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**2016 Bowling Tournament  
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## Activities At A Glance

<p><b>REGION 2</b></p> <p>August 20</p>	<p><b>Assemblies L075, 0146, 0617</b></p> <p>Region 2, Luncheon/Meeting, Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA at 12:30 pm</p>
<p><b>REGION 5</b></p> <p>July 10 July 21 July 22 August 21 August 21 August 28 September 11 September 11 September 19 November 21 December 4</p>	<p><b>Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0283, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0700, 0737, 0774</b></p> <p>Assembly 0039, Tony Bartock Golf Outing, Springdale Golf Club Assembly 0377, Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA Assembly 0588, Schoolhouse Theatre (Footloose) at 7:30 pm Region 5, Annual Picnic, Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion #16 at 12 Noon Assembly 0737, Meeting preceding District 5 picnic Assembly 0377, Meeting, Meadows Casino, Washington, PA, at 3:00 pm Assembly 0123, Molly's Trolley Tour of Pittsburgh Assembly 0039, Meeting, Eat'n Park Community Room, Uniontown, PA at 6:00 pm Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka residence, Slovan, PA at 6:00 pm Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka residence, Slovan, PA at 6:00 pm Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Knights of Columbus Hall at 2:00 pm</p>
<p><b>REGION 7</b></p> <p>December 17</p>	<p><b>Assemblies P09A, 0731</b></p> <p>Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Lowellville Rod &amp; Gun Club, Lowellville, OH at 2:00 pm</p>
<p><b>REGION 8</b></p> <p>July 24</p>	<p><b>Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595</b></p> <p>Assembly 0004, Meeting at Havar's residence, Westlake, OH at 2:00 pm</p>
<p><b>REGION 14</b></p> <p>July 24 August 21 September 25</p>	<p><b>Assemblies R059, L102</b></p> <p>Region 14, Picnic, Drew and Sharon Wesnak's residence at 2:00 pm Assembly R059, Meeting, Keysock's residence at 3:00 pm Assembly R059, Hot Dog Luncheon Fundraiser, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church</p>
<p><b>REGION 15</b></p>	<p><b>Assemblies L002, 0028</b></p> <p>No activities at this time</p>
<p><b>AT LARGE</b></p> <p>July 2-3 July 3 August 7 August 14 September 4 October 2 October 23 November 13 December 24</p>	<p><b>Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813</b></p> <p>Assembly 0705, Butwin Family Reunion, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0586, Meeting, Hackney's, Palos Park at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Annual Christmas Eve Celebration, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 6:00 pm</p>

## From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC  
President, CEO

Good morning Narodniars! July is here and warm weather will be with most of us for the next couple of months.

This month we celebrate Independence Day on Monday July 4th. I'm sure there will be many family picnics being held around the country along with the traditional fireworks displays in the evening. The NSS will be holding our annual golf outing the weekend of July 15, 16, and 17 at Treasure Lake Golf Courses in DuBois, PA. This year we are celebrating 50 years of golf and will have some special gifts for the attendees, so plan on attending if you can.

Thursday, July 21st is the Annual Slovak Kennywood Day which is always well attended by Slovaks in the Tri-State Pittsburgh Area. I look forward to serving you at the Slovak Food Kitchen. Stop by and say hi!

On the Assembly and Region level, July 2nd and 3rd, Assembly 0705 in Indiana will be holding a reunion, July 17th, Assembly 0039 from Uniontown will be holding a local golf outing, and on July 24th, Region 14 will be hosting a picnic.

### Punography Of The Month:

*This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.*

## Other Fraternal Organizations

In addition to fraternal organizations such as our National Slovak Society, and our sister fraternals that operate the same way as us in selling insurance in order to fund our fraternal side, there also exist many other fraternal type organizations. One that I have personal experience with, having been a member, is Rotary. I was introduced to Rotary by NSS Life member Tod Wilcock who invited me to attend a weekly lunch that McMurray Rotary holds. I was surprised to learn about all the good things Rotary does for the community.

Rotary is a 1.2 million-member organization started with the vision of one man, Paul Harris. This Chicago attorney formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on February 23, 1905, as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Rotary's name came from the groups early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.

Rotarians have not only been present for major events in history but have also been a part of them. From the founding of the organization, three key traits have remained strong throughout the history of Rotary:

1. Truly international. Only 16 years after being founded, Rotary had clubs on six continents. Today, they work together from around the globe both digitally and in-person to solve some of our world's most challenging problems.

2. They persevere in tough times. During WWII, Rotary clubs in Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, and Japan were forced to disband. Despite the risks, many continued to meet informally and following the wars end, Rotary members joined together to rebuild their clubs and their countries.

3. Commitment to service is ongoing. Rotary began the fight against polio in 1979 with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. By 2012, only three countries remained polio-endemic, down from 125 in 1988. Another project that Rotary has going on, for countries in need, is the sand filter project that provides a system to help provide clean water.

Some names you may recognize that have been Rotarians are Warren G. Harding, U.S. President; Marconi, Italian inventor of the wireless radio and Nobel laureate; Admiral Richard E. Byrd, American explorer; Manny Pacquiao, Filipino world champion boxer and congressman; Frank Borman, American astronaut; James Cash Penney, founder of JC Penney Co.; and Jan Masaryk, foreign minister of Czechoslovakia.

Rotarians have a FOUR-WAY TEST of the things we think, say, or do, which if everyone used, the world would be a better place to live;

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

# Happy Fourth of July from NSS Life!

## News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday to NSS Chair of the Board Joseph Stefka, National Director Keith Godor, Honorary Director Ed Koches, Home Office staff members Pat Glaser, and Jeff DeSantes, former staff members Stacey Boury Shun, Albert Suess, and Laverne Orban; members John Martincheck, Dale Blazek, Dan Gimiliano, Greg Blum and granddaughter Ella Woods.

Happy wedding anniversary wishes to all who are celebrating this month.

## PVR Scholarship Fund Donations May, 2016

In Memory of **Judith Kraft:**  
From Assembly 0123 20.00

In Memory of **Nicole Swemley:**  
From Assembly 0123 20.00

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From Assembly 0123 20.00



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## OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS May, 2016

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Antonucci, Genofefa	Shillington, PA	03/31/2016	L102
Bagay, Edward	McKees Rocks, PA	04/24/2016	0283
Bailey, Iria D	Tallahassee, FL	04/19/2016	0774
Bivens, John	Washington Ct House, OH	04/28/2016	0595
Bobby, John	Middleburg Hts, OH	03/26/2016	0070
Boles, Sophia	Pittsburgh, PA	03/17/2016	0700
Boyd, Edward	Bradley, WV	04/15/2016	0774
Boyd, William	Gastonia, NC	03/29/2016	0774
Burin, Mary	Greer, SC	04/17/2016	L105
Butcher, Della	Zelienople, PA	05/07/2016	0377
Caruso, Thomas	Pittsburgh, PA	05/07/2016	0100
Chalupa, John	Milford, CT	05/02/2016	0028
Coudriet, Hazeldean	MClearfield, PA	02/25/2016	0554
Curry, George	Berwick, PA	04/01/2016	0146
Decker Jr., Edward	Philadelphia, PA	05/13/2016	R059
Dell, Ronald	Alverton, PA	05/06/2016	0737
Dietz, Robert	Lebanon, IL	01/05/2016	0705
Doolittle, Charles	Millersville, PA	04/01/2016	0774
Doptis, Cletus	Monessen, PA	04/30/2016	0377
Duke, Martin	Clarence, PA	04/10/2016	0004
Dunn, Sally	Riverview, FL	04/06/2016	0800
Forman, Charlotte	Bronx, NY	04/17/2016	0110
Good, Elizabeth	Aliquippa, PA	04/28/2016	0123
Gorinski, Margaret L	Mount Pleasant, PA	08/16/2015	0737
Hallam, Wilma	Claysville, PA	04/22/2016	0774
Hart, Gerald	Olyphant, PA	04/19/2016	L075
Hartman, Amy	North Huntingdon, PA	04/07/2016	0737
Hornek, John	Techny, IL	12/04/2013	0774
Hudak, Andrew	Independence, OH	03/31/2016	0432
Iacovetti, Mildred	Studio City, CA	04/22/2016	0568
Jaje, Gertrude J	Johnston, IA	09/27/2015	0381
Kinder, Janice	Belle Vernon, PA	04/26/2016	0377
Kippycash, Daniel	Hemet, CA	04/03/2016	0617
Koripsky, Irene	Stratford, CT	12/25/2014	L002
Lewallen, Bonnie	Lufkin, TX	03/23/2016	0774
Mayberry, Cecelia	Newport News, VA	08/19/2003	0028
McGinnis, William	Indiana, PA	04/06/2016	0737
Meadows, James	Mt. Hope, WV	05/05/2016	0774
Mehalic, Joseph	Connellsville, PA	04/21/2016	0737
Mikolaj, Andrew	Johnstown, PA	04/24/2016	0038
Miller, Mary	Pittsburgh, PA	04/06/2016	0100
Monak, Michael	Marblehead, OH	04/27/2016	0160
Myers, Glenn	Williamsport, PA	04/12/2016	0039
Nagy, Maria	Washington, PA	05/15/2016	0588
Neal, James	Belmont, OH	03/30/2016	0595
Pilar, Francis	Dunellen, NJ	10/06/2013	L075
Porcaro, Sarah	Washington, PA	03/18/2016	0588
Robertson, Nancy A	Imperial, PA	04/19/2016	0588
Rogowski, Josephine	New Bedford, MA	09/21/2014	L075
Sauter, Albert H	Valencia, PA	03/29/2016	0700
Smargiassi, Eleanor	Archbald, PA	08/18/2013	L102
Smith, Carl	Saxonburg, PA	03/22/2016	0774
Stoss, Sharon	Swoyersville, PA	03/12/2016	0617
Stroth, Betty	Lawrenceville, GA	02/29/2016	0813
Trautvetter, Mary	Pittsburgh, PA	04/21/2016	0700
Travis, John	Pittsburgh, PA	03/05/2016	0100
Yavorsky, Francis	Volant, PA	04/30/2016	0700
Zuckerman, Laurence S	Green Valley, AZ	02/26/2016	0774

# Scenes & Results from 2016 Bowling Tournament



**Congratulations to the following NSS Bowlers: Inky Kolecky from Assembly 432 who finished in 1st Place in the Women's Singles and Women's Senior event, Peter Kolecky also from Assembly 432 who finished 2nd in the Men's Singles event, and to Ray Lako whose team finished in 4th Place.**



## Fraternal Matters...

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



## NSS Fitness Matters

Congratulations go out to Annette Stefka from Assembly 588 who was the first one to complete all 4 levels in the Fitness Matters program by logging in over 1,000 miles. Keep up the good work!! Below are the results as of June 1st.

<u>Level 4</u>	<u>Assembly</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Assembly</u>
Donna Buroff	586	Louis Boettner	123
Linda Estes	731	Mary Ann Kane	108
John Katricak	160	Bob Katricak	160
Annette Stefka	588	Charles Kovacic	774
Mary Agnes Stuck	737	Lucy Piccoletti	L075
		Michael Piccoletti	L075
		Stephanie Piccoletti	L075

## Golf Tournament

It's not too late to join us at Treasure Lake for this year's Annual Golf Tournament. Even if you're not a golfer it will be a great weekend of fun and fraternalism. Some of the area attractions include: The Elk Visitors Center, with the largest herd of free roaming elk east of the Mississippi, Penn's Cave, Punxsutawney Phil, Flight 93 Memorial, Amish Country, Bilger's Rock's, Cooks Forest State Park, local wineries and Rails to Trails.

<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Assembly</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Assembly</u>
Patricia Gorgol	L075	Rachel Draa	731
Ted Sadar	P09A	Gary Edwards	L075
Valerie Simko	004	Lehrae Edwards	L075
Anna Solchenberger	774	Barb Gera	039
Rachel Kolecky	432	Pamela Giocondi	123
		Mary Jo Holker	813
		Erin Katricak	160
		Lucille Petro	L075
		Joe Stefka	588

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## From the Sales Department...

By Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC  
Sales Director



### Cell Phone Insurance

We recently got new phones in our household. After shopping around for the best deal and carrier we made the decision to get everyone a nice, new smartphone. The funny thing about this phone is the retail cost which is about \$800. When you buy it within a plan you seem to get a subsidized price. One of the last questions I was asked while signing up for service was if I would like insurance on the phone? Because if it is dropped or damaged I would have to pay the retail price of \$800 to get it replaced. However, if I purchase the insurance for \$8 per month and something happens to my phone – I would only owe a \$50 copay and it would be replaced. So I asked how many people add the insurance option. The answer may surprise you – almost everyone. I was told that the reason is most people can't afford the \$800 replacement price if something happens.

This last statement floored me and I started to think about it. First, the part about most people can't afford \$800 to replace a phone? Next, if something happens – not when? Being a life insurance guy I made the leap to life insurance. Believe it or not someday we will all die. Not *if* we die, but *when* we die. And if an \$800 bill is problematic – how would your heirs continue without any income at all? Ironically it turns out that most people buy cell phone insurance but not life insurance?

We know that everyone needs some amount of life insurance. Families (with children) are especially vulnerable to the devastating effects of not having insurance. Even half of the people who

have insurance say that they need more. Why don't people buy more life insurance? The number one reason is they think it is too expensive. In fact, in a recent survey people were asked how much they thought a certain amount of insurance would cost and the majority overestimated by three times the actual amount.

Here is the good news. If you are a man or a woman under the age of 45 - you can buy \$25,000 of low cost term insurance for less than \$8 per month. That's less than the cost of cell phone insurance. So go ahead, pick up your phone and call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information. Let us help you with the really important calls in life.

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

### Thought for the Month

*Things turn out best for the people who make the best out of the way things turned out.*

**Art Linkletter (1912 – 2010)**



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## Fame or Shame

A recent Insurance News Net magazine article ran a great piece about some professional athletes and their success or failure with money. The stories will surprise you. First the failures:

- Mike Tyson, professional boxer – earned more than \$300 million from boxing but went through it all, and when he filed for bankruptcy he had no money left, just \$38 million of debts.

- Sheryl Swoopes, WNBA player – earned more than \$50 million but because of a sneaker deal that went bad, she couldn't even afford her monthly rent.

- Jack Johnson, NHL player – earned more than \$23 million but had to declare bankruptcy after his agent outspent his earnings. His agent was his parents.

The smart ones with money are –

- Ryan Broyles, NFL free agent – has earned more than \$3 million in his short career and has banked almost all of it. He can retire and live off the interest because of his modest lifestyle.

- Shaquille O'Neal, NBA superstar – has earned more than \$300 million in salary and an equal amount in endorsements. He is set for life because he used annuities to save money for the future.

- Roger Staubach, NFL quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys - didn't earn the big money that athletes get today. In fact he was paid \$25,000 in his rookie season. He was also an insurance agent in the off season. After retirement from football, he went into commercial real estate. He later sold his company in 2008 for \$660 million – keeping 12% for himself and then gave more than \$580 million to his 300+ employees that he said deserved the money.

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# This Month in National Slovak Society History

Joseph Stefka, Jr. Chairman of the Board

## July, 1991

Playing in the first foursome of the tournament with Jim Violi, Don Kniska, and Alan Burns, Joe Violi of Assembly #4 scores the first hole-in-one in National Slovak Society National Golf Tournament history on July 20, 1991. Joe aced the 16th hole at Speidel Golf Course located in Wheeling, West Virginia during the first round of the tournament. This remains the only hole-in-one scored during NSS National Golf Tournament play!

## July, 1991

Assembly 39 of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Assembly with a gala banquet.

## July, 1993

A "Candlelight Golf Banquet" was held during the National Golf Tournament held at Linden Hall Resort in Dawson, Pennsylvania due to a power outage caused by a severe storm that hit the area at the conclusion of Saturday's tournament round.

## July, 1994

President David Blazek wins the inaugural Joseph Stefka Memorial Golf Award at the NSS National Golf Tournament held at Avalon Lakes Golf Course in Warren, Ohio.

## July, 1998

Honorary Tribunal Member Emily Leo died. Emily had served the Society as a member of the Tribunal from 1987 – 1994.



## 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 preceding month**. Every effort will be made to publish the article in a timely manner. Our email address is: [info@nsslife.org](mailto:info@nsslife.org)

## Assembly 075 Activities

Our assembly assisted the US Postal workers with Join Hands Day on Sat. May 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 59 Main St., Pittston from noon - 6pm.

Wilkes Barre V A day for bingo and a pizza party for our veterans is set for August 7, 2016 at 2 p.m. in the Rec Room 2nd floor.

The fraternal summer picnic will be held on Sunday, July 24, 2016 at the Mercateli-Segelia Park; 4000 Birney Ave Moosic, PA at 1 p.m. Members will bring a covered dish. Basket Chairman, Patricia Gorgol, encourages all member to bring a raffle basket and the officers will take care of the soda, hotdogs and hamburgers.

The Margaret Piloni Scholarship Committee wants to remind any High School Senior who is a member of Assembly 75, Duryea PA and graduated this June is eligible. Please submit your report by July 1, 2016 to: Lehrae Ann Edwards, 65 Chittenden St., Duryea, PA 18642-1006. For more information contact Lehrae at 570-457-8402.

At their April meeting, the assembly welcomed National Director Drew Wesnak and his lovely wife Sharon and they held a birthday party for member Catherine



Janichko who turned 90 years old. She was treated to cup cakes and a gift from the assembly. Shown celebrating with Catherine are: 1st row: Joseph and Catherine Janichlo, National Director Drew Wesnak, Vice President Lucy Piccoletti and Secre-

tary Treasurer Lehrae Ann Edwards. 2nd row: President Gary Edwards, Region 2 President Marlin Petro Wesnak, Allie and Adam Lazar youth members, Lucille Petro, Patricia Gorgol and Adam Edwards. 3rd row: Debbie and Bill Wesnak, Good Will Ambassador Joseph Gorgol, Gary and Dorothy Collins, and Sharon Wesnak.

The assembly held their annual matching funds event for the Duryea Scouts by

selling tickets and hosting the raffle that raised over \$500, at the Blue and Gold Banquet on April 17, 2016 at the Dupont Hose Company Main St. Dupont, PA; Shown are members: President Gary Edwards, Dorothy Collins, Adam Lazar, Secretary/Treasurer Lehrae Ann Edwards and Allie Lazar.



Assembly 75 made a donation to the Children's Advocacy Center in Scranton for the Leadership Lackawanna Planting a Promise buy a brick fund raiser. We purchased a brick for \$50 and they are matching our funds. The brick will be a 4x8 brick with 3 lines showing our support. The brick will be placed at a future date into the healing and transformation garden at the center on Mulberry St. in Scranton. The garden will provide a healthy environment where children and

teens can feel a sense of comfort and renewal, overcome their past experiences and rebuild their lives with the help of the center.

Shown receiving the donation is Jesse Faraell, council advisor for the center; Secretary/Treasurer Lehrae Ann Edwards and Vice President Lucy Piccoletti.



## Assembly 123

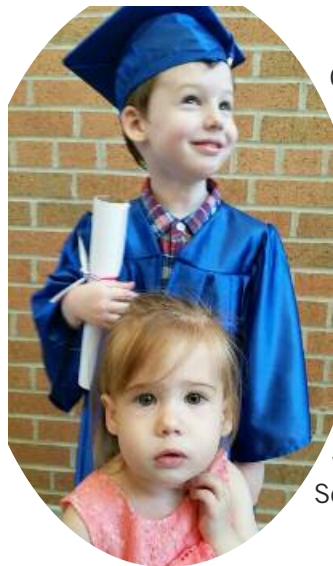


Members of Assembly 123 at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh, PA. In the rear right is the new honorary member Andrew Masich, President and CEO of the Heinz History Center.



Jill Grover, member of Assembly 123 enjoying the tour at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh, PA.

## Graduation Days



Congratulations to Michael Boehm, one of our young members seen here with his younger sister Elliot Boehm. Michael graduated May 19, 2016 from Chartiers Valley pre-school. He was voted "most enthusiastic" by his classmates. Proud grandma is Kristen from the home office. Michael will graduate from High School in 2029!

## News from Assembly 813

Our assembly recently participated in the Letter Carriers annual food drive as its Join Hands Day project. The largest one day drive to fill food pantries was held on Saturday, May 14th all across the country. In Englewood there were several new sites to collect the food, so the amount collected at the Englewood Bible Church was less than was collected in 2015 according to spokesperson Kathy Wells.

Louis Cerbone coordinated volunteers from Englewood Bible Church, St. Raphael Church, retirees, the Christian School and Lemon Bay High School, making the collection of nonperishable foods run like clockwork. Although the amount collected was down, it will fill the food pantry shelves for four or five months. It's a great experience working with so many eager volunteers, and always nice to renew friendships with people you see each year at this event.

**Mary Jo Holker**  
Secretary



## Region 14 - Join Hands Day

Region 14 held a "Join Hands Day" with the Butztown Post Office. The mail carriers collected canned goods and brought them back to the Post Office where we unloaded them and removed everything. We then loaded it all onto pick up trucks and delivered it to the local food banks. The turnout was such a success especially with our fantastic group of people.

**Sharon Wesnak**  
Secretary



## Slovak Bowling Congress

**Walt Strugala is the winner of the 69th NSS All-Events Sweepstakes.**

Walt Strugala, Akron, OH captured top spot in the 69th annual NSS All Events Bowling Sweepstakes staged for our society members in the 74th Slovak Bowling Congress of America Tournament, held recently at Stonehedge in Akron, OH.

Walt's winning score was 1933. His actual series was 1690 plus 243 handicap pins over the nine game all events. Congratulations to Brother Strugala.

A sincere NSS "Thank You" to all who participated in this year's sweepstakes.

Hope to see you in the Spring of 2017 at Bill White's Twin Star Lanes in Kent, OH.

**Joe M. Harkulich**  
Secretary

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Members attending our meeting in May at Grotto Pizza were: 1st Row: John & Stephanie Kurilla, Joanne Kowaleski, and Margaret Lukas. 2nd Row: Bob & Marge Grushka, Gail Mangan, Rose Mary Strish and Mary Ann & John Ostrowski.

Our Assembly #617 luncheon/meeting was held at the Grotto Pizza in Edwardsville, PA on May 14 and began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

We did not have our Join Hands Day on May 14, 2016 at the Catherine McAuley Center, Plymouth, PA. Sister Catherine called and said, the Leadership Group from Wilkes-Barre was there with so much help, they cleaned the whole front and back yards of the center. Instead, we will be doing our Join Hands Project at St Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre on June 14, 2016 starting at 4:00 p.m. We will make the dinner meal and serve it to the less fortunate of our area.

Donations were sent to the Catherine McAuley Center, Catholic Social Services, Little Flower Manor Nursing Home. We also sent a donation to Holy Redeemer High School for their History Day Competition, under the direction of our assembly Vice President, John Kurilla and for their Speech & Debate Team Competition which includes members Maria & George Strish in National Competition in Sacramento, CA. at the end of May.

Our Family Fraternal at Knoebels Amusement Park will be August 4, 2016 from 12 noon to closing. So mark your calendars. Our assembly will supply the hoagies and water and those attending are asked to bring a dessert or snack and the nonalcoholic drink your family enjoys. More information to follow.

Assembly 617 will be having a basket raffle and 50/50 drawing as a Matching Fund for the El Salvador Missions. Our member, Father John Ostrowski, is pastor of St. Pedro Parish which includes 24 surrounding communities in El Salvador. The baskets will be on display at Knoebels. The drawing for the baskets and 50/50 will be at the Post Knoebel Meeting on August 20, 2016 at 11 :30 a.m. at the Pierce Street Deli Kingston. Our Pre Knoebel Meeting/Luncheon will be July 25, at the Grotto Pizza at 11:30 a.m.

RSVP 1 week in advance for the meetings and/or Knoebel's Fraternal Day by calling Rose Mary Strish at 570-825-3681. You must give your hoagie order and get pavilion information at that time.

**MEETING/LUNCHEON: JULY 25, 2016**  
**KNOEBELS FRATERNAL DAY: AUGUST 4, 2016**  
**MEETING: AUGUST 20, 2016**

Rose Mary Strish  
President

## Assembly Officers Seminar

As mandated by the 2014 Convention Delegates, we are preparing for a second Assembly Officers Seminar to be held near the Home Office the weekend of August 12-14, 2016. With that in mind we would like to ask you, the leaders of your assembly, what topics would be of interest and also beneficial to your members.

We have targeted a few broad categories that may be of interest, however, we would like to have your input.

The categories we have come up with initially are:

1. Fraternalism – its role and impact in the future of the NSS.
2. Marketing – the NSS marketing strategy, why it began and what has it achieved.
3. Governance – a new board - what had to be accomplished to move forward
4. NSS Business Operations – NAIC and State Regulators and their oversight of Fraternal.
5. Our Future – NSS Youth Ambassador Project.

Please give these subjects some thought and email us (or call) as to what topics are of most interest.

Please feel free to add any other subjects you would like to hear more about.

David G. Blazek  
President & CEO



**July 4th**  
**Independence Day**

## Slovak Day at Kennywood Park

*a treasure chest of memories that we cherish with more waiting to be created.....*

The 93rd annual American Slovak Day will be celebrated on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA. The Slovak kitchen opens at 12:30 p.m. The program at Main Pavilion #5 includes the following:

- 12:30 p.m. Children's games and treats
- 2:00 p.m. Children's folk dancing
- 4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Celebration
- 5:00 p.m. Slovak folk entertainment

Everyone (age 3+) must have a ticket or Senior Discount coupon to enter the park. Tickets may be used on any other weekday besides July 21st with no extra charge. **Senior coupons will only be honored Thursday, July 21st.**

For more information, contact Sue Ondrejco at sue.ondrejco@gmail.com or 412-421-1204. No tickets can or will be left for pick-up at the park, so get yours early.

## ASSEMBLY 004

### Parma, OH

A meeting will be held on Sunday, July 24, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the residence of Mildred Havir, 1744 Westhill Blvd., Westlake, Ohio.

This is our Semi-Annual Audit Meeting and all reports will be due at that time. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. See you there.

**Sonia Vorell**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 039

### Uniontown, PA

Our "Join Hands Day Project" will be conducted jointly with the local Knights of Columbus Chapter 1275 at the Annual Anthony Bartock Golf Outing. Springdale Golf Course will once again host the event on Sunday, July 10th, 2016. Profits from the event go to support Easter Seals, Fayette County Special Olympics and the local battered women's shelter.

Congratulations to our youth members Casey and Mara Lako that won a recent "Talent of the Stars" contest playing the guitar and violin.

Thursday, July 21st is Slovak Day at Kennywood Park. This is a great time to enjoy the rides and some great Slovak food and fellowship.

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 SEPTEMBER FEST 2016 to be held at the NSS Home Office on Saturday, September 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can donate homemade baked goods, enjoy craft demonstrations, Slovak dancers, Slovak food, vendors and more! If you have never been to the home office in McMurray, this is your chance.

Attention current assembly NSS scholarship recipients. The deadline to renew your scholarship for the coming academic year is July 15th.

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.

Our next meeting 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 pm.

Have a happy and safe July 4th with your family and friends.

**John Payerchin**  
President

## 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 123

### Coraopolis, PA

While our assembly isn't having any sponsored events this month don't forget Slovak Day at Kennywood Park on Thursday July 21st. Call me at 724-242-5085 if you need tickets. Children sixteen and under who are NSS members are free and all those above sixteen get discounted tickets.

I want to thank George and Margie Minick and Christine Piccolo who have volunteered to help Judy Landa at the picnic. That's the fraternal spirit!

Don't delay if you're thinking of going to the Golf Tournament. I understand the golf courses at Treasure Lake are beautiful. Call me so I can explain how

the assembly will help you with the cost of golfing.

Since this is the 200th Anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Pittsburgh, it has been decided to schedule a Molly's Trolley tour of Pittsburgh on Sunday, September 11th. If you would like to take the tour please contact Mary Maniecki at 412-264-3546 by the end of August. There are only a limited number of seats. The cost for assembly members is \$10.00, the regular price is \$27.00.

Did you know that July is National Blueberry month, National Hot Dog month, and National Ice Cream month? If that's not sweet enough try this: July 7th Chocolate Day and Strawberry Sundae Day, July 12th Pecan Pie Day, July 15th Tapioca Pudding Day, July 28th National Milk Chocolate Day and July 30th National Cheesecake Day.

We all know that July 4th is Independence Day here in the U.S.A., celebrated with great fanfare, parades, and fireworks. It is some birthday party. But here is another reason to party this month if you are a member of NSS. July 17th is Independence Day in Slovakia. What a month!

Assembly 123 is hoping to help out at the Septemberfest on Saturday, September 24th at the Home Office and Museum in McMurray. Look for their article in the magazine and call Mary Maniecki if you can volunteer some time. She will contact Sue Ondrejco to work out a schedule. If you haven't seen the Museum located at the Home Office this would be a good opportunity to combine a visit with a little volunteering. The Museum is a real treat.

Assembly 123 wants to congratulate John Bebo Jr. for being named Fraternalist of the Year. We know him as an enthusiastic member of NSS and a very fine gentleman.

One of our members, Lorraine Hicks is organizing a weekend bus trip to Chautauqua NY at the end of August. If any of you are interested you can call Lorraine at 724-846-7649 or email her at: lhicks@comcast.net to get all the details.

**Bill Knoll**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 377

### Bentleyville, PA

Members of our assembly are invited to join us at Kennywood for Slovak Day on July 21st, 2016. You will be reimbursed for the cost of your tickets at our next meeting on August 28th.

Mark your calendars for our bowling party and meeting on August 28th at 3:00 p.m. It will be held at the Meadows Casino in Washington, PA. We will meet in the private room at the bowling alley. After a meeting to discuss fraternal activities, 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. Our Annual Reverse Raffle will be held on February 25th, 2017. The time and locations for the above will be announced in the future.

**Shawn Pytel**  
Publicist

## ASSEMBLY 554

### Curwensville, PA

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

The following meetings are July 3rd, 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 assembly554@gmail.com.

**Jim Stricek**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 588

### Slovan, PA

#### Fraternal Night at the Old Schoolhouse Players Theater

Assembly 588 is sponsoring a fraternal night at the Mount Pleasant Township Community Center in Hickory, Pennsylvania to watch the Old Schoolhouse Players perform the musical, *Footloose*. Any member of Assembly 588 interested in attending *Footloose* on Friday, July 22, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., should contact Annette Stefka at 724-947-9471 by July 14, 2016, to reserve a ticket. Assembly 588 will provide a ticket free of charge to any Assembly 588 member wishing to attend the performance. The Assembly has reserved a limited number of tickets for the musical. Tickets will be available on a first call basis. Remember – one ticket per member. **Don't forget to call prior to the deadline of July 14th to reserve your ticket.** Join us for a great night of theater and fraternal fun in Hickory, Pennsylvania on July 22nd.

**Annette Stefka**  
Recording Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 731

### Lowellville, OH

Our Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 17, 2016, at the Lowellville Rod & Gun Club, 6225 Quarry Rd., Lowellville, OH at 2:00 p.m. Details will be announced at a later date.

**Laurie Fox**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 737

### Westmoreland City, PA

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

**Carol Godor**  
Treasurer

## REGION 2

### Hazleton, PA

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 City, 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

### *Upcoming Deadlines*

PVR Scholarship Renewals:  
July 15th

Youth Poetry Contest:  
August 1st

Photo Contest:  
October 1st

Christmas Ornament  
Contest:  
December 1st

# SCHOLARSHIP FOR SENIOR MEMBERS

## A Fraternal Program

### PURPOSE ~

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

### MEMBER ELIGIBILITY ~

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

### COURSE ELIGIBILITY ~

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

### PROCEDURE ~

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

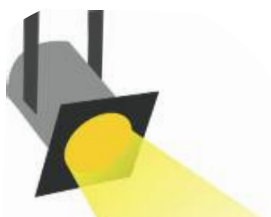
### INFORMATION & APPLICATION ~

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

## Is there a doctor in the house??



Richard Toth graduated on May 29, 2016 at LECOM in Erie PA. He will start 3 years of Residency at end of June, 2016. His specialty is Family Doctor. We are very proud of his accomplishment and wanted to share this with you. Richard's proud parents are Rick and Nancy Toth. His father, Rick, is an employee of the NSS as an Underwriter.



## Spotlight On Jill Grover

### Sales & Marketing Assistant

I've been proud to be part of the NSS Life Home Office staff for almost 10 years. My official title here at NSS Life is Sales Assistant. My primary focus is to provide support for our sales agents who sell and service our products in 18 states. I am responsible for contracting, commissions, providing product and policy information, sales illustrations and anything connected to the sales and service process. I also assist our members when they need information or assistance. In my time with NSS Life, I have seen our sales force grow from 400 to over 1400 agents. I take a personal interest in getting to know both our agents and members. They are a part of my NSS Life family. I am also a licensed agent in Pennsylvania.



In just a few weeks, my husband Lyle and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. I often describe our family as a cross between the 1968 Lucille Ball movie, "Yours, Mine and Ours" and "The Brady Bunch". We are the blessed parents of six children, all adults (3 boys and 3 girls) and two handsome grandsons. Needless to say, our home was never boring! We recently welcomed a new son-in-law, when our youngest daughter, Brianna married on Leap Day. Now that we are empty nesters, we are enjoying time alone and volunteering. I am an active member of The American Legion Auxiliary, proudly serving our military, veterans and their families as both a local and state officer. I also enjoy participating with my NSS Life Assembly 123 family and Crossroads United Methodist Church family. My hobbies include cooking, sewing, and spending time with family and friends.



# 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**

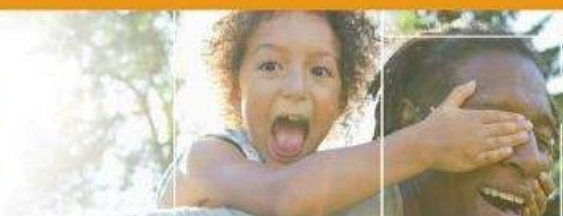
**Be a Sponsor** —help defray cost of demonstration supplies, entertainment, paper products etc..  
**\$100 ...Gold \$50...Silver \$25....Bronze**

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

Vendor spaces are available although limited.  
For more information please contact Sue Ondrejco at (412) 421-1204.

*Slovak cooking & craft demonstrations*  
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### Deadline for PVR Scholarship Renewals

Students must submit verification of continuing education enrollment from the attending school by submitting a transcript of their grades indicating a maintained 3.0 GPA, to the NSS Scholarship Department at the conclusion of EACH school year before being considered eligible to receive payment for a second, third, or fourth year grant. These transcripts must be received by **JULY 15TH.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS  
THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**



# Júl-Leto



## Slniečko Vysoko Na Nebi

**Neskorá jar a leto patria medzi najkrajšie obdobia roka. Hoci v tom čase bývalo na dedine veľa práce, mladí ľudia –mládenci a dievčatá– si predsa vedeli nájsť čas, aby mohli byť spolu. Najmä pri sviatočných príležitostiach.**

### Slovenský deň v Kennywood Parku

Oznamujeme Slovákom a Slovenkám v PGH, a okolí, že 93 Slovenský deň západnej PA bude vo štvrtok 21 júla v zábavnom parku Kennywood.

Program Slovenského dňa sa začne od jednej budú detské hry, o druhej výstupia folklórom ti najmenší. Sv. Omša bude po anglicky o 4-tej po poludní a po bohoslužbe vystúpia folklórne súbory Pgh Slovákov a PAS.

Po celé poobede budú podávať chutné Slovenské jedla.

Vstúpenky do parku sú po \$26 dolarov môžete si ich zaobstaráť od Sue Ondrejco po telephone na čísle 412 421-1204.

### Priniesli nám písmo



5 teho júla ako Slovenský národ oslavíme sviatok vierozvestcov sv. Cyrila a Metóda ktorý doniesli vieru Slovenskému národu, v roku 863. Pre Slovenský národ zložili aj písmo známe ako Cyrilka a učili čítať a písať našich predkov. Dnes sme radi že Vám môžeme napísať aspoň niekoľko riadkov po slovensky.

### Mariánska hora v Levoči

Bazilika Navštívenia Panny Márie na Mariánskej hore v Levoči patrí medzi najstaršie pútnické miesta východného Slovenska. Púť sa tu koná každoročne 2. júla.



### Golfovy Turnaj



Naša organizácia v tento mesiac pripravuje Golfový turnaj od 15 júla do 17 júla.

Podrobnejšie info nájdete v Anglickej časti, alebo na webovej stránke [www. NSSLIFE.org](http://www.NSSLIFE.org)



Obradový čepiec z Telgártu z roku 1998 – súčasť odevu nevesty počas svadobného čepčenia



Nevesta z Detvy V predošlých rokoch sa užíval takýto kroj region detvy ako vidite mladú nevestu.

### Pranostiky na júl:

Chladný júl celé leto ochladí.

V júli do košele obleč sa, v decembri po uši odej sa.

4. Júl Americký sviatok samostatnosti.

4. Júl Keď prší na Prokopa, namokne každý snop aj kopa.

13. Júl Margita muchám vrece rozväzuje.

13. Júl Zaplačeli Margita, bude dažďov do syta.

25. Júl Ak je teplý svätý Jakub - studené sú Vianoce.

26. Júl Ak je pred Annou pekne, je po Anne mrzko.



# NSS YOUTH AMBASSADORS



## AMBASSADORS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Next PA Volunteer Event: Homeless Children's Education Fund

We had a great time volunteering for the Animal Rescue League Wildlife Center on Join Hands Day. Join us in July for our next event with HCEF, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1999 to support the educational needs of children experiencing homelessness in Allegheny County. We are still working on details/exact date so if you are interested, please provide your availability via the following doodle poll: <http://doodle.com/poll/88n575k9s4x2acqb>.

### 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 fundraising for/starting programs around the country. Interested in participating? Email us today ([ambassadors@nsslife.org](mailto:ambassadors@nsslife.org)) so that we can get you involved in your community.



## AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Lauren Michael | **Age:** 15 | **City, State:** Clymer, NY

**Favorite Book:** The Perks of Being a Wallflower

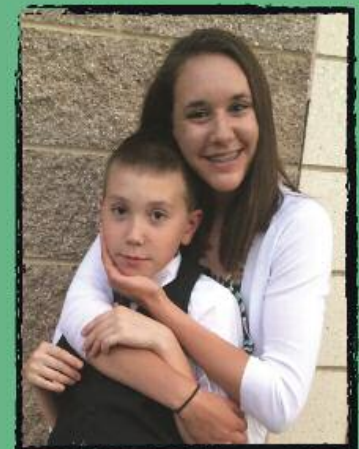
**Favorite Movie:** Second Hand Lion

**Hobbies:** Piano and Running

**Cause she is passionate about:** Encouragement in early childhood exercise because children are becoming more inactive and obese.

**Biggest Role Model:** Mother

**What are you looking forward to most in becoming an NSS Ambassador?:** Opportunity to network with people my age and to receive mentoring for career opportunities.





# Youth Circle Page

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

## Congratulations



**Ashlynn Mason**, a member of C731, and second grader at Buckeye Elementary in Salem Ohio, won the school's Top Fundraiser award from the American Heart Association. Ashlynn's personal goal was to raise \$1,000.00 and she exceeded that goal by raising \$1,091.00. Ashlynn was very energetic and enthusiastic about her commitment to helping raise money for the Heart Association and is grateful to everyone who donated on her behalf, especially for Assembly 731 support and matching funds from the NSS home office.

Buckeye Elementary has been involved with the Jump Rope for Heart for 8 years and has sent approximately \$47,000.00 to the American Heart Association during that time. Students learn various heart healthy facts and how to take care of their own hearts during the event. This community endeavor also helps the students to understand more about congenital heart defects and how the American Heart Association helps fund research for doctors and scientists to help those born with not so healthy hearts. Students jump rope and do other types of jumping activities during the event. This year the school raised \$10,410.00 and Ashlynn was their Top Fundraiser.

**Laurie Fox**

## 2016 YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

Deadline: August 15th, 2016

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

1. Contest is open to all NSS Youth members ages 5 to 16.
2. Poem may be any length up to two pages double spaced.
3. Topic is chosen by individual.
4. Each poem submitted **MUST** be an original work created by the member and should be typed or hand written clearly.
5. All entries must include: name, address, phone number, age, assembly/circle number, along with your t-shirt size chosen by the following sizes available:  
Youth Sizes - YS and YM  
Adult Sizes - AS, AM, AL and AXL
6. Winners in each category will have their poetry printed in the National News, Youth Circle Magazine, and on the NSS Website.
7. Contest shall be judged under the following ages:  
Keats - Ages 5, 6, 7  
Angelou - Ages 8, 9, 10  
Frost - Ages 11, 12, 13  
Shakespeare - Ages 14, 15, 16
8. Prizes awarded in each level shall be as follows:  
First Place- \$50.00 & Certificate of Achievement  
Second Place- \$25.00 & Certificate of Achievement  
Third Place- \$15.00 & Certificate of Achievement
9. Deadline for entries to the Home Office is August 15th. Entries must be mailed or delivered to:  
National Slovak Society  
c/o Fraternal Department  
351 Valley Brook Road  
McMurray, PA 15317
10. Entries will be judged by an outside professional. Decisions made by the judge will be final in all cases.
11. The National Slovak Society reserves the right to keep all the poems.

Please contact Fraternal Activities Coordinator Pam Blum at **pblum@nsslife.org** or call the Home Office at 724-731-0094 if you have any questions.

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### DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

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