

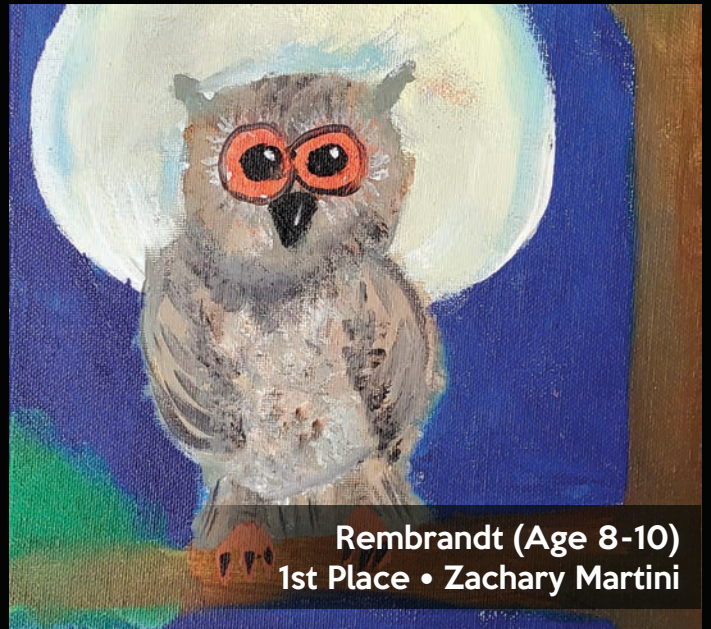


NSS Life
Family Matters...

Národné Noviny



Picasso (Age 5-7)
1st Place • Aubriana Martini



Rembrandt (Age 8-10)
1st Place • Zachary Martini

2019 ART CONTEST WINNERS

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Michelangelo (Age 11-13)
1st Place • Addison Draa



Van Gogh (Age 14-16)
1st Place • Mary Kopchick

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Activities At A Glance

REGION 2

September 7
November 3
November 10

Assemblies L075, 0617

Assembly 0617, Meeting at Grotto Pizza, Edwardsville at 12:30 pm
Region 2, Bone Appetit, Woodlands Inn & Resort, Wilkes Barre, PA at 4:00 pm
Region 2, Purse Bingo, Eagle McClure Hose Company, Old Forge, PA at 1:00 pm

REGION 5

September 8
September 15
September 28
October 5
October 6
October 13
November 16
December 1
December 1

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

Assembly 0039, Flight 93 Memorial Dinner, Eat'n Park, Uniontown, PA at 6:00 pm
Assembly 0588, Meeting, Panera Bread (Community Room), Pgh, PA at 3:00 pm
NSS Heritage Museum Septemberfest, Home Office, McMurray, PA (11 am- 4:00 pm)
Assembly 0737, Meeting, Godor's residence, N. Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0377, Meeting, China City Buffet, Washington, PA at 3:00 pm
Region 5 Meeting, NSS Home Office, McMurray, PA at 1:00 pm
Fall Board Meeting, NSS 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 pm

REGION 8

September 14
October 27

Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595

Assembly 0070, Meeting/Pot Luck Dinner, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 5:00 pm
Assembly 0432, Fall Festival, Rockin-R-Ranch, Stanton, OH at 12 Noon

REGION 14

October 20
November
December 8

Assemblies R059, L102

Assembly R059, Hot Dog Luncheon, St. Nicholas R O Church, Bethlehem, PA at 11:00 am
Assembly R059, One Can Help Food Drive (Date, Time & Location to be announced)
Assembly R059, Meeting, Time and Location to be announced

REGION 15

Assemblies L002

No Activities at this time

AT LARGE

September 1
September 21
October 5
October 12
October 27
December 7
December 24
December 21

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 0381, Meeting, T.V. Deli, Trenton, MI at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm
Assembly 0586, Meeting/Activity, Home Run Inn, Darien, IL at 11:45 am
Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck's residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Boardman Park, Boardman, OH at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0705, Annual Christmas Eve Celebration, Buck's residence at 6:00 pm
Assembly 0381, Meeting, Sibley Gardens, Trenton, MI at 4:00 pm

From The President's Desk...



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

Greetings from the Home Office of the National Slovak Society, a.k.a. NSS Life. I write you today after having 7 days of sun and no rain. What a nice stretch of weather we are experiencing. By now, all of our young folks have started back to school and I wish each and every one of them a most successful school year. Thinking back to when I was young and in school, by the end of August I was always ready for school to start. Another thing I remember is that it seemed like the school year lasted forever, time went slowly during my school years. As one ages, it seems that time keeps going faster and faster. Last year I attended my high school 50th reunion. It was a lot of fun seeing classmates, some that I had not seen in 50 years. My advice to our youth is to not wish your life away, enjoy your days in school, you will have many memories to look back on in the future. At the end of my column this month, I am going to share with our youth a poem that has been printed in our publication before but is worth reprinting for any of our youth that haven't read it.

This month as the summer winds down, we will celebrate Labor Day on September 2nd.

On September 8th, Assembly 0039 will hold a Flight 93 Memorial Dinner and on September 28th, Septemberfest will take place at the Home Office. This is the 8th year that Septemberfest has been held and each year the event grows in the number of attendees and vendors. Under the direction of Director Sue Ondrejco and with the help of her family, this event is one you don't want to miss. It is open to the public and there is no admission to attend. There

will be entertainment, games and crafts for the kids as well as the adults. And of course we will have ethnic foods and pastries for sale and cooking demonstrations, as well as items imported from Slovakia available for purchase. The event will run from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. so bring your family and friends and I look forward to greeting you on Saturday, September 28th.

News Of Narodniars

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to our Secretary/Treasurer, Linda Strom who is at home recovering from a car accident, Carol Godor from a recent fall, and to Justine Wesnak who has had a rough year health wise. Also best wishes go out to Michael Lako and Rose Mary Strish who have recently been diagnosed with serious health issues. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you and any other NSS Life members with health issues.

Happy Birthday to Honorary Officer Paul Payerchin, Past Director Gary Cepko, Sales Director Greg Felton, Controller Donna Tenney, staff members Tracey Bastaroli and Linda Buono, members Mary Cambest, Millie Havir, John Palko, Michael Eubank, Chris Katricak, Susan Knoll, and to granddaughter Charlotte Lavin and son-in-law Edwin Woods.

Happy Anniversary to Director Bob Katricak and wife Chris, Monica and Frank Stanitski and to my wife Fran, as we celebrate our 24th anniversary.

Congratulations to Sharon and Drew Wesnak on the birth of great granddaughter McKenna who was born in late July.

Summer Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met on Saturday, August 10th for our Summer Board Meeting. Some of the highlights of the meeting were the report of the 2nd Quarter results which will be reported by our Secretary/Treasurer in detail. Our growth for 2019 is on pace with projections and expenses are being held in check. The Board voted

unanimously to hold the interest rates on annuities for the near term and to monitor closely any drops in the Fed rate going forward with the option of calling a special meeting to discuss our crediting rates we give our members. Sales for the first half of 2019 have been steady. Our next Board meeting will be held in November.

For Our Youth

*As promised, this poem "On Drinking".
Please have your children read this.*

*I went to a party mom, I remembered
what you said, you told me not to drink mom,
so I drank soda instead.*

*I felt proud inside mom, the way you said
I would, I didn't drink and drive mom, even
though the others said I should.*

*I know I did the right thing mom, I know
you're always right. Now the party is finally
ending mom, everyone drives out of sight.*

*I got into my car mom, I knew I'd get
home in one piece, because of the way you
raised me mom, so responsible and sweet.*

*I started to drive away mom, but as I
pulled onto the road, the other car didn't see
me mom, and it hit me like a load.*

*I just wanted to tell you mom, I swear I
didn't drink. It was the others mom, the others
didn't think.*

*He didn't know where he was going
mom, he was probably at the same party as
I. The only difference is mom, he drank and I
will die.*

*Why do people drink mom, it can ruin
your whole life. I'm feeling sharp pains now
mom, pains just like a knife.*

*The guy who hit me is walking mom, I
don't think it's fair, I'm lying here dying mom,
while all he can do is stare.*

*Tell my brother not to cry mom, tell
daddy to be brave, and when I get to heaven
mom, write "Daddy's Girl" on my grave.*

*Someone should have told him mom, not
to drink and drive, if only they'd have taken
the time mom, I would still be alive.*

*My breath is getting shorter mom, I'm
becoming very scared, please don't cry for me
mom, because when I needed you, you were
always there.*

*I have one last question mom, before I say
good-bye, I didn't drink mom, so why am I to
die?*

Author Unknown

Punography Of The Month:

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

2019 2nd Qtr Financial Statement Recap

Statement as of June 30, 2019

	Jun 2019	Dec 2018		Jun 2019	Dec 2018
Net Admitted Assets:			Summary of Operations:		
Bonds	\$1,209,442,337	\$1,178,134,883	INCOME:		
Preferred Stocks	200,000	250,000	Premium & Annuity Considerations	\$88,758,616	\$152,103,623
Common Stocks	3,866,739	2,264,456	Net Investment Income	27,470,489	53,464,000
Mortgage Loans on Real Est	6,537,265	6,360,129	Amortization of Interest		
Certificate Loans	1,010,777	1,054,234	Maintenance Reserve	229,610	458,348
Real Est Occupied by Society	670,286	680,964	Income Sub-Total	\$116,458,715	\$206,025,971
Cash on Deposit	18,897,871	8,989,211	EXPENSES:		
Electronic Data Equipment			Death Benefits	\$3,047,282	\$6,784,483
Uncollected Premiums	162,315	186,600	Matured Endowments	6,275	23,981
Investment Income Due	13,973,757	13,983,478	Annuity Benefits	64,707,382	106,541,775
TOTALS	\$1,254,761,347	\$1,211,903,955	Disability Benefits	3,065	9,118
Liabilities & Unassigned Funds			Surrender Benefits	516,195	520,118
Aggregate Reserve	\$1,115,832,000	\$1,076,512,000	Interest On Deposit Type Contr	520	9,326
Deposit-type Contracts	62,228,133	62,738,687	Increase In Aggregate Reserve		
Certificate Claims	425,000	425,000	for Life Contracts	39,320,000	72,285,000
Commissions Due	68,000	130,000	Commissions On Direct Business	2,327,413	3,676,084
Refunds Due and Unpaid	595,000	560,000	General & Fraternal Expenses	2,452,418	4,534,749
General Exp Due	1,536,400	1,694,400	Insur, Taxes, Licenses, Fees	181,248	220,002
Retained by Society as Trustee	95,094	166,754	Expense Sub-Total	\$112,561,798	\$194,604,636
Asset Valuation Resv (AVR)	7,982,000	6,947,000	SUMMARY:		
Interest Maintenance Resv (IMR)	5,689,614	5,426,265	Net Gain From Operations		
Contingency Reserve	150,000	150,000	Before Refunds To Members	\$3,896,917	\$8,421,335
Unassigned Funds	60,160,106	57,153,849	Refund To Members	(299,325)	(588,647)
TOTALS	\$1,254,761,347	\$1,211,903,955	Net Gain From Operations		
Surplus Account:			After Refunds To Members	3,597,592	7,832,688
Beginning Surplus	\$57,303,849	\$50,625,917	Net Realized Capital Gains	28,718	(698,578)
Net Income	3,626,310	7,134,110	TOTAL NET INCOME	\$3,626,310	\$7,134,110
Change in Net Unrealized					
Capital Gains or (Losses)	414,947	(185,079)			
Change in Nonadmitted Assets		(2,099)			
Change in Valuation Reserve	(1,035,000)	(269,000)			
Aggregate Write-ins for Gains					
and Losses in Surplus					
Net Change in Surplus	3,006,257	6,677,932			
Surplus At Statement Date	\$60,310,106	\$57,303,849			

Linda M Strom
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Current Interest Rates

Effective July 1, 2018

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

Preferred 7 and Flex earning 4%, these plans are no longer available.
Please contact your NSS Life financial service representative or
Joe Elliott in the Home Office at 1-800-488-1890.



Did you know...

You can add money to almost any
Annuity with NSS, just send us a check.
Any additional funds will not increase the
time period on early withdrawal penalties.

Access your account values 24/7
by going to the website:
www.nsslife.org
and login/register as a member.



Great Job!

Congratulations!!!

- Ron Sturga
- Assembly 123

7 Awarded 2019 NSS
Scholarships Each

From the Sales Department...

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The Tax Bomb in Your IRA

Without a doubt a traditional IRAs is a wonderful benefit to all Americans. IRAs serve a multitude of purposes. First, they help people save money for long term specifically retirement. They offer deferred tax benefits. They help establish the habit of thriftiness. IRAs can also save you money on your current taxes.

Here is the downside to a traditional IRA. Someday in the future and no later than age 70½ IRA owners have to start making withdrawals from their account. There is a formula for calculating RMDs and it is designed to make your money last throughout your lifetime. However, the minimum amount you have to withdraw is mandatory. Some may say that's no big deal. After all you received tax deductible contributions on the front end and now on the back end it is time to pay Uncle Sam.

One possible caveat with an RMD withdrawal is income is increased. This could have the effect of pushing a person into a different tax bracket. For instance; a retired couple making \$79,000 a year currently would be in the 12% tax bracket. Add in their RMDs of \$5,000 and now they are in the 22% tax bracket. In addition this extra income could possibly cost you in other ways. The loss of eligibility for other goods and services. Too much money could alter your Medicare premiums or trigger the alternative minimum tax. Sometimes income is the driver

that allows a person to qualify for housing, prescriptions and other services. So what is the solution?

Taking withdrawals early (before 70½) is certainly one option. You are in what we call the "sweet spot." During this time, you aren't subject to Required Minimum Distributions, so you are not forced to take a distribution. However, you also aren't subject to the 10% early distribution penalty if you do decide to take a distribution. Therefore, this is the optimal time to begin planning for retirement. Another option would be to convert all, or a portion, of your IRA to a Roth IRA. Remember, Roth IRA owners do not have to take RMDs during their lifetime. Strategic partial conversions over the next few years, if done properly with the help of your tax and financial advisors, can accomplish many things. You can potentially stay in a lower tax bracket, begin the process of paying taxes on your traditional IRA, reduce future RMDs, and ultimately pass tax-free dollars to your beneficiaries. The important point here is to be aware of your income, tax situation, and how one affects the other. NSS always recommends that you consult with your professional tax advisor to see how any changes may affect your particular situation.

What Happens When the Fed Cuts Rates?

The Fed recently cut rates ¼ point. So what does that mean to consumers and to NSS? To consumers lower rates usually translates into lower loan payments. A car loan, mortgage or a credit card may charge less interest. All of these would be beneficial and probably save you some money. For savers, a bank CD or money market accounts will probably earn less interest so this is the not so good news for some people.

The goal of the cut, the first in more than a decade; is to make borrowing less costly for consumers and businesses, encouraging spending and bolstering the economy.

NSS has more than a billion dollars of assets and more than 95% of that figure is in bonds. We only buy investment grade bonds. Most bonds base their rate on the ten year treasury rate which is currently around 2%. The U. S. treasury, corporate or industrial bonds we buy may yield somewhere around 3% to 5%. Recently new bond purchases were yielding a 4.8% return. NSS members earning the top current rate are earning 3.75% and some older contracts are still paying 4.0% interest. So as you can see that leaves a spread of about 1% or 100 basis points and this is how NSS makes money. Normally, we would like this figure to be closer to 125-150 bps. (A basis point equals 1/100 of a percent so a ¼ drop is the same as a 25 basis point /bps drop)

Over the past decade, since the great recession of 2008-09, interest rates have remained low. The Fed rate back then was near 0% and certainly no more than 1%. While not much better, U.S. rates definitely beat European rates which are actually negative.

No matter how low the Fed went in the past, the lowest NSS rate on new business was 3.25% on the Preferred 8, 3.0% on the Preferred 5 and of course we still paid 4% on the old Preferred 7 and flex contracts. The importance of this latter point is that while others took advantage of the situation and saw this as an opportunity to pay less interest – NSS continued to reward members with the best possible rate we could pay. We understand that taking care of members is the best way to insure our future longevity.

The point is simple, rates will always change. Sometimes they go up and sometimes they go down. As long as you are with a quality organization that focuses on a few key points:

- Always treat the member well – they are the reason the organization exist.
- Continue buying quality investments, over the long run these will work out best in the long run.
- Offer simple products that are safe, dependable and have a strong guarantee.

These simple tenets have served us well over the past 129 years. No matter what happens in the future we will be here to help you and your family accomplish your financial goals.

Fraternal Matters...

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Introducing Two New Categories for 2019 Photo Contest

We are introducing two new categories for the 2019 Photo Contest. They are Patriotic and Hometown Pride! The Patriotic theme should include pictures that depict patriotism in any form. Hometown Pride will include any pictures that represent the community in which you live. This will be a great opportunity for you to showcase the special/unique features of your hometown! The categories from last year that will remain this year are Scenic and Animals. We look forward to many amazing entries!



Patriotic Category



Hometown Pride Category

Correction for the Stephen J. Trusik Perpetual Scholarship



In last month's NSS Scholarship recipients feature, Kelsey Kennedy, of Assembly 774, who will be attending Penn State University for Landscape Contracting, was mistakenly not listed under the Perpetual Scholarship section for the Stephen J. Trusik Scholarship. Congratulations Kelsey!

Pittsburgh's 50 Finest

A big congratulations goes out to **Alexa DeSantes**, daughter of NSS employee Jeff DeSantes and his wife Julia. Alexa was honored by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation as one of "Pittsburgh's 50 Finest." A group of 50 professionals that have been chosen for their professional achievements and commitment to giving back!

Alexa DeSantes



Valencia, PA's Alexa DeSantes recently transitioned from being a Health and Physical Education teacher to pursuing a career in sales as a Small Business Sales Consultant at ADP. Alexa's grandfather inspires her the most to work hard and always put in 110 percent of her best effort into everything she does. She was recognized for Best Delegate by the Committee of Experts and Public Administration at the 2017 AMUN conference in Chicago for Model United Nations. Alexa also received the Drinko Travel Grant to present her

Senior Capstone research project "The Attitude the Public Has Towards Prisoners and Prisoner Rights," at the North Central Sociological Association Conference in Pittsburgh, which she claims as her biggest personal accomplishment. Having personally faced adversity, Alexa aspires to influence those facing serious medical conditions and is ecstatic to have the chance to do so with the CF community through Pittsburgh's 50 Finest.

TOP SUPPORTERS: Lori Lower, NSS Life, and friends and family

2019 Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial Golf Award



The 2019 winner of the Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial Golf Award, Ken Rainey is pictured above receiving the award from Chairman of the Board Joseph Sefka, Jr.

2019 Golf Tournament Results

GOLFER	Flight	Handicap	Front	Back	Gross	Net	Winners
Suess, Albert	A	16	42	45	87	71	1st Place
Batyko, Chris	A	7	35	44	79	72	2nd Place
DePersis, Nick	A	14	41	46	87	73	3rd Place
Mohrbacher, Patrick	A	8	41	44	85	77	
Burns, Alan	A	10	43	47	90	80	
Payerchin, John	A	12	41	51	92	80	
Garbon, Steven	A	16	50	49	99	83	
Czarney, Mike	A	12	41	55	96	84	
Blum, Greg	B	24	47	48	95	71	1st Place
Johnston, Derek	B	18	43	49	92	74	2nd Place
McKain, Floyd	B	23	48	51	99	76	3rd Place
Toth, Matt	B	20	46	50	96	76	
Grottenhaler, John	B	20	52	47	99	79	
Zinn, Matt	B	18	48	50	98	80	
Barron, Joe	B	19	47	54	101	82	
Sinagra, Dave	B	20	52	54	106	86	
Felton, Greg	B	24	59	54	113	89	
Crowley, Kevin	B	21	57	59	116	95	
Wesnak, Drew	C	32	49	54	103	71	1st Place
Elliot, Joe	C	38	56	54	110	72	2nd Place
Toth, Rick	C	40	54	60	114	74	3rd Place
Columbus, Michael P.	C	36	61	52	113	77	
Simkovich, Paul	C	28	52	54	106	78	
Lako, George	C	40	59	61	120	80	
Froehlich, Dan	C	38	64	65	129	91	
Columbus, Michael J.	C	25	60	58	118	93	
Burkhart, Joe	C	40	65	71	136	96	
Katricak, Robert	C	40	DNF	Due	to	Injury	
Da Silva, Steve	Cal	3	36	40	76	73	1st Place
Moeller, Jeremy	Cal	13	44	44	88	75	2nd Place
Saul, James A.	Cal	28	49	54	103	79	3rd Place
Saul, James M.	Cal	19	47	47	94	75	
Martz, Brian	Cal	32	54	54	108	76	
Moeller, Keith	Cal	42	64	54	118	76	
Albert, George	Cal	20	47	50	97	77	
Hannah, Melvin	Cal	27	49	55	104	77	
Moeller, Ed	Cal	49	62	64	126	77	
Mihailoff, Tom	Cal	39	59	58	117	78	
Berner, Josh	Cal	33	56	56	112	79	
Beattie, Jeff	Sr. A	13	40	37	77	64	1st Place
Blazek, Dave	Sr. A	16	39	42	81	65	2nd Place
Stefka, Joe	Sr. A	20	44	44	88	68	3rd Place
Lako, Ray	Sr. A	13	41	44	85	72	
Czarney, Tom	Sr. A	21	47	47	94	73	
Kasan, William	Sr. A	11	42	44	86	75	
Gross, Jack	Sr. A	11	46	44	90	79	
Mohrbacher, Fred	Sr. A	14	49	48	97	83	
Barton, Dave	Sr. A	18	49	58	107	89	
Rainey, Ken	Sr. B	30	42	45	87	57	1st Place
Johnston, Lynn	Sr. B	30	50	47	97	67	2nd Place
Cooper, Ron	Sr. B	24	45	47	92	68	3rd Place
Czarney, Jim	Sr. B	25	49	47	96	71	
Froehlich, Chuck	Sr. B	23	49	49	98	75	
Morehart, Jim	Sr. B	24	50	51	101	77	
Kapp, Robert	Sr. B	32	48	63	111	79	
Garbon, Andrew	Sr. B	32	59	57	116	84	
Kopanic, Bob	Sr. B	22	52	55	107	85	

Sunday Scramble Results

1st Place – (Tie) Jack Gross, Steven Garbon, John Grottenhaler, Joe Elliott, Joe Burkhart

1st Place – (Tie) Joe Stefka, Floyd McKain, Dan Froehlich, Jeremy Moeller

3rd Place – Chris Batyko, Chuck Froehlich, Robert Kapp, Sunshine Batyko

Congratulations Ken Rainey

2019 Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial Golf Award Winner

2019 Golf Tournament Teams



Group 1: Tom Czarney, Bob Katricak,
Josh Berner, Jim Czarney



Group 2: Lynn Johnston, Derek Johnston,
Paul Simkovich, Bob Kopanic



Group 3: Melvin Hannah, Ken Rainey,
Nick DePersis, George Albert



Group 4: George Lako, Michael J. Columbus,
Michael P. Columbus



Group 5: Steve Da Silva, Brian Martz,
Matt Toth, Rick Toth



Group 6: William Kasan, Tom Mihailoff,
James A. Saul, James M. Saul



Group 7: John Grottenhaler, Joe Burkhart,
Andrew Garbon, Steve Garbon



Group 8: Ed Moeller, Jeremy Moeller,
Keith Moeller



Group 9: Greg Blum, Dave Blazek,
Bob Kapp, Ron Cooper



Group 10: Greg Felton, Albert Suess,
Joe Elliott, Matt Zinn



Group 11: Chuck Froehlich, Dan Froehlich,
Jim Morehart



Group 12: Dave Sinagra, Jeff Beattie,
Joe Barron, Ray Lako

2019 Golf Tournament Teams / Scenes from the 2019 Golf Tournament



Group 13: Dave Barton, Jack Gross, Fred Mohrbacher, Patrick Mohrbacher



Group 14: Joe Stefka, Floyd McKain, Kevin Crowley, Drew Wesnak



Group 15: Alan Burns, Mike Czarney, John Payerchin, Chris Batyko



Fraternal Night



Fraternal Night Food



Fraternal Night Group Selfie



Terri Cooper, Pam Blum, Amanda Zinn



Dave Blazek listening to Opening Announcements



Foggy start to the day



Rudy and Sue Ondrejco, Linda Strom, Sharon Wesnak



Weather clearing for a beautiful day of Golf



ASSEMBLY 039 Uniontown, PA

Our congratulations go out to Laina Rayman, who is a recipient of an NSS Scholarship. Liana will be a freshmen at Kent State University majoring in advertising and graphic design. We wish her all the best. Congratulations to all those young people who are receiving a scholarship for the first time!

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. We will be discussing the possibility of taking a small bus to the "Septemberfest" at the home office.

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

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

Start gathering up those vacation photos for the *NSS Photo Contest*. All of the information is elsewhere in this issue. You could be a winner and earn a little extra \$\$\$ and gain points for our assembly. Deadline is **October 31st!!**

September brings a new school year and that means a lot of yellows school buses. Please watch out for our children!

Enjoy your summer vacation!

John Payerchin
President

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.



ASSEMBLY RO59 Bethlehem, PA

Summer is almost behind us! Members continue to visit family and friends! (Protodeacon Michael) Robert and Martha Sawarynski were gracious hosts at our July 14th meeting.

Donations were made to: The Backpack Program, I Can Can Help Food Drive will be held in November, and St. Nicholas R.O. Church - Reverend John Nightingale medical expenses, Valley Youth House, October 20th Hot Dog Luncheon - Matching Funds Proceeds, Allentown Rescue Mission.

Our next meeting will be on October 20th at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church and December 8th at the Keysock residence.

Special Birthday greetings to Frank Guydan on Sept 12th and Alexandra Keysock on September 27th. May God grant you good health and much happiness. Additional information, please call 610-262-2045.

Michelle Guydan
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 070/C070 Brooklyn, OH

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

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

John Karkosiak
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

September, where has the summer gone? Labor Day is sort of the unofficial end of summer but nature says we have a few weeks to go. Enjoy it and hope for a few rain free days. Didn't the kids use to go back to school the day after Labor Day?

Saturday, **September 28th** Septemberfest will be held at the home office on Valley Brook Rd. in McMurray. If you never have been to NSS's home

office or the beautiful Slovak Heritage Museum it is worth a few hours of your time to visit. There will be entertainment, games and crafts and don't forget the incredible and delicious Slovak food and delicacies. Sue Ondrejco who heads this event could use a few volunteers to help her. So, I'm asking any of our members who have a little time and a generous spirit of volunteerism to contact Sue at: sue.ondrejco@gmail.com

I know that everyone was busy all summer taking pictures; well it is time to send those babies in to the NSS photo contest. Don't let me down I expect a few winning photos from our assembly this year. Details about the contest will be in the magazine.

Due to age, when I was listing a number of birthdays in the July issue of the magazine I forgot an important one, my wonderful niece Katie O'Donnell who is one of assembly 123 members in Georgia. She is a peach of a niece! GO Braves! Please forgive your aging Uncle Katie!

We had seven new PVR scholarship members this year: Andrew Beyer, Kerry Howard, Michael Kirsch, Josh Leins, Grace Lotz, Amanda Reilly and Bailee Rohr. We are proud of you and wish you much success in school and with whatever career you choose.

I heard that two of our current PVR scholarship winners did extra credit work on their Spanish this summer; Melanie Stevens in Bolivia and Maddie Eger in Salamanca, Spain. Congratulations on your achievements we wish all the best to you!

Something about one of our future PVR scholarship winner, Ty Robbins, he won the Northeastern Water Ski Championship and he is off to the Nationals in Florida. Good Luck Ty! I'll let you know how he does in the next issue. Ty is nine years old.

Looking ahead, Saturday, **October 19th** our assembly will be volunteering at World Vision warehouse in Sewickley. Afterwards we gather for lunch and a brief meeting. Mark your calendar and cancel all other plans. **November 13th**, a Wednesday evening our assembly will host a pizza bingo event at the John Heinz Veterans Hospital in Aspinwall. Let me know if any of our members deserve a special mention or shout out at: wbkns123@hotmail.com

Bill Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 377 Bentleyville, PA

A meeting will be held on **October 6th**, at China City Buffet in Washington, PA at 3:00 pm and mark your calendar for our holiday party, **December 1st** at Cannon'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 381 Grosse Ile, MI

There will be a change of venue for the **September 21, 2019** meeting. The new location is **T.V. Deli, 2441 Fort Street, Trenton, Michigan, at 1:00 pm.** Call Joanne Medved to reserve 734-676-2199.

The meeting in December will be on Saturday, **December 21, 2019** at Sibley Gardens, 916 West Jefferson, Trenton, Michigan, at 4:00 pm. Please call Joanne Medved at 734-676-2199 to reserve.

Joanne Medved
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 432 Fairview Park, OH

Join us on **October 27th** for our NEW Fall Festival at Rockin - R - Ranch, 9066 State Route 252, Columbia Station, Ohio 44028. 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Costume characters, music, kids activities, hayrides, free pumpkin, face painting, etc. Food and beverages will be provided. **YOU MUST RSVP NO LATER THAN October 21, 2019.** *Bill Shuttleworth - (440) 465-6024 or Teri Hudak - (440) 888-8595; or Dave Pytel - (440) 777-4054.*

Bring the kids for a guaranteed fun time!

Shawn Pytel
Publicist

ASSEMBLY 554 Curwensville, PA

Meetings are scheduled for **September 1**, and **October 5, 2019** at 2:00 pm. Meetings will be held at Jim 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 586 Chicago, IL

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

Janet Tomaskovic
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 588 Slovan, PA

A meeting will be held on Sunday, **September 15th** at the Community Room of Panera Bread, 250 McHolme Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15275 (North Fayette) at 3:00 pm.

The purpose of the meeting will be to plan events and activities for the members of our assembly for the remainder of 2019. Please try to attend and become active in our assembly.

Annette Stefka
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 617/C617 Ashley, PA

A meeting will be held on Saturday, **September 7th** at Grotto Pizza, Edwardsville at 12:30 pm. Topics for discussion will include the Join Hands Day at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen.

Please contact John Kurilla at 570-287-4163 if you plan to attend.

John Kurilla
Vice-President

ASSEMBLY 737 Westmoreland County, PA

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

Carol Godor
Treasurer

REGION 2 Hazleton, PA

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

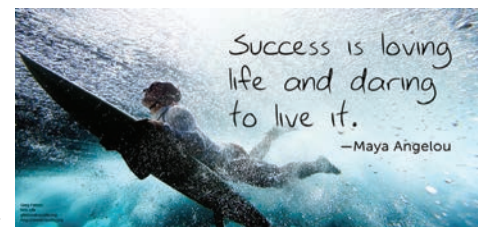
Also in support of the function Assembly L075 will be sponsoring a table. The SPCA will place our Name and Logo at the event and in it's video presentation.

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

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

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

Marlin Petro Wesnak
Secretary



REGION 5 Pittsburgh, PA

The Fall meeting will be held on Sunday, **October 13, 2019** at the NSS Home Office, McMurray, PA at 1:00 pm. Plans for Region 5 activities for the remainder of 2019 will be discussed. All assemblies in Region 5 are requested to send representatives to the meeting. A luncheon will be served following the meeting.

Joseph Stefka, Jr.
President
Region 5

Assembly 070



Presenting matching funds check from Easter candy sale to Debby Voldrich. Also in picture pastor Eric Markovich and Slovak intern Andrej Lacko.

News from Assembly 617/C617

Assembly 617 held a lunch meeting at Grotto Pizza, Edwardsville on Thursday July 11, 2019. Meeting opened with a prayer for all our members, especially for our President Rose Mary Strish, and John Ostrowski our Financial Secretary who are ill.

Report on the celebration of the 110th anniversary of Assembly 617, which was held at King's College on June 2, 2019, was given. Forty-nine members attended the event. Greg Felton, NSS Sales Director offered remarks. A basket raffle was part of the celebration and funds raised were sent to the PVR Scholarship. All who attended enjoyed a great time of fraternalism.

Planning is underway for the Assembly's outing to Knoebles Grove which will be held on August 8, 2019. Baskets will be on display for the Assembly's El Salvador Matching Funds project.

The Join Hands Day will be held at St. Vincent de Paul kitchen in Wilkes Barre in September. The date will be determined.

The Assembly was pleased to learn that we reached the Diamond level of achievement.

Next meeting will be on Saturday **September 7, 2019** at Grotto Pizza at 12:30 pm. The group will enjoy lunch and fraternalism as we look forward to Knoebles.

John Kurilla
Vice-President

Assembly 377



Members of Assembly 0377 having their summer picnic on August 4, 2019.

Assembly 432 Event



Thank you to all that came out to make our 1st Annual Night at The Ballpark event to make it a success! It was so much fun to cheer on the Lake Erie Crushers and sing Take Me Out To The Ballgame in unison during the 7th inning stretch. Check our Facebook page for the video! The team mascot "Stomper," even sat with our Assembly for the 4th inning!

Shawn Pytel
Publicist & Social Media

Birthdays at the Home Office



President Blazek, August 3rd and Ryan Strom, Graphic Designer, August 1st celebrate with the scene of PNC Park on their cake.



Joseph Stefka, Jr., Chairman of the Board celebrates his birthday at the Home Office.

Assembly 123 visit the Narcisi Winery



Marilyn Cameron, Carol Johnston Trax and Peter Longstreth



Virginia and Joseph Mussomeli, Roger and Christina Piccolo, and Joan and Dominic Mussomeli

The Gross Family



National Director Abigail Gross gave birth to her fourth (and final!) baby boy. Hudson Matthew Gross was born on Monday, June 3, 2019. Big brothers Elliot, Oliver and Spencer were excited to meet him! Everyone is healthy and doing well, and Hudson already submitted his NSS application!



Bill DelMonaco, Jill Grover, and Valerie DelMonaco



Cathy Majeski, Teri Tuminello, Mary Maniecki and friend Mary Ann

2019 Slovak Day at Kennywood Park



PVR Scholarship Fund Donations

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

Terri Montgomery 25.00
 Assembly 0070 25.00

In **Memory of Deceased Members**
of Assembly 0004 100.00

Donations:

Katherine E. Phillips 85.00
 Catherine & Matthew Maiorano. . 15.00
 Assembly 617/C617 210.00
Matching Funds:
 From Assembly 617/C617 200.00
 Irene Combi 50.00
 Rosalie Troyanovich..... 25.00



In Honor of all Officers and Members of
 Assembly 00281,000.00

DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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

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

Here is my donation of:

\$ _____

Please issue your check to:
NSS PVR Scholarship Fund

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

Labor Day - September 2nd, 2019

Significance of Labor Day 2019

Labor Day 2019, also known as Labour Day, is a federal holiday observed annually on the first Monday of September. Originally it was a day organized to celebrate various labor associations' strengths and their contributions to the United States economy and presently it is a day that gives workers a day of rest and celebrates their contribution to the American economy. It is the Monday of the long weekend known as Labor Day 2019 Weekend and it is considered the unofficial end of summer.

History of Labor Day

The history of Labor Day 2019, in the United States and Canada, dates back to late 19th century when the trade union and labor movements grew enormously and resultantly a variety of days were chosen by trade unionists as a day to celebrate labor. The holiday was first proposed in the 1880s by Matthew Maguire, a machinist, while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union of New York in 1882.

It is argued that it was first proposed by Peter J. McGuire of the American Federation of Labor in May 1882, after witnessing the annual labour festival held in Toronto, Canada. Oregon was the first state of the United States to make it an official public holiday in 1887. In June 1894, during the Pullman Strike, which resulted in the deaths of workers at the hands of United States Army and United States Marshals Service, United States Congress unanimously voted to approve legislation to make Labor Day a national holiday and President Grover Cleveland signed it into law six days after the end of the strike.

Traditions of Labor Day

Traditionally, Labor Day 2019 was marked with a street parade to demonstration to the public the strength and hardworking spirit of trade and labor organizations, this parade was followed by a festival for the workers and their families. Later, this became the pattern for Labor Day celebrations. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the civil significance of the holiday.

Presently, Labor Day 2019 is a day of rest or the last chance for many workers to go on trips before the summer ends. For many students, it is marks one of the last few days before school starts again. In some neighborhoods, people organize fireworks displays, barbecues and public arts or sports events (with the football season starting on or around Labor Day and many teams playing their first game of the year during Labor Day weekend).



Messer Financial Group Top Producer Summit



Jeff DeSantes recently met with Roy Messer, President, of the Messer Financial Group in NC while attending their top producer summit and marketing our products.

This Month in National Slovak Society History

Joseph Stefka, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

September, 1905

On September 7, 1905, the National Slovak Society's first "Honorary Member" certificate was issued to Sergius Witte, Russian Ambassador, for his instrumental role in the peace treaty negotiations between Japan and Russia held in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

September, 1959

The National Slovak Society Midget Baseball Team from Windsor Heights, West Virginia, won its second consecutive league championship under the direction of manager Joe Mills and assistant manager Clarence Ellison defeating Castleman's Run in two straight games.

September, 1962

The National Slovak Society XXVII Quadrennial Convention was held in New York, New York. John H. Pankuch was re-elected by the delegates for his third term as Supreme President. Ladislav Demeter was elected as First Vice-president, William W. Ciesar was elected as Second Vice-president, Rudolph J. Pallan was elected as Supreme Secretary, and John H. Surovy was elected as Supreme Treasurer. Joseph Tomaskovic, Jr. and Joseph Voznik were elected as members of the Supreme Tribunal, both being elected as Trustees in future years.

September, 1979

A dinner was held on September 16, 1979, at the Sokol Center in Youngstown, Ohio, with over 200 NSS members and guests attending. The "Meet the Prez" event was organized by Trustee Sister Mary B. Burns and her local committee. Sister Burns stressed the importance of having similar events within districts and assemblies of the Society. Fifty-year membership pins and certificates were presented by Supreme President Joseph Stefka to fourteen members of District #7.

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

July, 2019

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Alessi, Ann	Prescott Valley, AZ	05/21/2019	0568
Astrab, Jr., George W	Boston, PA	06/29/2019	0441
Barclay, Mary J	Glenshaw, PA	06/25/2019	L161
Baughman, Margaret	Clinton Twp, MI	06/02/2019	0381
Boylan, Gloria	Lansdowne, PA	06/02/2019	R059
Brennan, Bernard	Aliquippa, PA	05/14/2019	0588
Carrigan, Gabriella	Springdale, PA	06/02/2019	0434
Check, Mary	Masontown, PA	07/19/2019	0774
Chiusano, Janice	Verona, PA	06/08/2019	L105
Clayton, Fred	Corry, PA	07/13/2019	0554
Cline, Tommy	Oceana, WV	06/01/2019	0774
DelGrosso, Jaunita	Connellsville, PA	06/17/2019	0039
Fetty, Clara	St. Marys, WV	05/11/2019	0774
Girdish, Helen C	West Bethlehem, PA	06/16/2019	0377
Holland, Jr., Frank S	Bridgeville, PA	06/22/2019	0434
Homa, Leonard	Taylor Springs, IL	06/09/2019	0586
House, Richard	Erie, PA	04/04/2019	0070
Hulec, Helen	Cleveland, OH	06/10/2019	0004
Hutto, Faye	Hickory, NC	02/18/2019	0774
Innocente, David	Elberta, AL	06/12/2019	0588
Jarrett, Clifford	Fairmont, WV	05/04/2019	0774
Johnson, Vaughn	High View, WV	05/28/2019	0774
Kadlubowski, Marie	Shenandoah, PA	04/25/2019	0774
Kirkwood, Donna	Clinton, PA	06/11/2019	0588
Kulick, William	Jessup, PA	07/09/2019	L075
Lathey, Daniel	Poca, WV	05/11/2019	0774
Lazarke, Doris	McKees Rocks, PA	04/28/2019	0434
Lewis, Carolyn	Ironton, OH	06/15/2019	0595
Lovrich, Frank	Belle Aire, MD	04/20/2019	0737
Magusin, Paul J	Riverview, MI	05/17/2018	0381
Markovich, James	South Amboy, NJ	08/26/2018	0110
Masciarelli, Sandra	Perryopolis, PA	05/26/2019	0039
McKinney, Garnett	Niles, OH	06/18/2019	0731
Monahan, Allan	Wilkes Barre, PA	07/20/2019	0617
Natishin, Frances	Georgetown, PA	07/25/2019	0617
Niedzielski, Patricia	Verona, PA	06/15/2019	L105
Orbon, Stephen	Greensburg, PA	02/14/2019	0737
Pahl, Irwin	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	06/18/2019	0813
Parise, Mary	Mingo Junction, OH	05/23/2019	0434
Popelas, Edwin J	Roscoe, PA	06/12/2019	0377
Povse, Virginia	Pittsburgh, PA	06/05/2019	L105
Richard III, Walter J	Pittsburgh, PA	06/23/2019	0100
Rilko, Mary	Wapwallopen, PA	05/18/2019	0617
Rodgers, George W	Greensboro, NC	05/05/2019	0774
Rollins, Fay	Cyclone, WV	06/13/2019	0774
Romanchock, John	Sidman, PA	06/07/2019	0267
Ruggier, Paul	Elizabeth, PA	04/19/2019	0737
Sabin, Thelma	Millersburg, MI	03/17/2018	0381
Schnetzler, Jody	Alma, MI	06/03/2019	0381
Shepard, Jr., Van Burin	Ravenswood, WV	06/11/2019	0774
Sizemore, Roscoe	Sornose, WV	06/24/2019	0774
Sottiaux, Marcia	Seneca, PA	07/09/2019	0774
Stevens, Rick A	Chillicothe, OH	06/23/2019	0595
Tarnalicki, Eva	Trout Run, PA	07/13/2019	L040
Taylor, Jr., Frank W	Pittsburgh, PA	06/18/2019	0108
Tracy, Virginia	Pine Grove, WV	03/16/2019	0774
Vircsik, Robert	Santa Maria, CA	04/16/2019	0568
Vundagles, Willa	Candor, NC	06/10/2019	0774
Wiseman, James	Smithville, WV	03/20/2019	0774
Zoll, Carole, E	Summerset, SD	06/21/2019	0731



SEPTEMBERFEST 2019

Saturday, September 28, 2019

Presented by the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum

11 AM—4 PM **** FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SEPTEMBERFEST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS ...

COOKING & CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS

Bobbin lace is a traditional lace making technique with a wide range of styles and designs. Making bobbin lace takes time and patience, but anyone can learn how to do it! **Mary Guido** will demonstrate how it is done.

Kraslice/Pysanky - The decoration of eggs has been a part of history for centuries. **Mike Yanchak** will show the steps in transforming a raw egg to a beautiful work of art using the wax method. **(Be sure to register for a chance to make your own egg with Mike.)**

Sharon Tyburowski-Hackman will demonstrate the use of paints to make Slovak patterns on eggs. A tradition passed on to her from her Slovak mother.

Larry Kozlowski will show you how to create your own tasty Kolbasa simply at home.

Dennis Ragan, will instruct how to make "Bandurkovo Halušky" (potato dumpling halušky), just like Baba used to make. **Recipes and samples will be distributed.**

Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks and The Pittsburgh Slovaks, will entertain with Slovak songs and dances.

PLENTY OF ACTION & FUN ACTIVITIES!


Bounce House, crafts, games, and prizes, with balloon sculptures by "Giggles the Clown" and strolling magician Dave Stroyne.

Marketplace where unique items will be presented. Take home an interesting hand-made Slovak folk craft as a souvenir.

The largest animated wood carving in the U. S.! Dave Dayton will describe all the interesting details of this amazing masterpiece.

Dobru Chut!

We invite you to visit our Slovak Café where you can choose from a variety of familiar dishes. Sure to satisfy your passion for that taste of home!

Rusty Gold Brewers will be on hand providing samples of their custom craft brewed beer. 

Zakusky/Kolače - Enjoy a selection of home-made sweet treats from the NSSHM bakers!

Plenty of FREE parking At Jordan Tax Service



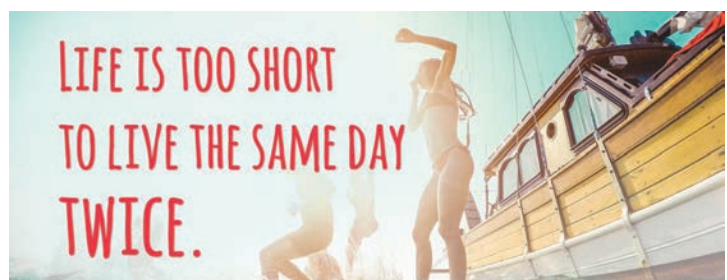
Christmas

Around the World



Saturday, November 30th, 2019

Details coming soon...



Slovensko — krajina vína

Víno je najmodernejší aj najstarší kultúrny nápoj. Súčasný slovenský víno je moderné a zároveň sa hrdo môže odvolávať na bohatú minulosť siahajúcu až k Rimanom a Kelto.

Slovensko a víno osudovo patria k sebe. Slovenské vinohrady ležia v blízkosti najlepšej vinárskej rovnobežky v Európe. Stačí jeden pohľad do mapy a zistíme, že rovnobežka, ktorá prechádza chýrnym Burgundskom a jeho Cote d'Or, sa ťahne popri Slovensku.

So slovenským vínom sa spájajú krásne príbehy. Aj náš Tokaj porodil víno, o ktorom francúzsky kráľ Ľudovít XIV. vyhlásil, že je kráľom vín a vínom kráľov. Slovenské vína pili kráľovné ako liek i čarovný nápoj svadobnej noci. Slovenské vína sú svetové, lebo poctili čaše prezidentov supervelmocí – Busha a Putina. Slovenské vína sú európske a pritom na výsosť originálne. Odrážajú terroir – jedinečnosť územia, neopakovateľnú mikroklimu, mnohvrstvovú tisícročnú multietnickú vinohradnícku skúsenosť v aktuálnej modernej slovenskej réžii.



“Septemberfest 2019 v Našom NSS Múzeu

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

A čo viac pozývame Vás na septembroví festival čo bude na 28 septembra tu v našu múzeu. V múzeu sa budete môcť pokochať aj “**krásnemu rezbárske mu dielu**” ktoré má vyše 80 mechanických pohybov.

Ozaj krása, a hrdosť nášmu múzeu.

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

Rezervujte si dátum a dovidenia na 28 septembra.

Zavárenie lekváru

Významnými jesennými prácami bolo spracovanie a konzervovanie vypestovanej zeleniny a ovocia. Kapusta sa nakladala do sudov a z ovocia sa zavárali kompóty a lekváre.

Zaváranie lekváru sa začína oberaním ovocia. Koncom augusta z začiatkom septembra sa pod stromami pokosila tráva, rozprestrela sa pod nimi plachty a tenkými tyčami sa obilili slivky.

Najprv sa ovočie umylo a prebralo v drevených kadiach, odstránili sa listy, kúsok haluzia či poškodené kusy. Následne sa presypalo do medeneho kotlíka a položilo sa variť na kotol zhotovený z nepálených tehál zo zmesi hliny a pľiev.

Lekvár sa neustále miešal, aby sa nepripálil, potom sa rozvarené ovocie vybralo a prepasirovalo pomocou toporu. Kôstky sa tak zachytili na lise.

Prelisovaná šťava sa naliala späť do kotlíka a začalo sa zahusťovanie. Lekvár sa musel neustále miešať. Na uľahčenie tejto činnosti sa používala špeciálna dlhá varecha, ktorá odliepala lekvár odo dna, kým nezhustol. Keď bol lekvár hotový, vybral sa kade a nechal sa vychladnúť.

Po vychladnutí sa lekvár nabral do hlinených džbánikov, na ktoré sa priviazal kúsok plátna, čím sa ich obsah chránil pred zaprášením. Keďže hotový lekvár mal veľmi vysoký obsah cukru a na povrchu sa vyrvorila kožka, v chladnej komore dlho vydržal.



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



Patrónka Slovenska - Sedembolestná

15 Septembra ako Slovenský národ si úctíme patrónku nášho národa. Ďakujeme ti Sedembolestná za tvoju materinskú lásku a vytrvanie s nami.

**Sedembolestna Matka
oroduj za nás.**

PVR Scholarship Appreciation Letters

Dear David G. Blazek, FIC, President/CEO:

I am writing to thank you for selecting me as a recipient into the Peter V. Rovnianek (PVR) Scholarship. I was very thrilled to learn that I was selected as a recipient of your scholarship. As a Penn State Fayette Nursing student and as my second year has come to an end, I am already becoming successful in my endeavors and proving what I am capable of. I plan to pursue a career as a registered nurse at Mon-Valley Hospital upon graduating from Penn State Fayette. My long-term goal is to obtain my MSN to become a nurse practitioner in pediatrics. Thanks to your staff, I am now a step closer to that goal. Becoming a recipient of your scholarship program was very important to me because I am in need of financial assistance. Again, I can't thank you enough for providing me with this scholarship, you have lightened the stress of financial need which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to try even harder. I am blessed to say I am living my dream in Penn States College of Nursing and I will strive in every circumstance to achieve great things as a student. Once again, thanks for choosing me as a recipient of your scholarship, I am very excited to finish my studies as a Nittany Lion. Enclosed is an official transcript to prove I am maintaining a 3.0 and verification of continuing my education. Thanks again and God Bless!

Kalsie Walker



Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for your generosity again this year with the renewal of the PVR Scholarship. You have been of much help to me in pursuing my educational goals and dreams thus far. My first year was a success and I thoroughly enjoyed my biology courses. Zoology was especially interesting to me. I am continuing to work part time as a Vet Tech while I go to school and I look forward to going to work each shift. I truly appreciate how you all have helped me chase my dreams! The work you do as an organization is wonderful.

Hannah Dean



Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am appreciative of the opportunity given in allowing me to continue to receive this scholarship. It will undoubtedly help to aid my scholastic expenses. It is noted that scholarships like these help to further and encourage students academic success in fear of continuous rising collegiate expenses. To us recipients, awards like these help to bolster our financial security in the hopes of leaving school with a manageable amount of debt and for this award received, we are absolutely thankful.

Zachery Toth

Dear President Blazek,

I am writing to thank you and the NSS Life Board of Directors for selecting me as the PVR scholarship recipient. My family and I were very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected to receive such a prestigious award. By awarding me the PVR scholarship you have allowed me to worry less about finances and focus more on school and learning.

One day I hope to be able to help students achieve their education goals and allow them to have less of a financial burden, just like the National Slovak Society has done for so many students.

Joseph Hruska



Dear Mr. David G. Blazek,

I am writing to thank you for the generous PVR Scholarship of \$500 that I was awarded for the second year. I am very appreciative to receive the scholarship this year. This is helping to make my dream of attending Pennsylvania State University a reality.

I will be starting my sophomore year at PSU to continue my studies in engineering in a few short weeks. I will continue to work hard and study hard.

Sara Holden



Dear Mr. Blazek,

Thank you so very much for awarding me the PVR Scholarship. I am about to enter my second year at California University of Pennsylvania as an education major, and your scholarship will aid in my tuition and textbooks for the year. Once again, I greatly appreciate being awarded this scholarship.

Erica Angelo



Dear Scholarship Committee,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the PVR Scholarship award. This will help me financially as I pursue degrees in Physics and Astrophysics. You have my sincere gratitude.

Natalie Zinski



Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am a junior in Materials Science and Engineering at Penn State. I am writing to express my gratitude for the scholarship. This financial donation helps to alleviate my monetary burden so I am able to fully focus on my classes and research experiences. Thank you again.

Theresa Novak

2019 Youth Art Contest Winners



Aubriana Martini - Assembly C731
1st Place Picasso Level



Gavin Berner - Assembly C160
2nd Place Picasso Level



Valerie Cessna - Assembly C731
3rd Place Picasso Level



Zachary Martini - Assembly C731
1st Place Rembrandt Level



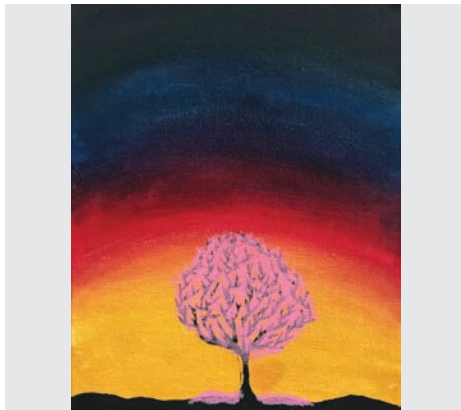
Allison Lichtenfels - Assembly C105
2nd Place Rembrandt Level



Anya McAdams - Assembly C161
3rd Place Rembrandt Level



Addison Draa - Assembly C731
1st Place Michelangelo Level



Allie Lazar - Assembly C075
2nd Place Michelangelo Level



Jacob Ostrowski - Assembly C617
3rd Place Michelangelo Level



Mary Kopchick - Assembly C434
1st Place Van Gogh Level



Benjamin Ostrowski - Assembly C617
2nd Place Van Gogh Level



Adam Lazar - Assembly C075
3rd Place Van Gogh Level



Youth Circle Page

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Schools in Session

Just a few pointers on how to study effectively:

- Get organized
- Pay attention in class
- Steer clear of distractions
- Make sure notes are complete
- Ask questions if you don't understand
- Make a study schedule/plan
- Review notes from class every evening
- Talk to teachers
- Designate a study area
- Study in short bursts
- Simplify study notes
- Study with a group

Study Smart, Not Hard

Knowing how to study effectively is a skill that will benefit you for life. Developing effective study skills requires lots of time and patience. If you follow these tips you'll be on your way to discovering which type of studying works best for you—so you can knock your next test out of the park!

Back To School Jokes

Q: Why can't a nose be 12 inches long?

A: Because then it would be a foot.

Q: Matt had 60 cookies. He ate 30 of them. What does he have now?

A: a Tummy ache.

Q: What did the triangle say to the circle?

A: You're pointless

Q: Why did the obtuse angle get upset?

A: Because it knew it would never be right.

Q: What did the math book say to the history book?

A: Boy, do I have problems.

2019 NSS Photo Contest

Contest Eligibility:

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

Deadline:

October 31st is the deadline for all entries to be received. Judging is done by an outside professional.

Please mail to:

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

Contest Rules:

- Must be a member before October 1st
- One entry per category
- Any size photo up to 8 x 10, unmounted in black and white or color (No touch-up or computer enhanced photos permitted)
- Name and address should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper, along with information where the photo was taken.

DO NOT WRITE ON YOUR PHOTO!

Notice: New Categories

Four Categories

Scenic	Patriotic
Animals	Hometown Pride

Prize List

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

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 _____

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.