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Activities at a Glance...

REGION 2 May 16 August 8 August 13	Assemblies L075, 0146, 0617 Assembly 0617, John Hands Day, McAuley House, Plymouth, PA Region 2, Meeting, Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA at 12:30 pm Assembly 0617, Family Fraternal, Knoebels Amusement Park
REGION 5 May 9 May 16 May 19 May 23 June 7 June 14 June 14 July 12 December 6	Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0283, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0700, 0737, 0774 Assembly 0039, Helping to Feed America, Uniontown Main Post Office at 10:00 am Assembly 0737, Meeting, Godor residence, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly 0039, Stuffers Club, IHOP Restaurant, WalMart Plaza, Uniontown, PA at 6:00 pm Assembly 0123, Bobcat Players Play, Ed Shaughnessy Theater, Beaver, PA 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 Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Knights of Columbus Social Hall at 2:00 pm
REGION 7 May 5 May 8 May 9 June 9 August 15 September 1	Assemblies P09A, 0731 Assembly P09A, Meeting/Pizza Party, Wedgewood Pizza, Austinwood, OH at 5:30 pm Assembly 0731, Join Hands Day at Poland Christian Church Assembly 0731, Appreciation Dinner at Poland Christian Church Assembly 0731, Trolley ride for senior citizens through Mill Creek Park, picnic following Assembly 0731, Bus trip to Jamestown, NY for "I Love Lucy" day, details TBA Assembly 0731, Scavenger Hunt at Mahoning County's Canfield Fair
REGION 8 May 17 June 6 August 15	Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595 Assembly 0004, Meeting, Vorell's residence, Strongsville, OH at 2:00 pm Assembly 0070, Meeting/Picnic, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 5:30 pm Assembly 0160, Picnic, Black River Reservation, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
REGION 14 May 9 May 17	Assemblies R059, L102 Region 14, Join Hands Day, Butztown Post Office Assembly L102, Matching Funds Project, Hanover Township Fire Company
REGION 15	Assemblies L002, 0028, L145 No activities at this time
AT LARGE May 9 June 7 June 7 June 7 June 13 June 14 July 5 August 23 September 6 October 17 October 18 November 8 December 24	Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813 Assembly 0813, Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0586, Get Together, Hog Wild, Midlothian, IL at 2:00 pm Assembly 0381, Meeting/Luncheon, Hungarian Rhapsody, Southgate, MI at 3:00 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, 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

Greetings from the Home Office! Let me start off by wishing all the Mothers, Grandmothers and Great-Grandmothers a most happy Mothers Day which is on May 10th. Also at the end of the month, we will be celebrating Memorial Day on Monday, the 25th. Our Board will be meeting at the end of the month, so if you have any issues to be brought before the board, please send them to Secretary/Treasurer Linda Strom by May 15th. May seems to be a big month for volunteer projects. Assembly 0617 will be holding a Join Hands Day, Assembly 0039's project is Helping to Feed America, Region 5 will be assisting with Special Olympics, Region 14 will be holding a Join Hands Day project and Assembly L102 will hold a Matching Funds Project for the Hanover Township Fire Department.

News of Narodniars

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

Johnstown Slavic Festival

From 1880 until 1920, thousands of Slavic immigrants settled in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to find employment in the area mills and mines. By 1920, 25 percent of Johnstown residents were of Slavic descent. They created a rich network of churches and social clubs to support their way of life and culture. Johnstown went through tough economic times in the 1970's and 80's and many people were forced to leave the community. Johnstown's ethnic organizations suffered. Today, many young people want to know about their ethnic heritage, and the culture and history of their Slavic ancestors.

The goal of the Johnstown Slavic Festival Committee is to create a new program that educates residents of the Johnstown region about their heritage. The plan is to present authentic Slavic music, Slavic folk dance performances, homemade Slavic food, children's learning areas, educational speakers and exhibits, workshops, and ethnic vendors. A full day of entertainment and education is planned for the first Slavic Festival on Saturday, June 13, 2015, from Noon to Midnight in the Heritage Discovery Center parking lots. Admission to the first Johnstown Slavic Festival is free, so mark your calendars and plan on attending this inaugural event in the Johnstown area.

Adult Truth For The Month:

I keep some peoples phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.

Benevolences NSS Has Helped

Our Mission Statement of the NSS as adopted by the Board reads, "Providing our fraternal family members with opportunities for financial security while offering charitable, cultural, social and educational opportunities that benefit them and their communities." In addition to our Assemblies and Regions conducting fundraisers for charities and causes in their communities, the Board on a National Level also donates funds. Over the past few years, the National Cause has been to help food banks throughout the country. Some of the other organizations we have donated to over the past year are St. Francis High School in Zilina, Slovakia, the Miracle League of Lehigh Valley, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland, The Wounded Warrior Project, Save the Ta-Tas Foundation, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Illinois, Project Bundle-Up, Ashley Food Pantry, Tickets for Kids, Homestead District Lions Club, Youngstown Sister Cities Program, The Watchful Shepherd, the McMurray Rotary, Klub Forresta Gumpa, Czech Voice of Cleveland, Catherine McAuley Center, Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation, and Children's Hospital.

So as you can see, we are fulfilling part of our mission statement through our benevolent giving.

May Art Contest is Here!

The 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, so encourage your children and or grandchildren to enter before it is too late. Just for entering each child will receive a prize and monetary awards to the top three entries in each age category. You can't win if you don't give it a try.

Deadline for art submissions must be postmarked by May 31st.

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 childrens 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 and both cities in competitions, winning 18 gold medals, 10 silver medals and 3 bronze medals. The choir has visited almost all 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.



National Slovak Society Privacy Notice

Adopted by the Board of Directors on May 19, 2001, find herewith our Privacy Statement as required through the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act adopted in Washington D.C. to protect the privacy of consumers. As has been the practice at NSS Life, we will not share information with other companies:

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We understand that you expect privacy and security for your personal financial and health affairs, and we are committed to treating your information responsibly. We appreciate your trust and confidence in us, and we will reward that trust by protecting your information. This Privacy Policy describes the standards we follow in handling your information about you and your membership with the Society. We will print a copy of this policy annually in the "National News". We will also send you any changes to this policy should and when they occur.

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We have policies, procedures, employee orientation and communication programs, in place, designed to protect your information. We expect our employees and elected officers to comply with this policy. This notice describes how we protect the privacy of your information.

Information that we collect about you from the following sources:

- Applications and other forms that you submit to us, this includes your age, gender, place of birth, health and financial information and beneficiaries.
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- Health and financial information obtained from local, state and federal agencies.
- Health information received from physicians, hospitals and other health-care providers.

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- Health information for review to our Medical Examiner or Commercial Underwriter who are under written contract and in agreement with this policy.
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- Providing information to you only after we have asked and received from you information that only you should know.
- We restrict access to your information to employees, officers and agents who need to know that information in order to provide you with the highest quality of professional service.
- We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with federal regulation to guard your information.
- The Executive Officers are responsible for the oversight of our Privacy Policy.

PVR Scholarship Fund Donations March, 2015

Donations:
Irine Zinter 50.00



PVR 125th Anniversary Perpetual Scholarship March, 2015

Donations:
NSS Member 3,000.00
Assembly 595 300.00
Mildred Pakos 25.00
Dorothy Pakos 25.00
Assembly P09A 200.00



DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

Name: _____

Assembly: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

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351 Valley Brook Road
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OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS March, 2015

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Abelovsky, Jon	Northampton, PA	02/14/2015	L102
Anuszewski, Vera	Baltimore, MD	11/15/2013	0774
Balaz, Barbara	Washington, PA	03/01/2015	0108
Baron, Mildred	Creighton, PA	03/02/2015	0700
Bartelme, Gladys M	Bonduel, WI	11/19/2014	0774
Bendekovic, Ronald N	Monaca, PA	01/29/2015	0588
Bias, John	Freeland, PA	03/12/2015	L102
Bozik, Alice	Ghent, NY	11/26/2014	0110
Budz, Donald	Chicago, IL	01/20/2015	0586
Codori, Edward G	Bethel Park, PA	09/17/2014	0434
Dancu, Rose M	Coraopolis, PA	12/05/2014	0123
Davis, Lou Jeanne	Pittsburgh, PA	02/17/2015	0108
Daymut, Mary	Cambridge, OH	03/02/2015	0595
Debnar, Mary	Richfield, OH	02/05/2015	0070
Di Girolamo, Phyllis	Alexandria, VA	02/15/2015	L040
Dunkoe, George	San Francisco, CA	12/30/1997	0737
Ebling, Helen	Kenmore, NY	02/03/2015	R019
Elwell, Harry	Pittsburgh, PA	02/03/2015	0123
Fabry, Joseph	Poland, OH	02/16/2014	0008
Gebrosky, James R	Pittsburgh, PA	01/31/2015	0100
Greggerson, Bernard	North Huntingdon, PA	03/02/2015	0737
Holko, John	Stamford, CT	02/07/2015	0028
Johnson, Andre M	Pittsburgh, PA	02/02/2015	0123
Kedzierski, Casimir	Glassport, PA	01/04/2015	0108
Kedzuch, Edward	La Grange Park, IL	11/01/2012	0586
Koreni, Mary L	Blairsville, PA	03/07/2015	0737
Makosky, Joseph	Portage, PA	02/23/2015	0038
Maloney, Kathleen L	Struthers, OH	11/07/2012	0008
McArdle, Barbara V	St Petersburg, FL	01/13/2015	0813
McCollum, Edward N	Carnegie, PA	01/02/2015	0434
Mengel, Bernardine	Natrona Heights, PA	02/20/2015	L105
Moraca, Ippolita	Monroeville, PA	12/08/2014	L105
Mustin, Harvey	Pittsburgh, PA	11/09/2014	0434
Parry, Luvenia J	Rome, NY	02/19/2015	R019
Ramage, James T	Wentzville, MO	02/06/2015	0774
Rudiak, Anna	Medora, PA	06/22/2013	0267
Schmidt, Thomas	Ormond Beach, FL	04/04/2011	0813
Sheba, Margaret E	Cleveland, OH	02/15/2015	0432
Sosik, Juliana	Palmerton, PA	01/14/2015	L102
Speakman, George	Circleville, OH	02/09/2015	0595
Starkey, Edna H	Pittsburgh, PA	01/15/2015	0434
Teich, Minnette	Monona, WI	02/17/2015	0774
Troyer, Joseph E	Hurricane, WV	02/21/2015	0774
Trozzi, Phillip	Monessen, PA	03/04/2015	L161
Turner, Margaret	Wheeling, WV	01/24/2015	0774
Worsham, Carolyn	Jackson, MI	02/02/2015	0381
Yeager, Dorothy M	Danville, PA	02/17/2015	0146

From the Sales Department...

By Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC
National Sales Director

The Moment of Truth

In the life insurance business the moment of truth occurs the minute someone dies. From that point on, the responsibility to pay a claim rests with the insurance company. Usually a spouse or children are named as beneficiary(s). Our job is to get the money in the hands of the beneficiary as soon as possible. What you do with the money is not our concern. You might use the proceeds to pay for the funeral, mortgage, car loan, tuition, monthly bills or whatever. It is your money and we trust that you would use it to the best of your abilities.

This all sounds great and probably works well when the proceeds are paid to a named beneficiary. But what happens if the beneficiary has passed away. What if the "estate" is the beneficiary? And what happens if children are left as beneficiaries? These scenarios occur every day.

First, if the estate is the beneficiary then we pay the estate and the executor or administrator will handle the distribution of the money according to the will. In the absence of a will the money will be dispersed according to state law and generally follows this formula:

☐ If there is a spouse but no children or surviving parents then the spouse gets everything.

☐ A spouse with one child or children of a deceased child then it is split 50/50.

☐ A spouse gets 1/3 if there are two or more children and the children get 2/3.

Imagine a widow's worst nightmare when her husband dies without a will. Then she finds out that most of his money is in a brokerage account and his mother is the beneficiary. She died a long time ago but he never updated the account to show his spouse as beneficiary. Now the widow gets 1/3 of the account and then the other 2/3 goes to the children but then things get

messy. She must petition the court to become the guardian of the children.

Then she must be appointed as the children's conservator for their share of the assets. By the way, just because she is the mother and only surviving parent, the court does not have to select her – they could pick someone else, even a complete stranger. Now under court supervision the children's accounts are monitored and controlled. The court will interpret reasonable costs for health, education, maintenance, and support and generally they are conservative. And finally, to add insult to injury, when the child turns age 18, legal majority, they inherit their account. Now you have an 18 year old flush with cash – do you see a Corvette in this child's future? Perhaps, but the question is how many 18 year olds are financially responsible? Here is a simple estate plan that everyone should follow.

☐ Make sure your beneficiary designations are up to date. People die, get married, divorced, change their name, etc. Check and update every so often.

☐ For a few hundred dollars an attorney can make sure your will is up to date. Appoint a guardian if you have minor children.

☐ Set up a power of attorney in case you become incapacitated and you might as well get a health power of attorney so someone can make decisions regarding your end of life care.

☐ Think about setting up a trust for children, special needs situations and/or to protect assets later in life.

☐ Buy life insurance and name a primary and a contingent beneficiary.

Please do this now – don't wait until it is too late. Contact your local NSS life representative or Joe Elliott in the Home office for more information.

Let's Get Real About College Planning

Lately there have been quite a few stories about too much emphasis being placed on a college education. Trade schools and/or going straight to work in the oil and gas industry is the way to

go and maybe so. Obviously that has worked for some.

Here is the reality – the average annual cost of college at a public school is \$15,000 and a private school is \$38,000. The average wages in the U.S. for a high school diploma is \$34,000, college graduate-\$58,000, a difference of \$24,000 per year. The figures speak for themselves. It is also a known fact that students are graduating from college with more debt. It is currently listed at \$1.2 trillion. This means that the average student owes around \$30,000. The payback on this loan has prevented many young people from purchasing a home or car.

Now what can you do about this situation? Save some money, think of college as an investment. You only have so many years and a limited time frame to earn interest. If you save a \$100 a month for 18 years you would have about \$30,000 in a Preferred 8 account. That's a start and this might cover the first year of college. But maybe it's time to start thinking about saving \$200 or \$500 a month. That would generate \$60,000 or \$150,000 over eighteen years. Another step is to save money on a smarter basis. Use tax laws to help you. For instance, NSS offers the Coverdell Education Savings Accounts. You can put up to \$2,000 a year into this plan and if the proceeds are used for higher education than all monies will be tax-free.

Finally, let's get the children involved. Talk to them about costs, where the money comes from and their options. Statistics show that young people with skin in the game save more early on and have less debt at graduation. The same thing can be said for working part-time while in school. Students who paid a portion of their college costs did better academically, finished school sooner and had less debt than those who had everything paid for them. If you think about it – it does make sense.

For more information, please contact your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office.

Thought for the Month

Happiness is a way of travel – it is not a destination.

Roy Goodman – NY state senator
(3/5/30 to 6/3/14)



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- Looking for higher interest than your bank can offer?
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- Earn interest daily and watch your account **GROW!**

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Current Interest Rates

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Preferred Choice	1.00%
Optimum 3	2.00%
Preferred 5	3.00%
Preferred 8	3.50%

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

Please contact your NSS Life financial service representative or
Joe Elliott in the Home Office at 1-800-488-1890.

Happy 100th Birthday



Charles Yasenko will celebrate his 100th birthday on May 5, 2015. Charles became a member of the NSS at the young age of 18.

For his longevity and good health, he gives all the credit to our Lord for watching over him for all these years.

Happy Birthday wishes from NSS members for a happy and healthy life.



Region 2 Hazleton/Wilkes-Barre, PA

Mark your calendars. Our next meeting will be on August 8, 2015 at the Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA at 12:30 p.m. Please try to attend.

Rose Mary Strich
Secretary

Assembly 731 Easter Egg Hunt

After dinner, members of Assembly 731 enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt at the home of Ruth Burns. After finding their candy filled eggs, all the children received a gift from the Easter Bunny (Mary Martini).



Congratulations to our First Quarter NSS Leaders in 2015



Scott Lunsford

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



Ted Sadar

Our First Quarter top **PREMIUM PRODUCER** is Ted Sadar. Ted has served his clients for over 30 years. Ted and his wife Sandy have three children, one grandson and a granddaughter on the way. He can be reached at 330-564-0505 or email him at tsadar@sadarfinancial.com

NSS Activities



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Fraternal Matters...

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



When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child.
 ~Sophia Loren

Art Contest Deadline Extended

It has been brought to my attention that a number of our members were not aware of the deadline date change for the May Art Contest. The reason we moved the deadline up to May 1st was so that I could return the "Mother's Day Cards" in time for the holiday. With that being said, the cards received by the 1st will be judged and returned. **For the other categories, I am going to extend the deadline to the original date of May 31st.** This should give everyone a little extra time to get those works of art into the Home Office. I am sorry for any confusion this might have caused.

NSS Fitness Matters in '15...

The purpose of this program is to help promote physical fitness and your good health. Sign up for NSS Life's Fitness Matters Walking Club by sending your name, address and Assembly Number to me at pblum@nsslife.org or by calling me at 724-731-0094. You will receive a free Pedometer and a mileage chart to help you track your progress.

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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

Accomidations by: Park Inn by Radisson
3377 New Castle Rd • West Middlesex, PA 16159
\$94/Night • Deadline for NSS block rate is 6-10-15

Banquet price included for member golfers
Non-golfer and guest banquet price: \$25.00

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
1					
2					
3					
4					

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

**Annual NSS National Golf Tournament
Men's and Women's Official Rules and Regulations**

1. The tournament is open to all members and guests of the National Slovak Society and its Youth Circles. There must be at least four Youth golfers officially entered to have a youth class. To protect the amateur standing of these youth, no prize money will be collected from nor paid to them.
2. United States Golf Association (USGA) and host golf course rules will govern play.
 - Play ball as it lies. No improving lie.
 - Lost Ball; play from area where ball was last seen and take 1 stroke penalty.
 - Out of Bounds; play from where ball goes out and take 1 stroke penalty.
 - Ball in Water Hazard; drop where ball went in and take 1 stroke penalty.
3. Handicaps will be determined as follows:
 - A. All male regular division golfers will play in three flights as determined by handicap. The golfer's first handicap will be determined after he has completed 72 holes of tournament play in the NSS National Golf Tournament. The golfer's handicap will be recalculated every year based on the golfer's best 72 holes in tournament play within the last five years. The handicap will be calculated on a 90% basis. The maximum handicap will be 40 strokes for 18 holes.
 - B. Any male golfer who has not completed 72 holes of tournament play in the NSS National Golf Tournament will be entered in the Callaway division using the NSS version of the Callaway scoring system.
 - C. Senior Men's Division (65 and over) will also play using handicaps as determined above. There will be only one flight in the Senior Division.
 - D. All female member golfers will compete with the handicap determined as above. The maximum handicap will be 40 strokes for 18 holes.
 - E. Any female golfer who has not completed 72 holes of play in the NSS National Golf tournament will be placed in the Callaway division.
4. Classifications:
 - A. A medal play champion will be determined for 18 holes and 36 holes in each of the following Divisions:

1. Men's A flight	5. Women's B flight
2. Men's B flight	6. Senior flight (age 65 and above)
3. Men's C flight	7. Callaway Flight
4. Women's A flight	

*Flight handicaps will be determined by number of entries and their handicaps. Champion's for each flight will receive an NSS Jacket, and Prize money. Prize money will depend on the number of participants in each flight. An individual winning his flight in both the 18 hole and 36 hole tournament will only receive one jacket but will receive the prize money for both tournaments.
5. In case of a tie for first place in any flight, both in the 18 hole and 36 hole tournament, a sudden death playoff will be used starting on a hole acceptable to the golf course management. If weather or darkness does not permit an actual playoff, a match of cards will be used starting with the number 1 handicap hole and proceeding with number 2, 3, 4, etc. until the tie is broken.
6. All other ties will split the applicable prize money. (E.g., two people tied for second will split second and third prize money. Three people tied for second would split second, third and fourth place prize money.)
7. The prize list will be determined by the tournament manager using the money contributed by the contestants and matching money contributed by the NSS for all member golfers. As nearly as possible, there will be one prize for each four entries. NSS does not match guest prize contributions.
8. The tournament manager will schedule tee times and pairings.
9. The Joseph Stefka Sr. Memorial plaque will be awarded to the low net winner of the 36 hole tournament. In case of a tie, the lower handicap will be the winner.
10. Golfers with long distances to travel will be given some preferential treatment for Sunday tee times, providing that the scheduling will not disrupt the efficiency of the tournament.
11. **ENTRIES WILL CLOSE – JUNE 10, 2015.**
12. Please make checks payable to: **NSS**

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

SCHOLARSHIP FOR SENIOR MEMBERS A Fraternal Program

PURPOSE ~

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

MEMBER ELIGIBILITY ~

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

COURSE ELIGIBILITY ~

Vocational schools, community colleges and universities offer a variety of short-term courses which may include areas like computer training, cake decorating, photography, landscaping, small engine repair, ballroom dancing, etc. This program does not cover courses that assist you to maintain your current full or part-time job. (Example: We will not reimburse life insurance or real estate agents who take continuing education credits to maintain their licenses.)

PROCEDURE ~

Members should enroll and pay for the course of their choice. Once the member has finished the class, they must submit an application, along with verification that the class was successfully completed, to the Home Office for approval by a National Officer. If the scholarship application is approved, the NSS will reimburse one-half (1/2) of the tuition for the course up to, but not to exceed, one hundred dollars.

INFORMATION & APPLICATION ~

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

Senior Scholarship Thank You....

Thank you very much for giving Seniors an opportunity to expand our knowledge through your Senior Scholarship Program. I appreciate the financial help as well as expanding my horizons.

My husband & I have enjoyed taking Ballroom Dancing lessons & I just completed a Medical Terminology class from CCAC (Community College of Allegheny County). Participating in these classes make us feel young and more like Juniors!!

Pam Tabone
Assembly 588

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.

Happy Mother's Day

Assembly 0070 & Region 8

Note of Appreciation

Dear President Blazek,

My brother and I would like to thank you for allowing us to share in the NSS 125th Anniversary Gala. The festivities and fellowship were outstanding. We enjoyed reconnecting with our heritage.

We appreciate our Grandfather, (President Wendel S Platek who served from 1937-1954) being thought of at such an auspicious occasion.

Mark Platek & Karen Prafka



John Karkosiak and Ed and Carole Koches presents Matching Funds checks from Assembly 0070 and Region 8 to Cleveland Food bank to Samantha Martin and Jo Clemens.

ASSEMBLY 004

New York, NY

A meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at Sonia Vorell's, 18088 Boston Road, Strongsville, OH at 2:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Sonia Vorell
Secretary

ASSEMBLY P09A

Youngstown, OH

A Pizza Party/Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at Wedgewood Pizza, Racoon Road, Austintown, Ohio at 5:30 p.m. All members are invited.

Mark your calendars for our annual picnic on August 9, 2015 at the Heritage Presbyterian Church at 12:30 p.m.

Betty DeArcangelis
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 039

Uniontown, PA

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to come out on Saturday, May 9th to help with our National NSS Project of "Helping to Feed America". We will be assisting the Uniontown Postal Letter Carriers collect food items for the Fayette County Food Bank. Please meet us behind the main post office, in downtown Uniontown, at 10:00 a.m.

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, the 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. with registration.

Mark this date down on your calendar! "Summer Bar-B-Q" meeting on Sunday, June 14th starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus picnic pavil-

ion. Free hamburgers, hotdog's, baked beans, potato salad with dessert and beverages. A free gift to all that attend!

Our "Stuffers Club" will meet on Tuesday, May 19th at the IHOP restaurant, in the Walmart Plaza at 6:00 p.m. to prepare the mailing for the "Summer Bar-B-Q". Free dinner to all that attend.

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 in the Home Office at: pblum@nsslife.org. Practice tee times are available on Friday afternoon.

Ladies, Pam Blum, our fraternal activities coordinator needs your favorite recipes. (The more Slovak, the better!!) They will be published in upcoming editions of the "National News".

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 Mother's Day to all mothers. We love you so!

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY RO59

Whitehall, PA

A meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at the Slivka's residence at 2:00 p.m. If in need of directions, please call 610-868-7301.

Nancy A Sabol
Secretary

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 L102

Schnecksville, PA

Assembly L102 will be doing a Matching Funds Project on May 17th, 2015. Take charge for Joey Fundraiser. Joey has CHARGE syndrome, which comes with many health complications. Come on out to The Hanover Township Fire Company in Hanover Township to enjoy bands and baskets to win, food and drink. Joey needs our support.

On May 9, 2015 **Region 14** will be doing Join Hands Day with the United States Post Office at the Butztown Post Office.

Pam Schiaffo
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 123

Coraopolis, PA

Join us for a play "Don't Dress for Dinner" presented by the Bobcat Players, at the Ed Schaughency Theater in the Beaver Area High School on Saturday, May 23rd. The play is a fast-paced farce that will keep you laughing. Seating is limited, so if you would like to attend, please call Mary Maniecki at 412-264-3546. We will only be able to get a limited number of tickets and it will be first come, first serve. Mary will give you information and directions. If interested, we can meet as a group before hand for dinner at a near-by restaurant.

I want to give thanks to Anna Jarvis of Grafton, WV, whose campaigning efforts brought us Mother's Day. So let me take this opportunity to say Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our assembly. Let us all remember our mothers whether living or deceased in our prayers.

Did you know that May 4th is International Firefighters Day and May 15th is Police Officers Memorial Day? Take an opportunity this month to say thank you to your local Firefighter and Police officers. Let them know they are appreciated. Memorial Day, May 25th, the unofficial start of summer and a day to

salute those who served in the military. Thank you for your service to our country.

How lucky we are to have so many who have chosen to dedicate their lives for the common good and protection of our communities and country!

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

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 Pittsburgh, PA

A meeting for all members followed by a family style luncheon (non-alcoholic beverages) will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the Hungarian Rhapsody, 14315 Northline Road, Southgate, MI at 3:00 p.m.

Please reserve your place no later than June 1, 2015 to either Joanne Medved at 734-676-2199 or Rose-marie Merten at rmmerten@home.com
Joanne Medved
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 554 Curwensville, PA

Mark your calendars for our meetings to be held in 2015. All meetings will be held at the home of Jim Stricek, 135 McCullough Street, DuBois, PA at 2:00 p.m.

Meetings will be held on June 7th, 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 586 Chicago, IL

The big news since our last meeting is that on May 3, Joe Tomaskovic turns 90 years old! Joe is an Honorary National Director of the NSS, has been a member of Assembly 586 since the early 1930s and still manages to attend our meetings and get-togethers.

If you can, drop Joe a line at irjotom@gmail.com to wish him a belated (by the time you read this) happy birthday; he'd like to hear from you!

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2015 at Hog Wild BBQ in Midlothian, IL at 2:00 p.m.

Janet Tomaskovic
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 617 Ashley, PA

Reminder - Join Hands Day is on May 16, 2015 at McAuley House, Plymouth, PA. Also, Family Day at Knoebels Amusement Park is on August 13th, 2015.

Rose Mary Strish
President

ASSEMBLY 737 Westmoreland County, PA

A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the home of Paul J Godor, 9280 Clubview Drive, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 p.m. Assembly business will be discussed at this time. All members are urged to attend.

Paul J Godor
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 813/C813 Englewood, FL

Our assembly will once again be joining the USPS and the National Association of Letter Carriers for their "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. This collaboration will be on May 9, 2015 and is Assembly 813's Join Hands Day project. They will be working with folks from the Englewood Bible Church, St. Raphael Church, the Englewood Presbyterian Church, Lemon Bay High School and Englewood Elementary students, and the United State Post Office employees. Those members who aren't able to help out in Englewood are encouraged to help out in their own communities because in this great country no one should be going hungry.

To volunteer or information please call Mary Jo Holker at 941-473-0559.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary

Máj – najkrajší mesiac roka

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.

Deň matiek

Nápad oslavy Dňa matiek do Československa prišiel okolo roku 1918, keď krajinu navštevovalo veľa ľudí z USA, medzi nimi i sociálne pracovníčky. Ideu šírila Čs. ochrana matiek a detí, Červený kríž, Sokol, Orol, katolícke spolky i niektoré ženské komisie pri politických stranách.

V druhu nedeľu v Máji slávime deň Matiek a k tomuto sviatku pripájame aj peknú báseň všetkým matkam.

Ku dňu matiek

Mama! Chcem Ti ďakovať za každý jeden deň. Preto začínam už dnes.

V nedeľu kyticu kvetov, kus čokolády, najvrúcnejší bozk, silné objatie.

V pondelok veľká vd'aka za lásku.

V utorok za každú pomoc od teba prijatú.

V stredu za každú minútu, ktorú so mnou si, aj keď ťa nevidím.

Vo štvrtok odpustenie za všetko, čím som ti nechcela ublížiť.

V piatok slová Lúbim ťa.

V sobotu slza šťastia za to, že Ťa mám.

Najkrajšia hviezdica z celého nebička je tvoja mamička, čo ti Boh dal.

Až ti tá hviezdica zmizne raz z nebička, potom do srdiečka, zájde ti žiaľ.

Nájdeš si lásku i kamaráta, nikto ti nedá čo tvoja matka.

Najkrajšia hviezdica ...



Medzinárodný Folklorný Festival v Pittsburghu

Cez víkend 15 a 16 mája sa uskutoční 59 folklórny festival v konvention centre v Monroeville v Pgh, kde sa predstavi vyše 20 národnosti svojim folklórom.

Bližšie informácie dostanete od Sue Ondrejco na čísle 412 421-1204.

Vstupne päť dollarov vopred a šesť dollarov pri vstupnej bráne.

Slovaci budu prezentovany skupinou Pittsburgh Slovakians.



Máj...Mesiac Lásky.

Máj sa vo všeobecnosti považuje za obdobie lásky a zrodu nového života. Všetko živé, čo prišlo na svet v máji, malo sa zdarne vyvíjať. Májová zeleň bola symbolom sily a dobrého rastu.

Láska Bože láska, kde tá ľudia berú na horách nerástieš v poli tá nesejú.

Keby sa ta láska na poli rodila nejedna panenka hlávku by sklonila.

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V Šírave je málo vody. Návštevníci chodia pešo na ostrov

Na Zemplínskej šírave poklesla voda v rekreačných strediskách o desiatky metrov. Najväčší pokles vidieť v rekreačnom stredisku Prímestská oblasť - Biela hora a na vpustnom kanáli, kde sa Laborec vlieva do nádrže. Obrovské kamene, ktoré sú na vpustnom kanáli bežne ukryté pod hladinou, teraz pripomínajú skalnaté bralo. Rápidny pokles hladiny využívajú mnohí návštevníci Šíravy aj na prechádzky na ostrovček, ktorý sa nachádza v rekreačnom stredisku Hôrka. Rušno je najmä cez víkendy. Dramatický pokles hladiny súvisí s pripravovanou rekonštrukciou bezpečnostného priepadu pri Zalužiciach. Podľa vodohospodárov je hladina stále o takmer štyri metre vyššia, ako je jej prípustné prevádzkové minimum. Korzar.sk



Youth Circle Page

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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 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.

Junior Pittsburgh Slovakians

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

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.

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(USES 0371-140)
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Could you use a little extra “green?”

Recommender

As a proud member of NS 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.*

Name _____

Assembly No. _____

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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.

