



NSS Life
Family Matters...

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants Name: _____
 Present Address: _____
 PVR Scholarship Program
 First Year Applications
 Due May 1st, 2019



MAY ART CONTEST

Deadline May 31st, 2019
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Saturday, April 27th, 2019, Neville Island, PA
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Activities At A Glance

<p>NSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS May 24</p>	<p>2019 SPRING BOARD MEETING Pursuant to Article 6, Letter J. of the NSS ByLaws, the Spring meeting of the Board of Directors will commence promptly at 9:00 am.</p>
<p>REGION 2 April 14 May 4 August 24</p>	<p>Assemblies L075, 0617 Assembly L075, Meeting, Grande's Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly L075, Heart Walk, PNC Field, Moosic, PA at 8:30 am Region 2, Meeting, Perkins Restaurant, Pittston, PA at 1:00 pm</p>
<p>REGION 5 April 27 April 28 May 5 May 11 June 9 July 8 July 18 August 4 September 8 October 6 December 1 December 1</p>	<p>Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0737, 0774 NSS Spring Family Fun Event, Neville Island, PA at 10:00 am (See page 8) Assembly 0588, Meeting, Panera Bread (Community Room) Pittsburgh, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly 0377, Meeting/Bowling, Tan O'Belle Lanes, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly 0039, Stamp Out Hunger, U.S. Post Office, Uniontown, PA at 10:00 am Assembly 0039, Summer Bar-B-Q at K of C, Uniontown, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly 0039, Join Hands Day, Tony Bartock Golf Outing at 8:00 am Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA Assembly 0377, Meeting/Picnic, Richardson's Park, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly 0039, Flight 93 Memorial Dinner, Eat'n Park, Uniontown, PA 6:00 pm Assembly 0377, Meeting, China City Buffet, Washington, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly 0039, Annual Christmas Party, K of C Hall at 1:00 pm Assembly 0377, Annual Holiday Party, Cannons Chophouse, Canonsburg, PA at 3:00</p>
<p>REGION 8 April 7 April 24 May 25 August 3</p>	<p>Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595 Assembly 0004, Scotch Doubles, Time and place to be announced Region 8, Meeting, Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, OH at 7:30 pm Assembly 0432, Weekend Camping, Rustic Lake Assembly 0432, A Night at the Ballpark at 6:05 pm</p>
<p>REGION 14 April 1</p>	<p>Assemblies R059, L102 Assembly L102, Deadline for Easter baked goods, Marge Ferri (610-866-8945)</p>
<p>REGION 15</p>	<p>Assemblies L002, 0028 No activities at this time</p>
<p>AT LARGE April 14 April 21 April 28 June 22 July 7 September 1 September 21 October 5 December 7 December 28 September 28</p>	<p>Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0731, 0800, 0813 Assembly 0568, Meeting, Easter Mass at St. John II Polish Center (lunch 1:30pm) Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting, Dorothy Buck's residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0381, Meeting, Mom's Restaurant, Trenton, MI at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0381, Meeting, Mom's Restaurant, Trenton, MI at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Boardman Park, Boardman, OH at 1:00 pm Assembly 0381, Meeting, Time and Location to be announced <i>CORRECTION: The correct date for the NSS Heritage Museum Septemberfest event is September 28th, 2019. Please correct your "2019 Important Dates" that was enclosed in the January/February issue.</i></p>

From The President's Desk...



**David G. Blazek, FIC
President, CEO**

Greetings from the Home Office of the National Slovak Society. This year our society turned 129 years old. Since our founding in 1890, we have been providing protection for our members through our life products and a sustainable measure of financial security through our annuity products, along with offering charitable, cultural, social and educational opportunities that benefit you, our members, and the communities that you live in.

We offer many fraternal benefits including scholarships for our young adults as well as our senior members over the age of 55, Photo and Ornament Contests annually for all ages, Art Contests and Poetry Contests for our youth and sporting events such as bowling and golf.

This year we are trying a new approach to the bowling weekend and have named it a Spring Family Fun Event to be held on Saturday, April 27th. This event will offer activities for all ages; Bowling, Video Games, a Pizza and Wings Lunch, Golf Clinic, Ice Skating, Bingo, and a Buffet Dinner. Our hope is to draw more families to the event. Recently we worked the numbers to see how many of our members actually take advantage of any of our fraternal offerings. We found that less than 5% of our total membership have participated in one or more of the opportunities we offer.

I realize that many of our members can't attend some of our events due to the logistics and cost of travel, but there is no reason not to enter our contests or take advantage of the scholarship offerings. These benefits are for

you, our membership. I encourage you to use them.

This month we will be celebrating Easter. On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Home Office Staff and my family, I would like to wish you a most Happy Easter celebration.

April 1st is April Fool's day so play a trick on someone and be prepared for someone to play a trick on you. April 24th is Administrative Professionals Day, formerly called Secretaries Day. At the NSS, we have been blessed with a great staff who work hard to provide great customer service to our members as well as the agents that help us grow the organization. My personal thanks go out to each and every Home Office Staffer for your dedication to the job.

News Of Narodniars

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Director Drew Wesnak, former Director Bill Knoll, Home Office staff member Lisa Shriver, former staffer Kristen Boehm, Ashley Bernardo, Dan Tanzone, Rebecca Beatty, Rudy Ondrejco, son-in-law Jeff Lavin and granddaughters Chloe and Alexa Woods. Happy Birthday to others celebrating in April.

Congratulations to son David W. Blazek and Robin Raimo on their recent engagement. The Big Day is set for November of this year. My wife Fran and I are so happy for them and wish them all the best!

Congratulations also go out to Anna Vogt who was recently named Female Athlete of the Week in the Pittsburgh area. Anna, a senior at Ringgold High School, won the WPIAL Class 2A diving title for the second year in a row. Anna is a Clarion University recruit who started out as a gymnast but drifted into diving several years ago. Congratulations Anna and best wishes for continued success as you go through your college experience.



Tax Deadline Fast Approachng

You have until April 15th to make a contribution to your IRA for the 2018 tax year. Now is also the time to make that contribution for the 2019 tax year. Contributing early is one of the best ways to take advantage of compounding the interest you will receive to enhance your IRA accumulation potential. For 2019 the catch up maximum has been raised to \$7,000 if you are 50 or older.

Life hint

Life changes quickly. An annual policy review of your insurance policies is a smart thing to do.



Punography Of The Month:

There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

2018 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT RECAP

Statement as of December 31, 2018

	<u>Dec 2018</u>	<u>Dec 2017</u>		<u>Dec 2018</u>	<u>Dec 2017</u>
Net Admitted Assets:			Summary of Operations:		
Bonds	\$1,178,134,883	\$1,088,694,577	INCOME:		
Preferred Stocks	250,000	0	Premium & Annuity Considerations	\$152,103,623	\$150,814,114
Common Stocks	2,264,456	1,730,363	Net Investment Income	53,464,000	49,226,217
Mortgage Loans on Real Est	6,360,129	6,125,112	Amortization of Interest		
Certificate Loans	1,054,234	818,069	Maintenance Reserve	458,348	606,572
Real Est Occupied by Society	680,964	702,319	Income Sub-Total	\$206,025,971	\$200,646,903
Cash on Deposit	8,989,211	15,967,814			
Electronic Data Equipment			EXPENSES:		
Uncollected Premiums	186,600	168,063	Death Benefits	\$6,784,483	\$5,414,182
Investment Income Due	13,983,478	12,953,285	Matured Endowments	23,981	27,264
TOTALS	\$1,211,903,955	\$1,127,159,602	Annuity Benefits	106,541,775	89,490,907
			Disability Benefits	9,118	4,074
Liabilities & Unassigned Funds			Surrender Benefits	520,118	785,066
Aggregate Reserve	\$1,076,512,000	\$1,001,227,000	Interest On Deposit Type Contr	9,326	7,856
Deposit-type Contracts	62,738,687	60,415,042	Increase In Aggregate Reserve		
Certificate Claims	425,000	250,000	for Life Contracts	72,285,000	87,344,000
Commissions Due	130,000	265,000	Commissions On Direct Business	3,676,084	4,180,466
Refunds Due and Unpaid	560,000	465,000	General & Fraternal Expenses	4,534,749	4,654,343
General Exp Due	1,694,400	1,964,000	Insur, Taxes, Licenses, Fees	220,002	184,388
Retained by Society as Trustee	166,754	84,431	Expense Sub-Total	\$194,604,636	\$192,092,546
Asset Valuation Resv (AVR)	6,947,000	6,678,000			
Interest Maintenance Resv (IMR)	5,426,265	5,185,212	SUMMARY:		
Contingency Reserve	150,000	150,000	Net Gain From Operations		
Unassigned Funds	57,153,849	50,475,917	Before Refunds To Members	\$8,421,335	\$8,554,357
TOTALS	\$1,211,903,955	\$1,127,159,602	Refund To Members	(588,647)	(453,909)
			Net Gain From Operations		
Surplus Account:			After Refunds To Members	7,832,688	8,100,448
Beginning Surplus	\$50,625,917	\$43,563,074	Net Realized Capital Gains	(698,578)	(89,313)
Net Income	7,134,110	8,011,135	TOTAL NET INCOME	\$7,134,110	\$8,011,135
Change in Net Unrealized					
Capital Gains or (Losses)	(185,079)	191,914			
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	(2,099)	(5,706)			
Change in Valuation Reserve	(269,000)	(1,134,500)			
Aggregate Write-ins for Gains					
and Losses in Surplus					
Net Change in Surplus	6,677,932	7,062,843			
Surplus At Statement Date	\$57,303,849	\$50,625,917			



Linda M Strom
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Current Interest Rates Effective July 1, 2018

Optimum 3	2.00%
Preferred 5	3.25%
Preferred 8	3.75%

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.



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Annuity with NSS, just send us a check.
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Access your account values 24/7
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Family Matters...

- * **Tax Advantages**
- * **Competitive Interest Rates**
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From the Sales Department...

Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC, Sales Director
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The Three Buckets

Quite often people make financial planning out to be a complicated process that requires a computer, expensive charts and graphs. Or we think that this is something that only rich people need to do. The truth of the matter is we all need to do financial planning. There are several facets to planning including: goals & objectives, implementation, taxes, investments, savings, reviews, legal and maybe more.

Here is a real simple idea for planning. Use the three bucket approach. Each bucket to be titled; now, soon and later. The criteria for each bucket is when the money may be needed. The "now" bucket probably has funds in it that will be used in the next year or so. The "soon" bucket may be one to five years and the later bucket is five years and beyond.

One idea for allocating funds, for a thirty year old person might look like this: 25% /50% /25%. The reason for this allocation is they need a little bit of money for an emergency fund. They need the bulk of their money in the soon bucket since their goal is to use the funds to buy a house. The balance of the money can go in the "later" bucket and might be used to fund a traditional IRA or an annuity.

The "now" bucket, because of how quickly the money may be used, is probably best suited for a savings, checking or a money market account. The interest earned on short term funds will be less than otherwise obtainable but that is the price to be paid for

liquidity.

The "soon" bucket might be well suited for a Roth IRA. Money in this account will earn a competitive rate of interest. Roth IRAs have some liquidity features and tremendous tax free proceeds in the long run. The "later" bucket is for long term money. This one might use an annuity or a traditional IRA. Both would provide competitive interest, tax deferral and long term growth.

A percentage allocation may change depending upon a person's age, amount of savings or what particular goals they would like to accomplish. Taxes are always a consideration and should be factored in to a plan. Safety of principal, ease of doing business and risk tolerance are other items to contemplate.

NSS always recommends that you seek competent advice from your tax or financial professional. We are also represented by many highly qualified financial professionals. In fact, quite a few of them have been awarded the prestigious five star wealth management award. Let us help you get on the road to financial success. Call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the home office for more information on how to fill up your bucket.

Brands That Have Been Around for More Than 125 Years

Here is an interesting fact about longevity. Most people know that more than half of business start-ups fail within the first couple of years. Running a business can be a challenge especially for someone new. Being around for a long time speaks volumes about your mission, products and services.

The antithesis of a new business is someone that has been around for more than 125 years. Here is that list with some of the most iconic names in America. Here are a few that you will know: Tiffany & Co. (jewelry), The Old Farmer's Almanac (prognosticators), Merriam Webster (dictionary), Brooks Bros. (men's apparel), Remington (firearms), BNY Mellon (banking), DuPont (chemicals), CitiGroup (banking), Colgate (toothpaste), Ames (tools), Schaefer Beer (no explanation needed), and my favorite, **NSS Life**.

What is NSS Life known for? How about providing quality insurance and annuity products to members for more than 129 years. How about offering complimentary benefits that include scholarships, golf & bowling, publications and contests. Let's not forget our involvement in the communities we live and work. NSS supports food banks, our military, Blessings in a Backpack and cash donations to worthy causes. We also continue to promote our Slovak heritage through our museum, language classes, dance & singing programs and other events.

Why have most businesses come and gone? Because they forgot the first rule of business. Always take care of the customer. Service sells and that is our goal every day.

Thought For The Month:

When you make a mistake, there are only three things you should do about it: admit it, learn from it and don't repeat it.

*Paul "Bear" Bryant
Alabama coach
(1913-1983)*

REMiNDER

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.

Life hint

Don't let past financial mistakes prevent you from making good ones today—and tomorrow.





NSS Life
Family Matters...

SPRING FAMILY FUN EVENT

Bowling • Video Games • Golf • Ice Skating & More!
Saturday, April 27th, 2019 • Neville Island, PA

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY OF ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!

Located on Neville Island at **7601 Grand Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15225**, the event will begin at **Paradise Island Bowl**, later transitioning across the street to **Robert Morris University Island Sports Center** for the remainder of the day.

Name	Address	Phone #	Assembly #
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Please indicate below the number of Adult and/or Youth members attending this event.

Adults: _____ @ **\$25.00/per person** # Youth (ages 15 and under): _____ @ **\$12.50/per person**

Please indicate below how many members are interested in each activity (may participate in any and all activities).

- _____ (11:00 am - 1:00 pm) - Bowling and/or _____ (12:00 pm - 2:00 pm) - Pizza & Wings Lunch
- _____ (11:00 am - 4:00 pm) - “Steel City Gamerz” The Ultimate Video Game Experience for the whole family.
- _____ (2:00 pm - 4:00 pm) - Golf clinic w/ in-house Pro, includes Large Bucket of Driving Range balls.
- _____ (4:30 pm - 5:30 pm) - Ice Skating or _____ (4:30 pm - 5:30 pm) - Happy Hour w/ Bingo.
- _____ (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm) - Buffet Dinner/Ticket Raffle for a chance to win a **FREE 40” Flat Screen TV**.

The “Steel City Gamerz” truck will be stationed at both locations during the allotted time above. Sign-in for the event will begin at Paradise Island Bowl from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. For those arriving later, Sign-in will be available at or near the RMU Golf Dome from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. For additional information please contact Pam Blum at: pblum@nsslife.org.

Please return this form with payment **no later than April 7th, 2019** to: NSS LIFE
ATTN Pam Blum
351 Valley Brook Rd.
McMurray, PA 15317-3337

Please make checks payable to “NSS”.

PVR Scholarship Fund Donations

In Memory of **Rose Medved:**
 From Assembly 0381..... 50.00

In Memory of **Paul Giuliani:**
 From Assembly 0123..... 20.00

Donations:

Assembly 0039900.00
 George Robson..... 25.00
 Richard & Nancy Fetterman..... 25.00

This Month in National Slovak Society History

Joseph Stefka, Jr.
 Chairman of the Board

April, 1895

Four new assemblies were organized in April, 1895. Assembly 191 was organized in Syracuse, New York; Assembly 192 was organized in East Helena, Montana; Assembly 193 was organized in Star Junction, Pennsylvania; and Assembly 194 was organized in Green Point, New York.

April, 1959

In the Second Annual National Slovak Society Bowling Tournament, Al Zbin of Assembly 432 captured the Men's Singles Championship with a score of 688.

April, 1979

The National Slovak Society kicked off the 90th Anniversary Loyalty Membership Drive to help celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Society. The campaign ran from May 1, 1979 through April 30, 1980. Prizes were awarded to the top five producers.

April, 1989

Assembly 4 held its 25th Anniversary Bowling Jamboree at Yorktown Lanes in Parma, Ohio. Over 200 participants took part in the event.

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

February, 2019

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Ankrom, Dorothy	Washington, PA	01/01/2019	0377
Ansell, Louis	Beaver Falls, PA	02/21/2019	0123
Ball, Richard	Cambridge Springs, PA	01/22/2019	L040
Bennett, Sally	Manchester, NJ	12/07/2018	0070
Bibbo, Sandra	Reading, PA	01/27/2019	L102
Bradley, Virginia	Linside, WV	12/12/2018	0774
Breno, Nicholas	Lorain, OH	02/03/2019	0432
Buratti, Joan	Bethel Park, PA	02/01/2018	0434
Charney, Mary A	Ford City, PA	10/23/2011	L105
Chromizky, Rudolph	Oak Lawn, IL	11/25/2018	0586
Conboy, Margaret	Baden, PA	02/24/2019	0123
Coughanour, Raymond	Belle Vernon, PA	01/29/2019	0737
Dellamea, David	West Mifflin, PA	03/31/2018	0434
Demchak, Marcia	Philipsburg, PA	05/18/2017	0123
Ferlick, Patricia	Bear Creek Twp, PA	01/10/2019	0617
Fleishman, Selma	Pittsburgh, PA	02/02/2019	L161
Foley, Carmelita	Reynoldsville, PA	11/19/2018	0554
Frederick, Martin	North Huntingdon, PA	07/23/2018	0737
Gavlick, Bernard	Ashley, PA	01/09/2019	0617
Gianni Sr., Donald	Weirton, WV	01/14/2019	0108
Gocal, John	Union City, PA	01/01/2019	0731
Harris, Jack	Manheim, PA	02/12/2019	0267
Horne, Clarice	Pittsburgh, PA	11/20/2018	L161
Hula, David	Rostraver Twp, PA	02/03/2019	0737
Hyman, Albert	Tamarac, FL	02/15/2018	0800
Jaraczewski, Arnold	New Berlin, WI	01/22/2019	0774
Kidd, Mary	Oak Hill, WV	01/31/2019	0774
Kirkwood, Maylon	Dubois, PA	10/05/2018	0737
Kollar, Anita	Uniontown, PA	04/29/2018	L105
Kramer, Anita	Pittsburgh, PA	02/07/2019	0774
Kunny, Joanne	Yonkers, NY	12/18/2018	L102
Larson, Richard	Saint Albans, WV	01/22/2019	0774
Mack, Kenneth	Zephyrhills, FL	05/29/2018	0813
Magdic, Helen	Munhall, PA	01/27/2019	0100
Magyor, Thomas	Mount Pleasant, PA	02/06/2019	0737
Marnelli, Vivian	Reading, PA	02/05/2019	L102
Martin, Dorothy	Binghamton, NY	01/15/2019	L075
Martin, Paul M	Smithfield, PA	02/01/2019	0588
McFarren, Audrey	McKeesport, PA	01/17/2019	0108
Metter, Ruth	Alhambra, CA	12/01/2018	0568
Mishler, Doris	Janesville, WI	01/29/2019	0774
Moyer, Kathleen E	Limerick, PA	01/02/2019	L102
Papa, Helen	Youngstown, OH	02/04/2019	0434
Patrock, Ursula	Leetsdale, PA	11/26/2018	L161
Pedrazzani, Daniel	Philipsburg, PA	07/10/2018	0774
Pehala, Mary	Kingston, PA	01/25/2019	0617
Phillips, Richard E	Akron, OH	07/22/2018	0123
Pike, Denise	North Huntingdon, PA	01/27/2019	0377
Posadny, Timothy S	Toledo, OH	02/10/2019	0160
Reed, Barbara	Riverview, FL	12/25/2018	0813
Scott, Lilly	Hurricane, WV	01/30/2019	0774
Smith, Alma	Ansted, WV	11/01/2018	0774
Snider, James	Troy, MI	11/13/2018	0004
Sporna, Mary	Irwin, PA	01/27/2019	0737
Stefanovich, Helen	Ashley, PA	02/23/2019	0617
Straile, Harold	Beaver Falls, PA	02/08/2019	0774
Strittmatter, Ludmilla	Bethel Park, PA	02/11/2019	0774
Teisher, Catherine	Titusville, PA	01/10/2019	0774
Vahalik, Catherine	Amsterdam, OH	01/15/2019	0588
Varaly, Joseph	Mountian Top, PA	01/29/2019	0617
Weber, Dorothy	Mattoon, IL	11/20/2018	0586
Wesnak, Rita	Dunmore, PA	05/19/2018	L075
Wesnak, Sr., William E	Dunmore, PA	06/10/2018	L075
Wirtz, Adeline	Racine, WI	12/04/2018	0774
Wood, Patricia	Monongahela, PA	02/01/2019	0377
Woodrum, Wilma	Hinton, WV	01/13/2019	0774
Yodice, Tillie	Totowa, NJ	01/05/2019	0110

Attention High School Seniors

The United Slovak Societies at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, Ohio, announces 2019 scholarship availability to graduating high school seniors who are entering college and are five year members of our local lodges that include;

National Slovak Society Assembly 160, Slovak Catholic Sokol Wreath 111, First Catholic Slovak Union #228, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch #114 and Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union #77.

The one-time scholarship application and rules may be obtained by visiting www.americanslovakclub.com. Deadline for completion is May 30, 2019.



NSS PVR Scholarships Deadline – May 1, 2019

NSS is accepting requests for applications for the PVR Scholarships. The scholarship is for \$500 per year for a total grant of \$2,000. Below are the guidelines that you must meet in order to be eligible.

The student must be a member of the National Slovak Society (NSS) for a minimum of two (2) years prior to receiving a PVR Scholarship Grant. Membership will be verified by the Home Office.

The minimum amount of insurance required for eligibility is \$10,000.00 of **PERMANENT** life insurance or \$5,000.00 of annuity deposits. The insurance must be in force at time of application and must be maintained throughout the scholarship period. A reminder for those students already receiving the PVR Scholarship, don't forget to request a copy of your transcripts be sent to the Home Office at the end of the semester to make sure you are still eligible to receive your next installment of your grant.

Please contact Pam Blum, at 724-731-0094 or email at pblum@nsslife.org to request an application. **Deadline for Applications is May 1, 2019**

May Art Contest



The rules are as follows:

1. Contest is open to all members of the National Slovak Society between the ages of 5 and 16.
2. Only one entry is permitted per member, per category.
3. Contestants may create their artwork using:
 - a. Paint (pastels, watercolor, oil, tempera and cesium)
 - b. Crayons (wax or liquid)
 - c. Ink/Pencil
 - d. Charcoal
 - e. Glue, construction paper, glitter
4. The Artwork may be ANY size up to 11x14 inches and must be mounted on a mat board or poster board for display purposes. (Paint by numbers, stencils or tracing will not be accepted)
5. All entries must include; name, address, phone number, age, policy number, assembly/circle number, along with your t-shirt size. This information should be clearly printed on the back of each entry.
6. Please indicate t-shirt size by the following size chart available:
 - a. Youth sizes - YS and YM
 - b. Adult sizes - AS, AM, AL and AXL
7. Winners in each category will have their artwork displayed in the National News and will be published on the NSS website.
8. Contest shall be judged under the following levels and ages for all 3 categories:
 - a. Picasso Level - Ages 5, 6 & 7
 - b. Rembrandt Level - Ages 8, 9 & 10
 - c. Michelangelo Level - Ages 11, 12 & 13
 - d. Van Gogh Level - Ages 14, 15 & 16*
9. Prizes awarded in each level of every category shall be as follows:

a. First Place	\$50.00
b. Second Place	\$25.00
c. Third Place	\$15.00
10. All entrants will receive a NSS Life T-shirt.

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

Deadline for entries to the Home Office is May 31st. Either mail or deliver artwork to:

NSS Life
c/o Fraternal Department
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317

Decisions of the judge(s) shall be final in all cases.

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

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



Easter Bunny Container for Treats

Instructions

Materials

- Glass or plastic jar
- Easter candies
- Googly eyes
- Pink pom pom
- Candy cups

Tools

- Scissors
- Hot glue and glue gun
- Q-tips



The first step is just to fill the jar you have selected with the candy you have chosen.



Next, you will need some candy cups. Using your scissors, you need to cut out the shapes of the bunny's ears and feet.



The ears need to stand up on top of the bunny's head.

To make this happen, make sure that you have little tabs on the bottoms of the ear shapes which you can fold perpendicular to them. That way you can put glue on the bottoms of the tabs to attach the ears to the jar, and the ears will stand upright.

Turn the jar upside-down so that the cap is at the bottom. Now use hot glue to attach the ears to the top as previously described. Then hot glue the feet to the bottom.



You are now ready to make the bunny's facial features.

Using your hot glue gun, attach the googly eyes, spacing them as you see fit.



Then get the two Q-tips and criss-cross them before hot gluing them in place as the bunny's whiskers.

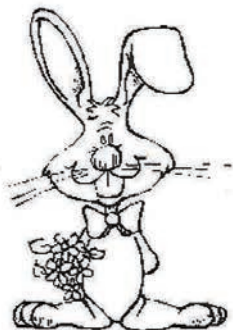
On top of them in the center, hot glue the pom pom as the bunny's nose. Voila! You have turned a jar into a cute bunny candy container for Easter!



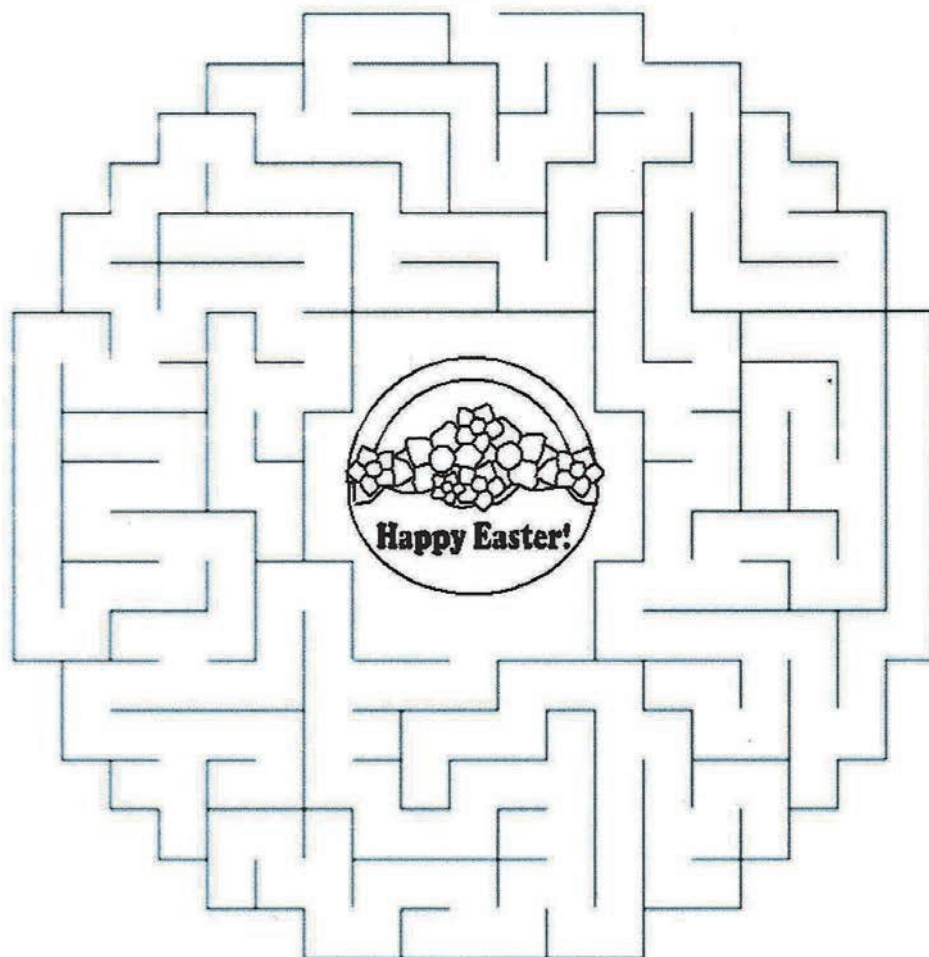
Notes

If your jar has a cap or a lid which isn't a very Easterly color, you may want to think about spray-painting it first. Go with white or a pastel color which will complement your bunny.

Happy Easter!



Help the Easter Bunny find his basket.



Answers to Chemistry Crossword Puzzle



Try these Bunny Jokes on your company on Easter Sunday

- Q. Why was the Easter Bunny so upset?
A. He was having a bad hare day!
- Q. How does the Easter bunny keep his fur neat?
A. With a hare-brush!
- Q. What kind of books do rabbits like?
A. Ones with hoppy endings!
- Q. What do you call a dumb bunny?
A. A hare-brain!
- Q. Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a good joke?
A. It might crack up!
- Q. Why does the Easter bunny have a shiny nose?
A. Because the powder puff is on the other end!
- Q. How did the soggy Easter Bunny dry himself?
A. With a hare dryer!
- Q. How does a rabbit keep his fur looking good?
A. With hare spray!
- Q. What did the rabbits do after their wedding?
A. They went on a bunnymoon!
- Q. What's yellow, has long ears, and grows on trees?
A. The Easter Bunana!
- Q. How do you catch the Easter Bunny?
A. Hide in the bushes and make a noise like a carrot!
- Q. How do you make a rabbit stew?
A. Make it wait for 3 hours!
- Q. How many chocolate bunnies can you put into an empty Easter basket?
A. Only one- after that, it's not empty!
- Q. What do you call a rabbit that tells good jokes?
A. A funny bunny!

Slovakia Easter Traditions

Easter in Slovakia is as important as Easter in the other countries of Eastern Europe. Traditions dating to the pre-Christian era survive today, albeit in a modified form, and people who grew up with these traditions have opinions about their merits and disadvantages. So how do people in Slovakia celebrate the Easter holidays?



Easter Meal

Though the more exciting tradition appears the day after, first celebrants of Easter must enjoy the Sunday dinner.

This extensive meal includes various traditional dishes, often including ham and the potato salad so common for the holiday feast. Some families also eat sandwiches, lamb, and some type of soup. An unusual “cheese” made from eggs may also appear on the feast-day table.



Of course, dessert and pastries are an integral part of the Sunday dinner. Paska is the traditional sweet Easter bread made with raisins, sugar, flour, eggs, and yeast and braided into a circular form to create a central decorative piece that can be consumed after it is admired by everyone present. Babovka is a type of cake somewhat lighter in texture than paska that often appears at holidays, including Easter. However, cookies and other types of pastries are also often offered to end the meal—preparations begin days before, so the person responsible for feeding the family may begin baking well in advance of Easter day to make sure that both savory and sweet categories are generously represented.

Typically, some type of spirits is drunk for the Easter meal, including wine or hard spirits. Some of these spirits, such as fruit brandy are similar to other alcoholic beverages in Eastern Europe. However, a type of gin called borovic"ka, may also be drunk.

Whipping and Pouring Water

The most beloved/hated traditions surrounding Easter in Slovakia involve whipping women and drenching them with water, both which occur on Easter Monday.

These traditions were probably taken to greater extremes in the past, but today they have dwindled to being merely a part of the “fun” of Easter . . . though fun for who is an unanswered question.

The whipping tradition stems from the fact that, in spring, trees grow new, young branches, representing vitality, strength, and flexibility—characteristics that the male whipper hopes to impart upon the female whipee. The women’s legs are whipped, and in some cases, the whipper is rewarded with a ribbon that he ties around his whip to signify the number of victims he has bestowed with this particular honor. Today, sometimes (in the case of adults), a drink of alcohol or some money is given.

Splashing with, pouring over, or—in extreme cases—dunking in water is another anticipated (dreaded?) ritual. While in the past a young lady might have been able to look forward to being thrown into the nearest stream, today this custom has been adapted so that it is less literal. Women may be splashed with water or even spritzed with perfume instead of having to run from men with buckets full of cold water or shrinking from other ways in which they would otherwise be completely drenched.

Easter Eggs

Of course, Easter eggs are an important aspect of Easter in Slovakia.

Wired eggs are a particular type of egg that differs from the batik-style or scratched eggs that appear elsewhere in the region, though the latter types of decorated eggs are common in Slovakia, too. These eggs are called kraslice. Sometimes they are given to boys in exchange for their whipping or dowsing with water, but chocolate eggs can also be used for this purpose. Eggs are used to decorate the house and as important symbols of springtime.

Other Easter Rituals

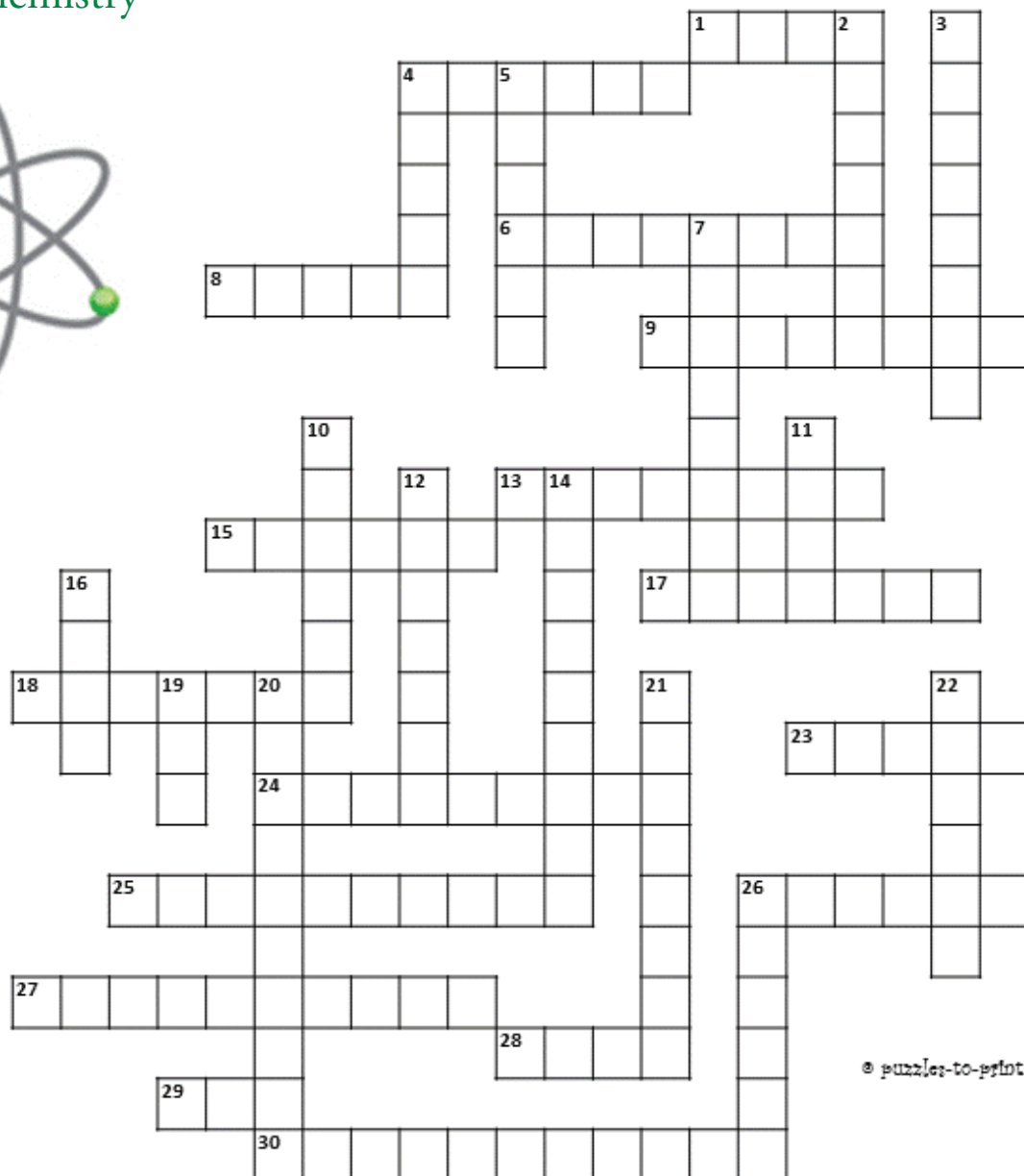
The Drowning of Morena, where an effigy of winter is drowned in a stream, is a ceremony that encourages spring to arrive. A May pole celebrates spring with brightly colored ribbons and Easter eggs. Seeds may also be sprouted prior to Easter in order to ensure that the house contains green growing things for the holiday.

The Easter market in Bratislava is one way visitors to Slovakia can enjoy some of the festivities surrounding Easter in Slovakia and take home holiday-related gifts and crafts.

Your Easter Vocabulary

Below are a few words that are connected to this holiday.

- Vel'ká noc – Easter
- oblievačka – pouring water over girls
- šibačka – spanking girls by whips
- kupač – the boy who comes to water the girls during Easter
- korbáč – the whip made of willow branches
- kraslica – a painted, dyed or otherwise decorated blown egg
- zemiakový šalát – potato salad



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ACROSS

1. Produces OH⁻ ions in solution
4. S
6. Combination of two or more atoms
8. Piece of glass used with a microscope
9. Negatively charged particle
13. Any liquid, solid or gas
15. Positively charged particle
17. Has no net electric charge
18. Eye protection
23. Negatively charged ion
24. K
25. Includes eyepiece, lens, and stage

26. Bunsen _____
27. Measures the relative densities of two liquids
28. Produces H⁺ ions in solution
29. An atom or molecule with a net electrical charge
30. Might be calibrated in Fahrenheit or Centigrade

DOWN

2. A substance that cannot be broken down by chemical means
3. Mixture of two or more substances
4. Used to weigh substances
5. Paper used to measure pH

7. Cl
10. Hand protection
11. Ionic compound produced by reacting an acid with a base
12. Representation of a substance using symbols
14. OH⁻
16. Consists of a nucleus orbited by electrons
19. Matter with no defined volume or shape
20. A test in the laboratory
21. Two or more atoms joined together
22. Cu
26. Cylindrical glass container

ASSEMBLY 039 Uniontown, PA



We are looking for volunteers to help with our efforts to participate in the "Stamp Out Hunger" program of the Letter Carriers of the United

States Postal Service. We will gather at the Uniontown Main Post Office on Saturday, May 11th at 10:00 am. This is our National NSS Project to "Stamp Out Hunger"!

Our assembly is close to the "Spring Family Fun Event" sponsored by the NSS at Paradise Island Bowl and at the Robert Morris Island Sports Center on Neville Island, near Pittsburgh on Saturday April 27th. The event features bowling...Golf...Ice Skating...Video Games and much, much more. Registration forms will be shared in the March issue of the "National News". It looks like a lot of fun for the whole family! Plan to take your kids or grandkids!

Scholarships are available from the NSS for senior high school students and also senior citizens. All of the information is in the "National News" magazine. Put your insurance and annuity premiums to work! Apply for a scholarship!

Please place on your calendar our "Summer Bar-B-Q" that will be held on Sunday, June 9th. We will meet in the picnic pavilion, on the Knights of Columbus grounds starting at 1:00 pm. Come and enjoy the great food, fraternal fellowship and celebrate the American flag.

Also, we have changed the TIME of our "Annual Christmas Party" on Sunday, December 2nd from 2:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Please note the change so that you are not late!!

We celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Sunday, April 21st. Thank God for this wonderful gift of LIFE!

John Payerchin
President



ASSEMBLY R059 Bethlehem, PA

Our first meeting of 2019 was held on February 10th at the home of the Keysock's. The following officers were elected: Alexandra Keysock, President; John Lahutsky, Treasurer; and Michele Guydan, Secretary.

Members would like to sincerely thank Michael Slivka for his years of dedication as assembly treasurer! Best wishes!

Our upcoming meetings will be: July 14th - Sawarynski residence; October 20th - St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church; December 9th - location to be announced.

Events: Helping Hands, Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive in May, One Can Can Help Food Drive in November and Hot Dog Luncheon on October 20th.

Members have been busy making piroghi, helping with fish dinners, and attending Lenten services. For those who celebrate Easter on April 21st - a Blessed Holiday. For Orthodox Christians who celebrate Pascha (Easter) on April 28th - Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

Michele Guydan
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 070 Brooklyn, OH

A meeting will be held on **April 7, 2019** at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio at 12:00 Noon.

We will be discussing events for the upcoming year and refreshments will be served. Hope to see many of our friends attend.

John Karkosiak
Secretary

ASSEMBLY L075 Duryea, PA

A meeting will be held on **April 14, 2019** at Grande's Restaurant, Birney Avenue, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm

Lehrae Edwards
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

How lucky can we be? Very lucky, NSS is sponsoring Spring Family Fun Day, April 27th, right in our own backyard, Neville Island. I hope as many of our members as possible sign up for this event. There is bowling, golf, ice skating, video games, bingo and food. There was a nice write-up about it in last month's magazine and I suppose there is in this month's also. Here is some more good news the assembly will reimburse you for 50% of the cost. Be sure to let Pam Blum know you are in assembly 123. Hope to see you there. What do they say be there or be square? If you have questions call Pam Blum at the home office 724-731-0094 or me at 724-242-5085. This will be our assembly activity for April.

I would like to wish a Happy and Blessed Easter to all members. Even though spring started a month ago Easter seems like the real start of spring, new life and bright colors and putting aside the gloom of winter.

I can't forget to remind you that April 11th is National Pet Day and I bet maybe half our members have a pet. Whether it is Bella the dog or Cocoa the cat let's hope they bring you joy.

April 15th Tax Day may you get a refund.

April 23rd Behold I query 'To be or not to be' Talk like Shakespeare Day.

Happy Birthday to all members celebrating this month; especially April 2nd our founder Bill DelMonaco, April 9th my friend Don Sabo, April 14th my daughter Mariah Scalise, April 17th member Susan Kupecz, April 21st my grandson Enzo Scalise, April 30th member Patricia Silinskas. To all members celebrating birthdays or anniversary this month enjoy and may you celebrate many more.

If you know of any member who is deserving of some recognition, please let me know so we can add our congratulations.

Bill Knoll
President



ASSEMBLY 160 Lorain, OH

Come join us to paint a wooden sign on **Sunday, June 9, 2019**. Bring a snack or beverage to share and create a work of art to hang in your home or something that would make a great gift! We are working out the details of the location. Please RSVP by Sunday, June 2nd to ekatricak@gmail.com or 440-773-0170.

Erin Katricak
Activities Director

ASSEMBLY 377 Bentleyville, PA

Join us for a meeting & bowling on **May 5, 2019** at Tan O' Belle Lanes in Bentleyville and lunch at 3:00 pm. At our meeting we will discuss assembly business and activities. Please call Suzanne at 724-485-2925 for any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 432 Fairview Park, OH

A meeting will be held on **April 8, 2019** at Marti & Dave Pytel's residence at 7:00 pm.

May 25, 2019 - Camping at Rustic Lake

NEW EVENT - Assembly 432 has decided to try out a new idea to help get more of our members involved, and hopefully new members to join the NSS! Our new event will be "A Night at The Ballpark." We will be going to a Lake Erie Crushers game on **August 3rd** at 6:05 pm. Mark your calendar, because you do not want to miss this event! Food, drinks, and much more will be included. Details to follow!

If you haven't already, you can now stay up to date with what's going on in Assembly 432 on Facebook. Simply like, or follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/Assembly432/>

Shawn Pytel
Publicist

ASSEMBLY 554 Curwensville, PA

Meetings for 2019 are scheduled for **April 21, July 7, September 1 and October 5, 2019** at 2:00 pm. Meetings will be held at Jim Stricek's house, 135 McCullough Street, DuBois PA. For more information, contact Jim Stricek at (814) 590-7021 or at assembly554@gmail.com

Jim Stricek
Secretary-Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 568 LaCanada, CA

Our annual Slovak Mass will be held on **April 14th**. After Mass, lunch will be served with the presentation of gifts for the children. Come and enjoy the Slovak spirit of Easter. A meeting for all members will follow the luncheon.

Milan Konkol
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 588 Slovan, PA

A meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 28, 2019**, at the Community Room of Panera Bread, 250 McHolme Drive Pittsburgh, PA (North Fayette) at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the upcoming events and to plan activities for the members of our assembly for 2019. Please try to attend and become active in our assembly.

Annette Stefka
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 813 Englewood, FL

Members of Assembly 813 have a full schedule this spring. The aluminum can drive to benefit South Sarasota County Habitat for Humanity will wind up on April 30th. We are hoping that the greater numbers of snowbirds this year will be a boon for the drive.

The Spring Social is planned for **April 20th** at 2:00 pm at the Thirsty Pig. Kerry Farrell has planned a wonderful luncheon. If you and your family are planning to attend we would appreciate hearing from you to ensure we have enough food. Call 941-323-8635.

The Loveland Spring Concert will be held the **first week in May (exact date to be announced soon)**. This year we are hoping to have an art show in conjunction with the concert to showcase some of the other talented students. Ken Arambasic is working with Mary Jo Holker to put this all together.

Our Join Hands Day project is again the Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger food drive on **May 11th**. If you are unable to join us in Englewood, please work with your local post office to find ways to get involved. We can make a difference wherever we are by helping those less fortunate.

Mary Jo Kruger
Secretary

REGION 2 Hazleton, PA

A meeting will be held on **August 24, 2019** at Perkins Restaurant, 304 Route 315, Pittston, PA at 1:00 pm. Anyone needing directions you are welcome to call me Lucy Piccoletti at 570-457-4116.

Lucy Piccoletti
Secretary

REGION 8 Cleveland, OH

The semi-annual meeting of Region #8 which includes Assemblies #4, #70, #160 and #432 will be held on **April 24, 2019*** at Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, OH at 7:30 pm.

Assembly #70 will be hosting this meeting and refreshments will be served. Plans for activities for 2019 will be discussed. Hope to see you there.

Carole Koches
Secretary

*Please note revised date of meeting due to Easter.

Assembly L075

Members of Assembly L075 Duryea, Pa held their Fraternal Installation Dinner on Jan. 27 at the Perkins Family Restaurant Rte 315 Pittston, PA.



Installing officer was Samantha Wesnak who installed President Gary Edwards, Secretary Treasurer Lehræ Ann Edwards, Hospitality Youth Director Marlin Petro-Wesnæk, Vice President Lucy Piccoletti and Fraternal Director Bill Wesnak. Absent from the photo was Good Will Ambassador Joe Gorgol. The Audit committee also met after dinner to close 2018's books. Auditors were Lehræ Edwards, Dorothy Collins, Marlin Petro-Wesnæk, Sami Wesnak and mentor Gary Edwards.

A matching funds for Avoca Boy Scout Troop 316 for their Chili cook off contest and bake sale was held on Feb 3, 2019 at the Queen of Apostles Church Hall Hawthorne 51. Avoca. Adult leaders donated homemade Chili and baked goods. All scouts and leaders participated in the Scout Sunday Mass then we returned to the hall to serve Chili.

We had in attendance 1 youth circle member-Life Scout Adam Edwards who will be working on his Eagle project during 2019 and he is pictured here with



his Grandmother (ASM) Lehræ Ann Edwards-Sec. TR of Assembly 75 serving her homemade Chili. Next meeting is scheduled for **April 14**, at Grande's Restaurant Birney Ave. Moosic at 1:00 pm where we will have 2 Guest speakers -the Co-Chairmen from the American Heart Association; Maureen Legg and Carol Biglow and we will be presenting the matching funds check. We have 15 members who will walk in the Heart Walk on **May 4** at 8:30 am at PNC Field Moosic, PA. Thank you VP Lucy and Stephanie Piccoletti for arranging our Holy Walkamolies team.

Assembly 432

Tobogganing was a blast again in 2019! With over 120 Members and guests in attendance. Here are pics of just a few of us braving the cold, enjoying refreshments, and hitting the chutes at Strongsville Chalet!



Assembly 123



Members of our assembly at the Murder Mystery Dinner benefiting the American Legion Auxiliary

Assembly 588 Completes National Fraternal Project

Members of Assembly 588 recently completed a successful matching funds project for the Blessings in a Backpack program in the Avella Area School District, as part of the National Fraternal Project for 2018. Avella Area School District is a small, rural school district located in Washington County Pennsylvania. The Avella High School Chapter of the National Honor Society conducts the Blessings in a Backpack program. Although the National Honor Society annually conducts fundraisers for the Blessings in a Backpack program, it must rely on donations from community organizations and businesses to sustain the program. The National Honor Society currently serves eleven elementary school students with backpacks each Friday. This school-year marks the seventh year that the NHS has conducted the Blessings in a Backpack program. Assembly 588 President John Bebo, Jr. solicited donations from business and individuals in the Avella community. Through the donations from businesses, individuals, Assembly 588, and the matching funds from the Home Office, a total of \$1040 was presented to the National Honor Society. The National Honor Society Officers, members, and Advisor Mrs. Lynn Akins were grateful for the donation which will allow the program to continue for the remainder of the year.



Avella Area High School National Honor Society Members at the recent check presentation: (L-R) Carly Terensky-NHS Vice-President, Kenna Hixenbaugh, Julianne Rush, Julia West, Jenna Craig, Joseph Stefka, Jr. – Financial Secretary Assembly 588, John Scott-NHS Treasurer, Julianne Latynski-NHS President, Allie Cilia, Emerson Rice, Bess Lengauer, Leigha Cooke, Lynn Akins-NHS Advisor

2019 Slovak Tours

Slovak Heritage Tour - (Sept. 6-15, 2019)

For more information: Visit www.slovakiaheritage.com or contact Judith Northup-Bennett, Slovakia Heritage Tours, 978-544-5144 slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com

15th Consular Tour of Slovakia - (Sept. 6-15, 2019)

Visit the historic sites of three beautiful countries for the price of just one tour. Begin in Vienna where you will tour the city including a visit to the Schonbrunn Palace. Then onto Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia where we will see old town, St. Martin Cathedral, Primatial Palace, Devin Castle and many other historic sites. Along the way, we will visit the nearby towns where we will enjoy a wine tasting, folk music, a traditional folk wedding and the famous Cerveny Kamen and the Trencin Castle. You will also have an opportunity to enjoy some spa treatments at Trencianske Teplice. Some of the towns that we will see in Slovakia include the Tatras, Cicmany, Levoca, Kezmarok, Kosice, Bardejov and Presov. Other unique features of this tour include Demanovska caves, rafting on the Dunajec, another wine tasting in the Tokaj region and meeting with the Mayor of Presov. A recent New York Times article on "S2 Places to go in 2019" lists the Tatra Mountains as #19. We will take you there. While in Poland, we will shop in Zakopane, visit Auschwitz, Pope John Paul II former home, shrine of St. Stanislaus, shrine of Blessed Faustina, Our Lady of Czestochowa and the Wieliczka salt mine.

The total package price for this fantastic tour is just \$4,300 per person (double occupancy), the same as last year. This includes round trip airfare from either Pittsburgh or New York, two delicious meals daily, four star hotels, free admission to all the sites, air conditioned bus, a professional guide and more. Compare this itinerary with other tour packages. For a detailed copy of the daily itinerary or more information, contact Joe Senko at jtsenko@aol.com or 412-956-6000.

Annual Slovak Mass & Easter Customs Breakfast

Saturday, April 13, 2019
St. Adalbert Church, South I 5th Street

10:45 am – Recitation of Rosary
(in Slovak)

11:00 am – Slovak Mass

12:00 - SAMPLE SLOVAK
EASTER FOODS

Sunka (ham) Kolbasy (sausage)
Hrin (beets & horseradish)
Sirek (egg cheese) Paska (sweet bread)
Kolace (baked goods)

Prince of Peace Parish Center
81 South 13th Street, South Side

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1. Use large raw, hardboiled, blown, ceramic or plastic eggs.
2. Slide egg into egg wrap.
3. Place egg on spoon.
4. Dunk into boiling water until wrapper shrinks around egg.



April - Jar

Jar bola obdobiím, ktoré sa v čase starého delenia roka na dve časti považovalo za jeho začiatok. Oživanie prírody bolo toho neklamným znakom. S príchodom teplých slnečných lúčov prichádzalo radostnejšie obdobie, čo sa vyjadrovalo v rôznych detských riekankách, piesňach a hrách.



Slnko, slnko, poď na naše líčko,
dáme ti vajíčko, zabijeme jalovičku,
tebe dáme polovičku, ak ti je omále,
ešte ti pridáme.

Vstal z mrtvých, niet ho tu?



Na prvý Veľký piatok kresťania boli v žiali. Modlili sa pred svätým hrobom a žialili za Ježišom Kristom, ktorý podstúpil smrť--- smrť Kríža---za naše hriechy.

Všetko sa však zmenilo vo Veľkonočný deň. Ježiš Kristus vstal z mrtvých! Preto Veľkonočný deň je radostný a blahoslavený pre našu vieru. Všade bolo počuť Aleluja! ---vstal z mrtvých, niet ho tu. Tento deň, Veľkonočný deň, dal Boh ľudstvu, preto tento deň je dňom radosti a plesania.

V tomto veľkonočnom čase ako prívrženci vzkrieseného Krista Pána máme uvažovať o svojom živote, o svojich hriechoch a ľútosťou i pokáním, ako aj vzorným kresťanským životom máme hľadať cestu do neba. Máme obetovať Bohu naše sebazaprenie, našu snahu po lepšom a zbožnom živote.

A tak, keď sa priblíži naša hodina smrti, Spasiteľ bude stáť pri nás, lebo sme ho milovali a snažili sa žiť podľa jeho príkazov. On nás vezme za ruku a bude viesť do večnosti. Ved' nám to tak jasne prisľúbil slovami: " Ja som vzkriesenie a život; kto vo mne verí, hoci bude i mrtvý, bude žiť naveky."

Všetkým čitateľom a všetkým členom prajem radostné a požehnané veľkonočné sviatky.

—Pokračovanie zo O. Andrej Blasko SKS 1983

Jurské zvyky

K ukončeniu jarých zvykov sú tie, ktoré sa viažu ku dňu Juraja 24 apríla. Tento mal vo vzťahu k začínajúcemu sa poľnohospodárskemu roku neobyčajný význam. Naši predkovia považovali deň Ďura za deliaci deň medzi zimou a letom. Nie nadarmo sa hovorilo „ Na Ďura sa zem otvára” alebo „ Do Ďura nič nerastie, ani trava, aj keby si ju klieštami ťahal zo zeme. Ale po Ďurovi ide všetko von, aj keby si to kladivom zatľkal”.

Méno Juraj je populárnym ménom v aprili a mnoho slovenských chlapcov nosí méno Juraj.

Všetkým prajeme radostný deň menín.

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Dážď veľkonočný škodlivé sucho prináša

Na Ďura každá kvapka dukáty kvapká

Ak apríl pekný, máj bude rúžový

April zimný, daždivý, úroda nás navštíví

Aprilové sucho a májovo mokro, hospodár sýpku zasype až po okno

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Koncom tohto mesiaca 27 apríla Rodinne stretnutie členov našej organizacie.

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