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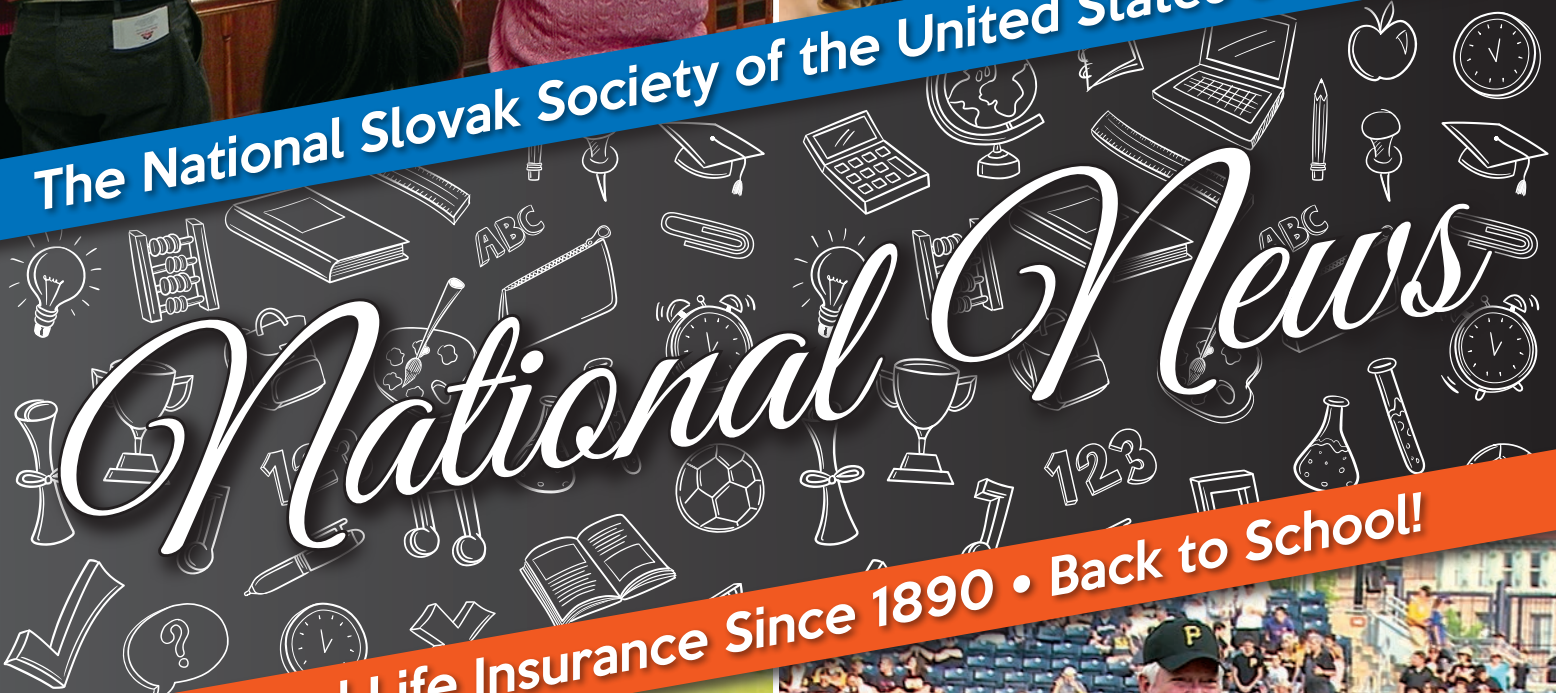


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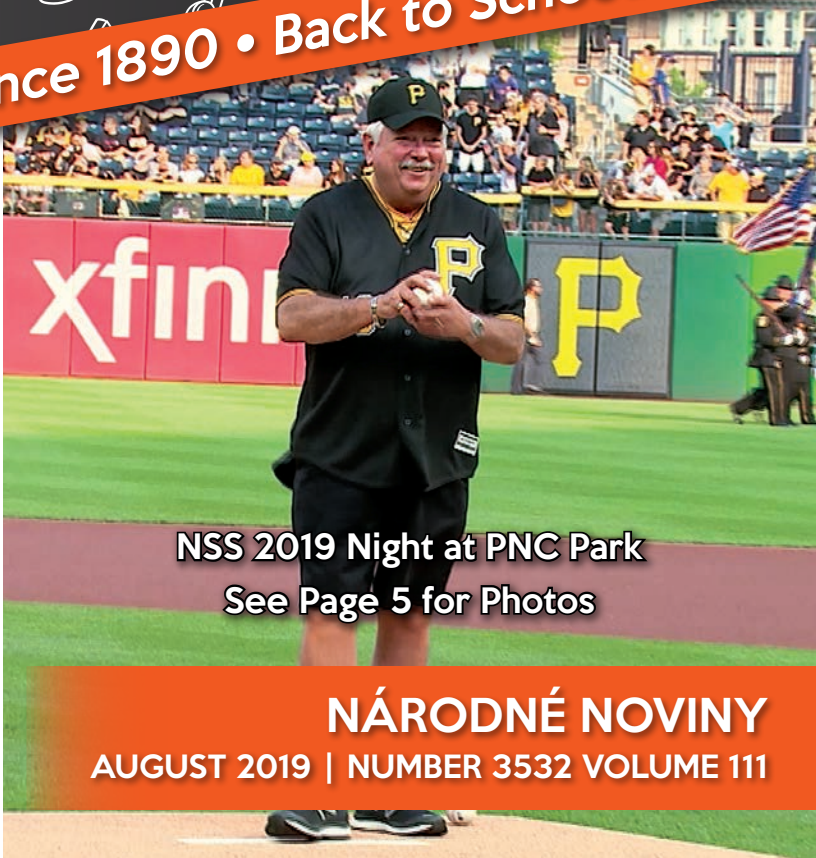


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*Happy Birthday
to President & CEO
David G. Blazek on
August 3rd! Best wishes
for a happy, healthy and
prosperous year.*

Activities At A Glance

REGION 2

August 8
August 24
November 3
November 10

Assemblies L075, 0617

Assembly 617/C617, Fraternal Day & Basket Raffle at Knoebels Park, Elysburg, PA
Region 2, Meeting, Perkins Restaurant, Pittston, PA at 1:00 pm
Region 2, Bone Appétit, Woodlands Inn & Resort, Wilkes Barre, PA at 4:00 pm
Region 2, Purse Bingo, Eagle MClure Hose Company, Old Forge, PA at 1:00 pm

REGION 5

August 4
August 10
August 11
August 18
September 8
September 28
October 5
October 6
November 16
December 1
December 1

Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0737, 0774

Assembly 0377, Meeting/Picnic, Richardson's Park, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm
Summer Board Teleconference Meeting
Assembly 0123, Picnic, Moon Twp. Community Center, Apollo Grove at 1:00 pm
Region 5, Annual Picnic at Cedar Creek County Park, Rostraver Twp. PA at 12-4 pm
Assembly 0039, Flight 93 Memorial Dinner, Eat'n Park, Uniontown, PA at 6:00 pm
NSS Heritage Museum Septemberfest, Home Office, McMurray, PA (11- 4:00 pm)
Assembly 0737, Meeting, Godor's residence, N. Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0377, Meeting, China City Buffet, Washington, PA at 3:00 pm
Fall Board Meeting, Home Office, McMurray, PA
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

REGION 8

August 3
August 18
September 14

Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595

Assembly 0432, A Night at the Ballpark at 6:05 pm
Assembly 0004, Meeting, Havir's residence, Westlake, OH at 2:00 pm
Assembly 0070, Meeting/Pot Luck Dinner, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 5:00 pm

REGION 14

August 3
August 4
October 20
November
December 8

Assemblies R059, L102

Assembly L102, Matching Funds Event, Volpe's Sports Bar, Emmnaus, PA
Assembly L102, Annual Summer picnic, Wesnak's residence, Whitehall, PA at 2:00 pm
Assembly R059, Hot Dog Luncheon, St. Nicholas R O Church, Bethlehem, PA at 11:00
Assembly R059, One Can Help Food Drive (Date, Time & Location to be announced)
Assembly R059, Meeting, Time and Location to be announced

REGION 15

Assemblies L002

No Activities at this time

AT LARGE

August 25
September 1
September 21
October 5
October 12
October 27
December 7
December 24
December 28

Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0731, 0800, 0813

Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck's residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 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 0586, Meeting/Activity, Home Run Inn, Darien, IL at 11:45 am
Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck's residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Boardman Park, Boardman, OH at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0705, Annual Christmas Eve Celebration, Buck's residence at 6:00 pm
Assembly 0381, Meeting, Time and Location to be announced

From The President's Desk...



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

Greetings from the Home Office, as we enter the last month of summer. Our youth will be heading back to school at the end of the month so enjoy the next couple weeks of your summer break.



This month, in addition to assembly meetings and our Summer Board Meeting on the 10th, Assembly 0377 will be holding a picnic at Richardson's Park in Bentleyville, PA. Region 5 will host a picnic at Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver Twp, PA. Assembly L102 will hold a picnic at the Wesnak's residence in Whitehall, PA and Assembly 0432 is holding a Night at the Ballpark. Check the Activities at a Glance page for dates and times of these events.

News Of Narodniars

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Home Office Graphic Artist Ryan Strom, former staff member, Jodi Onder, Carol Godor, Jim Amorose, Chelsey Eubank, Andrew Blazek, Pam Tabone, Jan Amick, Bella and Caroline Bernardo, Jeremiah Moore, and grandsons Logan and Brady Kearney, and Hudson Lavin.

Happy Wedding anniversary to Lori and Kevin Crowley and Danielle and Jeff Lavin, and to all others celebrating this month.

Contests

August 15th is the deadline for entries into the Youth Poetry Contest. The Contest is open to all NSS Youth members ages 5 to 16. The contest is judged in five age groups: 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, and 14-16. Cash prizes are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. So parents and grandparents, encourage your youth to enter a poem in this year's contest. Winners will have their poems published in the monthly publication and on the NSS Website. October 1st is the deadline for our annual Photography Contest. This contest is open to all members regardless of age. The photo must be taken by the member submitting it. There are four categories; Scenic, Animals, Human Interest, and NSS Activity. Three monetary prizes will be awarded in each category along with a Best Overall picture prize.

And lastly, our Christmas Ornament Contest deadline is December 1st. I know Christmas seems like a long way off but it comes faster and faster every year. So in your spare time start thinking about an idea for an ornament and be ahead of the game.

All of our contests are designed to encourage our members get involved and have fun. Some of our assemblies have special meetings for their members to decorate ornaments together and socialize. Let's try and increase participation in all of our contests this year.

Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks

This organization is always looking for new members. So if you want to learn to sing, dance and/or play the violin, this may be of interest to your children or grandchildren. No experience is necessary. The Slovaks will teach you, and you will make new friends, learn about your Slovak Heritage and perform at the Pittsburgh Folk Festival, Slovak Day, Slovak Festival at the University of Pittsburgh as well as other events. For more information, call Sue Ondrejco at 412-421-1204 or email her at: sue.ondrejco@gmail.com.

Punography Of The Month:

*A man tried to assault me with milk, cream and butter.
How dairy!.*

Do You Just Belong?

*Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the crowd,
Or do you stay at home and crab both long and loud?
Do you take an active part to help the assembly along?
Or are you satisfied to be the kind to "just belong"?
Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick,
Or leave the work for just a few and talk about the clique?
There is quite a program scheduled that means success, if done,
And it can be accomplished with the help of everyone.
So attend the meetings regularly, and help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member, but take an active part.
Think this over, Member, are we right or are we wrong?
Are you an Active Member?
or--Do You Just Belong?*

2019 NSS Night at PNC Park

At this year's NSS Night at PNC Park, President David Blazek threw out the Honorary First Pitch. Chairman of the Board Joe Stefka, Jr., along with grandson Carson, delivered the home club lineup card to the umpires as Fans of the Game.



A Page From My Notebook...

Linda M. Strom
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO



Correction

If you've ever read something, an article or a sentence, and found later that it said something different than what you thought you read then you will understand this. In last month's magazine, I published the 2019 1st Quarter Financial Statement Recap. I must have read through this 3 times before passing it on to the Editor to be put in the magazine. Well, apparently my proofing is not very good. The first column which shows the 2019 1st Quarter figures should say **MARCH, 2019**. I do apologize and will republish the Financial Statement with the correct information. Thank you to President Blazek and Bernie Vukelich, Executive Brokerage Systems, Inc. for bringing this very important error to my attention. I can't promise that I won't do this again but I am glad to know that what we publish in our newsletter is being read by our Members and Agents.

Get Well Soon

Over the past several weeks I've heard about a few of our NSS Members that are experiencing difficult health issues. These days it seems that health issues are becoming more serious and require different types of medicines to help with healing. To our members, and their families, who are struggling with health issues you are in our prayers. We are thinking about you.

Assembly 0028, Bridgeport, CT

Part of my responsibility as Secretary-Treasurer, CFO of the NSS is the oversight of our Assemblies and Regions and the members within them. Periodically I am asked to dissolve an assembly or region upon their request due to the retirement of current officers and the inability to find someone interested in taking on a leadership role.

Assembly 0028 in Bridgeport, CT, established January 18, 1891, is one of our founding assemblies that have recently dissolved due to the loss of officers over time and the retirement of current officers. I would like to thank Assembly 0028 President Eileen Wilson for her efforts in keeping the assembly active since the loss of fellow officers. Eileen, we appreciate all you've done for the assembly and for your dedication to the members of Assembly 0028, Region 15 and the NSS.

PA State Auditors

The PA State Auditors continue their work to perform a risk based analysis of the NSS for the 4-year period ending 12/31/2018. This is an intense effort for both the PA Auditors and those of us involved in providing them the information they require to perform their tasks. My thanks to all involved in providing me with the information that the Auditors are asking for in a timely manner. The audit began at the end of April, gathering data in Phase 1-2 and now has moved into Phases 3-4 which will focus on internal controls.

Where Has The Time Gone?

I can't believe it is already August which is, by the way, my favorite month of the year. That is because I get to wish my son Ryan a Very Happy August 1st Birthday!! Where has the time gone?

Also wishing our President & CEO David Blazek a very Happy August 3rd Birthday. Let the Party Begin!

"I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life. I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life." I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back. I've learned whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

- Maya Angelou

2019 1st Qtr Financial Statement Recap

Statement as of March 31, 2019

Revised with corrected dates below

	Mar 2019	Dec 2018		Mar 2019	Dec 2018
Net Admitted Assets:			Summary of Operations:		
Bonds	\$1,179,765,933	\$1,178,134,883	INCOME:		
Preferred Stocks	0	250,000	Premium & Annuity Considerations	\$48,695,349	\$152,103,623
Common Stocks	3,756,863	2,264,456	Net Investment Income	14,060,021	53,464,000
Mortgage Loans on Real Est	6,395,095	6,360,129	Amortization of Interest		
Certificate Loans	1,076,528	1,054,234	Maintenance Reserve	110,749	458,348
Real Est Occupied by Society	675,625	680,964	Income Sub-Total	\$62,866,119	\$206,025,971
Cash on Deposit	23,487,574	8,989,211	EXPENSES:		
Electronic Data Equipment			Death Benefits	\$1,813,857	\$6,784,483
Uncollected Premiums	162,093	186,600	Matured Endowments	18,490	23,981
Investment Income Due	16,008,219	13,983,478	Annuity Benefits	37,251,051	106,541,775
TOTALS	\$1,231,327,930	\$1,211,903,955	Disability Benefits	1,007	9,118
Liabilities & Unassigned Funds			Surrender Benefits	300,038	520,118
Aggregate Reserve	\$1,095,331,100	\$1,076,512,000	Interest On Deposit Type Contr	885	9,326
Deposit-type Contracts	61,462,139	62,738,687	Increase In Aggregate Reserve		
Certificate Claims	400,000	425,000	for Life Contracts	18,819,100	72,285,000
Commissions Due	50,000	130,000	Commissions On Direct Business	1,196,668	3,676,084
Refunds Due and Unpaid	575,000	560,000	General & Fraternal Expenses	1,329,938	4,534,749
General Exp Due	1,643,300	1,694,400	Insur, Taxes, Licenses, Fees	59,864	220,002
Retained by Society as Trustee	78,065	166,754	Expense Sub-Total	\$60,790,898	\$194,604,636
Asset Valuation Resv (AVR)	7,560,600	6,947,000	SUMMARY:		
Interest Maintenance Resv (IMR)	5,277,125	5,426,265	Net Gain From Operations		
Contingency Reserve	150,000	150,000	Before Refunds To Members	\$2,075,221	\$8,421,335
Unassigned Funds	58,800,601	57,153,849	Refund To Members	(136,018)	(588,647)
TOTALS	\$1,231,327,930	\$1,211,903,955	Net Gain From Operations		
Surplus Account:			After Refunds To Members	1,939,203	7,832,688
Beginning Surplus	\$57,303,849	\$50,625,917	Net Realized Capital Gains	(1,493)	(698,578)
Net Income	1,937,710	7,134,110	TOTAL NET INCOME	\$1,937,710	\$7,134,110
Change in Net Unrealized					
Capital Gains or (Losses)	322,621	(185,079)			
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	21	(2,099)			
Change in Valuation Reserve	(613,600)	(269,000)			
Aggregate Write-ins for Gains					
and Losses in Surplus					
Net Change in Surplus	1,646,752	6,677,932			
Surplus At Statement Date	\$58,950,601	\$57,303,849			

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.
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59½ or there could be a 10% early withdrawal penalty by the IRS and then there would also be taxes on the interest. With a Roth account any principal may be withdrawn without penalty. And no taxes would be due because it is a return of principal.

A good example would be a young person puts \$3,000 per year (\$250/month) into a Roth for five years. Then she gets married and decides to buy a house at age 30. She could withdraw all of her deposits (which total \$15,000) and use that for her down payment. The taxes would be zero and no penalty would apply. So the Roth has a tremendous advantage especially for young people.

Money in a Roth could be used for any purposes: education, retirement, business opportunity, home purchase, or any emergency. NSS makes it easy to buy this product. Accounts may be opened with a \$1,000 deposit or \$83 per month. There are no long term commitments and payments may be adjusted, suspended or stopped depending on your situation.

Open your Roth IRA account today and get that five year clock running. Call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information.

Start a Roth IRA right now!

The Roth IRA began in 1998. This program was originally designed to help people save money for retirement. The number one advantage of this program is the possibility of tax free earnings. This can happen if two key rules are followed. One, the account must have been opened for at least five years. The other is the person must be at least age 59½ when withdrawing money.

There is a very good reason to open an account right now! And that is to get the five year clock running. Here are a few of the advantages of Roth IRAs:

- Contributions to a Roth may be withdrawn anytime and tax free because they are a return of principal. (no IRS penalty)
- Roth contributions may be made on higher income levels than traditional IRAs so more people are eligible to participate in this program.
- Tax-free benefits can be extended to your beneficiaries and this could be especially useful when a beneficiary selects lifetime payments.
- A Roth IRA has no required minimum distributions (RMDs) unlike a traditional IRA does at age 70½. Therefore money can stay in a Roth until a person passes away.
- Unlike distributions from a regular IRA, qualified Roth distributions do not affect the calculation of taxable Social Security benefits.

One of the key differences between the two types of IRAs is the traditional IRAs should be kept until at least age

\$1,600,000,000,000 - That's a lot of zeros!

That \$1.6 trillion dollars is the amount of college debt we have in the U.S. The vast majority of this money is owned by young people under age 30 either in school or just finished. The average debt per student is around \$30,000 but this depends on where you live. In PA, OH, NY and MI the number is higher and in UT, NV, AZ, CA and FL the average is lower. The debt is growing at a crazy rate of \$3,000 per second or \$10 million dollars per day.

The number of people with some college debt totals 44 million Americans. Believe it or not \$260 billion is owed by people age 50 or older and \$80 billion is owed by people over the age of 60. This senior group not only has to worry about their retirement but also paying off college loans. And a little over \$30 billion or 40% of these loans are currently in default. This cannot be good for a group of people who are living on fixed incomes and trying to keep expenses to a minimum.

Unfortunately the solutions to this problem are complex. There are a lot of factors involved and no easy answers. Parents and grandparents get caught up in this mess by co-signing loans for their children to attend school.

One thing for certain is everyone should be properly insured. Life insurance is a great way to cover this extra debt should something bad happen. While it is especially important for older people with college loans even youngsters should have some coverage.

For young people the cost of insurance is pennies on a dollar. For older people it is a little more money but still affordable. Life insurance is easy to get regardless of age. For instance; a 65 year old man could buy \$15,000 of permanent life insurance protection for \$62 per month. For a female the same plan would run \$48 per month. Both could easily apply and there would be no exam. The advantages of buying life insurance at any age are numerous. Life insurance doesn't cost it pays. Call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for a free quote and see how we can help you.

Life hint

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



Punography Of The Month:

The only people with whom you should try to get even with are those that have helped you.

Slovak proverb

Fraternal Matters...

Pam Blum, Fraternal Activities Director

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*Happy Birthday to my boss and
NSS President, Dave Blazek on
August 3rd. Hope the coming year
is filled with joy and laughter.*

My Slovak Roots

By Michaela Butwin

If you have a chance to look at the latest PVR Scholarship recipients' photos, you will see a girl who looks, well, Guatemalan. You may wonder how this Guatemalan-American adoptee qualified for a Slovak-American organization's award. Well, here's my story.

My mom signed me up for Children's Music Academy (CMA) when I was four years old. CMA features ten students at ten keyboards. The program lasts 3.5 years and starts out with strictly ear training. I was a star pupil for the first two years, then homework, erroneously termed "homefun", became a nightmare as my mom would successfully quiz me through flashcards of individual notes, then wonder why I could never identify them when they were placed next to each other on a measure. After months of struggling, I was diagnosed with Visual Processing Disorder. I went through 15 months of therapy while still studying piano at CMA. I just wanted to quit, but my mom bribed me with a trip to Europe, specifically to Slovakia and Austria, if I would push through to the end of the program. I took her up on the offer.

My mom had lived in Austria 20 years prior to this 2008 trip, and had completed a two month work assignment that took her to both Austria and Slovakia in 1998. While in Europe, she had developed friends in both Vienna and Bratislava. The first foreign language my mom ever heard was when her dad used to speak to her grandma in Slovak, the first language for both of them. She has always felt very close to her Slovak roots and wanted to give me the opportunity to see Slovakia from a Slovak family's view, so we stayed with our friends, the Volent's. Mom had promised me that we could ride horses in both countries, as I was a budding equestrian at the time. Marian Volent found a place where we could ride in suburban Bratislava. Much to my surprise, we actually rode in the Western riding style in Slovakia, which is pretty unusual in Europe, as almost everyone rides in the English riding style. I had some experience with both, so I was perfectly happy to ride Western. We were told that the guide could understand English, but we became quickly convinced that she did not understand the word "stop", even though some of the road signs used the English word for that action. We made it back to the stables safely, then headed to Old Town Bratislava for some festivities. It was December, so the Christmas Market was in

full bloom. We enjoyed roasted nuts and cider, then Marian took us on a tour of the town, including a peek at Cumil the Sewer Worker, a sure stop for any tourist to Bratislava. We also visited a few castles in the Bratislava area before heading on to Austria for another horseback ride (this one was English style), visits with friends to yet another Christmas Market, and a trip to the Volksoper (People's Opera) in Vienna to see Hansel and Gretel. When we landed back in Denver, the first words out of my mouth were "where are we going next, mom?"

It's been more than ten years since that trip, but I still sometimes think about what came out of my first real journey abroad. I am grateful that I got to see how important my mom's Slovak roots are to her, as several years later I went looking for – and found – my Guatemalan birth family, and feel more at peace now that I know more about my own genetic roots. I am thankful that my mom bribed me to stay in CMA, despite the fact that I insisted that I take a break from music for several years when the program was over, as I am now heading into the Singer/Songwriter Program at the University of Colorado Denver, and am letting my ear lead me through my college years. But the most significant epiphany from that trip was that even though I am adopted, I still feel a connection to the land and the traditions of the people who have come before the woman who raised me. I don't think that there needs to be a struggle between nature and nurture. I definitely have room in my heart for both!

2019 Art Contest Winners

Name	Assembly	Place
Picasso 5-7		
Aubriana Martini	C731	1st
Gavin Berner	C160	2nd
Valerie Cessna	C731	3rd
Rembrandt 8-10		
Zachary Martini	C731	1st
Allison Lichtenfels	C105	2nd
Anya McAdams	C161	3rd
Michelangelo 11-13		
Addison Draa	C731	1st
Allie Lazar	C075	2nd
Jacob Ostrowski	C617	3rd
Van Gogh 14-16		
Mary Kopchick	C434	1st
Benjamin Ostrowski	C617	2nd
Adam Lazar	C075	3rd

2019-2020 Scholarships – Perpetual Award Winners



Marlie Applegarth
Assembly 731
Youngstown State University
Accounting
125th Anniversary Scholarship



Jillian Borza
Assembly 586
University of Notre Dame
Engineering
Assembly 065 Scholarship



Troy Donofrio
Assembly 108
Grove City College
Exercise Science
Mary B. Burns Scholarship



Michael Kirsch
Assembly 123
John Carroll University
Accounting
Assembly 065 Scholarship



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2019-2020 1st Year Scholarships



Briann Allan
Assembly 108
Community College of Allegheny County
Nursing



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Assembly 381
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Assembly 123
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Sicilia Cipalla
Assembly L161
Cape Fear Community College
Sonography



Philip Colen
Assembly 774
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Pre-Medical/Biology



Brad Cromer
Assembly 434
University of South Carolina
Business



Christopher Day
Assembly 588
Penn State University
Computer Science Engineering



Katelyn Denman
Assembly 377
Duquesne University
Music Education



Bailey Donofrio
Assembly 108
Chatham University
Nursing



Hailey Durovich
Assembly 110
University of North Carolina
Marine Biology



Patrick Flint
Assembly L075
Towson University
Science



Kameron Forrest
 Assembly L161
 Sarah Lawrence College
English



McCauley Fox
 Assembly L105
 Mansfield University
Early Childhood/Special Education



Dominic Fundy
 Assembly 377
 California University of Pennsylvania
Special Education



Kagan Giltinan
 Assembly 236
 Saginaw Valley State University
Mechanical Engineering



Nicholas Hansel
 Assembly 267
 Penn State University
Chemistry



Kaitlyn Houman
 Assembly L075
 Alvernia University
Nursing



Kerry Howard
 Assembly 123
 University of Dayton
Marketing



Joseph Hruska
 Assembly 110
 University at Albany
Information Systems/Business Analytics



Isabel Iwanonkiw
 Assembly 100
 West Virginia University
Journalism/Public Relations



Josiah Jaster
 Assembly 381
 Kettering University
Applied Mathematics



Madison Karr
 Assembly 731
 Kent State University
Advertising/Marketing



Katelyn Kennedy
 Assembly 774
 Cedarville University
Pre-Pharmacy



Kelsey Kennedy
 Assembly 774
 Penn State University
Landscape Contracting



Emily Kopchick
 Assembly 434
 Rowan University
Bio Chemistry/Pre-Medical



Mary Kopchick
 Assembly 434
 Rutgers University
Pharmacy



Elizabeth Kostic
 Assembly 441
 Coastal Carolina University
Business



Micah Kurka
 Assembly 554
 Waynesburg University
Nursing



Josh Leins
 Assembly 123
 University of North Carolina
Cyber Security



Heath Lewis
 Assembly 267
 Kentucky Mountain Bible College
Pastoral Ministry



Grace Lotz
 Assembly 123
 Liberty University
Biology



Lauryn Lubecki
 Assembly 737
 West Virginia University
Public Relations/Advertising



Alayna McNeil
 Assembly 381
 Central Michigan University
International Communications



Joseph Mulaski
 Assembly L105
 Western Kentucky University
Psychology



Zachary Nickolas
 Assembly 100
 Centre College
Law



Caitlyn Nowak
 Assembly RO19
 Daemen College
Physical Therapy



Elizabeth Ostrowski
 Assembly 617
 Christendom College
Liberal Arts



Laura Payne
 Assembly RO59
 Moore College
Interior Design



Albert Peters, III
 Assembly L102
 Duquesne University
Political Science



Patrick Philbin
 Assembly 110
 Stonehill College
Business Management



Paulina Prevoznik
 Assembly RO59
 Franciscan University
Nursing



William Quintana
Assembly L102
University of Delaware
Material Science and Engineering



Laina Rayman
Assembly 039
Kent State University
Advertising/Graphic Design



Amanda Reilly
Assembly 123
Slippery Rock University
Communications



Paige Reiss
Assembly 432
Lorain County Community College
Biology



Nicholas Renick
Assembly 554
Gannon University
Physical Therapy



Jared Ritzo
Assembly 377
Vaughn College
Mechatronics Engineering



Bailie Rohr
Assembly 123
Kent State University
American Sign Language Interpreting



Melvin Sanchez
Assembly 554
Grove City College
Business Management



Anthony Sawarynski
Assembly R059
Penn State University
Business



Rory Sims
Assembly 110
Arizona State University
Film and Media Studies



Joseph Testa, IV
Assembly 737
Rochester Institute of Technology
Computer Engineering



Faith Vang
Assembly 381
University of Arkansas
Radiology/Diagnostic Sonography



Matthew Vang
Assembly 568
University of California
Pre-Medical



David Wasson, Jr
Assembly L040
Penn State University
Landscape Architecture



Mandy Xiong
Assembly 774
University of Madison
Business



Jacob Yanosick
Assembly 100
Robert Morris University
Graphic Design



Natalie Zinski
Assembly L161
Penn State University
Astrophysics

“Family is not an important thing.
It’s everything.”

-Michael J. Fox

Life Fact:

More than half
of Americans think
life insurance
costs 3x or more
than it does.

LIFE HAPPENS

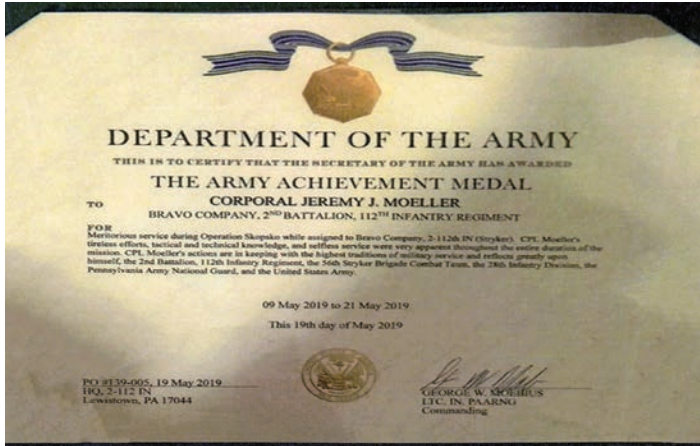
6 Life Stages that Trigger the Need for Life Insurance

- 1) Married or getting married
- 2) A parent or about to become one
- 3) A homeowner
- 4) Changing jobs
- 5) Retired or planning for retirement
- 6) Single

LIFE HAPPENS
A FINANCIAL ORGANIZATION

Congratulations To Our Exceptional Members

Corporal Jeremy J. Moeller



Army Achievement Award

Jeremy continues to make us all proud, especially his grandparents. His hard work and dedication was again noticed during his recent assignment this past May, 2019 where he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for a second time.

Jeremy graduated from Elizabeth Forward High School in 2012 and went immediately to basic training where he earned the Expert Marksmanship badge.

While in Jordan he had the chance of a lifetime to be re-baptized in the Jordan River.

His parents are Sharon Schickelm and Keith J Moeller; grandparents John & Virginia Bobbs; and Clifford & Veronica Moeller.



Proud Grandparents Cliff & Veronica Moeller and grandson Jeremy

I've learned that it's not what I have in my life but who I have in my life that counts. So, between God, my children, and the man I love, my life is complete.

Assembly 586 - United States Marine

Our assembly held a meeting on June 23 and a gardening activity, where we raised \$200 for donation to Good Worx, a garden-and-gleaning charity that donates thousands of pounds of produce and food to local food pantries.



Fred Olszowska, our sergeant-at-arms, traveled to San Diego in March to attend his grandson's Marine Graduation. The proud grandpa of Mateo Prado shared pictures of himself and one of our newly minted United States Marines, one of which is included here.

Janet Tomaskovic
Secretary

Alex Sir Louis - Assembly 0004



Congratulations to Alex Sir Louis, a senior at Heidelberg University and who had a terrific year, both academically and on the baseball field. He graduated this year and was on the dean's list both semesters and will be returning to Heidelberg in the Fall to pursue his master's degree.

On the diamond Heidelberg had a very good year. They were Co-Champions of the OAC. Their good regular season earned them a bid to the National Tournament.

After winning the Regional and the Super Regionals they advanced to the Division III World Series, held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Things didn't go the way they hoped. To get that far was a tremendous accomplishment to be amongst the best eight teams in the country. A well deserved honor for a very good baseball team. Individually he had a 7-0 record in The Ohio Athletic Conference Games and led the team with 9 wins.

He was named 1st team All OAC and 2nd Team Mid-east Region.

His family and Assembly 0004 are proud of his accomplishments.

ASSEMBLY 004 Parma, OH

A meeting will be held on **August 18, 2019** at the residence of Mildred Havir, 744 Westhill Boulevard, Westlake, Ohio.

Sonia Vorell
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 039 Uniontown, PA

Thank you to those that came out to help with our "Join Hands" project with the local Knights of Columbus Council. The Tony Bartok Annual Golf Outing at the Springdale Golf Club was a success and raised money for the local Easter Seals Society, Special Olympics of Fayette County and the battered women's shelter.

Our Assembly is a part of Region 5 that is comprised of assemblies in the Pittsburgh and Southwestern Pennsylvania areas. The Region is planning their annual "Summer Picnic" at Cedar Creek County Park in Rostraver Township on Sunday, **August 18th**. From Uniontown it is a thirty minute drive up Route 51 just beyond the intersection of Interstate 70 and Route 51. Come out and enjoy the fraternal fellowship, great food, fun and games for the whole family! Best of all, it is FREE!

Our third quarter meeting will be held on Sunday, **September 8th** at the Eat n' Park Restaurant in their community room. The dinner meeting starts at 6:00 pm. Members of the "Stuffers Club" will also join us.

Circle Saturday, **September 28th**, on your calendar. The Annual "Septemberfest" will be held at the Home Office. This is another opportunity that your fraternal offers to share in the fellowship of other members while enjoying the history and heritage of our Slovak people.

NOTE: we have changed the **TIME of our "Annual Christmas Party"** on Sunday, **December 1st** from 2:00 pm to **1:00 pm**. NSS Board Member Susan Ondrejco and her husband, Rudy will present a program celebration our Slovak heritage along with some Slovak dancers. Please mark down the change so that you are not late!!

Summer is a good time to pause and review your life and annuity policies to make sure that they reflect any changes that may have occurred with deaths, marriages, etc.

Enjoy your summer vacation!

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY RO59 Bethlehem, PA

Summer is quickly moving along and members have been visiting family and friends! Members of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church have been busy preparing for the Russian Day Festival on September 6-8, 2019. It will feature food, booths and gift baskets.

Special Birthday wishes to Nancy Sabol on August 5th. May God Grant You Good Health and Happiness!

A Meeting/Hot Dog luncheon will be held on **October 20th** at St. Nicholas R.O. Church beginning at 11:00 am. One Can-Can Help Food Drive will be held in November. Additional information, please call 610-262-2045.

Michelle Guydan
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 070/C070 Brooklyn, OH

A Pot Luck Dinner/Meeting will be held on Saturday, **September 14, 2019** at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio at 5:00 pm.

Call John or Mary Ann Karkosiak at 216-741-6990 if you plan to attend so that we can plan accordingly. Side dish or desserts would be appreciated. Deadline for reservations is September 9th, 2019. We look forward to seeing you!

John Karkosiak
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY L102 Schnecksville, PA

On Saturday, **August 3rd** our assembly will do a Matching Funds for Breast Cancer. This will be held at Volpe's Sports bar in Emmaus, Pa. Raffle prizes, great music, and food'n drink specials. Money raised is donated to fight breast cancer.

On **August 4th**, our annual summer picnic will be at the Wesnak's residence, Whitehall, Pa at 2:00 pm

Sharon Wesnak
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

There are only a few days left to call Bill DelMonaco at 412-264-7268 to let him know if you will be attending the Picnic on Sunday, **August 11th** starting at 1:00 pm. This is being held at Moon Community Park, Apollo Pavilion, which is the first pavilion on the right. Bring family and friends. Picnic is free to all NSS Assembly 123 members and a \$5 fee is asked of non-members. Bill needs to know how many adults and children and the children's ages so he can have proper food and games. Call Bill today and we hope to see you there.

Yes, Region 5 is having their picnic Sunday, **August 18th** at Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver Township. Details are in the magazine. It is a lovely park and you are sure to enjoy yourself. Speaking of enjoying yourself, our assembly had an outing at Narcisi Winery. Isn't it like magic what a little wine will do for people enjoyment and lubricating conversation? An event with no complaints, it was nice to meet a couple of members for the first time, Jeff Coleman and his friend Karen Boden, and the Nychs, Stan and Kathleen. Let's hope we can see more new faces at upcoming events.

Several months ago I lost my last uncle a member of our assembly, Nick Risko of Ellwood City. He was 95 and one of the greatest generation that served in WWII. He served in the Pacific theater in New Guinea and his troop ship was hit by a kamikaze plane and he luckily survived that and the war. Rest in Peace Uncle Nick.

Sometimes fame almost misses you. Well the Post-Gazette doesn't publish a print edition on Saturdays any more so I had to go online and there on the front page was one of our members, Jill Jeffrey who is the camp director for Stages II at Duquesne University. It is a camp for children with disabilities that help them develop acting and communication skills. Good job Jill!!!

Best Wishes to any members celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month. And get well wishes to any member who may be ill.

Bill Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 377 Bentleyville, PA

A meeting and picnic will be held on **August 4th** at Richardson's Park, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm. Mark your calendars for the **October 6th** meeting at China City Buffet in Washington, PA at 3:00 pm and the **December 1st** holiday party at Canon's Chophouse, Canonsburg, PA at 3:00 pm.

Please call Suzanne at 724-207-3171(new number) for any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 432 Fairview Park, OH

We have 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. Gates open at 5:00 pm with food and drinks provided. Cost is \$27 for adults and \$22 for children under 18. RSVP with payment no later than 7/22/2019 to:

Bill Shuttleworth - (440) 465-6024 or Teri Hudak - (440) 888-8595; or Dave Pytel - (440) 777-4054. Can't wait to see you all there!

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

Jim Stricke
Secretary-Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 586 Chicago, IL

Our next meeting and activity will be held on **October 12, 2019** (tentatively) at Home Run Inn, Darien, IL at 11:45 am. This will be a fund-and items-gathering activity for our troops.

Janet Tomaskovic
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 617/C617 Ashley, PA

We will again hold our Fraternal Day at Knoebels Amusement Park Elysburg, PA on **August 8, 2019**. The assembly will give hoagies and we will have water. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish, dessert or snacks or drinks to have with the hoagies. The assembly will also hand out free tickets to members to enjoy the many rides at the park.

Reservations are required. Please call John & Stephanie Kurilla at 570 287-4163 by August 2 to make your reservations, type of hoagie you want and what you are bringing.

Orders have to be in early. I apologize for the delay with this article.

Our assembly will also have a Basket Raffle Matching Fund for El Salvador again this year ending at the Fraternal Day at Knoebels. Our member, Father John Ostrowski, is pastor there. He and his parishioners are very grateful for this donation.

Rose Mary Strish
President

ASSEMBLY 737 Westmoreland County, PA

Our next meeting will be held on **October 5, 2019** at the home of Carol Godor, 9280 Clubview Drive, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm.

Carol Godor
Treasurer

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 570-479-4116.

Lucy Piccoletti
Secretary

REGION 2 Hazleton, PA

Region 2 will sponsor a Matching Funds Event to help raise money for the SPCA of Luzerne County. The event "Bone Appétit" will take place on Sunday, **November 3, 2019** from 4:00 to 9:00 pm at the Woodlands Inn and Resort PA, 315 Wilkes Barre, PA. Single tickets and reserved tables for 8 will be available. This event highlights fabulous food from local restaurants and wineries throughout our community and live music. Please come out and help us support this "Purrfect" event.

Also in support of the function AssemblyL075 will be sponsoring a table. The SPCA will place our Name and Logo at the event and in its video presentation.

For tickets you may contact Marlin Petro Wesnak via email at: marlinsamimadi@yahoo.com from now till October 13, 2019.

Region 2 will also sponsor a matching funds event to help raise money for St Cats and Dogs of Nay Aug on Sunday, **November 10, 2019**. A Purse Bingo will be held at the Eagle McClure Hose company in Old Forge, PA. Tickets are \$20 in advance and doors open at 11 and BINGO starts at 1:00 pm.

For tickets you may contact Marlin Petro Wesnak by October 13th, 2019. You may also contact us on Facebook NSS Life Region 2.

Marlin Petro Wesnak
Secretary

Assembly 0004 Golf/Bowling Results Assembly 800

Golf

On Sunday, June 23th, Assembly 0004 held another Miniature Golf Outing at Mr. Divots in North Royalton. The weather cooperated and we had a good turnout. We had 19 Members and guests take part.

The lady winners tied: Marilyn Genedick and Denise Di Giovine. The men were led by Bob Sir Louis and Rich Durcansky. After golf everybody enjoyed ice cream and socializing in Mr. Divot's Bar and Grill.

With summer winding down we are looking forward to another year of our Sunday Mixed League. We start in September at a date to be determined as there are five Sundays.

We are looking for more members to join us, so if you are interested in joining us give Bob or Bud Sir Louis a call at (440) 845-2616 and we will try to accommodate you.

Sunday Mixed Bowling League

On April 14th our Sunday Bowling League concluded another season at Yorktown Lanes. We had roll-off, singles tournament and our banquet.

The roll-off was between 1st and 2nd half winners. The Misfits and Tipsters. The Misfits team members are Sonia Vorell, Mike Chahulski, Stephanie and Bob Sir Louis. The Tipsters team members are Sandy Walker, Lauren Hayek, Dick Topola and Rich Durcansky. The Misfits were victorious winning the third and deciding game.

In the Singles Tournament, Stephanie Sir Louis finished first for the women and Rich Durcansky was tops for the men.

The banquet was held after bowling and thank you to Julie and Bud Sir Louis for taking care of the banquet arrangements and Mike Cottrell and his staff for a delicious meal. After dinner, trophies and awards were passed out, and yours truly is going to remain secretary.

Scotch Doubles Bowling Results

On April 7th, our 9th Scotch Doubles Tournament was held at Yorktown Lanes. We had 11 couples take part. The scores were about where they were last year. This year we had two couples roll 200 games.

Total with Handicap

1st Place	Barb Bartczak & Frank Szell	657
2nd Place	Julie & Bud Sir Louis	651
3rd Place	Jan & Tony Lecznar	606
4th Place	Denise Di Giovine & Dale Ferrell	592
5th Place	Sonia Vorell & Violet Lunder	579
6th Place	Ken & Rich Durcansky	578

The couples and guests enjoyed pizza, pop and socializing after bowling. Prizes were given out. Thanks to all who participated and hope to see everyone back next year.

Robert Sir Louis
League Secretary

Matching Funds Event

Our assembly located in Bonita Springs, Florida held a Fathers Day Raffle Matching Funds Project for All Saints Byzantine Catholic Church. This was to raise money for replacement of storm windows.

The raffle started on May 5th, 2019 and ended on Father's Day, June 21, 2019. Thanks to everyone who sold and purchased raffle tickets to make this event successful.

Gary Cepko
President

Being Grandparents is Simply Grand in the Allen Family!

Rick and Molly Allen of Edinboro, PA truly enjoy being grandparents. In addition to the love and traditional gifts they have always provided through the years, they wanted to do something more for their grandchildren. They purchased a ("20 year pay whole life policy") for each as well. They believe that the accumulating cash values, guaranteed lifetime insurance and a scholarship (\$500.00 per year for each of four years for a total of \$2000 total) would be an appropriate gift! The first to receive such a scholarship will be Sicilia, bound for the University of North Carolina in the Fall.

They were pleasantly surprised when I informed them that NSS, in addition, offers four contests each year, (art, poetry, photography, and Christmas ornaments), which encourage creativity, and provide the possibility of monetary awards.



(Front L-R) Tre & Sicilia Cipalla
(Seated L-R) Rick (grandfather) holding Adrian, and Allen, Makena Lei Allen, Molly Allen (grandmother), Luca Cipalla, and Kaj Allen .
(Standing in back) Joey Allen

Photo taken by their NSS Agent: Ron Sturga
135 Sunset Drive
Edinboro, PA 16412
814-449-9929

Assembly 627/C617 110th Anniversary Celebration



We had a wonderful turnout for our Assembly's 110th Anniversary Celebration on June 2, 2019 at the Sheehy-Farmers Complex at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA. This was a Fraternal Event which included a hot buffet lunch and a 110th Anniversary cake.



Greg Felton speaks at our celebration

We were honored to have our Sales Director, Greg Felton, come and give us a synopsis of the progress our society is making. He also had a presentation about our Assembly 617 which he handed out to our members. Greg was a huge help to us as well, giving us a hand in bringing items for the party. He even stayed to help us clean up. Thank you, Greg. He also brought a few items from the Home office to chance off.

We had a basket Raffle for our Matching Fund for the PVR Scholarship Fund. We thank everyone who donated baskets, and bought chances for the baskets. Our winner of the \$50 basket was Ed Ostrowski, who donated the money back to the PVR. Thank You, Ed.



Maria talks about the PVR Scholarship Award and how grateful she is. She feels it is important to support the PVR Fund.

One of the recipients of the PVR Scholarship award, Maria Strish, offered her thanks and appreciation for the scholarship money which came in handy for her books for college.



Mary Ann thanking all who supported the Matching Funds for her son, Father John Ostrowski in El Salvador.

Our secretary, Mary Ann Ostrowski, gave a report from her son, Father John Ostrowski, who is a missionary in El Salvador. We have a Matching Fund for his diocese around our Knoebel's Day.



John Ostrowski blows out the candles to celebrate his 90th birthday.

We also had a birthday cake to celebrate John Ostrowski's 90th Birthday which happen to also be on June 2nd. We all had a great time and we hope to see everyone again at our regular meetings because all member are invited and welcomed.

MATCHING FUND FOR PVR SCHOLARSHIP

Our Assembly 617/C617 held a Basket Raffle Matching Fund for the PVR Scholarship Fund. It was held in conjunction with our Assembly's 110th Anniversary celebration at the King's College Sheehy Farmer Complex, Wilkes-Barre, PA. We thank all those who donated and bought chances for the wonderful prizes. Ed Ostrowski won \$50 and donated it back to the Fund. Thank you, Ed. We congratulate all the winners and we hope you enjoy them. Our final total was \$210. Thank you everyone.

Rose Mary Strish
President

PVR Scholarship Fund Donations

In Memory of **Kenneth Fritch, Phillip Morris and Frank Wilson:**

From Assembly 0123..... 60.00

In Memory of **Joseph & Helen Mudrick:**

From Marlene G. Endean... 100.00

In Memory of **Christopher Moore::**

From Assembly 0123..... 20.00

Donations:

John G. Payerchin..... 50.00

Joseph Stefka, Jr. 50.00

Andrew Wesnak 50.00

Roland C DiTullio..... 50.00

In Memory of **Dean A. Burns, Honorary Vice President:**

Rory & Sharlene Phelan..... 30.00

Assembly 0381 50.00

Mary Jo Holker & Farrell

Family 100.00

Nancy J Burns..... 100.00

DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

1. Every penny donated goes directly into the PVR Scholarship Fund.
2. Your contribution will help our young members achieve their academic goals.
3. Your donation may benefit your own son, daughter, niece or nephew.
4. Your donation is tax deductible.
5. Every year, requests for grants increase, making more demands on the PVR Scholarship Fund.

YES, I want to help our young members attain their academic goals.

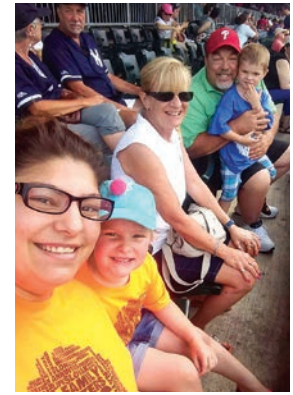
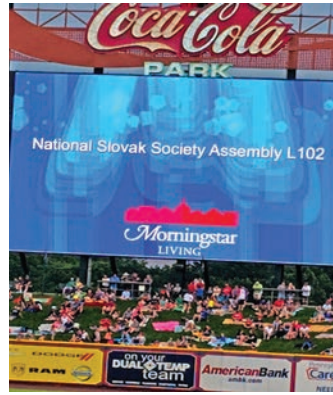
Here is my donation of:

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Please issue your check to:
NSS PVR Scholarship Fund

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

Assembly L102 Fraternal Activities



Assembly L102 had a great night at the Iron Pigs baseball game.



Assembly L102 helped out at the Butztown Post Office unloading trucks for Join Hands Day. Thanks to all that helped make it a successful day.

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 or slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com



This Month in National Slovak Society History

Joseph Stefka, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

August, 1909

Four Assemblies were founded in August, 1909. Assembly 630, Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania, was founded on August 7, 1909. Assembly 631, Marianna, Pennsylvania, was founded on August 24, 1909. Assembly 632, Martins Ferry, Ohio, was founded on August 25, 1909. Assembly 633, Carteret, New Jersey, was founded on August 25, 1909.

August, 1974

The 9th Annual National Golf Tournament was held at Hickory Nut Golf Course in Columbia Station, Ohio, with 46 golfers participating in the event. Emil Tomcho and Albert Zbin, both of Assembly 432, tied for top honors in the 80% Handicap Division. Brother Tomcho also recorded the lowest round of the tournament with a 76. John Vorell of Assembly 4 competing in his first NSS Golf Tournament won the Peoria Handicap Division. Susie Gambino and Peggy Joseph tied for first place in the Women's Peoria Handicap Division.

August, 1979

An article and photograph appeared in the August, 1979 issue of the National News, of the first National Slovak Society Annuity being sold to Thomas G. Gmitter at the Society's Home Office.

August, 1990

The 30th Quadrennial Convention was held August 5-8, 1990, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with a total of 167 delegates attending. The Convention granted the title of Honorary Vice-President to John J. Doslak and Honorary National Director to Vincent Jacko and Joseph Voznik.

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

May, 2019

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Baker, Elma	Cheswick, PA	02/23/2019	L161
Balt, Mary	Bridgeville, PA	04/18/2019	0434
Bereiter, Ann	Connellsville, PA	03/31/2019	0039
Berger, Charles	Coraopolis, PA	05/24/2019	0123
Carrigan, Gabriella	Springdale, PA	06/02/2019	0434
Casciato, Ersilia	Aliquippa, PA	05/11/2019	0123
Chervenak, Helen	Laconia, NH	01/19/2019	L040
Chrobak, Frank	Luzerne Twp, PA	01/11/2019	0434
Davis, Lawrence	Belle Vernon, PA	05/19/2019	0377
DeStefano, Helen	Turtle Creek, PA	04/21/2019	L105
Dubinsky, David	Irwin, PA	05/18/2019	0737
Fick, Barbara	Fayetteville, PA	04/17/2019	L040
Ford, Betty	Carnegie, PA	05/02/2019	0434
Frontino, Carmela	Sierra Madre, CA	05/26/2019	0568
Gordon, David	Moon Twp, PA	05/19/2019	0123
Gray, Ruth	Belle Vernon, PA	03/21/2019	0377
Ingram, Alexander	Jackson Spring, NC	05/18/2019	0774
Kipikasa, Elizabeth	Hazle Twp, PA	05/27/2019	L102
Klotzbach, Mildred	Princeton, NJ	01/04/2019	0110
Knecht, George	Somerset, PA	04/17/2019	0267
Koncerak, Susan	Pittsburgh, PA	06/25/2009	L105
Krizan, Victor	New Port Richey, FL	04/22/2019	0813
Lance, Charlene	Scranton, PA	08/12/2017	L075
Lilley, Carol	McKeesport, PA	05/03/2019	0108
Lukac, Rev Thomas	Uniontown, PA	06/13/2019	0039
Molitoris, Charlene	Middleburg Hts, OH	05/12/2019	0004
Mozuch, Donald	Stevens Point, WI	04/06/2019	0774
Orzuk, Eleanor	Yonkers, NY	12/06/2004	0110
Panepucci, Agnes	Dillonvale, OH	05/18/2019	0731
Prato, Helen	Homer City, PA	06/08/2019	0774
Reimensnyder, Lois	Milton, PA	05/09/2019	0774
Risko, Nicholas	Ellwood City, PA	06/10/2019	0123
Sandy, Paul	Jackson, MI	05/28/2019	0381
Schulties, Janet	Gibsonia, PA	05/24/2019	L161
Semian, Terry	Monongahela, PA	05/06/2018	0377
Shorb, Carolyn	New Oxford, PA	05/09/2019	0267
Simon, Marcella	Clinton Twp, MI	01/21/2019	0381
Slovak, Stella	Masontown, PA	06/17/2019	0774
Snyder, Casey	McClellandtown, PA	04/12/2019	0039
Stephenson, Marilyn	Butler, PA	04/09/2019	0123
Stickel, Elizabeth	Belle Vernon, PA	05/25/2019	0377
Taylor, Frank	Pittsburgh, PA	06/18/2019	0108
Vogt, Helen	Pittsburgh, PA	02/10/2019	0100
Vukson, Deborah	Freedom, PA	01/19/2019	0434
Wall, Isla	Monongahela, PA	05/28/2019	0377
Wiseman, James	Smithville, WV	03/20/2019	0774
Witkoski, Susan	Kingston, PA	05/17/2019	0617



Sunday, August 18, 2019

Cedar Creek Park, Activity Building

Noon — 4 p.m.



- **FREE!**
- **FOOD**
- **AUCTION BASKETS**
- **MORE SURPRISES!**



By "Giggles the Clown"

GAMES!

Call Linda Strom at the Home Office to Register: 1-800-488-1890

Deadline for registration Monday, August 5, 2019



SEPTEMBERFEST 2019

Saturday, September 28, 2019

Presented by the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum

11 AM—4 PM

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



This year will mark our 8th annual event at the museum. We would like to have as many of our Assemblies and Regions be involved in helping to make this year's event another successful experience. We are looking to provide more entertainment for the children with games and crafts etc. Therefore we will need many volunteers to help in various ways throughout the day. **If you, or your assembly would like to manage a game/craft for the day please contact:**

sue.ondrejco@gmail.com.

Here are some other ways you and/or your Assembly can help: **Donate homemade baked goods**

Volunteer an hour or two * Publicize the event at your meetings &/or local papers**

OR

Be a Sponsor \$100 ...Gold \$50...Silver \$25....Bronze

Send your donation to: NSSHM .. 234 ILION St. Pgh., PA 15207

By participating as a volunteer or as a sponsor your assembly will earn fraternal tracking points.

Vendor spaces are available although limited. **For more info contact sue.ondrejco@gmail.com**

August

August krásny a horúci mesiac roka počas ktorého dovolenkujeme, zotavujeme sa a naberalíme nových sil na prichádzajúcu jeseň čím sa začína aj nový školský rok.



“Septemberfest 2019” v Našom NSS Múzeu

Viete, že naša organizácia NSS—otvorila svoje Národné múzeum v čom máme krásne kroje úkážky zručnosti nášho pracovitého ľudu, knihy, časopisy, a tiež i históriu našej organizácie—počiatkom myšlienky zakladateľov Narodného Spolku (rovnoprávnosť a samosprávu nášmu Slovenskému národu) a celý pokrok za vyše 129 rokov existencie ba aj splnenie cieľa zakladateľov. Veríme, že i vy sa pridete pozrieť do nášho múzea a možno prinesiete ideu ale aj vzácnu slovensku vec na displej pre múzeum.

A čo viac pozývame Vás na septembroví festival čo bude na 28 septembra tu v našom múzeu. V múzeu sa budete môcť pokochať aj “**krásnemu rezbárskemu dielu**” ktoré má vyše 80 mechanických pohybov. Ozaj krása, a hrdosť nášmu múzeu.

Počas septembrového festivalu sa bude podávať i jedlo ako haluški, palačinky, pyrohy atď. Tiež pre prítomných bude i zábava slovenským folklórom—tancom a spevom, a možno poniektorý z Vás si zakúpia i suveníri. **Vstupné zdarma.**

Rezervujte si dátum a dovidenia na 28 septembra.

NSS Region 5 výročity výlet



Pozývame našich členov Regionu 5 na výročity výlet (piknik) na 18 augusta. Výlet-piknik bude v cedar creek park pavilion activity center začiatkom od obeda.

Prosíme ohláste sa do hlavného úradu že koľky pridete aby sa organizujúca skupina mohla dobre pripraviť. 1-800-488-1890



Domov je miesto,
kde láska býva,
spomienky sú tvorené,
priatelia sú vitaní
a smiech tu nikdy nekončí.

Vychutnajte si tatranské zážitky

VYSOKÉ TATRY SÚ JEDINEČNÝM MIESTOM, KTORÉ KAŽDOROČNE LÁKA TISÍCKY NÁVŠTEVNÍKOV.

Či už ste zdatný turista alebo uprednostňujete menej náročné prechádzky, vo Vysokých Tatrách si každz nájde to svoje. Tatraci nezabúdajú ani na priaznivcov rôznych atrakcii, podujatí, histórie a kvalitných služieb.

ROMANTICKÉ ŠTRBSKÉ PLESO

Zo Štrbského Plesa sa môžete pohodlne vyviezť sedačkovou lanovkou na Chatu pod Soliskom, odkiaľ budete mať nádherný výhľad na Štrbské Pleso a okolité štity. Magické chvíle ponúka aj jazda na koči či člnkovanie na plese s nezameniteľnými pohľadmi na panorámu Tatier. Športovi nadšenci tu nájdu horolezeckú stenu, lanový park aj požičovňu bicyklov a elektrobicyklov. Deti sa vybláznia v detskom zábavnom parku Orlikovo.



Foto: Ivan Bohuš

.Viete, že...

..Bratislava a Viedeň sú dve najbližšie ležiace hlavné mestá v Európe? Oddeľuje ich len necelých 60 km.

...Slovensko je po Rakúsku druhou najlesnatejšou krajinou v strednej Európe? Lesy zaberajú takmer 40% územia Slovenska, zatiaľ čo v Rakúsku je to o 6% viac.

...tradičná slovenská špecialita z ovčieho syra sa v rámci Európskej únie môže produkovať už iba na Slovensku a to pod názvom Slovenská bryndza. Vyrába sa z nepasterizovaného ovčieho mlieka od oviec chovaných na strednom, severnom a východnom Slovensku.





Youth Circle Page

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PVR Thank You's

Dear Mr. Blazek,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the PVR Scholarship Award. I am honored and grateful to receive this award as it will be used towards my college education.
Joseph Testa IV

Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for selecting me to be a recipient of the PVR Scholarship this year. This will help me financially as I pursue my degree in physical therapy. I appreciate your help.

Caitlyn Nowak

Dear Pamela,

I just sent my transcript for this year's PVR Scholarship. Thank you so much! The opportunity you gave me has helped me take a step closer to my goal of becoming an Illustrator. You have my sincerest gratitude.

Emily Dickopf



2019 YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

Deadline: August 15, 2019

This is a great opportunity for parents and assembly officers to encourage our youth to utilize their thinking caps, sharpen those pencils and put those poetic thoughts on paper. The poetry submitted should display an honest and true effort of creativity and unique artistic vision. The rules are as follows:

1. Contest is open to all NSS Youth members ages 5 to 16.
 2. Poem may be any length up to two pages double spaced.
 3. Topic is chosen by individual.
 4. Each poem submitted MUST be an original work created by the member and should be typed or hand written clearly.
 5. All entries must include: name, address, phone number, age, assembly/circle number, along with your t-shirt size chosen by the following sizes available.
 - a. Youth Sizes - YS and YM
 - b. Adult Sizes - AS, AM, AL and AXL
 6. Winners in each category will have their poetry printed in the National News, Youth Circle Magazine and on the NSS Website.
 7. Contest shall be judged under the following ages:
 - a. Keats - Ages 5, 6, 7
 - b. Angelou - Ages 8, 9, 10
 - c. Frost - Ages 11, 12, 13
 - d. Shakespeare - Ages 14, 15, 16
 8. Prizes awarded in each level shall be as follows:
 - a. First Place- \$50.00 & Certificate of Achievement
 - b. Second Place- \$25.00 & Certificate of Achievement
 - c. Third Place- \$15.00 & Certificate of Achievement
 9. Deadline for entries to the Home Office is August 15th. Entries must be mailed or delivered to:

National Slovak Society
ATT: Pam Blum, Fraternal Activities Director
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317
 10. Entries will be judged by an outside professional. Decisions made by the judge will be final in all cases.
 11. The National Slovak Society reserves the right to keep all the poems.
- Please contact Fraternal Activities Coordinator, Pam Blum at pblum@nsslife.org or call the Home Office at 724-731-0094 if you have any questions.

Could you use a little extra “green?”

Recommender

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

Recommender Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Prospect Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____



Send form to Joe Elliott at the Home Office.

Change of Address

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

Name _____

Assembly No. _____

New Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Former Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

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