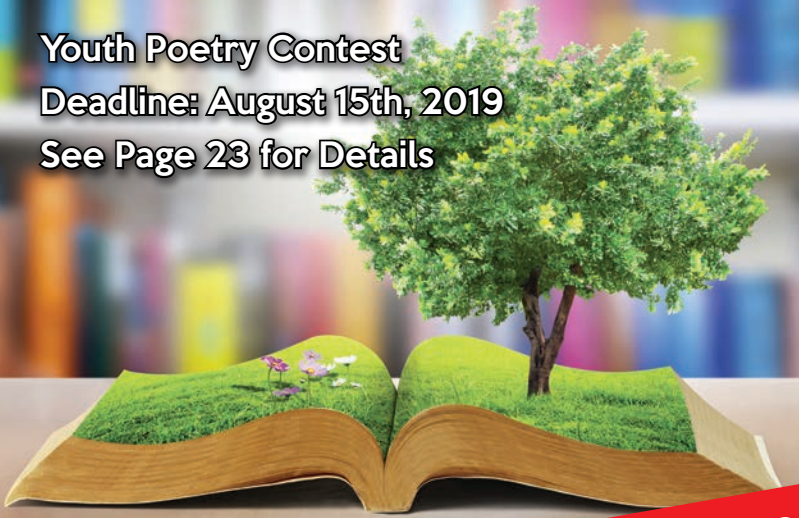




**NSS Life**  
*Family Matters...*

**Youth Poetry Contest**  
**Deadline: August 15th, 2019**  
**See Page 23 for Details**



**96th Annual American Slovak Day**  
**Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA**  
**Thursday, July 18th, 2019**  
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# *Národné Noviny*

*Summer Youth Circle*

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**2019 Fraternalist of the Year**  
**2019 Youth Achievement Award Winner**  
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**NSS Heritage Museum's "Septemberfest"**  
**Saturday, September 28th, 2019**  
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## Activities At A Glance

### REGION 2

July 11  
August 24

### Assemblies L075, 0617

Assembly 0617/C617, Meeting, Grotto Pizza, Edwardsville, PA  
Region 2, Meeting, Perkins Restaurant, Pittston, PA at 1:00 pm

### REGION 5

July 12  
July 14  
July 18  
July 21  
August 4  
August 10  
August 11  
August 18  
September 8  
September 28  
October 6  
November 16  
December 1  
December 1

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

NSS Golf Tournament, DuBois Country Club, DuBois, PA  
Assembly 0039, Join Hands Day, Tony Bartock Golf Outing at 8:00 am  
Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA  
Assembly 0123, Play, "Mama Mia," Carnegie Library, Carnegie, PA at 2:00 pm  
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, McMurry, PA (11- 4:00 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

July 22  
August 3  
September 14

### Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595

Assembly 0432, Meeting at Dave and Marti Pytel's residence at 6:00 pm  
Assembly 0432, A Night at the Ballpark at 6:05 pm  
Assembly 0070, Meeting/Pot Luck Dinner, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 5:00 pm

### REGION 14

July 14  
August 4  
October 20  
November  
December 8

### Assemblies R059, L102

Assembly R059, Meeting, Sawarynski residence  
Assembly L102, Annual Summer picnic, Wesnak's residence, Whitehall, PA at 2:00 pm  
Assembly R059, Hot Dog Luncheon, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, Bethlehem, PA  
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, 0028

No Activities at this time

### AT LARGE

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

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

Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm  
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 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 are midway through summer. I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every member a Happy 4th of July. This month looks like a busy one for many of our assemblies. The weekend of July 12th, we will be holding our National Golf Tournament at DuBois Country Club. It should be a fun-filled weekend. Hope to see you there.

On July 14th, Assembly 0039 will hold Join Hands Day project and a golf outing. July 18th, many of our members in the Tri-State Pittsburgh area will be attending Slovak Day at Kennywood Park and on July 21st, Assembly 0123 will be attending the production of "Mama Mia".

## Spring Board Meeting

At our most recent Board meeting, in addition to the normal business the Board conducts, the 2019 Fraternalist of the Year, and Youth Achievement Award winners were announced. I want to personally congratulate Janine Hannan from Assembly 434 as the NSS Fraternalist of the Year winner. Janine has been involved with the following organizations: The Ronald McDonald House, Ronald McDonald Charities, Doors Open, Docent for Ethnic, Wreaths Across America, Lions Club Shoe Drive, St. Joan of Arc SHIM Garden, Pittsburgh Marathon, NSS Septemberfest, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and Bethel Park Flood Relief Program. In addition to all of her volunteer work, Janine has been a member of the NSS Home Office Team since 2012 working on the annuity side of the business. She is a valued employee and a true fraternalist.

The 2019 Youth Achievement Award winner is Marlie Applegarth from Assembly 731. In addition to maintaining a 4.0 GPA, she is ranked number one in her senior class, and is very active in sports, and volunteers at Angels for Animals, helps support the local Food Drive, has been a bell ringer for the Salvation Army and has assisted children in the local elementary school Junior Olympics. Congratulations to both our winners on being true fraternalists.

## News Of Narodniars

Birthday wishes go out to our own NSS Chair of the Board Joe Stefka, Jr., Honorary Director Ed Koches, Home Office staff members Pat Glaser and Jeff DeSantes, former staff members Stacey Boury Shun, Albert Suess, and Laverne Orban, members John Martincheck and Greg Blum, brother Dale Blazek, father-in-law Dan Gimiliano, and granddaughter Ella Woods.

Happy wedding anniversary wishes to Amanda and Matthew Zinn.

## Personal Constitution

Not too long ago I met a gentleman by the name of Mike Harich, who is the President/CEO of the Beaver County YMCA. He shared with me his personal constitution which I am going to share with you. I hope you can use some of his thoughts in your life as I am going to try to do going forward.

### 1. I AM THE MOST POSITIVE AND ENTHUSIASTIC PERSON

I always think positively and have a lot of enthusiasm towards everyone and everything I do. Everything I do is a planned conflict with the status quo. Look for the seed of good in all adversity.

### 2. I MAINTAIN A STRONG, HEALTHY BODY AND MIND

I only eat the right foods to transform my body into a rock hard piece of muscle. I work out six days a week and listen to others with more knowledge than me. I read a minimum of 30 minutes a day.

### 3. I BUILD RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH INTEGRITY

I maintain old relationships with constant communication with others and seek new relationships. I will admit when I have been wrong and seek forgiveness when necessary.

### 4. I OBEY THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

The commandments of God are clear descriptions of natural laws of the universe. When I obey any natural law, I have credible claim to the natural consequences of that law. I obey for one reason: THEY WORK!

### 5. I'M FINANCIALLY FREE

My family's needs will always be taken care of. They will always "get what they need and sometimes get what they want." I always contribute an additional 3% to my retirement and save 10% for a rainy day.

### 6. I HONOR MY MOTHER AND FATHER

My parents gave me life. They set me on the path of success. For that I'm eternally grateful, and I will give them at all times the honor that they have earned.

### 7. I TAKE TIME FOR ME

I manage events in my life. Managing time is nothing more than that. During this time I reflect, pray and develop plans for the future. By doing this, I am provided with inner peace.

### 8. I MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLES LIVES

I listen to people and help to my maximum potential. I will add value, not be a user but a contributor, an encourager and not a complainer. I will seize every opportunity presented to me.

### 9. LOVE MY CHILDREN AS CHRIST LOVES THE CHURCH

I will spend quality time with my children. I will nurture their gifts and interests. I will encourage and demonstrate the unconditional love of God at all times.

### 10. I WILL LIVE EACH DAY WITH PURPOSE

I admit to my past mistakes and own each one, learning and growing. I will be aware of my thoughts and feelings, paying close attention to how I'm making others feel when I speak and act. I have the ability to clearly define who I am at all times.

### Punography Of The Month:

*Have you ever tried to eat a clock? It's very time consuming.*

## A Page From My Notebook...

Linda M. Strom  
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO



## The Staff at NSS

Those of us at the Home Office know what a great staff we have and how much they care about others as evidenced by their time and efforts in helping others. Jill Grover, Sales Assistant was chosen in 2018 as the NSS Fraternalist of the Year and if you know Jill, she is everywhere giving of herself.

And once again this year one of our staff has been chosen as the 2019 Fraternalist of the Year and that is Janine Hannan, Customer Service Administrator. You would never know what all she is involved in as she is what you would consider a quiet person when it comes to talking about herself. However, those of us that know Janine know all that she does, not only for NSS, but for others as evidenced by her volunteerism after her work day is done. Congratulations Janine on a well-deserved accolade. You Go Girl!

Life hint

The money from a life insurance policy is almost never subject to federal income taxes.



**LIFE HAPPENS**  
A HUMPHREY ORGANIZATION

## Congratulations

Our Assemblies and Regions do so much to help those in need. The following is proof of their service to their members and their communities.

On the corporate level, in 2019 the NSS provided \$1.2mm in Charitable and/or Fraternal support both financially and in hours spent. Raising funds for Blessings in a Backpack programs, supporting food banks across the United States, supporting a school needing repairs in Slovakia, and volunteering in our communities when called upon are a few examples of our outreach efforts.

In addition, at the Region level, \$21,049 was spent on Charitable and Fraternal aid and, at the Assembly level outreach efforts provided \$69,337 in support for a total of \$90,385 in fraternal benefits.

The annual Fraternal Allowance, funds earned by our Assemblies and Regions for their fraternal activities throughout the year, totaled \$126,869. In addition, on the Region and Assembly level, the NSS Matched \$6,743 of funds raised by their members for others in need.

And finally, following are those assemblies that have earned our Diamond, Platinum or Silver "Extra Effort" Awards which totaled \$10,600. Once again you all have outdone yourselves. **Congratulations** to the following Assemblies!

### DIAMOND Award

0070 Brooklyn, OH  
0123 Coraopolis, PA  
0160 Lorain, OH  
0432 Fairview Park, OH  
0434 McMurray, PA  
0617 Ashley, PA  
0731 Lowellville, OH  
0774 McMurray, PA  
0813 Englewood, FL  
L075 Duryea, PA  
L102 Schnecksville, PA  
L161 Pittsburgh, PA  
R059 Whitehall, PA

### PLATINUM Award

0039 Uniontown, PA  
0588 Slovan, PA

### SILVER Award

0004 Parma, OH  
0108 West Mifflin, PA  
0377 Bentleyville, PA  
0586 Chicago, IL  
0737 N. Huntingdon, PA



# 2019 1st Qtr Financial Statement Recap

## Statement as of March 31, 2019

	Dec 2019	Dec 2018		Dec 2019	Dec 2018
<b>Net Admitted Assets:</b>			<b>Summary of Operations:</b>		
Bonds	\$1,179,765,933	\$1,178,134,883	<b>INCOME:</b>		
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	<b>Income Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$62,866,119</b>	<b>\$206,025,971</b>
Cash on Deposit	23,487,574	8,989,211	<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,231,327,930</b>	<b>\$1,211,903,955</b>	Disability Benefits	1,007	9,118
<b>Liabilities &amp; Unassigned Funds</b>			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	<b>Expense Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$60,790,898</b>	<b>\$194,604,636</b>
Asset Valuation Resv (AVR)	7,560,600	6,947,000	<b>SUMMARY:</b>		
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)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,231,327,930</b>	<b>\$1,211,903,955</b>	Net Gain From Operations		
<b>Surplus Account:</b>			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	<b>TOTAL NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,937,710</b>	<b>\$7,134,110</b>
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			
<b>Surplus At Statement Date</b>	<b>\$58,950,601</b>	<b>\$57,303,849</b>			

Linda M Strom  
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

## This Month in National Slovak Society History

**Joseph Stefka, Jr.**  
Chairman of the Board

### July, 1907

Assembly 586 was organized in Chicago, Illinois, on July 4, 1907. The organization meeting was held in Slavia Hall where the following officers were elected: Joseph Skvala, President; John Korcek, Vice President; Martin Bartavsky, Financial Secretary; John Rigan, Secretary; and Martin Mihalik, Treasurer.

### July, 1993

Honorary Director Joseph Voznik died on July 13, 1993. Joseph served the National Slovak Society as a National Director for twelve years from 1978 through 1990.

### July, 1995

Tony Pytel of Assembly 432 was the winner of the Joseph Stefka Memorial Gold Award at the National Golf Tournament held at Culbertson Hills G.C. with a net score of 135 for the 36 hole tournament.

### July, 2010

The XXV Quadrennial Convention was held at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio, from July 4-9, 2010, with 201 delegates attending.

## OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

May, 2019

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Abelovsky, Monica	Hamburg, PA	07/27/2008	L102
Allen, Eugene	West Middlesex, PA	04/15/2019	0731
Anderson, Roger	Sterling, MI	02/13/2019	0381
Arlotti, Lorraine	Trafford, PA	05/19/2019	0737
Blasko, Margaret	Hawk Run, PA	12/03/2018	0774
Brossman, Mark	Lebanon, PA	01/03/2019	0267
Burns, Dean A	Davenport, FL	05/07/2019	0731
Coombe, Elizabeth	Charleston, WV	04/01/2019	0774
Copp, Robert	Troy, OH	02/14/2019	0595
Dahl, Chris	Missoula, MT	03/11/2019	0774
Davis, Arnold	Dawson, PA	04/20/2019	0039
Drabik, Patricia	Clinton Twp, MI	02/18/2019	0381
Egrie, Robert	Langhorne, PA	04/16/2019	L102
Fluri, Marie	Hazleton, PA	05/07/2019	L102
Folkens, Wilma	Cincinnati, OH	03/13/2019	0595
Forgaard, Ronnaug	York, PA	11/24/2018	L102
Fredrick, Earl	Moundville, WI	10/19/2018	0774
Ganobcik, Caterina	Lorain, OH	04/27/2019	0160
Gaston, Virchia	Pennsboro, WV	04/08/2019	0774
Howell, Charles	Warren, MI	04/08/2019	0381
Johnson Sr., Frank A	Washington, PA	01/01/2019	0588
Kane, Sumiko	Grand Junction, CO	04/19/2019	0236
Klein, Michael J	Phoenix, AZ	10/14/2003	0731
Kovach, Shirley	Nanty-Glo, PA	04/20/2019	0774
Levesque, Jeannette	Feeding Hills, MA	03/26/2019	0774
Masaryk, Elizabeth	Fishkill, NY	11/04/2018	0110
May, Stella	Chalfont, PA	04/12/2019	L102
Mazur, Steve	Parma Hgts, OH	05/02/2019	0267
McGuinness, Frank	Windsor, CT	08/09/2015	0110
Miller, Donald F	Greenfield, OH	04/25/2019	0595
Moore, Christopher	Beaver, PA	03/29/2019	0123
Mraz, Dusan	Boston, MA	05/23/2018	0731
Mudron, Andrew P	Monessen, PA	03/24/2019	0377
Mursko, Edwin	West Haven, CT	08/09/2018	0102
Parascak, Annie	Williamsville, NY	02/25/2019	R019
Parks, Anna	Bensenville, IL	03/31/2019	0586
Penn, Milton	Deerfield, IL	04/05/2019	0586
Perkins Edwards, Clemmie H	Jackson, MI	02/03/2019	0774
Pokorny, Rudy	Masontown, PA	05/02/2019	0588
Schroer, Robert	New Knoxville, OH	04/14/2019	0595
Skiles, Linda	Charleston, WV	04/20/2019	0774
Teodoro, Gloria	Trafford, PA	04/19/2019	0737
Twigger, Pearl	Monroeville, PA	05/05/2019	L105
Vernier, Martha	Jonesville, MI	04/20/2019	0381
Wallace, John R	Monessen, PA	04/19/2019	0377
Wazelle, Annabell	Punxsutawney, PA	04/21/2019	0554
Zvarich, Josephine	Hermitage, PA	03/20/2019	0731

## 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.

# Current Interest Rates Effective July 1, 2018

<b>Optimum 3</b>	<b>2.00%</b>
<b>Preferred 5</b>	<b>3.25%</b>
<b>Preferred 8</b>	<b>3.75%</b>

Preferred 7 and Flex earning 4%, these plans are no longer available.  
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## From the Sales Department...

**Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC, Sales Director**  
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### Options at Retirement

Recently we had a 70 year old gentleman that had about \$250,000 in a retirement plan. His goal was to have \$48,000 of annual income so that he could live comfortably. He was going to receive about \$3,000 per month from Social Security which would be \$36,000 annually. So he needed another \$12,000 annually or \$1,000 per month.

The first option would be to withdraw \$1,000 per month from the \$250,000 nest egg. This lump sum could have been in a Preferred 8 earning interest. Of course, withdrawals would be interest first and would be taxable. The plus to this method is the principal is always available.

Next, we looked into a SPIA or single premium immediate annuity using the \$250,000 and it would pay him about \$1,050 per month assuming a twenty year certain and life option. This would work well and may be the most tax efficient way to go. On the downside is the loss of the lump sum as it is now in the SPIA account.

Finally, we decided on a split annuity. We used \$104,000 of the \$250,000 and created a twenty year SPIA paying \$1,000 a month. The balance, \$146,000 went into a Preferred 8 and at current rates would be worth \$211,000 in ten years and \$305,000 in twenty years. The advantages to using this latter method are:

- The \$1,000 monthly income goal is now assured for the next twenty years.
- The tax efficiency of the SPIA;

86% of every \$1,000 payment is not taxed because it is a return of principal.

- The \$146,000 in a Preferred 8 creates another pool of money that could be used now or in the future.
- This option allowed for the most flexibility since we don't know what the future holds.

As you can see there are always alternatives. This is why you should speak with your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office so we can look at your needs and wants and then determine the best course of action.

### How Much Does Day Care Cost?

Parents with young children already know this answer. It can be anywhere from \$500 to \$1,500 per month or more. Some of the factors that must be considered are the hours, convenience, reputation and educational opportunities. Some parents are lucky and they have grandparents on day care duty. This is nice and the children are well cared for but is it fair to burden them with this task?

Assuming an average cost of \$1,000 per month for these services and your child starts going at age 1 and then goes to full-time kindergarten at age 5; a family would pay \$48,000 for these four years. There may be additional costs for longer periods for pre and after school care but let's focus on the \$48,000. Now that we know some real costs let's talk about life insurance. Wouldn't insurance be the perfect solution to this financial obligation if something bad happened to a parent? It is easy to see how life insurance needs rapidly accumulate. Daycare alone needs \$48,000. This is just one item; what about the mortgage, funeral cost, ongoing monthly expenses, etc.

Firms that do surveys always come up with the same result. People think about life insurance when they get married, have a baby, buy a house, or start a business. These situations make you think about your mortality and family obligations. While that may be fine, in reality insurance is something that should be reviewed often.

NSS can help you cover these expenses with low cost term insurance. Believe it or not, a \$50,000 plan for anyone under age 40 would be less than \$10 per month. A permanent plan of insurance runs more but also has residual values such as cash or loan values. We can custom design a plan for you and your family. Call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information. Life insurance has never been less expensive and easier to buy than right now.

### 2nd Quarter Leaders for 2019



Our top **NEW MEMBER** producer for the 2nd quarter of 2019 is Nouchao Her. He lives in Oklahoma, but continues his business in the states of MI, WI, OH, PA, CA and CO. He has years of life insurance experience and has been with NSS Life since 2011. Honest and always ready to provide life insurance solutions to members. If you are looking for life insurance coverage for you or your loved ones, please contact Nouchao at his Toll Free Number: 866-317-1514 or email him at: [nouchaoher@gmail.com](mailto:nouchaoher@gmail.com).

Gene DiSanti is the **TOP PRODUCER** of the NSS. Gene and his wife Cheryl reside in Robinson Township, PA. Gene is a Registered Representative and Financial Advisor with Luttner Financial Group in Pittsburgh. Gene recognizes that every person, family, and business has a unique situation that comes with its own set of challenges and opportunities. He takes the time to learn the uniqueness of your circumstances. Gene takes it one step further by taking the time to understand how your values drive your decisions. His objective is to match your values with implementation steps that address your individual set of life challenges and opportunities. Gene and Cheryl are blessed with two children. Their son, Nicholas, is a Penn State graduate and their daughter Alexa is a recent graduate of Slippery Rock University. Gene can be reached at 412-391-6700 or [gdisanti@lfgco.com](mailto:gdisanti@lfgco.com)



## Janine Hannan 2019 NSS Fraternalist of the Year



Janine Hannan of Assembly 434 has been selected as the 2019 NSS Fraternalist of the Year. Janine volunteers at numerous local events throughout the year, and enjoys playing an active role in her community. One of her main charities she enjoys working with is the Ronald McDonald House. She has been a coordinator and volunteer there for the past nine years. Four times a year, she organizes and prepares meals for families

whose children are receiving care at Children's Hospital. She also has volunteered at the Red Shoe Ball for the past eight years. This event is the largest fundraising event for the Ronald McDonald House. The proceeds from the event go toward operating costs, so that families are able to stay at the house for free. Janine is now the volunteer coordinator for this event. She supervises 2 shifts of volunteers who answer questions, and set up & break down tables for the event. Two other fundraising events that contribute to the Ronald McDonald House are Brunch Around Pittsburgh and the Bic Mac Open. Janine has actively volunteered at these events, as well.

Janine is also an active volunteer at St. Joan of Arc church. She is involved with the Garden Project at the church. Produce is grown and then distributed to the South Hills Interfaith Ministries Food Bank for shut-ins. Another area where Janine gives of her time is at the Pittsburgh Marathon. Along with this event, she has volunteered at other local races including the Pittsburgh 10 Miler, GNC One Miler, Children's Marathon, and the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Another special event Janine has participated in is Wreaths Across America. For the past two years, Janine has collected and contributed to the laying of wreaths on veterans' graves at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. She has also assisted the Lions Club with organizing a shoe drive for them. She collected donations from family, friends, and co-workers. The shoes that were collected were donated to families in Haiti.

Janine has been an active member of her assembly, volunteering at multiple NSS Life events. These include Septemberfest, Christmas Around the World, Hibernation Celebration, Kennywood Day, Slovak Bowling Tournament, and Region 5 picnics.

As a resident of Bethel Park, Janine volunteered at the Bethel Community Flood Relief fundraiser last year. She collected monetary donations, auction baskets, and helped at the event. Janine is married to Jim Hannan. They have two children, Sean and Emily. Janine has two grandchildren, Avery (6) and Ramona (4). They are members of Assembly 434. Janine works in the annuity department at the NSS Life home office. We are pleased to announce Janine Hannan as the **2019 NSS Fraternalist of the Year**.

## Marlie Applegarth 2019 NSS Youth Achievement Award



Marlie Applegarth is the 2019 NSS Youth Achievement Award winner. As a member of Assembly 731, Marlie has been actively involved with helping at the many different events the assembly has held. These include scavenger hunts, Easter egg hunts, Join Hands Day activities, and she was even one of Santa's elves at the Christmas parties. By participating in events such as these, Marlie has become a great role model to the younger

members in the assembly.

Marlie is a remarkable senior at Springfield High School in New Springfield, Ohio. She is ranked #1 in her class and has maintained a 4.0 GPA. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past 2 years. She has also been recognized as 'Most Outstanding Student' in Advanced Algebra 1 & 2, Integrated Science, and AP History. She is in the "Academic Hall of Fame" and 'All-A Honor Roll', as well. Another big achievement includes winning First Place Review and Third Place Personality Profile at Youngstown State University Press Day. Along with her impressive academics, she is involved in her high school's athletic program. She plays on the basketball and softball teams, and has lettered in both. Marlie is also a member of the Science Club, Float Committee, and Prom Committee.

There are numerous ways in which Marlie has contributed to her community. She assists the youth in her community by helping at softball and basketball camps. She also has helped with the Junior Olympics at her local elementary school. In addition to these important roles, she also helps our animal friends by volunteering at Angels for Animals. This is a charity that helps care for animals' needs while they are in the shelters. Furthermore, Marlie helps to support the local food drive, and has been a bell ringer for the Salvation Army.

Marlie is the 2nd child of Tod and Laurie Applegarth. She has an older sister, Josie, who was the NSS Youth Achievement Award winner in 2017. She also has a younger brother, Tod. Marlie comes from a loving, close-knit family. Some activities they enjoy doing together include horseback riding, boating, skiing, fishing, and four-wheeling. Spending quality time with her family is Marlie's top priority. On behalf of NSS Life, we would like to congratulate Marlie on all of her accomplishments. We are honored to announce Marlie Applegarth as the **2019 NSS Youth Achievement winner**.



## BEACH WORD SEARCH

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| Bathing Suit | Pelican     | Scuba      | Surfboard |
| Bikini       | Sailboat    | Seagull    | Tropical  |
| Boardwalk    | Sandals     | Seashell   | Vacation  |
| Lifeguard    | Sand Castle | Sunglasses | Waves     |

### Safe swimming at the beach

Always swim between the red and yellow flags if it is a patrolled beach.

Never swim alone in case you get into difficulty. No, I'm not just talking about sharks and other possibly dangerous sea creatures. Getting cramp, or being caught by a strong current, or getting washed off rocks cause a lot of people to get into trouble.

If you think the ocean is too rough, do not go in. You know how good a swimmer you are, and it is being sensible, not chicken, to know when you could be putting yourself and others in danger.

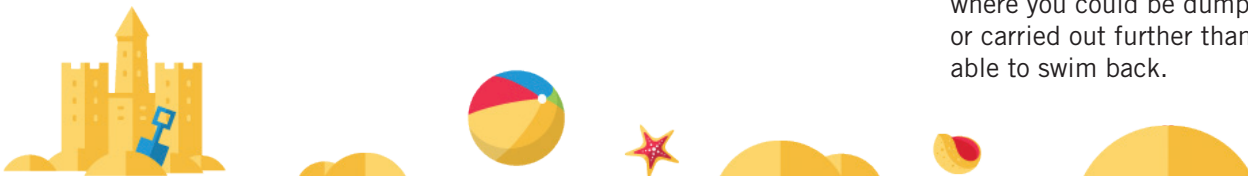
If you are doing a longer swim, then swim along the shore line, not out to sea and back - then if you get tired or into difficulty, you have a chance of getting back to shore, or the lifeguard can see you and help you if you need it.

Don't swim after dark, as no one can see you if you need help.

Don't swim near rocks as you could get pushed into them if a big wave comes.

If you hear the siren, or the lifeguards tell you to get out of the water, GET OUT AT ONCE. They know what they are doing and they give their time to keep you safe.

Floating around on a tire or a blow up mattress can be fun in a swimming pool but isn't a good idea at the beach where you could be dumped by waves or carried out further than you are able to swim back.



## Robin Eggs and Nest

### Supplies Needed:

Brown paper bag or kraft paper  
Scissors or paper shredder  
Bowl  
Plastic wrap  
Newspaper  
Mod Podge  
Wooden eggs (you can find some at a craft store)  
Blue paint  
Paintbrush



Cut brown paper grocery bags, lunch bags or kraft paper into thin strips. You can do this with scissors, or you can run the paper through an old fashioned paper shredder if you happen to have one on hand. Crumple the paper strips into a ball. Wrap your bowl with clear plastic wrap. Make sure to wrap both the top and bottom of the bowl with plastic to protect it from glue.



Glue paper Strips around bowl until completely covered. Place some newspaper or a plastic sheet onto your work surface to protect it from glue. This step is the right time to put on those latex gloves. They are not necessary but sure do come in handy when you are working with Mod Podge! Turn your covered bowl over so that it is bottom side up.



Pour some Mod Podge into an old plastic container that you can throw away later. Dip the paper strips into the craft glue. Make sure that you cover all areas of the paper strips with the craft glue.

Place the paper pieces onto the bottom of the plastic covered bowl scrunching the paper strips as you go. Cover the entire bottom of the bowl with the crumpled paper strips. Allow the paper strips to dry for 24 hours. Gently remove paper nest from bowl. Remove the clear plastic wrap from the paper nest. Turn the nest upright and admire it! (It looks so realistic!)

Every nest needs some eggs! Cover your work surface again with old newspapers or protective plastic sheets. Make sure you have an apron or old tee shirt on to protect your clothing. Paint the wooden eggs with baby blue colored craft paint. You may have to paint the top half first, then let it dry. Cover the bottom portion of the wooden egg with paint and let it dry. The craft paint should be dry to the touch after about one and a half hours. Place your painted eggs into the paper bird nest. If you have one, attach your artificial bird to the paper bird nest next to the eggs.

## How to make your "Make A Face" Emotion Toy



You will need 6 fasteners, cardboard, craft knife, glue, needle and thread.

1. Print the template and mount on a piece of cardboard. If you're using the blank template, color and decorate your own fun face. Cut around the shapes. Make holes where marked.

2. Insert the fasteners through each eye, eyebrow, nose and mouth then through the holes in the right position on the circle face. Close the fasteners at the back.

3. Glue the pink cheek and tear drop on both sides of cardboard circles cut to the same size. Put a thread through the top end of this circle. Gather both ends of the thread and insert through the hole in the face and fix at the back. The circle will be dangling as in the photo and you can flip it to show either rosy cheek or tear drop.

Now you can turn the facial features, flip the cheek/tear disc to express all sorts of emotions!

You can also write down emotion words on cards and hang them with threads. Then you can place the correct card in front as you make different facial expressions to learn the vocabulary together.

Some of the faces we made with words were: happy, sad, angry, furious, surprised, embarrassed, worried, disappointed, pleased, proud, confident, funny etc.

## Spring Jokes

Q: What flowers grow on faces?

A: Tulips (Two-lips).

Q: Which month can't make a decision?

A: MAYbe.

Q: Why are maple trees so forgiving?

A: Every Fall they "Let It Go"

Q: Why are oak trees so forgiving?

A: Every Spring they "turn over a new leaf".

Q: When is the letter "A" like a flower?

A: When a bee (B) comes after it.

Q: When do people use their trampoline the most?

A: Spring-Time

Q: What did the tree say to spring?

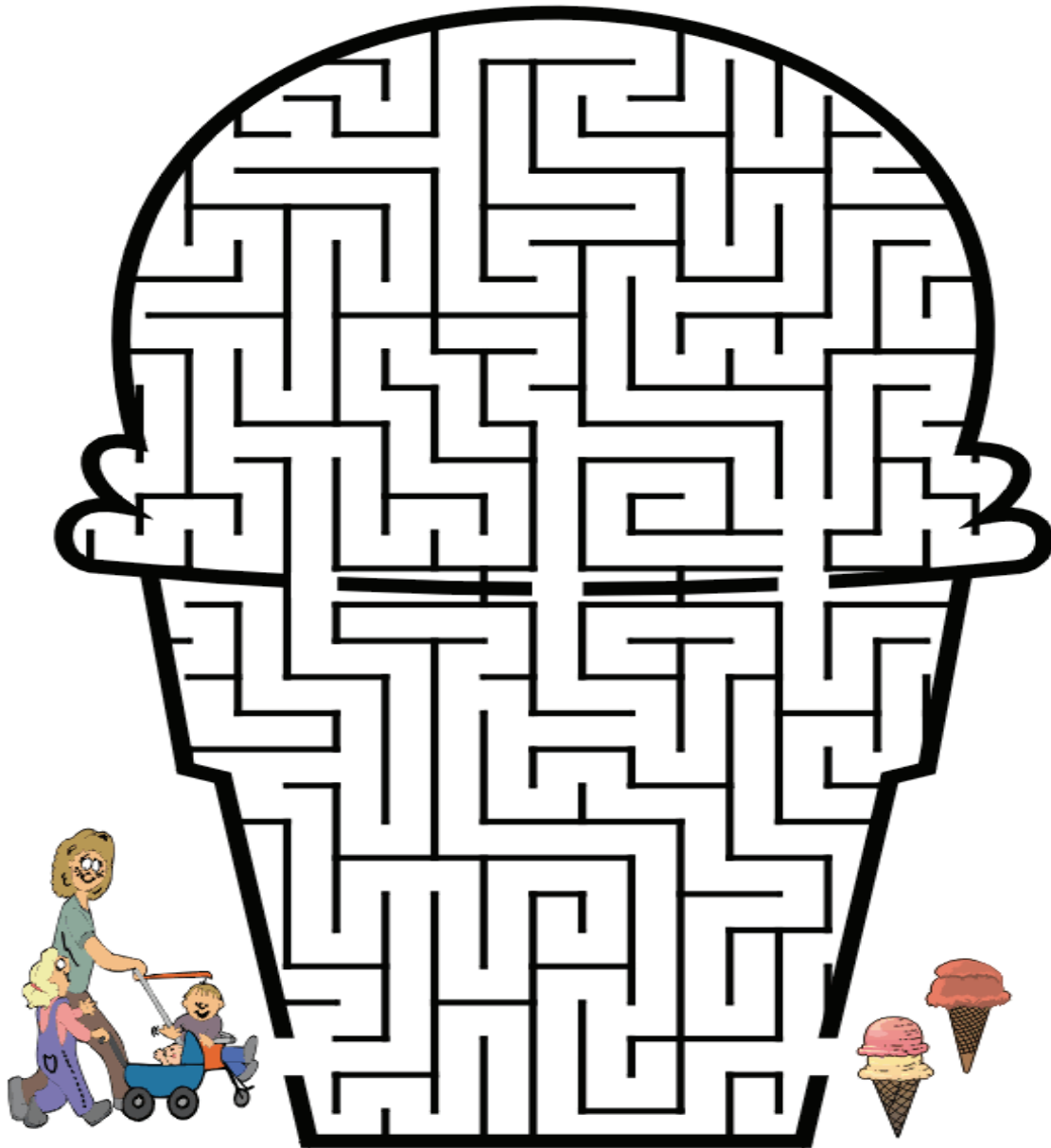
A: What a re-leaf.

Q: What was the name of the girl with a frog sitting on her head?

A: Lily.

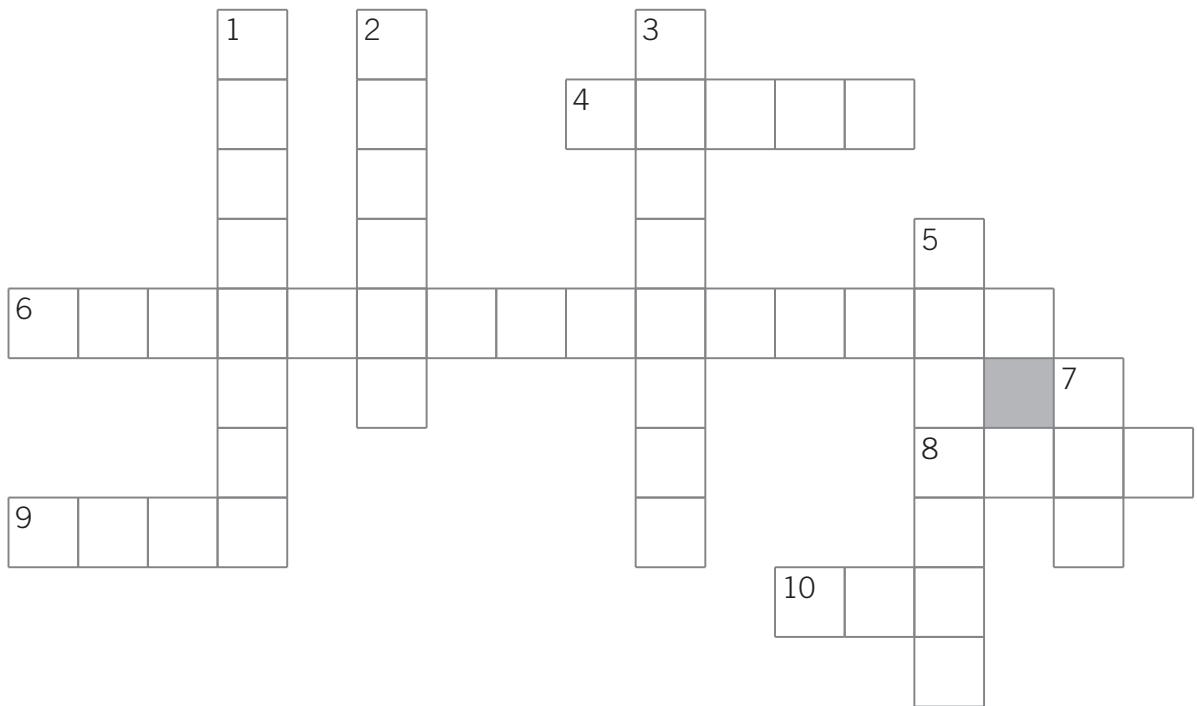
Q: What do bunnies order at Chinese Restaurants?

A: Hop Suey.





Complete the puzzle  
and have a  
**WONDERFUL**  
**SUMMER!!!**



ACROSS

- 4. The shore of the sea, or of a lake, which is washed by the waves
- 6. The birthday of the United States of America
- 8. A small body of standing water
- 9. Beginning of summer
- 10. The star at the center of a solar system

DOWN

- 1. To cook outdoors on a grill
- 2. The season of the year in which the sun shines most directly upon any region
- 3. A beverage consisting of lemon juice mixed with water and sweetened
- 5. An outdoor recreational activity involving sleeping in a tent, cabin, etc.
- 7. Exceeding warm in degree

Summer	Sun	Camping	Pool
Beach	June	Barbecue	Hot
	Lemonade	Independence Day	

## Fraternal Matters...

**Pam Blum, Fraternal Activities Director**

Email: [pblum@nsslife.org](mailto:pblum@nsslife.org)



It's no too late to join us in DuBois for this year's Annual Golf Tournament. Even if you're not a golfer it will be a great weekend of fun and fraternalism.

Some of the area attractions include: The Elk Visitors Center, with the largest herd of free roaming elk east of the Mississippi, Penn's Cave, Punxsutawney Phil, Flight 93 Memorial, Cook Forest State Park, local Wineries and Rails to Trails. There is also a fun place called Dr. Doolittle's Dinosaur exhibit, which draws hundreds of visitors each week. They also have trains. One is a fine dining car, a 50's dining car, a pizza car, and a brewery car. Dr. Doolittle's also offers ice cream and Mini Golf too.

Congratulations to Home Office employee Janine Hannan, for being chosen as this year's **NSS Fraternalist of the Year**. We surprised Janine with a cake and plaque at the Home Office to announce her award. Janine was nominated by Cyndi Salat. A donation of \$500 will be made in her honor, to a charity of her choice.

Congratulations to Marlie Applegarth, this year's **NSS Youth Achievement** winner. Marlie was nominated by Laurie Fox, President of Assembly 731. She will be receiving a \$500 award for being chosen as this year's winner. I would like to also mention that Marlie has also been chosen as a PVR Scholarship recipient. Both of these ladies demonstrate the true spirit of Fraternalism. Congratulations!!

Special Happy Birthday wishes go out to my husband Greg on July 24th... wishing you a day as amazing as you!!

## Reminders....

The deadline for submitting transcripts for renewal of the PVR Scholarship is **JULY 15th**.

The deadline for submissions to this year's Poetry Contest is **August 15th**.



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**NSS Life**  
*Family Matters...*

## ASSEMBLY 039 Uniontown, PA



Over thirty of our members came out for our "Summer Bar-B-Q" and our second quarterly meeting. We all celebrated "Flag Day", with special decorations and flags for all. A delicious dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, rigatoni, potato salad, drinks and dessert were enjoyed by all. We thank Paul Payerchin III from our assembly who did the grilling and his assistant, Noah Beatty visiting from Lancaster, PA.

We need volunteers to come out and help with our "Join Hands Day" project. We will be joining hands with the local Knights of Columbus Council to help with the Annual Tony Bartok Golf Outing. The outing is scheduled for Sunday, **July 14th** at the local Springdale Golf Club starting at 8:00 am. The event benefits the Easter Seal Society, Special Olympics of Fayette County, the local battered women's and men's shelters.

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!

For those who enjoy celebrating our Slovak heritage or just enjoy the fun and rides at Kennywood Park, Region 5 is covering the ticket cost of any NSS member sixteen and younger. The "Slovak Kitchen" is a special feature of the day serving all of that wonderful Slovak cuisine. Call the Home Office for the free youth tickets and come celebrate on **July 18th!**

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 Ondrejko 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!!

Finally, our prayers of strength and resurrection healing go out to the family of former, Vice President Dean Burns. He comes from a long line of family members that built the foundation of financial security and fraternalism that we enjoy today! "Freedom is never free!" Happy July 4th!

**John Payerchin**  
President

## ASSEMBLY R059 Bethlehem, PA

Our thanks to Mike and Francine Slivka for representing our assembly at the "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive.

Congratulations to our Treasurer, John Lahutsky, who earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Penn State Lehigh Valley. His major is corporate communication and will be completing an internship. Best Wishes.

Our next meeting will be held on **July 14th** at the Sawarynski's residence. For more information call 610-262-2045.

**Michele 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

Our assembly will be sponsoring an Iron Pigs game. If you would like to go, contact Drew at 610-428-6540 to reserve your spot.

Mark your calendar for **August 4th**, our annual summer picnic at the Wesnak's residence, Whitehall, Pa at 2:00 pm

**Sharon Wesnak**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

Can you believe that half the year has come and gone? Wow! Well let's make the best of the second half of the year.

Remember the NSS Golf outing is **July 12-14** at the Dubois Country Club and if you want to participate call me at 724-242-5085. The assembly will help subsidize the event. Then there is Slovak Day at Kennywood Thursday, **July 18th**. Maybe the new Steelers Coaster will be finished. If you need tickets call me ASAP so I can get the tickets to you. Any member 16 and under your tickets are free compliments of Region 5 (thanks). Our assembly 123 will subsidize the tickets for other members of our assembly. Speaking of Kennywood this is the last chance for good hearted members to volunteer a few hours of your time helping Judy Landa at the Slovak booth. Please, please contact her at 412-322-5168 for details, even if you can only give an hour or half she would be grateful for the break. Many hands may light the work. I want to thank Terry Tumenello and Joe and Vicky Kovacs for volunteering.

Next we come to Sunday, **July 21st**, which is when Mary Maniecki has arranged for us to see the play Mama Mia at the Carnegie Library Stage 62 in Carnegie PA. Please call Mary at 412-264-3546 if you are interested in attending. It is a fun play and has been approved by our Fun Director Larry Smith.



Before I bring up August the picnic month I want to wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members; Joan Smith, Leslie O'Donnell my sister, Mary Kay Schiller and her husband Ray on the same day, Marty Brown, and our grandson Niko Scalise, Louis Boettner, Brandi Kennedy, Larry Leins our son-in-law, Steve Miaczynski, Jared Leins our grandson and Colleen Wiegand, and to the many I missed who enrich our assembly. Happy Birthday USA too!!

Now for August, thanks to Bill DelMonaco our assembly is having a picnic Sunday, **August 11th** at Moon Township Community Park, Apollo grove starting at 1:00 pm. It is free to all assembly members. There will be food, games, prizes and fellowship. Non-members are welcome but there will be a small fee for them. Call Bill at 412-264-7268 and let him know so we have enough food. Bill has promised good weather, and ample food and lots of laughs.

The following Sunday, **August 18th** Region 5 of which our assembly is a part is having a picnic at Cedar Creek County Park in Rostraver Twp., Westmoreland County. It is always a good time at this beautiful park. If you come hungry you will go home happy.

Finally on behalf of the members of assembly 123 I want to send our condolences to the family of Dean Burns. He served NSS well for many years. My wife was always greatly impressed by his well-written articles in the National News. Farewell and Rest in Peace Dean.

**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

A meeting will be held on **July 22nd** at the home of Dave and Marti Pytel's at 6:00 pm. 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 for 2019 are scheduled for **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](mailto:assembly554@gmail.com)

**Jim Stricek**  
Secretary-Treasurer

## ASSEMBLY 586 Chicago, IL

We will have a meeting and planning session in July to decide what our matching funds projects will be for 2019. We always strive to do something for others, especially our military stationed overseas.

We lost a dear friend, Rudy Slovic, one of The Greatest Generation, last week. I've included Rudy's obituary from the Chicago Tribune:



Rudolph F. Slovic, Army World War II Veteran, age 92, of Lisle. Beloved husband of Sophie (nee Bartkiewicz). Loving father of Joseph (Pauline) and Annette. Cherished grandfather of Anne and Catherine. Dear brother of the late Jane Gluch, Francis (the late Rose) and Pauline Pyznarski. Also many nieces and nephews. Member of Western Electric Pioneers and Experimental Aircraft Association. Rudy was an avid bowler, golfer and private pilot who built his own plane. In Rudy's memory donations to The Knights of Columbus appreciated. Services and interment were private.

Rudy's wife Sophie called to express her thanks for our thoughts about Rudy. He had a beautiful smile and good sense of humor and will be greatly missed. The Slovic's loved to attend 586 meetings and were among the regulars but had to stop when Rudy wasn't able to drive to them. Sophie is looking forward to joining us again.

Hope all of the fathers had a happy day with their families!

**Janet Tomaskovic**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 617/C617 Ashley, PA

A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **July 11th** at the Grotto Pizza, Edwardsville, PA.

**Rose Mary Strish**  
President

## 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

## Assembly 123 Member



Assembly 123 member **Jared Leins** was named to the Patriot League All-Academic Team. He is attending the Naval Academy and is majoring in mechanical engineering. In his first three semesters he has been named to the Commandant's List and Dean's List each time with a 3.95 grade point average.

Jared is a starting pitcher on the Naval Academy's baseball team. He is the son of Larry and Bethany Leins and the grandson of Bill and Susan Knoll. Well done Jared. Beat Army!!!

## Assembly 813 Join Hands Day

Assembly 813 has wrapped up an active spring season. The Letter Carriers "Stamp out Hunger" food drive was their latest project, a Join Hands Day event. At the Englewood Bible Church location dozens of volunteers sorted and boxed up about 8,000 pounds of food. Several local food banks receive food from this drive, which is the largest one day effort of its kind. Christina Krause, of St. David's Jubilee Center, expressed gratitude saying that their pantry didn't have much on its shelves before the letter carriers drive.



The recent aluminum can collection for Habitat for Humanity, South Sarasota County, a Matching Funds event, was a great success. Mary Jo Holker, Assembly 813 Secretary, presented a check for \$400 to Chief Development Officer Aimee Holmes as Mimi Evans looks on.



### Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Committee presents

**96th Annual American Slovak Day**  
Thursday, July 18, 2019  
Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA

Funday Tickets \$27.00 (Ages 4-54)  
Senior 55+ - Tickets \$16.00  
Super Senior Tickets (Ages 70+) \$12.00

Slovak Kitchen Opens 12:30 pm  
Pavillion #4  
Program - Main Pavillion #5 Stage

Children's Games & Treats ..... 12:30  
Music by Gypsy George Batyi & Friends ..... 1:00-3:00  
Children's Folk Dancing ..... 2:00 pm  
**"PAS" Jr. Folk Ensemble-Pittsburgh Jr. Slovaks**  
Greetings & Remarks..... 3:00  
Introduction of Fraternal & other Slovak Organizations

**Mass at 4:00 pm Main Pavillion Stage**  
**After Mass - Slovak Sing-a-long**

**Slovak Folk Entertainment - Main Pavillion Stage 5:00 pm**  
**Tickets and information: 412-421-1204/412-462-1957**



Rafael Robles, far left, received a check for \$400 from Mary Jo Holker, third from right, for the Loveland Center which serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This Matching Funds money will be used for the music program headed by Ken Arambasic, far right, shown here with some of his many talented singers and musicians. Their Spring Concert was wonderful.

Not a bunch to rest on our laurels, we have programs coming up for the rest of the year. We have added a new program, EES Lunch Angels, to make sure no kid goes hungry. We will still be doing our Back Pack involvement through St. Davids Jubilee Ministry, Toys for Tots, and the Brown Bag Program for needy seniors. Have a safe summer.

**Mary Jo Holker**  
Secretary

## News From Assembly L075

A matching funds for Avoca Boy Scout Troop 316 for their Chili cookoff contest and bake sale was held in February at the Queen of Apostles Church Hall in Avoca. Adult leaders donated homemade chili and baked goods. Scouts and leaders participated in the Scout Sunday Mass then returned to the hall to serve chili. We had in attendance one youth circle member - Life Scout Adam Edwards who will be working on his Eagle project in July 2019. Shown presenting the Matching funds Check to Scoutmaster Matt Fino is Assembly L075 members: Life Scout Adam Lazar, Gary and Dorothy Collins ASMs, Lehrae Ann Edwards Sec./Tr. and ASM and President Gary Edwards, Scoutmaster Matt Fino and Eagle Scout Jason Phillips.



Next meeting is scheduled for August 4th at 1:00 pm at the Mercateli Segilia Park Birney Ave Moosic for the fraternal summer picnic. Members are asked to bring something for the table and a basket for the raffle and October 13 at Grande's Restaurant Birney Avenue, Moosic, PA at 1 pm.

Members of the American Heart Association were on hand at the April 14 meeting of NSS Assembly L075 at the Grande Restaurant in Moosic to accept the NSS matching funds check. We have 27 members who will walk in the Heart Walk on May 4th at 8:30 am at PNC Field Moosic, PA. Thank you VP Lucy and Stephanie Piccoletti for arranging our "NSS Holy Walkamolies" team. Shown are Vice President Lucy Piccoletti, Heart Reps Stacey Schwartzfrauber and Carol Bigelow, Assembly President Gary Edwards, Region 2 President and Hospitality Youth Director Marlin Ann Petro, and Sec./Tr. Lehrae Ann Edwards.



Youth Circle member Adam Lazar represented the assembly at the Ninja Warrior Challenge in Scranton in March. Adam competed in his age group on the Warp Wall where he took first place; the climbing wall was first place and an Overall Trophy Winner for best scores while competing in the push crates, Ninja Mile obstacle course, Hanging Rings and Peg Wall. Adam is pictured with NSS members who were in attendance; Sec./Tr. Lehrae Ann Edwards (proud Grandmother); Vice President Lucy Piccoletti (Proud Aunt), President Gary Edwards (proud Grandfather) with the NSS Shirt Adam competed in for the sponsorship; Adam Lazar Ninja Warrior Winner, Allie Lazar (proud sister and cheerleader), Proud Mother Karen Richardson and Proud Father Adam Edwards.



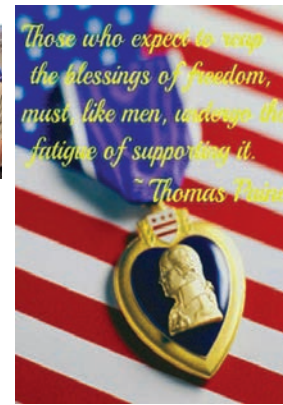
Members of Assembly L075 team Holy Walkamolies participated in the American Heart Association Heart Walk at PNC Field Moosic Pa. Shown kneeling are: Judy Piccoletti, Stephanie Piccoletti Co Chairman of our sponsorship, Dominic Piccoletti YC75, Gabriel Piccoletti, Allie Lazar YC75, Karen Richardson,

Adam Lazar YC75 and Sec/Treas Lehrae Ann Edwards. Shown standing are: Tom Piccoletti, Vice President Lucy Piccoletti our other Co Chairman, Candy Eigen, Michael Piccoletti, Laura Knecht, Region 2 President Marlin Petro-Wesnak, Adam Edwards, Dorothy and Gary Collins.

Members participated in the Join Hands Day for the Postal Carriers food drive held at the Meals on Wheels Center in Pittston Pa on May 11 from 10 am - 6 pm. Members unloaded postal trucks, sorted and stocked shelves at the Kitchen and check dates on the food items. Shown are Dorothy Collins, President Gary Edwards, YC member Allie Lazar, Karen Richardson, YC member Adam Lazar and Sec. Treas Lehrae Ann Edwards. Absent from the photo but participating earlier was Gary Collins.



## What Does July 4th Mean To You?



July 4th. Fourth of July. Independence Day. It is a day filled with cookouts and fireworks and merchandise sales – but what does it really mean? On July 4, 1776, the

founding fathers of this country voted to declare independence for the 13 colonies from England. This decision – and the subsequent signing of the Declaration of Independence – was the first step on a long road that led to the creation of the United States of America.

242 years later, Independence Day brings us a reason to gather and celebrate. The day brings us fantastic sales (some of them are just for military personnel and veterans), parties, fireworks and festive gatherings. Stores sell us clothes and shoes emblazoned with images of our flag, and we wear them happily – but rarely do we think about the many sacrifices that were made to form this country, and the sacrifices that are made every day by our military servicemen and women and their families to continue to protect it.

To provide a military perspective, we asked our own Alan Rohlfing, Lieutenant Colonel, USA Retired, what today means to him:

“To me, Independence Day all about honoring sacrifice. The sacrifice of so many that served before me, in so many conflicts. The sacrifice our families make serving at home while their loved ones are deployed. The premature sacrifices of those who’ve paid the ultimate price and the sacrifice of the Gold Star Families they leave behind.

In honoring the sacrifice, I feel an incredible sense of gratitude for having been able to serve my country and state, and that gratitude resonates deep within me every time I see the flag of these United States and hear our National Anthem”.

So today, while you gather with friends and family to celebrate our nation's independence, take a moment to remember the sacrifices of our servicemen and women. Remember the sacrifices they make for us all every day and honor those sacrifices.

## Region 5



# Sunday, August 18, 2019

## Cedar Creek Park, Activity Building

Noon — 4 p.m.



Everyone's Favorite!

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- 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](mailto: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](mailto:sue.ondrejco@gmail.com)**

# Ej, leto, leto, leto horúce...



## Žatva, milá žatva, vitaj s novým chlebom

Leto prináša roľnícke práce, predovšetkým žatvy. Žatevné práce sa na jednotlivých oblastiach Slovenska začínali v rozličných termínoch, ale už na sviatok svätej Margity (13. júla) sa vravievalo "Svätá Margita vodi žencov do žita" a všeobecne v júli vraj "Prepelica volá žencov do žita."



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## Slovenský deň v Kennywood Parku

Oznamujeme Slovákom a Slovenkám v PGH, a okolí, že 96 Slovenský deň západnej PA bude vo štvrtok 18 júla v zábavnom parku Kennywood.

Program Slovenského dňa sa začne od pol jednej budú detské hry, o druhej vystúpia folklórom ti najmenší. Sv. Omša bude po anglicky o 4-tej po poludní a po bohoslužbe vystúpia folklórne súbory Pgh Slovákov a PAS.

Po celú poobede budú podávať chutné Slovenské jedlá.

Vstupenky do parku môžete si zaobstarať od Sue Ondrejco po telephone na čísle 412 421-1204.

## Golfovy Turnaj

Naša organizácia v tento mesiac pripravuje Golfový turnaj od 12 júla do 14 júla.

Podrobnejšie info nájdete v Anglickej časti, alebo na webovej stránke [www.NSSLIFE.org](http://www.NSSLIFE.org)



## Púť na Mariánsku horu v Levoči



Mariánska hora v Levoči patrí k najstarším a najznámejším pútnickým miestam na Slovensku. Každoročná púť sa tu koná v prvú júlovú nedeľu od čias, keď minoriti šíriaci mariánsku úctu koncom 14. storočia zasvätili kaplnku na hore sviatku Navštívenia Panny Márie.

Na území Slovenska je mnoho mariánskych pútnických miest, ktoré majú stáročnú tradíciu. Medzi ne patrí aj Levoča, ktorá sa stala azda po Marianke najstarším pútnickým miestom na Slovensku. Začiatok dejín vzniku a tradície levočskej svätyne patrí roku 1247. Na kopci pod hradiskom pôvodne stála kaplnka, kde sa konali ďakovné procesie zo susedných obcí. Púte každoročne

pokračovali, vzrastali a z roka na rok boli väčšie.

Z dôvodu veľkej návštevnosti pútnikov, bol postavený kostol v neogotickom štýle, ktorý bol v roku 1984 povýšený na Baziliku menšiu. Najzaujímavejšia v tomto kostole je milostivá socha Panny Márie, ktorá s otvoreným náručím víta zástupy pútnikov.

Pútnickú cestu lemujú päť kaplniek a lipová aleja, ktorá bola z príležitosti 10. výročia pápežskej návštevy pomenovaná po Svätom Otcovi „Aleja Jána Pavla II". Vzácnym pútnikom, Svätým Otcem Jánom Pavlom II., navštívil Mariánsku horu v Levoči dňa 3. júla 1995. Tejto výnimočnej slávnosti sa zúčastnilo okolo šesťstopäťdesiat tisíc pútnikov nielen zo Slovenska, ale aj z Poľska, Ukrajiny, Česka, Maďarska a Rumunska. Na púťach sa zúčastňujú kardináli, biskupi a kňazi z celého sveta.

Mariánska hora nie je navštevovaná len počas júlovej púte, ale takmer každý deň od jari do neskorej jesene. Okrem sv. omši sa tu konajú púte pre mládež, dôchodcov, rodiny s deťmi a pre iné veriace skupiny. Vysoká účasť pútnikov dokazuje, že ľudia na tomto mieste nájdu pokoj, optimizmus i stratenú nádej.

Dňa 3. októbra 2005 bola práve Levoča a Mariánska hora delegátmi Európskeho združenia mariánskych pútnických miest vybraná za člena tohto združenia. Začlenila sa tak medzi svetové pútnické centrá ako Lourdes, Marizell, Czenstochowa, či Fatima.

Autor: Mons. František Dlugoš

## 2019 Slovak Tours

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

For more information: Visit [www.slovakiaheritage.com](http://www.slovakiaheritage.com) or contact Judith Northup-Bennett, Slovakia Heritage Tours, 978-544-5144  
[slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com](mailto:slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com)

## REMiNDER



## PVR Scholarship Renewal Applicant Continuation Rules

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

you have maintained a 3.0 GPA, to the NSS Scholarship Department at the conclusion of EACH school year before they will be considered eligible to receive payment for a second, third, or fourth year grant. These transcripts must be received by **JULY 15TH. NO EXCEPTIONS, THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.** Do not rely on parents, friends, or your agent to get your information in. If your paperwork is not in the home office by the deadline, you will not receive a check!

If you are transferring to another school, you **MUST** notify the NSS Home Office **IN WRITING** by sending in an acceptance letter to prove you will be attending a new school full time, by JULY 15TH, BEFORE checks are issued. No renewal checks will be issued after September 15th of each year for any reason.

## PVR Scholarship Fund Donations

### In Memory of Sarah Crisci & Jacqueline Hellein:

From Assembly 0123 ..... 40.00

### In Memory of Larry Fox & Loren Burns:

From Mike & Laurie Fox ..... 50.00

### In Memory of John & Margaret Doslak:

From Marie & Dick

Schweinberg ..... 50.00

### Donations:

Alan Burns ..... 50.00

Mike Czarney ..... 50.00

Robert Katricak ..... 50.00

Abigail Gross ..... 50.00

Irine Zinter ..... 50.00

### In Memory of Dean A. Burns,

#### Honorary Vice President:

Alexander & Company ..... 100.00

Assembly 0123 ..... 100.00

Pau M & Susan J Payerchin . 50.00

Mike Bundy ..... 25.00

Arden Snyder ..... 30.00

Michael J & Greg Glova ..... 200.00

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David & Fran Blazek ..... 100.00

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Assembly 0731 ..... 100.00

Joseph & Annette Stefka ... 100.00

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Larry Van Such ..... 100.00

Mentor High School Science

Department ..... 180.00

Linda & Ray Gretz ..... 25.00



## Student College Loan Seminar

- Are you looking to start college and need a student loan?
- Are you looking into student loans?
- Are you looking to consolidate your student loans for repayment?

Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 6 PM

Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church

401 E. Main Street, Miners Mills, PA

Presentation by: Tony E. Connell, V.P., Citizens Bank

Topic – Student College Loans

Sponsored by the Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania

Reservations are required. RSVP by July 10, 2019

Call Charlotte L. Androckitis at 570-814-1611 or e-mail:

[clafkl@aol.com](mailto:clafkl@aol.com)

## 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



# Youth Circle Page

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

## 4th of July Jokes for Independence Day

Q: What's red, white, blue and a little green?

A: Uncle Sam when he's sea sick.

Q: What was the craziest Revolutionary War battle?

A: The Battle of Bonkers Hill.

Q: What do you eat on the 5th of July?

A: Independence Day old macaroni salad.

Q: How do Americans spend 4th of July weekend?

A: Stuck in traffic.

Q: What kind of tea did the American colonists really want?

A: Liberty.

Q: What's the difference between Donald Duck and George Washington?

A: Donald Duck has a bill on his face while Washington has his face on a bill.

Q: What quacks, has a bill and shouldn't be trusted?

A: Beneduck Arnold.

Q: How is a person who never gets sick like the United States of America?

A: They both have great constitutions.

Q: Why shouldn't there be knock-knock jokes on the 4th of July?

A: Because freedom rings.

Q: What's red, white, black and blue?

A: Uncle Sam after a boxing match.

Q: Where did George Washington buy his infamous hatchet?

A: At a chopping mall.

Q: What do you get if you cross a patriotic American with a small curly-haired dog?

A: Yankee Poodle.

## 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](mailto: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.*

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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.