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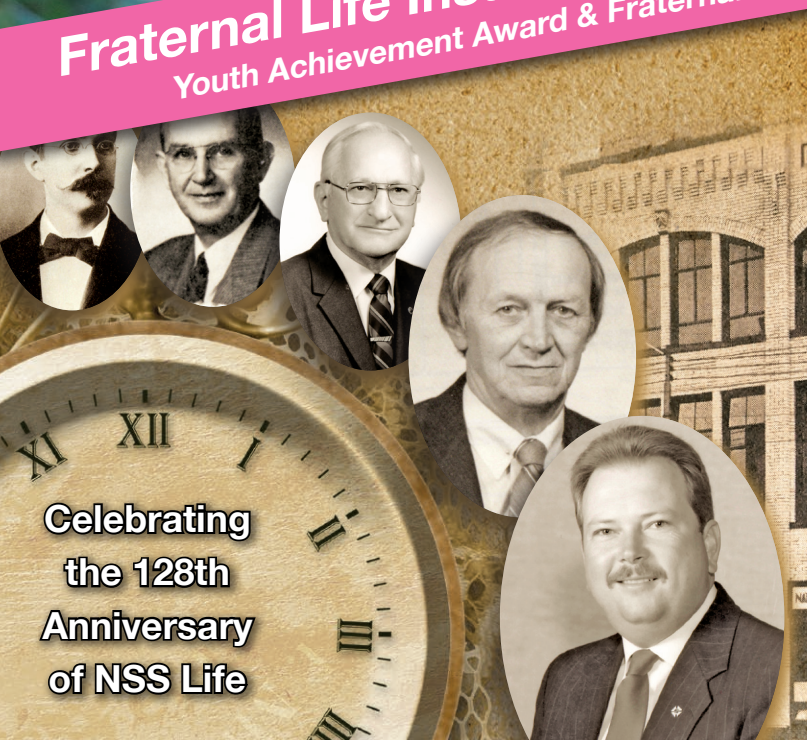
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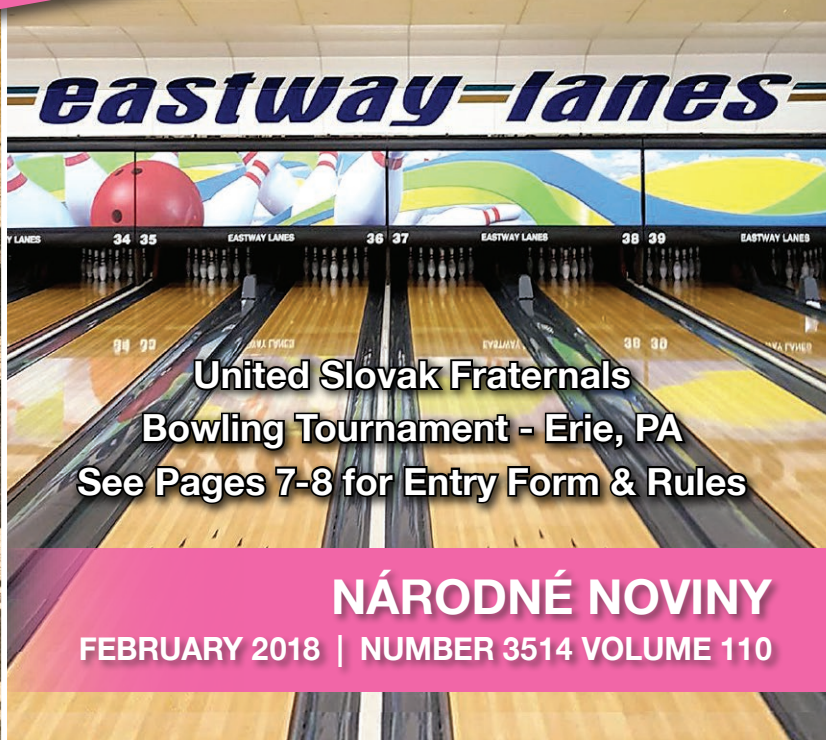
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Activities At A Glance

REGION 2

February 10
February 15
April 15
October 14

Assemblies L075, 0617

Region 2, Meeting, Perkins Restaurant, Pittston, PA at 12:30 pm
Assembly 0617, Meeting, Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA at 3:00 pm
Assembly L075, Meeting, Grande's Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 2:00 pm
Assembly L075, Meeting, Grande's Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 2:00 pm

REGION 5

February 7
February 11
February 25
March 2
March 3
March 5
March 6
March 12
March 18
March 25
May 6
June 10
September 10
October 28
December 2
December 3

Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0737, 0774

Assembly L161, Meeting, Eat'n Park, Homestead, PA at 7:00 pm
Assembly 0377, Meeting, Kings Restaurant, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm
Assembly 0123, Fun Day, Eat'n Park, Robinson Park, PA at 1:00 pm
Winter Board Meeting, 9:00 am
Assembly 0737, Meeting, Carol Godor's residence, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0588, Meeting, Panera Bread, Pittsburgh, PA at 6:30 pm
Assembly 0774, Delegate Election Meeting, Home Office, McMurray, PA at 9:00 am
Assembly 0039, Meeting, Eat'n Park Community Room at 6:00 pm
Region 5 Convention Delegate Election Meeting, Home Office, McMurray, PA at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0377, Meeting/Bowling, Tan O'Belle Lanes, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm
Assembly 0377, Meeting, Hibachi Buffet, Belle Vernon, PA at 3:00 pm
Assembly 0039, Summer Barbeque, Knights of Columbus Picnic Shelter at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0039, Meeting, Eat'n Park Community Room at 6:00 pm
Assembly 0377, Halloween Party, Time/Place to be announced
Assembly 0377, Holiday Party, Time/Place to be announced
Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Knights of Columbus Hall, Uniontown, PA at 2:00 pm

REGION 8

February 11
February 20
February 20
February 24
March 18
April 8

Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595

Assembly 0432, Tobogganing, Strongsville Chalet, Strongsville, OH at 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Assembly 0432, Meeting, Beno's residence, Lakewood, OH at 7:30 pm
Assembly 0160, Meeting, Slovak Club, Lorain, OH at 7:00 pm
Assembly 0432, Reverse Raffle, Tony K's, Berea, OH at 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Assembly 0070, Meeting, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 12:00
Assembly 0004, Scotch Doubles (Time/Place to be announced)

REGION 14

Assemblies R059, L102

No activities at this time

REGION 15

March 7

Assemblies L002, 0028

Assembly L002, Meeting, Marticek's residence, Stratford, CT at 7:30 pm

AT LARGE

February 4
February 11
February 25
March 4
March 11
April 1
September 2
November 4

Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0731, 0800, 0813

Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm
Assembly R019, Meeting, at 12:00 Noon (Place to be announced)
Assembly 0813, Meeting, Farrell's residence, Englewood, FL at 2:00 pm
Assembly 0110, Meeting, Time/Place to be announced
Assembly 0731, Meeting, Fox's residence, Lowellville, OH at 2:00 pm
Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA (TBA)
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From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC
President, CEO

Greetings to each and every member as we endure the winter months of 2018.

February is a special month for the National Slovak Society as we will begin our 128th year of existence as a Fraternal Benefit Society on February 16, 2018. 127 years ago on this date, Peter V. Rovnianek called to order the organizational meeting of the proposed National Slovak Society. Other delegates in attendance at this historical gathering were Reverend Ludovik Novomesky of Freedland, PA, Stefan Oravec from Hazelton, PA, Jan Rybar from Homestead PA, Anton Ambrose from Plymouth, PA and John Miller from Cleveland, OH. Speaking about John Miller, we recently received a packet of information from John's grandson, Larry Paule with information about the Miller family and John's involvement in the National Slovak Society.

Our Society has come a long way since the charter meeting, in growth of members and assets, but we have held firm in the principles the Society was founded upon. These principles were based upon the ideals of the United States Declaration of Independence, the French Rights of Man and traditional Slovak nationalism. The Society adopted the slogan "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity with the motto of "One for All, All for One" which we still hold dear today.

We have updated our Mission statement to read: To provide our fraternal family with a sustainable measure of financial security via life and annuity products; while offering charitable, cultural, social and educational opportunities that benefit our members and their

communities. We have also adopted the slogan "Family Matters" which is more than just a slogan, but also who we are and how we operate to help benefit our members.

From that first convention when donations were made and the society's assets were a mere \$200.00, we have grown to have approximately \$1.1 billion in assets.



I join you, the membership, in wishing a Happy 128th Birthday to our National Slovak Society. Since I assumed the duties of President, these past 24 plus years have flown by. Each and everyday is a learning experience but one of the most important things I've learned is that the everyday operation of the society is being handled by very capable people. Our office staff is very knowledgeable and ready to assist you, our members, in any needs you may have.

"The above is the same article I wrote in February of 1994 with changes in dollar numbers and years and an updated Mission Statement and slogan."

News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Mary Lou, Tony and Philip Chojnicki, and also to Linda Beno, Adalyn Bernardo, Maureen and Bob O'Neill, daughter Danielle Lavin and grandson Cooper Lavin.

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Veronica and Cliff (puddin') Moeller, and Helen and Dominick Sokolovic and to all other Narodniars celebrating in February.

Wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Annette Stefka and to Steve Day; and to all other members who have been ill or are recovering from any illness.

Punography Of The Month:

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

PROCLAIMING THE XXXVII REGULAR CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL SLOVAK SOCIETY OF THE USA

To all members of the Subordinate Assemblies, Regions, Board of Directors, Executive Officers and Honorary Officers, respectively submit that in compliance with Article 4, Section 1 of the current By-laws, I hereby proclaim the:

XXXVII Regular Convention
to be convened on
Sunday, June 24th, 2018 - 7:00PM
Hershey Lodge & Convention Center
Hershey, Pennsylvania

David G Blazek, FIC
President/CEO

37th Convention Announced

As you read in the January issue the 37th Quadrennial Convention has been announced. The time between now and the start of the convention on June 24th will pass quickly. Plan to have your assembly meeting soon to elect your delegates. The sooner the delegates are named, the sooner the pre-convention committees can be assigned. Also regarding the convention, each assembly and region will be receiving advertising forms for greetings to the convention to be published in the Pamatnica, the souvenir Convention Journal. Please send these forms in as soon as possible.

Also don't forget about our membership campaign that is in progress. It's not too late to get started. What better way to start the New Year than by recommending new members for their insurance protection and have an opportunity to make a few dollars and be entered in the drawing for larger monetary prizes. Details of the campaign are in this issue. Remember the campaign runs until **May 31, 2018**. Don't be left out.

Fraternal Matters...

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



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.

~~ Charles M Schulz

Congratulations... Slovak Wreath Search

Congratulations to the following members who were the first 5 people to correctly complete the Slovak Word Search in last month magazine:

Annette Stefka...Assembly 0588
Felicia Bittcher...Assembly L105
Cherylyn Testa...Assembly L105
Roseanne Jones...Assembly L102
Mike Yeager...Assembly 0073

Count Down to Convention....

Starting this month and continuing until June, each month we will have some type of activity. The first (5) members to respond correctly each month will have their name submitted for a drawing that will be held at the 37th Quadrennial Convention in Hershey PA. The winner need NOT be present to win.

This month is our version of "Where's Waldo" but we're calling it "Where's Reese's". Somewhere in this publication is a hidden Reese's Cup. The first 5 people responding with the correct location will have their name entered into the drawing. You may respond by email (fastest way) at blum@nsslife.org or by calling the Home Office 724-731-0094. **GOOD LUCK**

Note: Officers, Board Members, Employees and their immediate families ARE NOT eligible.

PVR Scholarships

Attention 2018 Graduating Seniors.

NSS is accepting requests for applications for the PVR Scholarships. The scholarship is for \$2,000 payable in \$500 installments over four years. Below are the guidelines that you must meet in order to be eligible.

The student must be a member of the National Slovak Society (NSS) for a minimum of two (2) years prior to receiving a PVR Scholarship Grant. Membership will be verified by the Home Office.

The minimum amount of insurance required for eligibility is \$10,000.00 of **PERMANENT** life insurance or 5,000.00 of **annuity deposits**. The insurance must be in force at time of application and be maintained throughout the scholarship period.

Please contact me, Pam Blum, at 724-731-0094 or email me at pblum@nsslife.org to see if you qualify to request an application. Deadline for Applications is **May 1, 2018**.

2018 Fraternalist of the Year

As a fraternal benefit society our mission calls us to "reach out to touch lives" in concern for those in need around us through our families, churches and communities. The purpose of this award is to recognize those members of the NSS that have gone that "extra mile" in volunteer fraternal services (i.e. meals on wheels, hospital work, visiting shut-ins, etc.). We are encouraging **all assemblies** and for the NSS membership to nominate a fellow member who is deserving of consideration for this award. Please contact the Home Office or visit our web site at www.nsslife.org under "Forms" click on "Fraternal".

2018 NSS Youth Achievement Award

In 1998 The National Assembly voted to establish a "Youth Achievement Award" that is similar to our "Fraternalist of the Year Award" for adults. The

contest is open to all NSS Youth Members under the age of 21. The award is directed at youth who do outstanding fraternal work in one of the following areas: School/work, community, church and their local assembly. If you know of a youth member who is deserving of consideration for this award please contact the Home Office or visit our web site at www.nsslife.org under "Forms" click on "Fraternal".

2018 United Slovak Fraternalists Bowling Tournament

This year's tournament will be held April 20 & 21, 2018 at the Eastway Lanes, Erie, PA. Hotel accommodations will be provided by the Courtyard by Marriott, Erie, PA.

Please see the entry form and rules elsewhere in this publication. It is sure to be a weekend of fun and fraternalism!!

2018 National Golf Tournament

The 2018 National Golf Tournament will be held July 13-15, 201 at Tam O'Shanter Golf Club located in Hermitage, PA with accommodations at Park Inn by Radisson. Would you like to get on my mailing list for updates? Email me at pblum@nsslife.org and get your name added!

2018 Board Meeting Schedule

March 2 -----	Spring Meeting
June 22/23 -----	Hershey
August 25 -----	Teleconference
November 10/11 --	Home Office

Christmas Ornament Contest Winners



Jackson Ghaly
Assembly C123
Frosty Group - Ages 5-7



Greg Felton
Assembly C434
Rudolph Group - Ages 8-10



Ethan Knotts
Assembly C595
Snowflake Group - Ages 11-13



Jerzey Coble
Assembly C554
Santa Group - Ages 14-16



Lucy Piccoletti
Assembly L075
Adult Members - 1st Place



Maggie Semego
Assembly 108
Adult Members - 2nd Place



Sharon Wesnak
Assembly L102
Adult Members - 3rd Place

2018 CONVENTION CAMPAIGN

Here is an exciting opportunity for you to help NSS while earning some extra cash. Here is our pre-convention contest for all recommenders and fraternal agents only to celebrate our 2018 Quadrennial Convention in Hershey, PA.

From **December 1, 2017** through **May 31, 2018 (6 months)** every eligible recommender or application written will earn you prize chances. NSS will award four prizes: one for the person with the most recommenders or applications. Then three random prize winners will be chosen by drawing at the convention. You earn one chance for the first recommender/app, two for the second one, three for the third, and so on. (i.e. 5 recommenders would get you 15 chances)

So the more recommenders/applications you submit the greater the number of chances you will have to earn a prize:

1st Prize\$500
2nd, 3rd & 4th Prize.....\$250 per person

Only one convention campaign prize per person. To submit fill out the Recommender form on the back cover of this newsletter. Winners need not be present.

All eligible recommenders will receive \$25 (\$10 on youth term apps). This is a great time to share your NSS experiences with family and friends. Good luck to you!

Entry Fees – Members
 Prize Fee\$7.00
 Bowling Fee (3games).....\$9.00
 Tournament Fee.....\$3.00
Total Each Event\$19.00

Entry Fees – Non-Members
 Prize Fee\$14.00
 Bowling Fee (3games).....\$9.00
 Tournament Fee.....\$3.00
Total Each Event.....\$26.00

Optional Events
 All Events\$3.00
 Senior Singles Event (60+)\$5.00

Social Fees
 Member.....FREE
 Non-Member\$30.00
 Total Included.....\$_____

Mail Entry Fee Payable to:
NSS Life
 Mail to: **NSS Life**
 c/o Rudy Ondrejco
 234 Ilion St
 Pittsburgh PA 15207

BOWLING ENTRY BLANK

Please Read Carefully

The 7th Annual United Slovak Fraternal's

Men's and Women's

Tenpin Handicap Bowling Tournament

Hosted by First Catholic Slovak Union and
 National Slovak Society
 A/k/a the United Slovak Fraternal's

Eastway Lanes
Buffalo Road, Erie, PA

Requests - Please circle choice times		
Event	Date	2nd Choice
TEAM		
DOUBLES & SINGLES		

2018
 April 20 - 21, 2018
 Entries Close
 March 2, 2018

Team Name: _____
 League: _____
 City: _____
 Captain Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____

All Events (X)	Attend Social (X)	CORRECT TEAM LINEUP (Print or Type)	HIGHEST AVERAGE	USBC NO.	ADDRESS	CERT./POLICY NO. MUST BE FILLED IN	BRANCH/ ASSM NO.
		1.					
		2.					
		3.					
		4.					
Singles (X)	Attend Social (X)	TWO-MAN EVENT (Print or Type Full Names)	HIGHEST AVERAGE	Seniors (X)			
		1.			Friday, April 20 Registration 6:30 PM Bowlers: 7:30 PM Team Events	ALL BOWLING AND ENTRY FEES MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM	FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH COMPLETE INFORMATION
		2.			Saturday, April 21 Bowlers: Events 8:30 AM 12:30 PM	1st Doubles/Singles 2nd Doubles/Singles	INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO TEAM CAPTAIN AND MUST BE RESUBMITTED
		1.					
		2.					

Substitutes **must** bowl in the position vacated by the original entrant as per USBC.

The Men's and Women's 7th Annual United Slovak Fraternal's Tenpin Handicap Bowling Tournament

This event is being sponsored by the First Catholic Slovak Union and the National Slovak Society for the purpose of promoting fraternalism and good sportsmanship, and to generate nationwide interest in the Slovak fraternal organizations. The National Officers of the First Catholic Slovak Union and the National Slovak Society wish to extend to all members a cordial invitation to the Host City, Erie, PA, in this tournament.

The 7th Annual United Slovak Fraternal's Handicap Tenpin Bowling Tournament will be held at Eastway Lanes, 4110 Buffalo Rd., Erie, Pennsylvania. The tournament will be held April 20-21, 2018. Opening Ceremonies will be held on Friday, April 20, at 7:15 PM.

ENTRIES WILL CLOSE MIDNIGHT MARCH 2, 2018. PLEASE NOTE: ALL FORMS MUST BE FILLED IN COMPLETELY. ENTRY FEES, AS STATED ON THE FRONT OF THIS ENTRY BLANK, MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ENTRY. ALL INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO TEAM CAPTAIN FOR RESUBMISSION.

In submitting this entry, the captain and the team members agree to forfeit all rights to prize money as well as the total entry fees in the event that any information listed herein should be found to be false. We are not responsible for errors in averages made in filling out this entry form. No refunds of tournament entry fee.

USBC Bowling Rules shall govern in all matters concerning the actual play on the lanes in this Tournament.

ELIGIBILITY: This Tournament is open to all First Catholic Slovak Union and National Slovak Society male and female bonafide MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. All winners will be checked before any prize money is awarded. Only members with USBC Membership Cards will be eligible for the USBC special awards in this USBC Certified Tournament. Bowlers without USBC Membership Cards may purchase some from the Tournament Committee at current local fees prior to actual participation in this Tournament.

CONSENT RULES: Any unmarried grade or high school student who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) must have written consent of his/her parents or guardian in order to participate in USBC Certified Tournament where cash or merchandise prizes are offered. Said written consent must be on a form approved by United States Bowling Congress and must be on file with Tournament Committee at least one week before the bowler is eligible for tournament competition unless the student is accompanied by his/her parents, in which case the parental consent form may be filed up to the time the student starts to bowl. USBC Rule No. 13

AVERAGES: All entrants will use their highest average of any USBC league of at least 21 games from the 2016-2017 season. Bowlers with no such average from the 2016-2017 season and with at least 21 games in the 2017-2018 season will use their current league average. This must be designated as such on entry form by his name and a league year-to-date statistics sheet must be presented to the Tournament Committee at the Tournament. Non-certified bowlers, with no certified league average, that have bowled in previous FCSU or NSS tournaments will have their averages calculated from their three most recent tournaments. All male bowlers with no established USBC average will bowl a 175 scratch. All female bowlers with no established USBC will bowl a 150 scratch. Summer league averages will be accepted.

Any contestant whose current average of at least 21 games as of January 1, 2018, is TEN (10) PINS or more above his or her average from previous season, must use his or her current average and will indicate this on the entry form at time of entry.

AVERAGE CHANGES: The original averages submitted on the Entry Blank cannot be changed prior to participation by anyone except the Team Captain, who must submit written proof thereof to the Tournament Committee. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his average in handicap or classified tournaments, whether originally submitted by the bowler, his team captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average shall disqualify score of submitted average if lower than actual average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the actual average. Corrections in averages can be made up to the completion of the first game of a series, or within 48 hours after completion of a series if the tournament manager prior to the completion of the first game of the series has given written consent to the bowler authorizing such extension of time to correct his average.

TEAMS: Mixed teams comprised of at least 1 person of the opposite gender are allowed. Mixed teams will be grouped with men's teams for prize distribution (see PRIZES), unless at least 21 mixed teams participate. If 21 or more mixed teams enter, a separate mixed prize fund will be established and one prize will be paid for every five (5) entries.

DOUBLES: Mixed doubles are allowed. Mixed doubles will be grouped with men's teams for prize distribution (see PRIZES), unless at least 21 mixed doubles participate. If 21 or more mixed doubles enter, a separate mixed prize fund will be established and one prize will be paid for every five (5) entries.

HANDICAPS: The handicap allowed will be 90% of the difference between 210 and the submitted average. The maximum handicap awarded to any bowler will be 65 pins. Under no circumstances will handicap be increased after participant has bowled.

PRIZES: MEN and WOMEN - One prize will be paid for every five (5) entries in each event, with the exception of All Events, which will pay one prize for every fifteen (15) entries. No duplicate prizes will be awarded and prize fees will be returned 100 percent. All prizes will be subject to the approval of the Tournament Committee. Any entrant who has qualified for a prize of \$300 or more in any event of a tournament in the 12-month period prior to entry, must report actual score, position, and amount won to tournament management at time of entry for possible rerating.

LINE-UP CHANGES: All participants must bowl according to where they are listed on the submitted entry form. Any replacement of participants originally scheduled to bowl on team or doubles will take same position on team and doubles event.

ABSENTEES: To alleviate absentee problems, the Tournament Committee will provide a replacement bowler when notified of the absentee.

TARDY BOWLERS: Tardy Bowler will receive zero for each frame missed. USBC Rule 322

DELAY OF GAME: *No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game is permitted. If a player or team in a tournament refuses to proceed with the game after being directed to do so by a tournament official, the game or series shall be declared forfeited.*

SCORING: Errors in scoring or calculations must be presented to the Tournament Committee within 48 hours after completion of play. Captains of Teams or Doubles Partners have the option to pick up duplicate score sheets upon completion of play.

PVR Scholarship Fund Donations

In Memory of Paul J Godor:	
Assembly 737	500.00
In Memory of James Bailey:	
Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Walter Mohrbacher:	
Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Deceased Members:	
Assembly 0039	840.00
Donations:	
Assembly 737	300.00
Anonymous	1,000.00
Louis & Sharon Slovensky	150.00
Assembly 0070	50.00
Matching Funds	
From Assembly 0070:	50.00
Assembly 0588	250.00
Matching Funds:	
From Assembly 0588	250.00



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

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

December, 2017

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Ball, Anne	Deerfield Beach, FL	10/26/2017	0813
Balsler, Mark	Beaver, PA	09/25/2017	0123
Bartos, Carol	North Olmsted, OH	11/11/2017	0004
Beiser, Doris	Saginaw, MI	10/11/2017	0381
Bergmann, Jo A	Bay City, MI	10/21/2017	0381
Boruch, John	Saltsburg, PA	11/20/2017	0737
Bruckner, Sandra	College Park, MD	09/06/2017	0377
Burke, Gloria	Shady Shores, TX	11/29/2017	0774
Caldwell, Cynthia B	Dane, WI	09/09/2017	0774
Campbell, Doris	Indiana, PA	11/02/2017	0774
Castiglioni, Rose	East Palestine, OH	10/04/2017	0731
Cecchini, Mildred	Burgettstown, PA	11/16/2017	0588
Coltman, Thomas	Williams Field, OH	10/05/2016	0731
Corp, Hulda	Powder Springs, GA	11/21/2017	0070
Craig, Donald J	Boyers, PA	10/06/2017	L161
Dalzell, L Ruth	Kittanning, PA	11/22/2017	L105
De Matteo, Ethelmae	Erie, PA	11/08/2017	0070
Denton, ViVian	St Petersburg, FL	10/27/2017	0813
De Viese, Evelyn	Marmet, WV	11/07/2017	0774
Downs, Teresa	Latrobe, PA	11/19/2017	0737
Ferik, Michael	Trumbull, CT	12/01/2017	L002
Forbes, Frank	Arcadia, CA	11/03/2017	0568
Frank, Charles	Rochester, PA	12/19/2017	0123
Gorden, Robert	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	12/09/2017	0800
Graham, James	Muncy, PA	11/16/2017	0617
Guzewicz, Agnes	North Versailles, PA	09/04/2017	0108
Harper, Virginia	Bronx, NY	11/08/2017	0110
Hulburt, Sandra	Johnstown, SC	12/03/2017	0774
Junkins, Paul	Shadyside, OH	12/20/2016	0160
Knudson, Jerry	Madison, PA	11/18/2017	0737
Krawczyk, Nadia	Waterbury, CT	11/02/2017	0028
Lake, Mary G	New Haven, IN	11/09/2017	0705
Maliniak, Catherine	Tamaqua, PA	01/27/2017	0774
Marconi, Helen	Poland, OH	11/11/2017	0731
Mateosky, Stanley	Lemont Furnace, PA	11/19/2017	0039
Matsook, Rose	Beaver Falls, PA	12/16/2017	0123
Mikula, Joseph V	Hammond, IN	07/31/2017	0586
Minich, Gladys	Union City, PA	10/09/2017	0554
Nicola, James D	Pittsburgh, PA	12/03/2017	L161
Ondrizek, Goldie	Strongtown, PA	10/20/2017	L105
Page, James E	Vancouver, WA	09/24/2017	0813
Picinotti, Anna	Charleroi, PA	11/10/2017	0377
Shekas, Darryl	Steubenville, OH	12/10/2017	P38A
Shock, Jean	Grantsville, WV	10/24/2017	0774
Signer, Rosemarie	Southborough, MA	10/15/2017	0568
Skariot Jr., Frank R	West Middletown, PA	12/05/2017	0588
Skodak, Mark E	Greensburg, PA	12/01/2017	0737
Stubblefield, Dolores	Pittsburgh, PA	12/01/2017	0123
Terrett, Doreen	Long Grove, IL	06/05/2016	0800
Underwood, Ina	Oak Hill, WV	11/09/2017	0774
Walder, Marcella	Aurora, OH	09/12/2017	0160
Woods, Peggy	Monroeville, PA	12/11/2017	L105
Zebrowski, Tessie	Bayonne, NJ	11/14/2017	0110

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By Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC
Sales Director



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You should have received an RMD letter from us by now. We send these out every January. Please don't wait until year end to make a decision. We want you to always be compliant with the rules. The IRS is clear on this point – it is your responsibility to take your RMD each year. The penalty for non-compliance is a 50% penalty.

Please return your form ASAP and we will set you up on an automatic basis. Should your situation change – you can make changes or adjustments to your withdrawals. Thank you.

The Gift

Now that the holidays are behind us we can get ready for the credit card bills to arrive. Shortly after that we can expect some of the nice gifts we bought especially for children to be broken, lost or forgotten.

Wouldn't it be great if one time the perfect gift could be found? Here is an idea – how about the gift of life insurance. Here is why this is a great choice – not just for the holiday but for birthdays, bar mitzvah, communion, graduation or any other day.

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Finally, NSS members are entitled to participate in our fraternal benefit program. This includes golf/ bowling tournaments, contests, publications, heritage museum and more. Younger

Thought for the Month

Law of Longevity – Focus on the things you can control; forget about those that you can't.

Leaders for the Year 2017



Nouchao Her

Our top **NEW MEMBER** producer for the year of 2017 is **Nouchao Her**. Nouchao recently relocated to 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**.



Rich Nulph

Our **TOP PREMIUM** producer for the year of 2017 is **Rich Nulph**. Rich and his wife, Linda live in Natrona Heights, Pa. Rich is the founder and president of Safety First Retirement LLC. His company was built to help families with safe retirement options as well as estate planning and Medicare products. Rich and Linda are blessed with 2 sons. Rich is also a part-time pastor. He serves at Light-house Fellowship in Sarver, PA.

"NSS Life has the best staff in the insurance business. They have done amazing things over the years to help my clients with incredible service," said Rich.

You can learn more about Rich and his team at **www.safety1stretirement.com** or find them on Facebook as well.

ASSEMBLY L002

Windsor, CT

A meeting will be held on **March 7, 2018** at the home of Thomas Marticek, 225 Bunnyview Drive, Stratford, CT, at 7:30 pm. Election of delegates to attend our 2018 National Convention in Hershey, PA (June 24 - 28, 2018) will be held. All members are welcome to attend.

Kristin Toman
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY R019

Buffalo, NY

Our assembly will hold a business meeting on Sunday, **February 11, 2018** at 12:00 pm. Please call Linda at 716-912-6343 for location of meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

Linda Mucyn
President

ASSEMBLY 039

Uniontown, PA

Our first quarterly meeting will be on Sunday, **March 12th** at the Eat'n Park Restaurant Community Room starting at 6:00 pm. This is a very important meeting as we will be electing delegates to the 2018 NSS Quadrennial Convention. Come enjoy a *FREE* meal and great fraternal fellowship.

College, business or trade school bound students are reminded that the deadline for an *NSS Scholarship* is Tuesday, **May 1, 2018**. If you missed the deadline last year, you still can apply for this coming fall.

Please mark on your calendar **Saturday, May 12th**. We will be assisting the local *U. S. Letter carriers* in their food collections to combat hunger. We meet at the rear of the main post office in downtown Uniontown at 10:00 am.

Don't forget to plan for our *Summer Bar-B-Q* on Sunday, **June 10th** at the picnic pavilion of the Knights of Columbus starting at 1:00 pm.

Senior scholarships for those fifty-five years, or older are available if you wish to improve your life. Seniors are eligible, twice a year, for a \$100.00 scholarship upon successful completion of the course. Contact the home office for more information. Make Valentine's Day every day!

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY 0070/C070

Buffalo, NY

A meeting will be held on **March 18, 2018** at Dr. Martin Luther Chruh, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio at 12:00. Agenda will include election of delegates to the June Convention and planning for our picnic in June.

John Karkosiak
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 110

New York, NY

A meeting will be held on Sunday, **March 4th, 2018** to vote on our convention delegates. For place and time of meeting please call either John Sokolovic, Assembly President (516-746-7644) or Richard De Sanctis, Assembly Financial Secretary (914-631-1418). Thank you.

Rich DeSanctis
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 123

Coraopolis, PA

This somehow feels like Ground Hog Day. I sit down again and again and try to write something interesting about the month ahead. Well here it goes.

This month we celebrate Presidents Day. Naturally you know at least you should know that both George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were born in February but two other presidents were also born this month Ronald Reagan and William Henry Harrison.

I would like to wish a Happy New Year (Feb. 16th) to all of our Chinese members. It is the year of the dog.

February 14th is Valentine's Day less I forget to tell my valentine I love her and send her lots of rosy thoughts and sweet words.

Don't forget that our assembly is having a Fun Day on Sunday, **February 25th** at 1:00 pm at the Eat'n Park in Robinson. Bring your favorite game or just come and relax and enjoy the company and socialize with other members. There will be games and prizes and lunch. I look forward to meeting some of you who have not attended other events. Please call Mary Maniecki at 412-264-3546 and let her know you are coming.

I'm going through our list of assembly members. I find that we have four members who are 100 years of age or more; Josephine Malagise of New Brighton, Rose Matsook of Beaver Falls, Margaret McKean of Beaver, and Irma Zech of Pittsburgh. How wonderful. The changes in the world you have seen in your lifetime are unimaginable. God bless you!

At our meeting in February we will have election of officers and delegates to the June Convention. Please make every effort to attend.

Were we lucky to make the Super Bowl? Or is it better luck next year?

Bill Knoll
President

Region 5 Convention Delegate Election Mtg - Pittsburgh, PA

The Spring Mtg of Region 5 will be held Sunday, **March 18, 2018** at 1:00 pm at the Home Office, McMurray, PA. The election of the Region 5 Delegate to the upcoming 37th Quadrennial Convention will take place.

Joseph Stefka, Jr.
President, Region 5

ASSEMBLY 160

Lorain, OH

A meeting will be held on **February 20, 2018** at the Slovak Club, 29th and Broadway at 7:00 pm. Election of delegates to attend our 2018 National Convention in Hershey, PA, June 24-28, 2018 will be held. After the meeting refreshments will be served.

Erin Katricak
Activities Director

ASSEMBLY L161

Pittsburgh, PA

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, **February 7, 2018** at the Eat'n Park Restaurant, 245 E. Waterfront Drive, Homestead, PA at 7:00 pm.

Come and help us plan for another successful year in 2018!

Sue Ondrejco
Secretary/Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 377

Bentleyville, PA

Mark your calendars for our meetings in 2018:

February 11, 2018- Special Meeting at Kings Restaurant, Wilson Road, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm. We will discuss officers for the year and delegates for the upcoming National Convention. If you are interested in being a delegate at the convention in Hershey, please attend!

March 25, 2018- Meeting/bowling at 3:00 pm at Tan O'Belle Lanes, 1220 Main Street, Bentleyville, PA. Convention discussions will be held along with the usual assembly business. Please plan to attend this fun event and give suggestions for activities. I hope to see you there and if you have any questions, call me at 412-439-2795. New members welcome!

May 6 2018- Meeting/lunch at Hibachi Buffet, 160 Sara Way Belle, Vernon, PA. at 3:00 pm. Help us plan other activities for our assembly. Hope to see you there!

October 28- Halloween party at 3:00 pm. Location to be announced.

December 2- Holiday party at 3:00 pm. Location to be announced.

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 432

Fairview Park, OH

Mark your calendars for the following events:

Tobogganing on **February 11, 2018** at Strongsville Chalet, 16200 Valley Parkway, Strongsville, Ohio at 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Food, drinks, and plenty of fun!

Meeting on **February 20, 2018** at Tony and Linda Beno's, 14939 Lakewood Hts Boulevard, Lakewood, OH at 7:30 pm.

Our Reverse Raffle will be held on **February 24, 2018** at Tony K's, 841 W Bagley Rd, Berea, OH from 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm at \$35.00 per person. Refreshments include Pizza, Salad, Pasta, & Wings and open bar.

Please see Dave Pytel (440) 759-4558, Tony Beno (216) 226-7005, or Bill Shuttleworth (440) 465-6024 for tickets.

Shawn Pytel
Activities

ASSEMBLY 554

Curwensville, PA

A meeting will be held on **February 4, 2018** at the home of Jim Stricek, 135 McCullough St., Dubois, PA at 2:00 pm. This will be our Convention Delegate Selection Meeting. If you are interested in attending the convention this year, contact Jim Stricek at 814-590-7021 or at assembly554@gmail.com

Other meetings this year will be on April 1, September 2, and November 4, 2018.

Jim Stricek
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0588

Slovan, PA

A meeting will be held on Monday, **March 5, 2018**, at the Community Room of Panera Bread, 250 McHolme Drive, Pittsburgh, PA (North Fayette) at 6:30 pm. The election of delegates to the 37th Quadrennial Convention from Assembly 588 will take place at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to be considered for election as a delegate, please send a letter requesting your election to Recording Secretary Annette Stefka at: 5007 Old Orchard Lane, Gibsonia, PA 15044 by March 1, 2018. Please try to attend the meeting to elect our representatives to the convention which will be held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, June 24th through June 28th, 2018.

Annette Stefka
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 617

Ashley, PA

A luncheon/meeting will be held on Thursday, **February 15, 2018** at 3:00 pm at The Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA. The Annual Reports will be completed and we will have the Election of Delegates for our 2018 NSS National Convention to be held at Hersey, PA from June 24 to June 28. If you would like to be a delegate and can't be at the meeting to submit your name, you must send a letter of your desire to be a delegate. Please RSVP if you can attend or for further info to: Rose Mary Strish at 570-825-3681.

Rose Mary Strish
President

ASSEMBLY 731

Lowellville, OH

A meeting will be held on Saturday, **March 11, 2018**, at Mike & Laurie Fox's home, 6656 Lowellville Rd., Lowellville, OH at 2:00 p.m. to elect officers and convention delegates.

Since the last convention in 2014, Assembly 731 has gained many new members from Assemblies 8 and P09A when they became inactive and merged with us. We encourage any members who would like to be considered to be a delegate at the 2018 NSS Convention to submit their name and address to Laurie Fox (email: lamlfox@zoominternet.net or phone: 330-536-8850 or US mail: 6656 Lowellville Rd., Lowellville, Oh 44436) prior to March 10th. Following the elections, we will plan our calendar for the year and ask everyone to come prepared with ideas and information. Some suggested activities that will be discussed and planned include: a dinner & dance, bus trip to see outdoor play "Passion of Christ", picnic, movie & game night, hayride, Christmas party, fundraiser for charity, Join Hands community activity and of course any new ideas presented. Youth members are invited to join the adults during the calendar preparation to share their ideas and suggestions for youth activities.

Laurie Fox
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 737

Westmoreland County, PA

A meeting will be held on **March 3, 2018** at the home of Carol Godor, 9280 Clubview Drive, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm. All assembly business will be discussed at this time including delegates to the convention. Anyone wishing to be a delegate and cannot attend the meeting, please call 724-863-9662 right away as there is a deadline for this notice.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Carol Godor
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 774

McMurray, PA

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at the Home Office, 351 Valley Brook Rd, McMurray PA at 9:00 am. Election of Delegates to attend the 2018 National Convention in Hershey PA will be held. Any members interested in being a delegate should contact Secretary Linda Strom at Istrom@nsslife.org.

ASSEMBLY 813 Englewood, FL

A meeting will be held **February 25th** at the Farrell home at 2:00 pm. Please call 334-718-2416 if you need directions. All are urged to attend as we will be electing delegates for the 2018 convention in Hershey, PA. Members who cannot attend the meeting should contact president Dan Holker, or secretary Mary Jo Holker to let us know if you are interested in becoming a delegate. You do not have to attend the meeting to be elected delegate.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary

REGION 2 Hazelton, PA

Matching Funds

A Matching Funds event will be held on **February 10, 2018** at our next meeting at Perkins, Pittston PA at 12:30 to benefit the PVR. All members that purchase food on that day will have a percentage go towards the NSS PVR Scholarship Fund. Please contact any member for more information.

Marlin Petro Wesnak
President

Congratulations



Spencer Patrick Gross

National Director Abigail Gross gave birth to her third baby boy on Sunday, November 19, 2017. Welcome to the world, Spencer Patrick Gross! Big brothers Elliot and Oliver were especially happy to meet little Spencer! Everyone is healthy and doing well.

Congratulations to Abigail and her husband Michael.



This Month in National Slovak Society History

Joseph Stefka, Jr. Chairman of the Board

February, 1959

Michigan Governor G. Mennen Williams proclaimed February 16, 1959, as Peter V. Rovnianek Day in Michigan. The proclamation was issued to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of District 9 of the National Slovak Society.

February, 1959

The National Slovak Society announced the beginning of a 70th Anniversary Membership Campaign. The winner would receive \$500 and the honor of being named the Narodniar of the Year for 1960.

February, 1965

The National Slovak Society celebrated its Diamond Anniversary on February 16, 1965. A banquet to commemorate the Diamond Anniversary was scheduled on May 22, 1965, at the Penn Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

February, 1969

An article and photo appeared in the National News regarding the organization of the "Pallan Plan" Ladies Auxiliary of the National Slovak Society. The officers elected were: President - Madeline Hill; 1st Vice President - Ann Chengery; 2nd Vice President - Dolores Bayer; Secretary - Marge Vargo; and Treasurer - Kathryn Stefka.

Spotlight On Jeff DeSantes Field Development Manager



Hello, my name is Jeff DeSantes and I am the Field Development Manager at NSS Life. I am currently in my 3rd year working for NSS Life and I am extremely thankful to be part of a wonderful organization. My responsibilities are many, but my major responsibilities are to recruit and train agents in order to maximize their effectiveness selling the NSS Life's portfolio of insurance and annuity products. I also work closely with agents, agency owners and brokers by aiding them in the development of marketing pieces used to attract potential clients. I feel I am an extension of their business so I try to know and understand each agencies/agents business model.



I have been married for 29 years to my wonderful wife Julia. We are proud parents of Jessalyn, Alexa, Rachel and Jeffrey Jr. My wife and I also have a granddaughter Alaska.

When I am not working my wife and I enjoy serving in our church LifePointe Alliance in Mars, Pa. I enjoy spending time with family, exercising, reading, doing outdoor activities and cheering on our local Pittsburgh sport teams.

I am very thankful for the strong relationships that I have with the home office and also with all of the agents in the field.

Assembly Christmas Activities

Assembly 123 Christmas Party



A wonderful time was had by all.



Assembly 731 Christmas Party

Our assembly members shared many good times together in 2017 and we are hopeful that everyone has a New Year filled with good health and wonderful new adventures!

Assembly 731 officers met prior to our Christmas party to discuss events for 2018. We are in the planning stage for some new activities and plan to continue some of our most successful activities. Youth members, their parents, and grandparents enjoyed a nice afternoon Christmas party in Boardman, Ohio. Santa arrived to the tune of the kids singing Christmas carols and each child received a gift from Santa.

Assembly R059 and Assembly L102 Matching Fund

Assemblies R059 and L102 did a matching funds can drive for the Allentown Rescue Mission. Santa and his Mrs. delivered the check to some very appreciative people.

Santa and his crew may be on "vacation" but the memories always bring much joy knowing they brightened the lives of many handicapped children and adults! Happy New Year from our house to yours!!



Jim & Kathy Cessna and Mike & Laurie Fox taking a little break while waiting for guests to arrive.



"All I want for Christmas...." Cameron Mason and Ben Gaither, 6-year old cousins smiled at Santa and he knew exactly what they wanted for Christmas this year.



Everyone enjoyed celebrating Christmas together.



Assembly 813



Assembly 813 enjoyed fraternal fellowship at their Christmas party held December 23rd. Good food, games and Christmas carols made for a very congenial event. Everyone appreciated the pill cases and bottle openers sent from the home office.

It was announced that the Toys for Tots collection exceeded our expectations and the Marine Corps Reserves were very grateful. The Brown Bag Program, which provides food each month for a year for a needy senior citizen was also concluded successfully.

Assembly 004

On December 10th, we held our Christmas luncheon at Yorktown Lanes, with 22 members and guests attending. Everyone received lottery tickets and candy from the assembly. Ten additional door prizes were raffled off.

We all enjoyed a fine buffet prepared by Mike Cottrell and his staff. We then bowled our first half rolloff. We wish everyone a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year. Our next event will be our Scotch Doubles on **April 8, 2018**.

Oliver C. SirLouis
Secretary

2018 Slovakia Heritage Tour September 7- 16, 2018



Celebrate the fall harvest and the beautiful culture, history and countryside of Slovakia, up close and personal, on the 2018 Slovakia Heritage ten-day, small group tour. From **September 7th - 16th, 2018** we'll explore age-old cities, medieval towns and historic sites as well as folk-life museums, the Tatry mountains and picturesque villages. We'll join in a few of the festivals that bring alive Slovakia's long music, craft and wine traditions. Optional genealogical research, and ancestral village and family visits available.

For more information: Visit www.slovakiaheritage.com or contact Judith Northup-Bennett, Slovakia Heritage Tours, 978-544-5144 slovakiaheritage-tours@gmail.com

Assembly 586

Assembly 586 celebrated Christmas early at our annual party Sunday, December 3rd at Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, where we enjoyed a tasty family style dinner of roast chicken, breaded pork tenderloin, roast beef with dill gravy, kapusta, knedliky and all the other associated trimmings that go with a traditional Slovak menu.

We met members that had never attended a 586 meeting or activity, collected items for troops overseas, which is an ongoing concern and heard a presentation from a Darien woman who started up a garden and fresh produce charitable venture to deliver healthy food to local pantries and families.

Her name is Cynthia McGann of Good Worx, Inc. and she was introduced to our assembly by my Mom, Irene Tomaskovic. Cynthia had planted large containers of vegetables on the public library grounds in Darien which had intrigued my Mom. She found out who was behind this undertaking and contacted Cynthia to see if her group would like to harvest and use the Tomaskovic crop of Concord grapes that would, in the past, have been picked by us and turned into grape juice but lately would be picked clean by birds and animals and mostly be wasted falling off the vines. She also donated the use of the family backyard garden plot that is too big to use; Good Worx happily weeded, planted, watered and harvested many pounds of tomatoes for food pantries. This season they raised and donated more than two tons of garden produce, among them 60 pounds of grapes planted by Joe Tomaskovic and many pounds of Tomato-vics!

Founding partners Cynthia and Mary Beth do a tremendous amount of work for which they are not paid and have limited volunteer labor. They also have enlisted the special education deaf children from Hinsdale South High School to do some sweat equity, too.

Good Worx operates on donations and applied for and received a nice grant for supplies from Rick Bayliss and his Frontera Foundation, with which they plant round black containers of vegetables anywhere they are able; on unused school tennis courts, City Hall grounds, library property and the city's Safety Village, where they have a 3-seasons greenhouse in which they start thousands of seedlings.

Our members were impressed with the presentation. Cynthia said that they had started Good Worx mainly because they had found out that 43% of area school children qualified for either 100% or partial government-funded lunch. They thought that percentage was too high and that they could help the students and their families to be more food-aware and get fresh fruits and vegetables into their diets. You can visit their website at goodworxinc.org and see more about all of their projects.

We then had a pop-up fundraiser for the charity and voted to make it our second matching funds recipient of the year.

We met on Sunday, January 28 at Papa Passero's in Westmont at 11:30 am, members only, for the purpose of discussing interest in representing Assembly 586 as convention delegates.

Janet Tomaskovic
Secretary

How many new members did you sign up?

NSS National Convention - June 24th - 28th

Visit our website at www.nsslife.org

Február je mesiacom chladu. Príroda je ešte zväčša pokrytá bielou prikrývkou a žezlo pevne drží zima. Je to mesiac ideálny pre milovníkov zimných športov.

„Čo január zameškal, to február doháňa.“

Hrejivým potešením počas studeného mesiaca je zábava. Čas plesov, karnevalov, radovánok a bujarej zábavy, to je čas fašiangov. Sú súčasťou slovenskej tradície. Obdobie fašiangov začína od Troch kráľov a trvá až do Popolcovej stredy. Je to obdobie, keď sa všetci bavia, veselia a hodujú. Po fašiangoch príde štyridsaťdňový pôst, ktorý bude trvať až do Veľkej noci.

Slovensko - Zimná olympiáda 2018



Zimné olympijské hry sa v roku 2018 konajú v juhokórejskom Pjongčangu. Oficiálne sa začínajú 9. februára 2018, kedy je na programe aj otvárací ceremoniál. Prví športovci sa však v akcii predstavia už o deň skôr. Zimná olympiáda 2018 sa končí 25. februára 2018.

Na ZOH 2018 by sa malo predstaviť aj zhruba päť desiatok slovenských športovcov. Koncom októbra 2017 malo istotu účasti v Pjongčangu 25 hokejistov, desať biatlonistov, traja krasokorčuliari a piati alpskí lyžiari.

Všetky informácie o zimnej olympiáde 2018 [nájdete na stránke SME.sk](#).

Veľkonočné raňajky v Pittsburghu, PA



V sobotu 24. marca budú v Pittsburghu, PA tradičné veľkonočné raňajky.

Sponzorom podujatia je Slovak Custom Group/Cultural Diversity Committee of Prince of Peace Parish. O 11.00 hodine

bude v Kostole sv. Adalberta, 160 South 15th Street slovenská svätá omša, po ktorej budú v Prince of Peace Parish Center (81 South 13th Street) slovenské veľkonočné raňajky. Vstupné je dobrovoľné. Usporiadatelia pripravujú výstavu o slovenskej kultúre, živote a tradíciách na slovenskej dedine. Na predaj budú rôzne dovezené výrobky, ručné práce a domáce koláče. Prítomní sa budú môcť oboznámiť so slovenskými veľkonočnými zvykmi, dekoráciou kraslíc, prípravou veľkonočných špecialít a podobne. Zisk z podujatia bude venovaný na charitatívne účely na Slovensku. Pre Františkánske sestry v Ružomberku a Barlička Center v Prešove. Bližšie informácie: Connie Zatek, telefónne číslo: 412-657- 6364.



14. Február Sv. Cyril a Metod

Oslavujeme hviezdy jasné Cyrila a Metoda, tieto z hora hviezdy jasné slovenského národa. Vručne zaznej v národe jediný všetkých hlas:

Sväty Cyril a Metod, orodujte za nás.



16. Februára slávime 128 výročie vzniku našej organizácie Národného Slovenského Spolku v Amerike.

Česť nášmu prvému predsedovi Peter V. Rovnianek a jeho spoluorganizovateľom ktorý verili, že každý ma právo byť Pánom vo svojom veru i Slovák na Slovensku. Dnes je to skutočnosťou a Slovensky Národný Spolok rastie i naďalej v službe pre svoje členstvo.

Nech motto: Bratstvo—Rovnosť— Sloboda sa pestuje i naďalej v celom členstve NSS a u všetkých Slovakov po svete.

Oznámenie členom NSS: Láskave oznamujeme našim členom NSS, že tohto roku 2018 sa zjzdeme na 37 konvenciu ktorá sa prevedie v Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA, od 24-do28 júna.

Vyzývame všetky assembly našej organizácie aby zvolili svojich delegátov a ich prihlášky zaslali do hlavného úradu do 23 Marca.

Začali sa fašiangy



Fašiangy sa začínajú deň po Troch kráľoch 7. januára a končia sa pohyblivým utorkom pred Popolcovou alebo tzv. škaredou stredou, ktorá v roku 2018 pripadla na 14. februára. Sú obdobím jedla a zábavy.



Krásneho Valentína

Valentín je sviatok krásny, preži si ho v láske, šťastí. Žiadne slzy, lásky veľa, to Ti dnes zo srdca želám.

NSS LIFE ANNIVERSARY OFFER PROGRAM



NSS Life

Family Matters...

We are pleased to introduce this new and exciting opportunity for you to purchase additional life insurance protection for you and your family.

This simplified issue NSS Life Anniversary Offer is available to all members, their families, and friends.

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

ISSUE AGES	MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF INSURANCE
0-50	\$10,000
51-65	\$7,500
66-75	\$5,000

**See following page for complete rate listings.*

There is a limit of one policy per person. Anyone previously declined since 1/1/16 is not eligible for this program. Also excludes terminally ill, permanently disabled, those on SSI and any mentally impaired individuals. If you purchased this plan last year you are excluded from this year's offer. Other exclusions may apply. Rates are based on age nearest birthday.

OFFERING QUALITY LIFE INSURANCE FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY!

FEBRUARY 1ST, 2018 TO MARCH 31ST, 2018

The NSS Life Anniversary Offer uses our twenty-pay life plan (however you may use the single premium plan as well). The advantages of a permanent plan include cash/loan values, reduced paid-up insurance options, dividends and more.

To recommend someone for this offer, please fill out the Recommender section on the back cover of this newsletter.

Twenty Year Life Insurance Policy Rates (Rates based on Age nearest Birthday)

Twenty Pay Life (\$10,000)

Age	Male	Female
	<u>Annual Payment</u>	<u>Annual Payment</u>
0	68.70	58.20
1	70.30	59.50
2	72.10	61.00
3	73.80	62.50
4	75.90	64.20
5	78.00	65.80
6	80.40	67.00
7	82.90	69.60
8	85.60	71.70
9	88.30	73.70
10	91.10	75.90
11	94.20	78.40
12	97.40	80.80
13	100.50	83.20
14	103.70	85.90
15	106.70	88.50
16	109.90	91.30
17	113.00	94.10
18	116.30	97.00
19	119.70	100.10
20	123.00	103.20
21	126.50	106.70
22	130.20	110.00
23	134.20	113.60
24	138.40	117.40
25	142.90	121.30
26	147.50	125.40
27	152.40	129.60
28	157.70	134.20
29	163.30	138.70
30	169.00	143.40
31	174.90	148.60
32	181.30	153.70
33	187.80	159.20
34	194.90	164.80
35	202.00	170.70
36	208.00	175.90
37	214.30	180.80
38	221.10	186.50
39	227.90	192.00
40	234.70	197.40
41	241.90	203.10
42	249.70	209.10
43	257.20	215.10
44	265.30	221.30
45	273.50	227.40
46	281.90	233.80
47	290.90	240.70
48	300.20	247.50
49	309.10	254.50
50	317.80	261.80

Twenty Pay Life (\$7,500)

Age	Male	Female
	<u>Annual Payment</u>	<u>Annual Payment</u>
51	244.58	202.05
52	250.20	207.83
53	256.05	214.13
54	262.13	220.65
55	268.20	226.80
56	274.73	232.65
57	281.85	237.60
58	289.20	242.55
59	297.30	248.10
60	305.78	253.80
61	314.78	260.03
62	324.75	267.00
63	335.03	274.13
64	346.05	281.78
65	357.83	290.03

Twenty Pay Life (\$5,000)

Age	Male	Female
	<u>Annual Payment</u>	<u>Annual Payment</u>
66	247.05	199.25
67	256.20	205.70
68	266.40	213.15
69	277.55	221.40
70	289.25	230.25
71	302.00	240.10
72	316.10	251.25
73	330.70	263.10
74	346.70	276.45
75	363.20	290.45
76	380.65	305.70
77	399.80	322.75
78	419.95	341.15
79	441.70	361.40
80	465.40	383.75

Other modes of payment are available including: **Semi-Annual (.52) • Quarterly (.265) • Monthly (.09) (Rate x Annual Premium)**

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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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City _____

State _____ Zip _____

DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

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