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Activities At A Glance

<p>REGION 2</p> <p>September 8 September 13 October 14 November 18</p>	<p>Assemblies L075, 0617</p> <p>Assembly 0617, Meeting, Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA Assembly 0617, Join Hands Day, St Vincent de Paul Kitchen, Wilkes-Barre, PA (4:00-7:00) Assembly L075, Meeting, Grande's Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly L075, Wilkes-Barre VA Bingo Party, Recreation Room at 2:00 pm</p>
<p>REGION 5</p> <p>September 9 September 16 September 16 September 22 October 6 October 21 October 28 December 2 December 2</p>	<p>Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0737, 0774</p> <p>Assembly 0039, Meeting, Eat'n Park Community Room at 6:00 pm Slovak Radio Hour Dinner Dance, Westwood Golf Club, West Mifflin, PA Assembly 0588, Meeting, Panera Bread (Community Room), Pittsburgh, Pa at 3:00 pm Septemberfest, Home Office, McMurray, PA Assembly 0737, Meeting, Godor's residence, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly 0123, Aviary at 1:00 pm Assembly 0377, Halloween Party, Toscana Brick Oven, Canonsburg, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly 0377, Holiday Party, Canons Chop House, Canonsburg, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Knights of Columbus Hall, Uniontown, PA at 2:00 pm</p>
<p>REGION 8</p> <p>September 8</p>	<p>Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595</p> <p>Assembly 0070, Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner, Brooklyn, OH at 5:00 pm</p>
<p>REGION 14</p> <p>October 7 October 28</p>	<p>Assemblies R059, L102</p> <p>Assembly R059, Meeting, Slivka's residence, Bethlehem, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly R059, Hot Dog/Coffee Hour, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church at 3:00 pm</p>
<p>REGION 15</p> <p>September 16</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 2 September 16 September 16 October 7 October 21 November 4 December 1 December 2 December 24</p>	<p>Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0731, 0800, 0813</p> <p>Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0110, Meeting, Trattoria L'incontro, Astoria, NY at 2:00 pm Assembly R019, Meeting, Hot Dog Heaven at 12:00 pm Assembly 0586, Collect for our Troops activity, Hackney's, Palos Hills Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck's residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA (TBA) Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Stambaugh Room, Boardman, OH at 1:00 pm Assembly 0586, Christmas Activity/Meeting at 2:00 pm, place TBA Assembly 0705, Annual Christmas Eve Celebration, 6:00 pm (Fraternal Fund Activity)</p>

Radio Hour Dinner Dance

The 36th Annual Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour Dinner Dance will be held on Sunday, **September 16th**, 2018, once again at Westwood Golf Club in West Mifflin, PA. Details will be announced on the radio program as they are finalized. The program is heard every Sunday at 3:00 pm. Eastern time over WPIT, 73 AM or 96.5 FM, and also is heard world wide over the internet - www.wpitam.com. Just click on "Listen Live."

From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC
President, CEO

Greetings from the Home Office! As I write this article in August, the weather in the tri-state area has been very hot and dry. We are looking forward to a little cooler weather once September hits. I'm also looking forward to football season; both for the Steelers and University of Pittsburgh. Now that convention business is over, things have settled down at the home office. And speaking of settling down, my wife Fran and I have completed our downsizing, having sold our house and moved to an apartment at Southpointe only about 3 miles away from the area we have lived in for the past 25 years. And when I say downsizing, I mean it. Either we have a very long cord on our vacuum cleaner or the apartment is very small, because you can plug the cord into one receptacle and vacuum the entire apartment. But with that being said, gone are the days of cutting grass, trimming bushes and shoveling snow. Life is good!

September we will celebrate Labor Day on the 3rd, and on the 22nd, we will be holding our annual Septemberfest which has been growing every year. If you live near our home office or are within driving distance, this is an event you should attend. There will be vendors, entertainment and lots of good Slovak Home Cooking. Parking is free and available across the street at our neighbor, Jordan Tax Office. Thank you to Bill Linnert, an NSS member for allowing us to use his parking lot. I look forward to seeing you and your friends at this fun event.

By the time you receive this issue of the National News, most of our children will be back in school. Many of them started in mid-August and all will be in school by shortly after Labor Day. In my school days, I remember always starting after Labor Day and getting out in early June. Also I don't remember many snow days and we never had school delays due

to the cold. And I can tell you of walking to elementary school in foot high snow. I'm sounding like my parents now so I will end my thoughts on this issue. Wishing all our NSS children a very successful school year in 2018-19.

News Of Narodniars

Best wishes go out to Mary Lou Chojnicki who is recovering from open heart surgery. May God be with you!

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

Happy Anniversary to Director Bob Katricak and wife Chris, Honorary Director Joseph and Irene Tomaskovic, Jr., Monica and Frank Stanitski and to my wife Fran as we celebrate our 23rd anniversary.

Czechoslovakia Was Forged in Pittsburgh

This is an article written by Rick Sebak who details how the establishment of the European nation began with a meeting in Downtown Pittsburgh.

In May 1918, a European politician and professor named Tomas Garrigue Masaryk came to Pittsburgh. He was advocating independence for the Czech and Slovak peoples in war-ravaged Eastern Europe. Western Pennsylvania treated him like a hero. The Post-Gazette reported, "Thousands of Czecho-Slovaks of Pittsburgh and vicinity, forming in long lines and headed by several bands, marched through the streets of downtown Pittsburgh in a pageant of loyalty as a welcome to the city. The enthusiasm was well-placed. By the end of Masaryk's visit, the foundation for a new country would be formed."

Exactly 100 years ago, World War I was coming to an end and political borders were shifting. The powerful dual dynasty of the Austro-Hungarian Empire was falling apart, and the geography of that part of the world was changing quickly. Several ethnic groups hoped they could create democratic states that would give them newfound identity and prosperity.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, droves of Czechs and Slovaks immigrated to America; many came to Pittsburgh, where there was work in the mines and steel mills. They were neighbors in Europe, with ancient connections, but they never totally trusted one another.

In those turbulent times, however, the idea of working together to form a new republic made sense to many Czechs and Slovaks. Masaryk, a Czech leader with Slovak roots who advocated for the Czecho-Slovak state, came to Pittsburgh for a meeting of the Czecho-Slovak National Council; representatives from interested groups negotiated plans for a new, two-part country with some shared governmental services. This document describing a new Czecho-Slovakian country became known as The Pittsburgh Agreement. Twenty-nine men signed the document on May 31, 1918, inside the Loyal Order of Moose Building Downtown. (That structure was torn down in 1984.)

The Pact stated that all the signers approved of the Union of the Czechs and Slovaks in an independent state and that Slovakia would have its own administration, legislative assembly and courts; the Slovak language would be the official language in schools and public life in the Slovak regions. The Pittsburgh Agreement helped boost the establishment of the new state (along with the support of President Woodrow Wilson).

Things moved fast. On October 26, 1918, Masaryk officially declared the independence of Czechoslovakia while visiting Philadelphia. A month later, he was elected the country's first president, a position he would hold through three elections until December 1935, when he resigned due to old age and poor health.

Many provisions of the Pittsburgh Agreement did not come to pass. The Slovaks didn't get all they wanted from the new government in Prague, but the country endured until it fell under Nazi domination in the late 30's after World War II, when the region became part of the Eastern Bloc, Czechoslovakia was reunited.

After the fall of Communism in 1989, the country split into two separate states; Slovakia and the Czech Republic. The unity proposed by the Pittsburgh Agreement no longer exists, but the agreement is still remembered as a historic accord. Since 2007, the original pact has been housed at the Heinz History Center, which received it as a gift from the Slovak League of America. Thanks to Rick Sebak for the above history lesson.

Punography Of The Month:

In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.

A Page From My Notebook...

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2018 Septemberfest

Mark your Calendars! The NSS Heritage Museum's 2018 7th Annual Septemberfest event will be held Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the NSS Heritage Museum which is located at the NSS Home Office, 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA. Each year this event grows in attendance and activities, provides "Delicious Slovak" delicacies and is simply a "fraternal good time". See You There!

Condolences

I'd like to extend my condolences to NSS Administrative Assistant and Fraternal Activities Coordinator Pam Blum, and family, on the loss of Pam's Mom and NSS Member Doris S Dudt. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

2018 Spring Board Minutes

The 2018 Spring Board Meeting was opened and called to order on June 22, 2018 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA by Chairman of the Board Joseph Stefka, Jr. After a few brief remarks he turned the meeting over to President & CEO David G Blazek for the remainder of the meeting. President Blazek asked for a moment silence in memory of all our dearly departed members and family. All Board members were present along with: Legal Counsel P. Ronald Cooper, Esq.; NSS Sales Director Greg Felton; NSS CPA Donald Reddinger, R.D. Hoag, LLC; NSS

Actuary of Record Edward Cowman, Miller/Newberg; and AQS Managing Director Larry White.

All Bond Sales, Exchanges and Purchases through March 31, 2018 were ratified and all Mortgages reviewed. Minutes of the 2018 Winter Board Meeting were approved.

Sales Director Greg Felton presented the Sales Directors Report highlighting: 2017 Sales; Membership and Agent Growth; New Business; licensing in new States; Increased Sales and Agent Training. CPA Donald Reddinger presented an Overview of the 2017 YR Financials which showed an increase in Total Assets (\$1.127B), Surplus (\$51mm) and Net Income (\$8mm). CPA Reddinger presented an overview of IMR and AVR reserves, what their purpose is and how/where they are reported.

The Fraternal Activities Coordinator's Report, presented by Fraternal Activities Coordinator Pam Blum, recapped the events of 2017 and those that are coming up in 2018. This year's Fraternal of the Year Award winner is Margaret Gushka, Assembly 0617 and the Youth Achievement Award Winner is Luke Webb, Assembly 0774. The 2018 Golf Tournament will be at Tam O'Shanter in Hermitage, PA in Hermitage, PA

NSS Asset Manager and Managing Director AQS, Larry White, presented his report, providing the following: Portfolio Metrics showing Book Yield of 4.67%, Portfolio Quality of A2/A, Effective Duration of 8.3 and Modified Duration of 9.1; an ABS distribution recap and the impact of a proposed interest rate increase.

The Assembly Growth Committee reviewed the Fraternal Tracking Program and Diamond/Platinum/Silver "Extra Effort" Awards presented and approved the 2017 Fraternal Allowance and Extra Effort awards for all Active Assemblies. The Fraternal Growth Committee acted upon all petitions received for consideration. The committee also selected and approved the 2018 PVR Scholarship and Perpetual Scholarship awardees. The Membership Growth Committee reviewed current interest rates and recommended increasing the Pref 5, and Pref 8, ¼ percent for the 3rd Quarter of 2018. The Audit Committee Report, presented by Director Robert Katricak, stated that

the Bond Audit was completed and all was found in order. The CPA firm of R. D. Hoag, LLC were retained to audit for year ending 12/31/2017.

The PVR Fund Board Report, presented by Director Czarney reported that the committee approved the 2018 First Year Scholarships; approved Perpetual and Renewal Scholarships awardees; and reported that the PVR Scholarship Fund Annuity totals \$1,085,695.35. The Museum Committee Report, presented by Museum Curator Sue Ondrejco, provided an overview of a very successful year for Museum events and marketing.

Old Business provided a Convention Review and the status of a Cyber Security Policy currently being developed.

The Board voted to raise the interest rate for Pref 5 and Pref 8 ¼ percent.

Get Your Home Ready For Fall

1. Check for drafts.
2. Have your furnace inspected.
3. Winterize air conditioning.
4. Programmable thermostat.
5. Test home safety devices.
6. Clean humidifiers.
7. Do a roof check.
8. Stock up on firewood.
9. Inspect siding.
10. Clean the gutters.
11. Check water drainage.
12. Reinforce windows and doors.
13. Turn off faucets and store hoses.
14. Service sprinklers/irrigation system.
15. Inspect trees.
16. Trim landscaping.
17. Bring in flowerpots.
18. Plant bulbs
19. Leaf removal.
20. Fertilize lawn.
21. Put away seasonal furniture.
22. Close the pool.
23. Organize the shed.
24. Service Summer equipment.
25. Get Winter equipment ready.

Family Matters

One final note: Happy Birthday to my nephew, and NSS member, John Palko. He and fiancé, Paula Dunn are also putting the final touches on their wedding plans slated for November 3, 2018.

Current Interest Rates

Effective since July 1, 2018

Preferred Choice	1.00%
Optimum 3	2.00%
Preferred 5	3.25%
Preferred 8	3.75%

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

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2018 Second Quarter Leaders



Our **TOP PREMIUM** producer for the 2nd Quarter is **Rich Nulph**. Rich and his wife, Linda live in Natrona Heights, Pa. Rich is the founder and president of Safety First Retirement LLC. His company was built to help families with safe retirement options as well as estate planning and Medicare products. Rich and Linda are blessed with 2 sons. Rich is also a part-time pastor. He serves at Lighthouse

Fellowship in Sarver, PA.

"NSS Life has the best staff in the insurance business. They have done amazing things over the years to help my clients with incredible service," said Rich. You can learn more about Rich and his team at www.safety1stretirement.com or find them on Facebook as well.



Our top **NEW MEMBER** producer for the 2nd Quarter is **Nouchao Her**. Nouchao lives in Oklahoma, but continues his business in the states of MI, WI, OH, PA, CA and CO. He has 17 years of life insurance experience and has been with NSS Life since 2011. Honest and always ready to provide life insurance solutions to mem-

bers. If you are looking for life insurance coverage for you or your loved ones, please contact Mr. Her at his Toll Free Number: 866-317-1514 or email him at: NOUCHAOHER@GMAIL.COM.

From the Sales Department...

Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC, Sales Director

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Why should you review your policies?

A policy review of your existing insurance may reveal some important information. Every time we do this service for people here is what we find:

- Beneficiaries are incorrect – because of births, deaths, marriage and divorce; Names and address changes should be updated.
- Policy loans – how can this be repaid?
- Term insurance – when does it expire? Can I convert this to another plan?
- What kind of policy do I have and how much coverage?
- Are my dividends buying me more paid-up insurance or is there a better option?
- Is anyone on disability? Does your policy have a waiver of premium?

There are plenty of other areas to cover in addition to the ones listed above, from ownership, types of insurance, options if payments are discontinued, etc. Ideally a little time spent with a qualified NSS representative would be time well spent. A good review works like a road map: it shows where you are, where you are going and the best way to get there.

DO THAT NEXT GOOD THING

There have been so many changes in my life recently, including leaving racing. But I know I want to keep challenging myself to grow personally and professionally on my life's journey.

"Because I have life insurance, I know everyone will be taken care of."

I've come to realize that the best things in life are free. And the best way to feel free is to be free of burden. That's where life insurance comes in. It's part of being prepared for anything. Because I have life insurance, I know everyone will be taken care of if something happens.

So many aspects of life are about doing the next good thing, and so the next good thing to do on your journey to financial fitness is to get life insurance.

—Danica Patrick

professional athlete, entrepreneur and spokesperson for Life Insurance Awareness Month



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8 in 10

Americans **overestimate**
the true cost of life insurance.



Thought for the Month

If I had my way, I would write the word "insure" for every person because I am convinced that for sacrifices that are inconceivably small, families can be secured against potential catastrophes that would ruin them.

Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

2018 GOLF RESULTS

Name	Flight	Saturday Net	18 Hole Place	Sunday Net	36 Hole Total	36 Hole Place
Chris Batyko	A	67	1st	65	132	1st
Alan Burns	A	72	2nd	75	147	2nd
Andy Burns	A	76		74	150	
Mike Czarney	A	83		80	163	
Nick DePersis	A	75				
Dave Blazek	B	68	1st	67	135	1st
Alex Blum	B	81		74	155	
Floyd McKain	B	81		78	159	
Matt Toth	B	85				
Mike Wesnak	B	76		70	146	2nd
Matt Zinn	B	74	2nd			
Greg Blum	C	83	2nd	76	159	1st
Greg Felton	C	86				
Dan Froehlich	C	70	1st	93	163	
Robert Katricak	C	95				
Rick Toth	C	90				
Drew Wesnak	C	84				
Kevin Crowley	Cal	73	1st	75	148	1st
Andrew Garbon	Cal	76				
Steven Garbon	Cal	75				
Joseph Grispart	Cal	76	2nd	78	154	2nd
Donald Minto	Cal	76				
Ken Rainey	Cal	75				
George Batyko	Sr A	70	2nd Tie	67	137	1st
Ron Cooper	Sr A	70	2nd Tie	73	143	
Tom Czarney	Sr A	77		80	157	
Joe Stefka, Jr.	Sr A	74		72	146	
Albert Suess	Sr A	69	1st	72	141	2nd
Jim Czarney	Sr B	77	2nd Tie	76	153	
Chuck Froehlich	Sr B	71	1st	77	148	1st
Robert Kapp	Sr B	83		75	158	
Jim Morehart	Sr B	77	2nd Tie	74	151	2nd

2018 Golf Tournament Teams



L-R: Chris Batyko, George Batyko,
Alan Burns, Andy Burns



L-R: Greg Blum, Dave Blazek,
Alex Blum, Ron Cooper



L-R: Matt Toth, Matt Zinn,
Rick Toth, Greg Felton



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



L-R: Tom Czarney, Jim Czarney,
Andrew Garbon, Steven Garbon



L-R: Drew Wesnak, Mike Wesnak,
Bob Katricak, Mike Czarney



L-R: Don Minto, Ken Rainey,
Nick DePersis, Albert Sues



L-R: Kevin Crowley, Bob Kapp,
Floyd McKain, Joe Stefka, Jr.

Scenes from the 2018 Golf Tournament



Fraternal Night Dinner



Terri Cooper & Joe Stefka Jr.
Birthday Celebrations



Mike & Drew Wesnak



Fraternal Night Putting Contest



Kevin Crowley & Drew Wesnak
Fraternal Night Putting Contest



Dave Blazek



Alex Blum



Andy Burns



Alan Burns



Matt Toth



Floyd McKain



Bob Kapp & Joe Stefka Jr.



Mike Czarney



Drew Wesnak

2018-2019 Scholarships – Perpetual Award Winners



Joseph Bastaroli
Assembly 123
Robert Morris University
Accounting
Mary Mravec Scholarship



Mark Beno
Assembly 432
St. Ambrose University
Kinesiology
Mary B. Burns Scholarship



Rhianna Christensen
Assembly 586
Illinois State University
Elementary Education
125th Anniversary Scholarship



Jessica Godor
Assembly 737
West Penn School of Nursing
Nursing
NSS Board of Directors Scholarship



Sara Holden
Assembly L102
Penn State University
Engineering
Dr. John Gulash Scholarship



Eleni Nickolas
Assembly 100
Marist College
Business/Accounting
Assembly 065 Scholarship



Patrick O'Doherty
Assembly 432
Boston College
Economics
Assembly 065 Scholarship



Maria Strish
Assembly 617
Duquesne University
Chemistry/Pre-Med
Ann Marie Czarney Scholarship



Dakota Volzer
Assembly 123
Ohio State University
Biology
Stephen J. Trusik Scholarship

2018-2019 1st Year Scholarships



Erica Angelo
Assembly 377
California University of PA
Science/Teaching



Joseph Bertrand
Assembly 432
Ohio State University
Mechanical Engineering



Charles Boone
Assembly L161
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Air Traffic Control



Branden Bosley
Assembly 267
University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown
Civil Engineering



Emma Boushie
Assembly L002
Bentley University
Marketing



Julia Bradford
Assembly L161
Saint Francis University
Pre-Physical Therapy



Noah Brosovic
Assembly 123
Grove City College
Mechanical Engineering



Samantha Bugay
Assembly 774
Community College of Allegheny County
Radiology Technician



Madison Codeluppi
Assembly 377
Alderson Broaddus University
Accounting



Kyle Davis
Assembly RO59
Delaware County Community College
Hotel/Restaurant Management



Hannah Dean
Assembly 731
Slippery Rock University
BS/Biology



Lauren Dynda
Assembly L040
Slippery Rock University
Physical Therapy



Madalynn Eger
Assembly 123
James Madison University
Psychology



Blaze Farrell
Assembly 813
Wallace College
Welder Technology



Justin Glowacki
Assembly 617
Syracuse University
Biology



Kaitlyn Goodreau
Assembly 554
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Radiology



Gregory Gurcak
Assembly 100
Duquesne University
Nursing



Benjamin Haylett
Assembly 731
Gannon University
Physician Assistant

2018-2019 1st Year Scholarships



Andrew Jeffrey
Assembly 123
University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown
Pre-Med



Mariah Jeffrey
Assembly 123
Slippery Rock University
Exploratory



Elisabeth Jones
Assembly RO59
West Chester University of PA
Communication Studies



Neal Jones
Assembly RO59
Temple University
University Studies



Michael Kanavy
Assembly 123
John Carroll University
Accounting



Anne Kolicus
Assembly RO59
Indiana University
Nutrition



Nicole Laborie
Assembly 731
Slippery Rock University
Music



Caroline Lihani
Assembly 568
University of Oregon
Education/Teaching



Hannah Macey
Assembly 108
Westmoreland Community College
Biology



Meshach Malley
Assembly 731
Denison University
Cinema



Joshua Martin
Assembly 377
Penn State - Fayette
Pre-Nursing



Madyson Maynard
Assembly 432
University of Dayton
Pre-Medical



Katie McClymonds
Assembly 774
Grove City College
Biology



Lauren Michael
Assembly RO19
Penn State - Erie
Psychology/Criminology



Leah Miller
Assembly 554
Chestnut Hill College
Science



Jesse Nathanson
Assembly 554
Ohio State University
Engineering



Richard Novak
Assembly 123
Penn State University
Wildlife/Fisheries Science



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Chemical Engineering



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Assembly 123
Kent State University
Interior Design



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Assembly 588
Penn State - Altoona
Cybersecurity Analytics



Shane Rumbaugh
Assembly 588
Penn State - Behrend
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Waynesburg University
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2018-2019 1st Year Scholarships



Joshua Thompson
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University of Colorado Boulder
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Zachary Toth
Assembly 108
University of Pittsburgh
Civil Engineering



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Assembly 737
Westmoreland County Community College
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Biology



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Washington & Jefferson College
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ASSEMBLY RO19

Buffalo, NY

A meeting will be held on Sunday, **September 16, 2018** at Hot Dog Heaven to discuss the possibility of a new fundraiser at 12:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. We hope you have had a blessed and restful summer and pray that the coming school year will be a fruitful one for all!

Linda Mucyn
President

ASSEMBLY 039

Uniontown, PA

ATTENTION! **The location for our Sunday, September 9th meeting has been changed BACK to the Eat'n Park Restaurant Community Room starting at 6:00 pm.** Our delegates to the recent Convention will be giving a report. We will be remembering those that died on September 11th, especially those that perished on Flight 93 in Shanksville, PA. Members of the "Stuffers Club" will be joining us for dinner.

Mark on your calendars Saturday, September 22nd. You are encouraged to attend "Septemberfest 2018" at the home office in McMurray, PA. The event is sponsored by the NSS Heritage Museum and festivities start at 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. Food, dancing, vendors and more. **ALL FREE!!!** Bring along your favorite bake goods!

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

Seniors. Any member fifty-five years, or older is eligible to enroll in the NSS Senior Scholarship Program. The purpose of the program is to encourage seniors to enroll in continuing education classes at vocational schools, community colleges or universities. The NSS will reimburse one-half the tuition costs up to \$100.00. Contact Pam Blum at 724-731-0094, ext. 1010 for more information or an application.

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

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY RO59

Bethlehem, PA

Members who attended the 37th Quadrennial Convention in Hershey, PA wish to thank all those who planned or helped with this event. Your efforts were very much appreciated!

The remainder of our 2018 schedule is as follows:

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

October 28 - Hotdog/Coffee Hour Social at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, 980 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA. following Divine Liturgy (approximately at 11:15). Proceeds will go to the Allentown Rescue Mission.

As we enjoy the rest of summer, may everyone stay safe.

Michele Guydan
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 070/C070

Brooklyn, OH

A Pot Luck Dinner and meeting will be held on Saturday, **September 8, 2018** 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 L002

Bridgeport, CT

A meeting and luncheon for all members will be held at the Holy Name of Jesus Church, 1950 Barnum Avenue, Stratford, CT at 11:00 am for all living and deceased members of the society on Sunday, **September 16, 2018**. 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 \$10.00 per person which will be collected at the restaurant. Please bring any heavily used or torn American Flags as they 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 L075

Duryea, PA

Mark your calendars for our future meetings:

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

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

Lehrae Ann Edwards
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 110

New York, NY

A meeting will be held on **September 16, 2018** at Trattoria L'incontro, Astoria, New York at 2:00 pm.

Best wishes to all.

Rich DeSanctis
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 123

Coraopolis, PA

Well let's hope the rainy summer is over. Some good things about the rain were I didn't have to water the lawn and I got to see some beautiful rainbows after the storm.

Let me say some thank you's. Thank you to Judy Landa for all the work she did at the Slovak kitchen at Kennywood and to Joe & Vicky Kovacs of Bellevue for volunteering at Kennywood. We could use a few more like you. Thank you to Bill DeMonaco for arranging the mini golf event. By the way, Bill everyone had such a good time let's make this an annual event. Thank you to Sue Ondrejco for sending a group of golfers from her assembly. Next year I hope we can get more golfers from other assemblies.

If you don't take part in any of the many activities offered by the home office, the Region 5 or our Assembly 123 you are missing out on one of the great benefits of being a member of NSS. This is the month of the photo

contest, so be sure to send your pictures into Pam at the home office. You can win a cash prize and you help our assembly by simply entering. There are various categories; scenery, animals, human interest, NSS activities and there are prizes for each category.

On Saturday, September 22nd starting at 11:00 am running throughout the afternoon at the Home Office in McMurray will be held the 2018 Septemberfest (see ad in the magazine). If you haven't been to the home office or the Heritage Museum you would be doing yourself a treat to make a visit. There is much to see. The Home Office is located right off Route 19S on Valley Brook Rd. Just tell them that Bill Knoll told you to come and you'll get the special grand tour.

How about a trip to the National Aviary on Pittsburgh's North Side. Yes, our assembly will be going Sunday, **October 21st** (no Steelers game) at 1:00 pm. The Aviary has had some extensive renovations and has added many new exotic plants and birds. General admission will be paid by the assembly for our members. Guests are welcome. If you plan on coming please call Mary Maniecki at 412-264-3546. She will give you more details. Also you can check out their web site at www.aviary.org. There will be more information in the October issue of the magazine. If you come I suggest you bring your camera and a hat.

Prayers and get well wishes to any of our members who are ill and all the best to any of our members who celebrate a birthday this month.

Let's go Steelers!

Bill Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 381

Grosse Ile, MI

There will be a meeting Saturday, **November 10, 2018** scheduled at Mom's at 12 p.m. RSVP Joanne T. Medved at jtm1849@gmail.com.

Joanne Medved
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 554

Curwensville, PA

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

Jim Stricek
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 586

Chicago, IL

A meeting will be held on **October 7, 2018** at Hackney's, Palos Hills for a Collect for Our Troops activity.

We've also set aside **December 2, 2018** for our annual Christmas meeting and activity at 2:00 pm. The place will be announced in the next issue.

Janet Tomaskovic
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 588

Slovan, PA

A meeting will be held on Sunday, **September 16, 2018**, at 3:00 p.m. at the Community Room of Panera Bread, 250 McHolme Drive Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (North Fayette). The purpose of the meeting will be to report on the 37th Quadrennial Convention and plan events and activities for the members of our assembly for the remainder of 2018.

Please try to attend and become active in our assembly.

Annette Stefka
Secretary

ASSEMBLY #617

Ashley, PA

Our Assembly 617 members gathered at the Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA on July 14, 2018 for our luncheon/meeting to discuss our upcoming events. Details of the convention were given by our delegate, Rosemary Frati Rozicki. It was her first convention and she was impressed at the professionalism and friendliness of everyone. Our other first time delegates, Marge & Bob Gushka, couldn't make the meeting.

Our assembly is extremely proud of Marge Gushka being selected as the 2018 Fraternalist of the year. She is an asset to our assembly and we congratulate her.

Our meeting agenda included making donations to the PVR Scholarship Fund, and our other annual donations. We also did preparations for our Matching Fund & Fraternal Day at Knoebels.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, **September 8, 2018** at the Pierce Street Deli Kingston, PA. to discuss our Join Hands Day and next Matching Fund. RSVP to Rose Mary 570-825-3681.

We will again have a Join Hands Day at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, Wilkes-Barre, PA on **September 13, 2018** from 4 to 7 pm. Members are asked to be there by 4 to help prepare and serve the meal and then clean up. If you would like, you can bring groceries or clothing to donate as well.

Our second Matching Fund will be a Make-A-Difference Project with the Fraternal Societies of Northeast PA. The local Slovak Fraternal Societies give monetary donations plus donations of household items, towels, linens, baby items, clothing, etc. These are used by the residents of Domestic Violence Service Center. This will be held in October. More information to follow. If you can donate or help in any way please call Rose Mary at 570-825-3681.

Rose Mary Strish
President

ASSEMBLY 705

Seelyville, IN

Please mark your calendars for future events in 2018:

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

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

Dorothy Buck
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 377

Bentleyville, PA

Join us for our future events:

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

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

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 731 Lowellville, OH

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

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

Laurie Fox
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 737 Westmoreland County, PA

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

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

Carol Godor
Treasurer

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



L-R: Janine Hannan, Pat Buono, and Linda Buono volunteered their time to help out at the Bethel Park Flood Relief Festival. NSS donated a money plant with lottery tickets for the Chinese auction and also a monetary contribution from NSS Life.

PA Fraternal Alliance Awards Eddie "Day" Pashinski



NSS Director, Sue Ondrejco; President David Blazek; Eddie "Day" Pashinski, 121st Legislative District House of Representatives; Secretary/Treasurer Linda Strom; and Chairman of the Board Joseph Stefka, Jr. attending the event in Harrisburg.

Assembly 617/ C617 Knobels Fraternal Day



Assembly 617/C617's fraternal day at Knobels Amusement Park, in Elysburg, Pa. on August 2, 2018 started with heavy rain. By the time we had our short meeting and our lunch with hoagies, fruit, veggies and desserts, the rain stopped and the sun came out. This coaxed

everyone to enjoy the park and use the free tickets for the rides compliments of the assembly. We welcomed Abigail Gross, our NSS Director and her family, and also had Rose Rozyeki-Frati come for the first time. She was a delegate at our convention for the first time as well.

We displayed our raffle baskets and held a 50/50 raffle which will be a matching fund for Father John Ostrowski, our assembly member, who is a pastor in El Salvador. Baskets were donated by: John & Mary Ann Ostrowski, the Kurilla/Lukas Family, Gail Mangan, Joe Ostrowski, McDonnell Family, Strish family, Gloria Gomb and Maria Kita.

Winners of the baskets were: Abigail Gross, Samantha Ashford, Charlotte Warke, John Guba, Margaret Lukas, George Strish III, and Maya McDonnell.

Winner of the 50/50 raffle was Gloria Gomb who donated her winnings back for El Salvador. We thank you Gloria and El Salvadore thanks you. For the youth circle, Margaret Lukas donated 3 jars with change in it. Winners who guessed the right amount of change, and won were: Jacob and Ben Ostrowski.

Everyone had a great time enjoying the park and the rides. Some of our members even stayed till the park closed. We look forward to seeing even more assembly members joining us next year.

Rose Mary Strish
President

This Month in National Slovak Society History

Joseph Stefka, Jr. Chairman of the Board

September, 1897

A labor dispute in the hard-coal region of Pennsylvania turned violent when one thousand miners walked off their jobs in West Hazelton. The strikers attempted to persuade four hundred miners from Lattimer, Pennsylvania to join them but were blocked by the sheriff of Wilkes-Barre and 400 deputies. The miners refused to disperse and were fired upon and sixteen strikers were killed including six Slovaks. Among the Slovaks killed was Stefan Jurich, a member of the NSS, who was serving as a flag bearer for the strikers. His funeral was attended by over 8,000 people from the NSS, other fraternal, and the United Mine Workers. This was the largest funeral ever held in the Wilkes-Barre area.

September, 1979

Slovaks of Pittsburgh were featured on Channel 11 television in Pittsburgh on the program, "Wonderful People." Appearing on the program representing the National Slovak Society were Supreme President Joseph Stefka and the Chairman of Trustees Thomas G. Gmitter.

September, 1996

The announcement of the merger of the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle into the National Slovak Society appeared in the September issue of the *National News* with the merger to take effect on January 1, 1997.

September, 2002

Honorary Tribunal President Joseph Pavlik died on September 22, 2000. Joseph served as the President of the Tribunal from 1986-1994.

ASSEMBLY 004

Parma, OH

On Sunday, June 24th, Assembly 004 held another Miniature Golf Outing at Mr. Divots in North Royalton. The weather cooperated and we had a good turnout.

The lady winners were Julie Gullatta and Stephanie Sir Louis. The men were led by Sam Gullatta and Bob Sir Louis.

After golf everybody enjoyed ice cream and socializing in Mr. Divot's Bar & Grill. With summer winding down, we are looking forward to another year of our Sunday Mixed League. We start on September 30th at 3:45 pm. We are looking for more members to join us, so if interested give Bob or Bud Sir Louis a call at (440-845-2616) and we will try to accommodate you.

Bob Sir Louis
Activities Director

*Have You Signed Up
Any New Members??*



Assembly L102 Schnecksville, PA

Our summer picnic was hosted by Abigail and Mike Gross. Special guest stars were Lillian and Jameson Ratley and Elliott and Oliver Gross--- the Super Hero's. We were also very happy to have our Secretary/Treasurer Linda Strom and Ed Krall join us.



The Super Hero's were Lillian Ratley, Jameson Ratley, Elliott Gross and Oliver Gross.

History of Labor Day

Labor Day: What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, 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.

Labor Day Legislation

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887 four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1884, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883. In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

Slovak Heritage Programs

The programs are held on the first Monday evening of each month, starting at 7:00 pm at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard, Mt. Lebanon, Pa 15228. 412-531-1912. It is free to both members and non-members.

October 1, 2018 - "Slovak Genealogy"

Lisa Alzo, an expert in Slovak Genealogy, will show you some time saving tips on researching your Slovak ancestors.

November 5, 2018 - "You Shall Leave Your Mother and Father"

Fr. Peter Haladej, pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in East Liverpool, Ohio will explore the complexity of transitions in religion, culture and life when moving from Slovakia to the U.S.

December 3, 2018 - "Show - N- Tell"

Because of the popularity of this program in prior years, we are again asking you to bring your memorabilia from Slovakia - photos, books, souvenirs, etc. This is an opportunity for everyone to participate.



Intermediate/Advanced Classes Set



The Slovak language classes for intermediate and advanced students are as follows:

When: Every Tuesday, September 11th thru October 30th from 7:00-8:30 pm

Where: Mt. Lebanon Public Library
16 Castle Shannon Boulevard, Pgh, PA
(412) 531-1912

Instructor: Bozena Hilko

Tuition: Free

Reservations: Bozena at Bozi@comcast.net

Burns family group representing Assembly 731 and 813 attending the NSS 37th Quadrennial Convention in Hershey, PA.

Navy Veteran receives National Cherry Festival Lifetime Leadership Award!

Russell Frank Mc Namara

Russell Frank Mc Namara was born in Detroit and graduated from Waterford High School. Following graduation he headed to Great Lakes Naval Training Center to begin a four year commitment to serve our country as a member of the U.S. Navy.

On leave from Great Lakes, Russ married his high school sweetheart, and they would have been married 60 years before her passing. His enlistment was in Pensacola, Florida, where he also attended junior college and took mail order classes from the University of Michigan. When his tour ended he entered the University of Michigan as a full-time student. Earning his bachelors and masters degree in finance. It was then that Jake Beers, president of Traverse City State Bank, called the school asking for a possible candidate to fill a position at the

bank. Russ was accepted and began his 17 years in the Loan and Trust Department. Russ always loved planes and decided to buy one and get his license which he did, giving up the Bank and going into his own business, Murrays Boats & Motors on US 31 for 27 years.

Russ was a gifted businessman, but still wanted to give back to his community and associations in any way he could. Inducted into the Michigan Boating Industries Hall of Fame, he encouraged young children by coaching the Traverse City State Bank Little League Team, as well as assisting Coach Ooley in young boy's football. Director of United Way, serving as president. Member of the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce. He is a current member of St. Francis Catholic Church where he serves as an usher and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also campaign manager for Mike Dively, who won a seat as a State Senator. He has served with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Traverse City Lions Club, Chaired the annual Cherry Time Horse Show, member of Kiwanis, the NMC BBQ committee, United Way, Boys Club and the National Ski Patrol. He is active in the TC Golf and Country Club and a volunteer at the Music House Museum as well as being a member of the Elks. His greatest joy was volunteering with Wings of Mercy for over 15 years. While maintaining his own business, he flew over 250 families who had no financial means to get to Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic and other medical facilities through Wings of Mercy at no charge. He chaired many events for Wings of Mercy and retired and went to work for Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home assisting with services and lunches.

Russ has been blessed to be a part of this community, as well as to have a very loving family which includes his wife Ann, 5 children and grandchildren.



PVR Scholarship Fund Donations

In Honor & Memory of **Living and**

Deceased Members:

From FCSLA: 100.00

Donations:

Convention Raffle Baskets 1,371.00
 Anonymous 50.00
 Donald Reddinger 1,000.00
 Abigail Gross 50.00
 Robert Katricak 100.00
 John Payerchin 250.00
 Alan Burns 50.00
 Michael J Czarney 50.00
 Andrew Wesnak 50.00
 Joseph Stefka 50.00

Convention Donations:

Assembly 0588 100.00

In Memory of **Alvin Jancisin**,

A Good Slovak: From
 Derek & David Jancisin 1,000.00

In Memory of **Rose & Martin Medved**:

From Assembly 0381 350.00

In Memory of **Joseph & Mary Hruska**:

From Richard & Veronica
 DeSanctis 100.00

In Memory of **Margaret T Pilosi**:

From Justine Wesnak 100.00

In Memory of our **Loving Grandparents**:

From Michael & Abigail Gross 100.00

In Memory of **Paul Godor, Jr**,

Paul Godor, Sr & Keith Godor:

From Carol Godor 1,000.00

In Memory of **Bill & Rita Wesnak**:

From Assembly L075 100.00

In Honor of **Martin Medved's 85th**

Birthday:

From Joanne Medved 100.00
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 Assembly L161 200.00
 Assembly 0100 100.00
 Assembly L102 100.00
 Region 15 50.00
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 Clifford Moeller 10.00
 Joseph Palko 10.00
 Michael Slivka 50.00
 John Payerchin 100.00
 Jim Stricek 20.00
 Richard & Nancy Toth 120.00
 James Wilson, Jr. 25.00
 Edwin Woods 10.00
 Assembly 0617 500.00

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

July, 2018

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Barker, Verdena	Hurricane, WV	06/20/2018	P38A
Bartusiak, Irene	Rockvale, TN	06/07/2018	0774
Beahan, Loredana	Hazlet, NJ	06/11/2018	0774
Bell, Russell	Seymour, IN	06/27/2018	0705
Biros, Stephen	Las Vegas, NV	07/18/2018	0432
Bowers, Antonia	South Charleston, WV	06/22/2018	0774
Boyer, Betty	Pottstown, PA	06/07/2018	0774
Butko, Elizabeth	North Huntingdon, PA	05/10/2018	0441
Carboy, Dorothy	Butler, NJ	03/27/2018	0774
Coghill, Cecil	La Grange, IL	06/01/2018	0586
Collins, Colleen J	Butler, PA	06/07/2018	0123
Cooke, Eugene	Chillicothe, OH	06/08/2018	0595
Crowder, Madeline	Summersville, WV	04/21/2018	0774
Cyphert, Gary	Clarion, PA	06/10/2018	0554
Day, David	Washington, PA	07/03/2018	0588
DelBosco, Frank	Eustis, FL	08/13/2016	0434
Dittmar, Lorene	Millersburg, MI	06/29/2018	0381
Dixon, Calvin	Osceola Mills, PA	06/18/2018	0774
Donahie, Thomas	Wheeling, WV	06/22/2018	0108
Dvorchak, Marcella	Smock, PA	06/15/2018	0039
Ednie, Frances	Monroe, MI	05/17/2018	0381
Ford, Merlin Dean	Carnegie, PA	03/24/2018	L161
Fullerton, Margaret Alice	Sun City Center, FL	06/26/2018	0813
Gadagno, Reid	Irwin, PA	06/23/2018	0737
Grimm, Robert J	Pittsburgh, PA	06/25/2018	L161
Gyory, Frieda	Allentown, PA	06/18/2018	L102
Hawkins, Darlene	York, PA	04/15/2018	0267
Hearn Jr., Granville	Charlotte, NC	07/12/2018	0774
Hrichison, John	Wilkes Barre, PA	06/22/2018	0617
Hurst, Donalee	Mullens, WV	06/23/2018	0774
Johnston Sr., Wayne	Hammond, IN	06/18/2018	0586
Jones, Jeffrey J	West Middlesex, PA	06/17/2018	0731
Kaufax, Ronald	Silver Spring, MD	11/13/2016	0100
Kelbel, Marveline	Mount Horeb, WI	11/05/2017	0774
Keyser, Virginia	Seminole, FL	06/02/2018	0813
Klepfer, Dorothy	Clarion, PA	12/25/2017	0554
Knight, Ruth	Hanover Twp, PA	07/17/2018	0617
Kolarik, Dennis	Hannibal, MO	06/25/2018	0774
Leuenberger, Richard	Racine, WI	04/24/2018	0774
Licato, Frank	Ortley Beach, NJ	02/11/2018	0110
Lihani, Emily	Pasadena, CA	06/10/2018	0568
Link, Ruth	North Versailles, PA	07/08/2018	0441
Lofthouse, Helen	Fayetteville, NC	06/27/201	0774
Mallen, Kathleen	St. Petersburg, FL	06/24/2018	0813
Mercer, James	Cross Lanes, WV	06/30/2018	0774
Miyagawa, Betty	Kalamazoo, MI	05/24/2018	0381

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Photos from 2018 Slovak Day at Kennywood Park



School Safety Tips for Parents and Kids

Encourage students to do the following:

Arrive at the bus stop a few minutes early so you won't have to run across the road or rush to catch the bus.

Stay away from the curb while waiting for the bus.

Wait until the school bus has stopped all traffic before stepping out onto the road. Never run after the school bus if it has already left the bus stop.

Don't push getting on or off the school bus. Be patient and wait your turn.

Many buses have a yellow bar that swings out from the front of the bus, but if not, remember to walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus when crossing so that the school bus driver can see you.

Listen to crossing guards who monitor the traffic outside of school zones. A driver who fails to follow the instructions of a crossing guard could face a fine according to the school safety laws in Pennsylvania.

Walk in places where there are sidewalks if at all possible. If you need to walk on a road without sidewalks, walk on the left-hand side of the road facing traffic. Stay as far away from the road as possible, and walk in a single-file road.

Wear bright or light-colored clothing in the evening to help stay visible, including at dusk. Remember that it gets dark more quickly as it becomes autumn.

Students should keep away from parked cars or other objects that may block them from view.

When the school bus is moving, always stay in your seat. Never put your head, arms or hands out of the window.

Don't play with the emergency exits, and don't block them with backpacks or bags. If there's an emergency, listen to the driver and follow instructions.

If you leave something on the bus or drop something on the ground near the bus, don't go back for it.

School Safety Tips for Drivers

Listen to the 15-minute speed limit in school zones. If you're caught speeding in a school zone, you could be penalized with points on your license and hefty fines.

Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading students – it's the law.

Look for children running between parked cars, or if a tree or fence is blocking your view. Don't expect students to pay attention to their surroundings.

Follow all school safety laws.

Departed Members

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Mohney, Mildred I	Reynoldsville, PA	05/17/2018	0554
Monks, Gloria F	Verona, PA	06/23/2018	0774
Mullins, Denver	Charleston, WV	07/05/2018	0774
Myers, Robert H	Washington, PA	06/01/2018	0588
Payne, Elizabeth	Pittsburgh, PA	06/30/2018	L161
Perilli, Ron	West Middlesex, PA	02/16/2018	0731
Popovich, Dolores	McKeesport, PA	07/14/2018	0108
Radford, Mary	Kimberly, WV	05/25/2018	0774
Reed, Dorothy P	Millersburg, PA	07/01/2018	0774
Reed, George Ann	Mentor, OH	08/29/2017	0160
Rogan, Patricia	New Castle, PA	06/20/2018	0731
Rosko, Agnes	Coraopolis, PA	12/26/2017	L161
Santarsiero, Barbara	Dunmore, PA	07/01/2018	L075
Schmidt, Donald R	Portage, WI	05/20/2018	0774
Slavnik, George	Export, PA	01/31/2018	0737
Smith, Carol M	Burnham, PA	06/26/2018	L102
Smith, Keith	Pittsburgh, PA	05/06/2018	0100
Somerville, Steven	Charlotte, NC	05/30/2018	0774
Swarmer, Walter J	Tarentum, PA	06/21/2018	0123
Swinker, John	Beaver, PA	05/29/2018	L161
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SEPTEMBERFEST 2018

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Presented by the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum

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

SEPTEMBERFEST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS ...

Slovak Cooking Demonstrations...

Dennis Ragan, will instruct how to make "Bandurkovo Halušky" (potato dumpling halušky), just like Baba used to make.

Desert Anyone? Suzy Ondrejco will show how to make Slovak Crepes, (Palačinky)

Recipes and samples will be distributed.

Craft Demonstration by Larry Kozlowski

Learn about Slovakia's most characteristic and famous ceramic goods—MODRA pottery. Some of you will also have an opportunity to create an imitation of this sought after souvenir.

** Visit with "Roxy" the Slovak Čuvač — a unique breed of sheep dog native to Slovakia. (1-3 pm)

** Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks and The Pittsburgh Slovaks, Pittsburgh's oldest Slovak Cultural Group will entertain with Slovak songs and dances.

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 an interesting hand-made Slovak folk craft as a souvenir.

Fun for all ages! Balloon Sculptures, Magic show featuring Steve Haberman and more...

Dobru Chut!

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!

Keep it simple and/or quick with a Hot dog, or Kielbassi sandwich.

Zakusky/Kolače - Enjoy a selection of home-made sweet treats from the NSSHM bakers!

Plenty of FREE parking At Jordan Tax Service

Come Meet
Roxy
the Slovensky Cuvac



September

Dobré pravidlá

Pri vstupe do miestnosti sa slušne pozdravíme.

Pozeráme sa druhému do očí.

Počívame, čo hovorí druhý.

Neskáčame do reči druhému.

Akceptujeme sa navzájom.

Ak niečo potrebujeme, tak si to poprosíme.

Ak niečo dostaneme, tak pekne poďakujeme.

Správame sa k sebe priateľsky.

Ak môžeme—tak pomôžeme.

Nikoho nebude na silu do činnosti.



*Ďakujeme ti Sedembolestná 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 16-teho septembra vo Westwood Golf Klube, vo West Mifflin.

Lístky 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 popoludní z mesta Pittsburghu. Keď žijete mimo Pittsburghu možno to počuť cestou internetu, www.wpitam.com. Treba kliknúť na "listen live."

**Kto to klope dneska k ránu
na čarovnú školskú bránu?
Krásne klope, to mi ver,
predsa mesiac september.
Na husličky k tomu hrá,
bránu školy otvára.
Už je brána dokorán.
Najmúdrejšia brána brán.
Múdrosti je za ňou všade,
ako kvetín na záhrade.
Bežíme dnu – sláva, sláva!
Tuná deťom zmúdreje hlava.**



"Septemberfest 2018 v Našom NSS Múzeu"

Viete, že naša organizácia NSS—otvorila svoje Národné múzeum v čom máme krásne kroje úkážky zručnosti nášho pracovitého ľudu, knihy, časopisy, a tiež i históriu našej organizácie—počiatkom myšlienky zakladateľov Narodného Spolku (rovnoprávnosť a samosprávu nášmu Slovenskému národu) a celý pokrok za vyše 125 rokov existencie ba aj splnenie cieľa zakladateľov. Veríme, že i vy sa pridete pozrieť do nášho múzea a možno prinesiete ideu alebo aj vzácnu slovensku vec na displej pre múzeum.

A čo viac pozývame Vás na septembroví festival čo bude na 22 septembra tu v našou múzeu. V múzeu sa budete môcť pokochať aj "krásnemu rezbárskemu dielu" ktoré má vyše 80 mechanických pohybov.

Ozaj krása, a hrdosť nášmu múzeu.

Počas septembrového festivalu sa bude podávať i jedlo ako haluški, palačinky, pyrohy atď. Tiež pre prítomných bude i zábava slovenským folklórom—tancom a spevom, a možno poniektorý z Vás si zakúpi i suveníri. **Vstupné zdarma.**

Rezervujte si dátum a dovidenia na 22 septembra.



Na obrázku:

Delegácia zo Slovenska ktorý návštívili mesto Pgh, a zároveň zúčastnili sa na 95 Slovenskom dni v Kenywood parku spolu s direktormi Slovenskej relácie v Pittsburghu.



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, 2017

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Age _____ Phone _____

Assembly _____

Policy # _____

Junior Pittsburgh Slovians

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

Christmas Ornament Contest

After your done mailing in your photo entry, it's not too early to start thinking and designing your ornament. Get a head start - the deadline is December 1st.

2018 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 that we issue a policy to. You will receive a \$25 recommender fee (\$10 on the youth term product) for each person that becomes a member.

Recommender Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Prospect Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send form to Joe Elliott at the Home Office.



Change of Address

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

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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.