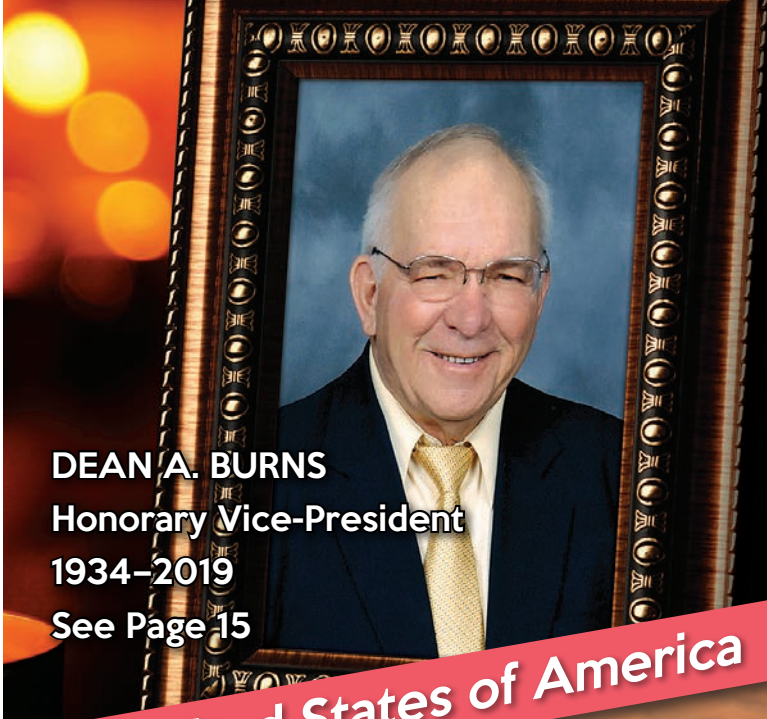




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| <p>REGION 2 June 2 June 8 July 11 August 24</p> | <p>Assemblies L075, 0617 Assembly 0617/C617, 110th Anniversary Celebration, Kings College, Wilkes-Barre, PA/12:30 Assembly 070/C070, Picnic/Meeting, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 5:30 pm Assembly 0617/C617, Meeting, Grotto Pizza, Edwardsville, PA (TBA) Region 2, Meeting, Perkins Restaurant, Pittston, PA at 1:00 pm</p> |
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| <p>REGION 8 June 9 August 3</p> | <p>Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595 Assembly 0160, Create A Work of Art, Call Erin Katricak at 440-773-0170 Assembly 0432, A Night at the Ballpark at 6:05 pm</p> |
| <p>REGION 14 June 29 July 14 August 4 October 20 November December 8</p> | <p>Assemblies R059, L102 Assembly L102, Iron Pigs Game, Contact Drew Wesnak at 610-428-6540 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</p> |
| <p>REGION 15</p> | <p>Assemblies L002, 0028 No activities at this time</p> |
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From The President's Desk...



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

"As you have probably seen in this issue before reading my article, we lost a true friend not only to the NSS but personally. Dean served the society well for over 20 years as both a Director and Vice President. He will be missed. Deepest sympathies go out to his wife Nancy, his six sons and their families and the entire extended Burns Family. May his soul Rest In Peace."

Greetings from the NSS Home Office, as we enter the first month of summer, which officially starts on Friday, June 21st. Looking forward to a warm and dry summer after a cold and wet winter. Early this month Assembly 617 located in Ashley, Pennsylvania is celebrating their 110th Anniversary with a luncheon. On Friday June 14th, the country celebrates Flag Day so don't forget to fly your flag that day to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14th. On the same day, the United States Army celebrates its birthday.

On Sunday, June 16th, we celebrate Father's Day, a day to honor our fathers if they are still with us and to remember our fathers who have passed. Like Mother's Day, Father's Day has a history that goes well beyond greeting cards. The first known Father's Day service occurred at the Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church South

in Fairmont, West Virginia, on July 5, 1908, thanks to the efforts of Grace Golden Clayton. Mrs. Clayton had asked her pastor, Dr. R. Thomas Webb, if a Sunday service could be held to honor fathers. While missing her own dad, who had died in 1896, Mrs. Clayton especially wanted to have a service in remembrance of the over 200 fathers who had died in the Monongah mining explosion that had occurred a few miles south of Fairmont on December 6th of the previous year. It was the worst mining disaster in U.S. history, killing more than 360 men and boys, and leaving about 1,000 children fatherless. Although the Fairmont service was the first known to honor fathers, it did not turn into an annual event, nor was the idea promoted.

I came across the following quotes that I find to be so true: "A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow", author unknown and this quote by Mark Twain: "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years."

News Of Narodniars

Birthday wishes go out to Honorary Officers Justine Wesnak and Olga Kasnot, Honorary Director Mary Jo Holker, Director Bob Katricak and Mike Czarney, Home Office staff members Jill Grover and Janine Hannan, former staff members Nina DiLelio and June Comfort, and to Blaze Farrell, David Jancisin, Joey Palko, Karyn Moore, Josh Marshall, and Christina Eubank.

Wedding Anniversary wishes go out to and Shannon and Edwin Woods, Justine and Bucky Wesnak, and to Marge and George Leasure. Congratulations to all others celebrating a special occasion this month.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Home Office staff member Pat Glaser and to Bucky Wesnak, and to all other members and friends who may be under the weather.

Punography Of The Month:

I wasn't going to get a brain transplant but then I changed my mind.

NSS Mission In Work

Our Mission statement reads: To provide our fraternal family with a sustainable measure of financial security via life and annuity products, while offering charitable, cultural, social and educational opportunities that benefit our members and their communities. The following organizations have received support from the NSS and its members in our goal to help benefit the communities that our members live in: Slovak Gardens, Redemption Hill Project, St. Nicholas Rectory Fund, Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation, Second Harvest Food Bank, Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Luzerne County, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Marianna United Methodist Church, Chair in Slovak History & Culture at the University of Ottawa, Peters Township Chamber of Commerce, Johnstown Slavic Festival, Habitat for Humanity, Benedict's Men's Club, Drop the Puck on Cancer, Prince of Peace Parish, Loveland Center, Northampton Area Food Bank, Aaron's Acres, The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour, Bridging, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, The Watchful Shepherd USA, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Youngstown Sister Cities Program, Simply Slavic, St. Michael's Cemetery Committee, Operation Support Our Troops-America, Wiregrass Area United Way Food Bank, Camelot For Children, Allentown Rescue Mission, and Fresh Start.

As you see from the lengthy list above, we are accomplishing part of our mission by supporting organizations throughout the country where our members live. Thank you to all who have been involved with any of the above organizations with your support and volunteer work.



A Page From My Notebook...

Linda M. Strom
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO



Happy Father's Day to all "Dads" this month. We depend on you so much for your strength and guidance and you are always there.

June also brings Happy Birthday wishes in our family to two special Dad's and NSS members. My partner Ed Krall celebrates his birthday at the end of the June and my brother Joseph Palko celebrates his birthday at the beginning of June. Love you both and wish you a wonderful Birthday!

2019 Special Olympics

Baldwin High School hosts the Special Olympics event annually for the Pittsburgh area. I have to say that this is the most rewarding and yet humbling experience that I volunteer for. This year attending with me were two members of our NSS Staff: Amanda Zinn and Tracey Bastaroli and my "partner in crime" NSS Member Ed Krall. As you can see by the pictures we had a beautiful day spent with some very special Olympians. I'll let the pictures speak for themselves but if you ever have the opportunity to give of yourself to the Special Olympics you will NEVER regret it. Our thanks goes to Special Olympics volunteer Mary C for her leadership and enthusiasm and to all of the "helpers" who were there with their Olympians to help them win their Gold medal. I can't wait until next year!

Scenes from the Special Olympics



Current Interest Rates Effective July 1, 2018

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

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Helpful Hints about RMDs

Ignoring required minimum distributions for qualified retirement accounts and traditional IRAs is an expensive mistake, yet 62% of participants are unaware of what those are. Required minimum distributions (RMDs) are a set amount of money the IRS says Americans must take from their retirement accounts once they turn 70½ years old. The amount required for withdrawal depends on a formula that looks at the prior year's account balance and account holder's age.

Taxpayers must start taking these withdrawals by April 1 of the year after they turn 70½, although they can take it by the end of the same year if they choose. Thereafter, each distribution must be done by the end of December. If an account holder chooses to take an RMD by April 1 after they turn 70½ (and say they turned 70½ in the prior September), they must take the RMD for the year they turned 70½ as well as for the current year. Taking two RMDs in one year could risk bumping up a tax bracket.

Some of the items to consider with RMD's is timing, should a withdrawal be made early in the year or at year end? We highly recommend putting your RMD on automatic – so that every year the amount is paid out at the same time. Which account should the money be withdrawn from? With multiple accounts the entire RMD may be taken from one. Why not deplete the account paying the least amount of

interest leaving the higher earning account to continue making more money.

Missing an RMD deadline incurs a 50% penalty of whatever the distribution should have been. For example, if an individual should have withdrawn \$5,000 but didn't take anything, she would incur a \$2,500 penalty. If she withdrew \$4,000, she'd incur a \$500 penalty (half of the remaining \$1,000 she was obligated to withdraw). A simple rule here is don't miss an RMD.

The last item to think about is taxes. Your RMD is taxable so be

aware. Two suggestions that may help in regards to taxation are: donating your RMD to charity and the other is converting your IRA to a Roth IRA. This latter one would be taxable initially but may be more beneficial in the long run. NSS always recommends that you consult your tax professional to see how this may affect your particular situation.

NSS can help you with any IRAs. Please call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information.

\$50,000 Youth Term

Congratulations to the class of 2019! Your future is bright and the possibilities are endless. As you further your education in whatever endeavor perhaps this may be a good time to think about life insurance. Knowing full well that you have youth and health on your side this question may come up; "Why do I need life insurance?" Here are a few good points to consider:

1. The cost of insurance has never been less expensive. Now is the time to act because you have youth and health on your side. Later in life some factors may arise that prevent qualifying for life insurance. A health change or a medical impairment may preclude an insurance purchase.

2. A high-risk occupation or avocation is another factor. Some people that pay more for insurance include: coal miners, pilots, divers, etc. However, if you have life insurance before you start doing any of these events then it doesn't matter and you are covered.

3. Youthfulness means that the cost of insurance is at the lowest possible rate. As a person ages the cost become greater. So why wait and pay more?

We have one of the finest plans money can buy especially for young people. The \$50,000 youth term plan is available to anyone in good health from ages 0 to 22. The cost for this plan is \$50 per year or a \$500 one-time payment.

Here are some other pluses to this program:

- Premium payments are only made through age 25.
- Insurance protection runs to age 30 (a current fraternal benefit with no payments needed from ages 26 to 30)
- Convertible term; so any time prior to age 30 this plan can be changed into a permanent plan of insurance. Permanent plans build cash or loan values that may be used for future purposes; retirement or emergencies. Life insurance also helps establish a thrifty attitude about money. It may very well be the foundation of a good financial plan. Let us help you get started on the road to financial independence. For more information, please contact your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the, Home Office.



Thought For The Month:

If you can't explain it simply; you don't understand it well enough.

Albert Einstein – physicist (1879 – 1955)

Field Development Manager Jeff DeSantes, FIC (on the right) visits with Greg Carter and the staff at SLP Agency in Asheboro, NC. Simple Life Planning specializes in protecting your future with life insurance, health, retirement, auto, home and business.

National Slovak Society

54th Annual Golf Tournament

July 12 – 14, 2019
Hospitality Night Friday 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
DuBois Country Club

DuBois Country Club
 10 Lakeside Ave
 DuBois PA 15801

Room accommodations provided by
 Comfort Suites
 8 Lakeside Dr
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 814-375-6028

Please mention NSS to receive the discounted rate
 Room Rates: \$89 King - \$99 2 queens + tax per night
Deadline for Hotel Reservations is June 12, 2019

| Name | Address | Phone | E-mail | Assembly |
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GOLFERS: Please choose ALL that apply & indicate number participating

___ Saturday only Competition - \$55.00

___ Saturday and Sunday Competition - \$110.00 (Sunday will be a scramble)

___ Skins (Saturday Only) - \$5.00 (Optional)

___ Par 3 Challenge \$10.00 (Optional)

___ Senior Flight Men 65+ (Optional)

___ Will attend Friday Hospitality Night (DuBois Country Club)

___ Will attend Saturday Banquet (list dinner attendees)

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

Deadline is **June 17, 2019**

Please make checks payable to: **NSS Life**

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

NON-GOLFERS:

Please Choose ALL that apply & indicate number attending

___ Adult Guest Dinners @ \$30.00 (Golfers meal included in entry fee)

___ Youth (13-17) Guest Dinners @ \$20.00

___ Child (12 & under) FREE

___ Will attend Friday Hospitality Night

___ Hole Sponsor @ \$100 per hole

Name for sign: _____

\$ _____ **TOTAL INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM**

Friday Practice Tee Times Available at 12:00 p.m.
 Call the Pro Shop at 814-371-7540

Annual NSS National Golf Tournament

Men's and Women's Official Rules and Regulations

1. The tournament is open to all members and one time guests of the National Slovak Society and its Youth Circles. There must be at least four Youth golfers officially entered to have a youth class. To protect the amateur standing of these youth, no prize money will be collected from nor paid to them.
2. United States Golf Association (USGA) and host golf course rules will govern play, except the following:
 - Jungle Golf, improve lie within 12" except in hazards.
 - Lost Ball; play from area where ball was last seen and take 1 stroke penalty.
 - Out of Bounds; play from where ball goes out and take 1 stroke penalty.
 - Ball in Water Hazard; drop where ball went in and take 1 stroke penalty.
3. Handicaps will be determined as follows:
 - A. All male regular division golfers will play in three flights as determined by handicap. The golfer's first handicap will be determined after he/she has completed 54 holes of tournament play in the NSS National Golf Tournament unless golfer has a U.S.G.A. index from their home course. The golfer's handicap will be recalculated every year based on the golfer's best 54 holes in tournament play within the last five years. The handicap will be calculated on a 90% basis. The maximum handicap will be 40 strokes for 18 holes.
 - B. Any male golfer who has not completed 54 holes of tournament play in the NSS National Golf Tournament will be entered in the Callaway division using the NSS version of the Callaway scoring system, unless they have a U.S.G.A. index.
 - C. Senior Men's Division (65 and over) will also play using handicaps as determined above. There will be only one flight in the Senior Division unless the number of participants warrants 2 divisions. Forward tees will be used.
 - D. All female member golfers will compete with the handicap determined as above. The maximum handicap will be 40 strokes for 18 holes.
 - E. Any female golfer who has not completed 54 holes of play in the NSS National Golf tournament will be placed in the Callaway division.
4. Classifications:

A medal play champion will be determined for 18 holes in each of the following Divisions:*

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

*Flight handicaps will be determined by number of entries and their handicaps.
Champion's for each flight will receive an NSS Jacket, and Prize money. Prize money will depend on the number of participants in each flight.
5. In case of a tie for first place in any flight, both in the 18 hole and 36 hole tournament, a sudden death playoff will be used starting on a hole acceptable to the golf course management. If weather or darkness does not permit an actual playoff, a match of cards will be used starting with the number 1 handicap hole and proceeding with number 2, 3, 4, etc. until the tie is broken.
6. All other ties will split the applicable prize money. (e.g., two people tied for second will split second and third prize money. Three people tied for second would split second, third and fourth place prize money.)
7. The prize list will be determined by the tournament manager using the money contributed by the contestants and matching money contributed by the NSS for all member golfers. As nearly as possible, there will be one prize for each four entries. NSS does not match guest prize contributions.
8. The tournament manager will schedule tee times and pairings.
9. The Joseph Stefka Sr. Memorial plaque will be awarded to the low net winner of the 18 hole tournament. In case of a tie, the lower handicap will be the winner.
10. Golfers with long distances to travel will be given some preferential treatment for Sunday tee times, providing that the scheduling will not disrupt the efficiency of the tournament.
11. ENTRIES WILL CLOSE – JUNE 17, 2019

See Scramble Rules on following page

Scramble Rules

Sunday's play at the National Golf Tournament will be a Scramble using the following rules:

1. Each team will consist of four players selected by the tournament director. Selection will be made on the basis of handicap. All divisions will be merged for the scramble.
2. The number of teams will be equal to one fourth of the number of golfers. If the number of golfers is uneven, there will be some adjustment to allow everyone to play.
3. The method of selection will be as follows:
 - a. Beginning with the lowest handicap, Captains will be selected for each team.
 - b. The number two player for each team will be placed on team in reverse order. (Lowest handicap will be on the last team selected in the first round.)
 - c. The number three player for each team will be selected in the same order as the Captains.
 - d. The number four player will be placed in the same order as the number two players.
 - e. The order of play within a team will be determined by the Captain.
4. On every par three hole, everyone will play his/her own ball and the total of the best two (2) scores will be entered on the card.
5. Prize money will be paid to one place for each four teams entered. (16 teams = 4 places paid, etc.) Total prize money will be \$10.00 per player plus NSS matching funds for each member entered. The prize money split within a team will be adjusted to comply with the rule that guests are not eligible for NSS matching funds.

2018 Joseph Stefka Memorial Award Winner



The 2018 winner of the Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial Golf Award, Christopher Batyko, is pictured above receiving the award from Chairman of the Board Joseph Stefka, Jr. Christopher, with a net score of 132 over the two-day 36 hole tournament, is a first-time winner of the award. The 2018 National Golf Tournament at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course marked the 25th year the Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial Award was presented by the Stefka family. Since its inception in 1994, a total of 21 different golfers have won the award, with four golfers, Dave Blazek, Jim Morehart, Albert Suess, and Rick Zbin winning the award twice. Competition for the 26th Anniversary Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial Award will take place at the 2019 NSS National Golf Tournament held the weekend of July 12-14, 2019, at Dubois Country Club in Dubois, Pennsylvania. Please join us in Dubois for a great weekend of fun, fraternalism, and golf.

Assembly L102 Easter Egg Hunt



Another successful Easter Egg Hunt. The rain cleared just in time. Youth members had a great time looking for the eggs.



This Month in National Slovak Society History

Joseph Stefka, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

June, 1901

The Eighth Convention of the National Slovak Society was held June 3-8, 1901, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Anton S. Ambrose was elected as President at the convention.

June, 1966

Plans were being formulated for the inaugural NSS National Golf Tournament to be held in September.

June, 1979

The National Slovak Society moved to its new Home Office located at 2325 East Carson Street in Pittsburgh's Southside from Court Place on the weekend of June 2, 1979.

June, 1979

National Slovak Society President Joseph Stefka, along with leaders of other ethnic fraternal societies, attended a breakfast at the White House at the invitation of President Jimmy Carter. The event was held for the purpose of establishing lines of communication between the White House and fraternal societies of ethnic origin. The conference was addressed by Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

April, 2019

| Name | City and State | Date of Death | Assembly |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------|
| Adamec, Rev. Joseph V | Hollidaysburg, PA | 03/20/2019 | L102 |
| Anderson, Raymond | Ernest, PA | 02/24/2019 | 0774 |
| Arnold, Arlene | Lebanon, PA | 03/14/2019 | 0774 |
| Barengo, Mildred | Pahrump, NV | 03/17/2019 | 0774 |
| Bell, Agnes | Bartlett, IL | 01/03/2019 | 0586 |
| Blaydes, Elizabeth | Bluefield, WV | 03/09/2019 | 0774 |
| Bobby, Martha | Gahanna, OH | 04/01/2019 | 0070 |
| Brady, Margaret | Callahan, FL | 10/22/2018 | 0381 |
| Brown, Alice | New Martinsville, WV | 03/21/2019 | 0774 |
| Brown, Joy | Green Bay, WI | 03/03/2019 | 0774 |
| Buzzacco, Ralph | Youngstown, OH | 03/27/2019 | 0731 |
| Como, Fenicia Rosa "Fannie" | McKeesport, PA | 10/20/2018 | 0108 |
| Drzyzga Sr., Paul A | Essexville, MI | 02/18/2019 | 0381 |
| English, Georgiana | Carp Lake, MI | 03/27/2019 | 0381 |
| Folkens, Wilma | Cincinnati, OH | 03/13/2019 | 0595 |
| Fox, Elmer | Rochester, PA | 04/03/2019 | 0774 |
| Fritch, Kenneth | Coraopolis, PA | 02/19/2019 | 0123 |
| Gabrys, Anthony | Wauchula, FL | 03/26/2019 | 0617 |
| Grubich, George | Crest Hill, IL | 03/14/2019 | 0586 |
| Hanifan, Janette | McBain, MI | 03/24/2019 | 0381 |
| Jurik, Louise | Donora, PA | 03/21/2019 | 0377 |
| Kelley, Lois | Carlisle, PA | 03/18/2019 | L040 |
| Kern, Charles | Charlotte, NC | 03/11/2019 | 0774 |
| Knezevich, William | Lansing, IL | 02/04/2019 | 0586 |
| Kozub, Shirley | Saltsburg, PA | 01/25/2019 | L105 |
| Kunin, Calvin | Boca Raton, FL | 02/18/2019 | 0813 |
| Kurovsky, James | Hanover Twp, PA | 03/11/2019 | 0617 |
| Levandoski, Edna | Luzerne, PA | 04/08/2019 | 0617 |
| Lori, James | Belle Vernon, PA | 03/10/2019 | 0377 |
| Malinzak, Frank | Dauphin, PA | 03/24/2019 | 0039 |
| Miller, Mark | Hulbert, OK | 03/05/2019 | 0434 |
| Miller, Noble | Greenville, PA | 02/17/2019 | 0731 |
| Moros, Helen A | Clarksville, MD | 03/11/2019 | 0100 |
| Morris, Phillip | Industry, PA | 12/22/2018 | 0123 |
| Mudron, Andrew | Monessen, PA | 03/24/2019 | 0377 |
| Nicklas, John | Fort Myers, FL | 01/26/2019 | 0800 |
| Niece, Sylvia | Melbourne, FL | 03/03/2019 | 0595 |
| Niemann, Coletta | Sun Prairie, WI | 02/11/2019 | 0774 |
| North, Lucille | Punxsutawney, PA | 03/11/2019 | 0554 |
| O Keefe, Julia | West Mifflin, PA | 03/18/2019 | L161 |
| Plaunt, Ruth | Cheboygan, MI | 03/19/2019 | 0381 |
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| Weikle, Betty | Racine, WV | 03/07/2019 | 0774 |
| Wellman, V Lorene | Hastings, MI | 02/22/2019 | 0381 |
| Wheaton, Robert | Hermitage, PA | 02/02/2019 | 0731 |
| Wilson, Frank | Beaver Falls, PA | 02/20/2019 | 0123 |
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Life hint

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



LIFE HAPPENS.
A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

ASSEMBLY 039 Uniontown, PA

Thank you to those members that came out to participate in the "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

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. From Uniontown it is a thirty minute drive up Route 51 just beyond the intersection of Interstate 70 and Route 51. The date is Sunday, **August 18th**. 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 Thursday, **July 18th**!

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

Youth members that are currently receiving an NSS Scholarship are reminded that July 15th is the deadline to continue to receive your scholarship in the Fall.

Circle **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.

Finally we have **changed the TIME** of our "Annual Christmas Party" on Sunday, **December 2nd** from **2:00 pm to 1:00 pm**.

NSS Board Member Susan Ondrejco and her husband, Rudy will present a program celebrating our Slovak heritage. Please note the change so that

you are not late!!

Remember to celebrate the "Grand Old Flag"!

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY R059 Bethlehem, PA

A 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 picnic and meeting will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio at 5:30 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.

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. We also had our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

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

As promised, Mary Maniecki has come up with a couple of new and interesting activities for our assembly. How about a visit to a winery? Yes, mark your calendar for Sunday, **June 23rd** at 1:00 pm at the Narcisi Winery, 4578 Gibsonia Rd. (Route 910) in Gibsonia, Pa 15044. Mary assured me this

is a very nice place and you are sure to enjoy your visit. There is wine tasting and entertainment from 2:00-5:00 pm. On the 23rd the entertainment will be some fine Italian music; sorry I couldn't get a polka band. Any member who comes will get a \$15 gift certificate which they can use to purchase wine or pay for a meal. There is a restaurant attached to the winery. Check them out on the internet and call Mary at 412-264-3546 to let her know you are coming. She can also give you more details about Narcisi.

July is busy with the NSS Golf Tournament, July 12-14 at the DuBois Country Club. Thursday, July 18th is Slovak Day at Kennywood Park and the assembly is subsidizing both of these events. Call me at 724-242-5085 if you plan to attend the golf tournament or need tickets to Kennywood. Well, Mary will keep you busy in July. She has arranged for the assembly to see the play "Mama Mia" at the Carnegie Library auditorium, Stage 62, 300 Beechwood Ave., Carnegie, PA 15106, on Sunday, **July 21st** at 2:00 pm. Tickets provided by Assembly 123 but you must call Mary so we have an exact count. Good job Mary!

June 16th is Father's Day so to all you dads in our assembly a big shout out. It's your day. May you fully enjoy it, you earned it!

I just want to mention a couple of our faithful members, Amy Cue & Helen Cipollone who attend many of our events. I was happy to run into them at Benedum Center for the Performing Arts where they volunteer. They have the true spirit of fraternalism.

Hello to Mary Ann Pankowski who gives me a call and lets me know she reads my article in the magazine. Thanks, that was nice to know. I hope you enjoy it, all the best to you.

Bill Knoll
President

Life hint

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



ASSEMBLY 160 Lorain, OH

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

Erin Katricak
Activities Director

ASSEMBLY 381 Grosse Ile, MI

A meeting will be held on **June 15, 2019** at Big Bear Lodge, Telegraph Road (between West Road and Van Horn), Woodhaven, Michigan at 1:00 pm. Please call Joanne Medved if you plan to attend by June 10, 2019 at 734-676-2199 or email jtm1849@gmail.com

Joanne T. Medved
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 432 Fairview Park, OH

Our new event will be "A Night at The Ballpark." We will be going to a Lake Erie Crushers game on August 3rd at 6:05 pm. Mark your calendar, because you do not want to miss this event! Food, drinks, and much more will be included. Details to follow!

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

Shawn Pytel
Publicist

ASSEMBLY 554 Curwensville, PA

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

Jim Stricek
Secretary-Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 568 LaCanada, CA

Our Annual Father's Day Mass and meeting will be held on Sunday, **June 16th**, at John Paul Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda, CA. The Slovak Mass will begin at 1:30 pm and a Slovak lunch will be served after the mass. Come and celebrate the Slovak Spirit of Father's Day.

We hope to see you all there and would like to wish everyone a very special Father's Day.

John Dorusinec
President

ASSEMBLY 586 Chicago, IL

A meeting and activity to collect items for troops will be held on Sunday, **June 9th**, at the Home Run Inn, 7521 Lemont Road, Darien, Illinois at 12:00 Noon.

Please try to attend.

Irene Tomaskovic
Vice President

ASSEMBLY 617/C617 Ashley, PA

110th Anniversary Celebration

Our assembly held our meeting/luncheon at the Pierce St. Deli, Kingston, PA on Thursday, April 25, 2019. We prayed for our members John Ostrowski who is home recovering and his wife, Mary Ann who is caring for him.

We discussed our **June 2, 2019** celebration of our 110th Assembly Anniversary. It will be held at the Snyder Banquet Room at the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Complex at King's College, Franklin Street entrance, Wilkes-Barre, PA. We will have a Lunch Buffet from 12:30 to 3:30 pm and a Raffle Matching Fund for the PVR Scholarship Fund. Our Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, Linda Strom and Sales Director, Greg Felton plan to attend to represent the Home Office.

We will also hold a Matching Fund for El Salvador at our Knoebel's Fraternal Day the beginning of August. We need to set a date for Knoebel's and our Join Hands Day Fraternal Event at

the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen. We sponsor them for the day with our donation and serve them.

We enjoyed our lunch and fraternalism as we look forward to celebrate our Assembly's Anniversary.

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

Rose Mary Strish
President

ASSEMBLY 737 Westmoreland County, PA

A meeting will be held on **June 22, 2019** at the home of Carol Godor, 9280 Clubview Drive, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm.

We would like to have some type of Summer gathering following the meeting.

If you plan on attending, please call me at 724-863-9662 by June 7, 2019 so we can plan accordingly. By that time we should have more details for you.

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

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.

Events from Assembly 731 Join Hands On Earth Day

Members of Assembly 731 volunteered to help others in the community planting trees at the Poland Township Park on Earth Day. The group planted 100 Austrian Pines to help protect against erosion while enhancing the natural beauty to the Park.



After planting trees, Ashlynn and Cameron Mason enjoyed a walk along the Park trails lined with 11,000 daffodils.

As the winter weather was finally finished in NE Ohio, members began to enjoy outdoor spring activities. Summer activities are still in the planning stages and members should watch the NSS newsletter and our Facebook page for details about a picnic, fishing, an amusement park day together, and a movie night.



Ashlynn Mason joined others in the community on Earth Day to plant trees as future protection from wind and erosion on the hill.



Cameron Mason helped with the tree planting by removing the tags as the trees were planted.

News from Assembly 813

Members of Assembly #813 gathered for the Spring Social on April 20th. There was an abundance of food, thanks to our captive award-winning chef, Kerry Farrell, who also sets a very pretty, decorative table. Following the meal there were corn hole game challenges, with the ultimate winners being Kerry and Blaze Farrell. Discussions around the fire pit later included updates on various assembly activities which are reported later in this issue. Everyone appreciated the "sticky notes" booklets from the Home Office.



Ken Arambasic leads the Loveland Center Choir

The Loveland Center Spring concert, under the tutelage of Ken Arambasic, took place on May 2nd at the Lamoureaux Auditorium. The theme was "Music Makes My Heart Sing". About 35 or 40 enthusiastic performers were well received by an appreciative audience that numbered more than 300, an increase over last year. The Loveland Center is a facility in Venice, FL that helps individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities live their lives to the fullest. Since 1962, Loveland Center has been an agent for change for the population they serve. We are happy to support the Loveland Center with the NSS Matching Funds program. The concert raised \$625 for the music programs at Loveland Center.

The "Make Every Can Count" aluminum can drive finished on April 30th. The amount raised for the benefit for the South Sarasota County Habitat for Humanity chapter was \$433.75. This is a Matching Funds effort which will be matched according to the NSS guidelines. Over the years we have managed to give over \$10,000. Kind of makes a person feel good about making the effort to help others.

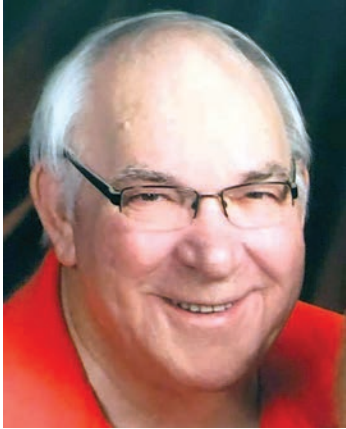
We will have helped others by the time this is printed, because our Join Hands Day Project is the Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger annual food drive. This is the largest one day food drive in the country, and we all able to help those in our communities who are less fortunate. Again, that's what we as NSS members do. Have a happy and safe summer.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary



IN MEMORIAM

DEAN A. BURNS, HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT



It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of our Honorary Vice-President, Dean A. Burns on May 7, 2019 at the age of 84, at the Mike Conley Hospice House in Clermont, Florida. A prayer service will be held on Saturday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m. at Kirila Funeral Home, Inc., Struthers, Ohio followed by a Funeral Mass at Christ Our Savior Parish, St. Nicholas

Church at 10:00 am. He was born in Struthers, Ohio on October 12, 1934, the third of eight children of Herbert and Mary Burns.

On November 27, 1954, he married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Mihalko, who preceded him in death on November 7, 2011.

Dean is survived by his second wife, Nancy Lancaster of Davenport, Florida, where they resided after their marriage on October 20, 2014. He is also survived by his six sons, Christopher (Nancy) of Howell, Michigan, Daniel (Mary Louise) of Painesville, David (Michele) of Northfield, Richard (Susan) of Poland, Andrew (Mary Terese) of Greer, South Carolina and Alan (Justina) of Las Vegas, Nevada; by his 15 grandchildren, Danielle (Mike) Dixon, Rachel (Brad) Wilson, Nicole Correa, Stephanie Burns, Jennifer (Chuck Terry) Burns, Kelly (Kyle Ollis) Burns, Eric Burns, Teresa Burns, Michelle Burns, Jonathon Burns, Sarah Burns, Andrew Burns, Jr., Kayleigh Burns, Maxwell Burns and Vivienne Burns and by his four great-grandchildren, Trevor and Nolan Dixon and Helen and Walter Wilson.

Dean is also survived by his two brothers, Bob (Caroline) of Tucson, Arizona and Jim (Mary) of Grand Rapids, Michigan; his two sisters, Mary Jo Holker of Englewood, Florida and Sue Burns of Hubbard, Ohio; his two sisters-in-law, Ruth (Ferry) Burns of Poland Ohio and Martha (Groves) Burns of Marshall, Michigan, as well as several nieces, nephews and extended family.

In addition to his parents and first wife, Nancy, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Loren Burns, Tom Burns and Jon Burns.

After graduating in 1952 from Struthers High School, Dean entered the U.S. Navy and served three years as an Aviation Electronics Technician.

On completion of his military service, Dean earned a Bachelor's degree in Education from Youngstown State University and did graduate work at Slippery Rock State University.

Dean taught high school English for 30 years and retired from the Struthers City School District in 1992. He placed a high value on providing service to others and was active in many areas. Education and coaching were a passion of Dean's and he coached both boys and girls in several sports, including basketball, tennis, baseball, football and cheerleading.

Dean was a delegate at the National Education Association (NEA) and served in leadership roles at the Struthers Education Association and the Northeast Ohio Education Association, always working to continually improve public education in northeastern Ohio.

While teaching, he worked as an agent for several life insurance companies before joining NSS Life, first as an agent and board member, before becoming Vice President of the company. While working for the NSS, Dean served as National Fraternal Director for several years and earned the Fraternal Insurance Counselor designation. He has served as President and as a board member of both the Ohio FIC's and the Ohio Fraternal Congress. In 2008, he was voted by the Ohio Fraternal Congress as Fraternalist of the Year. He was also the past president of the National Fraternal Congress of America Fraternal section.

After retiring from teaching, Dean became involved in many community service endeavors, including serving as chairman of the City of Struthers Civil Service Commission, with responsibility for conducting examination for every civil service position in the City and the School district. For many years, he was chairman of the Mahoning Valley Fair Housing Association, which was responsible for investigating complaints of housing discrimination and mediating disputes. He was also elected to the Struthers School Board of Education.

In later years, he volunteered his time with three Habitat for Humanity blitz builds with the NFCA and he worked several times in assisting Jubilee Ministries in Washington, D.C.

In honor of his brother, Jon, Dean helped start the annual Jon Burns Memorial Golf Tournament and raised funds for the American Heart Association for over 25 years. Dean was also one of the founders of the Struthers Baseball League, which conducts baseball for over 500 boys and girls in Struthers.

Dean was a member of the Christ Our Savior Parish (formerly St. Nicholas Church) and the Knights of Columbus in Struthers.

The family would like to thank the wonderful caregivers at the Mike Conley Hospice House, part of Cornerstone Hospice & Palliative Care in Clermont, Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to the NSS PVR Scholarship Fund, 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA 15317 or to Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care, 2100 Oakley Boulevard, Clermont, FL 34711.



"I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep, but memories we've shared are yours to keep."

2019 NSS Spring Family Fun Event





Jún.... je mesiacom ruže

Obľúbená kvetina mnohých milovníkov záhrad - ruža s krásnymi kvetmi - premení každú záhradu v malý raj. Ruže dosahujú svoj prvý vrchol kvitnutia v júni; nie je to náhoda, že je tento letný mesiac často nazývaný "mesiacom ruží". Ruže – sú symbolom najvyššej dokonalosti. V západnej tradícii sa považuje za najkrajší kvet pričom úlohu zohráva aj farba. Žltá ruža symbolizovala že ju posielal žiarlivec a sok, zatiaľ čo kytica bielych ruží znamenala, že si odosielateľ váži čistotu toho, komu ju dáva. Červená ruža predstavovala predovšetkým vášeň a bola symbolom bohýň lásky a v umení atribútom Venuše. Je mystickým symbolom túžby srdca po dokonalom ľúbostnom splnutí.. V básňach je metaforou krásy milovanej osoby. Ukladali sa na rímske hroby ako prejav smútku. Nesymbolizovali len bolestivú krátkosť života, ale aj nádej na pokračovanie života v inom svete. Ruža uprostred kríža je tiež symbolom Rozekrucianov a predstavuje Kristovo srdce, božie svetlo uprostred kola života.

96 Slovenský deň Západnej Pennsylvanie

Dávame na vedomie slovenskej verejnosti v Pgh,a okolí, že tohtoročný 96 Slovenský deň Západnej Pennsylvanie bude 18. toho Júla v známom Kennywood Parku. Vstupné lístky sú v predaji od členov pripraveného výboru tie si rezervujte u Sue Ondrejco na čísle 412 421-1204. Po tomto kontakte možno vložiť aj váš pozdrav alebo ohlásku do pamätnice Slovenského dňa.



Na obrázku directori Andrea Garbon a Sue Ondrejco reprezentujú múzeum NSS pri príležitosti veľkonočných tradícií pri osadi Prince of Peace v Pittsburghu.

Jún – mesiac Božského Srdca Ježišovo

“Vyzývam Vás, drahí bratia a sestry, hľadieť s dôverou na Božské Srdce Ježišovo a často opakovať v mesiaci júni: Najsvätejšie Srdce Ježišovo, v teba dôverujem” (sv. Ján Pavol II.)



Deň Otcov 16.6

Nezabudnite v tento deň na svojho otca, venujte mu možno malú pozornosť, fotografiu v rámečku, čokoládku... Alebo sa na neho len milo usmejte a porozprávajte mu o tom, ako veľmi ho milujete, ako mu ďakujete za všetko, čo pre vás urobil, otvorte svoje srdce a do hĺbkosti svojho pohľadu prelejte všetku svoju lásku, ktorú cítite k človeku, ktorý vám spolu s vašou mamou darovali to najdrahšie - ľudský život.



Nezabúdajme ani na tých otcov, starých otcov, ktorí už nemôžu sledovať vaše kroky, tešiť sa z vašich úspechov, zahojiť rany na

duši, lebo nás už predišli do večnosti. Venujme im spomienku i modlitbu.

A samozrejme, nezabúdajme ani na nášho Nebeského Otca, lebo od neho pochádza všetko, on je začiatok i koniec. "On obráti srdce otcov k synom a srdce synov k otcom..." (Mal 3,24)

Pripomeňme si aspoň niekoľko pranostík, ktoré sa spájajú s týmto mesiacom.

1. Na Božie telo skoč do vody smelo.
2. Medardova kvapka štyridsať dní kvapká.
3. Na Jána dost' dlhý deň, a predsa mu je koniec.
4. Ladislav huby sial, Peter, Pavol ich pozbieral.
5. Jún mokrý a studený robí rok hubený.

Medzinárodný deň detí

Medzinárodný deň detí (MDD) je sviatok detí, ktorý sa oslavuje v mnohých krajinách sveta. Medzinárodný deň detí sa zvyčajne (ale nie všade) oslavuje 1. júna. Na Slovensku (a v niektorých ďalších krajinách bývalého sovietskeho bloku) sa slávi od roku 1952.



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:

\$ _____

Please issue your check to:
NSS PVR Scholarship Fund

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

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 indicat-

ing 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.

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

PVR Scholarship Fund Donations

In Memory of **Louis Ansell, Margaret Conboy, Marcia Demchak and Richard Phillips:**

From Assembly 0123 80.00

In Honor of **Bill Del Monaco's 65th Birthday:**

From Lyle and Jill Grover 25.00

Donations:

Sue Ondrejco 100.00
Nina DiLelio 50.00



Memorial Tree Leaf Donations April, 2019

John & Priscilla Bucek 500.00

2019 Slovak Tours

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

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

15th Consular Tour of Slovakia - (July 13-27, 2019)

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



Youth Circle Page

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Congratulations to the Class of 2019

Assembly 0731



Assembly 731 newest members, Jacob Estes and Octavia Smallwood, enjoyed a visit from the Easter Bunny (Rachel Draa) on Easter at their Great-Grandma Ruth Burns' home.

Congratulations

Wyatt and Cody Abrachinsky, great grandsons of the late Violet Tomolovski of Bethlehem, will graduate with honors from Moravian College on May 11th. Wyatt will receive a BA in English, while Cody will receive a BA in Fine Arts.

Violet was a member of Assembly R059 and served as a Convention delegate for many years. She had the insight to buy insurance policies and education annuities for each of the twins when they were born. Hats off to your wonderful organization and the excellent products that helped make their college educations possible.

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.