Pittsburgh, PA	05/10/16	0123
Givens, Joanne	Williamstown, WV	05/10/16	0774
Gradowski, Donald	Bay City, MI	05/01/16	0381
Henry, Florence F	Butler, PA	04/06/16	0700
Jaworek, Anna	Kenmore, NY	01/11/16	R019
Kakias, Natalie	Warren, OH	05/09/16	0588
Kodunce, Mary	Gilbert, MN	05/11/16	0586
Kunig, Lillian M	Pittsburgh, PA	03/06/16	0774
Lakatosh, Ruby	Washington, PA	05/28/16	0737
Luise, Richard	Tequesta, FL	05/04/16	L075
Marsilio, Alvidio	Rochester, PA	05/27/16	0123
Martz, Eldon	Acme, PA	05/20/16	0039
Molitoris, Lewis	Fredericktown, PA	03/10/13	0377
Moravick, Joe	St. Clairsville, OH	05/17/16	0595
Packer, Robert	Orange, CT	05/03/15	0028
Pelcher, Anna	Brick, NJ	10/16/14	0110
Renna, Janet	Exeter, PA	06/04/16	0617
Rolando, Peter	Allen Park, MI	12/16/15	0381
Schroeder, Henry	Cleveland, TN	04/27/16	0004
Shimko, Frank	Avon, OH	05/03/16	0432
Shutak, John	Brackenridge, PA	03/10/14	0588
Sipka, George H	DeWitt, MI	03/08/16	0381
Smith, Virginia	Bethel Park, PA	05/28/16	0434
Smith, William L	Pittsburgh, PA	06/16/16	0100
Staley, Shirley	Coal Center, PA	05/22/16	0377
Strosser, Walter	Claysville, PA	05/15/16	0588
Swoager, Calvin	Canonsburg, PA	02/28/16	0434
Temo, Mary H	Osceola Mills, PA	04/24/16	0774
Tosi, Loretta	Las Vegas, NV	04/27/16	0377
Vasas, George	Portage, PA	06/02/16	0038
Zutavern, Marcella	Bloomville, OH	01/22/16	0160

Have You Signed Up a New Member lately??

Fraternal Matters...

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



PVR Scholarship Recipients

CONGRATULATIONS to the 38 1st year PVR Scholarship recipients, all applicants have been approved!! Their photos will appear in the September issue of the National News. The checks for 2016 grants will be mailed from the Home Office the first week in August.

IMPORTANT Assembly Officers Seminar Rescheduled

We are finding that many of our Assembly Officers have family events & vacations planned and cannot attend this year's seminar in August. Therefore, the Assembly Officers Seminar has been postponed until March 24th & 25th, 2017.

Please pass this information on to anyone that you know who was planning to attend from your assemblies and mark your calendars now for next year!!

Region 5 Picnic

The Region 5 Picnic is Sunday, August 21, 2016 at Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion #16 at 12:00 noon. Once again this year's picnic will be catered and therefore we need to know how many people to plan for so that 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 17th if you are planning to attend. Please bring a dessert to share.

NSS Pirates Night at PNC Park



Elaine Agostini and her family celebrating her birthday at PNC Park.





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Current Interest Rates Effective January 1, 2013

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Optimum 3	2.00%
Preferred 5	3.00%
Preferred 8	3.50%

*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.

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- Guaranteed minimum interest rate
- Tax-deferred earnings
- Avoids Probate
- Liquidity/Withdrawal features
- Flexible retirement income options
- No sales charges or fees

From the Sales Department...

By Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC Sales Director



What Is The Interest Rate?

When depositing funds in an annuity/IRA is the rate the most important factor? Obviously, 3% is better than 2% but is that all that matters? While the rate certainly is worth considering since this is how you will earn interest - there are several other factors that should be given some consideration.

First, the strength and longevity of the organization that you will be using. For instance, NSS has been serving members since 1890 – that's more than 126 years. We have not only survived world wars, depressions and recessions but thrived. We currently are approaching \$1 billion dollars in assets and \$50 million in total surplus. This financial cushion should grant you some ease of mind.

Another important factor is the rate history. Some commercial companies use a big interest rate or a bonus to get you in the door and then the next year lower your rate. Now you are stuck in a low yielding contract because of their surrender charges. Other firms get you in the door and keep you with their daunting surrender charge schedule. I have seen charges as long as 15 years – really? NSS has a true yearly declining penalty that reduces every year!

Consistency is another good point. We strive to give our members a good solid, product with a competitive rate every year. We do this because we are a membership driven organization. So please let your family and friends know about the advantages we have to offer. Our current rates have been in effect since 2012 despite the low rates on treasury issues and in the general economy. Should you look at the guarantee rate or period? Many companies offer a minimum guarantee of 1% - ours is 2% on the Preferred 5 and 8 products. Our current rate guarantee period is one calendar quarter. Some companies have no guarantee period while others do offer a one year period.

What other benefits should you consider when thinking about an annuity? How about some standard features such as tax-deferral or tax free (in the case of a Roth IRA.)

Some fundamental benefits include:

- Annuitization the ability to set up lifetime payments if needed
- Avoidance of probate because annuity monies pass by contract law to the named beneficiary
- Preservation of capital no one has ever lost a penny in their account because of market fluctuations.

So is an annuity right for you – of course it is. And what is my rate? Well, does it really matter especially if you are with NSS? You know we are always going to pay you a fair rate. **Family Matters** is more than a slogan it is our commitment to our members. Call your NSS local representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information.

Thought for the Month Always do the right thing. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)

2016 2nd Quarter Leaders

Congratulations to Jonathan David and Ger Xiong

Our **TOP PREMIUM** producer for the quarter is Jonathan David of Agawam, MA. Jonathan began working in the financial industry directly after graduating from a private college over 15 years ago. Approximately 10 years ago he became licensed as a producer to work at Benefit Solutions, Inc. Benefit Solutions is an Estate and Financial Planning firm that was begun by his father, George David, nearly 40 years ago. Call Jonathan and see how you could benefit from an individual financial planning process. Please contact him at (413)781-0203 or email to **parkavefinancial@comcast.net**.

Our top **NEW MEMBER** producer is Ger Xiong. Ger graduated from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and received her Bachelor's Degree in Finance in May of 2010. Since July 2010, she has been working as a Business Development Specialist with a Community Action agency. Ger is a mother of four children, works full-time, and operates her life insurance agency in the evenings and on the weekends. She received her life insurance license in June 2015. Ger started contracting with life insurance companies in January 2016. Since then, she has built strong clientele's in the states of Wisconsin, California,

Minnesota, and Michigan. Ger and her husband along with her four children enjoy camping, traveling, hiking, and cruising together.

This Month in National Slovak Society History

Joseph Stefka, Jr. Chairman of the Board

August, 1890

The first death claim of the newly organized National Slovak Society was paid to the beneficiary of Ignac Kochanovsky of Assembly 4, Cleveland, Ohio, on August 30, 1890.

August, 1966

John A. Gimesky, Supreme Trustee died. Brother Gimesky had also served as the Supreme Treasurer of the Society after being elected at the 18th Convention and serving in that capacity until being elected as a Supreme Trustee at the 23rd convention in 1962.

August, 1994

The delegates of the 31st Quadrennial Convention voted to change the By-laws and eliminated the National Tribunal. The National Tribunal had served as a judicial branch of the Society.

August, 2002

National Secretary-Treasurer Paul M. Payerchin, Jr. reported that the National Slovak Society had surpassed the \$100,000,000 mark in assets.

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Birthday Wishes

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

NSS Offers Pre-Need Insurance

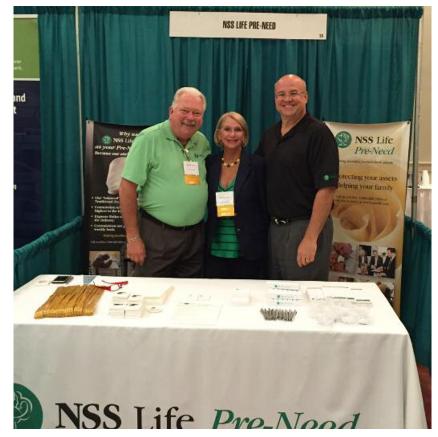
You know we have been offering top shelf life insurance products to our members for more than 126 years. But perhaps you didn't know that for the past few years we also offer pre-need life insurance. This is a unique product that our funeral home partners offer to their clientele. Generally, it is a one-time payment plan of insurance for any amount you choose and it will increase each year by say 3%. This factor increase helps off set inflation and the higher cost of expenses later on.

Many people choose the pre-planning option because it provides you with peace of mind. The advantages of pre-planning a funeral include:

- Relieves your family of the financial and emotional burden of taking care of your last expenses.
- You decide on the exact arrangements you want.
- All of this is handled by a knowledgeable, caring and professional funeral director.

We offer a one-time payment plan with 3% growth or an annuity paying 3.0% interest for ages 0 to 100. There are no medical questions for these two plans – everyone qualifies for coverage regardless of health. We also have a payment plan that resembles more traditional insurance. Currently the pre-need products are only available in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Please call us at 724-731-0094 and we will send you some information on how NSS can help you.



NSS attends the PA Funeral Director's Convention in Grantsville, PA in June. Attending on behalf of NSS is President David G. Blazek FIC, Pre-need Representative Fran Blazek and Sales Director Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC.

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Congratulations



Gross was honored at the Lehigh Valley Business Forty Under 40 Award ceremony. More than 200 people event which recognized rising young

growth, professional excellence and the community.



A New Member for Assembly 160/C160



Congratulations to Director Mike Czarney and his lovely wife Randi on the birth of their second child, Sadie Marie. Sadie was born on July 3, 2016, 5 weeks early so her dad could attend the NSS Golf Outing!

Shown above is her big brother, Cash who loves to hold Sadie and give her kisses!

Assembly 617/C617 Join Hands Day

Assembly 617/C617 had eleven members participate in our Join Hands Day on June 14, 2016 at 4-6 p.m. at the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre, PA. We prepared and served dinner and then cleaned up afterwards. Our assembly was sponsor for the day by donating \$125 to the kitchen to offset the cost to feed those in need of nourishment. Lunch and dinner are served to anyone who is hungry in our area. The kitchen also offers clothing and baby supplies for those in need. Our assembly was happy to be of help to the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen.

> **Rose Mary Strish** President







ASSEMBLY 039 Uniontown, PA

About twenty members came out for our "Summer Free Bar-B-Q" at the Knights of Columbus picnic pavilion. Following a delicious Bar-B-Q, with our host chef, Paul M. Payerchin, it was decided to become a tee and hole sponsor for the upcoming NSS National Tournament in July, and a "Gold" sponsor for the "Septemberfest 2016" at the NSS Heritage Museum Saturday, September 24th.

Thank you to those that volunteered for our "Join Hands Day Project" conducted jointly with the local Knights of Columbus Chapter 1275 at the Annual Anthony Bartock Golf Outing. Springdale Golf Course once again hosted the event with eighty golfers participating. Profits from the event go to support Easter Seals, Fayette County Special Olympics and the local battered women's shelter.

Youth members are reminded that the NSS Youth Poetry Contest deadline is August 15th. Monetary prizes for first, second and third places. All receive a special t-shirt just for entering. Start writing today. Rules are in the recent issue of the "National News".

The NSS Museum is looking for volunteers for their "Septemberfest 2016" to be held at the NSS Home Office on Saturday, September 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Donate homemade baked goods. Slovak cooking and craft demonstrations, Slovak dancers, and Slovak food! If you have never been to the home office in McMurray, this is your chance.

Adults and youth, begin to gather your photos for the NSS Annual Photo Contest. The deadline is Saturday, October 1st. Rules are in the NSS Magazine and on the NSS website. You could be a winner!

For those that like to plan ahead: our annual Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 4th starting at 2:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus fellowship hall. Once again, we will be chancing off at large screen HD TV along with a Chinese Auction for the PVR Scholarship Fund and numerous door prizes. Mark your calendar for fun and fraternalism.

The next meeting of the Assembly will be on Sunday, September 11th at the community room at the Eat n' Park Restaurant in Uniontown. Come for a free dinner at 6:00 p.m. Members of the "Stuffers Club" will also be joining us at the meeting.

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John Payerchin

ASSEMBLY R059 Whitehall, PA

NSS Assembly R059 will hold the following meetings during 2016 -Date/Time: August 21, 2016, 3:00 p.m. Place: Keysock's House Call (610) 865-1721 for directions Date/Time: September 25, 2016, after Hot Dog Luncheon following Divine Liturgy

Place: St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Event: Hot Dog Luncheon Fundraiser to benefit the Lehigh County of Churches Soup Kitchen- Call (610) 866-6057 for directions.

> Nancy A Sabol Secretary

ASSEMBLY 070/C070 Brooklyn, OH

A Pot Luck Dinner and meeting will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016 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 123 Coraopolis, PA

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Just a few quick reminders, do we have any young poets in our assembly? If so, get your poem in by August 15th. Poetry is a unique way to express yourself and will help you with the use of language.

The Region 5, of which our assembly is a part, has scheduled the Annual Picnic for Sunday, August 21st at noon at Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion #16. Cedar Creek Park is right off Route 51S in Rostraver Twp. The Park is very nice

and there will be plenty of good food. All of our members are welcome. Just call the Home Office 724-731-0094 and tell Pam Blum how many will be attending.

Congratulations to members Louis President Boettner and Pamela Geocondi for taking part in the Fitness Matters Program. Keep up the good work.

> If you are planning to take the Molly's Trolley Tour of Pittsburgh on Sunday, September 11th please call Mary Maniecki 412-264-3546 before the end of August. The tour starts at noon at Station Square, goes to the North Shore, Downtown, Strip District, and Oakland. The tour also includes a ride on the Incline. Cost of the tour to Assembly 123 members is \$10. After the tour we plan on having lunch at a restaurant in Station Square and having a short business meeting.

> Our assembly is still looking for a few volunteers to help out at Septemberfest at the Home Office in McMurray on Saturday, September 24th. If you would like to help out, call Sue Ondrejco at 412-421-1204 for details.

Writing this just a few days after the tragedy in Dallas, I'm not sure that as a society, I mean our U.S. society as a whole has enough respect for the law or life. Perhaps I'm wrong. While I have great respect for the environment and animals, I believe a far greater concern should be for human life. August 26th is the anniversary of Mother Theresa's birth and she taught us through example to respect life from the womb to the tomb.

> Bill Knoll President

ASSEMBLY 377 Bentleyville, PA

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Our bowling party and meeting will be held on August 28th, 2016 at the Meadows Casino in Washington, PA at 3:00 p.m. We will meet in the private room at the bowling alley. Our agenda for the meeting will be discussing fraternal activities for the year end. Afterwards we will have a luncheon and bowling, so be prepared for some good competition! I hope to see all our members attend. Please call me with any questions at 412-439-2795.

> Suzanne Skrypak President

ASSEMBLY 432 Fairview Park, OH

Mark your calendars for our future meetings: October 18th, and December 20th, 2016. The time and locations for the above will be announced in the future.

Our Annual Reverse Raffle will be held on February 25th, 2017.

Shawn Pytel Publicist

ASSEMBLY 554

Curwensville, PA

Our assembly will hold meetings in 2016 on Sunday's at 2:00 p.m.

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The following meetings are September 4th, October 2nd and November 13th, 2016. All meetings will be held at the residence of Jim Stricek, 135 McCullough Street, DuBois, PA.

For information and directions, call Jim at (814) 590-7021 or email at assembly 554@gmail.com.

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Jim Stricek Secretary

ASSEMBLY 586 Chicago, IL

Our next scheduled meeting is to be held at Hackney's in Palos Park, IL on Sunday, August 7th at 2:00 p.m.

If you have news of any of our 586 members you'd like printed in this paper, please email me at janetjet24@gmail.com.

Janet Tomaskovic Secretary

ASSEMBLY 617/C617 Ashley, PA

Knoebels Fraternal Day

Our assembly will have our Fraternal Event Day at Knoebels Amusement Park, Elysburg, PA on August 4, 2016 from 12 noon to closing. Our assembly will again offer a hoagie, water and park tickets to those members who attend. Everyone is asked to bring a snack, dessert, favorite nonalcoholic drink to share. We will display our Basket Raffle, which will be a Matching Fund to support our member, Rev. John Ostrowski at his mission church in El Salvador. The drawing will take place at our August 20th meeting. We will also have a 50/50 drawing to support the mission.

Reservations should have been in for your hoagie order. Please call Rose Mary Strish at 570-825-3681 and get the pavilion number since it has changed.

Post Knoebles meeting will be held on August 20, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA. RSVP by calling Rose Mary Strish by August 15, 2016.

> Rose Mary Strish President



ASSEMBLY 617 Ashley, PA

Matching Fund

Our assembly will sponsor a Basket Raffle and 50/50 Drawing from July 25 to August 15, 2016 as our Matching Fund Project for this year. The money raised will be used to support the missions in El Salvador. Our assembly member, Rev. John Ostrowski, is the pastor of the San Pedro Parish in Teatepeque, El Salvador. He is serving through the Cleveland Diocese Latin American Mission Team. The Basket Raffle will be at Knoebels Fraternal Picnic on August 4 and the drawing will be at our Post Knoebel's meeting August 20 at the Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA.

Father John and his many volunteers from Cleveland have been building concrete houses for the most needy and hope to build an extension on their school. The people may be poor in material things, but Father John is proud of their strong faith. Hopefully we can make a generous donation to the mission.

> Rose Mary Strish Secretary

ASSEMBLY 731 Lowellville, OH

Assembly 731 will sponsor a **Scavenger Hunt** on Thursday, September 1st at the Canfield Fair in Mahoning County, Ohio. Assembly youth are encouraged to get a team of 4 youth plus one adult to locate items from a list that they can get at the Fox campsite (A-102) any-time after 12:00 noon. Items can be found throughout the Fairgrounds during the day and can be brought back to the Fox site at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments and prizes.

Our annual **Halloween Hayride** will be held on Saturday, October 22nd, at Countryside Farms, 4684 Center Rd., Lowellville, Oh. We will gather at the pavilion between 5:00 & 5:30 p.m. with plans to board the hay wagon at 5:30 for a trip to the pumpkin patch to pick our own pumpkins. When we return to the pavilion, we will enjoy refreshments, games and a bonfire. Please RSVP to Laurie Fox at 330-536-8850 by October 15th.

Following a business meeting at the Poland Christian Church, 6248 Struthers Rd in Lowellville, Ohio on Sunday, November 6th, at 2:00 p.m., we will provide craft items to make ornaments for the **NSS Ornament contest**. We're planning to show a Christmas movie that we're sure the entire family will enjoy to get them into the Christmas Spirit while working on ornaments. Refreshments will be served.

Our Christmas Party is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2016, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Lowellville Rod & Gun Club, 6225 Quarry Rd., Lowellville, OH. Details will be announced at a later date. We will feature our youth on stage as they perform singing, dancing, and/or a Christmas Skit. We are in the process of encouraging our youth to share their special talents. In addition to the stage entertainment, Santa will pay a visit with a gift for each child. Each family is asked to bring blankets, sheets, towels, hats, gloves, or coats that will benefit the Mahoning Valley Rescue Mission in their efforts to help the homeless this winter.

> Laurie Fox President

ASSEMBLY 737 Westmoreland City, PA

Our next meeting will be held on August 21, 2016 preceding the Region 5 picnic. All assembly business will be discussed at this time. Come to the meeting and have an enjoyable day at

> **Carol Godor** Treasurer

REGION 2 Hazleton, PA

the picnic.

A Luncheon/Meeting will be held at the Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA, on August 20, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.

Members from Assembly 617, L075 and 146 are urged to attend to discuss happenings in each of our assemblies and get updates on the society's news, including the Septemberfest.

RSVP by August 16th by calling Rose Mary Strish at 570-825-3681.

> **Rose Mary Strish** Secretary

REGION 5

Pittsburgh, PA

Our annual picnic will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at Cedar Creek Park, Westmoreland County, Pa. Pavilion #16.

All activities will start at 12 Noon. Bring the family and enjoy a day of socializing and true fraternalism.

Linda Strom Secretary



REGION 8 Cleveland, OH

Regional Hayride

Fall will soon be fast approaching and Region #8 will be having their 2nd Annual Regional Hayride!

DATE: October 1, 2016

TIME: Noon to 5:00 p.m. PLACE: Richardson Farms

Lafavette Road

Medina, Ohio 44256

COST: Adult Members \$9.00 Adult Non Members \$10.00

Ages 6 to 16 Members \$8.00

Ages 6 to 16 Non Members \$9.00 Under 6 - FREE

We will have a pavilion, food, cornhole, and if the little ones want they can wear their Halloween costumes! During the hayride, each wagon will stop, so you can pick your very own pumpkin!

We are requesting that assembly members bring desserts.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE by calling either John Karkosiak at 216-741-6990 or Carole Koches at 440-238-8287 NO LATER THAN SEP-TEMBER 23. 2016 !!!!

Let's make this a great fall celebration for Region #8.

> **Carole Koches Recording Secretary**



Miniature Golf Tournament





Well, our 12th Annual Miniature Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, June 26th and thankfully the rain did not show itself and allowed us to finish the event. It did start to warm up the last few holes, and approximately 20 people did participate in the event. They did improve some holes, but mistakes caused higher scores than expected. Because of the low turnout this year the winners list was also low.

For the Men:

Ken Ducansky-1st place Sam Gullatta – 2nd place tie Bob Sir Louis – 2nd place tie For the Women:

> Lauren Hayek – 1st place Marilyn Genedick – 2nd place Jan Leczner – 3rd place tie Sandy Walker – 3rd place tie

After finishing the tournament, all were treated to an ice cream cone, while the scores were tabulated and rechecked! Everyone then went to the lounge/restaurant in the back for food and refreshments while watching the Indians defeat Detroit on TV. The winners were then announced and prizes given out amongst congratulations by all participants in attendance.

I wish to thank all that participated in this event, and after a 12 year run, I hope to turn this event over to Bob Sir Louis for next year. He has done a great job as Secretary of our Bowling League so I am confident the Miniature Golf Tournament will also be in good hands. **Dick Topola**

Event Chairman

Assembly 813 News

Members of Assembly 813, Englewood, FL recently enjoyed their annual swim party and picnic at the home of Mary Jo Holker. Good summer fare was enjoyed by all, with the desserts being red velvet cake and chocolate cake to mark the birthdays of Blaze Farrell (16) and Jo Holker (significantly older).

Blaze was also recognized as the 2016 Youth Fraternalist, which came as a surprise to him since he had been in Costa Rica and hadn't been home to receive the news. The men were declared winners in the spirited pool volleyball games. A good fraternal time was had by all.

The next fraternal event will be a mini golf tournament on September 25th at Adventure Golf. Please let us know if you will be coming by calling me at 941-473-0559.

Mary Jo Holker Secretary



Postage Stamp Photo



On April 17, 2016, Christopher Samek, an 8th grade honors student at North American Martyrs Catholic School, was awarded a Carson Scholarship based on his academic performance,

volunteering and a written essay about a person you would nominate to be placed on a postage stamp. Christopher chose his Great Aunt, Ann Nowak, who is president of Assembly 105. The banquet was held at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh, PA. Awards were presented to each winner by Dr. and Mrs. Ben Carson.

Christopher is also a member of Assembly 105. He is active in baseball and plays the trumpet in the school band. For the past few years, he has advanced to playing in the Pittsburgh Diocesan Honors Band. Christopher plans to attend Central Catholic High School in the Fall.



I have been an employee of NSS Life for 10 years. During that time I have had a variety of duties starting with PT Receptionist for one year and then a FT Premium Associate for nine years.

Exceptional personalized customer service is one of our primary goals. We focus on answering all questions daily and helping our members understand their investments.

Some of my duties include: applying

all deposits to to annuities, premium payments, and PVR donations; sending confirmation letters for deposits over \$500, processing loans, completing dividend requests; sending billing statements, and answering phone calls pertaining to these functions.

My terrific husband and I celebrated our 47th anniversary this year. We have been blessed with three wonderful children and two son-in-laws, and four fantastic grandchildren whom we love with all our hearts. Family is what our lives are all about!

This may be the reason why I enjoy working at NSS Life where "Family Matters."

Great News from PVR Recipient



Assembly 586 has had great news of one of our previous PVR Scholarship winners, Victoria Shipbaugh. On May 14 Victoria received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business with a major in Accounting from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She is currently employed at prestigious KPMG in Chicago and is studying for the CPA exam. Good luck and success in all of your endeavors, Tori, from all of your fellow 586ers!







SEPTEMBERFEST 2016

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Presented by the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum

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

This has been a very successful event over the last 4 years. This year will mark our 5th 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 experience the best of all.

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

Be a Sponsor —help defray cost of demonstration supplies, entertainment, paper products etc.. \$100...Gold \$50....Silver \$25.....Bronze

Vendor spaces are available although limited. For more information please contact Sue Ondrejco at (412) 421-1204. Send your donation to: NSSHM 351 Valley Brook Rd McMurray, PA 15317

Slovak cooking & craft demonstrations Slovak Dance Performances Slovak food, vendors and more!

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The Mayerland Mystery

This mystery, unsolved to date, concerns the tragic death of Crown Prince Rudolf of Austria and his mistress Baroness Marie Vetsera.

On January 30, 1889, the couple was found dead at the royal hunting lodge in Mayerling. Rudolf was the only son and crown prince of Emperor Franz Joseph I and Empress Elizabeth the beloved "Sissi" of the Slovaks. Rudolf married Princess Stephanie of Belgium in 1881. It was a prearranged marriage and the couple really had nothing in common. Elizabeth considered Stephanie a plain Bumpkin. Rudolf met the baroness in 1888 and by 1889, all knew of their affair. It was thought Marie was pregnant and the emperor ordered an abrupt end to the affair. Within a few days the couples bodies were found at Mayerling. The theory most accepted was that the deaths were a lover's pact with Rudolf shooting Marie then killing himself because they could not bear life without

each other. Another widely believed theory was the couple were victims of political motives devised by the French Prime Minister Clemenceau, who intended to over throw Franz Joseph and place the Germanophobe Rudolf on the throne. Rudolf refused to take part in the conspiracy and was eliminated. This theory is supported by facts discovered 50 years later in that their bodies were examined and there was no evidence of gunshot wounds in either person but rather large traumas were discovered. The tragic deaths caused an immediate crisis of succession to the throne. To cover up this affair the court ruled Rudolf died of heart failure. Poor Stephanie was isolated even more from the Viennese Court coupled with her bad relationship with her father Leopold II of Belgium, remarried Elemar Lonyay, a low ranking Hungarian Count, and settled in Rusovce Slovakia. Rusovce has been part of Slovakia since the 1947 Treaty of Paris. By Donald Kolecky, Sr.

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* 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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Básnický pozdrav Slovensku

Kto si rád spomina na rodný kraj (slovensko) tu uvádzame krásnu báseň od Peter Bella, ktorý v mladom veku prispieval svojimi člankami do naších Národných Novín.

Aká si mi krásna, ty rodná zem moja! Krásne i tie hory, kol teba čo stoja; Krásne i to nebo nad tými horami: žehnám ta, vítam ta, vďačnými slzami.

(nap. Peter Bella)

"Septemberfest 2016" 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 cieľ a 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 24 septembra tu v našou múzeu. V múzeu sa budete môct pokochať aj "**krásnemu rezbárskemu dielu**" ktoré má vyše 80 mechanických pohybov.



Richard Varga (Triathlon); Barbora Mokosva (Gymnastics); Danka Bartekova(Skeet Shooting); Matej Toth (Track...Walking Race); Peter Gelle (Canocing); Marcel Lomnicky (Hammer Throw); Martina Hrasnova (Hammer Throw); Erik Varga (Shotgun Trap Shooting)

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

Naši krajania 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.





Ozaj krása, a hrdosť nášmu múzeu.

Počas septembrového festivalu sa bude podávať i jedlo ako haluški, palačinky, gulaš atď. Tiež pre pritomných bude i zábava slovenským folklórom—tancom a spevom, a možno poniektorý z Vás si zakúpia i suveniri. Vstupné zdarma.

Rezervujte si dátum a dovidenia na 24 septembra.

52 Slovenských Športovcov ide na olympiádu do Ria.

BRATISLAVA. Slovenský olympijský výbor (SOV) na svojom 50. valnom zhromaždení schválil zloženie výpravy na olympijské hry 2016 do Ria de Janeiro (5.-21. augusta). Slovensko bude v Brazílii reprezentovať minimálne 52 športovcov v 14 odvetviach, pričom ešte ďalší môžu získať miestenky.

V hre sú ešte ďalší atléti, ktorých kvalifikačný proces sa končí až 11. júla a do 14. sa budú prerozdeľovať voľné miestenky. Šancu majú aj siedmi plavci s B-limitmi, o ich zaradení na hry by mala rozhodnúť Medzinárodná plavecká federácia.

Vedenie SOV tak má možnosť ešte dodatočne schváliť ďalších členov výpravy.

Menovité prihlášky odošle organizátorom 18. júla, pričom o päť dní neskôr sa športovci zídu na Bratislavskom hrade, kde zložia sľub do rúk prezidenta SR Andreja Kisku

Želame im vel'a úspechov.

TASR - Michal Svítok Sport.Inak

NSS YOUTH AMBASSADORS NEWS & UPDATES



National Volunteer Event: Blessings in a Backpack

Blessings in a Backpack mobilizes communities, individuals, and resources to provide food on the weekends for elementary school children across America who might otherwise go hungry. The NSS Ambassadors Team will be fundingraising for/starting programs around the country. Those interested in participating are urged to email us today (ambassadors@nsslife.org) so that we can get you involved in your community.



Race to 100!

Now through the end of summer, we need your help recruiting leaders ages 13-30 to join our team! Invite your friends and family to events and share our post on your social media platforms to encourage others to become an NSS Ambassador! Let's get to 100 members by the end of September! Not a NSS youth Ambassador yet? Sign-up today at http://nsslife.org/fraternal-programs/ nss-ambassadors/.



Ambassador Spotlight



Name: Michael Stumpf | Age: 21 | City, State: Erie, PA

Favorite Book: The Simmarillion

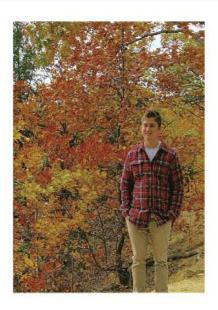
Favorite Movie: It's Kind of a Funny Story

Hobbies: Biking, Painting, Drawing, Running, Coding

Cause he is passionate about: Education. I believe knowledge is power and everyone should have the right to a good education.

What are your plans once you graduate college? I want to get a job in embedded or software engineering.

What are you looking forward to most in becoming an NSS Ambassador? To give back to younger students. I'd love to help younger people learn from my mistakes.





Cameron Mason - Assembly C731 1st Place Picasso Level



Jacob Ostrowski - Assembly C617 2nd Place Rembrandt Level



Joseph Ferary - Assembly C774 3rd Place Michelangelo Level



Carson Bernardo - Assembly C588 2nd Place Picasso Level

Portrait

Emily Paquet - Assembly C588

3rd Place Rembrandt Level



Cooper Lavin - Assembly C434 3rd Place Picasso Level



Chloe Woods - Assembly C434 1st Place Rembrandt Level



Benjamin Ostrowski - Assembly C617 2nd Place Michelangelo Level



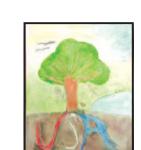
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Allie Lazar - Assembly C075 Poster Picasso Level



Leah Skovira - Assembly C004 Greeting Card Picasso Level



Mariah Jeffrey - Assembly C123

1st Place Van Gogh Level

Gaoshayne Thao - Assembly C774 Poster Rembrandt Level



Benjamin Ostrowski - Assembly C617 Poster Michelangelo Level



Clayton Coble - Assembly C554 Poster Van Gogh Level



Emily Paquet - Assembly C588 Greeting Card Rembrandt Level

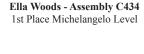


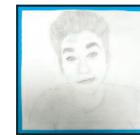
Ella Woods - Assembly C434 Greeting Card Michelangelo Level



Charles Boone - Assembly C161 Greeting Card Van Gogh Level







Sarah Delien - Assembly C434 2nd Place Van Gogh Level

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