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FSWFE and PBU merged with NSS in 1997
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Activities At A Glance

<p>REGION 2</p> <p>September 24 October 16</p>	<p>Assemblies L075, 0617</p> <p>Assembly L075, Volunteer Luncheon Assembly L075, Meeting, Grande's Restaurant. Moosic, PA at 1 pm</p>
<p>REGION 5</p> <p>September 11 September 11 September 19 September 24 November 21 December 4</p>	<p>Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0700, 0737, 0774</p> <p>Assembly 0123, Molly's Trolley Tour of Pittsburgh at 12 Noon Assembly 0039, Meeting, Eat'n Park Community Room, Uniontown, PA at 6:00 pm Assembly 0588, Meeting, Panera Bread, Robinson, PA at 6:00 pm Septemberfest 2016, NSS Home Office, McMurray, PA (11:00 am to 4:00 pm) Assembly 0588, Meeting, Time and Place to be announced Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Knights of Columbus Hall at 2:00 pm</p>
<p>REGION 7</p> <p>September 1 October 22 November 6 December 17</p>	<p>Assemblies P09A, 0731</p> <p>Assembly 0731, Scavenger Hunt, Canfield Fair, Mahoning County, OH at 12 Noon. Assembly 0731, Halloween Hayride, Countryside Farms, Lowellville, OH at 5:00 pm Assembly 0731, Meeting, Poland Christian Church, Lowellville, OH at 2:00 pm Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Lowellville Rod & Gun Club, Lowellville, OH at 2:00 pm</p>
<p>REGION 8</p> <p>September 10 October 1 October 18 December 20 February 25, 2017</p>	<p>Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595</p> <p>Assembly 0070, Pot Luck Dinner/Meeting, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 5:00 pm Region 8, 2nd Annual Hayride, Richardson Farms, Medina, OH at 12 Noon Assembly 432, Meeting, Time and place to be announced Assembly 432, Meeting, Time and place to be announced Assembly 432, Annual Reverse Raffle</p>
<p>REGION 14</p> <p>September 25</p>	<p>Assemblies R059, L102</p> <p>Assembly R059, Hot Dog Luncheon Fundraiser, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church</p>
<p>REGION 15</p> <p>September 18</p>	<p>Assemblies L002, 0028</p> <p>Assembly L002, Meeting/Luncheon, Vazzy's Restaurant Bridgeport, CT at 12:30 pm</p>
<p>AT LARGE</p> <p>September 4 October 2 October 16 October 23 November 13 November 27 December 24</p>	<p>Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813</p> <p>Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0586, Meeting, Ciao in Palos Hills Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0586, Christmas Party, Klas Restaurant, Cicero, IL at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Annual Christmas Eve Celebration, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 6:00 pm</p>

From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC
President, CEO

Good morning from the desk of the President. Well, summer is nearing an end and with that, school bells will be ringing soon if they haven't already. Many schools throughout the country start the school year in August. One of my grandchildren goes year round with long breaks at different times of the year such as two weeks off in October. I would like to wish all of our NSS children a very successful school year in 2016-17.

This month, we celebrate Labor Day on the 5th, always the first Monday in September. It is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold. But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882

while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union of New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

In NSS Land, in addition to many meetings scheduled in September, Assembly 0731 will hold a Scavenger Hunt on the 1st at the Canfield Fair, Mahoning County. Assembly 0070 will host a Pot Luck Dinner on the 10th; Assembly 0123 will do a Molly's Trolley Tour of Pittsburgh on the 11th. Septemberfest will be held at the Home Office on the 24th and the Slovak Radio Hour Dinner Dance will be held on the 25th. Assembly R059 will be hosting a Hot Dog Luncheon Fundraiser on the 25th. There are a lot of activities happening in September, so get out and enjoy them.

News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday to former National Secretary/Treasurer Paul Payerchin, past Director Gary Cepko, Sales Director Greg Felton, Controller Donna Tenney, staff members Tracey Bastaroli, and Linda Buono. Mary Cambest, John Palko, Millie Havir, Michael Eubank, son in-law Edwin Woods, Chris Katricak, Susan Knoll and granddaughter, Charlotte Lavin.

Happy Anniversary to Director Bob Katricak and his wife Chris, Honorary Director Joseph and Irene Tomaskovic, Jr., Monica and Frank Stanitski, and to my beautiful wife Fran, as we celebrate our 21st Anniversary this month.

We continue to keep Director Keith Godor in our thoughts and prayers as he battles a serious illness.

Congratulations to Charles Rodacy Boone on his recent accomplishment of attaining the highest rank in Boy Scouts: Eagle Scout, and to Scott Reed who was recently presented the Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Award while living and working aboard the Africa Mercy ship.

A special shout out to Mary Ann Naple of Pittsburgh, PA on being named the Fraternalist of the Year for our sister fraternal the Slovak Catholic Sokol. In addition to belonging to the Slovak Catholic Sokol, Mary Ann also enjoys membership in the National Slovak Society.

President Blazek's Birthday



Your IRA

Your IRA could be worth more as a charitable gift! Recent legislation allows you to make tax-free charitable gifts from your traditional individual retirement account directly to an eligible organization like the NSS PVR Scholarship Fund. You must be age 70 or older to participate. Charitable distributions count towards your annual required minimum distribution and there are no taxes due on the transfer. Plus, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing your gift is helping to provide our youth with a college education.

Punography Of The Month:

I did a theatrical performance about puns; it was a play on words.



A Page From My Notebook.....

Linda M. Strom, Secretary/Treasurer

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2016 Winter Board Meeting Minutes....

The 2016 Winter Board Meeting was opened and called to order on February 6, 2016 by Chairman of the Board Joseph Stefka, Jr. at the Home Office in McMurray, PA. After several opening remarks he turned the meeting over to President/CEO David G. Blazek for the remainder of the meeting. All Board members were either present at the Home Office or via teleconference. Also present were: Legal Counsel P. Ronald Cooper, Sales Director Greg Felton and AQS Asset Manager Larry White via teleconference.

NSS Asset Manager Larry White, AQS (via teleconference), presented his report, providing information on the state of our Portfolio, Projections on Cash Flow, Crediting Rates vs our Portfolio and Portfolio Yield.

All Bond Sales, Exchanges and Purchases through December 31, 2015 were ratified and all Mortgages reviewed. Minutes of the 2015 Fall Board Meetings were approved.

The Fraternal Activities Coordinator Report, presented by Fraternal Activities Coordinator Pam Blum, recapped fraternal events held and upcoming for 2016.

Sales Director Greg Felton presented the Sales Director's Report highlighting: Sales, Membership, Agent Growth and New Business to date.

Annuity Interest Rates were reviewed and a motion was made to keep the rates the same for the 2nd Quarter of 2016. Legal Counsel Cooper reported on an issue regarding a change of beneficiary and dealing with the deceased's Power of Attorney.

Old Business presented resolution regarding a charge back issue for a former agent, the adoption of a revised NSS Conflict of Interest Policy, a recap of the NSS Youth Ambassadors Program, the adoption of the NSS Emergency Succession Plan, the redesign of the NSS Newsletter and a brief update on the NSS Administration System.

New Business saw the approval of several Petitions, the selection August 13, 2016 as the date for our 2nd NSS Assembly Officers Seminar, the adoption of the 2016 NSS Budget and a presentation on a new offering for our members for identity protection.

Good of the Order set the date for our Strategic Planning Session for June 2, 2016 at Treasure Lake in DuBois, PA the day before the Spring Board Meeting. Also set were the following Board Meeting dates: the 2016 Summer Board Meeting for August 12-13 and the 2016 Fall Board Meeting for November 11-12.

Assembly Leaders

2016 has proven to be a year of change and also loss. More so this year than in other years, we have lost leaders of our assemblies and regions. They can never be replaced but have left their mark on the NSS:

Dorothy J Badnarik, Auditor

Assembly P09A, Youngstown OH

Robert L Bindas, President

Assembly P09A, Youngstown OH

Calvin W Kanyuck, President

Assembly 0146, Nanticoke PA

William Janega, Fin Secretary/Treasurer

Assembly 0028, Stratford CT

John R Malik, President

Assembly 0110, Tarrytown, NY

We are forever grateful for your years of dedication to the members of the National Slovak Society.

2015 Fraternal Allowance Report

Once again, congratulations to all the officers and members of the Assemblies and Regions listed below who received this "extra effort" award.

At the 2016 Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors the Board approved the following Platinum, Diamond and the new Silver Award winners:

Diamond Level:

0039 Uniontown, PA
0070 Brooklyn, OH
L075 Duryea, PA
L102 Whitehall, PA
0123 Coraopolis, PA
0160 Lorain, OH
0432 Fairview Park, OH
0434 McMurray, PA
0588 Slovan, PA
0617 Ashley, PA
0731 Lowellville, OH
0813 Englewood, FL

Platinum Level:

0108 Homestead, PA
L161 Pittsburgh, PA

Silver Level (New):

0004 Parma, OH
0377 Bentleyville, PA
R059 Whitehall, PA
0586 Chicago, IL
0737 North Huntingdon, PA
0774 McMurray, PA



A Special Get Well

The Board of Directors come from diverse backgrounds and work together as one. What affects one, affects all. Director Keith S Godor is undergoing medical treatments and we ask that all our members keep Keith in your prayers. With God's grace and the power of prayer amazing things can happen.

Get well soon Keith!

Access your account values 24/7 by going to the website:
www.nsslife.org and log in/register as a member.



Advantages of an NSS Annuity/IRA

- Competitive interest rates
- Guaranteed minimum interest rate
- Tax-deferred earnings
- Avoids Probate
- Liquidity/Withdrawal features
- Flexible retirement income options
- No sales charges or fees

Current Interest Rates

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.

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From the Sales Department...

By Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC
Sales Director



Why Should I Have Life Insurance?

A great question, so let me count the ways. There are so many answers to this question. Almost as many as there are people that rely on others for their safety and security. Let's summarize the basic reasons why people buy life insurance.

The number one reason is for protection. Life insurance is money and that buys your family time – time to grow up, time to pay off the mortgage, last expenses, debts, and more. People buy life insurance because they love someone and they want to make sure their families are protected.

People buy life insurance for wellness reasons. This means that they have insurance to provide peace of mind. If they didn't have insurance they would be stressed out over the potential loss they could be facing. Another meaning of wellness is insurability. It is always better to apply for life insurance when you are young and healthy. You can get insurance anytime but cost may be a factor as you get older or develop health problems.

You may buy life insurance so that you can spend more money. Yes, you read that correctly. Having life insurance allows you to spend the rest of your money on everything else. Without insurance you would have to self-insure and save all your money. The cost of this option would be prohibitive.

Another use of life insurance is for charitable purposes. You can use a life insurance policy to leave money to your church, school or any other worthy charity that you want to help. Can you

imagine how useful a meaningful amount of money (life insurance proceeds) would be to some charity? They might even put a new addition on their building and name the new wing after you. And if it is a qualified charitable organization the premiums you pay may be tax deductible as a gift – double bonus.

Finally, some people want to buy life insurance as part of their legacy. They may want to leave some money in a lump sum to help someone and yet be remembered for their kind gesture. A simple example is the grandparent that leaves some money to help educate their grandchild. You can get more complicated and leave money for your business, set up monthly payments, trusts, or other scenarios.

The important point is that life insurance is the greatest financial product ever devised. Nothing does what life insurance can do. With the stroke of a pen you can be insured for thousands of dollars for just pennies on a dollar. Life insurance doesn't cost – it pays. To see how reasonable it is, please call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information.

Thought for the Month

Use the word - THINK – as an acronym in all your actions. Each letter of the word Think stands for:

– Is it True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and Kind? If you always follow this advice and the answer is yes, then you will have done your part to make the world a better place.

Off the Racetrack With Danica Patrick

You may know professional race car driver Danica Patrick for her ground-breaking career on the racetrack. But this September she will also be front and center promoting the power of life insurance as the spokesperson for Life Insurance Awareness Month, which is coordinated by Life Happens. Here she opens up about life and life insurance.

You're a consummate—and fierce—racing professional, but everyone has to start somewhere. Do you remember your first race?

Danica Patrick: It's actually quite unforgettable. My sister and I started to race Go Karts when I was 10 and she was 8. The first time we took them out, it was in the big parking lot behind my parents' business. We set up cans in a circle so we could do laps. But once out there my brake pedal fell to the floor, and I had no idea what to do. Instead of turning or spinning out, I just went straight, and at the last minute veered to miss a construction trailer and crashed into a concrete wall. I twisted the Go Kart, flew back, got bruised legs—the whole deal. It didn't scare me away, but by all means my first racing experience did not go well.

When did you first get life insurance—or at least consider it?

Danica Patrick: It was an easy decision for me to get life insurance at a young age. I participate in a risky sport where I drive 200 miles an hour with concrete walls around me. Plus, I've been fortunate to have a successful career from the beginning, and I want my family to be looked after if something were to happen to me, especially since my parents sacrificed so much for me to get where I am. Both my parents lost their dads when they were teenagers, and neither had any life insurance. My mom was one of five kids, and remembers that her mom had to sell off most of the farm as a result. When my sister and I came along, my parents got life insurance. They wanted to make sure, based on their experience, that we would be taken care of if something happened to them. I also think there's a misconception that only the primary breadwinner needs life insurance. The other partner may be doing the cooking and cleaning, running the kids around and all sorts of things that help the family operate. If something happens to them, those things still need to be done, and there might not be enough time in the day for the other half to take care of those things or the money to hire someone to do it. So it's smart for both to have life insurance. When it comes to life insurance, think about it this way: If you were to pass away, it's going to be awful for those left behind. There are people who are going to mourn and suffer—perhaps financially as well, and whatever you can do to make that transition as easy as possible is the kind thing to do, the unselfish thing to do.

2016-2017 Scholarships – Perpetual Award Winners



Jennifer Bertrand
Assembly 432
The Ohio State University
Chemical Engineering
Stephen J Trusik Perpetual Scholarship



Avery Cielinski
Assembly 586
University of Kentucky
Nursing
Ann Marie Czarney Perpetual Scholarship



Austin Karr
Assembly 731
The Ohio State University
Biomedical Engineering / Pre-Med
NSS Board of Directors Scholarship



Kelsee Lazor
Assembly 554
Duquesne University
Pharmacy
Mary B Burns Perpetual Scholarship



Cameron Morgan
Assembly 434
Pennsylvania State University
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Mary Mravec Scholarship Award



Kelly Parrish
Assembly 236
University of Colorado
Communications
Assembly 065 Perpetual Scholarship



Leslie Peters
Assembly L102
University of Tennessee
Accounting
Dr John Gulash Scholarship Award



Tristan Phillips
Assembly R059
Arizona State University
Chemical Engineering
125th Anniversary Scholarship



Xavier Prevoznik
Assembly 774
The Catholic University of America
Applied Mathematics
Assembly 065 Perpetual Scholarship

2016-2017 1st Year Scholarships



Madison Bender
Assembly 008
University of Akron
Accounting & Business Management



Jeffrey Borza
Assembly 586
University of Illinois
Chemical Engineering



Jenna Borza
Assembly 586
University of Illinois
Advertising



Nicholas Bradford
Assembly 700
Edinboro University
Business / Sports Management



Sara Chernicky
Assembly 700
Robert Morris University
Biomedical Engineering



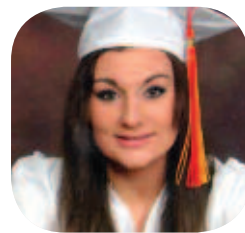
Claudia Clemens
Assembly 737
Saint Vincent College
Elementary Education



Jessica Cochran
Assembly 737
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Nursing



David Columbus
Assembly L161
Pennsylvania State University
Secondary Education: Physics



Allison Davis
Assembly R059
Widener University
Hospitality Management



Michael DePauw
Assembly 160
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Mechanical Engineering



Morgan Dube
Assembly 737
Westmoreland County Community College
Nursing



Robert Heins
Assembly 774
University of Maryland
Government/Politics



Andrew Karkosiak
Assembly 070
Cuyahoga Community College
Music and Business Administration



Brad Kioski
Assembly 110
Lincoln Tech
Diesel & Truck Technology



MacKenzi Kopko
Assembly 588
Marietta College
Biochemistry

2016-2017 1st Year Scholarships



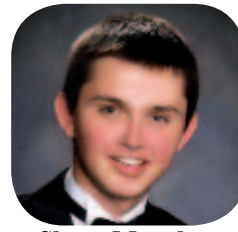
Kenneth Kysor
Assembly 700
Kent State University
Pediatric Medicine



Madison Lotz
Assembly 123
Alderson Broaddus University
Biology



Jacob Martin
Assembly 377
Saint Vincent College
Business



Shane Monahan
Assembly 075
West Chester University
Business / Marketing



Maxwell Nudi
Assembly 554
Berklee College of Music
Performance / Percussion



Kari Radginski
Assembly 146
Temple University
Elementary / Special Education



Sarah Smith
Assembly 554
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
Pre-Med



Melanie Stevans
Assembly 123
University of Kansas
Engineering



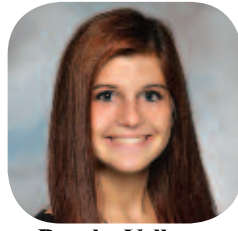
Sara Topola
Assembly 004
Cleveland State University
Education



Kelsea Van Vliet
Assembly 110
Seton Hall University
Occupational Therapy



Katherine Vester
Assembly R019
Niagra University
Education: Social Studies



Brooke Vollmer
Assembly 588
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
Biology



Matthew Waigand
Assembly 434
Point Park University
Creative Writing Journalism



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Slovak Day - July 21st at Kennywood Park



2016 NSS Golf Tournament



L-R: Ron Cooper, Dave Blazek, Max Burns, Alan Burns, Andy Burns



L-R: Jim Morehart, Dan Froehlich, Joe Grispart, Chuck Froehlich



L-R: Ken Rainey, Greg Felton, Joe Elliot



L-R: Bud Sir Louis, Steve Basic, Bob Sir Louis



L-R: Ed Neese, Pat Neese, Georgiann Kralik, Dan Kralik



L-R: Jerry Lanagan, Connor Lanagan, Matt Toth, Rick Toth



L-R: Albert Suess, Ron Suchy, James Zamaris, John Zamaris



L-R: Greg Blum, Alex Blum, Cody Brightbill, Casey McAndrew

“Celebrating 50 Years of Golf”



**L-R: Jim Czarney, Bob Kapp,
Gary Robinson, Bob Katricak**



**L-R: Steve Meyers, Peg Meyers,
John Toth, Tom Kalupanov**



**L-R: Mike Czarney, Joe Stefka
Floyd McKain, Kevin Jones**



**L-R: Tony Gambatese, George Batyko,
Dave Burns, Rich Burns**



L-R: Fran Blazek, Cathy Kapp, Cindy Robinson



Putting Contest



Banquet Dinner, Award Winners, Prizes and More!



Previous Joe Stefka Sr. Award Winners

2016 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Flight	HDCP	SAT GROSS	SAT TOTAL	18 Holes PLACE	SUN GROSS	SUN TOTAL	FINAL SCORE	36 Hole Place
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MENS A FLIGHT

Andy Burns	A	9	80	71	1st	85	76	147	1st
Dave Burns	A	9	85	76	2nd	85	76	152	
Mike Czarny	A	9	88	79		81	72	151	2nd
Alan Burns	A	9	86	77					
Rich Burns	A	9	94	85		90	81	166	

MENS B FLIGHT

Albert Sues	B	17	85	68	1st	85	68	136	1st
Joe Stefka	B	19	94	75	2nd	88	69	144	2nd
Alex Blum	B	16	96	80		88	72	152	
Floyd McKain	B	21	99	78					

MENS C FLIGHT

Dan Froehlich	C	40	111	71	1st	132	92	163	
Greg Blum	C	22	95	73	2nd	94	72	145	1st
Greg Felton	C	22	97	75		100	78	153	2nd
Jim Czarny	C	23	112	89		106	83	172	
Bob Katricak	C	32	109	77		112	80	157	

SENIOR A FLIGHT

Dave Blazek	Sr A	11	82	71	1st	82	71	142	1st
Tony Gambatese	Sr A	9	84	75	2nd	84	75	150	2nd
Dan Kralik	Sr A	14	91	77		88	74	151	
George Batyko	Sr A	7	88	81					
Gary Robinson	Sr A	10	95	85		91	81	166	

SENIOR B FLIGHT

Jim Morehart	Sr B	22	102	80		97	75	155	1st
Chuck Froelich	Sr B	21	99	78	1st	102	81	159	
Bob Kapp	Sr B	26	105	79	2nd	106	80	159	
Ron Cooper	Sr B	21	103	82		96	75	157	2nd
Bud Sir Louis	Sr B	40	147	107					

WOMENS FLIGHT

Cathy Kapp (Cillia)	W	28	99	71	1st	103	75	146	1st
Fran Blazek	W	24	100	76	2nd				
Cindy Robinson	W	26	104	78		103	77	155	2nd
Georgiann Kralik	W	24	107	83		97	73	156	

CALAWAY FLIGHT

Steve Meyers	Calaway	C	75	72	1st	77	73	145	1st
Connor Langan	Calaway	C	86	74	2nd				
Cody Brightbill	Calaway	C	90	74	3rd	86	75	149	3rd
Kevin Jones	Calaway	C	92	74	4th	85	73	147	2nd
Matt Toth	Calaway	C	92	75	5th				
Joe Elliott	Calaway	C	126	86		111	78	164	
Joe Grispart	Calaway	C	104	75		93	75	150	
Casey McAndrew	Calaway	C	110	79		103	80	159	
Ed Neese	Calaway	C	94	75		94	75	150	
Ron Suchy	Calaway	C	102	76		100	77	153	
Peg Meyers	Calaway	C	106	78		102	78	156	
Pat Neese	Calaway	C	121	81		115	77	158	
Steve Basic	Calaway	C	107	79					
Tom Kalupanov	Calaway	C	88	76					
Jerry Langan	Calaway	C	90	76					
Ken Rainey	Calaway	C	93	78					
Bob Sir Louis	Calaway	C	126	86					
Rick Toth	Calaway	C	104	77					
John Toth	Calaway	C	109	78					

ASSEMBLY L002

Windsor, CT

Our annual meeting and luncheon for all members will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2016. A mass will be held at 11:00 AM at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 1950 Barnum Avenue, Stratford, CT for all living and deceased members of the society. Immediately following mass, a luncheon will be held at 12:30 PM at Vazzy's Restaurant, 513 Broadbridge Road, Bridgeport, CT. The cost of the dinner is \$10 per person, which will be collected at the restaurant.

Please bring any heavily used or torn American Flags as these will be donated to the VFW for proper disposal. Also, please bring a non-perishable food item, which will be donated to Sterling House. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kristin Toman at (203) 888-0859 for more information.

Kristin Toman
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 039

Uniontown, PA

Anniversary Celebration

We are inviting our members to join us in commemorating the fifteenth anniversary of the terrible tragedy of "September 11th". We will gather for our third quarter meeting at the Eat n' Park Restaurant, on Sunday, September 11th. Please come and join us for a free dinner at 6:00 p.m. Members of our "Stuffers Club" will also join us to prepare a mailing for our December Christmas Party.

The NSS Museum is looking for volunteers for their "Septemberfest 2016" to be held at the NSS Home Office on Saturday, September 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can donate homemade baked goods and enjoy Slovak cooking, 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 NSS is now offering "Pre-Need" insurance that is being sold through

partnership with local caring and professional funeral directors. This pre-planning option relieves families of financial and emotional fears for final expenses. Call 724-731-0094 for more information.

Adults and youth, begin to gather your photos for the NSS Annual Photo Contest. The deadline is Saturday, October 1st. Rules are in the NSS Magazine and on the NSS website. You could be a winner!

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. Once again, we will be raffling off a large screen HD TV along with a Chinese Auction for the PVR Scholarship Fund and numerous door prizes. Mark your calendar for fun and fraternalism.

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY R059

Whitehall, PA

Our assembly will hold a meeting on September 25, 2016 at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church following Divine Liturgy.

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

Nancy A Sabol
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 070/C070

Brooklyn, OH

A Pot Luck Dinner and meeting will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio at 5:00 p.m. Side dishes would be appreciated. Please call John or Mary Ann Karkosiak at 216-741-6990 if you plan to attend, so we can plan accordingly.

Mary Ann Karkosiak
President

ASSEMBLY 123

Coraopolis, PA

The Molly's Trolley tour starts at 12:45 p.m., Sunday, September 11th; but plan on being at Station Square by 12:15 p.m. at the latest. I'm looking forward to seeing many of our members there. After the tour we will have lunch and a brief business meeting.

There is still time to volunteer to help out at the Septemberfest, Saturday, September 24th at the home office in McMurray. Call Sue Ondrejco at 412-421-1204. Any help is much appreciated.

Congratulations are in order for our member Mariah Jeffrey. She is the First Place winner in the Van Gogh category of the Art Contest. I have seen some of her other work and she is quite talented. Her grandfather, Pete Jeffrey, who has quite an artistic talent himself, is surely proud of her as are her parents.

Speaking of a grandparent being proud, I got a call from my grandson Jared Leins who is a good baseball player and had been considering various college scholarship offers. Well, he said he decided and his choice was the Naval Academy. He said he chose it because of the superior academics. Jared, what a great choice you have made.

Our assembly will be doing their semi-annual volunteering at World Vision Center in October. Watch for the exact date in the next issue. You too can join in the fun.

Mary Maniecki, 412-264-3546, is in the process of arranging an outing for our assembly at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in Midland, PA on Sunday, October 16th at 2 p.m. The performance is "Phantom of the Opera". You are sure to enjoy it. Plan on joining us and give Mary a call.

Did you know that September 10th is the anniversary of the invention of one of America's great culinary gifts to the world, the TV dinner?

September is also life insurance month, so if any of you have family or friends in need of life insurance be sure to encourage them to call either myself at 724-242-5085 or Bill DelMonaco at 412-264-7268. Remember that life insurance from NSS comes with the added benefit of membership in our fine organization.

As summer ends I hope that all our members had an enjoyable and relaxing one, and for our young members heading back to school, good luck and study hard.

Bill Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 432

Fairview Park, OH

Mark your calendars for our future meetings: October 18th, and December 20th, 2016. The time and locations for the above will be announced in the future. Our Annual Reverse Raffle will be held on February 25th, 2017.

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 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 email at assembly554@gmail.com.

Jim Stricek
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 586

Chicago, IL

Our membership met in Palos Hills on Sunday, August 7, for a meal and meeting. We voted to contribute to the Peter V. Rovnianek Scholarship Fund in memory of members Susan Hrusik and Irene Boor. They were life-long members of the NSS in Assembly 65 and will be missed by their families and fellow narodniars.

Members brought items to send to Operation Support Our Troops America for service members who are overseas. They benefit from receiving care packages containing little luxuries they can't normally get in the hills of Afghanistan, or wherever they are serving.

Next meeting will take place on October 16, 3:00 p.m. at Ciao in Palos Hills. We're planning to have our annual Christmas party at the historic Klas Restaurant in Cicero, Illinois, a little early on November 27th at 2:00 p.m.

We hope to see many of our 586 members at both of these events. We'll update our members as always via email and hope that if you know a 586 member who is not online you'll let them know of our plans.

Janet Tomaskovic
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 588

Slovan, PA

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Room of Panera Bread, 250 McHolme Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15275.

The purpose of the meeting will be to plan events and activities for the members of our assembly for the remainder of 2016. Please try to attend and become active in our assembly.

Annette Stefka
Recording Secretary

ASSEMBLY 731

Lowellville, OH

Our annual **Halloween Hayride** will be held on Saturday, October 22nd, at Countryside Farms, 4684 Center Rd., Lowellville, OH. We will gather at the pavilion between 5:00 & 5:30 p.m. with plans to board the hay wagon at 5:30 for a trip to the pumpkin patch to pick our own pumpkins. When we return to the pavilion, we will enjoy refreshments, games and a bonfire. Please RSVP to Laurie Fox at 330-536-8850 by October 15th.

Following a business meeting at the Poland Christian Church, 6248 Struthers Rd in Lowellville, Ohio on Sunday, November 6th, at 2:00 p.m., we will provide craft items to make ornaments for the **NSS Ornament contest**. We're planning to show a Christmas movie that we're sure the entire family will enjoy to get them into the Christmas Spirit while working on ornaments. Refreshments will be served.

Our **Christmas Party** is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2016, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Lowellville Rod & Gun Club, 6225 Quarry Rd., Lowellville, OH. Details will be announced at a later date. We will feature our youth on stage as they perform singing, dancing, and/or a Christmas Skit. We are in the process of encouraging our youth to share their special talents. In addition to the stage entertainment, Santa will pay a visit with a gift for each child. Each family is asked to bring blankets, sheets, towels, hats, gloves, or coats that will benefit the Mahoning Valley Rescue Mission in their efforts to help the homeless this winter.

Laurie Fox
President

REGION 8

Cleveland, OH

Regional Hayride

Fall will soon be fast approaching and Region #8 will be having their 2nd Annual Regional Hayride!

DATE: October 1, 2016

TIME: Noon to 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Richardson Farms
Lafayette Road
Medina, Ohio 44256

COST: Adult Members \$9.00

Adult Non Members \$10.00

Ages 6 to 16 Members \$8.00

Ages 6 to 16 Non Members \$9.00
Under 6 - FREE

We will have a pavilion, food, corn-hole, and if the little ones want they can wear their Halloween costumes! During the hayride, each wagon will stop, so you can pick your very own pumpkin!

We are requesting that assembly members bring desserts.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE by calling either John Karkosiak at 216-741-6990 or Carole Koches at 440-238-8287 **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 23, 2016 !!!!**

Let's make this a great fall celebration for Region #8.

Carole Koches
Recording Secretary

Labor Day September 5th

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

Slovak Radio Hour Dinner Dance

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour will proudly sponsor its 34th Annual Dinner-Dance celebration on **Sunday, September 25, 2016**.

This annual celebration is the major fundraising event for the Slovak Radio Hour, hosted by Rudy and Sue Ondrejco, and heard each Sunday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on AM 73 WPIT. The program can be heard live on www.wpit-am.com by clicking on "Listen Live" at 3 p.m. Eastern time.

This year's festivities will take place at Westwood Golf Club, (near Kennywood Park), 825 Commonwealth Ave., West Mifflin, PA. There is plenty of free parking. It is also handicap accessible.

Friends are invited to gather for a cash bar social at 4:00 p.m.; and a plentiful buffet dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$45.00 each.

Deadline for tickets is Thursday, September 15, 2016. Advance reservations only. Please make checks payable to: **W. PA. Slovak Radio Hour and mail to: 234 ILION St. Pgh., PA 15207.**

Following dinner, "Kontakty" will treat guests to the songs and music of Slovakia as well as other popular dance favorites.

44th Annual March For Life Washington, D.C.

For years, members of the Slovak/Catholic fraternal organizations (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, First Catholic Slovak Union, Slovak Catholic Sokol and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union) have participated in this peaceful demonstration showing our support of and respect for the unborn. Our March for Life will be held on **Friday, January 27, 2017** in Washington, D.C.

Wilkes-Barre/Hazleton Area

A bus will leave Wilkes-Barre at 7 a.m. from the park and ride located on Route 309 in Wilkes-Barre Township. A second pick-up will be at St. John Bosco Church on Route 93 leaving Hazleton approximately 7:30 a.m. Local branches and districts may sponsor the cost of members wanting to attend. Anyone interested in attending can call Theresa Kluchinski at 888-834-6614 or 570-823-3515 or e-mail theresa@lpescu.org for more information. Cost is \$55; this includes bus, snack on the bus, and dinner buffet at the Mountain Gate Restaurant on the way home.

Theresa A. Kluchinski

National President
Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union

Slovak Catholic Federation

New Chapter

Northeast Pennsylvania newly formed Chapter - Mary, Our Mother of Sorrow, is looking for individuals to become members. The first meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2016 at 6 p.m. to be held at the Home Office of the LPSCU, 71 South Washington Street in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Anyone from the surrounding Wilkes-Barre area including but not limited to Scranton, Hazleton, and Danville are welcome.

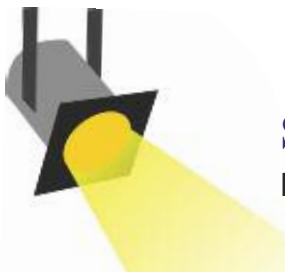
The Federation's purposes is to promote the Slovak Catholic heritage and its awareness among Slovak Catholics in the United States as well as to establish and maintain the bonds of fraternal cooperation among Slovak Catholic societies and Slovak Catholics in the United States and to foster such bonds by the promotion and sponsorship of religious and social activities.

Current officers of this Chapter are: Rev. Andrew HvozdoVIC, Spiritual Advisor; Theresa Kluchinski, President; Michael Horvath, Vice President; Dolores Evanko, Secretary; James Yocum, Treasurer.

Anyone interested in attending this meeting should call or e-mail, Theresa Kluchinski at 570-823-3513 or theresa@lpescu.org by September 30th.

Theresa A. Kluchinski

National President
Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union



Spotlight On Joe Elliott Home Office Sales Representative

In addition to serving as the Home Office Sales Representative I provide customer service to our members and provide agent support for our Marketing Department.

I began my formal life insurance career in January 1978. Throughout my 38 years I have had the pleasure of serving as Sales Manager, Sales Director and trainer. In 1986 I became licensed in Property-Casualty insurance and served as Operations Manager for a small insurance agency. In 1992 I became the accountant/controller for a multi-line agency and had the opportunity to work with a successful Accredited Estate Planner for many years during which I chose to



commit myself to personal life insurance sales and retirement planning. I was recruited to join NSS Life in 2008 and I, truly, enjoy and am blessed to be part of this organization.

I have been involved in many fraternal and service organizations throughout

my life and career. I served as Individual Development vice-president of my local chapter for US Jaycee's for many years and a former member of Rotary International. I have served on the board of directors of my local sportsmen's association as Secretary for the past 7 years. A fraternalist beginning at age 7, I enjoy membership in several fraternal organizations and appreciate all of the benefits of membership along with the relationships of friends I have made. In my spare time, ever the true mountaineer, I can be found enjoying time with family and friends outdoors in the mountains of West Virginia or Western Maryland.

PVR Scholarship Fund Donations July, 2016

In Memory of **Elizabeth Good:**
 From Assembly 0123 20.00
 Donations toward Board Scholarship:
 Andrea Garbon 50.00
 Donations:
 2016 NSS Life
 Golf Tournament 6,450.00
 William Bolash 127.50
 Matching Funds A-160 400.00



DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

Name: _____
 Assembly: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____
 Zip: _____

Please issue your check to:
NSS PVR Scholarship Fund

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

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS July, 2016

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Anderson, Harry	Gibsonia, PA	06/19/2016	0123
Bondy, Irene	Moreland Hills, OH	03/21/2016	0267
Carpenter, Helen	Johnson City, NY	07/07/2016	L075
Carr, Bert	Branch, MI	06/10/2016	0381
Constantine, Marie	Uniontown, PA	04/21/2016	0039
Cunningham, Helen	Charleroi, PA	05/03/2016	0377
Delaney, Roland	Monaca, PA	06/08/2016	0123
DeShields, Frank	South Park, PA	06/24/2016	0434
Diers, Cecilia	Edgar, WI	05/12/2016	0774
Duffy, Richard	Pittsburgh, PA	06/08/2016	0434
Ellis, Ralph	Man, WV	05/18/2016	0774
Graham, Paul	Chillicothe, OH	06/04/2016	0595
Lindey, Charles W	Grove City, PA	06/05/2016	P09A
Lutes, Rose	Stockdale, PA	06/16/2016	0039
Maniecki, Stanley	Coraopolis, PA	01/30/2016	0123
Marsek, Anne	Ardsley, NY	02/08/2016	0110
Monfredo, Irene	Pittsburgh, PA	07/11/2016	0434
Moulder, Harry	Ephrata, PA	03/26/2016	L102
Pearson, Margaret	Indianola, PA	07/05/2016	0377
Reiber, Margaret	West Middlesex, PA	06/19/2016	P09A
Robson, Sadie	Huntington, WV	06/06/2016	0774
Rogacki, Steve	Chicago, IL	06/20/2016	0586
Rosenquist, Maria	Chillicothe, OH	06/24/2016	0774
Sabecky, Irene	Sugar Notch, PA	07/02/2016	0617
Schmitt, Thomas	Bethel Park, PA	06/28/2016	0434
Smith, William	Pittsburgh, PA	06/16/2016	0100
Toth, Andrew L	West Mifflin, PA	03/11/2016	0434
Virant, Helen	Lorain, OH	05/28/2016	0160
Walens, Elizabeth	West Mifflin, PA	07/06/2016	0441
Willard, Susan C	Traverse City, MI	04/04/2016	0381

SCHOLARSHIP FOR SENIOR MEMBERS - A Fraternal Program

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

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

COURSE ELIGIBILITY ~ Vocational schools, community colleges and universities offer a variety of short-term courses which may include areas like computer

training, cake decorating, photography, landscaping, small engine repair, ballroom dancing, etc. This program does not cover courses that assist you to maintain your current full or part-time job. (Example: We will not reimburse life insurance or real estate agents who take continuing education credits to maintain their licenses.)

PROCEDURE ~ Members should enroll and pay for the course of their choice. Once the member has finished the class, they must submit an application, along with verification that the class

was successfully completed, to the Home Office for approval by a National Officer. If the scholarship application is approved, the NSS will reimburse one-half (1/2) of the tuition for the course up to, but not to exceed, one hundred dollars.

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

This Month in National Slovak Society History

Joseph Stefka, Jr. Chairman of the Board

September, 1913

At the XI Convention, the juvenile order of the Society was established. The KRUH MLADEZE, Young Folks Circle was created to insure the children of Society members. Pavel Jamarik was elected as the first Elder of the KRUH MLADEZE.

September, 1966

Suzanne Ivancza was elected as National Slovak Society Queen with the coronation occurring at the XXIV Convention Banquet held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

September, 1966

The first National Slovak Society National Golf Tournament was held at Schenley Park Golf Course in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in conjunction with the NSS Convention. Pat McGreal of Assembly 432 won the Scratch Division and Al Zbin of Assembly 432 was the winner of the Handicap Division.

September, 1978

The XXVII Convention voted to combine the offices of Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Secretary of the Society. The office of Supreme Secretary-Treasurer was created.

September, 2008

National Slovak Society member Rudy Ondrejco and National Director Susan Ondrejco were presented the Heritage Award by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association at a banquet in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They were recognized for promoting Slovak Heritage through the Pittsburgh Slovaks Dance Group and their weekly Slovak Radio Hour program.

Upcoming Deadlines

Photo Contest:
October 1st

Christmas Ornament Contest:
December 1st

Pre-Need Insurance



As members of NSS you should know some of the funeral homes that we work with in our pre-need program. Pre-planning your funeral is an excellent way to relieve your loved ones of some of the emotional burden at a difficult time. It also eliminates the financial burden that might otherwise be thrust upon your family. Pre-planning assures that your wishes will be carried out the way you want. NSS Life has provided members with quality life insurance products for more than 126 years. We have partnered with the following funeral homes (in PA and OH only) to offer some of the most competitive products available. If you live near these establishments please stop in and see them about taking care of your arrangements with NSS insurance or annuities. There are several options but at least one of them offers guaranteed issue life insurance - so no one is ever turned away.

If you don't see your local funeral home listed – don't worry; call us and we will send them a packet of information. Then they too can join our fraternal family and serve you too.

Alphabetical list of funeral home partners by town and state

Cities/towns in PA

George Strish Funeral Home	Ashley, PA	570-822-8575
Greenlee Funeral Home	Beallsville, Bentleyville & Fredericktown, PA	724-239-2191
James Stump Funeral Home	Belle Vernon, PA	724-929-7934
Thomas Kusak Funeral Home	Pittsburgh, PA (Bellevue)	412-766-5080
Boron Funeral Home	Brentwood/ Carrick, PA	412-882-1506
Readshaw Funeral Home	Carrick, PA	412-882-3850
William Conroy Funeral Home	Pittsburgh, PA (Crafton)	412-331-5192
Teichart-Gracan Funeral Home	Duquesne, PA	412-466-0500
Wojciechowski Funeral Home	Glassport, PA	412-672-6388
Frederick Funeral Home	Latrobe, PA	724-537-7766
John Maykuth Jr. F. H.	Masontown, PA	724-583-8811
Rhome Funeral Home	Monessen, PA	724-684-4061
Theodore Schleifer Jr. F. H.	North Braddock, PA	412-271-1361
Murphy William Funeral	Rochester, PA	724-775-0309
Nichol Funeral Home	Washington, PA	724-228-3011

Cities/towns in Ohio

Gluvana-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel	Lorain, Ohio	440-246-2118
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2016 Butwin Family Reunion



The 2016 Butwin Family Reunion was held on July 2-3 in Seelyville, Indiana. Many of

those attending belong to Assembly 705 of the NSS. A small group worked Friday night to set up the tent and tables & chairs. The party began as everyone gathered around the flag pole at 9:30 on Saturday morning. After an opening ceremony where Frank Butwin welcomed the family, the Tribble family led the singing of "Back Home Again in Indiana" and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Helen M. Meunier, the eldest member of the family at 90, declared the reunion open. The group picture, with approximately 120, was taken and the activities began. The children went to the Bounce House to play and the "fish pond" to get gifts. Adults visited while some began play in the corn hole tournament. After a Subway lunch, people enjoyed Bocci, corn hole and a euchre tournament. Something new this year was a photo booth, which was busy from 1-3. Many picture memories were made. It wouldn't be the reunion without BINGO, which was played under the tent from 4-6. A dinner of roast beef, chicken and sides was served at 6:00 to the delight of all. The evening activities included The Great Race, a Family Game Night contest and a family history video. The reunion closed on a rainy Sunday morning as a great breakfast was enjoyed. Each family brought some non-perishable food items that were donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Annunciation Church in Brazil, Indiana. It was another great weekend of family and fellowship.

Dorothy Buck

Assembly L075

Assembly L075 Duryea, Pa assisted the US Postal workers for their Join Hands day on May 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall Pittston, PA. In attendance were: President Gary Edwards, Sec./Tr. Lehrae Edwards, and Dorothy Collins. Wilkes-Barre V A day for bingo and a pizza party was held for our veterans on 8/7/2016. The fraternal summer picnic was held on July 24 at the Mercateli-Segelia Park Moosic, PA. Members brought a covered dish and items for the Chinese auction which was conducted by Marlin Petro-Wesnak Region 2 President. Fraternal Director Bill Wesnak cooked up hotdogs and hamburgers. Members in attendance were: President Gary Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer Lehrae Edwards,



Madison Petro, Allie Lazar, Gary & Dorothy Collins, Debbie Wesnak, Marlin Petro-Wesnak Region 2 President, Fraternal Director Bill Wesnak, Good Will Ambassador Joe Gorgol, Adam Lazar, Samantha Wesnak, Joe and Catherine Janichko and 1 guest; Karen Richardson from the Duryea Betterment Committee. Assembly members once again assisted the Catherine McAuley Center of Scranton with their fundraiser of beautiful baskets. Members



sold tickets for the baskets as they began their travels through NE PA. The volunteer luncheon will be held on Sept. 24 in Dallas where the winners of the baskets will be drawn. Assembly L075 does this basket in memory of the late Lucille Ward who was employed by the center for over 20 years as a matching funds charitable event. Our assembly will conduct their next meeting on Oct. 16, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Grande's Restaurant 4200 Birney Avenue, Moosic, PA for nominations and elections of officers for a 2 year term. Officer positions available: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Fraternal Director, Hospitality and Youth Director, and Good Will Ambassador. If you wish to run for an office please be in attendance. Dates and events for the 2017 calendar year will be decided at this meeting also. For more information contact: Lehrae Ann Edwards at 570-457-8402.

News from Assembly 617/C617

Our assembly luncheon/meeting was held at the Grotto Pizza in Edwardsville, PA on July 25 and began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

We discussed a basket raffle and 50/50 drawing as a Matching Fund for the El Salvador Missions. Our member, Father John Ostrowski, is pastor of St. Pedro Parish which includes 24 surrounding communities in El Salvador. The baskets were on display at our Fraternal Event at Knoebels Amusement Park and the drawing for the baskets and 50/50 were held at the Post Knoebel Meeting.

Rose Mary Strish

President

Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks

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

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

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

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**



SEPTEMBERFEST 2016

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Presented by the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum

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

SEPTEMBERFEST PROGRAM

- **Slovak Cooking with Otilia, Learn to make Čeregi (Slovak Dough Knots). Jablčka v zupane. (fried apples) Recipes and samples will be distributed.
- ** Back by popular demand- Juraj Adamik will thrill you with an exciting performance using a Valaška (or 2 or 3!) The Valaška is a mountaineer's axe that the folk hero Janošík (the Slovak Robin Hood) used in his adventures.
- ** Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks and The Pittsburgh Slovaks, Pittsburgh's oldest Slovak Cultural Group will entertain with Slovak songs and dances.
- ** Holden Puppets will present 2 lively puppet shows based on the Russian Folk Tale adventures of "Baba Yaga."
- ** The Oplatky Tradition presented by Larry Kozlowski. A demonstration and discussion of this ancient tradition found in numerous European cultures, Make one yourself to take home.
- ** Visit with "Roxy" the Slovak Čuvač — a unique breed of sheep dog native to Slovakia.

Other Highlights ...

- The largest animated wood carving in the U. S.! Dave Dayton will describe all the interesting details of this amazing masterpiece.
- Marketplace** where unique items will be presented. Take home a piece of beautiful Crystal, or an interesting hand-made Slovak folk craft as a souvenir.
- An expanded **Children's area** featuring Slovak arts and crafts in co-operation with our **NSS AMBASSADORS**.
- Dobrá Chuť!** , We invite you to visit our Slovak Café where you can choose from a variety of familiar dishes. Sure to satisfy your passion for that taste of home! (inside)
- Keep it simple and/or quick with a Hot dog, or Kielbassi sandwich. (outside)
- Zakusky/Kolače – Enjoy a selection of home-made sweet treats from the NSSHM bakers! (outside)

Many Thanks... We have received the following monetary donations for the museum.
Your support is very much appreciated.

2016 Museum Donations

Assembly L-161*	100.00	
Peter Longstreth**	100.00	
Assembly 0039**	100.00	
Assembly 588 *	250.00	
Hearing Aid Benefit Program	200.00	* Denotes matching funds
Rick Toth	10.00	
AQS Asset Management, LLC **	2,000.00	**SeptemberFest donations
Cliff & Veronica Moeller **	50.00	
Mary Ann Paff **	25.00	
Assembly 617/C617 **	25.00	
Byron & Larry White **	500.00	
Ondrejco Family **	50.00	
Assembly 774	5,177.33	
Reddinger, Will, Gallagher, & Dickert *	500.00	
Home Office Matching Funds	<u>350.00</u>	
	\$ 9,437.33	

Všetkým srdecne D'akujeme.

SEPTEMBER

AKO ZOSTAŤ MLADÝM?

Zahod'te nepodstatné číselky. Sú to: vek, hmotnosť, výška. Nech sa o ne starajú lekári. Platíte ich za to.

Ponechajte si len veselých priateľov. Hundroši vás stiahnu dole. Nezabúdajte na to, ak ste jeden z tých hundrošov!

Neustále sa učte: Učte sa o počítačoch, remeslách, záhradníctve, čokoľvek, len nenechajte svoj mozog odpočívajúť. "Nevyužitá myseľ je dielňou diabla." A meno toho diabla je ALZHEIMER!

Tešte sa z jednoduchých vecí.

Často sa smejte, dlho a nahlas. Smejte sa, až budete lapať po dychu. A ak máte priateľa, ktorý vás rozosmeje, stráňte s ním čo najviac času!

Prípadné slzy: Dajú sa vydržať, zarmútiť a zmiznú. Jediná osoba, ktorá je pri nás celý život, sme my sami. ŽITE, kým ste na živu.

Obklopte sa tým, čo milujete: Či už je to rodina, domáce zvieratko, darček na pamiatku, hudba, rastlina, záľuba, čokoľvek čo vás teší. Váš domov je vaše útočisko.

Dbajte o svoje zdravie: Ak je dobré, chráňte si ho. Ak nie je stabilné, zlepšite si ho. Ak si ho nemôžete zlepšiť sami vyhľadajte pomoc.

Nepodnikajte výlety s pocitom viny., Choďte na výlet, choďte do lesa, k vode, hoci aj do zahraničia, choďte na návštevu, do nákupného strediska... Ale NECHOĎTE tam, kde máte zlý pocit viny.

Povedzte ľuďom, ktorých máte radi, že ich máte radi. Nemajte zábrany, pri každej príležitosti ľuďom a dokonca všetkým živým tvorom prejavte svoj pocit náklonnosti, sympatií a lásky.

Všetkým študentom prajeme veľa úspechov a usilovnosti v novom školskom roku.



Sprawy zo Slovenskej Zahrady z Floridy

Tento rok ubehol veľmi rýchlo a teraz prichádza čas našej Jesennej oslavy či Zabíjačky, ktorá sa bude konať v sobotu 15. októbra od 2. do 6. hodiny večer v malej spoločenskej miestnosti. Zabíjačka sa oslavovala na Slovensku vždy na jeseň po zozbieraní úrody kedy sa zabilo prasa. Slanina a šunka sa vyúdili a ľudia sa tešili z konca letnej pracovnej sezóny. Tradičná vianočná oslava so štedrovečerným jedlom sa bude konať v sobotu 10. decembra od 2.-6. hodiny.

Všetci ste su vítany! O viac informácie www.slovakgarden.com



Ďakujeme ti Sedembolestna za tvoju materinskú lásku a vytrvanie s nami.

*Sedembolestná Panna Mária
Patrónka slovenska
Oroduj za nás*

Stretnutie sa Slovákov v Pittsburghu

Oznamujeme Slovákom a Slovenkám a priateľom Slovákov, že výbor Rádio Clubu západnej PA pripravuje stretnutie sa Slovákov v Pittsburghu čo sa prevedie na 25-teho septembra vo Westwood Golf Klube, vo West Mifflin.

Lisky sú k dostaniu od členov prípravného výboru alebo urobte si rezerváciu u Sue Ondrejco na čísle 412 421-1204. Vstupné zahrňuje večeru a celovečernú zábavu keď do tanca bude vyhrávať skupina "Kontakty".

Pozývame, všetkých Vás a Vaše rodiny.

Slovenské vysielanie možno počuť každú nedeľu na rádio stanici WPIT 730 AM od 3-tej do 4-tej popoludni z mesta Pittsburghu. Keď žijete mimo Pittsburghu možno to počuť cestou internetu. www.wpitam.com. Treba kliknúť na "listen live."

Aktivity v Septembri:

24.9 -- Výročný Festival v našom múzeu NSS na pozemkoch hlavného úradu.



NSS Youth Ambassadors News & Updates

Blessings in a Backpack

Blessings in a Backpack mobilizes communities, individuals, and resources to provide food on the weekends for elementary school children across America who might otherwise go hungry. The NSS Ambassadors Team will be fundraising for/starting programs around the country.

NSS Board/Ambassadors Meeting

We are hosting an in-person Ambassadors Meeting as part of the November Board Meeting on the 11th & 12th and would love for you to attend. We are looking to have some leadership training, a volunteer event and amazing motivational speakers. Join us to learn, network and get engaged with other NSS members from around the country!

Interested in getting involved, visit us at <http://nsslife.org/fraternal-programs/nss-ambassadors/> or email us at ambassadors@nsslife.org.

Ambassador Spotlight

Name: Charles Boone Age: 17

City, State: Pittsburgh, PA

Favorite Book: The Graveyard Book

Favorite Movie: Back to the Future

Hobbies: Climbing, Scouts, Hiking

Who is your biggest role model: Mom

What are your plans after graduation?:

Go to Pilot School

What are you looking forward to most in becoming an NSS Ambassador?:

Being able to be a leader outside of scouting.





Youth Circle Page

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

Attention

Would you please attach this form to the BACK of your photograph.

Entry Deadline – October 1st, 2016

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Age _____ Phone _____

Assembly _____

Policy # _____

Choose Shirt Size:

- Youth Small
- Youth Medium
- Adult Small
- Adult Medium
- Adult Large
- Adult X-Large



Notes of Appreciation

Dear NSS Scholarship Committee and President Blazek:

Thank you for selecting me to receiving the Mary B. Burns Perpetual Award and the PVR Scholarship Grant.

Your generosity in providing this scholarship opportunity is appreciated. These funds will greatly help me with my college expenses.

Kelsee Lazor

Dear Mr. Blazek:

I received my scholarship check in the mail. I want to say how much I appreciate the help you gave me with the forms. It will certainly help me with my finances.

Matt Waigand

2016 NSS Photo Contest

Contest Eligibility:

The NSS Annual Photography Contest is open to all members regardless of age. The photos, however, have to be taken by the member submitting it (no computer generated photos, other than digital ones).

Deadline:

October 1st of each year is the deadline for all entries to be received.

Judging is done by an outside professional. Please mail to:

National Slovak Society
Fraternal Activities Coordinator
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317-3337

Contest Rules:

-Must be a member before October 1st
-One entry per category
-Any size photo up to 8 x 10, unmounted in black and white or color (No touch-up or computer enhanced photos permitted)

Name and address should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper, along with information where the photo was taken.

DO NOT WRITE ON YOUR PHOTO!

FOUR CATEGORIES

Scenic	Human Interest
Animals	NSS Activity

PRIZE LIST

1st Place - \$50.00	2nd Place - \$25.00
3rd Place - \$15.00	Best Overall - \$75.00

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Could you use a little extra “green?”

Recommender

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

Recommender Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Prospect Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send form to Joe Elliott at the Home Office.



Change of Address

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

Name _____

Assembly No. _____

New Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Former Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

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