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Column will be in the October issue along with the
Financial Page.

Activities at a Glance...

REGION 2 October 19 October 25	Assemblies L075, 0146, 0617 Assembly L075, Meeting, Grande Pizzeria, Birney Avenue, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm Region 2, Meeting at Grotto Pizza, Edwardsville, PA at 12:30 pm
REGION 5 September 20 September 21 September 28 October 18 December 7	Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0283, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0700, 0737, 0774, 0809 Assembly 0123, Gateway Clipper Cruise, Pittsburgh, PA at 12 Noon. Assembly 0039, Meeting/Bar-B-Q, Knights of Columbus Pavilion, Uniontown, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly 0377, Meeting, On Deck Bar & Grill, 200 N Lakeside Dr, Canonsburg, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly 0737, Meeting, Godor's Residence, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Knights of Columbus Social Hall, Uniontown, PA at 2:00 pm
REGION 7 September 6 October 11 November 2 December 6	Assemblies P09A, 0008, 0731 Assembly 0731, Trip to Akron Zoo Assembly 0731, Halloween Hayride, Countryside Farms, Lowellville, OH at 5:30 pm Assembly 0731, Meeting, Ruth Burns Residence, Poland, OH at 3:00 pm Region 7, Christmas Party, Holy Family Parish Hall, Poland, OH at 1:00 pm
REGION 8 September 13 September 21 October 21 December 16	Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595 Assembly 0070, Pot Luck Dinner/Meeting, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 5:00 pm Assembly 0004, Meeting, Havir Residence, Westlake, OH at 2:00 pm Assembly 0432, Meeting, Koches Residence, Strongsville, OH at 7:30 pm Assembly 0432, Christmas Party/Meeting, 7:30 pm, Location TBD
REGION 10 October 26 November 30	Assemblies 0586 Assembly 0586/0065, Meeting, Time and place to be determined. Assembly 0586, Christmas Party, Bohemian Garden Restaurant, Downers Grove at 1:00 pm
REGION 14 September 14	Assemblies R059, L102 Region 14, Bingo, St. John's Slovak Church, Allentown, PA
REGION 15 September 14	Assemblies L002, 0028, L145 Assembly 002, Meeting/Luncheon, Holy Name of Jesus Church, Stratford, CT at 12:30 pm
AT LARGE September 14 September 28 October 5 October 19 November 7 December 24	Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0299, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0705, 0800, 0813 Assembly 0381, Meeting/Cookout, Medved's Residence, Grosse Ile, MI at 2:00 pm Assembly 0813, Appreciation Dinner, TGI Friday's Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek's Residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek's Residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Annual Christmas Eve celebration

From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC
National President

Where has the summer gone? My Pastor used to always say once the 4th of July comes, the rest of the summer blows by. And each year it seems to be going faster and faster. I am sure the summer is never long enough for our kids that are in school but as I think back to my youth, I do remember being ready to go back to school after the summer vacation. It has been a very busy summer with the Quadrennial Convention, Golf outing, and vacation, but I enjoyed every day of the mentioned events.

As we wind down the summer months, I see on the schedule for September a trip to the Akron Zoo for Assembly 0731 members, a cookout at the Medved's for Assembly 0381, a ride on the Gateway Clipper for Assembly 0123 members in addition to Assembly 0039 hosting a Bar B-Q and Assembly R019 holding the 120th Annual Celebration at Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church.

Speaking about Celebrations, the NSS will be 125 years old in 2015 and we are planning an Anniversary Banquet to be held in the Pittsburgh area on Saturday, March 7th, 2015. So mark your calendars and plan on attending this once in a lifetime event. We have come a long way from our founding in 1890 when our treasury had \$600.00 until today when our assets are over \$750 million dollars. We have many people to thank for the vision they had in 1890 and for the leadership over the 125 years; especially through the

tough times of the depression and other times of economic instability. What greater way to honor our predecessors than to attend this special Anniversary Banquet?

News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday wishes go out to former National Directors Gary Cepko and Paul Payerchin, Controller Donna Tenney, Sales Director Greg Felton, staff member Linda Buono, John Palko, Mary Cambest, Millie Havir, Michael Eubank, Edwin Woods, Chris Katricak, Susan Knoll and granddaughter Charlotte (Charlie) Lavin.

Celebrating Anniversaries this month are national Director Bob and Chris Katricak, Honorary Director Joe and Irene Tomaskovic, Jr., and my wife Fran, who has put up with me for the past 19 years.

Hearing Loss

Happy I recently came across an article regarding hearing and since my wife is always telling me I should have my hearing checked, I thought this might be of interest to many of our readers.

If you have trouble hearing, you're not alone. More than 25 million Americans have hearing loss, including one out of four people older than 65. Hearing loss may come from infections, strokes, head injuries, some medicines, tumors, other medical problems, or even too much ear wax. It can also result from repeated exposure to very loud noise, such as music, power tools, or jet engines. The way the ear works changes as a person ages which also can affect hearing. The good news is that for most people who have a hearing loss, there are ways to fix the problem. So if you have trouble hearing, visit your doctor to find out if you have a hearing loss and how to treat it. Some of the symptoms of hearing loss are:

- * People say you're shouting when you talk to them;
- * you need the TV or radio turned up louder than other people do;
- * you have to ask people to repeat what they say because you can't quite hear them; especially in

groups or when there is background noise;

- * you can't hear a noise if you're not facing the direction it's coming from;
- * you seem to hear better out of one ear than the other;
- * you have to strain to hear;
- * you keep hearing a hissing or ringing background noise;
- * you can't hear a dripping faucet or the high notes of a violin.

If you have any of these symptoms, see your doctor so you can be tested for hearing loss.

To find out what kind of hearing loss you have and whether all the parts of your ear are working okay, your doctor may want you to take a hearing test. These tests are often given by a health-care professional that specializes in hearing, such as an audiologist. Audiologists are usually not medical doctors but are trained to give hearing tests and interpret the results. Hearing tests are painless. If the hearing test shows that you have a hearing loss, there may be one or more ways to treat it. Possible treatments include medication, surgery or a hearing aid. Hearing aids can usually help hearing loss that involves damage to the inner ear. This type of hearing loss is common in older people as part of the aging process. But younger people can also have it from infections or repeated exposure to loud noises.

Not everyone with a hearing problem can be helped by a hearing aid. Your doctor or hearing health-care professional is the best person to know if a hearing aid might help you. You should have your hearing tested by a specialist before you buy a hearing aid. It's best to get your hearing test from a licensed hearing professional. If the hearing test shows that you need a hearing aid, you will get a note or prescription saying your hearing has been tested and you need a hearing aid. The note may also say what kind of hearing aid the hearing health-care professional recommends.

Adult Truths:

MapQuest really needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my own neighborhood.

The Second Opinion from the Vice-President



Dean Burns, FIC
National Vice-President

Perception

The following lines are from *Pippa Passes* a dramatic poem by Robert Browning,

“The year’s at the spring,
And day’s at the morn;
Morning’s at seven;
The hill-side’s dew-pearled;
The lark’s on the wing;
The snail’s on the thorn;
God’s in His heaven—
All’s right with the world!”

The timing of this song renders it deeply ironic. In reality, Pippa is passing through the countryside amid murder and other kinds of deviant behavior, but for her, God is in his heaven and all is right with the world making the song deeply ironic. She saw what she wanted to see, not reality, and that made her view of things acceptable to her.

Like Pippa, I have spent much of my time skipping through life seeing it as I wished it to be rather than as it is. Oh, I knew from the television news that many, many people left a lot to be desired. Parents kill their own children, Countries bomb their own citizens. Politicians sell out their integrity for money, sex, and/or power. Friends will let you down. People will break rules

and do questionable things. There are more divorces than marriages. Children might disappoint you. The list is endless. But through it all, I could maintain hope that God is still paying attention and good will prevail... most of the time. Yes, people tell me that I am naive and will be disappointed. Maybe I will. But I choose not to be one of the people who predict doom. I NEED to have faith in the basic goodness of my fellow humans.

We used to have a weather man who predicted doom every day. Beautiful summer sunshine and he said it would rain one day I asked him why he did that. He told me that if he predicted sun and it rained on people’s picnics, they would be angry with him. But if he predicted rain, and it was sunny, people were happy. Nice idea for making people be happier, but he is not the weatherman any more. People wanted accurate predictions rather than faux happiness.

Truth

I am one of the people who needs the truth and needs to know why things are as they are. I know that is inconsistent with the first paragraph where I said I tried to go through life carefree. But, once I discover that something has happened which wasn’t so good, I ask “why” and “how could they”, and every other question I can come up with. I have a friend (I really do) and when I ask those questions, she asks me why I ask them when I know that the answers will disappoint me. As near as I can tell, there are two reasons. First. I am nosy as hell. Secondly, I hope, against hope, that evil never happened and my friends are honest and upright. Actually, the first reason is the more important one.

Wouldn’t life be better if people and countries, and corporations kept their word? Thirteen people would not be dead if GM had fixed those ignition

switches when they first found out about them. Yes, corporate profits might have been lower, but God protects us from businessmen who place money above safety. Or, more egregiously, leaders of countries who sacrifice the nation’s youth to try to be the toughest bully on the schoolyard. I knew people who died in Korean and Iraq, and Afghanistan. To me, all three countries are not worth the life (or injury) of one American child. But old men rant against other countries and want to invade everyone for real or imagined offenses. Unfortunately, those old men are our political leaders and we send them back to Washington.

Modern society has established laws to deal with offenses. We don’t really expect to poke out an eye for an eye. It just means that the punishment should fit the crime. We fill buildings with offenders who serve years of prison time and only learn to be better crooks. All of which wastes our resources.

No, I do not have a better solution. I just see the fallacy of continuing to do as we have in the past. That is why I ask a lot of questions. I think it is also why Pippa is my compatriot. If one does not see the evil, it is easier to accept. Of course, I also accept that God is in His heaven and what is happening is His plan and I am just not privy to knowing exactly what the end plan is. Man, I hope that is it or some semblance of that.

Meanwhile, I will go on looking for the Good and forgiving the Bad. It makes it easier for me. I know thousands of good people who do charitable acts and serve the NSS as it tries to fulfill its fraternal mission. Remember, “If each one reaches one, we will do a lot more good.” I, and others, are counting on you.

PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS July, 2014

In Memory of **Margaret Pilosi, Former National President FSWFE:**

From Children, Justine Wesnak, Lucille Secchetti & Guy Pilosi 100.00

Donations:

- 2014 Convention 1,195.00
- 2014 Convention 1,396.46
- Region 5 picnic raffle 400.00
- Paul & Carol Godor 15.00
- Dean Burns 100.00
- Mary Jo Holker 100.00
- Linda Strom 50.00
- Region 5 Matching Funds 400.00
- Rosalie Troyanovich 25.00



LEAF DONATIONS July, 2014

In Memory of my husband, **William Mellett:**

From Gertrude Mellett 250.00



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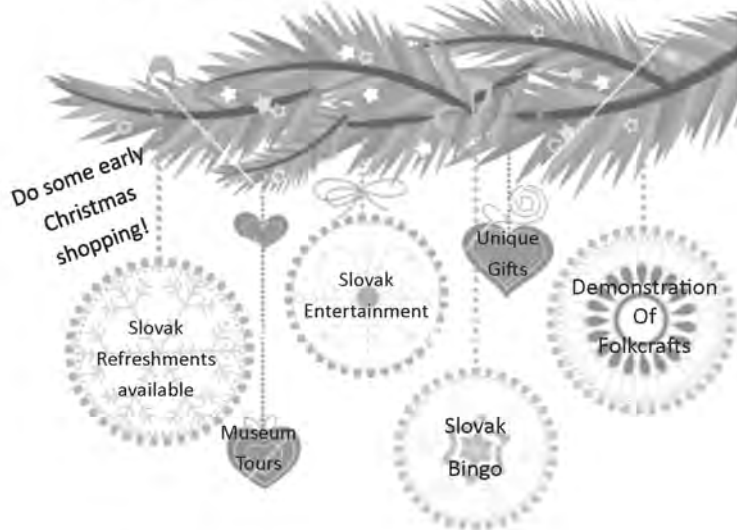
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The National Slovak Society Heritage Museum presents:

“Christmas in September”

Saturday, September 27, 2014 11 am — 5 pm
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EVERYONE WELCOME **** FREE ADMISSION

The Good Captain Svejek

Sokol Greater Cleveland members will perform a comedy, The Good Captain Svejek, on Saturday, Sept. 27th at 7:00 p.m., and on Sunday, Sept. 28th at 3:00 p.m. This event will be held at The Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland, OH. Admission is \$8.00 in advance; \$10.00 at the door. For reservations call 216-642-9012.

Margaret Ann (Mikolaj) Gomola Assembly 0004

September 8, 2009
Fifth Anniversary

I'M THERE INSIDE YOUR HEART



*Right now I'm in a different place,
And though we seem apart,
I'm closer than I ever was
I'm there inside your heart.*

*I'm with you when you greet each day
And while the sun shines bright,
I'm there to share the sunsets, too,
I'm with you every night.*

*I'm with you when the times are good,
To share a laugh or two,
And if a tear should start to fall..
I'll still be there for you.*

*And when that day arrives
That we no longer are apart,
I'll smile and hold you close to me
Forever in my heart.
Always your Margie*

**We miss your gentle being, your smile,
and sincere concerns.
Husband Bob, sons Bob and Christopher**

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS July, 2014

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Anhalt, James J	Manitowoc, WI	02/14/2014	0774
Antoniak, Anne K	Flushing, NY	04/21/2014	L075
Bakalarczyk, Thelma	Pittsburgh, PA	07/01/2014	0100
Babicz, Jennie	Harrisburg, PA	06/19/2014	0588
Bedillion, Winnie K	Amsterdam, OH	07/16/2014	0774
Bigham, Anson L	Normalville, PA	03/07/2014	0039
Davis, Clara C	Wrightstown, PA	08/14/2013	R059
Eliler, Sara	Alliance, OH	06/16/2014	0123
Fisher, Howard	Washington, PA	06/09/2014	0588
Fleeger, Betty	Adams, PA	06/22/2014	0700
Frederick, Helen T	Somerset, PA	05/31/2014	0038
Gallo, Sylvia	Philsburg, PA	06/23/2014	0774
Groves, Gladys M	Webster Springs, WV	05/06/2014	0774
Holewski, Barbara L	Waterford, PA	04/22/2014	0731
Horn, Robert Sr	New Martinsville, WV	04/03/2014	0774
Hritz, Andrew B	Highland, IN	05/13/2014	0586
Ihnat, Andrew	Campbell, OH	06/15/2014	0008
Janega, Joseph M	Stratford, CO	06/19/2014	0028
Kaliszewski, Eleanor	Parma, OH	05/11/2014	0004
Kobliska, Rita	Brookfield, WI	05/06/2014	0774
Lemesany, Leonard L	Colorado Springs, CO	010/5/2014	0236
Mathers, Ronald J	West Elizabeth, PA	06/28/2014	0737
McArdle, William H	St. Petersburg, FL	07/03/2014	0813
Morgan, Buren V	Belmont, NC	05/22/2014	0774
Morgan, Ilema	S Charleston, WV	05/14/2014	0809
Morrison, Thomas E	Irvona, PA	06/05/2014	0267
Plesko, Michael J	Freeland, MI	07/11/1998	0381
Renshaw, Betty	Berkley, MI	06/09/2014	0381
Siwicki, Stella	Reading, PA	06/01/2014	L102
Smith, Fred W	Washington, PA	04/23/2014	0588
Smolinsky, Helen	Erie, PA	07/03/2014	0432
Stringhill, Flora	Belle Vernon, PA	07/08/2014	0377
Sushak, Julia	Indiana, PA	06/18/2014	0038
Vitek, Pauline M	Duryea, PA	06/05/2014	L075
Weyant, Walter	Monroeville, PA	06/11/2014	L105
Young, Gerald A	Portage, PA	070/7/2014	0038
Zettinig, Rudolf J	Nashotah, WI	050/6/2014	0774

Fraternal Matters...

By: Pam Blum
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No matter what people tell you,
words and ideas can change the
world.

-Robin Williams

PVR Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations go out to the PVR Scholarship recipients for the 2014-2015 school year. This year we had 38 first year recipients and 85 returning recipients for a total of 123 grants. Keep up the good work. Pictures of the 1st year recipients can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Photo Contest

Get those camera's out and start capturing the moments...Our annual photo contest is about to begin. The contest is open to all members of all ages. Rules can be found elsewhere in this issue. This year we are adding a new category titled "Convention" so, look over your pictures from Hershey and send one in.

2014 National Golf Tournament

This year's golf tournament at Sawmill Creek Resort was a great success. The tournament was run differently from past years. We had both an 18 and a 36 Hole tournament. The winner of the 2014 Joe Stefka Memorial Award was Jim Morehart. Between the Tee and Green sponsors, the Par 3 Challenge, and the Putting Contest we were able to raise \$2,450.00 for the PVR Scholarship Fund. Mark your calendar for next year tournament that will be held on July 10-12, 2015 at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course. Below is a list of this year's winners.

		Flight	HDCP	SAT GROSS	SAT TOTAL	18 Holes PLACE	SUN GROSS	SUN TOTAL	FINAL SCORE	36 Hole Place
Dave	Blazek	A	10	86	76	1st	79	69	145	1st
Mike	Czarney	A	10	92	82	2nd	86	76	158	2nd
David	Pytel	B	22	93	71	1st	93	71	142	1st
Joe	Stefka	B	19	91	72	2nd	95	76	148	2nd
Shawn	Pytel	C	40	107	67	1st	131	91	158	
Jim	Czarney	C	25	101	76		93	68	144	1st
Bob	Katricak	C	32	106	74	2nd	108	76	150	2nd
Jim	Morehart	Senior	28	92	64	1st	92	64	128	1st
Charles	Lloyd	Senior	16	89	73		96	80	153	2nd
Tony	Gambatese	Senior	12	81	69	2nd			69	
Kevin	Jones	Calaway	Cal	87	73	1st	84	74	147	1st
Tom	Kalupanov	Calaway	Cal	106	76	2nd	96	80	156	
Joesph	Grispart	Calaway	Cal	105	78		101	77	155	2nd
Steven	Meyers	Guest	Cal	76	74	1st	75	72	146	1st
Fran	Blazek	W - A	24	95	71	1st	95	71	142	1st
Cindy	Robinson	W - B	28	108	80	1st			80	
Mary Ruth	Savikas	W - B	40	124	84		123	83	167	1st

NATIONAL SLOVAK SOCIETY 2014 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

18 HOLE RESULTS

MENS A FLIGHT	GROSS	NET	HDCP
Dave Blazek	86	76	10
Mike Czarney	92	82	10
John Payerchin	93	83	10
Ed Savikas	100	84	16
Albert Suess	100	85	15
Tom Gmitter	111	93	18

MENS B FLIGHT	GROSS	NET	HDCP
Dave Pytel	93	71	22
Joe Stefka	91	72	19
Floyd McKain	95	76	19
Greg Blum	101	77	24
Greg Felton	100	81	19
Chuck Froehlich	105	85	20

MENS C FLIGHT	GROSS	NET	HDCP
Shawn Pytel	107	67	40
Bob Katricak	106	74	32
Jim Czarney	101	76	25
Keith Godor	117	77	40
Chris Pytel	120	80	40

MENS S FLIGHT	GROSS	NET	HDCP
Jim Morehart	92	64	28
Tony Gambatese	81	69	12
Charlie Lloyd	89	73	16
Gary Robinson	85	74	11
Ron Cooper	102	84	18
Bob Kapp	110	88	22

MENS CALLAWAY	GROSS	NET	HDCP
Kevin Jones	87	73	C
Steve Meyers	76	73	C
Tom Kalupanov	106	76	C
Joe Grispart	105	78	C
Rick Toth	121	78	C
John Toth	119	79	C
Wes Maloney	125	80	C

WOMENS A FLIGHT	GROSS	NET	HDCP
Fran Blazek	95	71	24
Sue Burns	99	84	15
Mary Jo Holker	104	85	19
Chris Chervenak	103	87	16

WOMENS CALLAWAY	GROSS	NET	HDCP
Peg Meyers	107	81	C

WOMENS B FLIGHT	GROSS	NET	HDCP
Mary Ruth Savikas	124	84	40
Cindy Robinson	108	80	28
Joanna Lloyd	121	91	30

36 HOLE RESULTS

MENS A FLIGHT	SAT NET	SUN NET	2 DAY NET
Dave Blazek	76	69	145
Mike Czarney	82	76	158
Ed Savikas	84	77	161
John Payerchin	83	82	165
Tom Gmitter	93	93	186

MENS B FLIGHT	SAT NET	SUN NET	2 DAY NET
Dave Pytel	71	71	142
Joe Stefka	72	76	148
Floyd McKain	76	78	154
Greg Blum	77	82	159
Greg Felton	81	83	164
Chuck Froehlich	85	86	171

MENS C FLIGHT	SAT NET	SUN NET	2 DAY NET
Jim Czarney	76	68	144
Bob Katricak	74	76	150
Chris Pytel	80	72	152
Keith Godor	77	76	153
Shawn Pytel	67	91	158

MENS SR FLIGHT	SAT NET	SUN NET	2 DAY NET
Jim Morehart	64	64	128
Charlie Lloyd	73	80	153
Ron Cooper	84	82	166
Bob Kapp	88	78	166

MENS CALLAWAY	SAT NET	SUN NET	2 DAY NET
Kevin Jones	73	74	147
Steve Meyers	73	72	145
Tom Kalupanov	76	80	156

WOMENS A FLIGHT	SAT NET	SUN NET	2 DAY NET
Fran Blazek	71	72	143
Chris Chervenak	87	89	176

MENS CALLAWAY	SAT NET	SUN NET	2 DAY NET
Joe Grispart	78	77	155
John Toth	79	79	158

WOMENS B FLIGHT	SAT NET	SUN NET	2 DAY NET
Mary Ruth Savikas	84	83	167
Joanna Lloyd	91	85	176

WOMENS CALLAWAY	SAT NET	SUN NET	2 DAY NET
Peg Meyers	81	78	159

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Joe Elliott in the Home Office at 1-800-488-1890.

From the Sales Department...

By Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC
National Sales Director

Life Insurance Awareness Month

Every September the insurance industry promotes life insurance. Believe it or not life insurance can do some pretty amazing things. It can buy loved ones time to grieve, it can pay off debts, it can make dreams come true and it can have a lasting effect. This year's spokesperson is Boomer Esiason. The former NFL quarterback for the Cincinnati Bengals was an all pro and even played in one Super Bowl. As a youngster Boomer lost his mother to cancer at the age of 7. His father had to work several jobs to help maintain the family. He and his sisters learned a hard life lesson early on. Life insurance sure would have made their lives easier or at least Dad would have been around more. Today Boomer is married, has two grown children and he is well insured. His primary goal is to teach his children the importance and value of having a quality insurance program. The facts are unbelievable with an estimate of almost 100 million people without any personal life insurance. Yet, 50% of this group would like some insurance they just don't know how much or what kind to buy? 8 out of 10 people guessed that the insurance was too expensive but they were incorrect.

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Interested in opening an IRA or a Roth IRA account? The maximum contribution for IRAs in 2014 is \$5,500 and if you are age 50 or older you may contribute an additional \$1,000 for a \$6,500 total. IRAs may be tax-deductible and a Roth IRA may be tax-free if you adhere to the rules. Here is how quickly your money can grow in an NSS annuity. These figures use a Preferred 8 annuity currently paying 3.50% interest with a 2.0% lifetime minimum guarantee.

Years	\$100 / month	\$5,000 per year
5	\$ 6,556	\$27,751
10	\$14,343	\$ 60,710
15	\$23,591	\$ 99,855
20	\$34,576	\$146,347
25	\$47,621	\$201,566
30	\$63,115	\$267,147

You can open an account with a \$1,000 minimum or \$100 per month. An interesting point about the \$100 per month plan is this – at age 65 (after 30 yrs.), a \$63,115 account could pay you almost \$400 per month in a single premium immediate annuity account. So in a sense you saved a \$100 to get a \$400 return. The \$267,147 account would pay \$1,600 per month for life in a SPIA. Of course you could always take the lump sum. This is another example of a 400% return on your money. Why wait – get started now and pay yourself first.

Pre-Need Insurance

What is the first thing you think of when someone mentions life insurance? Believe it or not most people think about funeral costs and last expenses. If you have ever had to make arrangements for someone then you know there are a lot of decisions to be made at a sad time. Here's a partial list of some of the responsibilities that have to be done when a person dies:

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| Meet with a funeral director | Decide on final arrangements |
| Select casket and vault | Secure cemetery plot |
| Contact a minister | Meet with florist |
| Write an obituary | Contact bank, Social Security, etc. |
| File insurance claim | Choose pallbearers |

One of the ways to avoid this is to pre-plan your funeral. Most families feel immense relief when they realize that all of the necessary details of a loved one's funeral were planned in advance. Pre-planning provides you with peace of mind and relieves you of the enormous emotional burden that otherwise would be your responsibility. Pre-planning ensures that your wishes are carried out and everything is paid for in advance.

What you should do is meet with your local funeral director and talk about these options. You might ask him or her if they use NSS Life Pre-Need products. We expanded into this market a couple of years ago because it was a natural extension of the products we were already marketing.

At NSS Life Pre-Need we offer a single premium life insurance plan which can be guaranteed issue. This plan also features a 3% growth factor which helps offset the rising cost of inflation. For this market there is also an annuity available that is paying 3.0% interest. Both of these products are only available through funeral homes and to residents of PA and OH.

So be sure to tell your local funeral director that you would like to use NSS Life Pre-Need products. They can call us for a kit and sign up for free.

ASSEMBLY L002

Windsor, CT

Our annual meeting and luncheon for all members will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2014. A mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 1950 Barnum Avenue, Stratford, CT for all living and deceased members of the society.

Immediately following church services, a luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m. at Vazzy's Restaurant 513 Broad-bridge Rd, Bridgeport, CT. The cost of the lunch is \$10 per person, which will be collected at the restaurant. Please bring any used or torn American Flags as these will be donated to the VFW for proper disposal. Also, please bring a non-perishable food item, which will be donated to Sterling House.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Kristin Toman at (203)888-0859 for more information.

Kristin Toman
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 004

Parma, OH

A meeting will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2014 at the residence of Edward and Mildred Havir, 1744 Westhill Boulevard, Westlake, OH at 2:00 p.m.

Sonia Vorell
Secretary

ASSEMBLY R019

Buffalo, NY

Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church in Buffalo, NY celebrates its 120th Anniversary! Please join us for this joyous occasion! Vespers Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. followed by a cocktail reception at the church hall; Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon at Creekside Banquet Facility.

For more information and tickets please check the church website at

www.peterandpauloca.com or contact Mariya Rubleva at (617) 894-1268. The deadline for cocktail reception reservations (freewill offering) and banquet ticket purchases (\$25) is Friday September 12, 2014.

Linda Mucyn
President

ASSEMBLY 039

Uniontown, PA

Summer Bar-B-Q

Our September meeting will be a "Summer Bar-B-Q" on Sunday, September 21st at the Knights of Columbus Picnic Pavilion on North Gallatin Avenue Ext. in Uniontown. The festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m. A full report of the recent NSS Quadrennial Convention will be given by our delegates. (The Steelers are not playing that day!) Come on out for fellowship, fraternalism and free food!!!

Congratulations to assembly youth members: Giavanna Gulino, Valentina Gulino and Mara Lako who were winners in the recent NSS Art Contest. Great job!!!! We are proud of you!!!

"Christmas In September" will be held at the NSS Heritage Museum, in the home office, on Saturday, September 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Slovak bingo, Slovak refreshments and entertainment! Learn all about the celebration of a traditional Slovak Christmas. Admission is free! Plan to attend with the whole family!!

Remember to enter the *NSS Photo Contest* with a deadline of October 1st. The contest is open to all adult and youth members. And don't forget about the *NSS Christmas Ornament Contest* for members of all ages. The deadline for your entry is December 1st. Make it a family affair!!

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.

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY 070/C070

Brooklyn, OH

A Pot Luck Dinner and meeting will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, OH at 5:00 p.m.. Side dishes would be appreciated. Please call John or Mary Ann Karkosiak at 216-741-6990 if you plan to attend, so we can plan accordingly.

John Karkosiak
Secretary

ASSEMBLY L075

Duryea, PA

Our last meeting for the year will be held on Sunday, October 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the Grande Restaurant Birney Avenue, Moosic, PA to nominate and elect officers for 2015-2016. For more information contact Lehrae Edwards at 570-457-8402.

Lehrae Edwards
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 123

Pittsburgh, PA

Any last minute signups for our gateway Clipper trip on Saturday, September 20th? This one hour river cruise leaves at noon. Call Mary Maniecki at 412-264-3546. There may be a few tickets available. Members will get a nice discount.

Saturday, September 27th the Heritage Museum located in the home office in McMurray is having a special program called "Christmas in September". It is very worthwhile; see additional details in the magazine.

Our assembly will host a bingo and pizza night on Wednesday, October 1st, at the Veteran Hospital in Aspinwall. We will also be volunteering Friday, October 24th at 9:30 a.m. at the World Vision Warehouse in Sewickley. Afterwards we will gather for lunch and

a business meeting. All our members are welcome to help out. Please consider donating some of your time to join us. Call Mary or myself at 724-242-5085 for directions.

Hey, do we have any shutterbugs in our assembly? Get your pictures in for the NSS photo contest which ends September 30th. See further details in the magazine. There are some nice prizes available. Your participation helps our assembly get additional funds which we use to support various charities. Send that picture in! Say goodbye to summer, it did seem to go too fast! Are you ready for some football?!!

Bill Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 377

Bentleyville, PA

A meeting will be held on Sunday, September 28th, 2014 at the On Deck Bar and Grill, 200 N. Lakeside Drive Canonsburg, PA. 15317 at 3:00 p.m. Kindly RSVP to me at 724-207-0410. Please bring any ideas for our annual Holiday party. I hope to see you there and welcome any new members!

Suzanne Skrypak
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 381

Grosse Ile, MI

Members of Assembly 381 are invited to a meeting and a cook out on Sunday, September 14, 2014 at the Medved's, 27620 Elba Drive, Grosse Ile, MI at 2:00 p.m.

Please call 734-676-2199 by September 10, 2014 so we may plan accordingly.

Joanne Medved
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 432

Fairview Park, OH

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21st, 2014 at the home of Ed and Carole Koches, 20669 Spruce Drive, Strongsville, OH at 7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Our Christmas meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 16th, 2014. Location of the meeting TBD.

Shawn Pytel
Publicist

ASSEMBLY 554

Curwensville, PA

Meetings will be held on October 5th and November 7th, 2014 at the home of Jim Stricek, 135 McCullough St., DuBois, PA at 2:00 p.m.

Jim Stricek
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 586

Chicago, IL

A business meeting/activity for our assembly and former Assembly 65 members will be held on Sunday, October 26th, time & place TBD.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 30, for our annual Christmas Party at the Bohemian Garden Restaurant in Downers Grove at 1:00 p.m.

Janet Tomaskovic
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 737

Westmoreland County, PA

A meeting will be held on October 18, 2014 at the home of Paul J. Godor, 9280 Clubview Drive, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 p.m.

All assembly business will be discussed at this time.

All members are urged to attend.

Paul J Godor
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 813

Englewood, FL

Our appreciation dinner to recognize our assembly's volunteers will be held on September 28, 2014 at TGI Friday's. Please call Mary Jo Holker at 941-473-0559 by September 20th to let us know if you plan to attend.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary

REGION 14

Allentown, PA

A Matching Funds Longaberger/Vera Bradley basket/bingo will be held on Friday, September 12th, 2014 at St. John's Slovak Church, Allentown, PA. This event is for the Cardinal Tomko Chapter. Order your tickets from Marge Ferri at 610-866-8945.

Sharon Wesnak
Secretary

Slovak Studies Program 24th Slovak Heritage Festival

On Sunday, November 2, 2014, 1-5 p.m., the Slovak Studies Program will sponsor the 24th Annual Slovak Heritage Festival in the Commons Room of the Cathedral of Learning on the University of Pittsburgh campus, Oakland. We do it exclusively on a volunteer basis to help promote Slovak heritage.

The preliminary line-up for the festival includes lectures on the history of Slovak immigration and genealogy, folk art, and the Slovak's in World War I. Performances will include PÁS (Pittsburgh Area Slovak's), Pittsburgh Junior Slovaks and Pittsburgh Slovaks, and Helene Cincebeaux's Parade of Krojs (Slovak Folk Costumes). There will be Slovak-related displays, ethnic food, folk vendors. Attendance is free.

Details will be posted online at:
<http://www.pitt.edu/~votruba/currentinfo/currentinfo.html>

Assembly L102 Enjoy Annual Picnic



A good time was had by all at this years annual picnic/meeting for Assembly L102. Games were played by the young and the young at heart. Over 30 members and guests from R059 were in attendance. A short meeting was held before the food and festivities and the newly elected board members, Abigail Gross, and Drew Wesnak were congratulated. A beautiful day of fraternalism.

Pam Schiaffo
Secretary



Assembly 70 Join Hands Day Project

Members of our assembly volunteered their time at Dr. Martin Luther Church trimming the bushes, planting flowers and weeding the surroundings.



Assembly 123 Tour Fallingwaters



Members of Assembly 123 line up to begin their tour of Fallingwaters.



Slovak Day Celebration

United Slovak Societies will celebrate Slovak Day by hosting a chicken paprikas dinner at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, Ohio on Sunday September 14th from 1:00-4:00p.m. Dinner tickets are \$12.00 per person and include salad, cabbage rolls, chicken paprikas, and dessert. The event is open to the public. For tickets please contact Len at 988-3236 or they may purchased at the bar or fish fry.

Assembly 731 Family Picnic

Our Sunday morning started out with typical northeast Ohio summer thunderstorms and heavy rain which caused a 2-hour delay to our Family Picnic. But finally the sun came out and we enjoyed a terrific afternoon of fishing, creeking, hiking, playground fun, eating and relaxing time together. Thanks to the NSS home office, all attendees went home with a special prize.



Members having fun with the horse racing, the wagon was used as a cage for the dice. I-r: Mike Fox, Ruth Burns, Linda Estes, Randy Estes, Jim Cessna, and Bill Burns.



Hannah Mason and Zachary Martini enjoy fun time in the playground.



Ruth Burns with Christian Burns, her youngest 35 grandchildren.

Assembly 813/C813 News

Members of our assembly recently enjoyed America's favorite past time, taking in a minor league baseball game between the Port Charlotte Stone Crabs and the Tampa Yankees. A good time as had by all, but especially by Kerry Farrell who caught a fly ball for a souvenir.

In keeping with the assembly's tradition of helping others, donations of hygiene products were approved for the Back Pack Angels of North Port, and school supplies for the Englewood Elementary Back to School drive.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary



Assembly 432 News

Assembly 432 was represented by Dave, Chris and Shawn Pytel at the 2014 National Golf Outing. Congratulations to Dave Pytel for placing 1st place for both days, and Shawn Pytel for placing 1st after day 1.

Shawn Pytel
Publicist



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www.nsslife.org

Fraternal Day - Assembly 617/C617

We had a perfect day on July 24, 2014 at Knoebel's Amusement Park, Elysburg, PA, Members of Assembly 617/C617 enjoyed the rides, shows, and hoagies given by our assembly. Everyone brought a snack to share and stories about what happened in their lives since last year. We had members come from Austria and Father John Ostrowski came from El Salvador and thanked everyone for their donation from the Basket Raffle last year for his mission there. We had a great Fraternal Day with a short meeting and then fun for all. It was great to be together to see how our assembly and our families are growing. To those who did not come, hope to see you next year.

Pictured are some of the members who attended.



Some came late so we didn't get all members on the pictures.

Rose Mary Strish
President

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.

Butwin Family Reunion

The 2014 Butwin Family Reunion is now a part of history. When the family, with many Assembly 705 members, gathered in Seelyville, IN on July 5-6 they celebrated the love of family and tradition. There were 138 family members in attendance at some point during the two days. We were surprised on the morning of the reunion to learn that our newest family member, Margaret Tribble, was born. The reunion was held in Seelyville where John & Anna Butwin (founding members of Assembly 705) settled to raise their family. The family still gathers at John & Anna's home where two of their grandchildren live.

The reunion began with an Opening Ceremony led by Frank Butwin, one of the newest members of Assembly 705. He spoke about the unique way our family has managed to stay together. As a group, the family sang the National Anthem and the eldest in the family Helen M. Meunier, Dorothy Jones and Betty Butwin declared the Reunion open. The family picture was taken and then each of the eight core families introduced their individual members. The com hole tournament was the first activity to start. Jim & John Tribble were crowned com hole champions at the end of the day. The bocci set came out and people played that traditional game. After a lunch of Subway sandwiches, the kids participated in a Bounce House, Fish Pond and slip-n-slide. The euchre tournament was held with a dozen or more players. Jim Tribble won and could boast about his championship. It was a perfect day weather-wise. Everyone spent time visiting and catching up on the news of the family.

Jack's Fine Foods provided a delicious dinner. After dinner, the GREAT RACE tradition continued. Two teams were pitted against each other as they went through a series of relay events. The youngsters took over this year and provided an entertaining competition. Jeanne & Brent Zhome created a "Butwin Trivia contest" where three teams battled it out for family knowledge supremacy. It was fun as well as educational.

"Celebrations Through the Years" was the theme of the 2014 "slide show". Mary Ellen Buck did a great job of putting together this history of our family gatherings. The children of George & Peggy Butwin cooked a wonderful breakfast on Sunday morning and everyone pitched in to clean up. Soon the yard was back to normal and everyone went their separate ways.

A new tradition for 2014 was a non-perishable food collection. Everyone in attendance was encouraged to bring a food item. We donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society chapter at Annunciation Parish, the Brazil, IN Food Pantry and St. Benedict Catholic Church Soup Kitchen. The time passed much too quickly. The Reunion was over and everyone began to look forward to 2016.

Dorothy Buck
Secretary



Helen M Meunier, Dorothy Jones and Betty Butwin with the food donations collected at the 2014 Butwin Family Reunion



September

Na Slovensku je v septembri jeden štátny sviatok (1.september – Deň ústavy Slovenskej republiky) a jeden deň pracovného pokoja. A veru aj tu v amerike oslávim 1 septembra sviatok pracujúcich. Všetkým čo usilovne pracujete želáme krásny víkend.

Slávnosť Požehnaní Kláštora Bosí Karmelitáni

V sobotu 27.septembra 2014, bude v Kosice-Lorinčík sv. omša spojená s požehnaním kláštora. Bude ju celebrowať Mons. Bernard Bober, košický arcibiskup-metropolita. Pred sv. omšou bude duchovný program a prezentácia priebehu výstavby kláštora i cieľov, ktorým bude kláštor a komunita v ňom slúžiť. Bude to tiež "deň otvorených dverí", keď si po sv. omši budete môcť prezrieť vnútorné priestory kláštora — aj tie, ktoré po tomto dni budú prístupné iba rehoľníkom. Bratia bosí karmelitáni vas poprosia o modlitby, aby sa Božou pomocou v najbližších týždňoch kláštor mohol dokončiť.

Stretnutie sa Slovákov v Pittsburghu

Oznamujeme Slovákom a Slovenkám a priateľom Slovákov, že výbor Rádio Clubu západnej PA pripravuje stretnutie sa Slovákov v Pittsburghu čo sa prevedie na 4-teho októbra v centre Slovenského Katolíckeho Sokola na 2912 E. Carson ulici. Lísky sú k dostaniu od členov prípravného výboru alebo urobte si rezerváciu u Sue Ondrejco na čísle 412 421-1204. Vstupné zahrňuje večeru a celovečernú zábavu keď do tanca bude vyhrávať skupina "Kontakty". Pozývame, všetkých Vás a Vaše rodiny.

Slovenské vysielanie možno počuť každú nedeľu na rádio stanici WPIT 730 AM od 3-tej do 4-tej popoludní z mesta Pittsburghu. Keď žijete mimo Pittsburghu možno to počuť cestou internetu. www.wpitam.com Treba kliknúť na "listen live."



**Všetkým študentom
prajeme veľa úspechov
a usilovnosti v novom
školskom roku.**

Babie leto označuje posledné pekné a hlavne teplé dni v septembri a nemá nič spoločného so staršími ženami. Počas babieho leta môžeme často pozorovať voľne sa vznášajúce pavučiny drobných pavúkov, ktoré ľuďom v minulosti pripomínali šedé "babské" vlasy. Odtiaľ pochádza názov tohto obdobia.



Elena Siskova

Vínohrad dobre rodí, keď
doňho hospodár často chodí.

—Zahorie

Marianska Púť

Ako Slováci veriaci. Katolíci 15. septembra oslavíme sviatok sedembolestnej Panny Márie patrónky slovenska a slovenského národa. Pri tejto príležitosti združenie slovenských katolíkov z Youngstown, Ohio pripravuje Mariánskú púť v shrine Our Lady of Lebabon, na 2759 N. Lipkey Rd. N. Jackson, Ohio. Začiatkom od 2:30 po obede v nedeľu 14-teho septembra.

Pozývame všetkých veriacich aby brali účasť na tejto púti Viac informácií možno dostať na tel. čísle 330 782-9126.

Rok Sedembolestnej Panny Márii

Na slovensku rok 2014 bol zasvätený sedembolestnej Panny Márii patronke slovenska.

15. September na deň tohto sviatku bude slavnostne uzatvorený rok špeciálnych misií, modlitieb v Šastínskej Bazilike minor kde sa zídu pútnici z celého slovenska.



Sedembolestná Panna Mária

Patrónka slovenska

Oroduj za nás

Slovenský festival v New Jersey 28. septembra

37 Festival slovenského dedičstva bude v nedeľu 28. septembra v PNC Bank Center v Holmdel, NJ. Začiatok bude o 10:00 hodine dopoludnia. Svätá omša bude o 11:00 hodine, O 2.00 hodine začne kultúrny program, v ktorom je zahrnutá aj tradičná prehliadka krojov. Počas dňa bude futbalový turnaj. Na predaj budú rôzne slovenské výrobky a jedlá.



2014-2015



Special Awards go out to special people.

These awards go out to our youth members that not only study hard and get involved in activities in their school but also take unselfish time out to volunteer to help others.



Roman Belmonte

Assembly 123
*Assembly 065 of Chicago, IL
Perpetual Award*
Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics
Aircraft Maintenance Technology



John Columbus III

Assembly 161
Mary Mravec Award
Penn State
Computer Engineering



Katherine Karkosiak

Assembly 070
*NSS Board of Directors
Award*
University of Findlay
Animal Science



Marc Shipbaugh

Assembly 073
Mary B. Burns Perpetual Award
Marquette University
Business



Mitchell Farrell

Assembly 123
*Ann Marie Czarney
Perpetual Award*
Saint Vincent College
Business



James Flint

Assembly L075
*Dr. John Gulash
Perpetual Award*
West Chester University
Biology



Michelle Bertrand

Assembly 423
*Stephen J. Trusik
Perpetual Award*
Ohio State University
Chemical Engineering

2014-2015 1st Year Scholarships



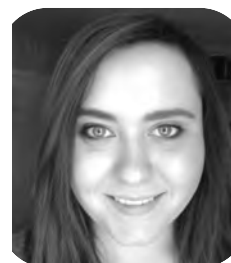
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Business



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Assembly 595
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Alexa Bufalino
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Tyler Christensen
Assembly 073
University of Iowa
Cinema Production



Jeremy Curry
Assembly C588
Penn State Altoona
Natural Resource Management



Emily Davis
Assembly R059
Millersville University
Medical Technology



Alexis Ellin
Assembly 377
Saint Vincent College
Aeronautical Engineering



Brian Faiola
Assembly P09J
University of Akron
Pre-Medical



Carly Fuerst
Assembly C432
Ohio University
Law



Ayden Hanes
Assembly 554
Penn State Behrend
Engineering



Sarah Heins
Assembly C774
Vassar College
English & Sociology Major



Nicholas Hura
Assembly C008
Miami University
Finance



Jacqueline Kurovsky
Assembly 617
Wilkes University
Mass Communications



Leanne Lovasz
Assembly L161
Saint Vincent College
Sociology



Kayla Mauk
Assembly 283
La Roche College
Graphic Design

2014-2015 1st Year Scholarships



Mackenzie Maynard
Assembly 432
Edinboro University
Nursing and Criminal Justice



**Katlyn
Mazzaferro-Romanis**
Assembly 737
Saint Vincent College
Physics



Rebecca McKenzie
Assembly 381
Western Michigan University
Marketing



Jacob Nachreiner
Assembly C774
University of Wisconsin
Criminalistics



Stevie Nemetz
Assembly 039
Duquesne University
Music Technology/
Performance



Christine Ondek
Assembly 075
University of North Carolina
Psychology



Patrick O'Shea
Assembly 158
Gettysburg College
International Relations



Leah Peters
Assembly C617
Kutztown University
Business Management



**Madison
Petro-Wesnak**
Assembly 075
East Stroudsburg University
Theatre



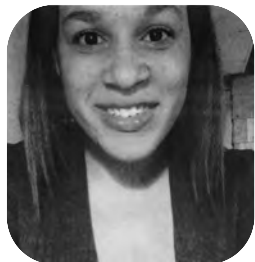
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Assembly 434
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General Education, Pre Nursing



Brittany Sherwood
Assembly 731
Hiram College
Pre-Medical



Jason Shipbaugh
Assembly 073
Midwestern University
Physical Therapy



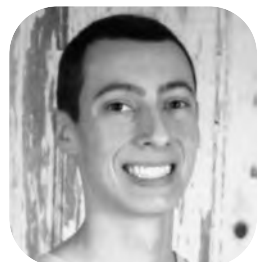
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Assembly C108
CCAC
Nursing



Michelle Sonsalla
Assembly 774
University of Wisconsin,
Stevens Point
Life Sciences



Joshua Stutz
Assembly 123
Butler County Community
College
Accounting



Matthew Thomas
Assembly 008
Youngstown State University
Marketing/Management



NSS YouthFest 2014

NSS YouthFest was a 3½ day long event held in conjunction with the National Convention and was designed to reach all young people in grades 2-10. This year, we incorporated cooking, crafts, and culture to present a program that was dynamic, engaging, and fun. NSS YouthFest is an attempt to encourage youth to learn, be inspired, and interact with each other.

The participants toured the *Giant Center*, home of the Hershey Bears, made blankets for Project Linus, made Slovak Christmas ornaments and Slovak Easter paper cuttings, discovered how to make čeregi, and learned a little bit of the Slovak language. Michael Kasony-O'Malley, a storyteller, also shared some Slovak folk tales. The participants then had the opportunity to showcase their newfound talents with the delegates.



Welcome New Members



Alexis L Pierce

Alexis was born on April 11, 2014 and is the daughter of Christopher Pierce. Proud grandparents are Melody and Michael Burns, All of Assembly 123.



Owen Wallace Baeten

Owen was born on April 19, 2014 and is the son of Alex and Erica Baeten from Green Bay, WI. Grandparents are Shelly & Kevin Edwards; Great grandmother Esthe Vlasak and the late Adolph Vlasak. Congratulations to Alex and Erica!

Youth Achievements



Madison presenting her speech at Riverside High

Madison Petro Wesnak, Region 2 graduated with High Honors and received numerous honors and awards for her academic achievements. She received the Roy W. Piper Scholarship in the amount of \$8,000 per year for the next four years, The Gary Lukasiewicz Memorial Award, the Burger King Scholarship Award, the Challenge Program Award for Community Service and the Riverside Education Association Scholarship. Madison also received a plaque for having the highest SAT score in the writing category and a Plaque for Achieving Fourth Place Honors of her graduating class.

Madison is a member of Region 2 and Assembly 75 and lives in Moosic Pa with her Mom (Marlin Petro Wesnak) and her sister Samantha. She has participated in NSS Youth Conventions and this year will be her first time serving as a delegate to the NSS Convention in Hershey.

At Madison's Riverside High School Graduation Commencement she presented a speech to her class entitled "It's Time to Begin." In her speech she gave others the inspiration to never give up no matter what and always be yourself.

Madison was accepted to numerous colleges and has chosen to attend East Stroudsburg University majoring in Theater and has been selected to participate in the ESU Honors Program.



Matt Mendos, Salutatorian; Matt Lucas, Valedictorian; Jonna Boyda, third in class; and Madison Petro Wesnak, fourth in class.

Assembly 70 Youth Achievement Winner



John Karkosiak, Secretary of Assembly 70 presented 2014 Youth Achievement winner Stephen Hadick with a check with family members Susan Hadick, Tanner Hadick, and Steve Hadick.

Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks

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

- * Learn to sing, dance &/or play the violin.
- * No experience necessary, we'll show you how!
- * Meet new friends
- * Learn about your Slovak Heritage!
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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: smosr@verizon.net.



Youth Circle Page

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Attention

Would you please attach this form to the BACK of your photograph.

Entry Deadline – October 1st, 2014

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Age _____ Phone _____

Assembly _____

Policy # _____

Choose Shirt Size:

- Youth Small
- Youth Medium
- Adult Small
- Adult Medium
- Adult Large
- Adult X-Large

Joke Time

Q: Why do bicycles fall over?

A: Because they are two-tired!

Q: Why do dragons sleep during the day?

A: So they can fight knights!

Q: What did Cinderella say when her photos did not show up?

A: Someday my prints will come!

Q: What did the stamp say to the envelope?

A: Stick with me and we will go places!

Q: What is blue and goes ding dong?

A: An Avon lady at the North Pole!

Q: Why couldn't the pirate play cards?

A: Because he was sitting on the deck!

2014 NSS Photo Contest

Contest Eligibility:

The NSS Annual Photography Contest is open to all members regardless of age. The photos, however, have to be taken by the member submitting it (no computer generated photos, other than digital ones).

Deadline:

October 1st of each year is the deadline for all entries to be received.

Judging is done by an outside professional. Please mail to:

National Slovak Society
 Fraternal Activities Coordinator
 351 Valley Brook Road
 McMurray, PA 15317-3337

Contest Rules:

-Must be a member before October 1st
-One entry per category
-Any size photo up to 8 x 10, unmounted in black and white or color (No touch-up or computer enhanced photos permitted)

Name and address should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper, along with information where the photo was taken. **Every convention year we will add a Convention Related category - Send your photo in!!

DO NOT WRITE ON YOUR PHOTO!

FIVE CATEGORIES

- Scenic
- Human Interest
- Animals
- NSS Activity
- ** Convention Related Photos

PRIZE LIST

- 1st Place - \$50.00
- 2nd Place - \$25.00
- 3rd Place - \$15.00
- Best Overall - \$75.00

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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.



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