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REGION 5 June 5 June 19 July 17 September 19 November 21 December 4	Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0283, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0700, 0737, 0774 Assembly 0377, Meeting, Ichiban Restaurant, Washington, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly 0039, Summer Bar-B-Q, Knights of Columbus Hall at 1:00 pm Assembly 0039, Tony Bartock Golf Outing, Springdale Golf Club 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
REGION 7 December 17	Assemblies P09A, 0731 Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Lowellville Rod & Gun Club, Lowellville, OH at 2:00 pm
REGION 8 June 11 June 26	Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595 Assembly 0070, Meeting/Picnic, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 5:30 pm Assembly 0004, Miniature Golf Tournament, Mr. Divots, N. Royalton, OH at 1:00 pm
REGION 14 June 4 June 5 July 24 August 21 September 25	Assemblies R059, L102 Assembly L102, Matching Funds for "Walk for a Healthy Community" Assembly R059, Meeting, Sawarynski's residence at 3:00 pm 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
REGION 15	Assemblies L002, 0028 No activities at this time
AT LARGE June 5 June 6 June 19 June 24-26 July 2-3 July 3 August 14 September 4 October 2 October 23 November 13 December 24	Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813 Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly R019, Meeting, Fox Run, Orchard Park, New York at 12:30 pm Assembly 0568, Mass/Meeting, St. John Paul II Polish Center, at 1:30 pm Assembly 0110, Villa Roma Resort Weekend, Callicoon, NY Assembly 0705, Butwin Family Reunion, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN 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 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

From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC
President, CEO

Greetings from the office of the President! June marks the true start of summer even though we have been experiencing summer like weather in April and May. This month the NSS Board will be holding its Spring Board Meeting combined with a Strategic Planning session to help set the path of growth for the foreseeable future. If any member has an issue that needs to be brought before the Board, please submit your comments to Secretary/Treasurer Strom.

This month we have a couple of special days that are celebrated throughout the country; namely Flag Day on June 14th and Fathers Day on June 19th.

60 Minute Segment

I recently watched a segment of 60 Minutes which dealt with Life Insurance Companies and didn't cast a very positive light on some of the big commercial companies. It had to do with unclaimed property issues; namely the paying of beneficiaries when a policy holder passes. It seems that the larger companies didn't go out of their way to find beneficiaries of policy holders that they knew had passed away, and held on to the proceeds in some cases up to 20 years. Let me assure you that if you have a policy with the NSS, as soon as we find out of a death, we take all measures possible to track down the beneficiaries who in many cases don't even know that their relative had a policy with us. Fraternal life insurers have honored commitments to their members and paid benefits that are due for more than a century. Nearly 100 percent of claims

received are paid, most within 30 days. The small number that aren't paid quickly are cases where there are questions of fraud or where the beneficiary does not know the policy exists.

Fraternal life insurers are subject to all state rules and statutes that require insurers to periodically compare their files with the Social Security Death Master File or an equivalent database. If a match identifies members who may have died but whose beneficiaries have not filed a claim, fraternal must attempt to locate those individuals and assist them with the claims process. So rest assured that if you are insured by NSS Life, your beneficiaries will receive the proceeds in a timely matter after your passing.

Punography Of The Month:

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

Bowling Tournament

The 2016 Bowling Tournament which was held in conjunction with our sister fraternal, The First Catholic Slovak Union, is now a part of our history. The tournament was held in a suburb of Columbus Ohio and began Friday evening with registration, a hospitality suite with food and then the team event. Saturday, the bowlers competed in doubles and singles. Mass was held back at the hotel, followed by a very good dinner, announcement of the winners, losers and the drawings for door prizes. I had the pleasure of meeting many of the FCSU members and also witnessed some very good bowling; but not by me or my team. (Our team won the Don't Stand a Chance Award for last place) One of my teammates did win a new bowling ball in the raffle at the lanes, so with a little practice by each team member, maybe we can climb out of last place next year. All in all, it was a great weekend and we are looking forward to next year's event.

News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday to National Directors Bob Katricak and Mike Czarney, Honorary Officers Mary Jo Holker, Justine Wesnak, and Olga Kasnot, Home Office staff members Jill Grover and Janine Hannan, former staff members Nina DiLelio and June Comfort; Joey Palko, Blaze Farrell, Dave Jancisin, Karyn Chojnicki, Josh Marshall and Christina Eubank.

Wedding Anniversary wishes go out to Shannon and Edwin Woods, Justine and Bucky Wesnak, and Mary Lou and Tony Chojnicki. Special wishes go out to Marge and George Leasure from Assembly 588 who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 15th. Congratulations Leasure's. Congratulations to all other members celebrating a special occasion this month.

I am saddened to report the passing of Brother Andrew Hudak, wife of Honorary NSS Auditor Sophie Hudak. Brother Hudak passed on March 31st. Deepest sympathies go out to the entire Hudak Family. May his soul rest in peace.

Get well wishes to Sandy Sadar, wife of Ted who is one of our agents, and to National Director Keith Godor, Chris Katricak, Sue Wesnak, and Jim Stoker who are recovering from recent illnesses.

Happy Father's Day
from NSS Life

Andrew F. Hudak, Jr. Passes On



Andrew F. Hudak, Jr.
August 22, 1928 -
March 31, 2016

Beloved husband of Sophia Hudak (nee Beno), NSS Honorary Officer and father of Andrew III, Paul and Steve. Grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of eleven.

Andrew was born in Kecerovske Pekl'any, in the Saris region of Slovakia, in 1928. His father (also called Andrew) owned a farm, which he had purchased after returning to Slovakia from the United States, where he had raised money working in an Iowa mine. His family produced everything they ate they lived on employed 'progressive' agricultural methods, which his father had learned in the United States. Andrew attended elementary school in his village before being sent to Nitra to study at the Mission of the Society of the Divine Word.

He returned to Kecerovske Pekl'any at the end of 1944 when the seminary was closed because of WWII. It was at this time that he decided not to become a priest. Following liberation, Andrew moved to the Czech border town of As, where he said many hundreds of Slovaks settled following the expulsion of Sudeten Germans under the Benes Decrees. There, he helped establish The Slovak Catholic Youth Association and had a radio broadcast, called *Hlas Slovenska* [Voice of Slovakia]. He moved back to

Podbrezova, Slovakia, after a short time having lost his job, for what Andrew said were political reasons. Again unemployed in the fall of 1947, Andrew decided to move to the United States and join his father, who had been working in Cleveland for a year already.

Andrew arrived in Cleveland on January 8, 1948. He quickly found a job at the White Sewing Machine Corporation. He was pleasantly surprised by the amount of Slovak activity he found in the city and subsequently established the Slovak Catholic Youth Club (later the Slovak Dramatic Club) with some of the new immigrants he met at English language night classes. After two and a half years in his first job, Andrew bought a restaurant called the Lorain Square Lunch Room, where he worked as a chef. He became involved in property development and construction and eventually established his own travel agency, Adventure International Travel Service, which he opened a branch in Bratislava in 1992. Andrew remained extremely active in the American Slovak community, as president of the Lakewood Slovak Civic Club for ten years and founder of two branches of the Slovak League of America, in Parma and Strongsville, Ohio. In 1982, he became president of the Slovak Garden retirement community in Florida - a position he held for fourteen and a half years. In 2002, he became head of the Cleveland Slovak Institute, an organization which aims to preserve and protect the history of Slovaks in America.

Rest In Peace Mr. Andrew F. Hudak, Jr.
We will remember you in our hearts.

Andrej F. Hudak Jr.

This Month in National Slovak Society History

Joseph Stefka, Jr. Chairman of the Board

June, 1956

National Slovak Society President Jan H. Pankuch presided at an hour long patriotic television show broadcast over station WQED in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, representing the NSS and the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh.

June, 1992

National Director Milan Krupa died on June 27, 1992. Milan had served the Society as a National Director for 34 years after being elected in 1958 at the Convention held in Detroit, MI.

June, 1998

The merger of the Russian Orthodox Catholic Women's Mutual Aid Society into the National Slovak Society was approved by the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner on June 2, 1998.

June, 2006

National Secretary-Treasurer Paul M. Payerchin, Jr. announced he was retiring from the office after serving for twelve years.

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



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NSS Fitness Matters...

Sign up for NSS Life's Fitness Matters Walking Club by sending your name, mailing address and Assembly number to **Pam Blum, Fraternal Activities Coordinator** at pblum@nsslife.org or by calling me at 724-731-0094. You will receive a free NSS Life pedometer and a mileage chart to help you track your progress.

You are responsible for keeping track of your own mileage. You'll be on the honor system, so don't let me down!!

Fraternal Matters...

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



Happy Father's Day

Top three Dad sayings:

3. Do you think money grows on trees??
2. Don't make me come back there!!!
1. GO ASK YOUR MOTHER!!

History of Father's Day

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, West Virginia but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday. The next year, a Spokane, Washington woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. Looking at the heightened popularity of Father's Day in US, President Woodrow Wilson approved of this idea in 1916. President Calvin Coolidge too supported the idea of a national Father's Day in 1924 to, "establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations". After a protracted struggle of over four decades, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day in 1966. Then in 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June. Sonora Smart Dodd was honored for her contribution at the World's Fair in Spokane in 1974. Mrs. Dodd died in 1978 at age 96.

Upcoming Deadlines

NSS Golf Entires	June 10th
PVR Scholarship Renewals	July 15th
Youth Poetry Contest	August 1st
Photo Contest	October 1st
Christmas Ornament Contest	December 1st

"CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
OF GOLF"

GOLF



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JULY 15-17, 2016

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Friday Fraternal Hospitality Night:
6:00PM - 9:00PM

Saturday ONLY Competition: \$55.00
Saturday & Sunday Competition: \$110.00

Accommodations by:
Marriott Fairfield Inn & Suites

2219 Bee Line Hwy • DuBois, PA 15801-9099

\$110+Tax/Night

Deadline for NSS block rate is: July 1st, 2016

Banquet price included for member golfers
Non-golfer and guest banquet price: \$30.00

National Slovak Society
“Celebrating 50 Years of Golf”
July 15 – 17, 2016
Hospitality Night Friday 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Treasure Lake Golf Course

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 13 Treasure Lake, DuBois, PA 15801
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 2219 Bee Line Hwy
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 814-371-2260 **Please Mention Group Code: NSS**
 Room Rates: \$110 + tax per night/ King or 2 Queen (Includes Breakfast)

Deadline for Hotel Reservations is July 1, 2016

	Name	Address	Phone	E-mail	Assembly
1					
2					
3					
4					

GOLFERS: Please choose ALL that apply & indicate number participating

___ Saturday only Competition - \$55.00
 ___ Saturday and Sunday Competition - \$110.00
 ___ Skins (Saturday Only) - \$5.00 (Optional)
 ___ Par 3 Challenge \$10.00 (Optional)
 ___ Senior Flight Men 65+ (Optional)
 ___ Will attend Friday Hospitality Night (**Silver Course Pavilion**)
 ___ Will attend Saturday Banquet (list dinner attendees)
 1. _____ 3. _____
 2. _____ 4. _____

Deadline is **June 13, 2016**
 Please make checks payable to: **NSS Life**
NSS Life
 Attn: Pam Blum
 351 Valley Brook Road
 McMurray, PA 15317

NON-GOLFERS:

Please Choose ALL that apply & indicate number attending

___ Adult **Guest** Dinners @ \$30.00 (Golfers meal included in entry fee)
 ___ Youth (13-17) **Guest** Dinners @ \$20.00
 ___ Child (12 & under) FREE
 ___ Will attend Friday Hospitality Night

___ **Hole Sponsor @ \$100 per hole**
 Name for sign: _____

\$ _____ TOTAL INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM
Friday Practice Tee Times Available
Call the Pro Shop at 814-913-1480 (Silver Course)

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

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From the Sales Department...

By Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC
Sales Director



Do You Want \$1,000 Per Month?

When you retire, how would you like to have an extra \$1,000 per month? Who wouldn't? When speaking with people about their retirement planning – the one regret most have – is not saving enough money. In the future, this may be more important because of all the talk surrounding Social Security. Years ago there was a retirement presentation called "You'll Earn a Fortune." The glossy picture had a young man perhaps starting his career. On the other side was an older gentleman getting his retirement check. In between the two was piles of money. And the story goes you will earn a fortune between your first and last paychecks. In fact if you make \$50,000 a year and work for forty years you will have made at least \$2 million dollars. If you make half of that amount, then it is \$1 million. Everyone knows there will be expenses along the way – house, cars, children, etc. But some of that money should be yours to keep. Some of it should be put away or sent on ahead to take care of that older gentleman someday in the future. Now, what will that amount be - \$50, \$100, or more?

If you would like to have \$1,000 per month at age 65 (retirement age) then use the chart below:

For instance; if you are age 35 and you open an account with us and put \$3,000 per year into the plan (or \$250 per month) when you turn age 65 there should be about \$165,000 in the account. This is the approximate amount of money needed to pay a 65 year old

\$1,000 per month for his lifetime. We would need slightly more money for a female because they live five years longer on average. So depending on your age you can calculate how much you want to receive. If you are age 40, and you want \$2,000 per month at retirement then you are going to have save \$734 per month.

Amount that needs to be saved annually or per month to generate \$1,000 per month at retirement:

Age 25	\$2,000 or \$167 per month
Age 30	\$2,500 or \$210 per month
Age 35	\$3,000 or \$250 per month
Age 40	\$4,000 or \$367 per month
Age 45	\$5,000 or \$417 per month
Age 55	\$12,000 or \$1,000 per month

The amazing fact is that all that is going to be there in the future depends on what you send on ahead right now. Diligent saving, sacrifice, time and compound interest will do most of the work. But you have to take the first step and decide to put some amount away. So how much do you want? Call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information.

Thought for the Month

What we think or what we want or what we believe is in the end of little consequence.

The only consequence is what we do.

**John Ruskin, writer
(1819 – 1900)**



Congratulations to our 2016 First Quarter Leaders



Our **TOP PREMIUM** producer is Rick Miller of Arcadia, California. Rick started in financial planning by accident in 1981 when a fraternity brother talked him into getting his life insurance license. Since that time, he has built a retirement planning practice specializing in safe strategies for retirees and seniors in Southern California.

Rick and his wife, Laura, will be celebrating their 25th anniversary in August. They have two boys, Greyson and Ethan. Greyson is a sophomore in college studying electrical engineering, and Ethan, will head off to college next year majoring in graphic communications. Rick and Laura love to take hikes together, exercise, watch movies, read books and travel.

Our top **NEW MEMBER** producer is Scott Lunsford of Chillicothe, OH. Scott has been with NSS for years. His practice focuses on retirees and pre-retirees. Scott does 401(k) rollovers and quite a bit of final expense insurance. Scott can be reached at 740-779-0246 or email him at scottlunsford@hotmail.com



2016 Youth Achievement Winner Blaze D. Farrell



Blaze D. Farrell, a member of Assembly 813, is the 2016 Youth Achievement Award Winner. He is the son of Daniel and Kerry Farrell and has a sister Caly, all of whom are involved NSS members.

Blaze is a life-long member of the NSS and has participated in many NSS contests over the years. He has even been fortunate enough

to win in the May Art Contest, the Poetry Contest and the Photography Contest, at different times. He has participated in the past two NSS Youth conventions. He takes an active part in all the local assembly activities that support the community. He enjoyed picking out presents as part of the Toys for Tots shopping committee, and has been Youth Chairmen for the Habitat for Humanity's "Make Every Can Count" campaign for the past two years. Blaze always enjoys the NSS camaraderie at social functions such as the Mini Golf Tournaments, picnics, swim parties and dinners. He is a joy and is quick to help wherever he can.

Blaze is currently a junior at Northview High School in Dothan Alabama where he is in the Honors Program and next year will be dual enrolled in high school and college. He is a Sergeant in the Junior ROTC program, on the Colors Protocol unit, and also on the PT Team. This year he took part in the Orienteering Competition, winning awards in both team and individual events.

Blaze has been a member of the Cross Country team for four years. The highlight of this past season was going to the state competition where, although they did not win, the experience was outstanding.

Blaze is a member of St. Columba Catholic Church where he sings and plays bass guitar at the Life Teen Mass. He is also part of a Christian rock band, "Glory Revealed." Blaze is a member of this year's Confirmation class, and is active in the church youth group. He also plays on the church basketball team. He is involved in the Catholic Heart Work Camp program which goes out into neighborhoods where they can share God's love while working with the needy citizens to renovate and clean up the areas where they live. He calls it fulfilling work that teaches young people the joy of helping others in a Christian manner.

In addition to helping with the Toys for Tots, the Habitat Aluminum Can Drive, the Food Bank and its Brown Bag program, Blaze helps with the Tri-State BBQ, USPS "Stamp out Hunger" and Downtown Christmas community programs. Blaze has been active in both school and community theater productions. His favorite role was Frodo in "Lord of the Rings." He has worked part-time at E.T.'s BBQ for the past three years. Congratulations Blaze!

2016 NSS Fraternalist of the Year John Bebo, Jr.



John Bebo, Jr. has been a member of the National Slovak Society for twenty years. He is an active member of Assembly 588 and has served as its President for seventeen years. John has volunteered to collect donations for NSS Life's Matching Funds programs and solicited donations for baskets that the Assembly has provided for various fundraising causes. John has always been active in his community

and his church. He has spent countless hours volunteering to make his community and church a better place.

John volunteered to serve his country as a member of the United States Navy for a period of six years, including almost four years on sea duty. He has been a member of the American Legion for twenty-nine years. Serving in various capacities as an officer including seven years as Commander of his post. As part of the American Legion, John volunteered as part of the Honor Guard attending the funerals of veterans. In addition, John has volunteered to assist with the planning of the annual Memorial Day Parade in Avella, Pennsylvania. John has been a member of the Society of the Forty and Eight for seventeen years. He has volunteered to raise funds for the scholarships the Society provides to nursing students.

John has served as a volunteer at the Avella Area Library Center for several years. He has assisted with the Library's summer reading program for children serving as "Beebs the Clown" entertaining the youth with his yo-yo skills, crafts, and dramatic readings. He also volunteered at the Library for "Reading around the World" dressed in an airplane costume which he created.

John has served as a volunteer at St. Michael Church in Avella, Pennsylvania as a lector for fifteen years. In addition, John has volunteered to oversee the altar servers of the church for the past five years. He also serves as volunteer and teaches CCD classes at St. Michael Church.

John's volunteerism also extends to the community. He has served as a foster parent and a mentor to other children in the community. John has served as a volunteer at the Allegheny County Special Olympics Summer Games for several years. John has volunteered for the past 27 years as a sponsor for the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful/Adopt a Highway campaign, keeping a two mile stretch of PA Route 50 litter free. In addition, John assist his elderly neighbors by driving them to medical appointments, cleaning their driveways of snow and ice in the winter, and checking on their well-being. John has also taken in abused animals and donates to organizations related to rescuing animals.

John is an individual with a big heart, always willing to volunteer at his church, in his community, and in his Assembly. John definitely goes the "extra mile" to make things better for others! We are proud to announce John Bebo, Jr. as the 2016 NSS Life Fraternalist of the Year.

News from Assembly 813

Members of Assembly 813 recently successfully concluded two NSS Matching Funds projects.

The first was the aluminum can drive for the benefit of Habitat for Humanity, South Sarasota County, done by the youth circle. This recycling drive helps the environment by keeping the aluminum cans out of landfills, and the money earned from recycling goes



Joey Arnold and Blaze Farrell mascots at Tri-State BBQ

to help build houses for partners who are looking to better their lives by having a home to call their own. Dee Danmeyer Executive director of

Habitat, and Blaze Farrell, C813's youth chairman for the project, announced this year's drive, concluded on March 31st, raised \$527.70 which will be matched according to the formula established by the NSS.



Blaze Farrell, Chairman of A-0813 Can Drive

Assembly 813's other Matching Funds project was the Tri-State Barbeque Festival on April 8th and 9th under the direction of Kerry Farrell. This event raised \$7504.

The Matching Funds charity for this event is the Catholic Heart Work Camp, which

reaches out to the nearby communities to help those in need of assistance. Participants help with repairs and clean up in the area to better the lives of those in need. Members of A 813 and C 813 worked tirelessly for the Tri-State Festival from set-up to clean up and most everything in between. They did take time to enjoy themselves as seen in this picture of Joey Arnold (the chicken) and Blaze Farrell, (the pig).

By the time this gets to press, we will have completed participation in the Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on May 14th. We are planning a pool party for June 8th, at the home of

Mary Jo Holker. Food and beverages will be supplied by the assembly, but desserts would be appreciated. Please let us know if you will be able to attend. Call 941-473-0559.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary

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ASSEMBLY 004 - Parma, OH

Sunday Mixed League

On April 17th, the NSS Sunday Mixed League wrapped up another season at Yorktown Lanes. That evening was the roll-off, singles tournament and banquet. The roll-off was between the Spares & Strikes, 1st Half Champs and the 2nd Half Champs, the Pin Busters. Spares & Strikes members Barb Bartczek, Frank Szell Sharon and Ken Durcansky. Pin Busters members were Jan and Tony Lecznar Julie And Bud Sir Louis won the championship. The Singles winners were Margaret Neil, for the women, with a 631 series and Rich Durcansky, for the men, with a 683. Thanks to Julie and Bud Sir Louis for taking care of the banquet arrangements. After a delicious meal, prepared by Mike Cottrell and his staff, the awards were passed out and a short meeting followed.

Bud Sir Louis
League Secretary

Assembly 586 News

Assembly 586 met in historic Riverside, Illinois, a near-west suburb of Chicago, where we learned that this town was the first planned community in the United States. Riverside was designed in 1869 by the architectural firm of Frederick Law Olmsted and his partner, Calvert Vaux, who also planned New York's Central Park and many other famous parks in the U.S. and Canada. The Riverside Landscape Architecture District was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1970. Its streets were laid out in curvilinear patterns, following the land's contours and the winding DesPlaines River, one of the natural attractions of the village in addition to its oak and hickory forest. Riverside's roads were built slightly below grade of the community's numerous parks, so as to not spoil the viewer's perspective; cars seem to float by in the distance without the roadway being visible. Many homes and estates were designed by architects such as Frank Lloyd Wright, Daniel Burnham, Louis Sullivan and William Le Baron Jenney, father of the American skyscraper.

Of significance to NSS members, Riverside was home to many Czech and Slovak immigrants who settled along the Burlington Northern line in order to commute to their jobs at Western Electric's Hawthorne Works in Cicero, Illinois. The huge electrical engineering and manufacturing complex that made Bell and AT&T telephone equipment for over a century was its own town, complete with post office and fire department, and was a magnet for immigrants willing to work hard jobs with long hours. When these former Central Europeans became successful at their jobs they saved up to move to classier Riverside and points west on the BN railway line. Happily for us, some of the Bohemian restaurants they established as they migrated are still in existence. Our assembly met at one of them, Little Bohemian, in the center of the picturesque town on April 24, where we were very cozy, as it's a pretty small restaurant. We all had tasty meals and a nice meeting afterwards. Items were donated for troops as well, one of our favorite activities.

If you can catch "Ten Towns that Changed America" on PBS TV, the Village of Riverside is featured; it's an interesting show. Thanks for reading the history lesson; if you have occasion to travel in the western suburbs here, try to visit Riverside but don't get lost on its windy roads! **Next meeting: August 7, 2:00 at Hackney's in Palos Park.**

Janet Tomaskovic
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 004

Parma, OH

Miniature Golf Tournament

Our 12th Annual Miniature Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, June 26th, 2016 at Mr. Divots, 13393 York Rd, North Royalton, OH at 1:00 p.m. This is an adult/youth activity with prizes awarded. Ice cream will be provided to all participants.

Unfortunately, if it rains we will not be able to reschedule the following week as it is part of the July 4th weekend. If the weather co-operates, we will hold the tournament as planned, with ice cream treats to participants, then we move to the back of the lot to the restaurant. We will have an area set up for us to have a quick meeting, award prizes, and on an optional basis we can enjoy food and drink.

If we cannot play due to "rain", we will still move to the restaurant in the back of the lot. Instead of collecting \$7.00 for the golf event with ice cream, we will collect \$2.00 per person and hold a drawing splitting up the money between (3 or 4) entrants depending on the amount collected.

Either way, we will make the best of the day and socialize at the restaurant. If you are interested in participating in this activity, call Dick Topola at (440) 888-1260 and he will sign you up, or show up by 1:00 p.m. at Mr. Divots.

Join us for ice cream, join us for a challenge, or just join us for fun and socializing.

Dick Topola
Event Chairman

Flag Day - June 14th



ASSEMBLY 039

Uniontown, PA

Mark your calendar for our Summer Free Bar-B-Q that will be held on Sunday, June 19th at the Knights of Columbus picnic pavilion starting at 1:00 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, rigatoni, rolls, dessert and beverages will be served. Come join the fun and fellowship!

Thank you to all those that came out or donated food to our NSS National Project of "Feed America" in conjunction with the USPS Letter Carriers last month.

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. Profits from the event go to support Easter Seals, Fayette County Special Olympics and the local battered women's shelter.

Youth members are reminded that the NSS Youth Poetry Contest deadline is August 15th. Monetary prizes for first, second and third places. All receive a special t-shirt just for entering. Start writing today. Rules are in this 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. Donate homemade baked goods. Slovak cooking and craft demonstrations, Slovak dancers, Slovak food, vendors and more! If you have never been to the home office in McMurray, this is your chance.

The 50th NSS National Golf Tournament will be held at Treasure Lake Gold and Silver Courses on July 15-17th. Information and registration forms are in this month's newsletter.

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.

The next meeting of the assembly will be on Sunday, June 19th at the Summer Free Bar-B-Q at the Knights of Columbus picnic pavilion on North Gallatin Avenue extension starting at 1:00 p.m. Bring along a non-member or two!

Happy Father's Day to all of our great dads.

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY R059

Whitehall, PA

NSS Assembly R059 will hold the following meetings during 2016 –

Date/Time: June 5, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

Place: Sawarynski's House
Call (610) 262-3876 for directions

Date/Time: August 21, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

Place: Keysock's House
Call (610) 865-1721 for directions

Date/Time: September 25, 2016, after Hot Dog Luncheon following Divine Liturgy

Place: St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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

Nancy A Sabol
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 070/C070

Brooklyn, OH

A picnic and meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio at 5:30 p.m. Call John or Mary Ann Karkosiak at 216-741-6990 if you plan to attend so that we can plan accordingly. Side dish or desserts would be appreciated.

Mary Ann Karkosiak
President

ASSEMBLY L075

Duryea, PA

The Margaret Pilosi Scholarship Committee wants to remind any High School Senior who is a member of Assembly L075 and who will graduate this June is eligible to receive a scholarship. This one time yearly award of \$100 was established to honor the 1st woman President of a Fraternal Society and former member of our assembly, the late Mrs. Margaret Pilosi. To obtain the scholarship members must submit a written essay of 250-500 words chosen from the following categories: Fraternalism, Slovak Heritage, Civic Duties or Volun-

teerism. It must be double spaced, typed and contain a title page on a separate paper with your name, address, phone number, age, parents name, and college they will be attending in the fall. The committee will judge the essays on neatness, presentation, content and subject accurateness and the winner will be asked to read their essay at the summer meeting where the award will be presented by our President and Committee Members. Please submit your essay by July 1, 2016 to: Lehrae Ann Edwards 65 Chittenden St. Duryea, PA 18642-1006. For more information contact Lehrae at 570-457-8402.

Lehrae Edwards
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0110

New York, NY

Our Villa Roma Resort Weekend in Callicoon, New York will be held on June 24-26, 2016. Anyone interested, please contact Maryann Malik at 516-794-9014 for further information.

Rick DeSanctis
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 123

Coraopolis, PA

Wishing all the fathers in Assembly 123 a Happy Father's Day on June 19th. Having a good father is such a blessing to a family.

I received a flyer from the Community College the other day and it is full of a variety of courses that are available. There is dancing, photography, golf, yoga, learning about wine (I might take that) and many many more. It reminds me that if you are over 55 NSS will reimburse you for ½ the cost of the course up to \$100.00. You can take up to two courses a year. Such a nice fraternal benefit of being a member. You can get an application on the NSS website www.nsslife.org or give me a call at 724-242-5085.

Judy Landa one of our assembly's stalwart members is still hoping to get someone to help her serve food at Slo-

vak Day at Kennywood Park on Thursday July 21st. If you can give a few hours give her a call at 412-322-5168. There will be no cost to you other than your time. You will be making Judy a happy person.

June 23rd is Public Service Day so you may want to get in the fraternal spirit and perform a special charitable act that day but certainly as a member you don't need a special day. An act of kindness or volunteering to help is needed and most welcome any day.

The Golf Tournament is July 15-17 at Treasure Lake. Call me if you are going at 724-242-5085. The Assembly will help subsidize your cost.

I want to say a special hello to a long term friend and member George Bender. Here is wishing you all the best.

If you have any ideas for activities that would be suitable for our assembly give a call to Joan Smith at 412-778-0431 or Mary Maniecki 412-264-3546.

Bill Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 377

Bentleyville, PA

Please join us for a meeting on June 5th, 2016 at Ichiban Restaurant, 316 Old Mill Boulevard, Washington, PA at 3:00 p.m. There is no need to RSVP. We will discuss fraternal matters for our assembly and future projects and events. We welcome all members and hope to see you there!

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 432

Fairview Park, OH

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at the home of Bill & Sue Shuttleworth, 3909 West 210 Street, Fairview, Ohio at 7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the following: October 18th - meeting, December 20th - meeting, and February 25th, 2017 - Annual Reverse Raffle. 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 assembly 554@gmail.com.

Jim Stricek
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 568

LaCanada, CA

A meeting and our Annual Father's Day Mass will be held on June 19th at John Paul II Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Jorba Linda CA. Mass will begin at 1:30 p.m. and a Slovak lunch will be served after mass.

Also following the festivities members will hold a meeting to review officers reports and discuss assembly activities.

We hope to see you there and would like to wish everyone very special FATHER'S DAY.

Milan Konkol
President

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



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

PVR Scholarship Fund Donations April, 2016

In Memory of William Collins: From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Louise Skirpan: From Assembly 0123	20.00
Donations:	
American Hearing Benefits	200.00
Bertha Keithly	200.00
Richard A Cefalo	130.50



Memorial Tree Leaf Donations April, 2016

Maryann Malik In Memory of my husband, Andrew Mako: From Helen Mako	250.00 250.00
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DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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Zip: _____

Please issue your check to:
NSS PVR Scholarship Fund

And send to:
National Slovak Society
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS April, 2016

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Arnold, Randall G	Toms River, NJ	03/13/2016	0110
Ashworth, Flora	Huntington, WV	02/29/2016	0774
Barrett, Patrick S	Terre Haute, IN	03/10/2016	0705
Blagg, Retha	Salem, WV	04/05/2016	P38A
Borek, Joseph J	Levittown, PA	02/16/2016	L102
Bruesewitz, Lorraine	Kewaskum, WI	04/01/2016	0774
Carlson, Donald	Kalamazoo, MI	11/24/2015	0381
Chraska Jr., Leo	Pittsburgh, PA	02/14/2016	0123
Chuska, Joseph	Lemont Furance, PA	04/02/2016	0039
Diefenthaler, William A	Cape Coral, FL	03/12/2016	0800
Feranec, Paul	Lombard, IL	03/27/2016	0586
Frano, Ronald J	Dubois, PA	04/10/2016	0774
Holowach, Mary	Monongahela, PA	03/06/2016	0377
Hydock, Michael	Hazle Township, PA	02/22/2016	L102
Johnson, John B	Clearwater, FL	03/07/2016	0813
Johnson, Melanie	Saint Clair, PA	04/18/2016	0774
Kecman, Frances	Monroeville, PA	03/20/2016	0377
Knoll, Robert E	Pittsburgh, PA	03/18/2016	0123
Kovacik, Andrew	Merrillville, IN	04/25/1988	0586
Lassen, Anna	Baltimore, MD	04/04/2016	L102
Lesh, Gary	Allison Park, PA	03/29/2016	L161
Lewis, Margaret	Pleasant Prairie, WI	12/17/2015	0774
Marcum, Ireda	Wayne, WV	04/09/2016	0774
Marnejon, Nicholas	Hermitage, PA	12/23/2015	P09A
Masiarik, Lois J	Beaver Falls, PA	03/17/2016	0123
Miller, Jesse	Pittsburgh, PA	11/23/2015	0108
Mills, Samuel	Cape Coral, FL	03/30/2016	0800
Montgomery, Harry	Princeton, WV	04/06/2016	0774
Murphy, Richard	Edwardsville, PA	03/28/2016	0617
Patuzzi, Marian T	Shelton, CT	03/16/2016	L002
Penak, Margaret	Donora, PA	01/30/2016	0377
Powell, Claris	Saint Marys, WV	03/10/2016	0774
Radick, Joseph	Jefferson Township, PA	04/01/2016	L075
Rivers-Lewis, Georgine	Canoga Park, CA	02/05/2016	0568
Rossen, Helen M	Standish, MI	03/27/2016	0381
Saunders, Geneva P	Belle Vernon, PA	03/15/2016	0039
Shirilla, Helen	Campbell, OH	09/29/2015	0731
Spissinger, Anna D	Haverstraw, NY	04/08/2016	0110
Szeyko, Elaine	El Paso, TX	10/10/2015	0774
Veres, Milan	Pittsburgh, PA	11/29/2015	0377
Vetter, Florence	Jackson, MI	12/26/2015	0381
Wargo, Betty Ann	Alexandria, VA	11/06/2015	0038
Yetsconish, Linda K	Belle Vernon, PA	04/11/2016	0377
Young, Donald	Butler, PA	03/04/2016	0123
Zissi, Mary L	Butler, PA	03/19/2016	0731

Spotlight On Lori D. Korte Claims Associate



My name is Lori D. Korte, I have worked at NSS for almost fourteen years.

My duties include: paying out death claims on life and annuity products, paying withdrawals on annuities, and cash surrender of life insurance policies. I also transfer money between member accounts when requested.

I am a Mom to three children: Ashlea (20), Emily (9), and Tyler (8) who keep me busy with soccer, dancing, art and music.

In my free time I like to work out at the gym, listen to music, read, watch movies with my children and take them to do fun and memorable things. I also like to bake and garden when time allows.

It is a pleasure to work here at NSS and assist our members and agents.

Trees

*Trees are old friends.
They have so many jobs.
Homes for animals, shelters from the cold
and rain, oxygen producers, and
are providers of shade.
So big, and so alive.*

Bishop David Zubik Presents Award To Charles Boone, Assembly L161



Charles Boone, age 16 and member of Assembly L161, keeps very busy within our Catholic faith and within Boy Scouts. On Sunday April 17, Bishop David Zubik presented NSS member Charles Boone with the Boy Scouts Catholic Religious Pope Pius XII Emblem at a Convocation ceremony at St Paul's Cathedral in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

During his years in scouting, Charles earned all four Catholic Boy Scout Emblems. They are the Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei which are earned while a Cub Scout. Ad Altare Dei and the Pope Pius XII Emblems are earned by Boy Scouts. By earning all four, Charles also received the **Pillars of Faith: Duty to God** pin.

The National Distribution Center states less than 3000 scouts nationwide earn the **Pope Pius XII** emblem yearly. The most widely received emblem is the Cub Scout Light of Christ Emblem with approximately 27,000 a year earned nationwide.

Charles was one of only nine boys in the entire Boy Scouts of America Laurel Highlands Council who received both honorable distinctions.

Charles lives in Dormont, Pennsylvania with his parents Ronald and Monica Boone (Assembly L161). Congratulations Charles.

Congratulations to Assembly 039 members Casey and Mara Lako



Winning in the instrumental category, Casey and Mara Lako played guitar and violin, a medley of "a thousand years" and "second chance". They are 14 year old twin sisters in the 8th grade attending Pleasant Hills Middle School and belong to NSS Assembly 039.



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
Slovak Dance Performances
Slovak food, vendors and more!

Also featuring the largest animated wood carving in the United States!

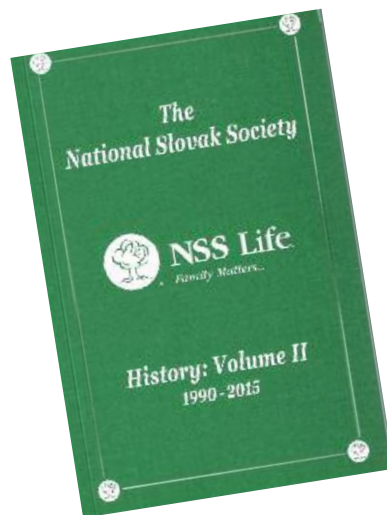


NSS History - 1990-2015

By Joseph Stefka, Jr., Chairman of the Board

The National Slovak Society History: Volume II 1990 - 2015, authored by Chairman of the Board Joseph Stefka, Jr., and published by Slavia Printing, is currently available for sale, at a cost of \$15. The proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the PVR Scholarship Fund and the NSS Heritage Museum. To obtain a copy, send a check payable to "NSS" to Pam Blum at the Home Office, 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA 15317-3337.

The 203 page second volume of the history of the National Slovak Society is arranged chronologically, encompassing the first twenty-five years of Society's existence in its second century as a fraternal benefit society. Important events, member accomplishments, Society progress, and milestones in the history of the NSS are recorded in the volume, along with a number of photographs.



An excerpt from the conclusion of the National Slovak Society History: Volume II reads:

The National Slovak Society has for the past 125 years, provided a means of financial security for its members. From its humble beginnings in February, 1890, to the present day, the Society has not only endured, but has prospered. Change has been a constant over the history of the Society but has greatly accelerated in the past twenty-five years. However, the Society has remained vigilant in protecting the financial, fraternal, and heritage interests of its membership. This has not happened by chance. The Society has had the benefit of leadership throughout its history with foresight and dreams to place the National Slovak Society in the forefront of fraternal benefit societies across the nation.



Jún..... je mesiacom ruže

Obľúbená kvetina mnohých milovníkov záhrad - ruža s krásnymi kvetmi - premení každú záhradu v malý raj. Ruže dosahujú svoj prvý vrchol kvitnutia v júni; nie je to náhoda, že je tento letný mesiac často nazývaný "mesiacom ruží". Ruže – sú symbolom najvyššej dokonalosti. V západnej tradícii sa považuje za najkrajší kvet pričom úlohu zohráva aj farba. Žltá ruža symbolizovala že ju posielal žiarlivec a sok, zatiaľ čo kytica bielych ruží znamenala, že si odosielateľ váži čistotu toho, komu ju dáva. Červená ruža predstavovala predovšetkým vášeň a bola symbolom bohýň lásky a v umení atribútom Venuše. Je mystickým symbolom túžby srdca po dokona-

lom ľúbostnom splynutí. V básňach je metaforou krásy milovanej osoby. Ukladali sa na rímske hroby ako prejav smútku. Nesymbolizovali len bolestivú krátkosť života, ale aj nádej na pokračovanie života v inom svete. Ruža uprostred kríža je tiež symbolom Rozekrucianov a predstavuje Kristovo srdce, božie svetlo uprostred kola života.

93 Slovenský deň Západnej Pennsylvanie

Dávame na vedomie slovenskej verejnosti v Pgh, a okolí, že tohtoročný 93 Slovenský deň Západnej Pennsylvanie bude 21.veho Júla v známom Kenywood Parku. Vstupné lístky sú v predaji od členov pripraveného výboru tie si rezervujte u Sue Ondrejco na čísle 412 421-1204. Po tomto kontakte možno vložiť aj váš pozdrav alebo ohlásku do pamätnice Slovenského dňa.

Gratulujeme...



2016

V tomto mesiaci sa končí školský rok, deti postupujú o triedu vyššie, a tí dospeljší maturujú z vysokých škôl. Všetkým študentom gratulujeme k úspešnému ukončeniu štúdia a k výborným výsledkom. Naša organizácia je zvlášť hrdá na našich členov študentov ktorým prispievame finančne na vysokoškolské štúdia. Veríme, že z nich budú príkladný Americký občania a aktívny členovia v našej organizácii NSS.



Na svätého Jána (21.6) otvára sa k letu brána

Drahí otcovia...

Tak ako sme v máji osobitnou spomienkou uctili svoje matky, teraz, v tretiu júnovú nedeľu, osobitnú spomienku venujeme otcom.

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Slovenský otec - rovnako ako slovenská kresťanská matka - vždy sa vyznačoval vierou v Boha a túto vieru si vedel zachovať či už doma alebo tu vo svete, nesúc tak so sebou posolstvá, ktoré našim praotcom priniesli svätí Cyril a Metod. Otcé na nebi, ktorý si našim spoločným Otcom, živ a požehnávaj našich otcov.

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darmo do únavy ťažkú prácu koná.*

*Darmo ruky lásky ku deťom vystiera,
malú omrvinku uznania dostáva.*

*Darmo a mnohokrát otrhany chodí;
darmo do únavy ťažkú prácu robí.*

*Jeho vraj povinnosť, to mu neuškodí.
A tak bez útechy oči k zemi kloní.*

*Pri námahe celej srdce láskou horí
ku deťom obeťou "Však sú všetci moji."*

*Ako to tých otcov potom v duši bolí,
keď si jeho lásky Nikto neosvojí.*



Jún

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Ježišovho**

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NSS YOUTH AMBASSADORS

JOIN HANDS DAY 2015



THE AMBASSADORS VOLUNTEER AT 'IRWIN THE PORCUPINE'S 5TH BIRTHDAY!'

The (NSS) Youth Ambassador Program partnered with the Animal Rescue League (ARL) Wildlife Center to volunteer their time in connection with Join Hands Day on May 7, 2016. The programs involvement is part of the national effort which is celebrated across the U.S.

The NSS Youth Ambassadors dedicated their time at Penn Hills Volunteer Fire Department in Verona, Pennsylvania in support of the ARL "Irwin the Porcupine's 5th Birthday Party." The ARL Wildlife Center has several resident critters that were not able to be rehabilitated and released back into the wild and this event helped bring awareness of these animals to the community in addition to raising funds for the Center. To donate to ARL visit www.animalrescue.org/donate/donation-information.

Services in which the Youth Ambassadors assisted included set-up and tear-down of the event, as well as assisting at the various station tables that include games, face painting, etc.



AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

Name: Kelly Howard | **Age:** 16 | **City, State:** Pittsburgh, PA

Favorite Book: Great Gatsby | **Favorite Movie:** The Blind Side

Hobbies: Running, hanging out with friends, spending time outside, sports, and traveling

Cause she is passionate about: Equality for women such as equal pay and reproductive rights.

Biggest Role Model: Mom

What are you looking forward to most in becoming an NSS Ambassador?: Meeting new people and new adventures.





Youth Circle Page

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

Summer Language Camp for Kids

WPSCA is starting to offer Slovak language classes for children starting June 4, 2016 thru July 23, 2016. Classes will be every Saturday from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Mt. Lebanon Library. Children must be able to read. Instructor Bozena Hilko is asking interested parents to contact her at bozi@comcast.net. The classes will be free, but there may be a slight charge for materials.

Special Announcement

On February 16th, 2016, Gabriella Olivia Pytel was born at 6:30 a.m. She measured 20.75" and weighed in at 8lbs 7oz. Gabriella is the daughter of Shawn Pytel and Amanda Copfer who are both members of Assembly 432. N.S.S. Assembly 432 Members Dave & Marti Pytel are proud first time Grandparents to Gabriella. Members Chris & Matt Pytel are first time Uncles to Gabriella.



At only 2 months old, Gabriella became the newest & youngest member of the National Slovak Society! The N.S.S. Slogan "**Family Matters,**" exemplifies Dave & Marti's decision to purchase Gabriella's life insurance policy through the National Slovak Society.

Welcome to the National Slovak Society Gabriella!

Love,
Shawn Pytel
Publicist/Daddy

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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