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Activities At A Glance

REGION 2

Assemblies L075, 0617

July 14	Assembly 0617, Meeting, Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA at 12 Noon
July 14-August 4	Assembly 0617, Basket Raffle - 50/50 Drawing
August 2	Assembly 0617, Picnic, Knoebel's Amusement Park at 12 Noon
August 12	Assembly L075, Summer Picnic, Mercatelli-Segilia Park, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm
August 18	Region 2, Meeting, Perkins, Pittston, PA at 1:00 pm
October 14	Assembly L075, Meeting, Grande's Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 2:00 pm
November 18	Assembly L075, Wilkes-Barre VA Bingo Party, Recreation Room at 2:00 pm

REGION 5

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

July 19	Slovak Day, Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA
July 13-15	NSS Golf Tournament, Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, Hermitage, PA
August 4	Assembly 0123, Miniature Golf, Neville Island
August 12	Assembly 0377, Meeting/Luncheon, Richardson's Park, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm
August 19	Region 5, Picnic, Cedar Creek Park, Activities Center, Westmoreland County, PA at 12 Noon
September 9	Assembly 0039, Meeting, Eat'n Park Community Room at 6:00 pm
September 22	Septemberfest, Home Office, McMurray, PA
October 6	Assembly 0737, Meeting, Godor's residence, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm
October 28	Assembly 0377, Halloween Party, Toscana Brick Oven, Canonsburg, PA at 3:00 pm
December 2	Assembly 0377, Holiday Party, Canons Chop House, Canonsburg, PA at 3:00 pm
December 2	Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Knights of Columbus Hall, Uniontown, PA at 2:00 pm

REGION 8

Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595

August 19	Assembly 0004, Meeting, Havis's residence at 2:00 pm
August 21	Assembly 0432, Meeting, Pytel's residence at 7:30 pm

REGION 14

Assemblies R059, L102

July 22	Assembly L102, Summer Picnic, Gross's residence, New Tripoli at 2:00 pm
July 22	Assembly R059, Meeting, Lahutsky's residence, Bethlehem, PA at 3:00 pm
October 7	Assembly R059, Meeting, Slivka's residence, Bethlehem, PA at 3:00 pm
October 28	Assembly R059, Hot Dog/Coffee Hour, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church at 3:00 pm

REGION 15

Assemblies L002, 0028

No activities at this time

AT LARGE

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

July 15	Assembly 0586, Meeting, Dancing Marlin, Frankfort, IL.
August 12	Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck's residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
September 2	Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm
October 21	Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck's residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
November 4	Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA (TBA)
December 1	Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Stambaugh Room, Boardman, OH at 1:00 pm
December 24	Assembly 0705, Annual Christmas Eve Celebration, 6:00 pm (Fraternal Fund Activity)

From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC
President, CEO

Greetings from the Home Office on this hot summer day in June. As you read this, the 37th Quadrennial Convention of the National Slovak Society will be a part of our history and a new Board of Directors will be in place to help guide the Society to greater heights over the next four years. I want to thank all the members that served as delegates to the convention, and many of them served on committees both prior and during the convention. As delegates you accomplished a lot, and we do appreciate your efforts. I want to give a special shout out to Pam Blum, Greg Felton and Ryan Strom from the Home Office who worked hard to make the convention a success. Also to Ashley Bernardo, Lindsay Felton, and Amanda Zinn, who coordinated and supervised 26 of our young folks who participated in the FUNFEST at the convention.

Congratulations to all the newly elected Board members, Secretary/Treasurer Linda Strom and myself look forward to working with you in the future. This month we start off with a bang (no pun intended) as we celebrate a very special holiday, the 4th of July, which falls in the middle of the week this year. We will be holding our annual golf outing the weekend of July 13-15 at the beautiful Tam O'Shanter Golf Course north of Pittsburgh. Looking forward to a great weekend of camaraderie and fun. We love to see some new faces in attendance and we always enjoy seeing the regulars that come year after year.

Later in the month, July 19th, is the date of Slovak Kenneywood Day. This is another fun annual event where Slovaks from all over converge on the park for a fun-filled day of rides, games for the kids and a visit to the Slovak Kitchen where the Slovak Day Committee has the best

Slovak food for a nominal price. I can taste the haluski and stuffed cabbage already.

News Of Narodniars

Happy Birthday to NSS Chair of the Board Joseph Stefka, Honorary Director Ed Koches, Home Office staffers Pat Glaser and Jeff DeSantes, former staff members Stacey Boury Shun, Albert Suess and Laverne Orban, members John Martincek and Greg Blum, brother Dale Blazek, Father-in-Law Dan Gimiliano, and granddaughter Ella Woods who is entering high school this year. Wow! Does time fly!

Happy wedding anniversary wishes to Amanda and Matthew Zinn, and to all who are celebrating this month.

To all our members that may be ill or recovering from some type of operation, may God be with you as you return to good health. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

The Oath, A Document Film

February 23, 1945; after several days of bloody combat with the Japanese, six Marines raised the American flag on Mount Suribachi on the Island of Iwo Jima. Michael Strank, originally from Slovakia, was the leader of this detail. Thanks to the expressive photograph of Joe Rosenthal, those soldiers became heroes who were revered across the United States. However fate didn't allow Strank to live that long. He died in combat a few days later when shrapnel from an artillery shell pierced his heart. He was 25 years old.

Strank was born into a Greek Catholic family on November 10, 1919 in the Ruthenian village of Jarabina in eastern Slovakia. Poverty drove the family to America in search of work. His father, Vasil, labored in a coal mine in Pennsylvania to support his wife and 5 children.

Thanks to his Father, Michael could study. He was an excellent student with a photographic memory, a talented musician and baseball player who was feared and respected by his rivals. He had a bright future ahead of him. The Great Depression destroyed his dreams. Michael, survived the hardest times of the crisis as a worker on a road construction project in the brutal heat of the Arizona desert. The hard work turned a boy into a disciplined and responsible young man.

When Hitler invaded Czechoslovakia, he enlisted in the Marine Corps because he couldn't just sit by and watch. He had hoped to return to the land of his birth and fight the Nazis. However, he was sent to

Boot Camp at Paris Island for recruit training. Because of his skills, he was assigned to the elite Marine Raiders who were carrying out dangerous surprise strikes, and raids under the cover of night behind enemy lines in the South Pacific.

In November 1943, the Marine Raiders landed on the Island of Bougainville. For two months, Strank led his squad in attacks on the Japanese who were almost invisible in the impenetrable jungle. They waded through mud, dodged sniper fire and were shelled with mortar fire and endured poisonous snakes and millions of mosquitos. Bougainville was a living hell. The Marine Raiders battled under conditions that would have driven ordinary soldiers to the edge of insanity. Strank contracted malaria and was sent home for a month to recuperate, but he refused to remain in America feeling that he couldn't leave his men because they needed his help.

Michael also did everything possible to protect his squad during the battle of Iwo Jima where they were constantly under fire from Japanese machine guns and heavy artillery that tore bodies into pieces. It was a massacre. It was only a matter of time before that fateful piece of shrapnel flew. It happened at the moment when he was trying to prevent his squad from being surrounded by the Japanese. No one could save him.

The film tells the story of the faith of a young man whose skill and energy were dedicated to the battle for freedom and independence, and who by sacrificing himself for others fulfilled his destiny. It is also the story of a forgotten hero who remained nothing more than a carved symbol of courage and bravery. It is a testimony of Strank's personal and spiritual mature transformation in all its abundance and complexity and a record of how he confronted his own fear and how his faith in God helped him. It's a recognition of how he coped with being responsible for the lives of others and wasn't able to save them all.

Strank and his generation of young marines could be an inspiration for us more now than at any time before. Because they personalize men of integrity, honesty, fidelity and self-sacrifice. Our duty is to preserve these values.

Punography Of The Month:
A backward poet writes inverse.

2018 1st Quarter Financial Statement Recap

statement as of March 31, 2018

	Mar 2018	Dec 2017
Net Admitted Assets:		
Bonds	\$1,114,897,358	\$1,088,694,577
Preferred Stocks		
Common Stocks	1,504,198	1,730,363
Mortgage Loans on Real Est	6,235,137	6,125,112
Certificate Loans	867,125	818,069
Real Est Occupied by Society	696,980	702,319
Cash on Deposit	14,593,805	15,967,814
Electronic Data Equipment		
Uncollected Premiums	210,240	168,063
Investment Income Due	15,065,387	12,953,285
TOTALS	\$1,154,070,230	\$1,127,159,602

Liabilities & Unassigned Funds

Aggregate Reserve	\$1,025,538,000	\$1,001,227,000
Deposit-type Contracts	59,995,536	60,415,042
Certificate Claims	350,000	250,000
Commissions Due	50,000	265,000
Refunds Due and Unpaid	475,000	465,000
General Exp Due	1,867,500	1,964,000
Retained by Society as Trustee	8,442	84,431
Asset Valuation Resv (AVR)	6,910,100	6,678,000
Interest Maintenance Resv (IMR)	5,538,026	5,185,212
Contingency Reserve	150,000	150,000
Unassigned Funds	53,187,626	50,475,917
TOTALS	\$1,154,070,230	\$1,127,159,602

Surplus Account:

Beginning Surplus	\$50,625,917	\$43,563,074
Net Income	2,990,477	8,011,135
Change in Net Unrealized Capital Gains or (Losses)	(50,574)	191,914
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	3,906	(5,706)
Change in Valuation Reserve	(232,100)	(1,134,500)
Aggregate Write-ins for Gains and Losses in Surplus		
Net Change in Surplus	2,711,709	7,062,843
Surplus At Statement Date	\$53,337,626	\$50,625,917

Summary of Operations:

	Mar 2018	Dec 2017
INCOME:		
Premium & Annuity Considerations	\$41,265,950	\$150,814,114
Net Investment Income	13,449,646	49,226,217
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	118,309	606,572
Income Sub-Total	\$54,833,905	\$200,646,903

EXPENSES:

Death Benefits	\$1,650,327	\$5,414,182
Matured Endowments	6,572	27,264
Annuity Benefits	23,216,885	89,490,907
Disability Benefits	3,209	4,074
Surrender Benefits	116,888	785,066
Interest On Deposit Type Contr	510	7,856
Increase In Aggregate Reserve for Life Contracts	24,311,000	87,344,000
Commissions On Direct Business	1,003,560	4,180,466
General & Fraternal Expenses	1,359,820	4,654,343
Insur, Taxes, Licenses, Fees	60,929	184,388
Expense Sub-Total	\$51,729,700	\$192,092,546

SUMMARY:

Net Gain From Operations		
Before Refunds To Members	\$3,104,205	\$8,554,357
Refund To Members	(116,824)	(453,909)
Net Gain From Operations		
After Refunds To Members	2,987,381	8,100,448
Net Realized Capital Gains	3,096	(89,313)
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$2,990,477	\$8,011,135

Linda M Strom
Secretary/Treasurer, CFO

Life Insurance Needs Worksheet

This worksheet can help you get a general sense of how much life insurance you need to protect your loved ones, assuming that you died today. Before buying any insurance products, you should consult with a qualified insurance professional for a more thorough analysis of your needs.

Years Income Needed	Factor
10	8.8
15	12.4
20	15.4
25	18.1
30	20.4
35	22.4
40	24.1

Years Before College	Factor
5	.95
10	.91
15	.86
20	.82

Note: These tables help you determine Net Present Value (NPV), the amount of capital required today to satisfy future income or college cost needs, given an assumed investment return of 6%, inflation of 3% for living costs and 5% for college costs.

Prefer to Use an Online Calculator?
Visit the nonprofit LIFE Foundation's Life Insurance Needs Calculator at www.lifehappens.org/lifecalculator

Income

- Total annual income your family would need if you died today.** What your family needs, before taxes, to maintain its current standard of living (Typically between 60%-75% of total income). \$ _____
- Annual income your family would receive from other sources.** For example, spouse's earnings or a fixed pension.¹ (Do not include income earned on your assets, as it is addressed later in the calculation). \$ _____
- Income to be replaced.**
Subtract line 2 from line 1. \$ _____
- Capital needed for income.**
Multiply line 3 by appropriate factor in Table A. Factor _____. \$ _____

Expenses

- Funeral and other final expenses.** Typically the greater of \$15,000 or 4% of your estate. \$ _____
- Mortgage and other outstanding debts.**
Include mortgage balance, credit card balance, car loans, etc. \$ _____
- Capital needed for college.**
(2007-2008 average 4-year cost: Private, \$146,210; Public, \$61,499²).

	Estimated 4-Year Cost	Appropriate Factor in Table B	NPV		
Child 1	_____ X _____	_____	= _____	+]	→ \$ _____
Child 2	_____ X _____	_____	= _____		
Child 3	_____ X _____	_____	= _____		

- Total capital required.** Add items 4, 5, 6 and 7. \$ _____

Assets

- Savings and investments.** Bank accounts, money market accounts, CDs, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities, etc. \$ _____
- Retirement savings.** IRAs, 401(k)s, SEP plans, SIMPLE IRA plans, Keoghs, pension and profit sharing plans.³ \$ _____
- Present amount of life insurance.** Including group insurance as well as insurance purchased on your own. \$ _____
- Total income producing assets.**
Add lines 9, 10 and 11. \$ _____
- Life insurance needed.**
Subtract line 12 from line 8. \$ _____

¹ Social Security benefits, which may be available, have not been factored into this calculation.

² *Trends in College Pricing, 2007*, The College Board. Costs reflect total charges, which include tuition, fees, room and board.

³ Distributions from most retirement savings plans are subject to ordinary income tax rates.

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From the Sales Department...

By Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC
Sales Director



Financial Abuse

Believe it or not, it has been estimated that one in five seniors face some form of financial abuse. Both seniors and their children believe that this is most likely to occur from a stranger. However, the vast majority of this abuse occurs by family members and the total cost is billions of dollars. This makes sense since seniors have the majority of wealth in this country and they have a deep commitment to try and help their family. Sometimes it starts with something as innocent as a short term loan for an emergency, then another one and another. All of a sudden, the crisis has become a monthly occurrence. Even small amounts of money on a regular basis will add up to a significant amount. The usual list of problems that family members have ranges from divorce, unemployment, the opioid crisis, etc. One of the most common abuses occurs when one family member (perhaps the one with the power of attorney or the future executor) seems to take care of everything while not keeping the rest of the family in the know.

Here are some helpful hints for seniors and their families. The first and most important thing to do is to have a conversation with the entire family about your money. Everyone should be on the same page with your wants, needs, requests and bequests. Usually one family member (sometimes the oldest, or closest in proximity) will be selected to be the power of attorney and/or the executor of the estate. This person should handle their parent(s) affairs in a fiduciary capacity. This means that all transactions are documented,

transparent and clearly for the individual's welfare. As we age it is important to have a will, a power of attorney and a health care directive.

Seniors should also do the following to help prevent any financial abuse. Make sure all checks are direct deposited to your bank. Set up automatic payments so you don't have to worry about bills being paid on time. Be sure to review credit card statements and bills. Once a year, run your credit report. Keep track of checks (even the unused ones) and use cash sparingly. Some other telltale signs that something may be wrong or at least raise a red flag include: sudden or frequent ATM withdrawals, a new "best" friend, checks that say "loan" in the memo line, address changes to financial records, a new credit card, changes to a will, beneficiary changes, etc.

Always keep your social security number private along with financial records. Keep your entire family informed about finances. If you suspect financial abuse, talk to a trusted family member, clergy, banker, attorney, Adult Protective Services for your state and/or the police.

Who needs life insurance?

If someone will suffer financially when you die, you need life insurance. If you were to die today, life insurance would provide cash to your dependents that can help pay for your funeral and other final expenses, meet everyday living expenses, pay down the mortgage, finance longer-term goals like education and retirement, and generally maintain your family's quality of life.

Where do I begin?

Start by evaluating your family's needs. Gather all your personal financial information and estimate what your family members would need to meet current and future financial obligations and maintain their quality of life if you were gone. Include immediate expenses at the time of death (e.g., burial costs, outstanding debts, medical bills, estate taxes), ongoing expenses (e.g., food, clothing, housing, utilities, transportation, health care, insurance) and future expenses (e.g., college and retirement funding).

How much life insurance do I need?

Since the amount of insurance you need depends on your specific financial goals and circumstances, there's no simple formula to help determine the amount that's right for you. That said, when you consider all the things that life insurance proceeds need to fund and how long the money will be needed, you begin to realize that your true need for coverage is often 10 or 15 times your gross income, sometimes more. While there's no substitute for evaluating your needs with the aid of a qualified insurance professional, you can get a general sense of your needs by visiting the LIFE Foundation's Insurance Needs Calculator at www.lifehappens.org/lifecalculator.

Should I buy term or permanent life insurance?

It's impossible to say because the kind that's right for you depends on your unique circumstances and financial goals. But generally speaking, term offers the greatest coverage for the lowest initial premium and is a great solution for people with temporary needs or a limited budget. Permanent insurance may make more sense if you anticipate a need for lifelong protection and like the option of accumulating tax-deferred cash values. Also, it doesn't have to be either one or the other. Often-times, a combination of term and permanent insurance is the right answer.

What should I consider in naming beneficiaries?

There are several key considerations:

- Always name a "contingent," or secondary, beneficiary, just in case you outlive your first beneficiary.
- Select a specific beneficiary, rather than having the proceeds of your life insurance paid to your estate. One of the great advantages of life insurance is that it can be paid to your family immediately. If it is payable to your estate, however, it will have to go through probate with the rest of your assets.
- Be very specific in wording beneficiary designations. Saying "wife of the insured" could result in an ex-spouse getting the proceeds. Naming specific children may exclude those born later. Changing the beneficiary designation is easy, but you have to remember to do it.

Thought for the Month

We are not given a good life or a bad life. We are given life. And it's up to you to make it good or bad.
Anonymous

Margaret Gushka

2018 NSS Fraternalist of the Year



Margaret Gushka of Assembly 617 has been selected as the 2018 NSS Fraternalist of the Year. Margaret has given of her time, talents and uses her unique abilities and ideas to get people involved in helping the needy in the community. She has enlighten many lives to do good for mankind by volunteering and donating an immense

amount of her time, effort and energy to help others.

Margaret cares for her 95 year old mother by taking her to her appointments, church, paying her bills, grocery shopping, and going to the pharmacy for her. She also takes her to social activities to be with friends. She also helps a disabled person in the county with their mail, bills, filing papers, taxes and getting rebates.

Margaret is an Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist at Holy Family Parish where she volunteers at breakfasts and dinners. She and her husband, Bob, also donate baskets for their raffles. While she was at another church making pierogis, other women were making rosaries to donate to those in need. Marge told them about our member, Father John Ostrowski, who is currently in El Salvador and she was given 125 rosaries for them. Father John and his church were very grateful.

Margaret always volunteers at NSS projects, our Join Hands Day at St Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, serving dinners and socializing with those being served. She helps with our assembly at Fraternal Day at Knoebels Amusement Park and always brings a special treat to share. She is also active at all Region 2 meetings. Marge informed our assembly about a young girl with cancer who started making Chemo Jackets for those with cancer. They are designed specifically for those getting chemo therapy. Our assembly gave a donation to buy a jacket for them.

In her community, Marge is a member and advisor of the General Federation of Women's Club (GFWC) West Side, a nonprofit org. that helps the needy in her community. She encouraged participation in the Arts (Photography, crafts, and short story categories). She also got prizes donated for the winners. She and her members also helped paint holiday scenes at the community counseling services office.

Margaret had several Home Life Projects she organized and volunteered at including Mother Teresa's Haven, a program for homeless men in Luzerne County traveling among local parishes where they are fed, and given a place to sleep at night. She and some members also donated blankets and plastic sleeping mats for the men. When she and her club learned of a student who was in need of \$75 electrical

boots for electrician curriculum, the club donated the boots. They also donated other items and gave a gift card for groceries for their family of seven.

Marge started a project "Coats for Kids" All donations were given to two local centers for underprivileged children. Then she saw women making dresses out of pillowcases so Marge got her club to volunteer to cut, sew and iron 250 pillowcase dresses. When the Ostrowski family was going to El Salvador to see Father John Ostrowski, she sent many of those dresses for Father John's congregation.

Margaret volunteers at the Northeast Sight Services with their mailing, working at their bingo's and helping clients play bingo. At their Insight Kids Program, she helps at the Pumpkin Patch Festival helping children make and decorate cookies and make greeting cards. She also volunteers at their Beeping Easter Egg Hunt where the children listen for beeping to find the Easter Eggs.

Margaret organized a club project "Hygiene Kits". These kits are filled with specific hygiene products and were given to people in the USA who are in need, or flood victims or homeless. She got involved in "Lessons in a Lunchbox" program for grades 2 and 3 designed to teach them good nutrition and oral hygiene through brushing and flossing. She presented her class with a free lunchbox containing toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and a carrot designed to hold these products. The carrot had a screw top to use as a rinse cup.

Margaret and her husband Robert have a son Matthew and daughter Adrienne Paley and two grandchildren Ellie and James. They are all members of Assembly 617. We are proud to announce **Margaret Gushka as the 2018 NSS Fraternalist of the Year.**

Why we celebrate the 4th of July with fireworks



Seems like the history of fireworks on July 4th is as old as America. There's a reason for that.

On the first Independence Day celebration, July 4th, 1777, Americans gathered to watch as the the sky was illuminated to celebrate the new nation.

We owe the celebrations to John Adams, one of the founding fathers, who mentioned the festivities in a letter to his wife Abigail Adams.

"I am apt to believe that the Independence Day will be celebrated, by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary festival," he wrote.

"It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

2018 Youth Achievement Winner

Luke A. Webb



Luke A. Webb has been a member of Assembly 774 of the National Slovak Society for the last 18 years. He has volunteered at Septemberfest selling raffle tickets, cleaning up and helping with parking. This year Luke participated in a fund raiser to benefit Blessings in a Back Pack at their annual Spaghetti

Dinner at Bentworth High School. Luke also volunteered at the American Legion Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre this year.

Luke is a high school graduate from Bethel Park High School. He finished up with a weighted GPA of 3.35. Luke has been accepted to Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, PA, and will begin attending classes there in the fall. He is considering a career in the legal profession.

He was on the Debate team and Chess Club. He was in Boy Scouts for 6 years, soccer for 6 years, made it to green belt in Karate and participated in swords. Luke spent a week on an educational trip traveling throughout the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador in 10th grade which was coordinated by a Biology teacher from Bethel Park.

While in scouts, Luke volunteered for many fundraisers throughout the years, including: car washes, working the Christmas Tree sales each year, men's fish fry, craft shows at St. Louise Church, serving dinner to the homeless, adopt a highway clean ups, volunteering at Heinz Field, food drives and popcorn sales. For the past few years Luke has volunteered at St. Joan of Arc garden to benefit South Hills Interfaith Ministries and local food pantry.

Luke attended Keystone Boy's State in 2017. This is a very prestigious educational program organized by the American Legion and held at Shippensburg University. There Luke was involved in local, county and state government forums, participated in mock legislative sessions, court proceedings and law enforcement presentations. He was recently recognized for this at the Allegheny County Youth Achievement Dinner at Soldiers and Sailors Hall.

Luke has been working as a cashier at Heisler's Market in McMurray PA, since October 2016.

As a member of Assembly 774, we are proud to announce **Luke A. Webb as the 2018 NSS Youth Achievement winner.**

95th Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood Park

The 95th Annual Slovak Day will take place **Thursday, July 19, 2018** at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA. It will be an exciting day for Americans of Slovak descent to celebrate their heritage with each other while enjoying colorful displays, authentic costumes, a Slovak liturgy, spectacular Slovak Folk Dance performances, scrumptious Slovak food, special children's activities as well as foot-tapping music for dancing. These combine to build a treasure chest of memories—many to be remembered and still more waiting to be created.

Tantalize your taste buds at the Slovak Kitchen where you will be able to enjoy holubky (stuffed cabbage), haluski (sweet cabbage and noodles), pirohy and kolbasy. Your sweet tooth can be satisfied with the homemade favorite-ceregi and Paska. Enjoy this delicious dinner or ala-carte foods and relax amid the echoes of Slovakia, as the strolling musicians play all the "Slovak favorites". Food will be served in Pavilion #4 behind the ride "Garfield's Revenge" from 12:30 p.m. until the food is sold out.

In Pavilion #3 you will be able to see a "Slovak Living Museum" prepared by the "PAS" Jr. and Maly Ensembles. The exhibit will include Slovak heirlooms of folk treasures that show the incredible skill and artistry found in the Slovak villages.

In the Main Pavilion #5 there will be Slovak Cultural Displays provided by the Slovak Fraternal's. New this year is a Slovak Marketplace where one can shop for unique items from Slovakia and other Eastern European countries. Items include Christmas ornaments, embroidered aprons. Slovak cookbooks and much more.

A special youth area will feature activities just for children. The children's program will include games and treats beginning at 12:30 p.m. by the Main Pavilion. Every child participating in these activities will receive a free treat. From 1 to 4 p.m., one can sit back and enjoy the music or kick up your heels dancing, grab a partner and twirl to traditional Slovak music of the George Batyi Ensemble at the Kitchen Pavilion.

Everyone over age 3 **MUST** have a ticket to enter the park, whether you ride or not.

The ticket prices for this year are as follows:

UNDER age 55: \$25
55-69: \$15

SUPER SENIOR 70+: \$11

They are good any week-**DAY** until September 17, 2018. However, on a week-**END** or **Holiday**, you will have to pay an additional charge at the gate.

All tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets can or will be left for pick up at the park.

Tickets may be ordered by sending a check made payable and mailed to:

**W. PA Slovak Day Assoc.
234 ILION St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207**

For more information, contact Pam Blum at pblum@nsslife.org or (724) 731-0094.

NSS Region 5 (Pittsburgh) is offering free tickets to YFC members (age 16 and younger). Contact Pam Blum at the Home Office for details.

ASSEMBLY 004

Parma, OH

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

Sonia Vorell
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 039

Uniontown, PA

We need volunteers for our "Join Hands Day" event with the local council of the Knights of Columbus at the Tony Bartock Annual Golf Outing. The outing will be held on Sunday, July 8th at the Springdale Golf Club here in Uniontown starting with registration at 8:00 am. Fayette County Special Olympics and a number of other local charities are beneficiaries. Ford of Uniontown is awarding a car for a hole-in-one on one of the par threes.

Congratulations to Frank Mulich who was one of five winners in the May NSS "Hershey 2018 Word Search Contest".

Assembly NSS scholarship recipients are reminded that July 15th is the deadline to renew your PVR scholarship. Even if you missed the deadline in the past, you are still eligible to renew for this coming Fall. All rules are on the NSS website: nsslife.org and in the "National News" magazine.

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

Our Third Quarter Meeting will be held on Sunday, **September 9th**. We will gather at the Eat n' Park Restaurant for dinner at 6:00 pm. Our delegates to the recent NSS Convention will be giving a report. We will be remembering those that died on September 11th, especially those that perished on Flight 93 in Shanksville, PA.

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

Annual Christmas Party on Sunday, **December 2nd** at 2:00 pm in the social hall of the Knights of Columbus facility in Uniontown.

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

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY R059

Bethlehem, PA

Please note **date changes and locations** of future meetings:

July 22 - Meeting at Paula and John Lahutsky's, 3914 Linden Street, Bethlehem, PA at 3:00 pm.

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

October 28 - Hotdog/Coffee Hour Social at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, 980 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA. For any information, you may contact Michele at 610-262-2045. Proceeds will go to the Allentown Rescue Mission.

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to Protodeacon Michael who is recovering from surgery.

Michele Guydan
Secretary

ASSEMBLY L075

Duryea, PA

Mark your calendars for our future meetings:

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

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

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

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

Lehrae Ann Edwards
Secretary

ASSEMBLY L102

Schnecksville, PA

Our summer picnic will be held on Sunday, **July 22, 2018** at the home of Mike and Abby Gross in New Tripoli at 2:00 pm.

Please call Abby at 610-709-4990 for directions. Hope to see you there.

Sharon Wesnak
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 123

Coraopolis, PA

Summer is here, well not officially until June 21st, but I'm not waiting. I hope all of our members have a most enjoyable summer. Don't overdo it in the sun especially us fair skinned Slovaks.

Let me remind you of some of the summer activities offered by NSS Region 5 which our assembly is a part of. They are sponsoring an outing at a Pirate game **June 15th**. Call Pam Blum at the home office 724-731-0094 for information. Are you surprised as I am that the Pirates are doing as well as they are?

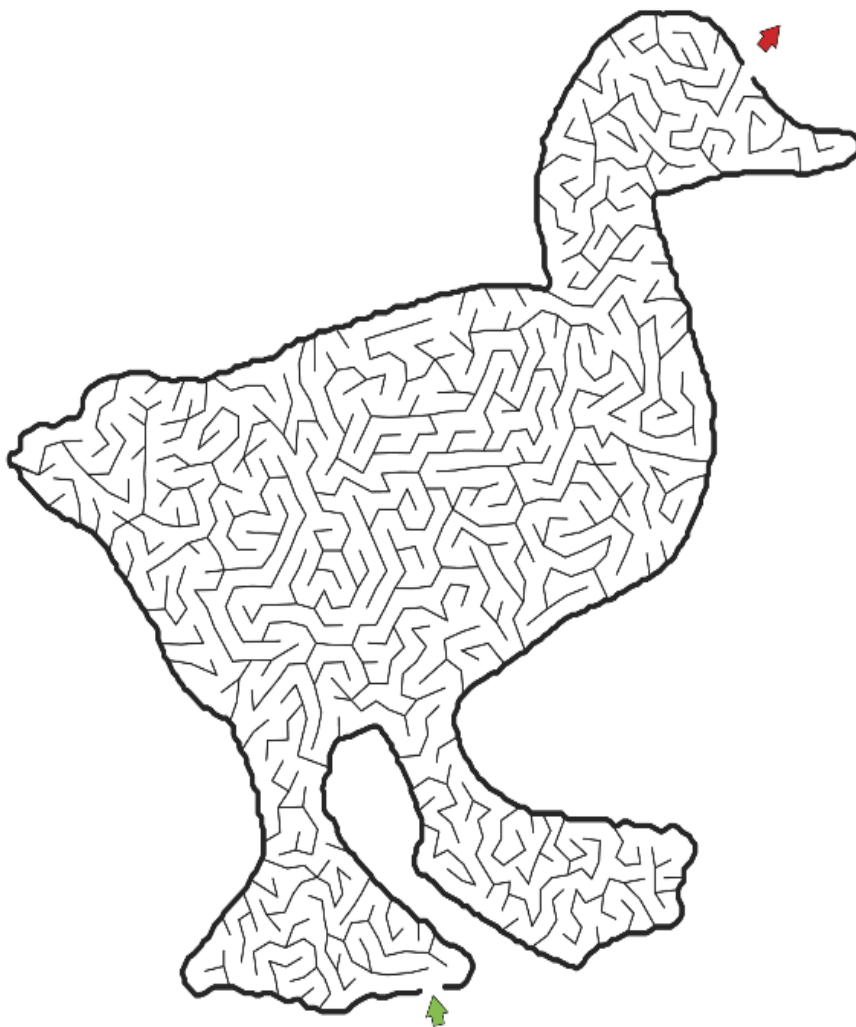
July we have the NSS Golf Tournament **July 13-15** at the beautiful Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Hermitage PA. If any of our members want to participate please give me a call the assembly will help subsidize your fee. I can be reached at 724-242-5085. On Thursday, **July 19th** is Slovak day at Kennywood Park. It is always a fun day if you are interested in going, once again give me a call, the assembly is subsidizing your ticket and the Region 5 is paying for the ticket for anyone age sixteen and under. There is also an opportunity for some to do a little volunteer work. Help is needed at the Slovak kitchen that day. Just a couple of hours of your time, call Judy Landa at 412-322-5168 for details.

Here is something that may interest you, Saturday **August 4th** miniature golf on Neville Island. This event is golf suitable for all young and old, skilled and unskilled, fee paid by our assembly.

All our members welcome. Call Bill DelMonaco 412-264-7268 to register. Assembly 123 is trying to get some of our neighboring assemblies to send a team of four golfers for a challenge match of miniature golf that day.



Animal Maze



Due to NSS Convention responsibilities, the results of the May Art Contest will be in the August, 2018 issue.

Math Jokes

Q: Why didn't the quarter roll down the hill with the nickel?

A: Because it had more cents.

Q: Why was the math book sad?

A: Because it had too many problems.

Q: What kind of meals do math teachers eat?

A: Square meals!

Q: Teacher: Now class, whatever I ask, I want you to all answer at once. How much is six plus 4?

A: Class: At once!

Q: Why didn't the two 4's want any dinner?

A: Because they already 8!

Q: What is a math teacher's favorite sum?

A: Summer!

Q: What is a butterfly's favorite subject at school?

A: Mothematics.

Q: What do you get when you divide the circumference of a Jack-o-lantern by its diameter?

A: Pumpkin Pi!

Q: What did zero say to the number eight?

A: Nice belt.

Q: Teacher: Why are you doing your multiplication on the floor?

A: Student: You told me not to use tables.

Number Fill in Puzzle

We have given you the first number in the puzzle to give you a head start. Fill in the numbers from the list where they will fit and check off each number as you go. Soon you will have the puzzle completed. If you get stuck, or just need to take a little peek to get started, you can find the answers on page 13.

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4 DIGITS
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Do You Know ?????

- Q: What has one head, one foot and four legs?
A: A Bed
- Q: Did you hear the joke about the roof?
A: Never mind, it's over your head!
- Q: How many letters are in The Alphabet?
A: There are 11 letters in The Alphabet
- Q: How can you spell cold with two letters?
A: IC (icy)
- Q: What state is surrounded by the most water?
A: Hawaii (this is really just a trick riddle)
- Q: David's father had three sons: Snap, Crackle, and ?
A: David!
- Q: If you were in a race and passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in?
A: 2nd place!
- Q: What is the center of gravity?
A: The letter V!
- Q: What English word has three consecutive double letters?
A: Bookkeeper
- Q: What has a head, a tail, is brown, and has no legs?
A: A penny!
- Q: The turtle took two chocolates to Texas to teach Thomas to tie his boots. How many T's in that?
A: There are 2 T's in THAT!
- Q: What goes up, but never comes down?
A: Your age!
- Q: What gets bigger and bigger as you take more away from it?
A: A hole!
- Q: How many months have 28 days?
A: All of them!
- Q: Can you spell rotted with two letters?
A: DK (decay)
- Q: How many books can you put into an empty backpack?
A: One! After that it's not empty.

Deadlines for the following contests:

Poetry Contest	August 15
Photo Contest	October 1
Christmas Ornament	December 1

Egg in a Bottle

In this experiment, a hard-boiled egg will fit through a suspiciously small opening with the help of only a few matches. You will be amazed, with the help of a little science!

What You Need:

Adult helper
Hard-boiled egg
Glass bottle with opening slightly smaller than egg (apple cider or juice bottles work well)
Matches

What You Do:

Hard boil an egg by placing the egg in a pot of cool water so the water entirely covers the egg and bring the water to a boil on high heat. You may want to hard boil several eggs at a time so you can do the trick more than once.

Once the water comes to a boil turn the heat off, but don't take the pot off the stove yet. After about 10 minutes, remove the pot from the stove and place the pot and egg under cold running water for a few minutes. Let the egg cool.

Remove the egg from the water and peel the shell.

Place the egg on the opening of the bottle. The egg will not simply fall into the bottle. It is possible to get this egg into the bottle in one piece.

Light two matches. Quickly drop them into the bottle. Quickly place the egg on top of the bottle, wait a few seconds, and watch the egg drop into the bottle.

How it works:

This mind-blowing egg experiment is all about pressure. When you drop matches into the bottle, the air heats up. As the heated air expands, some of it escapes from the bottle. When the flames go out, the air inside the bottle cools and contracts and the egg on the bottle creates a seal. The pressure inside the bottle is now less than the pressure outside the bottle, and because nature trends toward all things being equal, the egg is forced into the bottle. To get the egg back out, you'll have to reheat the bottle. As the bottle warms up the increased air pressure will force the egg back out.



Rainbow Bubble Snakes



The best part is they are easy to make and use things that are laying around the house. All you need is an empty water bottle from your recycling, duct tape, a sock that is missing its match (which everyone seems to have an abundance of), dish soap and some food coloring.

Start by cutting the bottom of the water bottle off. Next slide the sock over the bottom of the bottle. Use duct tape to secure the sock, but you could use a rubber band as well. It is quick and easy to make.

Pour some dish soap into a shallow container with a little bit of water and gently mix. Dip the sock covered bubble blower into the solution and gently blow.

You can add some color to the bubble snakes with food coloring. Drop the food coloring onto the sock covered end.



*Have a safe 4th of July
and have a cookout
with family and friends*

Safari Animals

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lion
leopard
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Bug Jokes

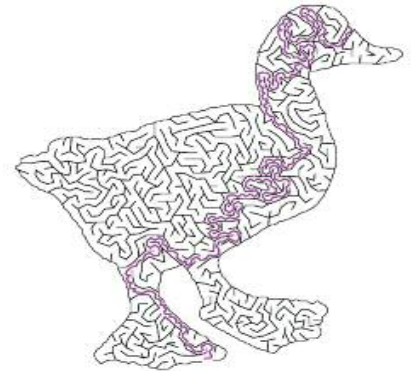
Q: What kind of bugs live in clocks?
A: Ticks!
Q: What kind of petroleum do snails use?
A: Shell!
Q: How do caterpillars order the latest fashions?
A: Caterloges
Q: Where's the best place to buy bugs?
A: A flea market!
Q: What is a bugs favorite sport?
A: Cricket.
Q: Why don't people like bed bugs?
A: Because they get under their skin.
Q: What do you call a retired boy band that like animals?
A: The Beatles!
Q: What do you call a beetle that can dance?
A: A jitterbug.

Slovak Most Popular Words

Welcome to our Slovak list of the most popular words and expressions.

Coffee - káva	Ring - prste
Milk - mlieko	Shirt - koše a
Breakfast - ra ajky	Shoes - topánky
Lunch - obed	Socks - ponožky
Dinner - ve era	Suit - oblek
Bread - chlieb	Sweater - mikina
Cheese - syr	Tie - kravata
Chicken - kura	Umbrella - dáždnik
Eggs - vajcia	Underwear - spodná bielize
Fish - ryba	Wallet - pe aženka
Food - jedlo	Watch - hodinky
Fruit - ovocie	Do you like my dress? - Pá ia sa ti moje šaty?
Meat - mäso	Book - kniha
Sandwich - sendvi	Books - knihy
Sugar - cukor	Chair - stoli ka
Tea - aj	Desk - stôl
Tomatoes - paradajky	Dictionary - slovník
Vegetables - zelenina	Languages - Jazyky
Water - voda	Library - knižnica
Belt - opasok	Laptop - laptop
Clothes - oble enie	Page - strana
Coat - kabát	Paper - papier
Dress - šaty	Pen - pero
Glasses - okuliare	Question - otázka
Gloves - rukavice	School - Škola
Hat - klobúk	Student - študent
Jacket - bunda	Teacher - u ite
Pants (Trousers) - nohavice	

Answers



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ASSEMBLY 123

Coraopolis, PA (continued)

Sunday **August 19th** is the NSS Region 5 picnic at Cedar Creek Park, all are welcome at 12 Noon.

Back to **June**, the **17th** is Father's Day. I wish all the best to all fathers in our assembly. Be sure to do something special for or with your father. Note: to my three, a phone call would be nice.

Would you believe that on June 29, 2007 the first I (eye) phone was released? Eleven years ago and now they are all over the world and changing the way we communicate with each other. What's the next great thing to be invented? Things change but NSS has not changed. It still is providing solid life insurance protection and great interest rates on annuities. You can always call Bill DelMonaco, 412-264-7268, or myself at 724-242-5085 if you or family members or friends have any interest in life insurance or annuities.

Enjoy the summer and be safe!

Bill Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 377

Bentleyville, PA

Join us for our future events:

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

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

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

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 432

Fairview Park, OH

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, **August 21, 2018** at Pytel's residence, North Olmsted, Ohio at 7:30 pm.

Shawn Pytel
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 554

Curwensville, PA

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

Jim Stricek
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 617

Ashley, PA

Meeting

A meeting will be held on Saturday, **July 14, 2018** at Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA at 12 Noon. Final plans for our Matching Fund and our Fraternal Day at Knoebels Park will be made.

RSVP to Rose Mary Strish 570-825-3681 by July 10th.

Matching Fund

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

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

Fraternal Day at Knoebel's

Knoebel's Amusement Park is again the setting for our assembly picnic and park fun. All members are invited to come to Knoebel's Park, Ellysburg, PA on Thursday, **August 2, 2018** from 12

noon to closing (rain or shine). Knoebel's has no admission and free parking. Members will be given park tickets for the rides (excluding pool). We will also provide hoagies (1 per member). We ask every family to bring a snack, treat or fruit to share and your favorite nonalcoholic drink.

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

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

Rose May Strish
President

ASSEMBLY 705

Seelyville, IN

Please mark your calendars for future events in 2018:

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

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

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

Dorothy Buck
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 737

Westmoreland County, PA

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

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

Carol Godor
Treasurer

*Have You Signed Up A
Member lately??*

ASSEMBLY 731

Lowellville, OH

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

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

Laurie Fox
Secretary

REGION 2

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

Rose Mary Strish
Secretary

REGION 5

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

Joseph Stefka, Jr
President

Assembly 0004

Alex Sir Louis, junior pitcher for Heidelberg University, had an outstanding season just completed.

The first two years he worked as a relief pitcher for the varsity. This year he started as a relief pitcher and then moved in as a starter and compiled a record of 6-0 and had the lowest ERA of 1.10 in the Ohio Athletic Conference. He was named to the 2nd Team of the OAC and to the 3rd Team of the Mideast Region.

His studies are a double major in Business and Sports management. His family and Assembly 0004 is proud of his accomplishments.

Keep up the good work.

Oliver Sir Louis
Secretary

News from Assembly #813

Assembly 813 wrapped up a busy first half of the year with a Spring Social at the Thirsty Pig on May 26th. Kerry Farrell prepared a great luncheon. We are lucky to have an award-winning cook who loves taking care of us, and all she asks is that we help clean up afterward. What a deal! Lots of fraternal fun and music.

In the spirit of giving back to our communities, members took part in the USPS Letter Carriers drive to alleviate hunger. The Englewood Bible Church collected 16,100 pounds of food, up about a thousand pounds from last year according to Louis Cerbone, who managed the local effort. Eager helpers from several local churches and schools, and the NSS ranged in age from eight to nearly eighty. Assembly members who do not live close took part in their communities.

Following a successful aluminum can collection, a NSS check for \$400 Matching Funds was presented to Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County Executive Director Dee Danmyer by Mary Jo Holker, Secretary of Assembly 813. The can collection drive ran from January through April and added to the over \$10,000 we had previously contributed to help make housing safe and affordable in our area.

Another Matching Funds event was the Spring Concert at the Loveland Center which is a local facility for individuals with developmental disabilities. Under the direction of Ken Arambasick, nearly 50 members of the chorus put on a wonderful varied program. The joy on the faces of the performers was matched by those in the audience. Mary Jo Holker presented a Matching Funds check to Rafael Robles, COO, while Ken Arambasick and a few of the chorus looked on. The Englewood Elementary School mascot is the eagle and those first graders who have been mentored all year by Miss Jo were thrilled to receive string backpacks with the NSS Eagle on them. Miss Jo added candy and literature about summer reading fun. All kids met their AR goals and passed their math and reading tests. I'm gonna miss them, but I'll get a whole new class next fall!

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary



L-R: Rafael Robles, CDO Mary Jo Holker, Secretary Assembly 813, Ken Arambasick (in black shirt) NSS members and chorus director and some residents of Loveland Center



L-R: Aimee Holmes, CDO; Dee Danmyer, Executive Director; Mary Jo Holker, Secretary of Assembly 813; and Emily Shaw, CDO.



Mrs. Brown's first grade class

This Month in National Slovak Society History

Joseph Stefka, Jr. Chairman of the Board

July, 1991

Assembly 381 was organized in Detroit, Michigan, on July 15, 1901, by George Vajzer a native of Košice, Slovakia.

July, 1976

The first two-day 36-hole NSS National Golf Tournament was held at Avalon Lakes Golf Course in Warren, Ohio, on July 24-25, 1976. The winners of the inaugural two-day tournament were Mary Jo Kruger in the women's event and Mike Pirow in the men's event.

July, 2003

The NSS National Golf Tournament was held at Avalon South Golf Course in Warren, Ohio, on July 19-20, 2003. The winner of the Joseph Stefka Memorial Gold Award was Rick Zbin of Assembly 432. Rick became the first two-time winner of the award, also winning in 1999 at Thunderbird Hills Golf Course in Huron, Ohio.

July, 2013

National Slovak Society members participated in the 90th Slovak Day at Kennywood Park celebrating Slovak Heritage on July 18, 2013. The events of the day included Slovak Folk Dancers, Slovak food, a Slovak liturgy, and a variety of ethnic displays.

Assembly L075 Matching Funds Project Blessings in a Backpack

Our assembly provided food gift certificates to a local Head Start over the 2017 Thanksgiving break. Assembly L075 helped purchased the gift certificates from Holy Rosary Church as a matching funds so two places benefited from our efforts. Holy Rosary choose a student of their choice to help and all of the families in the Moosic Head Start received a voucher for food. A special thank you to Lucy Piccoletti, Marlin Petro and Lehrae Edwards and all the members of L075 for making this a success including Dominic who helped stuff the envelopes with the certificates.



Teachers Miss Lori and Miss Marlin and Volunteers



2017 Joseph Stefka Memorial Award Winner



The 2017 winner of the Joseph Stefka Memorial Golf Award, Dave Blazek, is pictured above receiving the award from Chairman of the Board Joseph Stefka, Jr. Dave, with a net score of 142, is a two-time winner of the award. Dave first won the award in 1994, the inaugural year of the Joseph Stefka Memorial Award. The 2017 National Golf Tournament at the Links at Firestone Farms marked the 24th year the Joseph Stefka Memorial Award was presented by the Stefka family. A total of 20

golfers have won the award with four golfers, Dave Blazek, Albert Suess, Jim Morehart, and Rick Zbin winning the award twice. The 25th Anniversary Joseph Stefka Memorial Award will be awarded at the 2018 NSS National Golf Tournament held the weekend of July 13 – 15, 2018 at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Hermitage, Pennsylvania. Please join us for a weekend of fun and great golf competition.



Dominic stuffing the certificates into the envelopes

2018 Consular Tour Of Slovakia

August 13, 2018

Slovak Honorary Consul Joe Senko has prepared a deluxe 15 day tour of Slovakia, Vienna, Poland and Hungary. This is the only tour that also includes welcome receptions by the U.S. Ambassador in Bratislava and by the Mayor of Presov. At no extra cost, Joe has included two nights in Poland and two nights in Hungary. The total price for this fantastic tour is just \$4,300 per person (double occupancy). This includes round trip airfare from either Pittsburgh or New York, two delicious meals daily, four star hotels, free admission to all the sites, air conditioned bus, a professional guide and more. Compare this itinerary with other tour packages. For a detailed copy of the daily itinerary or more information, contact Joe Senko at jtsenko@aol.com or 412-956-6000.

2018 Slovakia Heritage Tour

September 7-16, 2018

Experience Slovakia's culture and history up close and personal on the 2018 Slovakia Heritage small-group tour. Genealogical research and ancestral visits available. For details: visit www.slovakiaheritage.com or contact Judith Northup-Bennett, 978-544-5144 or slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com

Congratulations to 586 Members Adam Cielinski & Rhianna Rae Christensen



Adam Cielinski (right) with his dad, John



Rhianna Christensen, grad, flanked by sisters Alisa and Tyler

Our assembly would like to report from two young members: Adam Cielinski, former PVR Scholarship winner pictured here with his dad, has graduated from the MSACC program at University of Kentucky with a Master's Degree in Accountancy. He will be starting with Price Waterhouse Coopers in Chicago this summer. Congratulations to Adam on this major achievement and our best wishes to him in beginning his new professional life.

Rhianna Rae Christensen, a PVR hopeful, has graduated from Bartlett High School with a 4.1 GPA and recognition as a Gold Star Thespian and Tri-M Society member. She plays the part of a Factory Girl and is a member of Featured Ensemble in her school district's summer musical, Les Misérables.

Rhianna has received scholarships from Gamma Xi Chapter Foundation for Educational Pursuits, Elgin Breakfast Rotary Club, Bartlett High School Fine Arts Boosters and the Redbird Scholarship of \$10,000 at Illinois State University. She'll be working at an Outback Steakhouse for the summer, after which experience she will be most grateful to begin her college education! Rhianna is pictured with sisters Alisa and Tyler, current and past PVR recipients.

Our assembly has tentatively decided to meet on **July 15** at Dancing Marlin in Frankfort, IL. Details will be emailed to 586 members.

Region 2 Matching Funds



SPCA Event



Marlin presenting check to SPCA

Region 2 sponsored a matching funds event to raise money for the SPCA of Luzerne County. The event "Bone Appetit" took place on November 5, 2017 at the Woodlands Inn and Resort PA-135 Wilkes Barre, PA. This event highlighted fabulous foods from local restaurants and wineries throughout our community and live music.

Visit our website
at
www.nsslife.org

DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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

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

Name: _____

Assembly: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Please issue your check to:

NSS PVR Scholarship Fund

And send to:

National Slovak Society
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317

PVR Scholarship Fund Donations

In Loving Memory of **Edna Coombs:**

From Assembly 0123: 20.00

In Loving Memory of **Grace Katarincic:**

From Assembly 0123: 20.00

In Loving Memory of my parents,

John & Margaret Doslak:

From Marie & Dick
Schweinberg 50.00

Donations:

Cathy Maiorano 15.00
Irene A Combi 50.00
Anonymous 300.00

Memorial Tree Leaf Donations May, 2018

Donations:

Day Insurance Agency
Inc. 500.00

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

May, 2018

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Akers, Madalene	Beckley, WV	04/03/2018	0774
Atkins, Robert	Meadowbrook, WV	04/21/2018	0774
Bailey, Mabel	Mallory, WV	12/27/2017	0774
Beinhardt, Lawrence	Mercer, PA	01/11/2018	0731
Bellucci, Carmen	Carbondale, PA	03/11/2018	L102
Beno, Anne M	North Olmsted, OH	05/14/2018	0432
Beres, Josephine	Morrisville, VT	04/11/2018	0774
Brooks, Joan	Fernandina Beach, FL	03/01/2018	L075
Butterbaugh, Ella	West Alexandria, OH	04/02/2018	0595
Celmer, Louisa	Dickson City, PA	04/27/2018	L075
Clark, Richard W	Stahlstown, PA	04/01/2018	0737
Colvin, Lucille	Bethel Park, PA	04/17/2018	0441
Davis, Paul A	Pittsburgh, PA	03/28/2018	L105
Dietz, Ronald	Windber, PA	04/28/2018	0774
Durham, Judith	Shallotte, NC	02/13/2018	0774
Evanuik, Christine	Allen Park, MI	04/28/2017	0381
Feick Jr., George	Hacienda Heights, CA	04/22/2018	0774
Fertal, Joseph	Cleveland, OH	04/06/2018	0004
Fisher, Dwayne	Armagh, PA	03/22/2017	0774
Ford, Karen	Mercer, PA	03/31/2018	0731
Geer, Walter	Dubois, PA	02/15/2018	0554
Gerba, Josephine	Philadelphia, PA	04/08/2018	R059
Grob, Thelma	Pittsburgh, PA	04/14/2018	0100
Hart, Frances	Olyphant, PA	05/16/2018	L075
Hartung, Stella	Baldwin, PA	01/31/2018	0100
Hastings, Harriet	Newton, NC	04/05/2018	0774
*Holbert, James L	Eighty Four, PA	04/08/2018	0123
Justave, Anna	Scranton, PA	07/20/2017	L075
Kassebaum, Marlene	Belleville, IL	08/05/2017	0705
Klaebel, Jane	Lancaster, PA	11/12/2017	0813
Koch, Georgina	Pittsburgh, PA	02/05/2018	L161
Kovaschetz, George	Sunbury, PA	05/08/2018	L102
Looze, Betty	Menomonie, MI	02/15/2018	0774
Masters, Jeannette	Minooka, IL	04/11/2018	0774
McCormack, Kathleen	Trenton, NJ	05/12/2018	0774
McFann, Viola	Charleston, WV	03/29/2018	0774
Miller, Arline	Canonsburg, PA	04/11/2018	0434
Miller, Helen B	Dayton, PA	09/28/2017	L161
Moore, Eli G	Marianna, PA	04/25/2018	0377
Niznik, Cynthia	Lakewood, OH	11/14/2017	0432
Onder, Peter	Portage, PA	05/08/2018	0774
Piskor, Esther	Cleveland, OH	04/30/2018	0731
Pitts, Mary Ann	Simpson, PA	05/03/2015	0617
Redman, Eleanor	Greensburg, PA	04/28/2018	0377
Reeves, Kathleen	Charleston, WV	11/19/2016	0774
Rosci, Michael J	Newtown Square, PA	10/28/2017	R059
Rose, Dolly	Indian Head, PA	04/30/2018	0039
Sisko, Margaret	Homer City, PA	06/19/2017	L105
Snavely, Juva	Ligonier, IN	05/03/2018	0705
Stewart, Wilca	Reedy, WV	03/23/2018	0774

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Highlight on Assembly 123

I have been asked to write an article about our Assembly, 123. I guess because we continue to grow and are very active. We have a few secrets to our success but I'll save them till the end of the article.

The genesis of our Assembly 123:

I understand that in the past there was an Assembly 123 but it was disbanded. In 2002 our founder Bill DelMonaco asked to form a new assembly since so many were being closed and not growing. Both he and I were writing a lot of new business with family, friends and acquaintances. The home office gave the okay and designated the Pittsburgh western suburbs and Beaver and Lawrence County as our territory, plus our personal clients. As of today, probably 50% of all the members in 123 are people that either Bill or I wrote. It is no secret that it is easy to communicate and get people active if you know them personally.

Bill served as president for a number of years and he did an excellent job. He asked to pass the baton to me, which I accepted probably not knowing how big a job it could be. It has been our Assembly's policy to be as active as possible, not doing just the minimum four meetings, and to use the funds we get from the home office to benefit our members or their charities. We have done a good job but we strive to do better.

The goal with our activities is to offer a variety that both young and old can take part in. I'll name just a few of our recent events. Tours of Heinz Field and PNC Park, Ducky Tours, Molly's Trolleys, boat ride at Moraine State Park, Heinz History Center, Phipps Conservatory, plays by the Bobcat Players in Beaver and the center for Performing Arts in Midland, PA, an Escape room and played miniature golf. Plus each year we have a Christmas lunch at a local restaurant. Wow, that is more than I thought! Those were spread out over 3 or 4 years. We are lucky to be near Pittsburgh, which has much to offer.

We also do some volunteer work. Twice a year we go to the World Vision Warehouse to do clothes sorting and packing. Twice a year we sponsor a Pizza and Bingo night at the Veteran's Hospital.

With all this, I must admit it is still hard to get a good turnout of members. We will keep trying.

I will not get into what I think the future of the assembly system is, that is for another day.

Now for the big secret to our success. It is people. Our Assembly has been blessed with very good dedicated people. Bill DelMonaco got us off in the right direction. The late Dolly Peters, our treasurer/secretary watched over our money like a hawk. Now her replacement, Joan Smith, is equally adept at keeping a close eye on our finances. We are so lucky to have Mary Manicki as our Activity Director. She is always coming up with new and interesting things to do or see.

Finally we have been blessed to have two Fraternalists of the Year. The late Bob Brown whose list of volunteer activities is too long to list or even to believe. Then there is Jill Grover whose phenomenal work for the veterans is so very impressive.

Well now you know all of our secrets. Assembly 123 wishes godspeed to all our sister assemblies as we try to spread the gospel of fraternalism .

Bill Knoll, President



Pittsburgh, June 8, 2018 – Two cousins have started a transatlantic partnership, founding “Ahoy! Slovakia Tours” for the adventurous travelers interested in guided hiking tours through the pristine, untouched wilderness in Slovakia’s national parks.

Through genealogy research, Lyon Zeibak was able to re-connect his entire Slovak-American family with their relatives in Slovakia. The direct connection was lost by the end of the 1950s after the passing of his great grandparents’ generation. Using letters sent to his American family from their ancestral village in Slovakia, Lyon was able to find Pavol Kujan, the great grandson of the letters’ author. Lyon and Pavol’s great grandfathers were brothers. One had immigrated and settled in Pennsylvania, the other stayed in Slovakia.

A Slovak native, Pavol had studied in London, England for over 7 years where he became fluent in English. He yearned to see the world, traveling throughout Europe, Asia, and South America. Always the consummate Slovak ambassador, he was compelled to promote Slovakia when he moved back home. “I have been all over the world and I realized Slovakia has something very unique to offer that you can’t find anywhere else,” remarked Pavol. “From the huge number of old castles and preserved folk villages to the amazing national parks. You can’t see views like this and nature this beautiful anywhere else.”

“Pavol is quite the renaissance man and avid outdoorsmen. I’ve always enjoyed seeing all the pictures he would share with me of his hikes in Slovakia,” said Lyon. “It’s only natural that he would leverage his talents - turning his favorite hobbies into a career.”

The two joined forces to create Ahoy! Slovakia Tours. They came up with the name from the basic greeting they always used whenever they talked - “Ahoj” which is Slovak for hello. They adjusted the spelling in the company name to make it easier for native English speakers to read.

In addition to weekend hiking adventures, they have a 10 day tour: September 10-20, which goes all across Slovakia by bus for those who would rather travel in comfort. “We realize arduous hiking isn’t for everyone but you don’t have to hike to see a lot of the beautiful sights,” said Lyon. “We have different options to accommodate everyone.”

They also offer small custom tours and, as Lyon is currently working on his boardcertified genealogist credentials, they can offer everything from genealogy research services to connecting you to your relatives in Slovakia. They could arrange a genealogy tour to your ancestors’ village complete with a village reception with your long lost cousins. You can learn more at www.ahoylovakia.com or call Lyon (412) 708-6644 for more information.

Lyon Zeibak

P.O. Box 22232, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

AhoySlovakiaTours@gmail.com (412) 708-6644

Departed Members

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OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS May, 2018

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Swanson, Ruth	Belle Vernon, PA	05/15/2018	0377
Thurner, Charles	Pittsburgh, PA	03/19/2018	0100
Toth, Karen	Vintondale, PA	04/13/2018	0774
Weiler, Carol	Olney, IL	04/09/2018	L102
Wesnak, Rita	Dunmore, PA	05/19/2018	L075
Wilson, Mary L	Washington, PA	07/03/2017	0588

* Correction from June 2018

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church Centennial Year!

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

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

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

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



Come Meet
Roxy
the Slovensky Cuvac



SEPTEMBERFEST 2018

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Presented by the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



*V Júli, v Júli krásny svet do vody hned'
každý z nás let' z vyšav prúdi škovránčí hlas
pozyva nás do letných krás kde vládne slnečný
jas. Prajeme vám krásne leto.*

Slovenský deň v Kennywood Parku

Oznamujeme Slovákom a Slovenkám v PGH, a okolí, že 95 Slovenský deň západnej PA bude vo štvrtok 19 júla v zábavnom parku Kennywood.

Program Slovenského dňa sa začne od pol jednej budú detské hry, o druhej vystúpia 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.

Vstupenky do parku môžete si zaobstarat' od Sue Ondrejco po telephone na čísle 412 421-1204.

Folklórny festival Východná 2018 - 64. ročník

Najznámejší a najstarší folklórny festival na Slovensku sa uskutoční 28. júna - 1. júla 2018.

Folklórny festival Východná je najstarším a najrozsiahljším celoslovenským festivalom s medzinárodnou účasťou a zároveň vrcholnou prehliadkou tradičnej ľudovej kultúry a jej folklorizovaných prejavov.

Medzi priemerne 1400 účinkujúcimi v desiatkach umeleckých autorských programov sa na tomto festivale každoročne prezentujú i víťazi celoštátnych súťažných prehliadok folklórnych skupín, súborov, detských súborov, ľudových hudieb, speváckych skupín, sólistov muzikantov i tanečníkov.

Veľmi významná a účastníkmi vítaná je účasť ľudových remeselníkov, výrobcov a umelcov.

Bazilika Panny Márie na Levočskej Hore

Dominantu Levoče tvorí strmý kopec s neogotickým kostolom - Mariánska hora. Je to jedno z najstarších a najvýznamnejších pútnických miest na Slovensku. Kaplnka na Mariánskej hore bola výrazom vďaky Spišiakov za ich záchranu na tomto mieste počas tatárskeho vpádu v rokoch 1241 - 1242. Archeológovia našli hradisko na kopci hneď za Mariánskou horou, ktorý sa nazýva aj dnes Burg -Hrad. Práve tu sa mohli obyvatelia mesta zachrániť pred Tatármi v opevnenom hradisku. Na pamiatku tejto udalosti si postavili kaplnku na kopci pod hradiskom, kde konali každoročne ďakovné procesie spolu s obyvateľmi susedných obcí. Takto vznikla prvá pútnická tradícia. O rozvoj mariánskeho kultu sa pričínili minoriti, ktorí si založili v prvej polovici 14.storočia v Levoči kláštor. V roku 1984 bol kostol povýšený na malú baziliku. Mariánsku horu v Levoči navštívia každoročne tisícky pútnikov, aby tu načerpali duchovnej sily. V roku 1995 bola jedným s cieľov návštevy Svätého otca Jana Pavla II na Slovensku.

Golfový Turnaj

Naša organizácia v tento mesiac pripravuje Golfový turnaj od 13 júla do 15 júla.

Podrobnejšie info nájdete v Anglickej časti, alebo na webovej stránke www.NSSLIFE.org



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 sýta.

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

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

Mesiac Júl je mesiacom dovolenky a prázdnin. Prajeme všetkým Vám, dobrú pohodu a zotavenia sa aby ste nabrali nových síl a chuti do života.





Youth Circle Page

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

2018 YOUTH POETRY CONTEST Deadline: August 15, 2018

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

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

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

PVR Scholarship Renewal Applicant Continuation Rules

Students must submit verification of continuing education enrollment from attending school by submitting a transcript of their grades indicating you have maintained a 3.0 GPA, to the NSS Scholarship Department at the conclusion of EACH school year before they will be 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.** Do not rely on parents, friends, or your agent to get your information in. If your paperwork is not in the home office by the deadline, you will not receive a check!

If you are transferring to another school, you **MUST** notify the NSS Home Office **IN WRITING** by sending in an acceptance letter to prove you will be attending a new school full time, by **JULY 15TH, BEFORE** checks are issued. No renewal checks will be issued after September 15th of each year for any reason.

Junior Pittsburgh Slovakians

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

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

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

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Could you use a little extra “green?”

Recommender

As a proud member of NSS Life, there is no better time than now to share your experience with family and friends. Best of all, you will receive a cash reward for recommending someone that we issue a policy to. You will receive a \$25 recommender fee (\$10 on the youth term product) for each person that becomes a member.

Recommender Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Prospect Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____



Send form to Joe Elliott at the Home Office.

Change of Address

Please use this form to register your change of address for the National News and mail to the Home Office. Upon receipt of this form completed in its entirety, the staff will immediately implement the change. *Thank you.*

Name _____

Assembly No. _____

New Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Former Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

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