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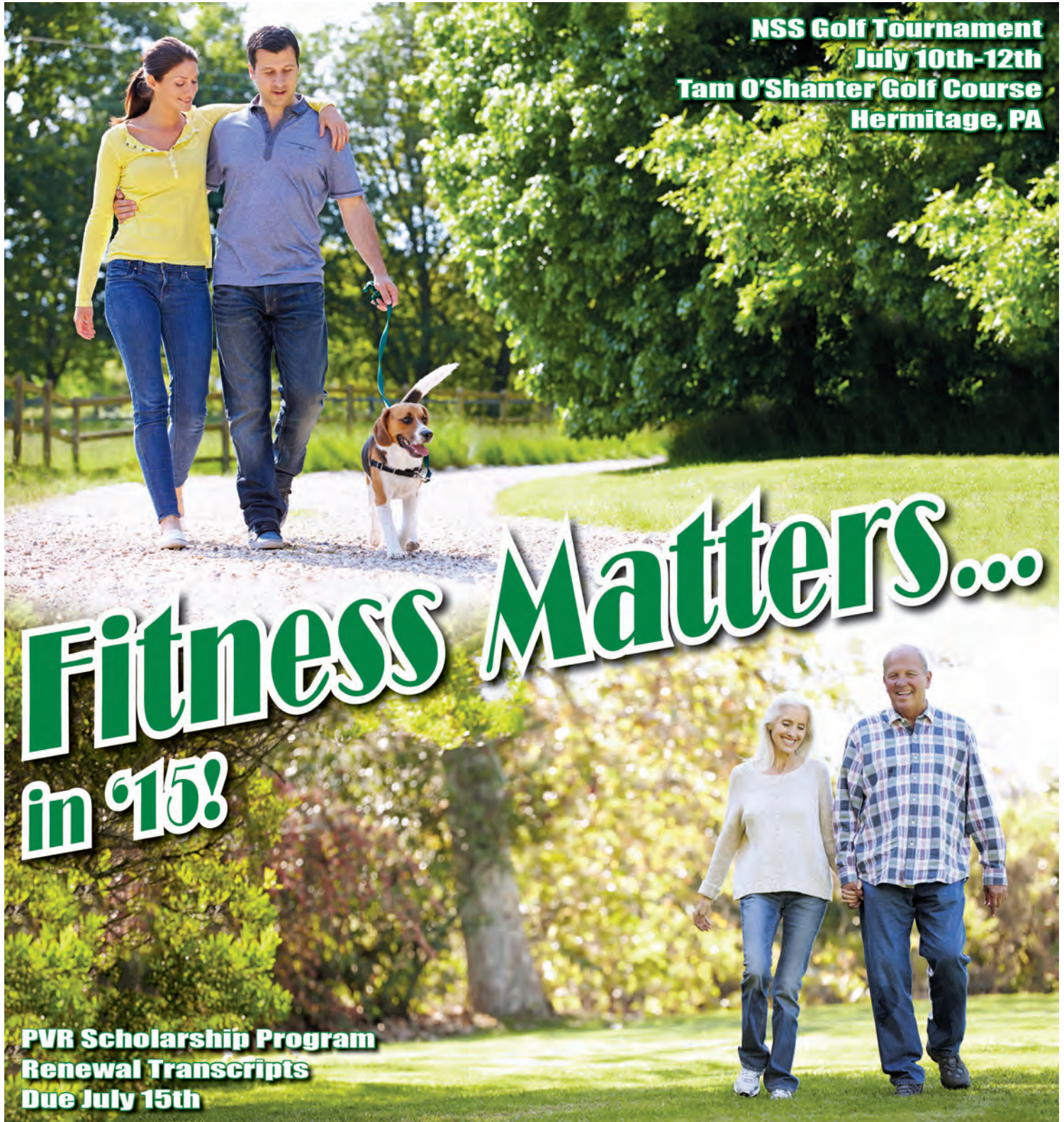
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Activities at a Glance...

REGION 2	Assemblies L075, 0146, 0617
June 7 July 26 August 8 August 13	Assembly L075, Veterans Pizza Party, Wilkes-Barre, PA at 7:00 pm Assembly L075, Fraternal Picnic, Mercateli Segilia Moosic Park at 1:00 pm Region 2, Meeting, Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA at 12:30 pm Assembly 0617, Family Fraternal, Knoebels Amusement Park
REGION 5	Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0283, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0700, 0737, 0774
June 7 June 14 June 14 July 12 August 29 December 6	Assembly 0377, Family Picnic, Idlewild Park, Ligonier, PA at Noon Assembly 0039, Meeting/Summer Bar-B-Q, Knights of Columbus Picnic Pavilion at 1:00 pm Assembly 0123, Old Economy Village Tour, Ambridge, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0039, Tony Bartock Golf Outing, Springdale Golf Club, Uniontown, PA at 7:00 am Region 5, picnic, Cedar Creek Park at noon Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Knights of Columbus Social Hall at 2:00 pm
REGION 7	Assemblies P09A, 0731
June 9 August 15 September 1	Assembly 0731, Trolley Ride for senior citizens through Mill Creek Park, picnic following Assembly 0731, Bus Trip to Jamestown, NY ("I Love Lucy") Assembly 0731, Scavenger Hunt, Mahoning County Canfield Fair
REGION 8	Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595
June 6 June 16 June 28 August 15	Assembly 0070, Meeting/Picnic, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 5:30 pm Assembly 0432, Meeting, Shuttleworth's residence, Fairview Park, OH at 7:30 pm Assembly 0004, Miniature Golf Tournament, Mr. Divots, N Royalton, OH at 1:00 pm Assembly 0160, Picnic, Black River Reservation, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
REGION 14	Assemblies R059, L102 No activities at this time
REGION 15	Assemblies L002, 0028 No activities at this time
AT LARGE	Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813
June 7 June 7 June 7 June 13 June 14 June 14 June 21 July 5 August 23 September 6 October 17 October 18 November 8 December 24	Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0381, Meeting/Luncheon - postponed to a later date. Assembly 0586, Get Together, Hog Wild, Midlothian, IL at 2:00 pm Assembly 0110, Meeting, Bohemian Hall, Astoria, NY at 4:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly R019, Luncheon, Sts. Peter & Paul Church, NY Assembly 0568, Meeting, Pope John Paul II Polish Center, Yorba Linda, CA at 4:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0110, Meeting, Bohemian Hall, Astoria, NY at 4:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Butwin Christmas Eve Party at 6:00 pm

From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC
National President

Good Day from sunny McMurray, Pennsylvania. Winter is over and this week we have gone to summer mode with temperatures in the mid to high 80's. As I have said in the past, I don't complain about being hot because being cold is much worse.

In looking over the upcoming events for our members, I see there are family picnics, Bar-B-Qs, a tour and meetings scheduled. Check the activities at a glance page to see if there is something happening in your assembly or region and get involved.

June 14th is Flag Day; a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nations freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of this country's ideals since its early days. Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nations unity.

Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. Display your flag proudly; although we do have problems in our country, it is still the best country to live in the world.

Fraternal Happenings

During the first weekend of May, NSS members participated in the 4th Annual United Slovak Fraternals Bowling Tournament which was held in Erie, Pennsylvania at Eastway Lanes. It was a great weekend of fun and camaraderie with members of other fraternals. This year, I attempted to bowl in the team and doubles events. You don't realize what muscles are used in bowling until the day after when your body is a little stiff and sore. There were some great scores over the weekend; I witnessed a 300 game, a 299 game and a 279 game, by 3 different very talented bowlers from the FCSU. My claim to fame over the weekend was that I **didn't** fall flat on my face when the sole of my bowling shoe loosened and was flapping as I rolled my ball. The shoes look like new, but having not used them for the past couple of years, caused the glue to dry up and not hold the sole to the shoe. I will have to get a new pair before next years event!

Father's Day

According to the 2012 census, single fathers make up only 16% of the fathers in the country, but it was a single father who is responsible for bringing about Fathers Day. Like Mothers Day, Fathers

Day has an old, rich history with a story behind its inception.

More than 100 years ago in the early 1900's, a girl named Sonora Dodd was sitting through a sermon at her church in Spokane, Washington. The sermon was no ordinary one though, because it happened to be Mothers Day. Mothers Day had been celebrated for about ten years, but had not yet been made into a national holiday. Sonora patiently sat through the sermon, but could only think about her father. You see, it was Sonora's father who had lovingly cared for her and her siblings since her mother passed away during childbirth. During that sermon Sonora decided fathers deserved a dedicated day as well as mothers.

Since her own fathers birthday was in June, she decided to ask local churches to help her spread the word about a day dedicated to fathers. That same year in 1910, the very first Fathers Day was celebrated. During the next six years, the idea of a Fathers Day spread like wildfire, causing people to petition for a formal holiday to be declared. President Woodrow Wilson, the same president who declared Mothers Day a national holiday, gave the declaration an ok but somehow forgot to sign the proclamation. It wasn't until eight years later that President Calvin Coolidge was inspired to make it a national holiday in order to establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations. Although Coolidge's formalizing the national holiday is part of history, I think we should remember Sonora Dodds intention behind memorializing fathers and celebrating the other half of our ancestry. Here's to all the fathers who are members of the National Slovak Society. Personally, I have been blessed with five wonderful children, three great sons-in-law and 6 grandchildren with 2 more due to arrive in August. Happy Father's Day to all!

News of Narodniars

My Deepest sympathies to the entire Havir Family on the passing of our longtime friend and Brother of the National Slovak Society; Honorary Director and founder of the May Art Contest, Ed Havir. May he rest in peace.

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

Wedding Anniversary wishes go out Shannon and Edwin Woods, Justine and Bucky Wesnak, and Mary Lou and Tony Chojnicki. Congratulations to all other members celebrating a special occasion this month.

Adult Truth For The Month:

I think the freezer deserves a light as well as the refrigerator.

A Page From My Notebook.....

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



Condolences

I'd like to take this time to extend my condolences to Mildred Havir and family (Assembly 0004, Westlake, OH) on the passing of Honorary Director Edward Havir. Rest in Peace, Ed.

Member Portal

One of the benefits we offer to our members is the ability to look at your personal account information online. I hope that all of you take advantage of this benefit. This eliminates the need to call us at the Home Office (unless you just want to chat) for information that is right at your fingertips. Let us know if you encounter difficulties gaining access. You can call Lisa Shriver or me and we'll get you connected.

Email Address

Here are a few reasons why we would like your email address.

- Stay updated with the latest benefit information available to you and your family (ie PVR Scholarships)
- Come and have fun. Information made available about our fraternal events.
- You can easily forward along any important information you receive.
- We will never release your email address to anyone.
- And most importantly we can use it to Thank You!

A Busy May

Several events were planned for the Executive Officers for the month of

May which kept us very busy and on the move. The American Fraternal Alliance held its Fraternal and Communications Mid Year Meeting May 6th-9th in San Antonio, TX; NSS Executive Officers met with PA Deputy Insurance Commissioner Steve Johnson and his staff in Harrisburg to present our annual verbal report May 11th; the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance held its Legislative Luncheon on May 12th at the Capitol Building in Harrisburg; the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh held the Bruce & Bruce Seminar May 21st-22nd in Pittsburgh and the NSS Spring Board Meeting met May 28th-31st in Wheeling, WV.

And in between all of this, my Mom was hospitalized for a time, but thankfully is now on the mend. I know she is feeling better because I'm no longer on her good side. LOL

A Challenge for our Gen Xers and Millenials

I **REALLY** need your feedback to help me with an idea I have for a great event. My questions are:

1. If you had an opportunity to help someone in your community what kind of help would you volunteer for?
2. Who in your community would you like to help? Who outside of your community would you like to help?
2. Would you be interested in helping to plan, coordinate and/or be a leader?
3. Do you like to get your hands dirty and be a "worker bee"?

4. Would you travel to help others?
5. And finally, what have you volunteered for in the past that you would love to do again. Why was it so memorable?

Please email me at lstrom@nsslife.org with your responses. I would love to have our young adults take the lead and use their time and talents to coordinate a "day of volunteering" that is focused solely on helping others.

Slovak Children's Choir Performs June 30th

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association is bringing a group of 38 children from Slovakia to Pittsburgh to perform at the end of June. The children's choir Pro Musica - Magnolia is one of the most famous choirs in Slovakia.

Choir Pro Musica - Magnolia was created by joining two choirs together - Pro Musica (Michalovce, Slovakia) and Magnolia (Sobrance, Slovakia). The choir has been representing Slovakia as well as both cities in competitions, winning 18 gold medals, 10 silver medals and 3 bronze medals. The choir has visited almost all the European countries and has performed in 13 states in Mexico.

The concert will be held at Synod Hall, Oakland, PA (next to St. Paul's Cathedral on Craig Street) on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$20.00 for adults; \$7.00 for children 12 and under; \$17.00 for groups of 10 or more adults; and \$5.00 for groups of 10 or more children. After costs, all proceeds will be donated to Pro Musica - Magnolia. All tickets must be paid in advance. Make checks payable to WPSCA and send to Manor Oak Two, Suite 500, 1910 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

For questions or directions, please call Joe Senko at 412-531-2990 or 412-956-6000.

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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

Certificate of Disappointment

That's the new phrase for bank CDs since they have been paying a paltry less than 1% interest for years. When your CD notice comes in the mail do you just accept the fact that the rate will be low? Wouldn't you like to earn more money? Well you can but you have to take some action!

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With more than \$800 million dollars in assets and almost 30,000 members, you should have your money with NSS? We are also a great resource for IRAs, Roth IRAs and roll over money from 401k and other pension monies.

Call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information.

Thought for the Month

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra.

Anonymous



Why Your Family Needs YOU To Consider Long Term Care & the Planning That Goes With It

Long Term Care is a subject that is top in mind for many people in America today and it may be something you are considering for yourself. When parents do not plan adequately for their long term care needs they can ultimately end up sacrificing their income, assets and financial promises that they have made—perhaps irrevocably in order to pay for their care. One thing that perhaps isn't taken into account by parents is the potential physical, emotional and financial damage that is done to family members if they have to become personally involved in delivering your long term care plan. If you have family and you do not have a long term care plan and you need

the services that are associated with long term care, what prior experience has demonstrated is that your children and family become your Long Term Care plan. After all, what choice will you have given them? There are issues to consider when a family gets involved in their parent's long term care plan: time management, geography and funding. Think about how pressed for time your children already are—balancing families, careers and child activities. Ponder also the challenges that could ensue from a care giving perspective geographically speaking if you do not all live in the same city. Then there are funding issues to consider as well, because someone has to pay for the care. Further, multiple polls have taught us that most children do not want to take care of their parents, but when faced with these circumstances—they can and almost always do...even if their relationship is not strong.

Long Term Care and the challenges associated with it can often require more of a family members' involvement as time passes. The collateral damage that can be associated with being directly involved in a family member's long term care plan can often involve irreversible damage to relationships within the caregivers, and there can also be profound resentment toward the folks that the care is being delivered to. Keep in mind also the opportunity costs that your family could be experiencing as it relates to their career, children, or church because the time that is usually allocated to these aforementioned items has now been allocated to you. There are a variety of ways available to possibly remove this potential burden from your family. To discuss your personal situation call: **Anthony J. Camill, CLTC 1-800-601-1766 extension 102 or acamill@nyitcb.com**

Term Insurance is Affordable

A recent article showed that 40% of people are interested and think that they need more life insurance. What holds many of them back is that they think the cost of insurance is too expensive. Many of them incorrectly guessed as to how much life insurance really costs. Most of them were way too high in their estimates. The reality is term insurance is quite affordable. Here are the monthly rates for some different amounts of ten year term for both males and females (non-tobacco).

	Male		Female	
	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
25	\$ 6.84	\$ 9.18	\$ 6.39	\$ 8.28
30	\$ 7.16	\$ 9.81	\$ 6.71	\$ 8.91
35	\$ 7.52	\$10.53	\$ 7.07	\$ 9.63
40	\$ 8.87	\$13.23	\$ 8.01	\$11.52
45	\$11.25	\$18.00	\$ 9.63	\$14.76
50	\$14.72	\$24.93	\$11.43	\$18.36

With rates this low everyone can afford something. We can custom design a plan for you. Please call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information.

PVR Scholarship Fund Donations April, 2015

In Memory of John Lawley: From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Rosario Logan: From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Steven Shemancik: From Assembly 0123	20.00
Donations:	
NSS Members	250.00
Richard Cefalo	130.50



PVR 125th Anniversary Perpetual Scholarship April, 2015

Donations:	
Assembly L002	25.00



DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

Name: _____

Assembly: _____

Address: _____

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State: _____

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Please issue your check to:
NSS PVR Scholarship Fund

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

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS April, 2015

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Annucci, Jean	Harleysville, PA	03/17/2015	R059
Bergstein, Lawrence E	Pittsburgh, PA	04/18/2015	0100
Bohachick, Sophia	Johnstown, PA	12/07/2014	0038
Borov, Andrew	Aliquippa, PA	02/02/2015	0123
Brink, Gale T	Osceola Mills, PA	04/12/2015	0267
Brooks, Hollis	Washington, WV	10/18/2013	0774
Bubenko, Lillian	Haverstraw, NY	01/25/2015	0110
Cenefelt, Royal J	Denmark, WI	01/10/2015	0774
Childers, Betty	Bridgeport, WV	03/19/2015	0809
Chlebana, Margaret	Kalamazoo, MI	12/28/2014	0381
Degner, Arnold A	Reedsburg, WI	10/11/2014	0774
Dorsey, Francis J	Dyer, IN	12/07/2014	0586
Ferrante, Mary Elizabeth	Ellwood City, PA	02/13/2015	0283
Filipowicz, Julia A	Mine Hill, NJ	03/27/2015	P31M
Gabor, John	Miami, FL	04/01/2015	0381
Galica, Victoria	Pittsburgh, PA	04/15/2015	0039
Golaski, John L	Washington, PA	07/28/2014	0588
Grove, Annabelle	Valier, PA	03/08/2015	0737
Haupt, Iris M	Pittsburgh, PA	03/28/2015	0737
Hovanec, Margaret P	Stratford, CT	04/11/2015	0028
Janosov, Cyril	Hazelton, PA	03/16/2015	L102
Johnston, Mary A	Phoenix, AZ	03/23/2015	0377
Kidd, Macel E	Fayetteville, WV	02/09/2015	0774
Kissel, Joseph A	Pittsburgh, PA	04/02/2015	0100
Kovac, Martin	Venetia, PA	03/26/2015	0161
La Fratta, Marjorie	Waukesha, WI	02/23/2015	0774
Lovelace, Charles	Wonewoc, WI	01/29/2015	0774
Lucey, Bridget M	Park Ridge, IL	02/16/2015	0065
Luhovy, Mary	Southfield, MI	09/23/2002	0381
Lykowski, Joyce M	Temperance, MI	02/23/2015	0381
Margicin, Walter	Miami, FL	11/05/2013	0813
McChesney, Patrick	Hellertown, PA	04/06/2015	L102
McKechan, Margaret	Gillespie, IL	04/12/2005	0586
Mehall, Michael J	Allen Park, MI	03/13/2015	0381
Moore, Terry D	Washington Ct House, OH	03/29/2015	P38A
Morris, Ardith	Huntington, WV	04/02/2015	0774
Muraida, Eugene T	Walkerton, IN	12/10/2014	0111
Nicholas, James L	Hallam, PA	02/11/2015	0774
Niemaczek, Susanne	Fairview Heights, IL	03/19/2015	0705
Ondris, Joseph F	Murray Hill, NJ	03/15/2015	0774
Peters, Violet	Brownsville, PA	03/04/2015	0377
Petrosky, Sarah A	Irwin, PA	04/01/2015	0737
Phillips, Carena M	Pittsburgh, PA	04/04/2015	0123
Porterfield Jr., James	Columbia, SC	02/13/2015	0774
Scheetz, Mary F	Fort Meyers, FL	09/13/2014	0800
Seman, Robert M	Greensburg, PA	01/24/2015	0737
Slay, Steve	Cleveland, OH	04/01/2015	0432
Smith, Stanford O	Pittsburgh, PA	11/03/2014	0100
Steele, James H	Pittsburgh, PA	03/20/2015	0434
Sumler, Rodney J	Eden, NC	03/07/2015	0774
Toth, Hugh	Boardman, OH	09/11/2013	0008
Twardzik, Beatrice	Pottsville, PA	06/11/2010	P09M
Verost, Olga M	Murrysville, PA	03/25/2015	L105
Winichenko, Mary	Chicago, IL	01/30/2011	0065
Wyatt, Willis E	Wheeling, WV	03/03/2015	0774

NSS Assembly L002 - Stratford, CT



L-R: Pat Pistey and Ray Pistey, Ann Ferik and Michael Ferik, are holding food items to be donated to the Sterling House in Stratford, holding food items to be donated to the Sterling House in Stratford, Connecticut.

On September 14, 2014, members of the St. Stephen's Society, Assembly L002 of the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle, a Division of the National Slovak Society, held its 25th annual business meeting. Members were asked to bring a non-perishable food item to the meeting. We will donate these items to Sterling House, a multi-service community center in Stratford, Connecticut.



Assembly 0004

Scotch Doubles Bowling Results

On March 29th, on a bright sunny day, 16 couples took to the lanes for Assembly 0004's, 5th Annual Scotch Doubles Tournament at Yorktown Lanes.

The scores were high, with 2 couples shooting in the 200's. It is always a fun time and people look forward to it every year.

		Total w/handicap
1st Place	Michelle & Angelo Samerigo	680
2nd Place	Denise Di Giovine & Dale Ferrell	654
3rd Place	Niki Veselits & Alex Sir Louis	646
4th Place	Sharon & Ken Durcansky	640
5th Place	Diane Basic & Bud Sir Louis	625
6th Place	Sandy Walker & Lauren Hayek	620
7th Place	Stephanie & Bob Sir Louis	615
8th Place	Barb Bartczak & Frank Szell	599

After bowling, everyone went to the small banquet room and enjoyed pizza, pop, and coffee. Prizes were distributed at that time followed by socializing.

Thanks to everyone for attending and hope to see you back next year.

Bob Sir Louis
Fraternal Director

Assembly L075



Members of L075 held their meeting in April at the Grande's Restaurant Moosic, Pa and surprised member Joe Janichko who turns 90 in May with a surprise birthday party. Joe was treated to a #90 cup cake, a plant for his garden and a card from the year he was born. Shown sitting with Joe are his wife Catherine, and Adam Lazar.

Standing are members Marlin Petro-Wesnak, Lehrae Ann Edwards, Dorothy Collins, Lucille Petro, Tom Ward, Cheralynn Harrington, Bill and Debbie Wesnak, President Gary Edwards and Adam Edwards Next meeting is the fraternal summer picnic July 26 at the Mercateli-Segilia Park in Moosic at 1 pm.



Assembly L002 Donates to Sterling House



On September 14, 2014, non-perishable food items were donated from St. Stephen's Society, Assembly L002 to the Sterling House in Stratford, CT

On the left is St. Stephen's Society member Mary Bludnicki. On the right, accepting the donation on October 16, 2014, is Raymond O'Donnell, Adult and Youth Program Director and Food Pantry Coordinator at Sterling House.



Join us for

NSS Life's Fitness Matters... **Walking Club**

To take part in our 2015 "Fitness Matters..." walking club, please contact Pam Blum at the home office regarding your interest in participating and you will be sent a mileage chart and a free NSS Life pedometer! The pedometer keeps track of the number of steps you take – it does **not** keep track of the distance. You can use the pedometer to estimate how far you've walked by first walking a pre-measured route and noting how many steps it takes. A typical number of steps per mile is between 2,000 and 2,500.

The number of walking steps per mile depends on your stride length. But your stride length can vary depending on whether you are walking or running, and whether you are on hills, rough trails, or have a lot of street crossings with starts and stops. Also enclosed is a mileage chart to record how many miles you've walked. When you've walked enough miles to complete a level, please send your chart to me and a new chart will be sent to you with your "prize" so you can start walking towards your next level.

Please check with your doctor before beginning any exercise program and remember to take it "one step at a time". Make sure to start with small distances and gradually increase the length of your walks. Keep in mind other general rules of exercise such as wearing comfortable shoes with good support (don't cheat your feet), breathable clothes, and most important...hydrate, hydrate, hydrate!!!

Feel free to contact us if you have any further questions, and remember **FITNESS MATTERS...!!!**

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NSS ANNUAL

GOLF TOURNAMENT

JULY 10-12, 2015



TAM O'SHANTER OF PENNSYLVANIA GOLF COURSE

2961 S. Hermitage Rd • Hermitage, PA 16148

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

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

Accommodations by: Park Inn by Radisson

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\$94/Night • Deadline for NSS block rate is 6-10-15

Banquet price included for member golfers.

Non-golfer guest banquet price: \$25.00

Assembly 432/C432 Welcomes Newest Member



Oscar Anthony Khan

Congratulations to Sarah and Ziauddin Khan on the birth of their first child, **Oscar Anthony** on January 6, 2015. The proud grandparents are Honorary Director Anthony Beno and his wife, Linda.



Assembly L075



Members of Assembly 075 sponsored a Half and Half cash drawing for the Duryea Cub Scout Pack 375 at their 26th annual Blue and Gold Banquet in Dupont. Shown are the NSS members in attendance; Adam Edwards, Gary and Dorothy Collins, Lehae Ann Edwards-Secretary/Treasurer, Circle 75 youth members Adam and Allie Lazar and President Gary Edwards. President Edwards sold tickets and Gary and Dorothy conducted the basket raffle. Youth Member Adam Lazar crossed the bridge from the pack to Duryea Boy Scout Troop 285 after receiving his Arrow of Light, the highest award a Cub Scout can earn. Congratulations Adam Lazar on a job well done. Adam's den leader was Lehae Edwards who will now assist the Pack as Pack Committee Chairman.

"A Father's Day Tribute: A Celebration of a Life" to Dzedeo, Grandpa, my Dad, Ta

By his son, Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D.



"The first 100 years are the hardest. And I got part of them in." All of you who knew my father well, heard him say those words many times. Well, he did not quite make it, but he lived over 96 years of a very fruitful life, and all of us are the better for it. My father was one of the nicest, kindest, most generous, and most cheerful persons I have ever met. And I am not just saying that because he was my father. He truly was. But, if you knew him, **YOU KNOW THAT**. Even when he was near the end of his life, the nurse told me what a sweetie he was. Yup, that's my Dad! He was born Michael Kopanicak in Youngstown, on September 15, 1918, as WWI was ending, and baptized at SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church. He unconditionally loved OUR mom, Ann, & his 4 children - Bob, Bernadine, Jim & me and also his grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Besides Dad and Daddy, I called him *Ta*, the Slovak form of the word. My daughters, Milenka and Erika addressed him as *Dzedeo*, Slovak for grandfather. Most of the grandkids called him grandpa. He used to affectionately call me, *Mižú Majk*; no one else in the world ever addressed me that way. Though an American through and through, his Slovak ethnic roots in Spiš County touched many aspects of his life. He was lifelong member of the National Slovak Society.

He liked to watch Gunsmoke on a Saturday night. My mom would never let him work Sundays; that day was for God and family. We took lots of Sunday day trips in the summers.

My father especially enjoyed singing the Reduta, the Slovak wedding song, *Naša Anicka, Na pondelok ráno, and Dievca, Dievca*, a song his mother taught him. A superb dancer in his time, he loved polkas and liked to listen to the Slovak program on the radio. I remember how Dad used to sing to my mom, a song he made up in the service, adapted it to the tune of a song by the renown German actress, Marlene Dietrich, during the WAR.

Many of us know his most favorite expressions. He reminded us of them so often. Don't take any wooden nickels. Your back wheels are going forward. *Ešte naša!* (She's still ours!) – a refrain used at traditional Slovak weddings)

Dad used to tell me a *výraz*, an expression, which his father, my Dzedeo, used. It is one of my favorite, and one I remember every day. "*Nezabudnes Pán Boh, a On nezabudne Teba.*" - "Don't forget the Lord, and he won't forget you." He treasured those words, and tried his best to live by them. He faithfully attended Holy Mass every Sunday; he was pretty sick if he did not go to Mass. He served as an usher and Eucharistic Minister, and insisted on giving weekly bulletins to parishioners after Sunday Mass, even when he could hardly stand. The Lord will not forget such fidelity to the faith.

In short, my father was a wonderful man, a devoted husband, a loving dzedeo or grandpa, and a friend one can treasure.

S Bohom, Ta. Trimaj še hore koncom. Best Translation: God be with you, Dad. Keep your head up right to the end.
Urobím to Ta, urobím to. Lubím Teba! S Bohom, Ta.

Fraternal Matters...

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



*"The best-laid plans of mice and men
often go awry".*

•Robert Burns

No matter how carefully a project is planned, something may still go wrong with it. I equate this in my life with my personal favorite quotes known as "Murphy's Laws":

- In any field or endeavor, anything that can go wrong, will go wrong.
- Left to themselves, things always go from bad to worse.
- If there is a possibility of several things going wrong, the one that will go wrong, is the one that will cause the most damage.
- Nature always sides with the hidden flaw.
- If everything seems to be going well, you (I) have obviously overlooked something.

With that being said, I must apologize to the members that have contacted me to join our "Fitness Matters in 15" Walking Program. First, to those members to whom I've already sent your "Welcome Kit" with your wrist pedometer, I have received complaints that they are not accurate. I have contacted the company where they were purchased and they in turn have been in contact with the manufacturer. We will be sending new replacement pedometers as soon as we receive them. Second, to the members that have not yet received your "Welcome Kit" **See Above.....**

For those members who are still interested in participating in "Fitness Matters...." clearly it is not too late.

Please either email me at pblum@nsslife.org or call 724-731-0094 and I will gladly add you to the list and mail your "Welcome Kit" as soon as they are available.

Remember you are not competing against anyone else, just yourself. We want you to walk towards a healthier you so we are providing some milestone prizes to help you get motivated.

The 4th Annual United Slovak Fraternal Bowling Tournament

This year's tournament was a great success!! Kudos to Rudy Ondrejco, husband of NSS Board member Sue Ondrejco, who did a great job organizing the tournament on behalf of FCSU.

Also, a huge thanks to the entire Ondrejco family for all your help. Don't know what we'd do without you!! The results of the tournament and pictures of the event will be in the July issue of the magazine. If you'd like a sneak peak of the pictures check us out and "like" us on our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/nsslife.

Assembly 0004 Sunday Mixed League

On April 12th our league concluded another season at Yorktown Lanes. On that day we had the roll-off, singles tournament and banquet. The roll-off was between the 1st Half Champs, The Rolling Pins and the 2nd Half Champs The Tipsters. The Rolling Pins, Violet Lunder, Mike Ferrell, Ed & Tim Stawicki defeated The Tipsters Sandy Walker, Lauren Hayek, Marilyn Genedick & Rich Durcansky to become Champs.

In the Singles Tournament, the women were led by Lauren Hayek with a 620 series. The men were led by Art Motrunecs with 730.

The banquet followed bowling and once again Mike Cottrell and his staff served the meal. Thanks to Julie and Bud Sir Louis for handling the banquet arrangements. After dinner the trophies and awards were passed out. Bob Sir Louis will remain league secretary next season.

Bob Sir Louis
League Secretary

Tours to Slovakia

11th Consular Tour to Slovakia - Tour Slovakia with Slovak Honorary Consul Joseph Senko and his wife Albina from August 23, 2015 to September 2, 2015. For a detailed itinerary, contact Joe Senko at **412-956-6000** or jtsenko@aol.com.

Youngstown/Spisska Nova Ves 18th Annual Tour - Visit Slovakia from July 13 to 27, 2015. Contact Jim and Kay Bench at jmbench@yahoo.com or phone 724-858-5843 or 724-771-7900 for further information.

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.**

National Slovak Society
49th Annual National Golf Tournament
July 10 – 12, 2015
Hospitality Night Friday 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Tam O'Shanter Golf Course

Tam O'Shanter of Pennsylvania Golf Course
 Hermitage, PA
 Room accommodations provided by
 Park Inn Hotel Sharon
 3377 New Castle Road
 West Middlesex, PA 16159
 724-528-2501
 Room Rates: \$94 + tax per night/ King or 2 Queen

Deadline for Hotel Reservations is June 10, 2015

Name	Address	Phone	E-mail	Assembly
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2				
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GOLFERS: Please choose ALL that apply & indicate number participating

- ___ Saturday only Competition - \$55.00
- ___ Saturday and Sunday Competition - \$110.00
- ___ Par 3 Challenge \$10.00 (Optional)
- ___ Senior Flight (Men 65+ Optional)
- ___ Will attend Friday Hospitality Night
- ___ Will attend Saturday Banquet (list dinner attendees)

- 1. _____ 3. _____
- 2. _____ 4. _____

Deadline is June 10, 2015

Please make checks payable to: NSS

NSS Life
 Attn: Pam Blum
 351 Valley Brook Road
 McMurray, PA 15317

NON-GOLFERS:

- Please Choose ALL that apply & indicate number attending
- ___ Adult Guest Dinners @ \$25.00 (Golfers meal included in entry fee)
- ___ Youth (13-17) Guest Dinners @ 15.00
- ___ Child (12 & under) FREE
- ___ Will attend Friday Hospitality Night

___ Hole Sponsor @ \$100 per hole

Name for sign: _____

\$ _____ TOTAL INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM

Friday Practice Tee Times Available

Call the Pro Shop at 419-433-3789

ASSEMBLY 004

Parma, OH

Miniature Golf Tournament

Our 11th Annual Miniature Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, June 28, 2015 at Mr. Divots, 13393 York Road, North Royalton, OH at 1:00 p.m. This is an adult/youth activity with prizes awarded. Ice cream will be provided for all participants.

If it rains we will reschedule for July 12th, 2015. After the event we will meet in the lounge/restaurant for prize distribution. Batting cages and a golf driving range are available also.

If you are interested call Dick Topola at (440) 888-1260 and he will sign you up. Entry Fee is \$7.00 per person. Join us for some fun, a challenge and ice cream.

Dick Topola
Event Chairman

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 R019

Buffalo, NY

On Sunday, June 14, 2015 a "2 for 1" drawing and Roast Beef Luncheon will be held at Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church as our youth fundraiser.

All are welcome to attend. Happy Spring! Glorious Summer!

Linda Mucyn
President

ASSEMBLY 039

Uniontown, PA

Free Bar-B-Q

"Summer Bar-B-Q" meeting on Sunday, June 14th starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus picnic pavilion. Free hamburgers, hotdog's, baked beans, potato salad with dessert and beverages. A free gift to all that attend!

Our "**Join Hands Day**" event will be held in conjunction with the local Knights of Columbus Council, Fayette County Special Olympics, Easter Seal Society, Battered Women's Shelter, local Homeless Shelter and Ford of Uniontown. The event will be the annual Tony Bartock Golf Outing at the Springdale Golf Club in Uniontown. The outing is scheduled for Sunday, July 12th. We need volunteers to come out and help at 7:00 a.m. to help with registration.

Golfers are reminded of the annual "**NSS National Tournament**" at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Hermitage, PA on July 10-12. If you haven't played in the past, contact Pam Blum at the Home Office: pblum@nsslife.org. Practice tee times are available on Friday afternoon.

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

Assembly students receiving an NSS scholarship are reminded that the renewal deadline for this fall semester is **JULY 15th!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

Ladies, Pam Blum needs your favorite recipes. (*The more Slovak, the better!!*) They will be published in upcoming editions of the "National News". Send them to Pam at the home office.

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.

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.

A happy and blessed Father's Day to all fathers.

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY 070

Brooklyn, OH

A picnic and meeting will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio at 5:30 p.m. Call John and Mary Ann Karkosiak at 216-741-6990 if you plan to attend so that we can plan accordingly. Side dish or desserts would be appreciated.

Mary Ann Karkosiak
President

ASSEMBLY 123

Coraopolis, PA

A tour of Historic Old Economy Village in Ambridge is scheduled for Sunday June 14th, at 2:00 p.m. Admission is free to assembly members. We continue to try a variety of places and activities so that many of our members might get involved. Before our tour we will meet at a nearby restaurant for lunch and a brief meeting. If you would like to attend please call Mary Maniecki at 412-264-3546, so proper arrangements can be made. You can sign up just for the tour, if that's your wish.

Sunday, June 21st officially starts summer, but more importantly it is Father's Day. Please remember your father. I know that I would not be where I am today if it were not for the hard work and example of my father. May ills of our society can be linked to the absent father in the home. So I hope you are able like me, to count yourself lucky to have had a good father.

Did you know that June 29th is Camera Day? Soon to be cell phone

picture day? This reminds me to remind you to take lots of pictures that you can enter in the NSS Photo Contest. There is even a chance to win a cash prize. Just entering a photo benefits our assembly. Look for contest rules and deadline information in the Fraternal Activities article by Pam Blum.

If you have suggestions for activities or if you are involved in a charitable function, or have any news about any of our members give me a call at 724-242-5085. I will do my best to get coverage for you in the magazine.

Bill Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 160 Pittsburgh, PA

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

Happy Father's Day

ASSEMBLY 377 Bentleyville, PA

Please join us for a family picnic and outing at Idlewild Park (Pavilion B2) Ligonier, PA on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 12:00 Noon. We will provide the tickets, hot dogs and burgers and drinks. We would appreciate if you could bring a covered dish or dessert. Members are free and you can bring one guest per person such as your grandchild. Children under 3 are free. Come and enjoy the amusement rides and water park.

Please RSVP to me at 724-207-0410 so I have count of the tickets I need to purchase. We look forward to seeing you, having a meeting and then enjoying the day together!

Susan Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 381 Grosse Ile, MI

Cancellation

Please be advised that the June 7, 2015 meeting and lunch to be held at the Hungarian Rhapsody Restaurant has been **postponed to a date to be determined**. Please watch the newsletter for further updates.

We would like to wish all fathers, grandfathers and those wonderful men assuming a father's role a blessed and happy Father's Day.

Joanne Medved
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 432 Fairview Park, OH

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at the home of Bill and Sue Shuttleworth, 3909 West 210th Street, Fairview Park, OH at 7:30 p.m.

Hope to see you there.

Shawn Pytel
Publicity

ASSEMBLY 554 Curwensville, PA

A meeting will be held on June 7th, at the home of Jim Stricek, 135 McCullough Street, DuBois, PA at 2:00 p.m.

Future meetings will be held on July 5th, September 6th, and November 8th, 2015. For information or directions contact Jim at 814-590-7021 or assembly554@gmail.com

Jim Stricek
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 568 LaCanada, CA

Join us for Mass and a meeting on June 21, 2015 at Pope John Paul II Polish Center, Yorba Linda, CA at 4:00 p.m. After Mass a light dinner, dessert and refreshments will be served, celebrating the Slovak Spirit of Father's Day in the cafeteria.

Following the festivities, members will have a meeting to review officer reports and discuss assembly activities.

We hope to see you all there and would like to wish everyone a very special and safe Father's Day.

Milan Konkol
President

ASSEMBLY 586 Chicago, IL

A meeting will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at Hog Wild BBQ in Midlothian, IL at 2:00 p.m.

Janet Tomaskovic
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 617 Ashley, PA

Join us for Family Day at Knoebels Amusement Park is on August 13th, 2015.

Rose Mary Strish
President

ASSEMBLY 731

Lowellville, OH

Assembly 731 officers are planning a "I Love Lucy" bus trip on August 15th. This trip will be a fun-filled bus trip from Youngstown, Ohio to Jamestown, NY.

For additional information contact contact Laurie Fox, 330-536-8850 or lamlfox@zoominternet.net.

\$150.00 per person includes everything listed, non-refundable after July 20th.

6:45 AM – Bus departs from Boardman/Poland KMart in Youngstown, OH. Trip includes fun games and a Lucy movie.

10:00 AM – Arrive in Jamestown, NY. While in Jamestown, we will visit the Desilu Studio and the Lucille Ball/Desi Arnaz Museum before lunch in the Tropicana Room. After lunch we will be entertained by a stand-up comedian followed by a bus tour through Lucy's hometown. Our final activity of the day is a dinner cruise around Lake Chautauqua.

9:30 PM – Arrive back to the KMart parking lot.

Checks can be made payable to Laurie Fox and mailed to 6656 Lowellville Rd., Lowellville, OH 44436

Laurie Fox
President

Region 2

Hazleton/Wilkes-Barre, PA

A meeting will be 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

Region 14

Allentown, PA

Come and join us for our annual summer picnic on July 26, 2015 at the Wesnak residence, 1727 Elmhurst Drive, Whitehall, PA at 2:00 p.m. A short meeting will be held followed by fun and games. This picnic is for all assembly members in Region 14.

Any questions, please call Sharon Wesnak at 610-769-7006.

Sharon Wesnak
Secretary

Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks

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

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, please call Sue Ondrejco at 412-421-1204 or e-mail: sue.ondrejco@gmail.com

News from Assembly/Circle 813

Assembly/Circle 813 had a very busy first quarter of 2015. At the business meeting on January 2nd plans were made for the entire year. The Matching Funds programs were chosen and social events were tentatively set. We will work with the National Association of Letter Carriers for our Join Hands project, and for our National Project we have again chosen the Brown Bag program.

Assembly officers enjoyed the Pittsburgh Pirates Black and Gold game at McKech-nie Field in Bradenton on March 2nd, enjoying a beautiful sunny day while watching the Pirates show off their new talent.

Circle 813 wrapped up their Matching Funds project for Habitat for Humanity, South Sarasota County. Habitat works in partnership with God's people in need of affordable, safe, decent housing. Habitat Officer Mimi Evans announced that the amount of money collected from the aluminum can drive, "Make Every Can Count~ totaled \$403.40. NSS Youth Chairman was Blaze Farrell who thanked all for their participation and said he is looking forward to continuing the association with Habitat next year, which will mark 10 years of collaboration according to Dee Danmeyer, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County, Inc.

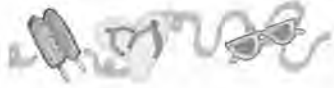
April 10-11th was the Assembly's Matching Funds Project with The Tri-State BBQ Festival, held at the Houston County Fairgrounds. This was for the benefit of the Catholic Heart Work Camp, which shows God's love through service to the community's needy and underserved. "Service with work gloves" is their motto. Despite a rainy Friday and so-so Saturday \$2,754.00 was raised. Members of Assembly and Circle 813 were busy both before and during the event. Those deserving recognition were Joey Arnold, Caly Farrell, Blaze Farrell, Mary Jo Holker, Dan Farrell and event organizer Kerry Farrell. Thank you all for your help.

The Mini Golf tournament set for April 12th was unfortunately rained out, but a movie and dinner was an acceptable replacement. A good time was had by all. We volunteer to help others because it makes us feel good, but treating ourselves once in a while makes us feel pretty good as well.

We will be taking part in the National Association of Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" campaign for our Join Hands Day project. A summer picnic is set for June, date to be determined. Call Mary Jo Holker at 941-473-0559 for more information. We would also like to hear from you if you have suggestions for activities you'd enjoy.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary

Krásne leto:



Prázdniny sú, krásne a teple, naháňam sa s letným vetrom. Čaká na mňa náruč slnka, vodička, čo chladí žblnká.

92 Slovenský deň Západnej Pensylvanie

Dávame na vedomie slovenskej verejnosti v Pgh, a okolí, že tohtoročný 92 Slovenský den Západnej Pensylvanie bude 16-teho Júla v známom Kenywood Parku. Vstupné lístky sú v predaji od členov pripraveného výboru tie si rezervujte u Sue Ondrejco na čísle 412 421-1204. Po tomto kontakte možno vložiť aj váš pozdrav alebo ohlášku do pamätnice Slovenského dňa.

Ján Krstiteľ svätec, patrón pastierov. 24.6

Pastieri, ktorých patrónom bol Ján Krstiteľ, považovali 24. jún za svoj stavovský sviatok. Slávil ho pri vatre bohatou hostinou. Jedla sa baranina, často varená v žinčici alebo bravčovina z vlastného chovu. Všetci sa spoločne zabavili, zaspievali si a zatancovali. Ľudia verili, že všetky rastliny, ktoré kvitnú na Jána, majú liečivý alebo magický účinok. Čarovnou mocou bolo opradené najmä papradie, známe ako čertovo rebro. Verilo sa, že kvitne na Jána o pol noci. Na mieste, kde kvitne, má byť zakopaný poklad. Dievčatá na Jána vili vence a spoločne ich púšťali dolu vodou. Tá, ktorej veniec plával najrýchlejšie, mala sa čoskoro vydať. Dážď na Jána nebol vítaný, pretože mal dlho trvať a tým ohrozoval úrodu, sčervivenie ovocia, orechov a maku.



Dovolenka pri moru

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Drahí otcovia...

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

Keď vyslovujeme vďaku otcom za všetko, čo pre nás vykonali, predovšetkým chceme vysloviť vďaku Pánu Bohu za jeho požehnania, ktorými našich otcov obdaroval.

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



Zábery z bowling turnaju, 1-3 Maj 2015
Erie, PA

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Youth Circle Page

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

PVR Scholarship Renewal Applicant Continuation Rules

Deadline - July 15th

Students must submit verification of continuing education enrollment from their attending school by submitting a transcript of their grades indicating they have maintained a 3.0 GPA, to the NSS Scholarship Department at the conclusion of EACH school year before they will be considered eligible to receive payment for a second, third, or fourth year grant. These transcripts must be received by **JULY 15TH. NO EXCEPTIONS, THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.** Do not rely on parents, friends, or your agent to get your information in. If your paperwork is not in the home office by the deadline you will not receive a check!

If you are transferring to another school, you **MUST** notify the NSS Home Office **IN WRITING** by sending in an acceptance letter to prove you will be attending a new school full time, by **JULY 15TH, BEFORE** checks are issued. No renewal checks will be issued after September 15th of each year for any reason.

*Congratulations to
the Graduating
Class of 2015*

2014 YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

Deadline: August 15th, 2015

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.

National Slovak Society
(USES 0371-140)
351 Valley Brook Road
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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.*

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.