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Activities at a Glance...

REGION 2	Assemblies L075, 0146, 0617
May 10	Assembly L075, Join Hands Day, Knights of Columbus, Pittston, PA at Noon
May 17	Region 2, Meeting, Grotto Pizza, Edwardsville, PA
May 18	Assembly L075, Meeting, Grande Restaurant, Moosic, Pa at 1:00 pm
July 27	Assembly L075, Picnic, Mercateli-Segilia Park, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm
REGION 5	Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0283, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0700, 0737, 0774, 0809
May 10	Assembly 0039, USPS National Food Drive, Uniontown, PA at 10:00 am
May 13	Assembly 0039, Meeting, IHOP Restaurant, Uniontown, PA at 6:30 pm
May 16	Assembly 0123, PNC Park Tour, Pittsburgh, PA at Noon
June 8	Assembly 0039, Picnic, Knights of Columbus, Uniontown, PA at 1:00 pm
June 29	Assembly 0123, Lincoln Park Center, Midland, PA (The Sound of Music)
July 13	Assembly 0039, Tony Bartock Golf Outing, Springdale Golf Club at 7:30 am
July 20	Assembly 0377, Meeting, Ponderosa Steakhouse, Washington, PA at 3:00 pm
August 8	Assembly 0774/REGION 5, NSS Pirate Night at PNC Park
August 16	Region 5, Picnic, Cedar Creek Park, Belle Vernon, PA at Noon
December 7	Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Knights of Columbus Social Hall, Uniontown, PA at 2:00 pm
REGION 7	Assemblies P09A, 0008, 0731
May 3	Assembly 0731, Join Hands Day, Poland Christian Church, Poland Township, OH at 10:00 am
May 7	Assembly P09A, Meeting/Pizza Party, Wedgewood Pizza, Austintown, OH at 6:00 pm
May 10	Assembly 0731, Pasta Dinner, Poland Christian Church, Poland Township, OH at 3:00 pm
July 17	Assembly 0731, Slovak Day Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA
August 3	Assembly 0731, Family Picnic, Yellow Creek Park, Struthers, OH at 1:00 pm
August 28	Assembly 0731, Scavenger Hunt, Canfield Fair, Canfield, OH at 1:00 pm
September 6	Assembly 0731, Trip to Akron Zoo
October 11	Assembly 0731, Halloween Hayride, Countryside Farms, Lowellville, OH at 5:30 pm
November 2	Assembly 0731, Meeting, Ruth Burns Residence, OH at 3:00 pm
December 6	Region 7, Christmas Party, Holy Family Parish Hall, Poland, OH at 1:00 pm
REGION 8	Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595
May 18	Assembly 0004, Meeting, Havir's Home, Westlake, OH at 2:00 pm
June 7	Assembly 0070, Picnic/Meeting, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Brookline, OH at 5:30 pm
June 22	Assembly 0004, 10th Annual Miniature Golf Outing, Mr. Divot's, N Royalton, OH at 1:30 pm
REGION 10	Assemblies 0065, 0586
May 8	Assembly 0065, Meeting, Riverside Restaurant, IL at 11:30 am
May 18	Assembly 0586, Tentative Pre-Convention Meeting, McCook Bohemian Family Rest, IL
REGION 14	Assemblies R059, L102 No activities at this time
REGION 15	Assemblies L002, 0028, L145 No activities at this time
AT LARGE	Assemblies R019, L040, L075, 0110, 0236, 0299, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0705, 0800, 0813
May 18	Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
June 8	Assembly R019, Youth Matching Fundraiser/Luncheon, S. Peter & Paul Church, Buffalo, NY
June 17	Assembly 0381, Pre-Convention Meeting, Medved's Home at 1:00 pm
June 22	Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
June 27-29	Assembly 0110, Bi-annual Weekend Outing, Villa Roma Resort, Callicoon, NY
July 5-6	Assembly 0705, Butwin Family Reunion
August 3	Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
October 19	Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
December 24	Assembly 0705, Annual Christmas Eve celebration

From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC
National President

Greetings from the Presidents Office of the National Slovak Society. Let me start off by wishing all mother's, grandmother's, and great grandmother's a very Happy Mother's Day on May 11th. Also this month we will be celebrating Memorial Day on Monday, May 26th.

In looking over the schedule for May, it's light in activities, but Assembly 0039 will be holding a food drive in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service on the 10th. Also on the 10th, Assembly 0731 will be hosting a Pasta Dinner and Special Olympics will be holding their annual competition at Baldwin High School. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Pam Blum at the Home Office for further information.

Convention of 2014

Our 36th Quadrennial Convention to be held in the sweet location of Hershey, Pennsylvania, is fast approaching. As of this writing delegate registration forms are coming in daily and final preparations are being made. The June issue of the National News will include a special section that will list all the attendees of the convention in addition to Biographies of all those interested in running for the National Board of Directors.

May Art Contest

Time is here for you to get your art entry in for our annual art contest. It is a great opportunity for our youth to show their artistic talents and win prizes. Everyone is a winner. Just for

entering you will receive a prize and special monetary awards go to the top three entries in each age group. Please encourage your children or grandchildren to enter this year's contest and make it the largest contest ever. You can't win if you don't give it a try. The deadline is May 31st.

New Of Narodniars

Happy Birthday to National Secretary/Treasurer Linda Strom, Honorary Director Joseph Tomaskovic, Jr., Home office staff members Eric Riepole and Pam Blum, Legal Advisor Ron Cooper, Andrew (Bucky) Wesnak, Cathy Cilia, Patty and Kayla Jo Graham, Shaun Crowley, Cindy and Gary Robinson, Barb Wilcock, Cynthia Resosky, and John Bluemle. Also celebrating are Brandon Marshall, Lindsay Blazek, and Tom Kearney. Happy wedding anniversary wishes to Nicole and Tom Kearney and to all others celebrating a special day in May.

The Invisible Mother

It all began to make sense, the blank stares, the lack of response, the way one of the kids will walk into the room while I'm on the phone and ask to be taken to the store. Inside I'm thinking, "Can't you see I'm on the phone?" Obviously not; no one can see if I'm on the phone, or cooking, or sweeping the floor, or even standing on my head in the corner, because no one can see me at all. I'm invisible. The invisible Mom. Some days I am only a pair of hands, nothing more! Can you fix this? Can you tie this? Can you open this??

Some days I'm not a pair of hands - I'm not even a human being. I'm a clock to ask, "What time is it?" I'm a satellite guide to answer, "What number is the Disney Channel?" I'm a car to order, "Right around 5:30, please." Some days I'm a crystal ball; "Where's my other sock? Where's my phone? What's for dinner?" I was certain that these were the hands that once held books and the eyes that studied history, music and literature, but now, they had disappeared into the peanut butter, never to be seen again. She's going,

she's going, and she's gone! One night, a group of us were having dinner, celebrating the return of a friend from England. She had just gotten back from a fabulous trip, and she was going on and on about the hotel she stayed in. I was sitting there, looking around at the others all put together so well. It was hard not to compare and feel sorry for myself. I was feeling pretty pathetic when she turned to me with a beautifully wrapped package, and said, "I brought you this." It was a book on the great cathedrals of Europe. I wasn't exactly sure why she'd given it to me until I read her inscription: "With admiration for the greatness of what you are building when no one sees." In the days ahead I would read ... no, devour the book. And I would discover what would become for me, four life-changing truths, after which I could pattern my work: 1. No one can say who built the great cathedrals...we have no record of their names. 2. These builders gave their whole lives for a work they would never see finished. 3. They made great sacrifices and expected no credit. 4. The passion of their building was fueled by their faith that the eyes of God saw everything.

A story of legend in the book told of a rich man who came to visit the cathedral while it was being built, and he saw a workman carving a tiny bird on the inside of a beam. He was puzzled and asked the man, why are you spending so much time carving the bird into a beam that will be covered by the roof, no one will ever see it. And the workman replied, "Because God sees."

I closed the book, feeling the missing piece fall into place. It was almost as if I heard God whispering to me, "I see you. I see the sacrifices you make every day, even when no one around you does."

No act of kindness you've done, no sequin you've sewn on, no cupcake you've baked, no Cub Scout meeting, no last minute errand is too small for me to notice and smile over. You are building a great cathedral, but you can't see right now what it will become.

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The Second Opinion from the Vice-President



Dean Burns, FIC
National Vice-President

The following couple of paragraphs are reprinted from April, 2010. It isn't that I have run out of ideas, but rather the times are repeating themselves since we are again in a convention year.

Convention

As of April 1st, all the delegates have been selected for the upcoming convention. Those who are selected are going to determine the direction of the NSS for the next four years. As we get farther into the 21st century, the nature of the business has changed and NSS needs to adapt to those changes.

In late April, every delegate will get a copy of any proposed bylaw changes which will need to be acted upon in June. The advance notice is to allow time for evaluation of any changes and will allow time to call us for clarification and further information. We will also have a preliminary bylaw meeting at Hershey to answer any questions before placing these items on the floor for discussion.

Change

Changes in what we are used to are never easy. The result may be better, but the effort to actually make changes

is difficult. What we are used to is comfortable and new things are scary because we do not know what they the future will bring.

There are always people who resist change. We all have tradition which is just another way to avoid doing anything new. Everyone has heard other people say that we have always done it this way or that. Years ago, when I was teaching, an eighth grader said that there were only two ways of looking at things. We can adhere to the old way or we can try a new way. The truth of that is so simple that we might miss it. But human nature tends to want the status quo. In fact nature wants that too. In Physics there is a maxim that says, A body at rest tends to stay at rest, and a body in motion tends to keep in motion. (Disregard gravity and friction for this idea.)

There is a quote from the New Preacher that says, **This isn't good or bad. It's just the way of things. Nothing stays the same.** Or if you prefer more standard quotes, Shakespeare had Hamlet say, **There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.**

So as we move the NSS forward, things will change and it will help if we look at them positively and not try to hang on to the past. It is nice to remember the good old days and reminisce about the way things were, but no one I know thinks that using out-houses is still a good idea. Some changes are for the better.

But while we embrace the convenience of cell phones, we rue the loss of privacy. Being instantly accessible is not always a good thing. Yes, if your child is hurt you want to be instantly told. However, being constantly bombarded with wants and wishes from those same children gets a little old in a hurry. The trick is to balance any gain against any loss and decide which is more important.

New Stuff

We have the state auditors with us for a few months. We do very well with the auditors because we follow the rules so we do not have many concerns. You would think that we could get the audit scheduled for a year other than a convention year. Just a comment to let you know that we and our employees are working harder than normal. The members will not notice much difference in the service, but in the office we know.

But we continue to be one of the leaders in the Fraternal Benefit so we can brag a little and smile at our success. We will make a big effort to elect competent people to the Board. We now have an idea of who the candidates are. The nominating committee will render an opinion on each candidate to help the delegates make intelligent decisions.

Summer

Make this the year that you take part in NSS activities. We have a National Golf Tournament at Sawmill Creek. This is for our members. Do not be intimidated by the title. It is just our members. As far as I know, we have no professional golfers, so you can play and have fun.

If that is still scary, many local assemblies also have outings, so find one near you and come out. These things are part of NSS service. It comes with the membership.

There are other activities. Something is near you. We are trying to increase the percentage of people who are actively using our fraternal activities. Help us out with that.

Please encourage the young people to also become engaged in our programs.

A Page From My Notebook.....

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



Happy Mother's Day!

Thank you for all you have done, all you do today and all you will do for your family.

Convention Information

Here is where we are in convention planning.

1. President Blazek, Vice President Burns and I have visited each of our regions during their convention meetings to provide an overview of convention activities and important issues that will be presented for vote. Our thanks to all of our Regions who so kindly welcomed us.
2. Final Delegate Information Packets are being compiled to be sent mid-May. If you haven't yet received your first packet with information due April 28th please call my office immediately.
3. The deadline for biographical reports (Bio's) from those delegates interested in running for a seat on the Board has passed. All Candidate Bios received have been forwarded on to the Nominating Committee. They will be published in the June Newsletter and will also be included in the May Delegate Information packet.
4. Registration and Fraternal Day forms continue to come in. As of 4/14/2014 we have 237 Delegates registered and 45 Youth, Guests and Advisors totaling 282 attendees.
5. When Delegates receive their information packet **it is very important that you read all the information provided and come prepared to vote on the issues that will be presented.**
6. Remember to bring all delegate information you receive in the mail to

the convention as these will be your working documents. A binder will be provided for all of your papers.

7. A listing of all delegates to the 36th Quadrennial Convention will be included in the June issue of the newsletter.
8. All Petitions, Grievances, Complaints & Resolutions must be submitted to my office no later than June 6, 2014. The committee will meet and report their findings at the convention.

And in closing...

Since this is convention year and the delegates to the convention will be making decisions for the future of the society I thought the following was appropriate.

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to "go sip some Ale and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and "You go sip there." The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term 'gossip'.

So if you feel the need to 'go sip' while at the convention, of course to discuss convention issues, there are several great places to relax and enjoy while "go sipping".



Even family members are recruited to help in preparing for the Convention. "Pictured are 92 year old Marie Palko and her son Joe, both long time members of the NSS, and mother and brother of S/T Linda Strom."

From the President's Desk

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I keep the right perspective when I see myself as a great builder. As one of the people who show up at a job that they will never see finished, to work on something that their names will never be on. The writer of the book went so far as to say that no cathedrals could ever be built in our lifetime because there are so few people willing to sacrifice to that degree.

When I really think about it, I don't want my son to tell the friend he's bringing home from college for Thanksgiving, "My Mom gets up at 4 in the morning and bakes homemade pies, and then she hand bastes a turkey for 3 hours and presses all the linens for the table." That would mean I'd built a monument to myself. I just want him to want to come home. And then, if there is anything more to say to his friend, he'd say, "You're gonna love it there..."

As mothers, we are building great cathedrals. We cannot be seen if we're doing it right. And one day, it is very possible that the world will marvel, not only at what we have built, but at the beauty that has been added to the world by the sacrifices of invisible mothers.

Thank you to all the Moms who are looking down and smiling at the cathedrals they helped to build. To all the wonderful mothers out there!! God bless and keep you.

Paraprosookian of the month:

Adult Truths: I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.

**Have You Signed
Up A
New Member??**

NSS Cruise Winners and Attendees



Seated l-r: Cathy Vukelich, Dave Blazek, Laura Abbott-DeCarolis and Scott Day. Standing l-r: George Hebert, Bernie Vukelich, Berkley Badger, Greg Felton, Bob D'Alessandro and Steve Day.

*Happy Mother's Day
to
family, friends, members and staff*

Tours to Slovakia

Youngstown/Spisska Nova Ves 17th Annual Tour

Visit Slovakia with the Youngstown Spisska Nova Ves Sister Cities Heritage Tour from July 7 to 21, 2014. Contact Jim and Kay Bench at jmbench@yahoo.com or phone 724-858-5843 or 724-771-7900 for further information. Paul Hudak at Adventure International Travel will be making travel arrangements also. He can be reached at 216-228-7171 or 800-542-2487 or Fax 216-228-7174.

2014 Slovakia Heritage Tour

Experience Slovakia's culture and history, up close and personal on the 2014 Slovakia Heritage, September 4-14, 2014 eleven-day, small-group tour. Genealogical research and ancestral visits available.

For details: Visit www.slovakiaheritage.com or contact Judith Northup-Bennett, 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.**

PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS March, 2014

In Memory of **Joan Lasenyik:**
From Assembly 0070: 10.00

In Memory of **Deceased Members in 2013:**
From Assembly 0004: 150.00

Donations:

Michael Gesk	50.00
Assembly 0031	8,228.72
Assembly 0441	50.00
Irine Zinter	40.00
Assembly P38A	200.00
Dr. William Ferianc	100.00
Carol Godor	25.00

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Here are four good reasons why making a donation makes sense...

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- Your contribution will help our young members achieve their academic goals.
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- Every year, requests for grants increase, making more demands on the PVR Scholarship Fund.

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

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OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS March, 2014

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Adzima, Richard	Stratford, CT	02/11/2014	L002
Atkinson, Mary Ann	Milford, CT	11/21/2013	0110
Bartos, Elizabeth	Sewaren, NJ	01/24/2014	P31M
Bator, Elizabeth M	Uniontown, PA	02/03/2014	0039
Belansky, Michael T	Butler, PA	07/25/2011	0700
Bradley, Betty Jane	Uniontown, PA	12/13/2013	0039
Dawson, Debra	Toledo, OH	02/24/2014	0381
Derfny, Mary T	Lorain, OH	10/25/2013	0160
Dovala, Marie	Leavittsburg, OH	02/27/2014	0731
Emershaw, Eleanor	Wyoming, PA	03/02/2014	0617
Fabian, Brian	Cumberland, OH	11/27/2013	0008
Fischer, Richard W	Kenosha, WI	10/17/2013	0774
French, Anna	Dunbar, WV	02/14/2014	0774
Gaydos, Agnes M	Donora, PA	02/10/2014	0377
Gorring, Velma J	Coraopolis, PA	02/20/2014	0123
Greskovich, Clara	Whiting, IN	01/04/2014	0586
Hareford, Catherine	Hedgesville, WV	02/14/2014	0774
Haubeil, Albert R	Chillicothe, OH	03/05/2014	P38A
Helgeson, Sylvia D	Cudahy, WI	12/22/2013	0774
Heredia, Arturo	Waynesboro, PA	01/20/2014	0038
Hrutkai, John T	Brunswick, OH	02/28/2014	0004
Hughes, Mary D	Pittsburgh, PA	11/03/2013	0774
Jensen, Rosalie L	Fairmont, MN	02/22/2014	0774
Johns, Jeanette	Brighton Twp, PA	02/28/2014	0123
Kander, Mary	Louisville, KY	02/01/2006	0432
Kapala, Joseph	Tinley Park, IL	02/20/2014	0065
Keim, Earl M Jr	Pittsburgh, PA	03/08/2014	L161
King, Betty L	E Huntingdon, PA	02/24/2014	0737
Kitzmiller, Mary M	Pennsville Twp, NJ	12/12/2013	R059
Krenn, Joseph M	Pittsburgh, PA	12/23/2013	0100
Kutarna, Valent J	Pittsburgh, PA	02/25/2014	0100
Majorsky, Andrew J	Latrobe, PA	02/03/2014	0737
Mandela, Stanley F	Scottsdale, AZ	04/30/2013	0434
Marsh, Richard E	Columbus, OH	02/23/2014	L161
Misenko, Edward	Belle Vernon, PA	02/19/2014	0377
Nagle, Charolette	Wayne, WV	02/06/2014	0774
Novitsky, Nora	Bridgeville, PA	09/06/2013	0434
Olson, Blanche A	Grand Haven, MI	02/08/2014	0381
Popa, Thomas J	Centerville Twp, MI	03/02/2014	0774
Ries, Lois R	Pittsburgh, PA	05/12/2013	0100
Riggin, Irene P	Uniontown, PA	06/10/2013	0039
Roberts, Dolores	Perryopolis, PA	03/14/2014	0039
Sanders, Elsie	Martinsburg, WV	02/19/2014	0774
Simonoff, Leon G	Boardman, OH	02/02/2014	0008
Skoda, Helen	Monroeville, PA	02/09/2014	0817
Streit, William Mathais	McAdoo, PA	01/19/2014	L102
Ullom, William C	Covina, CA	12/17/2013	0568
Uram, Albert S	Roselawn, IN	03/11/2014	0065
Urik, Vince B	Kittanning, PA	02/15/2012	0737
Valus, Vincent	Binghamton, NY	02/07/2014	L075
Wade, Wesley	Summersville, WV	01/31/2014	0809
Yakubik, Louise J	Fallowfield, PA	02/20/2014	0377
Yocum, Mary M	Drum, PA	01/23/2014	L102
Zimpel, Blache I	Wankesha, WI	02/03/2014	0774

Fraternal Matters...

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A MOTHER'S LOVE

By Anonymous

*There are times when only a Mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.
There are times when only a Mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.
There are times when only a Mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.
For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith
And a Mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the Angels
And sent from God above.*

2014 United Slovak Fraternal Bowling Tournament

As of the writing of this article, the finishing touches are being finalized for this year's bowling tournament at Mt. Lebanon Lanes in Pittsburgh. The results will be published in next month's National News.

2014 May Art Contest

A reminder to all youth members ages 5-16; you still have a few weeks left to enter your submission into the May Art Contest. Each member may submit one entry in each category. This year's Art Contest Greeting Card Category is to be a "Thank You" card for our Servicemen and Women. The Poster Category is "When I grow up I want to be...." After the winners are determined, all of the "Thank You" cards will be forwarded to our Military currently deployed overseas. The deadline for the contest was incorrect in last month's publication. The correct date is May 31st.

*No matter how old a mother is, she
watches her middle-aged children for
signs of improvement.*

Florida Scott-Maxwell

PVR Scholarship Program

A note to the 1st year students who submitted applications for the PVR Scholarship program. The Spring Board Meeting has been postponed until the Convention, therefore the PVR Committee will be meeting at that time to approve the recipients. Approval notifications will be sent out the first week of July. The checks will be mailed by mid August.. As a reminder to the students who are renewing their scholarship, you are responsible for submitting your official transcripts to the Home Office by July 15th in order to continue your grant.

NSS Night at PNC Park

NSS will be sponsoring a group baseball outing on Friday, August 8, 2014 Pittsburgh Pirates vs. San Diego Padres. Due to an overwhelming response the tickets are **sold out**. Next year I will make sure to reserve more tickets.

Congratulations

As a "Hockey Mom" I would be amiss to not send out big congratulations to our member Andrew Blazek!!! Andrew is the son of Dale & Debi Blazek and is a member of the Robert Morris University D1 NCAA Hockey Team. RMU competed in their first Frozen Four Hockey Tournament in the history of the program. Andrew was then offered his first professional contract with the ECHL Cincinnati Cyclones. From all of us at the Home Office way to go Andrew!!! You're still livin the dream.....

2014 National Golf Tournament

The National Golf Tournament will be held on July 18-20, 2014 at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron OH. Accommodations will also be at Sawmill Creek. Some of you will remember Sawmill as the site of the last Quadrennial Convention. They are offering NSS a great group rate of only \$129 per night. Bring the whole family, as the resort has something for everyone. Sawmill sits on the shore of Lake Erie and is a short drive away from Cedar Point. If you are interested in being on the mailing list please contact me at pblum@nsslife.org or call 1-800-488-1890.



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At NSS Life we have a plan that fits your needs.

Current Interest Rates

Effective January 1, 2013

<i>Preferred Choice</i>	<i>1.00%</i>
<i>Optimum 3</i>	<i>2.00%</i>
<i>Preferred 5</i>	<i>3.00%</i>
<i>Preferred 8</i>	<i>3.50%</i>

**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



Spring Clean-Up

Just like spring clean-up, you should also do a personal spring check-up on your finances at least once a year. Let me help you get started. The first thing you should do is get out all of your policies. Look at how much coverage you have on each person in your family. Is it enough? Surveys and statistics tell us that it probably isn't enough. You can remedy this situation quickly and inexpensively by purchasing a low-cost term plan for the interim. An old rule of thumb recommends ten times your earnings.

Throw away any old or expired policies so as not to confuse your heirs. Check your group life insurance coverage because this amount changes based on age or whether you are working or retired.

Next step, check all beneficiaries. We send a lot of money to the PA state treasury for unclaimed property. So please make sure we have your beneficiaries name, address, phone number and social security number whenever possible. All of these tools will help us find them in case they don't contact us.

Do any policies have an outstanding loan? If so, make arrangements to start paying it off. Does your policy have any riders such as premium waiver and are you disabled? If so, we can make the payments for you after you complete a claim form. Do you have any term insurance in effect and is now the time to consider converting it to another plan?

Are you carrying some life insurance on your children? Do they all have the same amounts of coverage or does one child have more or less than the rest? If so, why, and if there is a good reason then so be it. If not, get them all an equal amount.

Another example is with IRAs or other qualified monies; it is always a good idea to leave the surviving spouse as beneficiary. This gives them the most flexibility.

There are other questions and items to check: policy ownership, dividend options and more. We want you to get the maximum benefit from your insurance with NSS. That's why it is important to review what you have with your local NSS sales representative. We are fortunate to be affiliated with some of the best planners and insurance agents in the area. Their expertise would prove valuable to your family. Please call them and let them help you on the road to financial fitness.



2014 Family Matters

Only several weeks remain in the 2014 Family Matters campaign. This program is an excellent opportunity to add some more life insurance to your estate. You can choose any plan from whole life, twenty pay or single premium. The guaranteed issue amount is based on your age nearest birthday so if you are currently age 40 but your birthday is in the next few months – then you are age 41. See the inside back page for more information. Here are some sample non-smoking rates on a monthly basis for the whole life plan so you can see how affordable life insurance can be:

Maximum amount	Male	Female
\$10,000 at age 30	\$10.73	\$ 8.94
\$10,000 at age 40	\$15.98	\$13.37
\$ 7,500 at age 50	\$17.55	\$15.33
\$ 5,000 at age 60	\$17.19	\$14.04

Rates for the twenty pay or single premium plan would be more expensive. Smokers also would pay more. Life insurance has never been more affordable and now with this program you can get a policy. Send in the coupon on the back page for your personalized quote or call the Home Office at 724-731-0094.

➡ **Have you recommended someone to NSS? If so, and they become a member we will send you \$25 as a way of saying thank you.**

Thought for the Month

Nothing else in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. Persistence is the most valuable asset. Individuals who have and use this quality always get somewhere in life.
President Calvin Coolidge (1872 – 1933)

Members of NSS

Elder Law Management is offering discounted estate planning documents for members living in Western PA. These important documents include Wills, Living Trust, Durable Powers of Attorney, Healthcare Directives and Living Wills.

Also offered are plans to lower potential inheritance taxes, assist with Medicaid planning and avoid Probate cost and delays. **Western Pennsylvania members can receive 10% to 15% discounts off our already competitive rates.**

For a no cost consultation call our Pittsburgh office at 412-456-4700; toll-free at 1-877-456-4700. Ask for Estate Advisor Rich Nulph.

ASSEMBLY 004

Parma, OH

A meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at the residence of Edward and Mildred Havir, 1744 Westhill Boulevard, Westlake, Ohio at 2:00 p.m.

Sonia Vorell
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 004

Parma, OH

Miniature Golf Tournament

Our 10th Annual Miniature Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, June 22, 2014 at Mr. Divots, 13393 York Rd., North Royalton, OH at 1:30 p.m. This is an adult/youth activity with prizes awarded in the male & female categories. Ice cream will be provided for all of those participating.

If it rains (hopefully not) we will then reschedule for the following Sunday, 6/29/14. Also available are batting cages, cannon ball shoot and a driving range. Optional food and drink will be available when we meet in the lounge/restaurant for a quick meeting and award prizes.

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

A Pizza Party/Meeting will be held on May 7, 2014 at Wedgewood Pizza, Racoon Road, Austintown, OH at 6:00 p.m. All members are invited.

Mark your calendars for our annual picnic on August 3, 2014 at Heritage Presbyterian Church at 12:30 p.m.

Betty J DeArcangelis
Secretary

ASSEMBLY RO19

Buffalo, NY

The "2 for 1" youth matching fund raiser and luncheon will take place on Sunday, June 8, 2014 following Divine Liturgy at SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Buffalo, NY. Proceeds will benefit the 120th anniversary celebration in September.

Irine Zinter
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 039

Uniontown, PA

NSS Curator Coming

Sue Ondrejco, head curator and archivist of the NSS Museum and a NSS board member, along with her husband, Rudy will make a presentation on the NSS Museum at our FREE summer picnic on Sunday, June 8th at the outdoor pavilion of the Knights of Columbus, on Gallatin Avenue Extension, in Uniontown at 1:00 p.m. The picnic will also feature hamburgers, hotdog's, potato salad, baked beans, dessert, fellowship and fun!

We need volunteers to participate in the USPS Letter Carriers National "Feed America" Food Drive on Saturday, May 10th. Volunteers should meet at the rear of the main post office, in downtown Uniontown at 10:00 a.m. This project is in conjunction with the "NSS National Feed America Project".

We will hold a special "Stuffers Club" meeting on Tuesday, May 13th at the IHOP Restaurant, in Uniontown starting at 6:30 p.m. to stuff flyers for our FREE second summer picnic meeting on June 8, 2014. Come out for a FREE dinner and help us stuff!!!!

Our "Join Hands Day" volunteer event will be the annual Tony Bartock Golf Outing for the benefit of Special

Olympics of Fayette County. The event will be held at the Springdale Golf Club on Sunday, July 13th. We will join with the local Knights of Columbus Council and the Ford Dealership in Uniontown to host the event. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. We need your help.

President John Payerchin, Vice-President Timothy Schwer, Treasurer Nancy Schwer, Trustee Rita Leonard, and Danielle Hanzely will be our delegates to the 36th Quadrennial Convention in Hershey in June.

For those of you that like to plan ahead, our annual Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 7th, at the local Knights of Columbus Social Hall starting at 2:00 p.m.

A blessed Mother's Day (and every day) to all of our wonderful mothers!

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY 065

Chicago, IL

A meeting will be held on May 8, 2014 at the Riverside Restaurant, at 11:30 a.m. Please try to attend.

Mildred Mendel
President

ASSEMBLY 070

Brooklyn, OH

A picnic and meeting will be held on Saturday June 7, 2014 at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio at 5:00 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 L075

Duryea, PA

Join us for our National Join Hands Day project with the Postal Carriers on May 10th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Main St. Pittston, Pa from noon till 5:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18th, at the Grande Restaurant Birney Ave., Moosic, PA. at 1:00 p.m. Plans will be finalized for the NSS convention to be held in Hershey, PA and the Parade of Basket matching funds for the Catherine McAuley Center which will take place at various locations from May until Sept.

The fraternal summer picnic will be held on Sunday, July 27th at the Mercateli-Segilia Park Birney Ave Moosic at 1:00 p.m. featuring an old fashioned cookout and basket raffle. For more information contact Lehrae Edwards at 570-457-8402.

Lehrae Edwards
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 110

New York, NY

Our biannual weekend outing will be held on June 27-29, 2014 at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon, New York. Please contact Maryann Malik at 516-794-9014 for more information.

Rich DeSanctis
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 123

Pittsburgh, PA

Are you ready for America's most beautiful ballpark? Yes, I mean PNC Park and this tour will include the Pirate Clubhouse. Mark your calendar for Friday, May 16th at 12 Noon. The cost of the tour is free to our assembly members. If you would like to attend, call Mary Maniecki at 412-264-3546 by May 12th. Lunch afterwards will be on your own.

The fun won't stop this summer. On Sunday, June 29th, our assembly will be going to the Lincoln Park Center for the Performing Arts in Midland, PA to see "The Sound of Music."

Thursday, July 17th is Slovak Day at Kennywood Park. Youth members sixteen and under will be given free admission by Region 5. Our members over sixteen can get discount tickets by calling me at 724-242-5085.

The National Golf Tournament will be held in Huron, Ohio on July 18. Enough for now, but get ready for much more in August.

Bill Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 377

Buffalo, NY

A meeting will be held on Sunday, July 20th at the Ponderosa Steakhouse, 1010 Trinity Circle, Washington, Pa. at 3:00 p.m. Please join us to discuss further plans for our assembly and some fraternalism. RSVP to me at 724-207-0410.

Suzanne Skrypak
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 381

Grosse Ile, MI

The following members are delegates for the Convention held at Hershey, Pa. on June 22, 2014: Martin Medved, Joanne Medved, Chanell O'Rourke, Rosemary Hanlon, and Rosemarie Merten. A pre-convention meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Medved's home, 27620 Elba Drive, Grosse Ile, Michigan. All other members wishing to attend this meeting may do so.

Congratulations to our delegates!

Joanne Medved
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 586

Chicago, IL

Our assembly is planning to have one more meeting before the convention, the date tentatively set for May 18, 2014. If possible we'll hold our meeting in conjunction once again with Assembly 065. Both assemblies met at a Bohemian Restaurant in March and had a very nice time and good meal so we may try for that once more. We'll come up with a good venue and get in touch with our membership with a time and place.

A few of our members couldn't attend in March because of illness and we missed getting together with them. We hope everyone will be in good health and will be able to get together with friends at the May event. We wish Millie Mendel a speedy recovery and easy rehab after surgery. Happy Birthday to Joe Tomaskovic on May 3rd and a healthy year to come.

Janet Tomaskovic
Secretary

Deadline For Publication

Please be advised that all articles, notices, etc., MUST BE received by the Home Office **no later than the 5th of the preceding month**. Every effort will be made to publish the article in a timely manner. Also, all articles should be typewritten in regular type and original photos submitted. Home Office Phone Number 724-731-0094

ASSEMBLY 617

Ashley, PA

Join Hands Day

We are looking for more members of Assembly #617 to come to our Join Hands Day Project this year on May 17, 2014.

Our plans include yard cleanup and planting at the McAuley Center, Church St. Plymouth, PA. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. with our rakes, trimmers, garden tools, gloves and some water to start the spring cleaning. The more volunteers, the faster we will be done.

The McAuley Center is a safe shelter for women and their children who need help and support in their time of need. Our assembly will be donating a monetary gift at this time. Members are asked to bring cleaning supplies for the women to take when they leave the facility for a more permanent home.

RSVP is requested by May 13, 2014. More information will be given upon reservation. Please call Rose Mary Strish at (570) 825-3681. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Rose Mary Strish
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 705

Seelyville, IN

A meeting will be held on May 18, 2014 at the Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 p.m. Please try to attend.

Dorothy Buck
Secretary

Happy 93rd Birthday to Pusan Hrusik

Susan Hrusik is a member and officer of Assembly 065 for many, many years. Sue has been an active member of the assembly and has attended many conventions in the past. On May 8, 2014 she will be celebrating her 93rd birthday. She now resides at St. Matthew Center, 1601 North Western Avenue, Park Ridge, Illinois 600698. Happy Birthday and best wishes for good health in the years to come from the members of the NSS.

ASSEMBLY 731

Lowellville, OH

Our Join Hands Day Project will be held on May 3, 2014 at the Poland Christian Church, 6248 Struthers Rd., Poland Township, Ohio at 10:00 a.m. Plenty of yard work and inside cleaning waiting for helping hands.

Join us for a Pasta Dinner on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at the Poland Christian Church, 6248 Struthers, Rd., Poland Township at 3:00 p.m. In honor of Mother's Day, the men in the group will cook, serve and clean-up for this family dinner.

Lauren Fox
President

REGION 2

Hazleton, PA

A luncheon/meeting will be held on May 17th at the Grotto Pizza, Route 11, Edwardsville PA at 12:30 p.m.

Plans for the convention will be discussed at this time. All members of Assembly 617, L075, 146, and P09M are invited and urged to attend.

Rose Mary Strish
Secretary

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 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 the National Slovak Society Home Office at 1-800-488-1890. The National Officers are the sole authority in any decisions regarding this scholarship program. Their decision is final in all cases.

Assembly 28 Stratford, CT

Election of officers for 2014 was held at our annual meeting in February. Also a monetary donation to the Holy Name of Jesus Church was made for the use of the School Meeting Room for our meetings. Pictured below are the officers who will serve Assembly 028 for 2014.



Front l-r: Eileen Wilson, President; George Vagasky, VP/Secretary; back William Janega, Financial Secretary; and absent from photo Joseph Madar, Fraternal Director.

Assembly 800's Matching Funds

On Sunday, March 16, 2014, Assembly 800 members and friends gathered with over 600 other participants, to help raise money for the 3rd Annual National Kidney Foundation Walk in South West Florida.

It was a sunshine filled day in Florida and volunteers along with patients suffering from kidney disease and those who have received kidney transplant came together to help support this great cause. All the money raised will stay in South West Florida to help those suffering from kidney disease and who are in need of financial assistance along with patient teaching and awareness.

The day was such a success that it collected over a total of \$69,000. This exceeded the goal by nearly \$20,000 for the event. This was a major success.

Working as a Registered Nurse in the field of Kidney Dialysis for 25 years, I have personally seen the challenges of thousands of patients along with new therapies which have helped maintain and sustained the lives of many people who suffer from kidney disease.

Once again thank you to all the members and friends of Assembly 800 of Bonita Springs, Florida who helped make this day a great success.

Gary Cepko
President

Region 15 Stratford, CT

Election of officers were held at our annual meeting in February at the Holy Name of Jesus School Meeting Room, Stratford, CT. Pictured below are the officers who will serve the Region for 2014.



Front r-l: Eileen Wilson, President; George Vagasky, VP/Secretary; and Mary Ann Wuchek; Back: William Janega, Financial Secretary; and absent from photo Joseph Madar, Fraternal Director.

A continental breakfast was held for the members below attending the annual meeting through the compliments of President, Joseph Goda and Secretary Eileen Wilson.



Front l-r: Mary Ann Wuchek, Joseph Goda, William Janega, Back l-r: Tom Marticek, Andy Wuchek, Mary Bludnicki, Marge Goda, George Vagasky and Dennis Bludnicki.

Region 2 Meeting

Our Secretary/Treasurer, Linda Strom and Board of Director, Drew Wesnak attended the Region 2 Meeting.



L-R: Linda Strom, Rose Mary Strish, Marlin Petro Wesnak, Drew Wesnak, and Mary Ann Ostrowski. Second Row: Lehræ Edwards, Samantha Wesnak, George Strish, Joanne Kowaleski, Stephanie Kurilla, and Margaret Lukas. Third Row: Dorothy Collins, Gary Collins, Al Gomb, Gloria Gomb, John Ostrowski, and John Kurilla.

Mother

*You're a dependable source of comfort;
You're my cushion when I fall.
You help in times of trouble;
You support me whenever I call.
I love you more than you know;
You have my total respect.
If I had my choice of mothers,
You'd be the one I'd select!*

In Loving Memory of Assembly 568 Member Anna Urban



Born 92 years ago, in the tiny agricultural village of Cajkov, in then Czechoslovakia, Anna Mary was born to Rosalie and Nicholas Stribula, their middle child, joining older brother, Tony, and then younger sister, Mary. There, Anna learned all the things every young girl needs to know: cooking, sewing, goose plucking, hay thrashing, cattle tending, and working in the vineyard. It was a good life.

BUT ANNA HAD A BIGGER AND BETTER DREAM. At the tender age of 16, she left family and friends in tiny Cajkov, and completely on her own, traveled to New York City; arriving in America with a limited education, no knowledge of the language, and the often-referred to \$7 in her pocket. She

worked as a domestic for the Casey Stengle family, and for the NY Metropolitan Opera, until she met Louis Urban. They were married in 1941. The war took Louie overseas, and Anna worked 3 jobs in his absence, for the war effort. Thankfully, Louie returned home wounded yet still strong. Soon after, they were blessed with their first-born son, Richard. Life was hard, but good.

The little family moved from NY to sunny Southern California, where Anna & Louie started their own business; and shortly thereafter, blessed with their second child, Mary. The children flourished, and the business grew and prospered. A good life.

Successfully persuading her husband to look into real estate investments, the couple launched a second career of house renovation and rental properties. In the early 60's, their second son, Tony, arrived. Anna was a traditional mother, a stay-at-home mom, teaching her children the lessons learned in her youth: hard work, a devotion to her religion, and above all, the importance of family. She loved pursuing her creative talents, from stained-glass work and pottery, a passion for flowers and gardening, to cake decorating. And, of course, the talent she was probably best known for, her incredible culinary skills. She was an amazing cook.

Fiercely proud of her Slovak heritage, she made sure her children learned the customs and traditions of her homeland. She and her husband had a 40+ year association with the National Slovak-American Society, and held a presidential post with the ladies' arm of the organization. Anna was also named Los Angeles Slovak Woman of the Year. Above all, Anna had an unyielding dedication to her Catholic religion. She was a 50 year active member in the Alter Society of her parish, and was devoted to her life-long attendance of daily Mass.

Looking back, Anna certainly had a wonderful life; the epitome of living the American Dream. But now that she's passed, to be with the loved ones who passed before her, and to finally meet the Lord, we know that Anna truly had a bigger and better dream. Anna, you are in our thoughts and are sorely missed.

Milan Konkol
President

"2014 Convention" Recommender Campaign

Here is an exciting opportunity for you to help NSS while earning some extra cash. This contest is open to all members and fraternal agents of the Society. (regular agents are excluded)

From **November 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014** every recommender form you send in that is approved and issued will get you one chance in a drawing. There is no limit to how many chances you could have in the drawing. NSS will award **four (4) prizes**; one to who ever has the **most recommenders** in this seven month period; and **three (3) random winners will be drawn at the NSS convention** in Hershey, PA in June 2014. Only one prize per person. Each prize is \$250.

In addition to the convention campaign prizes, please see the back page of the magazine for a new easier recommender form. There you will find the new recommender earns \$25 (except for the youth term plan which is \$10) for all plans. You can copy this form and send in as many as you can. Good luck.

*Visit our website at
www.nsslife.org
for all
current information.*



Stavanie májov

Zvyk stavania májov sa v zmenenej podobe udržal dodnes. Stavajú sa však zväčša jeden ovenčený strom uprostred dediny alebo hlavného námestia.

Chlapci stávajú máje—dievčatam o ktoré majú záujem. Zase dievčence ich ozdobujú krásnymi stuhami, pričom spievajú pesničky za doprovodu harmoniky.

Významné dni v máji:

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



Máj—mesiac lasky.

Prvý Máj bol a bol sviatok všetko v kvete stalo slniečko sa radovalo, slniečko sa smialo.



Mesiac máj je bezpochyby jeden z najkrajších mesiacov roka. Celá príroda sa prebúdzá k životu. Všetko kvitne, príroda ukazuje svoju krásu a nádheru. Záhrady a lúky sú posiate všetkými farbami, čo je bezpochyby nádherná pastva pre naše oči. Krása prírody má svoje čaro. Veď všetko je v plnom kvete a príroda nádherne vonia krásou.

Krása Ženy

Malý chlapec sa spýtal mamy: “Prečo plačeš?” “Azda preto že som žena”, odvetila a synček “nerozumiem”. Tu matka ho objala a tichúčko mu šepala “a ani nikdy neporozumieš.”

Neskôr chlapec sa prihovril k otcovi s otázkou “Prečo mamka plače bez dôvodu?” Otec odvetil, “všetky ženy plaču bez dôvodu.”

Keď z chlapca vyrástol muž nevedel sa zmieriť z otázkou, “prečo ženy plačú” i obrátil sa na všemohúceho Boha a ten mu to vysvetlil:

“Keď som stvoril ženu, musela byť výnimočná urobil som jej plecú silnú aby uniesla váhu sveta ale tak jemne, aby boli poduškou pre dieťa.

Dal som jej silu vnútra aby vydržala pôrod dieťaťa ale i sklamanie čo okúsi od deťi.

Dal som jej tvrdosť aby sa mohla starať o svoju rodinu v čase chorôb, únavy, problémov veru i vtedy keď ostane sama bez pomoci iných.

Dal som jej cit milovať svoje dievky za všetkých okolností aj vtedy keď sa jej dievky prevínia voči nej.,

Dal som jej silu prijať svojho manžela aj napriek jeho chybám aby chránila jeho srdce.

Dal som jej múdrosť aby vedela že dobrý manžel nerani a neublíži svojej manželke; lež občas skúša jej silu a rozhodnosť stať vedľa neho bez výhrad.

A na koniec dal som jej slzu, ktorú vyroní, ktorá je výlučne jej, aby ju použila kedykoľvek za potreby.

Krása ženy nie je v šatách, ktoré nosí, v postave, ktorú má, ani v spôsobe akým si češe vlasy. Krása ženy musí byť v jej očiach, pretože tie su bránou k jej srdcu, kde sídli láska.”



Radostný deň Matiek



Youth Circle Page

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

Attention Seniors

Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport, Ct, Inc. is sponsoring a \$1,000.00 scholarship. Mail a self-addressed enveloped to Chairperson, Eileen S. Wilson, 395 Pilgrim Lane, Stratford, Ct. 06614 for the application, guidelines and procedure forms. Among the requirements, applicant, parent(s), and grandparent(s) must be a member of the Alliance for (3) three years, Slovak descent and a resident of Connecticut. Deadline for submission is **May 12, 2014** and recipient will be notified by June 2. The award will be presented at the June meeting. **NOTE:** The scholarship award will be paid directly to the school.

PVR Scholarship Renewal Applicant Continuation Rules

Students must submit verification of continuing education enrollment from attending school by submitting a transcript of their grades indicating you 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.

May Art Contest

The rules are as follows:

1. Contest is open to all members of the National Slovak Society between the ages of 5 and 16.
2. Only one entry is permitted **per member, per category.**
3. Contestants may create their artwork using: (Paint by numbers, stencils or tracing will not be accepted)
 - a. Paint (pastels, watercolor, oil, tempera, and cesium)
 - b. Crayons (wax or liquid)
 - c. Ink/Pencil
 - d. Charcoal
 - e. Glue, construction paper, glitter
4. The Artistic and Posters categories may be ANY size up to 11x14 inches and must be mounted on a mat board or poster board for display purposes.
5. The Greeting Card category must be 5 ½ x 8 ½ folded. Please protect when shipping.
6. Each year a theme will be announced in the April Issue of the National Newsletter for the Poster and Greeting Card categories.
7. All entries must include; name, address, phone number, age, policy number, assembly/circle number, along with your t-shirt size and should be clearly printed on the back of each entry. For your convenience, there will be a form printed in the April Issue of the National Newsletter that you may cut out and place on the back of your entry.
8. Please indicate t-shirt size by the following size chart available:
 - a. Youth sizes - YS and YM
 - b. Adult sizes - AS, AM, AL and AXL
9. Winners in each category will have their artwork displayed in the Youth Circle Publication. A listing of the winners will appear in the National News and will be published on the NSS website. First place winners will be highlighted on the cover of the Youth Circle Publication.
10. Contest shall be judged under the following levels and ages for all 3 categories:
 - a. Picasso Level - Ages 5, 6 & 7
 - b. Rembrandt Level - Ages 8, 9 & 10
 - c. Michelangelo Level - Ages 11, 12 & 13
 - d. Van Gogh Level - Ages 14, 15 & 16*
11. Prizes awarded in each level of every category shall be as follows:
 - a. First Place \$50.00 and a Jacket
 - b. Second Place \$25.00 and a Jacket
 - c. Third Place \$15.00 and a Jacket
12. All entrants will receive a NSS Life T-shirt.

BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE RULES CAREFULLY SO YOU DO NOT LOSE POINTS IN THE JUDGING PROCESS

Deadline for entries to the Home Office is May 31st. Either mail or deliver artwork to: NSS Life, c/o Fraternal Department, 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray PA 15317. Entries will be judged by a non-member art teacher from a local school district. Decisions of the judge shall be final in all cases.

***In the event the First place winner in the Artistic Category - Van Gogh Level either enters an accredited Art School or pursues Art as a career in college, he/she will be awarded a one-time \$250.00 Art Scholarship provided that the student meets all the NSS PVR Scholarship rules and regulations.**

****The National Elder of the National Slovak Society reserves the right to keep all displays or winning entries. Artwork will only be returned by request.**

2014 Family Matters

We are pleased to introduce the new and exciting opportunity for you to purchase additional life insurance protection for you and your family. This guaranteed issue offer is available to members, their families and friends.



For a limited time (April through June 2014) you can choose any permanent plan we offer. This includes single premium, whole life and twenty-pay life. The advantages of a permanent plan include cash/loan values, reduced paid-up insurance options, dividends and more.

Complete the form below to express your interest to purchase additional life insurance and return. We will mail you a brief application along with the rates for all of the plans being offered so you can decide which plan is best for you.

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0-40	\$10,000
41-50	\$7,500
51-60	\$5,000
61-75	\$5,000*

*Single Premium only.

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Recommender for family and/or friends
This is a great opportunity as a member of NSS Life, to share your experience with non-members. If we issue them a policy, your recommender is worth up to \$25 as our thank you. Simply complete the new prospect recommender form below and return.



NSS Life
Family Matters...

351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317
Toll Free: 1-800-488-1890
Email: sales@nsslife.org

2014 Family Matters Program

*Yes, I am interested in purchasing additional life insurance!
Please send me the rates.*

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of birth: _____

Used nicotine in the past year: Yes No

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Email address: _____

Optional: Recommender information for new NSS member

Prospect Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone number: _____

REFERRED BY:

Member Name: _____

Daytime phone number: _____

National Slovak Society
(USPS 0371-140)
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317-3337

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Recommender

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

Recommender Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Prospect Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send form to Joe Elliott at the Home Office.



Change of Address

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

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New Address _____

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DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

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