



National Slovak Society

Where "Family Matters"

AUGUST 2015 | NUMBER 3484 VOLUME 107

ENJOY THE —

SUMMER

Youth Poetry Contest Deadline: August 15th • Photo Contest Deadline: October 1st

Heritage Museum Exhibit Coming Soon...



National Slovak Society

Periodical Postage Paid at McMurray, Pennsylvania and Additional Mailing Offices
Owned and Published by the



NATIONAL SLOVAK SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Organized February 16, 1890
351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA 15317-3337
USES 0371-140 - ISSN: 0027-7940
Phone: (724) 731- 0094 -- E-Mail: info@nsslife.org
NSS Web Site: www.nsslife.org
Fax No: 724-731-0145

Founder and Honorary President, Peter V. Rovnianek

EDITOR

LORI CROWLEY
Published Monthly
Send articles for publication to:

Lori Crowley
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317-3337

Unsolicited manuscripts are not returned unless accompanied
with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Deadline: 5th of preceding month.

“POSTMASTER” SEND ADDRESS CHANGES TO:
NATIONAL SLOVAK SOCIETY

351 VALLEY BROOK ROAD, MCMURRAY, PA 15317-3337

NSS EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

David G. Blazek, *FIC, President & Elder*
Joseph Stefka, Jr., *Chairman of the Board*
Linda M. Strom, *Secretary/Treasurer*

NSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Alan Burns
Michael Czarney
Andrea Garbon
Keith S. Godor
Abigail Gross
Robert Katricak
Susan Ondrejco
Drew Wesnak

NSS HONORARY OFFICERS

Sophia Hudak, *Tribunal Member*
Anthony Beno, *Director*
Dean Burns, *Vice-President*
Mary Jo Holker, *Director*
Edward Koches, *Director*
Paul J. Godor, *Director*
Joseph Tomaskovic, Jr., *Director*

FSWFE HONORARY OFFICERS

Justine Wesnak, *President*
Reverend Monsignor Thomas V. Banick,
Spiritual Advisor

PBU HONORARY OFFICERS

Henri O. Albert, *President*

ROCWMAS HONORARY OFFICER

Olga Kasnot, *President*

FSWFE and PBU merged with NSS in 1997
ROCWMAS merged with the NSS in 1998

Inside this Issue...

Assembly Activities

Activities at a Glance 3

From the Executive Officers

President's Column..... 4
Secretary/Treasurer's Column 5

NSS Financial Matters

Annuity Interest Rates 6
First Quarter Financial Report 8

NSS Sales Department

National Sales Director..... 7

NSS Activities

Assembly Photos9-11
Museum Minutes 12
Fraternal Activities Coordinator 13

Assembly News

Meeting Notices 14-15
PVR Donations 16
Departed Members 16

Národné Noviny

Naše Múzeum 18
Každý piaty Slováč je závislý od
počítača a internetu, vyšlo v
prieskume 18

Youth Circle

Art Contest Winners..... 19

Activities at a Glance...

REGION 2	Assemblies L075, 0146, 0617
August 4	Assembly 0617, Meeting, Strish residence (570-825-3681)
August 8	Region 2, Meeting, Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA at 12:30 pm
August 13	Assembly 0617, Family Fraternal Outing, Knoebels Amusement Park at 12:00 Noon
REGION 5	Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0283, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0700, 0737, 0774
August 10	Assembly L161, Meeting, Ondrejco residence at 7:00 pm
August 29	Region 5, Picnic, Cedar Creek at 12:00 pm
August 29	Assembly 737, Meeting preceding Region 5 picnic at 11:30 am
September 13	Assembly 0039, Meeting, Eat'n Park, Uniontown, PA at 6:00 pm
November 10	Assembly L161, Meeting, (time & place to be announced)
December 6	Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Knights of Columbus Social Hall at 2:00 pm
REGION 7	Assemblies P09A, 0731
August 9	Assembly P09A, Picnic, Heritage Presbyterian Church at 12:30 pm
August 15	Assembly 0731, Bus Trip to Jamestown, NY ("I Love Lucy")
September 1	Assembly 0731, Scavenger Hunt, Mahoning County Canfield Fair
REGION 8	Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595
August 12	Assembly 0070, Pot Luck Dinner/Meeting, Dr. Martin Luther Ch, Brooklyn, OH at 5:00 pm
August 15	Assembly 0160, Picnic, Black River Reservation, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
September 15	Assembly 0432, Meeting, Dave & Marti Pytel residence
December 13	Assembly 0432, Christmas Party, Gemini Center, Fairview Park, OH
December 31	Assembly 0432, New Year's Eve Party, Shuttleworth residence
REGION 14	Assemblies R059, L102
October 25	Assembly R059, Luncheon (after Mass), St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, Bethlehem, PA
REGION 15	Assemblies L002, 0028
	No activities at this time
AT LARGE	Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813
August 23	Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
August 30	Assembly 0586, Meeting, Bohemian Garden, Downers Grove
September 6	Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm
October 17	Assembly 0110, Meeting, Bohemian Hall, Astoria, NY at 4:00 pm
October 18	Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
November 8	Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm
December 24	Assembly 0705, Butwin Christmas Eve Party at 6:00 pm

From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC
National President

Once again the summer has flown by and at the end of the month, children will be headed back to school. The beginning of summer this year was probably one of the wettest ones in the eastern United States that I can ever remember. It was almost like the months were pushed back and we received the normal April showers in the month of June. I'm sure our members in California could have used some of the rain that we received.

This month, two of our sister fraternals will be holding special events; the first week of August, the Slovak Catholic Sokol's will be holding their 32nd Quadrennial Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa; the Sokol's also are celebrating their 110th Anniversary this year.

At the end of August the First Catholic Slovak Union will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary in Cleveland, Ohio with a dinner, preceded by a Mass to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of their founder, Father Stefan Furdek's passing.

Congratulations and best wishes to both of these fine Slovak fraternals whom we are proud to call friends of the National Slovak Society.

I Choose

It's quiet. It's early. My coffee is hot. The sky is still black. The world is still asleep. The day is coming. In a few moments the day will arrive. It will roar down the track with the rising of the sun. The stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day. The calm of solitude will be invaded by decisions to be made and deadlines to be met. For the next twelve hours I will be exposed to the day's demands. It is now that I must make a choice.

I CHOOSE LOVE ... No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

I CHOOSE JOY ... I will invite my God to be the God of circumstances. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical. The tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I CHOOSE PATIENCE ... I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I'll invite him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

I CHOOSE PEACE ... I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

I CHOOSE KINDNESS ... I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone, kind to the rich, for they are afraid, and kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

News of Narodniars

Birthday wishes go out this month to former Director Caroline Kucan, Home Office employee Ryan Strom, former Home Office staff member Jodi Onder, Carol Godor, wife of Honorary Officer Paul Godor, Jim Amorose, Chelsey Eubank, Andrew Blazek, Pam Tabone, Jan Amick, Bella Grace Bernardo, and to grandson Logan Kearney.

Happy wedding Anniversary wishes to Lori and Kevin Crowley and to Danielle and Jeff Lavin, and to all others celebrating this month.

I CHOOSE GOODNESS ... I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I will accuse.

I CHOOSE FAITHFULNESS ... Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word, my wife will not question my love, and my children will never fear that their father will not come home.

I CHOOSE GENTLENESS ... Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I CHOOSE SELF-CONTROL ... I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will not, rule the eternal. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ.

LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF CONTROL (Gal. 5:22,23)

To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest with the peace that passes all understanding.

(Edited from the Internet B Author unknown)

Adult Truth For The Month:

I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with Miller Light than Kay.

A Page From My Notebook.....

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

A Personal Thank you....

These past two months have been difficult ones as my family and I lost our mother and grandmother Marie Palko at the young age of 93. There are so many of you that knew her and supported us in so many ways by sending-cards, calling to talk, attending Mom's funeral, sending beautiful flowers and chimes, helping with arrangements, baking and driving half way across the state just to give me a hug. On behalf of my Mom and my family we sincerely thank you.

2014 Fraternal Allowance Report

At the 2015 Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors held at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center in Wheeling, WV, the Board approved the following Platinum and Diamond Award winners:

Platinum Level:

0039 Uniontown, PA
L161 Pittsburgh, PA
0434 McMurray, PA
0586 Chicago, IL

Diamond Level:

P09A Youngstown, OH
0070 Brooklyn, OH
L075 Duryea,
L102 Whitehall, PA
0123 Coraopolis,
0160 Lorain, OH
0432 Fairview Park, OH
0588 Slovan, PA
0617 Ashley, PA
0813 Englewood, FL



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

Changes

Change can be difficult to accept, however in this instance change is very positive. We have a new addition to our staff to support our new business processes, mostly in the management of 1035 Exchanges.

Amanda Felton comes to us with experience in the administration of information which is critical in 1035 processing.

Our four newly elected Directors have brought very positive changes to our Board meetings. Their vision as it relates to the growth of the society lends itself to in-depth analysis and discussions at each meeting. A strong indicator that the future of the NSS is in good hands.

Region 5 Picnic

Members of Region 5 are invited to a day of fun, games, food and relaxation on August 29th at Cedar Creek Park on August 29th at 12:00 Noon.

Please RSVP to Pam Blum at the Home Office so we can plan accordingly. Deadline for reservation is August 20, 2015.

Little Known Facts

The Americanization of names as well as intermarriage among ethnic-groups precludes identifying persons of Slovak ancestry who have made significant contributions to American society or to the arts, sciences, education, industry, and government. Below are a few:

Aerospace - Astronaut Eugene Cernan participated in Gemini spaceflights and Apollo-Saturn moon missions; his father came to the US from Kysuce in Slovakia.

Art and Entertainment - Andy Warhol (1928-1987), pop artist, famous for his paintings of soup cans and other modern art, was the son of immigrants who came to the US from Slovakia in 1913.

Literature - Thomas Bell (1903-1961), originally Belejcek, was a second-generation Slovak author of six novels; his best and most famous novel, *Out of This Furnace*, vividly portrays the life of Slovak immigrants, their children, and grandchildren from the turn of the century into the Great Depression of the 1930's.

Military - Michael Strank (d. 1945), a Slovak who came to the US in 1922, was one of the six men immortalized by the famous photograph of the raising of the American flag at top Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, on February 23, 1945; the US Marine Corps Memorial Monument located adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery is based on that photograph. The exact number of Slovaks who served in WWI cannot be determined. Military records for the period after 1920 categorize Slovaks and Czechs together as Czechoslovaks. According to the 1990 census, 6,566 persons, including 635 women, of Slovak ancestry were serving in the US Military. I hope these facts were as fun to read as they were to research.

Next month I will recap the minutes of the 2015 Spring and Summer Board Meetings.

“Relax...knowing your money is growing.”



- Tired of the market ups and downs?
- Looking for higher interest than your bank can offer?
- Put your money in an NSS Annuity/IRA!
- Earn interest daily and watch your account **GROW!**

Did you know....

You could make an additional deposit to almost any Annuity with NSS-just send us a check. Any additional funds will not increase the time period on early withdrawal penalties.

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

Semi-annual annuity statements will no longer be sent in July of each year.

We will now send an annual statement in January only.

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

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.**

From the Sales Department...

By Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC
National Sales Director



Life Insurance Awareness Month (LIAM)

Life insurance awareness month is promoted next month in September. This important annual event is designed to bring life insurance to the fore front of people's minds. Everyone is in agreement that they need more life insurance. Many people say that they are going to do something about their insurance situation in the coming year. But the reality is people tend to procrastinate. We think we are too young and won't need it for a long time. Maybe you are too old and think that it is too late. Some think it is too expensive and they can't afford it. The truth of the matter is they are all wrong.

It is never too early or late to look into life insurance and life insurance doesn't cost – it pays. This year's spokesperson is Anthony Anderson, the star of the hit comedy "Blackish." His insight, comments and video can be viewed on the LIFE Foundation website at www.lifehappens.org/liam.

Now is a good time to think about your situation. NSS can help you. Please contact your local representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information.

Why Would I Want Permanent Life Insurance

The answer lies in the many advantages permanent life insurance has to offer. Here is a brief summary:

- Level payments that do not increase.
- A guaranteed life insurance face amount that will be paid tax-free to your beneficiary.
- Increasing cash/loan values that grow over time.
- Dividends which can enhance the policy's values over the years.
- Reduced paid-up insurance and extended options should you discontinue payments.

Plus a life insurance plan is affordable and receives tax-favored status on several different levels. With the stroke of a pen you can create an instant estate. For pennies on a dollar you can be insured for thousands. Here are some monthly premiums for \$10,000 of whole life insurance at various ages:

\$10,000 whole life insurance

	Non-tobacco		Tobacco user	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Age 35	\$10.88	\$13.05	\$15.35	\$16.77
Age 40	\$13.37	\$15.98	\$17.71	\$19.53
Age 45	\$16.52	\$19.17	\$21.29	\$23.59
Age 50	\$20.44	\$23.40	\$26.07	\$29.02
Age 55	\$24.27	\$34.37	\$37.25	\$43.41
Age 60	\$28.09	\$34.37	\$37.25	\$43.41



2015 2nd Quarter Sales Leaders

Congratulations to our two top producers for their hard work and dedication to the Society.



Our second quarter top **NEW MEMBER PRODUCER** is Scott Lunsford. Scott has been with NSS for a number of years and is one of our perennial leaders. His practice focuses on retirees and pre-retirees. Scott does 401k roll-overs and also does quite a bit of final expense insurance. He can be reached at 740-779-0246 or email at scottlunyard@hotmail.com

Our top **PREMIUM PRODUCER** for the second quarter is **Howard C. Bluhm** MSFS, ChFC of Maumee, OH. Howard has been in the insurance profession for 37 years and is a 36 year life and qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table. Howard has been married for 38 years to his college sweetheart, Karen. They have been blessed with 2 children – Andrea & Brian and a daughter-in-law, Betsy and grandchildren. To contact Howard, please call his office at 419-893-2233 or email him at hcbbluhm@bex.net.



Thought for the Month

To carry adequate life insurance is a moral obligation incumbent upon the great majority of our citizens.

Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945)

FIRST QUARTER 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT - NATIONAL SLOVAK SOCIETY

Net Admitted Assets:

	March 2015	December 2014
Bonds	\$793,541,685	\$763,035,867
Preferred Stocks	500,000	500,000
Common Stocks	595,661	617,669
Mortgage Loans on		
Real Estate	9,181,618	9,192,464
Certificate Loans	588,034	559,368
Real Estate Occupied		
By Society	761,045	766,384
Cash On Deposit	11,426,848	17,498,596
Electronic Data Equipment	0	0
Uncollected Premiums	96,400	96,042
Investment Income Due	10,784,428	9,659,931
TOTALS	\$827,475,719	\$801,926,321

Liabilities and Unassigned Funds:

	March 2015	December 2014
Aggregate Reserve	\$743,820,000	\$722,215,500
Deposit-type		
Contracts	43,247,991	37,906,018
Certificate Claims	300,000	250,000
Commissions Due	50,000	361,200
Refunds Due and Unpaid	360,000	360,000
General Expenses Due	1,195,200	1,259,200
Retained By The Society		
As Trustee	27,768	104,229
Asset Valuation		
Reserve (AVR)	3,706,750	3,552,000
Interest Maintenance		
Reserve (IMR)	5,192,477	5,217,079
Contingency Reserve	150,000	150,000
Unassigned Funds	29,425,533	28,068,630
TOTALS	\$827,475,719	\$801,926,321

Surplus Account:

	March 2015	December 2014
Beginning Surplus	\$28,218,630	\$21,195,838
Net Income	1,541,242	7,532,478
Change in Net Unrealized		
Capital Gains or (Losses)	(29,589)	(92,971)
Chge in Nonadmitted Assets	0	97,285
Change in Valuation		
Reserve	(154,750)	(514,000)
Aggregate Write-ins for Gains		
and Losses in Surplus	0	0
Net Change In Surplus	1,356,903	7,022,792
Surplus At Statement Date	\$29,575,533	\$28,218,630

Summary Of Operations:

	March 2015	December 2014
INCOME:		
Premiums & Annuity		
Considerations	\$38,443,814	\$111,728,468
Net Invest. Income	9,849,576	38,060,741
Amortization Of Interest		
Maintenance Reserve	173,334	170,477
Income Sub-Total	\$48,466,724	\$149,959,686

	March 2015	December 2014
EXPENSES:		
Death Benefits	\$1,543,603	\$3,617,970
Matured Endowments	6,526	35,231
Annuity Benefits	21,587,089	66,547,314
Disability, Accident,		
Health Benefits	2,213	102
Surrender Benefits	129,855	660,498
Interest On Deposit		
Type Contracts	(2,183)	11,917
Increase In Aggregate		
Reserve For Life		
Contracts	21,604,500	64,074,500
Commissions On		
Direct Business	876,106	2,969,614
General &		
Fraternal Expenses	1,007,190	3,657,034
Insurance, Taxes,		
Licenses, Fees	94,428	374,121
Expense Sub-Total	\$46,849,327	\$141,948,301

	March 2015	December 2014
SUMMARY:		
Net Gain From Operations		
Before Refunds		
To Members	\$1,617,397	\$8,011,385
Refund To Members	(80,437)	(356,263)
Net Gain From Operations		
After Refunds		
To Members	1,536,960	7,655,122
Net Realized		
Capital Gains	4,282	(122,644)
Total Net Income	\$1,541,242	\$7,532,478

Linda M Strom
Secretary/Treasurer, CFO

NSS Life Pre-Need



Fran Blazek, regional representative and Dave Blazek, President are shown behind the booth passing out NSS brochures and gifts.

NSS Life Pre-Need sponsors a booth at the annual convention of the PA Funeral Directors Association.

NSS life Pre-Need offers several different life insurance options and an annuity paying 3.0% interest for people interested in pre-planning their final arrangements. Currently our products are only available in OH and PA.

If you are meeting with a funeral director to pre-plan your arrangements be sure to insist on them using NSS Life.

Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to our President, David G. Blazek, who will celebrate on August 3rd. Best wishes for a long, healthy and prosperous year.

NSS Members

NJ/NY Fraternal Alliance Board Celebrates Flag Day



News from Assembly 0731

Assembly 731 helped finance a trolley ride and provide lunches for a group of senior ladies. The ladies enjoyed a pleasant ride aboard the "Cohasset Express" through Mill Creek Park located in Youngstown, OH. The park was founded in 1891 and encompasses approximately 4,400 scenic acres with a number of interesting historical sites along the way.



Following the ride, the ladies relaxed with their bagged picnic lunch at Pioneer Pavilion, one of the many public pavilions available in the park. Ruth Burns, Assembly Secretary, was instrumental in getting the group together for a fun afternoon.



Assembly 123 Activities



Members of our assembly enjoying a day at Old Economy Village, Ambridge, PA.



Members at the performance of the Bobcat Players at Beaver High School.

Assembly 039 Picnic



More than 30 members showed up for our annual Summer Bar-B-Q. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Visit our website at www.nsslife.org

Assembly L102 Matching Funds Project

Region 5 Nite Out



Members of Region 5 enjoying a Pirate game in June against the Atlanta Braves. The Pirates won 3-2!



Team Schiaffo raised over \$1,200 for The Center for Vision Loss as a matching funds project. Thanks to Pam and Dave Schiaffo for walking for such a great cause.

NSS Activities



Cathy Lydic and her husband Bob at the Pirate game.



NSS President Blazek, wife Fran Blazek, Eric Riepole and Pam Blum enjoying themselves at the game.



A full house at PNC Park.



Secretary/Treasurer Linda Strom relaxes with NSS employees at the Pirate game.



What A Sport - Greg Mellert passing out NSS pins at the game.



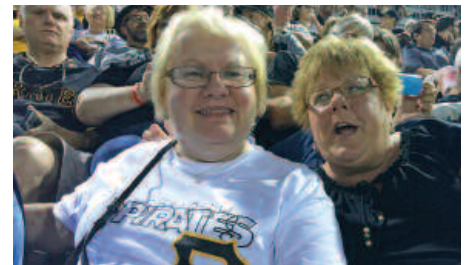
Everyone eating before the game starts. Great Food also!!!



Jerry and Tracey Bastaroli having a great time at the game. What are they drinking????



Greg Mellert and his Mom, Amanda Felton.



Linda Strom and Cathy Lydic posing for their photo.



L-R: Dale Strom, Joe Palko, Paula Marie, and John Palko having a grand old time.



Janine Hannan and her friend having somewhat of a conversation. If only we could read what Janine is thinking??



Museum Minutes... 8.15

The wood carving craft, which involves decorating wooden objects by carving, engraving, sawing, sharpening, beating, burning and other techniques as well as making various objects of art from wood, became one of the most exquisite crafts in Slovakia. The beautiful and various products of wood-carving can be seen at folk and historical markets and are counted among popular Slovak souvenirs.

In September 2002, Anne and Dave Dayton of Slovak Folk Crafts commissioned three skillful woodcarvers in Slovakia to design and build a unique, animated woodcarving display. Completed in May 2005, it took 2½ years -- six months for each of five sections -- to complete this display. After thorough testing, each section was crated, placed in a container in Prešov, Slovakia, and then traveled by land and sea to western Pennsylvania. Carved from basswood, this unique work-of-art is 17 ft. long x 8 ft. tall x 6 ft. deep and has 82 life-like moving figures. The scenes depict folk life as it has existed in Slovakia for hundreds of years with a large manger scene as the focal point. **This display is believed to be the largest animated woodcarving in the United States and perhaps in all of North America.**



Unfortunately, the Slovak Folk Crafts store in Grove City closed permanently after the holidays in December 2014. Many people were concerned about what would happen to this magnificent wood carving.

We are very pleased to announce that the wood carving has been moved to our NSS Heritage Museum. It is being re-assembled and will become a permanent display in the museum.

Photo—Sharon Herald

Help Wanted.....

Three years ago our first “Christmas in September” was held. It was very well attended and has continued to grow every year. This year we have decided to change the name to “Septemberfest” to allow for a larger variety of activities.

Since we will be featuring the remarkable woodcarving at this year’s event we anticipate the largest crowd yet.

We are looking for volunteers to help in various ways throughout the day. Here are some ways you and/or your Assembly can help:

Donate homemade baked goods

Volunteer an hour or two

Publicize the event at your meetings or local papers

Be a Sponsor —help defray cost of demonstration supplies, entertainment, paper products etc..

\$100 ...Gold \$50....Silver \$25.....Bronze

Send your donation to: NSSHM

351 Valley Brook Rd
McMurray, PA 15317

Vendor spaces are available although limited.

For more information please contact Sue Ondrejco at (412) 421-1204.

All proceeds benefit the NSSHM

The National Slovak Society Heritage Museum

presents

Septemberfest

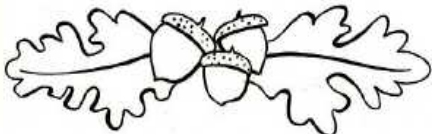
Saturday, September 26, 2015

11 am—4 pm

351 Valley Brook Rd McMurray, PA. 15317

See the woodcarving for the first time in its new home!

Food	Vendors
Entertainment	Village Fleatique
FREE!	Demonstrations
	Everyone Welcome!



Fraternal Matters...

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



PVR Scholarship Recipients

CONGRATULATIONS to the 47 First year PVR scholarship recipients. Their photos will appear in the September issue of the National News. The checks for 2015 grants will be mailed from the Home Office the second week in August.

NSS Pirate Outing

On Friday, June 26th NSS Life sponsored a Pirate Baseball outing at PNC Park. 100 of our local members attended and a great time was had by all. The Pirate's won and the rain held off and we had the opportunity to spend the evening in the most beautiful ball park in America. Ok, I'm a little biased..... Pictures from the evening's festivities can be seen on page 11.

NSS Life Annual Golf Outing

Our Annual Golf Outing was held July 10-12 at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Hermitage PA. Once again, the rain held off and we had a beautiful weekend. This is very noteworthy as Pittsburgh has had one of the wettest summers on the books. Next month we will publish the standings along with pictures of the event.

2015 YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

Deadline: August 15th, 2015

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

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

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

ASSEMBLY P09A

Youngstown, OH

Our annual picnic will be held on August 9, 2015 at the Heritage Presbyterian Church at 12:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Betty DeArcangelis
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 039

Uniontown, PA

Thirty members came to celebrate Flag Day at our summer Bar-B-Q at the Knights of Columbus picnic pavilion on Sunday, June 14th. We enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, rigatoni and dessert. Thank you to our chef Paul Payerchin for doing all of the grilling. Each family went home with an American flag.

Thank you to all who came out to help with our **"Join Hands Day"** event at the Tony Bartock Annual Golf Outing. About one hundred golfers came out to support Special Olympics of Fayette County, Easter Seals, the local battered women's shelter and homeless shelter.

Youth members, don't forget the **NSS Youth Poetry Contest** that is open to ages 5 to 16. Rules and regulations are in the recent NSS Magazine. Start composing!! Deadline is August 15th!!

Region 5 is holding their Annual Picnic at Cedar Creek Park, August 29th, on Route 51 north just beyond the intersection with I-70 near Belle Vernon. The picnic is open to all assembly members and starts at 12:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the great fraternal fellowship and great food!

The NSS wants to get you fit!! Sign up for the new "NSS Life's Fitness Matters Walking Club" and receive a free pedometer and mileage chart to track your efforts. Call Pam Blum at 724-731-0094 for more information.

Ladies, the home office is soliciting your favorite recipes (the more Slovak the better) for publication in the monthly magazine. Don't wait, send them in today!!

For those of you that like to plan ahead, our annual **"Christmas Party"** will be held on Sunday, December 6th at the Knights of Columbus Social Hall starting at 2:00 p.m. Once again, we will be chancing off a 32" HD-TV for the benefit of the NSS Scholarship Program.

Two upcoming NSS contest deadlines you should put on your calendar: Photo Contest – October 1st and the Christmas Ornament Contest – December 1st. Great monetary prizes awarded in each contest!!!

Our next regular meeting will be held on Sunday, September 13th at the Eat 'n Park Restaurant, in Uniontown starting at 6:00 p.m. We will be finalizing plans for our annual Christmas Party. Come and enjoy a free dinner!

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY R059

Whitehall, PA

Our assembly will host a hot dog luncheon on Sunday, October 25, 2015, to benefit a local soup kitchen where church members volunteer after Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, 980 Bridle Path Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18017.

A meeting will be held after the luncheon. For more information, please call (610) 266-7346.

Nancy A Sabol
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 070/C070

Brooklyn, OH

A Pot Luck Dinner and meeting will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015 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

On Wednesday August 12th, our assembly will be hosting a bingo and pizza night at the Veteran's Hospital in Aspinwall. If you would like to join us please call me at 427-242-5085. We can always use a few good men or women.

Since I mention veterans, I want to recognize two of our members, Jill Grover and her husband Lyle who do an outstanding job for our veterans. They just go about quietly without fanfare doing what has to be done to help the veterans.

Region 5, of which our assembly is a part, is having a picnic Saturday August 29th at Cedar Creek Park in Ros-traver. The festivities start at noon and run all afternoon. There is plenty of good food and fun for all. All assembly 123 members are welcome and there is no charge and no rain will be permitted.

Hopefully this summer all of our members have taken many nice photos which they can enter into the photo contest. Look for details in the magazine. Each person who enters helps the assembly get additional funds which we can then donate to a charity.

So you know, our assembly has made donations to the Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, the West Hills Food Bank, the St. Joseph's and St. Vincent de Paul Society, an individual member who was having severe financial problems also received a charitable donation from our assembly.

I want to wish any of our members who have a birthday this month, especially my mother, **Agnes Risko Knoll**, a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Bill Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 160

Lorain, OH

Please join us on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at Black River Reservation, High Meadows, 1350 Ford Road, Elyria for a summer picnic. The Assembly will provide the burgers, hot dogs, and

drinks. We ask that you please bring a side dish or dessert to pass. Lunch will begin around 2:00 p.m till 4:30 p.m. Bring the family and enjoy time with friends, climbing on the playground, and walking around the park.

Please RSVP to Erin Katricak at 440-773-0170 or ekatricak@gmail.com so we may plan accordingly.

Erin Katricak
Fraternal Director

ASSEMBLY L161

Pittsburgh, PA

Members of our assembly were asked to collect non-perishable food items in their neighborhoods for our National Project and bring them to the Assembly meeting in June. Through their efforts 5 boxes of non-perishable food items were donated to the Rainbow Kitchen Community Services in Homestead, PA.

Rainbow Kitchen provides a vital safety net for hungry children, struggling families, low-income elderly and disabled individuals, people who are homeless, and growing numbers of people who are unemployed or among the working poor.

Donna Little, Executive Director for Rainbow Kitchen expressed her gratitude for the donations and said our help is needed more than ever in these challenging economic times.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ondrejco residence, 234 Iliion Street. If you are planning to attend the meeting please RSVP to 412 421-1204. The final meeting for 2015 will be held on Friday, November 6, 2015. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Susan Ondrejco
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 432

Fairview Park, OH

A meeting will be held on September 15, 2015 at the home of Dave & Marti Pytel, 25680 Timber Cove, North

Olmsted, OH 44070.

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on December 13, 2015 at the Gemini Center in Fairview Park, Ohio from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Details to follow.

Mark your calendar for our New Year's Eve Party at the home of Bill & Sue Shuttleworth on December 31st.

Shawn Pytel
Publicist

ASSEMBLY 586

Chicago, IL

At our recent Assembly 586 meeting we decided to investigate the possibility of having a Christmas brunch and theater outing for our members at Drury Lane Theater in Oakbrook Terrace. The musical White Christmas will be playing at that time and we'll meet on August 30 at Bohemian Garden in Downers Grove to plan the details for the activity.

In PVR scholarship recipient news, our member, Christian Froehlich, was named to the Dean's List in his junior year at Illinois State University in the college of Business. He continued his studies this spring at Hanze University in Gronigen, Netherlands, and spent some vacation time backpacking across Europe when his coursework ended. Christian especially liked visiting Amsterdam and he and his friends were able to travel to Germany, Italy, Austria, Belgium and Switzerland. We wish him a very successful senior year followed by a profitable and fulfilling career.

Janet Tomaskovic
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 617/C617

Ashley, PA

Assembly members are invited to a day at Knoebels Amusement Park, Ellysburg, PA on Thursday, August 13, 2015 from 12 noon to closing (rain or shine). Knoebels has no admission fee and free parking. Members will be given park tickets for the rides but the pool fee is not included. We will offer a light lunch of hoagies and water for

members. We are requesting each family bring a snack or treat to share or your favorite family drinks (non alcoholic).

After lunch and a short meeting, tickets will be passed out and you are free to spend the day at the park.

All members are welcomed, but you must make a reservation by August 1, 2015 by calling Rose Mary Strish at 570-825-3681. At that time you will be given the pavilion number and asked your hoagie order.

A meeting will be held at the home of Rose Mary on August 4th to make final preparations for the park. Call Rose Mary if you plan on attending the meeting.

Rose Mary Strish
President

ASSEMBLY 731

Lowellville, OH

For information about our "I Love Lucy" bus trip on August 15th contact Laurie Fox, 330-536-8850 or lami-fox@zoominternet.net.

Just a reminder that our bus departs from Boardman/Poland KMart in Youngstown, OH at **6:45 A.M.**

We will arrive back to the KMart parking lot at **9:30 P.M.**

Laurie Fox
President

ASSEMBLY 737

Westmoreland County, PA

A meeting will be held preceding the Region 5 picnic, Cedar Creek Park at 11:30 pm. All members are invited.

Paul J Godor
Treasurer

Region 2

Hazleton/Wilkes-Barre, PA

A meeting will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at the Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA at 12:30 p.m. Please try to attend.

Rose Mary Strish
Secretary

**PVR Scholarship
Fund Donations
June, 2015**

In Memory of my parents, John & Margaret Doslak, Married 7/3/1940:	
From Marie Schweinberg	75.00
In Memory of Edward Havir:	
The Havir Family	100.00
Bud & Julie SirLouis	25.00
Bernadine Butkiewicz	20.00
Paul & Mary Suvak	25.00
Dorothy A Pakos	25.00
Alex Djordjevich	20.00
Tony & Jan Lecznar	40.00
Sue & Mark Dvoroznak	50.00
In Memory of Andrew P Borov:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Carena Phillips:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Kenneth Koprowski & Mary Debnar:	
From Assembly 0070	20.00
Donation from Fraternalist of the Year, Margaret Ferri:	250.00
Donations Toward Board Scholarship:	
Robert Katricak	50.00
Keith Godor	50.00
Abigail Gross	50.00
Joe Stefka	50.00
Linda Strom	50.00
Drew Wesnak	50.00
Alan Burns	50.00
Michael Czarney	50.00
Sue Ondrejco	50.00
Andrea Garbon	50.00
In Memory of Marie Palko:	
Edward & Nick DePersis	50.00
Friends & Family	355.00
Andy, Martha & Andrea Garbon	20.00
Greg & Rhonda Felton	50.00
Paul, Carol & Keith Godor	300.00
Joe & Annette Stefka	50.00
Dean & Nancy Burns	100.00
Sue Ondrejco	50.00
Jesse, Dolores & Bruce Miller	25.00
Pat Glaser	20.00
Assembly 0123	50.00
Sueann Seich, Sec. of FCCLA	25.00
Jill Grover	25.00
Donation from Drew Wesnak	50.00

**OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS
June, 2015**

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Adams, Ellen	Strongsville, OH	05/31/2015	0774
Airgood, Charlotte R	Indiana, PA	05/06/2015	0038
Antalek, Marion A	Schenectady, NY	11/13/2013	0110
Bachna, Joseph W	Independence, OH	05/16/2015	0004
Berlew, David J	Dallas, PA	06/16/2015	0617
Briggs, Peggy R	Lexington, NC	07/25/2013	0774
Brozak Sr., Edward	Vaplaraiso, IN	10/26/2014	0586
Carson, Colleen	Charleroi, PA	12/03/2014	0377
Church, Mary Jane	Philadelphia, PA	05/15/2015	0038
Cutt, Marianne	St Louis, MO	06/01/2015	0432
Demyan, John J	Moorpark, CA	03/05/2011	0617
Fazio, Frank	Indiana, PA	05/24/2015	0737
Frame, Glenna L	Huntington, WV	06/12/2015	0774
Golas, Pamela S	Maumee, OH	04/29/2015	0381
Hanick, Dennis J	Pittsburgh, PA	02/24/2015	0737
Hodge, Viola J	Ceredo, WV	06/02/2015	0774
Hollander, Ann	Pardeeville, WI	06/20/2014	0774
Hooks, Carroll W	Rimersburg, PA	02/14/2015	0774
Hrusik, Susan	Park Ridge, IL	12/09/2014	0065
Huckstep Jr., Charles	Monaca, PA	02/21/2015	0123
Knutson, Dennis	Bridgeview, IL	05/15/2015	0586
Kopanic Sr., Michael	Youngstown, OH	05/02/2015	0267
Korba, Stephen J	Pittsburgh, PA	02/25/2015	0123
Krakowski, Julia	Los Angeles, CA	01/01/2015	0568
Kraynak, John	Poland, OH	06/02/2015	0008
Kweller, Sidney	Pittsburgh, PA	07/10/2014	L161
Lane, Helen	Long Valley, NJ	03/27/2015	P31M
Lilliquist, Suzanne	Pittsburgh, PA	12/24/2014	0100
Malits, Alana	McKees Rocks, PA	05/22/2015	0283
Manecke, Siegfried E	Indiana, PA	05/11/2015	0038
Markovich, Kathleen	South Amboy, NJ	03/22/2012	P31M
Mathias, John	Lancaster, OH	05/26/2015	0595
Mazer, John	Bay City, MI	05/22/2015	0381
McClay, Pauline	Washington, PA	05/05/2015	0588
Mikosz, Irene	North Versailles, PA	05/19/2015	0441
Miller, Everett J	Mineral Point, PA	05/13/2015	0774
Mischker, Rachel	Pompano Beach, FL	06/01/2015	0813
Moors, Gail M	Johnstown, PA	11/08/2014	0774
Oliver, Louis E	The Villages, FL	05/02/2015	0737
Olson, Elaine	Cumberland, WI	04/13/2015	0774
Padusak, Josephine	La Grange, IL	07/19/2014	0065
Palko, Marie	West Mifflin, PA	06/09/2015	0108
Peiffer, John	Philadelphia, PA	05/25/2015	P31M
Pickrell, Okey R	Parkersburg, WV	03/18/2015	0809
Pivarnik, Joseph F	Carrick, PA	04/18/2015	0377
Rabatin, Emma	Martin, PA	05/20/2015	0377
Salmon, Paul J	Finleyville, PA	04/30/2015	0588
Shiring, Catherine	Pittsburgh, PA	05/14/2015	0100
Silveus, Franklin D	Munith, MI	05/23/2015	0381

(Continued from Page 16)

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS June, 2015

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Simpson Jr., Carl E	Charlotte, NC	04/29/2015	0774
Sporka Sr., Joseph	Avella, PA	03/14/2000	0588
Steward, Josephine A	Portage, PA	05/15/2015	0038
Sullivan, Henry J	Erie, PA	05/23/2015	0774
Taxacher, Dorothy J	Everson, PA	05/27/2015	0737
Tender, John T	Bentleyville, PA	05/18/2015	0377
Volk, Louis	Blairsville, PA	05/22/2015	0038
Williams, Nathan L	Sun Prairie, WI	05/30/2015	0774
Winter, Margaret P	Pittsburgh, PA	05/27/2015	0283
Zechman, Lois	Middleburg, PA	05/14/2015	0774
Ziak, Geraldine	Bridgeview, IL	11/01/2014	0065

Tour to Slovakia

2015 Slovakia Heritage Tour - Experience Slovakia's culture and history, September 11-20, 2015. For details: visit www.slovakiaheritage.com or contact Judith Northup-Bennett at 978-544-5144 or connectionswork4u@hotmail.com

**NSS Home Office is not responsible for reservations and has no information regarding trips.
Please call the contact person listed above. Thank you.**

Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour will host its 33rd Annual Dinner-Dance on Sunday, October 11, 2015, at Westwood Golf Club in West Mifflin, PA. This annual dinner is the largest fundraising event for the Slovak Radio Hour. Treat yourself, family, and friends to a relaxing evening of dinner, Slovak music, dancing, and entertainment. Tickets are \$40 and must be purchased in advance. The broadcast is heard every Sunday afternoon from 3:00 to 4:00 PM on Station WPIT (AM 73) and is streamed live on the internet at www.wpitam.com.

For more information tune in to the program on Sunday afternoon or call Sue Ondrejco at 412 421-1204.

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.



August krásny a horúci mesiac roka počas ktorého dovolenkujeme, zotavujeme sa a naberáme nových sil na prichádzajúcu jeseň čím sa začína aj nový školský rok.

Naše Múzeum

Viete, že naša organizácia NSS—otvorila svoje Národné múzeum v čom máme krásne kroje úkážky zručností nášho pracovitého ľudu, knihy, časopisy, a tiež i hystóriu 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 ale aj vzácnu slovensku vec na displej pre múzeum.

A čo viac pozývame Vás na septembroví festival čo bude na 26 septembra tu v našou múzeu. V ten deň slávnostne a po prvýkrát budeme prezentovať “**krásne rezbárske dielo**” ktoré má vyše 80 mechanických



pohybov. Ozaj krása, a hrdosť nášmu múzeu.

Počas septembrového festivalu sa bude podávať i jedlo ako haluški, palačinky, hubová polievka atď. Tiež pre prítomných bude i zábava slovenským folklórom—tancem a spevom, a možno poniektorý si zakúpia i suveníri. Vstupné zdarma.

Rezervujte si dátum a dovidenia na 26 septembra.

Každý piaty Slováč je závislý od počítača a internetu, vyšlo v prieskume

BRATISLAVA. Významná časť populácie na Slovensku sa bez počítačov, internetu či mobilu nedokáže zaobiť. Ako ukázal celoslovenský prieskum Inštitútu pre verejné otázky (IVO), každý piaty Slováč je závislý od počítača a internetu.

Výsledky prieskumu agentúre SITA poskytol projektový koordinátor inštitútu Ján Bartoš. Bez mobilu či smartfónu by nedokázalo vydržať ani jeden deň 36 percent opýtaných, bez notebookov, tabletov či internetu 21 percent.

IVO prieskum spravil na vzorke 1,083 respondentov starších ako 18 rokov, je súčasťou dlhodobého projektu Digitálna gramotnosť na Slovensku.

Závislosť od moderných informačných a komunikačných technológií najviac ohrozuje mladých ľudí vo veku od 14 do 34 rokov - študentov, vysokoškolsky vzdelaných podnikateľov a ľudí, ktorí sa živia duševnou, nie manuálnou prácou.

Rôzne symptómy závislosti si podľa prieskumu všimlo na svojich príbuzných, známych či kamarátoch 35 percent respondentov. Závislí napríklad zabúdajú jesť a piť, často ich bolí hlava, nemôžu dobre spať alebo si nestíhajú plniť svoje povinnosti.

Ako však z prieskumu tiež vyplynulo, napriek pozitívnemu trendu zlepšovania digitálnych zručností sa štvrtina populácie odmieta učiť a prispôbovať moderným technológiám. --sme.sk



Na jednom z najstarších pútnických miest na Slovensku, Mariánskej hore v Levoči, v nedeľu vyvrcholila Mariánska púť. Počas víkendu sa na nej podľa odhadu organizátorov zišlo okolo 600-tisíc pútnikov.

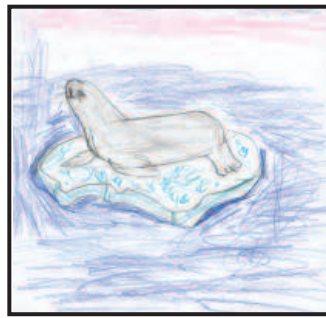


Autor: TASR/Oliver Ondráš, SITA/Radoslav Matáš

Youth Circle News - 2015 Art Contest



Alexa Woods - Assembly C434
1st Place Picasso Level



Jacob Ostrowski - Assembly C617
2nd Place Picasso Level



Ella Benden - Assembly C774
3rd Place Picasso Level



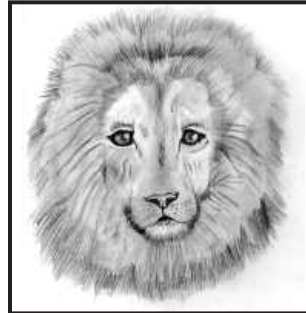
Ella Woods - Assembly C434
1st Place Rembrandt Level



Benjamin Ostrowski - Assembly C617
2nd Place Rembrandt Level



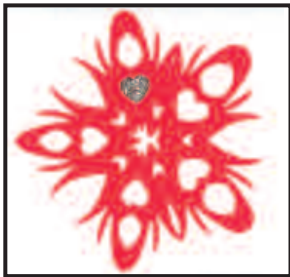
Chloe Woods - Assembly C434
3rd Place Rembrandt Level



Mara Lako - Assembly C039
1st Place Michelangelo Level



Casey Lako - Assembly C039
2nd Place Michelangelo Level



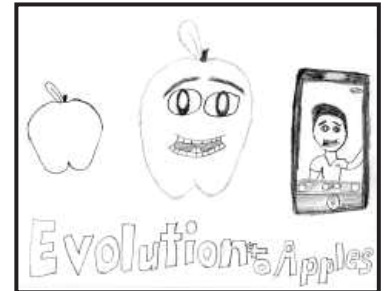
Elizabeth Ostrowski - Assembly C617
3rd Place Michelangelo Level



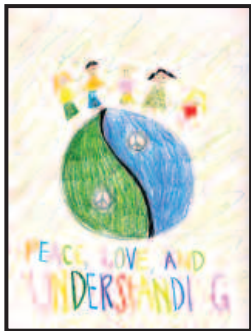
Caly Farrell - Assembly C813
1st Place Van Gogh Level



Cariana Shultz - Assembly C102
2nd Place Van Gogh Level



Blaze Farrell - Assembly C813
3rd Place Van Gogh Level



Caly Farrell - Assembly C813
Poster Van Gogh Level



Valentina Gulino - Assembly C039
Poster Rembrandt Level



Elizabeth Ostrowski - Assembly C617
Poster Michelangelo Level



Gavin Ondeck - Assembly C617
Poster Picasso Level

GREETING CARDS LEFT TO RIGHT:

Giavanna Gulino - Assembly C039

Greeting Card Michelangelo Level

Ashlynn Mason - Assembly C731

Greeting Card Picasso Level

Caly Farrell - Assembly C813

Greeting Card Van Gogh Level

Valentina Gulino - Assembly C039

Greeting Card Rembrandt Level



Could you use a little extra “green?”

Recommender

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

Recommender Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Prospect Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send form to Joe Elliott at the Home Office.



Change of Address

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

Name _____

Assembly No. _____

New Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Former Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

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