



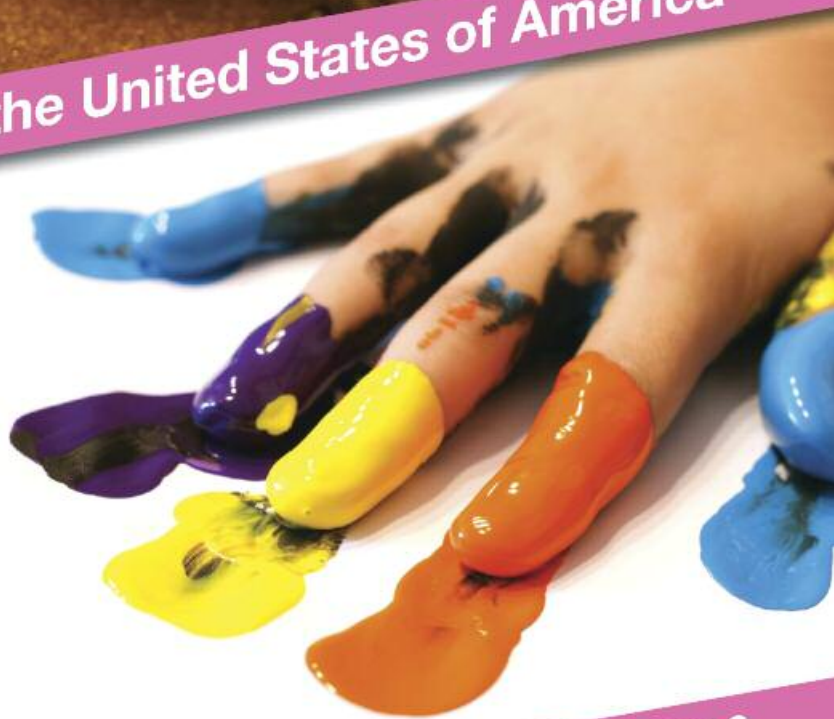
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Correction

In the April Issue on page 13,
"Our Departed Members" Thomas
Tomasula's name was spelt wrong.
Our apology to the family.

Activities At A Glance

<p>REGION 2</p> <p>May 14 May 14</p>	<p>Assemblies L075, 0146, 0617</p> <p>Assembly 617, Join Hands Day, Clean-up at McAuley House at 10:00 am Assembly 617, Meeting, Happy Pizza, After Join Hands Event</p>
<p>REGION 5</p> <p>May 7 May 21 June 19 July 17 September 19 November 21 December 4</p>	<p>Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0283, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0700, 0737, 0774</p> <p>Assembly 0039, Volunteers-Main Post Office (loading dock) Uniontown, PA at 10:00 am Assembly 0737, Meeting, Godor residence, N Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 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</p>
<p>REGION 7</p> <p>December 17</p>	<p>Assemblies P09A, 0731</p> <p>Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Lowellville Rod & Gun Club, Lowellville, OH at 2:00 pm</p>
<p>REGION 8</p> <p>May 15</p>	<p>Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595</p> <p>Assembly 0004, Meeting, Havir residence, Westlake, OH at 2:00 pm</p>
<p>REGION 14</p> <p>May 14 June 4 June 5 July 24 August 21 September 25</p>	<p>Assemblies R059, L102</p> <p>Assembly R059 & L102, Join Hands Day at the Butztown Post Office. 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</p>
<p>REGION 15</p>	<p>Assemblies L002, 0028</p> <p>No activities at this time</p>
<p>AT LARGE</p> <p>May 14 June 5 June 24-26 July 2-3 August 14 October 23 December 24</p>	<p>Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813</p> <p>Assembly 0813, Join Hands Day Project (Stamp out Hunger) Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0110, Villa Roma Resort Weekend, Callicoon, NY Assembly 0705, Butwin Family Reunion, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0705, Annual Christmas Eve Celebration, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 6:00 pm</p>

From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC
President, CEO

Greetings from the Desk of the President. May is here and with it brings flowers, grass cutting, and warmer weather along with a special day, Mothers Day which is celebrated on May 8th. A day we can honor our mothers whether they are with us or have passed on. But in reality, we should honor our mother every day of the year. My mother passed in December of 2014 and although I had her in my life for 64 years, I still miss her.

At this writing, I notice that we have two Assemblies that have scheduled Join Hands Day Projects in May; Assembly 0039 from Uniontown and Assembly 813 from Florida.

News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday to National Secretary/Treasurer Linda Strom, Honorary Director Joseph Tomaskovic Jr., Home Office Staff members Pam Blum, Ginny McMurdy and Eric Riepole, Legal Advisor Ron Cooper, Andrew (Bucky) Wesnak, Cathy Cilia, Sharon Wesnak, Patty and Kayla Jo Graham, Shaun Crowley, Cindy and Gary Robinson, Barb Wilcock, Cyndi Resosky, and John Bluemle. Also celebrating are Brandon Marshall, Lindsay McMillan, and Tom Kearney. Happy Wedding Anniversary wishes to Nicole and Tom Kearney and to all others celebrating a special day in May. Special wishes for a speedy return to health to Director Keith Godor. Congratulations to our dear friend and former Sales Director of the NSS Albert "Jerome" Sues who has been named the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh 2016 Fraternalist of the Year. We love ya man!!

Free Advice From Our Legal Advisor

I recently received the following advice from our Legal Advisor and with all the identity theft going on in the country, I thought it would be valuable to pass it on to our members.

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put PHOTO ID REQUIRED.
2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the Memo line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can use it.
4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Copy both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will have a record of what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel your cards. Keep the copy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either home or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that is committed against us by stealing a name, address, social security number, credit cards. In case your luggage is lost, take another list in your carry-on bag.
5. Here's some critical information to limit the damage in case your wallet is ever stolen. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call...Keep those where you can find them.
6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one). But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)
7. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to me an application for credit was made over the internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, if it has been stolen:

- 1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW) 1-888-397-3742
- 3.) Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289
- 4.) Social Security Administration fraud line: 1-800-269-0271.

Happy Mother's Day from NSS Life

Punography Of The Month:

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.

A Page From My Notebook.....

Linda M. Strom, Secretary/Treasurer
Email: lstrom@nsslife.org

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY....

May is a special month of the year when we honor our moms for their love, caring and strength each and every day. I wish all of our moms a very happy Mother's Day. And a special Mother's Day prayer for my mom who I know continues to love, care and give her family strength each and every day from above.



Roses For My Mom

*Lord, are there roses in your garden
On the shores of jubilee
Would you pick a dozen of your best
And deliver them for me?
For you see, today is Mothers' Day
And I can't visit my mom
For it wasn't very long ago
The angels came and took her home.
So if there are roses in your garden
On the shores of Jubilee
Would you pick a dozen of your best
And deliver them for me?
Would you take them to my mother
And tell her that I love her.
Tell her that I miss her
In oh! So many ways
But I have joy in knowing
We'll meet again someday
And we'll pick roses together
On the shores of Jubilee.*



For identity theft protection, go to www.legalshield.com/info/nss

IDShield

Once again I'd like to publish information about a new offering to protect your identify and that of your family. This time I have included the link to a web site, www.legalshield.com/info/nss, where you can get additional information and also sign up for this offering.

If you need further assistance please contact Carol DeLucia, Family Care Insurance at (919) 457-0172 and mention NSS.



Millions of people lose their identities every year.



Don't be one of them.

Identity theft has been the top consumer complaint filed with the FTC for 15 years straight. Victims are spending an exorbitant amount of time and money dealing with it. The criminals are getting smarter. And they're not going away. That's why you need a company that's more than a website. You need an established institution that understands all the potential threats, how to prevent them and how to restore any damage done.

“My investigator gave me great advice and the next day cleared up my situation.”
- IDShield member - L.N., in Sioux City, NE



MONITOR MORE OF WHAT MATTERS

We monitor your identity from every angle, not just your Social Security number, credit cards and bank accounts. If any change in your status occurs, you receive an email update immediately.



COUNSEL WHEN YOU NEED IT

Our identity specialists are focused on protecting you. They are available to provide you with a complete picture of identity theft, walk you through all the steps you can take to protect yourself and answer any questions. Plus, they are available 24 hours a day, every day, in the event of an identity theft emergency. We're always here to help, no matter what.



RESTORE YOUR IDENTITY COMPLETELY

IDShield is the only company with an exclusive partnership with Kroll, the worldwide leader in theft investigative services. If a compromise occurs, contact your Licensed Private Investigator who will immediately begin restoring your

IDSHIELD FAMILY
(for you, your spouse/domestic partner and up to 8 minors)

IDSHIELD INDIVIDUAL
(for you)

For identity theft protection, go to www.legalshield.com/info/nss

Fraternal Matters...

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



Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible.

~Marion C. Garretty

Congratulations

This Mom couldn't be prouder of our son Alexander Blum on his college graduation. Alex recently completed his B.S. in Finance from Robert Morris University (RMU).

WELCOME TO THE REAL WORLD!

2016 May Art Contest

This year's Art Contest Greeting Card Category is "Happy Father's Day". The Poster Category is "What I love about the USA". The deadline for the contest is May 31st.

NSS Fitness Matters

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





Attention PVR Recipients

A reminder for those students already receiving the PVR Scholarship, don't forget to request a copy of the transcripts be sent to the Home at the end of this semester to make sure you are still eligible to receive your next installment of your grant. Deadline for transcripts is JULY 15, 2016.

"CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF GOLF"

GOLF TOURNAMENT

JULY 15-17, 2016



TREASURE LAKE GOLD & SILVER GOLF COURSES
13 Treasure Lake • DuBois, PA 15801-9099

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 7-1-16

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

Treasure Lake Golf Course
 13 Treasure Lake, DuBois, PA 15801
Room accommodations provided by
 Marriott Fairfield Inn & Suites DuBois
 2219 Bee Line Hwy
 DuBois, PA 15801
 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)

Annual NSS National Golf Tournament Men's and Women's Official Rules and Regulations

1. The tournament is open to all members and guests of the National Slovak Society and its Youth Circles. There must be at least four Youth golfers officially entered to have a youth class. To protect the amateur standing of these youth, no prize money will be collected from nor paid to them.
2. United States Golf Association (USGA) and host golf course rules will govern play.
 - Play ball as it lies. No improving lie.
 - Lost Ball; play from area where ball was last seen and take 1 stroke penalty.
 - Out of Bounds; play from where ball goes out and take 1 stroke penalty.
 - Ball in Water Hazard; drop where ball went in and take 1 stroke penalty.
3. Handicaps will be determined as follows:
 - A. All male regular division golfers will play in three flights as determined by handicap. The golfer's first handicap will be determined after he has completed 72 holes of tournament play in the NSS National Golf Tournament. The golfer's handicap will be recalculated every year based on the golfer's best 72 holes in tournament play within the last five years. The handicap will be calculated on a 90% basis. The maximum handicap will be 40 strokes for 18 holes.
 - B. Any male golfer who has not completed 72 holes of tournament play in the NSS National Golf Tournament will be entered in the Callaway division using the NSS version of the Callaway scoring system.
 - C. Senior Men's Division (65 and over) will also play using handicaps as determined above. There will be only one flight in the Senior Division.
 - D. All female member golfers will compete with the handicap determined as above. The maximum handicap will be 40 strokes for 18 holes.
 - E. Any female golfer who has not completed 72 holes of play in the NSS National Golf tournament will be placed in the Callaway division.
4. Classifications:
 - A. A medal play champion will be determined for 18 holes and 36 holes in each of the following Divisions:

1. Men's A flight	5. Women's B flight
2. Men's B flight	6. Senior flight (age 65 and above)
3. Men's C flight	7. Callaway Flight
4. Women's A flight	

*Flight handicaps will be determined by number of entries and their handicaps. Champion's for each flight will receive an NSS Jacket, and Prize money. Prize money will depend on the number of participants in each flight. An individual winning his flight in both the 18 hole and 36 hole tournament will only receive one jacket but will receive the prize money for both tournaments.
5. In case of a tie for first place in any flight, both in the 18 hole and 36 hole tournament, a sudden death playoff will be used starting on a hole acceptable to the golf course management. If weather or darkness does not permit an actual playoff, a match of cards will be used starting with the number 1 handicap hole and proceeding with number 2, 3, 4, etc. until the tie is broken.
6. All other ties will split the applicable prize money. (E.g., two people tied for second will split second and third prize money. Three people tied for second would split second, third and fourth place prize money.)
7. The prize list will be determined by the tournament manager using the money contributed by the contestants and matching money contributed by the NSS for all member golfers. As nearly as possible, there will be one prize for each four entries. NSS does not match guest prize contributions.
8. The tournament manager will schedule tee times and pairings.
9. The Joseph Stefka Sr. Memorial plaque will be awarded to the low net winner of the 36 hole tournament. In case of a tie, the lower handicap will be the winner.
10. Golfers with long distances to travel will be given some preferential treatment for Sunday tee times, providing that the scheduling will not disrupt the efficiency of the tournament.
11. **ENTRIES WILL CLOSE – JUNE 10, 2015.**
12. Please make checks payable to:
NSS
Attn: Pam Blum
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317

Assembly 0004 - Scotch Doubles Bowling Results

On the first day of Spring, with temperatures in the 30's and a coating of snow on the ground, 12 couples took part in our 6th Scotch Doubles Tournament. The scores were lower than in previous years which meant tougher lane conditions. One excellent game of 234 was rolled by Michelle Behal and Dick Topola.

Total w/handicap

1st Place	Michelle Behal & Dick Topola	658
2nd Place	Stephanie & Bob Sir Louis	632
3rd Place	Marilyn Genedick & Rich Durcansky	583
4th Place	Denise Di Giovine & Dale Ferrell	572
5th Place	Jan & Tony Lecznar	569
6th Place(Tie)	Sandy Walker & Lauren Hayek	563
6th Place(Tie)	Violet Lunder & Ed Stawicki	563

The couples and guests enjoyed pizza, pop and coffee after bowling. Prizes were distributed. Thanks to all who participated and hope everyone comes back next year. When you read this our Sunday League will have completed another season. Plans for our Miniature Golf Tournament are in the works with more information to come.

Robert C SirLouis
Fraternal Director



2016 Greater Pittsburgh Fraternalist of the Year

Albert J Suess, Jr.

The FSGP has named Albert J. Suess, Jr., Director of Sales and Marketing for the Slovak Catholic Sokol as their 2016 Fraternalist of the Year.



Albert was born and raised in the South Side of Pittsburgh. While working at Westinghouse Credit Corporation, he attended both the Community College of Allegheny County and Duquesne University, studying both computer science and elementary education. During his 9 years at WCC he held numerous positions. As operations analyst, he spearheaded numerous projects. He also held similar positions at American Water Works and Triangle Systems in their data centers. From 1979-1995 he managed several departments at the data center for Dick Corporation. From 1995-2002, Albert, along with three other partners, owned and played an integral part in Intex Corporation. In 2002 he joined the fraternal world as the Sales & Marketing Director of the National Slovak Society (NSS Life). In 2010 he joined the Slovak Catholic Sokol as their Sales & Marketing Director, where he remains today. For the past 10 years he has also served on the board of directors of United American Savings Bank, both as a director and as secretary. Albert earned his (FIC) designation in 2003 and joined the board of the Pennsylvania Chapter of Fraternal Insurance Counselors as vice president. For the past two years he has held the office of president. This is Albert's fifth year serving as an officer of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance: a director, second vice president, and currently as first vice president. He also served as an officer for four years through the various ranks of the FSGP. Albert is a proud member of a number of fraternal societies: First Catholic Slovak Union, GBU Financial Life, GCU, Sokol USA, National Slovak Society, and the Slovak Catholic Sokol. As a lifelong member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, he holds many titles.

Albert and his wife Paula have been married for 19 years and currently reside in Baldwin Borough in the southern suburbs of Pittsburgh. Albert and Paula have five children, Carmella (Brandon), Damian (Rien), Raymond (Carrie), Brian, and Amy (Shane); and they have also been blessed with five grandchildren, Isabel, Simon, Ty, Gia, and Zachary Cooper. In his spare time you will more than likely find Albert golfing with friends, taking in college sporting events or enjoying anything involving the grandchildren.

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Assembly 586 News

We've received great news from some of our PVR scholarship recipients. Christian Froehlich, a senior at Illinois State University, will graduate in May with a Bachelor's in Business Administration. Christian is such a smart and resourceful guy, he will begin a great job right away as an account manager at TEK Systems in Chicago, the nation's largest Information Technology placement firm.

Christian's sister, Jenna Froehlich, will earn her Master's Degree in speech and language pathology, also in May, from Northern Illinois University. She has been interviewing with suburban Chicago school districts during April and will most likely be employed by the time this news is printed!

Christian and Jenna's cousin, Tyler Christensen, who attends the University of Iowa, has made the Dean's List with straight A's every semester that she's been in college. She's pursuing a double major in cinema production and journalism and is on track to graduate a semester early. Ty works as an intern editing videos for an Iowa City media company while at school.

We wish these three 586'ers all the best!

News of our next scheduled meeting will be announced in the next issue.

Janet Tomaskovic
Secretary



Assembly 123



Members of Assembly 123 volunteering at the World Vision Warehouse.

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Effective January 1, 2013

Preferred Choice	1.00%
Optimum 3	2.00%
Preferred 5	3.00%
Preferred 8	3.50%

**Preferred 7 and Flex earning 4%, these plans are no longer available.*

**Please contact your NSS Life financial service representative or
Joe Elliott in the Home Office at 1-800-488-1890.**

Did you know....

You can add money to almost any Annuity with NSS-just send us a check.

Any additional funds will not increase the time period on early withdrawal penalties.

From the Sales Department...

By Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC
Sales Director



For example:
\$100,000 of
ten year term
coverage only
costs \$9.63
for a female,
age 35 (non-
smoker) and it
is less than \$20
per month for that

amount of insurance for any female up to 50. (smoker's rates are slightly more)

Of course there are other amounts and plans that may work better for some people. Please contact your NSS Life representative or Joe Elliott in the Home office for more information.

Thought for the Month

I keep six honest men at my side at all times, they taught me all I need to know. Their names are Who, What, Where, Why, When and How.

Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936)

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 8th. This celebration of motherhood was first celebrated in 1908. While it is recognized around the world, in the U.S. it is always celebrated the second Sunday of May. This wonderful celebration was started by Anna Jarvis of Grafton, WV who wanted to honor her mother, the year she died. So if you are fortunate to have your mother with you – please call, write or visit her and tell her you love her. Thank her for all the things she did for you. Thank her for all the sacrifices she made for you because without her you wouldn't be here. If your mom has passed away then maybe this might be a good time to visit her memorial or do something else in her memory.

On this special day let's also recognize all of the single mothers who really have a tough job. Statistics tell us that 80% of the single parents are mothers. Almost half are divorced, one-third were never married and a small percentage are widows. Half of this group may be living below the average and it has been reported that one out of every four children are to single parents. Almost everything that happens with a child falls on this one person. I think back when I grew up and it was a simpler time. Dad worked and mom stayed home and took care of me. Single parents don't have that luxury – they do it all –they're superstars in their own rite. They provide love, support, care, food, baths, clothing, transportation, entertainment, etc. And they do it on one income so their finances are stretched thin.

That's why life insurance is such an important topic to this particular group of people. Even with limited funds you can take the necessary steps to protect your family. To make sure they live in the comfort you want for them. To provide an education so that their future will be better. All of this is possible with a low cost term insurance plan.

Just in Case

Planning for an emergency may be something you never thought of but perhaps you should. You never know when there might be an emergency situation. Usually we think about hurricanes or big snow storms. But with these kind of events you at least have some advance notice. But what about tornados, mud slides, earthquakes, fires and flooding. Any of these disasters can occur and turn your world upside down. A basic guide to handling emergencies is to (1) know the basics, (2) have emergency supplies and (3) make a personal plan. If you have access to the internet just google "emergency preparedness" and the top few sites will be from the Red Cross, AAA, FEMA, etc. Any of these will give you good advice and tips for making your plan.

When you start building your e-kit you should be ready to go in a moment's notice. Some of the perishable items in such a kit should be rotated out and used each month and restocked with new items. You need water, food, clothes, shoes, matches, cell phone, batteries, flashlight, emergency contacts, passport, ID, medications, first aid kit, and more. Your family should be aware of any plan in case you get separated. Spend a little time on this now – just in case – you'll be glad you did.



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ASSEMBLY 004

Parma, OH

A meeting will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at the residence of Mildred Havir, 1744 Westhill Boulevard, Westlake, OH. at 2:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sonia Vorell
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 039

Uniontown, PA

Help us "Stamp Out Hunger" by volunteering on Saturday, May 5th. This is our way of participating in the NSS National Fraternal Project, "Help Feed America." Volunteers are asked to meet at the main post office, in downtown Uniontown, at the rear loading dock at 10:00 a.m. If you can't volunteer, please be sure to put out non-perishable food items for your letter carrier. All food collected will be donated to the Fayette County Food Bank.

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!

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 17th. Profits from the event go to support Easter Seals, Fayette County Special Olympics and the local battered women's shelter.

Mall walkers or "Silver Sneakers" or anyone that walks for exercise; the NSS has a "Walking Program" that provides special gifts as well as "fraternal points" for our assembly. We have a number of assembly members that are participating. Contact Pam Blum in the Home Office to sign-up.

For those that like to plan ahead, our annual Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 4th starting at 2:00 p.m. 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 Galatin Avenue extension.

John Payerchin
President

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 R059

Whitehall, PA

Our assembly held a meeting in February, 2016 at the Lahutsky's house. At the meeting, the following officers were elected:

Sandi Keysock – President
Michael Slivka – Treasurer
Nancy A. Sabol – Secretary

The meetings for the upcoming year were also scheduled. Additionally, we decided to host a hot dog luncheon fundraiser in order to raise money for the soup kitchen where several of the members volunteer. Finally, we decided to donate funds to OCMC and IOCC. After the meeting, the members and guests socialized over a meal.

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 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 Volunteerism. 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

Sometimes in life you get a second chance. Well for those of you who wanted to go to Hartwood Acres but couldn't make it here is your second chance. Our visit to Hartwood on April 10th had to be canceled for logistic reasons at Hartwood so we have rescheduled our visit and tour for Sunday May 15th at

1:00 pm. I hope many can attend. We will have lunch after the tour. If you plan on coming please call Joan Smith at 412-778-0431 so we can make proper arrangements. The flowers and trees should be in full bloom so it should be quite a nice ride just to get there.

Best wishes to all the mothers in Assembly 123. May your special day be one that brings you joy and recognition for doing the world's most important job.

Any of our members who are in the military or are veterans, we thank you for your service. Memorial Day is set aside for giving you thanks but it is appropriate that we thank you each and every day as we enjoy the benefits of your service. God bless each of you.

Memorial Day May 30th, is also the unofficial start of summer. Did you mark your calendars for the NSS Golf tournament July 15-17th at Treasure Lake or Slovak Day at Kennywood on Thursday July 21st? Members can be subsidized for attending both events. Also Region 5 has a wonderful picnic on Sunday August 21st at Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver, Westmoreland County. Call me if you need details, 724-242-50855.

Our Assembly is also planning some summer activities, more details as plans are finalized.

We have added a number of new members in the last couple of months, let me welcome you and encourage you to become active and additionally we are open to your ideas and suggestions.

Bill Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 617

Ashley, PA

This year Assembly #617 will have our Join Hands Day at The McAuley House for women of domestic violence and their children. We will do light gardening to prepare their property for Memorial Day.

We will meet at the McAuley House on May 14, 2016 at 10 a.m. with cleaning supplies and garden tools.

Our Assembly will also have a donation for them. After our Join Hands Day Project, we will have a meeting at Happy Pizza to discuss our upcoming Fraternal Day at Knoebels Amusement Park.

Please call Rose Mary Strish by May 10th for reservations for Join Hands Day at 570-825-3681.

Rose Mary Strish
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

ASSEMBLY 737

Westmoreland County, PA

Our next meeting will be held on May 21, 2016 at the home of Paul Godor, 9280 Clubview Drive, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 p.m.

All assembly business will be discussed at this time.

Paul J Godor
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 813

Englewood, FL

Our Join Hands Day project will be the "Stamp Out Hunger" campaign on May 14, 2016. This is in association with the National Association of Letter Carriers, and is the largest one day food drive in the country. Mary Jo Holker is the contact person (941-473-0559) for those interested in participating in this very fulfilling program.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary

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

Assembly L-161 Participates in National Fraternal Project



L-161 Fraternal Director Anna Ondrejco presenting Matching Fund check to Rob Hutchison K of C East End Council representative.

Assembly L-161 conducted a raffle to support the NSS Fraternal Project, partnering with the Knights of Columbus "40 Cans for Lent" program. The K of C nationally has been promoting this program. This year it was announced that the K of C would match the fundraising efforts locally 5X the amount raised.

Through a low cost purchasing agreement the local council #3530 (Pittsburgh – East End), is able to purchase 40 –19.5 oz. cans of hearty soups for every \$20 dollars raised. In addition to the soups, recipes are included which suggest adding a few extra items to convert the soups into hearty meals. With the \$100 raised by L-161 and the \$100 matched from the NSS Home Office 400 cans were able to be purchased and distributed to needy families in the East End Cooperative Ministry, including the food pantries of St. Raphael, St. Rosalia, and St. Maria Goretti.

Many thanks to our L-161 members who sold the raffle tickets for this event.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, May 16th at Big Jim's restaurant, 201 Saline St. Pgh., PA 15207 at 6:30 p.m.

Sue Ondrejco
Secretary/Treasurer

PVR Scholarship Fund Donations March, 2016

In Memory of Dorothy Bolcis:	
From Assembly 0070	10.00
In Memory of Alene Geyer:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Arthur Refice:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Dorothy Wharrey:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
Donations:	
Irine Zinter	50.00
Cathy Maiorano	15.00
Assembly 0595	300.00



Stone Donations March, 2016

Assembly 0283 \$5,000.00



Spring Board Meeting

In compliance with Article 6, items F & H, of the By-Laws, the National Assembly shall meet on:

Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
Treasurer Lake
DuBois, PA

All members of the National Assembly including David Blazek, President, Linda Strom, Secretary/Treasurer, Directors: Alan Burns, Michael Czarney, Andrea Garbon, Keith Godor, Abigail Gross, Robert Katricak, Susan Ondrejco, Joseph Stefka, Jr, Chairman of the Board, and Andrew Wesnak as well as Legal Advisor Ronald Cooper, shall attend this meeting.

At this meeting, all matters relevant to the welfare and best interest of the Society that fall into the Scope of the By-Laws as they appear to the National Assembly shall be acted upon.

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS March, 2016

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Atkian, Helen	Chardon, OH	12/14/2015	0004
Bacher, Mary	Milwaukee, WI	02/11/2016	0774
Bandi, Richard J	Washington, PA	12/01/2015	0588
Bennett, Walter	Edinboro, PA	05/28/2015	0434
Bilby, Donald	Washington, PA	06/21/2015	0588
Brink, Ethel M	Saint Joseph, MN	02/13/2016	0586
Butz, Robert E	Charleroi, PA	01/19/2016	0039
Campbell, Nellie K	Flinton, PA	01/06/2016	0267
Carrier, Dolores A	Pittsburgh, PA	02/18/2016	L105
Crandell, Robert C	Sunrise, FL	02/16/2016	0800
Donnadio, Doris J	Connellsville, PA	02/02/2016	0039
Douglas, Sada	Ripley, WV	01/28/2016	0774
Dubuis, Phyllis M	Auburn, MI	02/03/2016	0381
Fetterman, James	North Olmsted, OH	11/03/2014	0432
Fetterman, Julia M	North Olmsted, OH	10/14/2015	0432
Foster, Sandra Fay	Philipsburg, PA	02/05/2016	0774
Fryczynski SR., Thomas W	Harbor Springs, MI	02/14/2016	0381
Garrett, Betty J	Milton, WV	01/13/2016	P38A
Goetsch, William M	Pittsburgh, PA	03/10/2015	0100
Gorman, Deborah	Saint John, IN	02/24/2016	0705
Haas, R Clair	Washington, PA	03/11/2016	0434
Hayes, Robert	New Ross, IN	11/10/2015	0705
Haynie, Clara J	San Dimas, CA	01/30/2016	0568
Hemming, Amy O	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	03/03/2015	0774
Hierholzer, Frances I	Grand Haven, MI	08/18/2015	0381
Hogge, Elsie	Newsport News, VA	03/04/2016	0813
Hopson, William	Strabane, PA	07/15/2015	0434
Hrycko, Florence C	Belle Vernon, PA	08/30/2015	0377
Hudak, John	Burlington, ON	02/04/2016	0813
Hundley, Robert E	Robbins, NC	02/28/2016	0774
Junkins, Paula J	Shadyside, OH	03/02/2016	0774
Keshock, Kathryn B	Fort Lauderdale, FL	12/10/2014	0731
Kocis, Elizabeth	Pittsburgh, PA	02/18/2016	L105
Koronowski, Linda J	Allison Park, PA	01/17/2016	0700
Kraft, Judith	Aliquippa, PA	11/21/2015	0123
Kurhajec, Anna	Saint Charles, IL	02/19/2016	0586
Long, Leonard A	Kittanning, PA	09/14/2014	L040
Lucas, Josephine	Kingston, OH	12/13/2015	0595
Lunz, Dennis J	Ford City, PA	02/14/2016	0434
Mace, Anna	Blandon, PA	02/26/2016	L102
Matthews, Debra L	McKees Rocks, PA	03/14/2016	0283
Mc Neal, Willard	South Salem, OH	01/24/2016	0731
Mihalik, Ailsa J	Philipsburg, PA	02/21/2016	0737
Miles, Roger	Pittsburgh, PA	02/03/2016	0283
Milks, Velma	Midland, MI	11/12/2011	0381
Mlinarich, Frank T	Graceton, PA	11/21/2015	0038
Monoske, Margaret	Birmingham, AL	02/15/2016	0100
Moore, Mildred	North Canton, OH	01/19/2016	0731
Mowl, Donald	Washington, PA	01/30/2016	0377
Neff, Anna	Cadiz, OH	02/29/2016	0774
Oleynik, Claudia	McMurray, PA	02/05/2016	0774
Peppel, Harry R	Monongahela, PA	12/13/2015	0377
Puskar, Pauline	Greensburg, PA	02/05/2016	0737
Rapp, Michael A	Monongahela, PA	02/16/2016	0377
Raynor, Mary A	Crown Point, IN	11/13/2015	0586
Sands, Peggy	Marietta, OH	03/11/2016	0595
Schultheis, Anna	Manchester, NH	01/06/2016	0434
Smith, Lola S	Lexington, NC	12/04/2015	0774
Smith, Weldon	Lexington, NC	10/09/2015	0774
Sobek, Helen	Donora, PA	02/23/2016	0377
Stockdill, Dexter	Monongahela, PA	01/03/2016	0377
Sturdiak, Bozena B	Palmerston, PA	02/03/2016	L102
Swemley, Nicole	Washington, PA	03/01/2016	0123
Terhorst, Clarence	Acme, PA	02/26/2016	0737
Thomas, Robert M	Pittsburgh, PA	03/22/2015	0123
Thomas, Victor	Scenery Hill, PA	01/31/2016	0377
Tutmaher, Joseph	Chandlers Valley, PA	02/18/2016	L105
Ugartechea, Beatrice A	Saginaw, CT	03/12/2016	0381
Valentz, Eleanor L	Youngstown, OH	01/11/2016	0731
Vecera, Anna	Lexington Park, MD	02/22/2016	0100
Vrablic, Thomas	Ford City, PA	02/12/2016	0700
Warner, Anne D	Austintown, OH	10/26/2015	0731
Yadrnak, Elizabeth	Vestal, NY	02/04/2016	L075
Yasenka, Charles	Broadview Heights, OH	02/21/2016	0004
Zdanewicz, Hilda	Clifton, NJ	01/02/2016	L102
Zimmerman, Patricia	Kamas, UT	03/10/2016	0774

This Month in National Slovak Society History

Joseph Stefka, Jr. Chairman of the Board

May, 1909

The first Special Convention of the National Slovak Society was held in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The Convention voted to have the Society join the National Fraternal Congress becoming the first Slovak Fraternal affiliate. In addition, Peter V. Rovnianek was elected as "Honorary President" by acclamation.

May, 1982

At the Annual Meeting President Stefka announced that for the first time in fifty years the Society's membership increased based on the membership as of December 31, 1981.

May, 1986

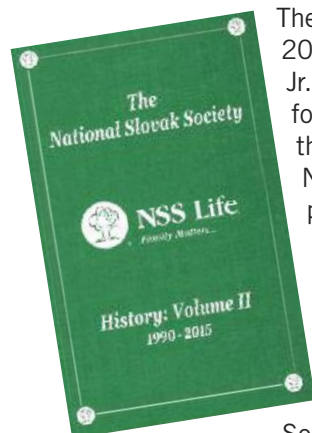
The National Slovak Society was one of only five fraternal out of 100 to meet their pledge of raising \$5000 in donations for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.

May, 1996

The *National News* was changed to an 8 1/2" X 11" magazine format with color.

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."

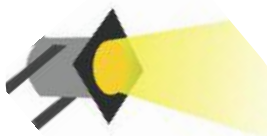
Assembly 123



Ashley Robbins, member of Assembly 123 shows off the State Championship Trophy. Ashley is the sophomore point guard on the Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic girls Class A State Champions basketball team.

Spotlight On Lisa Shriver

Assistant Controller/Supervisor of Member Services Department



I am the Assistant Controller and Supervisor of our Member Services Department here at the National Slovak Society. I have been with NSS Life for almost 16 years now, and have met a lot of great people along the way. It is always nice to be able to put a face with the voice on the other end of the phone. I really enjoy what I do at NSS. I wear many different hats at various times, a few

include preparing tax forms for our members, helping our agents and members with the web portals, and helping our office staff provide prompt and accurate customer service to our members.

I have been blessed with a wonderful husband and two handsome sons. My husband and I will soon be celebrating our 22 years of marriage. Our sons surely keep us on our toes and busy. Both of our sons play soccer and our oldest also runs track and is currently a Life Scout. When we are not busy with track meets, scouts, and traveling for soccer, we enjoy our weekends away camping. There is nothing more enjoyable than spending time with my family while sitting by the camp fire and relaxing.



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:

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Slovak cooking & craft demonstrations

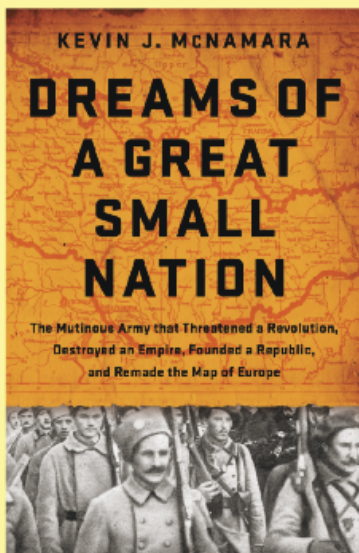
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New Arrival in Book Stores“DREAMS OF A GREAT NEW NATION” by Kevin J. McNamara



“The pages of history recall scarcely any parallel episode at once so romantic in character and so extensive in scale,” said Winston S. Churchill about the men whose military exploits and global trek helped to found the republic of Czecho-Slovakia in 1918.

As the 100th anniversary of their achievement and hardships approaches, their story is told in a new book, *Dreams of a Great Small Nation: The Mutinous Army that Threatened a Revolution, Destroyed an Empire, Founded a Republic, and Remade the Map of Europe* (New York: Public Affairs, March 2016), by Kevin J. McNamara.

In 1917, two empires that ruled much of Europe and Asia teetered on the edge of the abyss, exhausted by the ruinous cost in blood and treasure of the First World War. As Imperial Russia and the Habsburg-ruled Austria-Hungary began to succumb, a small group of Czech and Slovak combat veterans stranded in Siberia saw an opportunity to realize their long-held dream of independence.

British prime minister David Lloyd George agreed with Churchill, saying, “The story of the adventures and triumphs of this small army is, indeed, one of the greatest epics of history.” Former U.S. president Teddy Roosevelt declared that their accomplishments were “unparalleled, so far as I know, in ancient or modern warfare.”

Publisher's Weekly calls McNamara's book a “captivating narrative history . . . McNamara proves to be a great storyteller.” *Kirkus Reviews* calls *Dreams of a Great Small Nation* “Extraordinary . . . McNamara, an impressive storyteller armed with a treasure of documents only recently available, ably narrates the remarkable feats of these men who fought every inch of the way . . . a fantastic addition to the shelves of World War I histories.” The *Library Journal* says he “shares a valuable story that is relatively unknown and understood in the West.”

The book is available on Amazon and at Barnes & Noble. (\$28.99 *hard cover*)

Máj



Máj mesiac lásky, mnohých tradícií a sviatkov.

Mesiac máj je bezpochyby jeden z najkrajších mesiacov roka. Celá príroda sa prebúda k životu. Všetko kvitne, príroda ukazuje svoju krásu a nádheru. Záhrady a lúky sú posiate všetkými farbami, čo je nádherná pastva pre naše oči. Krása prírody má svoje čaro. Na rozkvitnutých stromoch poletujú včely, ktoré svojou usilovnosťou prinášajú úžitok nielen pre seba, ale hlavne pre nás. Bez nich by život na našej planéte snáď ani nemohol existovať. Všetko žije novým životom. Spev vtákov nám spríjemňuje každodenný život, ktorý sa snažíme prežiť podľa svojich predstáv. Aj keď v súčasnosti sa počasie akosi zmenilo a hranica teplôt sa posunula niekde do apríla a tým nastalo i skoršie prebúdzanie prírody.

Druhá májová nedeľa už tradične patri všetkým mamám. Tento rok si Deň matiek pripomenieme v nedeľu 8 mája.

Byť mamou, či už fyzickou alebo duchovnou je najkrajšie povolanie v živote každej ženy. Matka a otec, ktorý privitajú na svete nový život, tým spolupracujú s Bohom na veľkom diele stvorenia. Toto poslanie je krásne a náročné zároveň. Deň matiek je špeciálny čas povedať našim mamám ako ich máme radi, čo pre nás urobili.

Ďakujeme všetkým matkam za ich lásku a obetavosť a na prihovor našej Nebeskej Mamy im vyprosujeme, aby boli vždy naplnené dobrom, radosťou, nádejou, a aby vždy prinášali život, život fyzický aj Duchovný!

Radostný deň matiek všetkým. —Výveska.sk



Zvyk stavanie májov sa v zmenenej podobe udržal dodnes, stavia sa však zväčša jeden ovenčený strom uprostred dediny alebo hlavného námestia.

Májové Povesti

Májová rosa a dážd mali magické účinky. Prvomájovú rosu považovali po celom Slovensku za účinný liek proti bolestiam. Ľudia si ňou natierali lišaje, umývali oči a podobne. Ak v prvý májový týždeň pršalo, dážd bol predzvesťou bohatej úrody. Na 12., 13., a 14. mája pripadajú mená Pankrác, Servác a Bonifác, ktorí dostali názov traja zamrznutí svätí. A sú patrónmi Košickej Arcidiecezy.

Významné dni v máji:

1. máj ... deň pracujúcich—na Slovensku
4. máj... spomienka na Štefanika –ktorý tragicky zahynul pri Bratislave v roku 1918
8. máj ...oslobodenie česko-slovenska od nacizmu 2-svetovej vojny
8. maj... deň matiek
13. máj... zjavenie Panny Marie vo Fatime v roku 1917
31. maj ... pamätný deň –amerika

MAY

**NSS
AMBASSADORS
UPDATE**



Join us on May 7th for *Join Hands Day!*

It's not too late to volunteer. Join us for a day of service in Pittsburgh, PA. All ages are welcome & encouraged to participate!

Not local to PA? Contact us & we will help you come up with *Join Hands Day* ideas for you and your family/friends. Whatever you do, don't forget to share with us via email and social media.

Be an NSS Ambassador!

Ages 13+ sign-up today and join the movement. Engage in fun activities and meet other Ambassadors, all while learning the skills to lead & motivate!

Email ambassadors@nsslife.org or visit us at <http://nsslife.org/fraternal-programs/nss-ambassadors/> for more information!

NSS AMBASSADORS

Ambassador Spotlight

Name: Hannah Cohen

Age: 16

City/State: Indiana, PA

Favorite Book: *She's Come Undone*

Hobbies: Photography, 2D Art, Piano,
Journalism, Yoga & Meditation

Role Model: Tavi Gevinson. "She has used her high fashion social media platform to spread information about important topics and information."



Causes She Is Passionate About: Gender equality and the survival of different groups in America.

What are you looking forward to the most about being an NSS Ambassador?

"I am looking forward to learning more on how to be a successful leader in whatever group I support. The opportunities given to me whilst I have been an NSS

Ambassador have been amazing, and I am excited to see what other chances I may get, whether they be online or in real life."



Youth Circle Page

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New Members



Charlotte Littlefoot Sakas

The proud parents of Charlotte are Douglas Sakas, Jr. and Robyn Musilek. She also has a big brother, Cody. Proud grandparents are Douglas Sakas, Sr. and his wife Trina. Charlotte was born on July 21, 2015 and is now a member of Assembly C108.



Hailey Lynn Kaufman

The proud parents of Hailey are Brendon and Cortney Kaufman, Grandparents, Fred and Renee Davis, and Great Grandparents, Roger and

JoAnn Watts. Cortney, Renee, JoAnn, and Roger are all members of NSS P38A.

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.

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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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.



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

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DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

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