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RECOMMENDER FORM

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Recommender Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Prospect Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please mail form to the NSS Life Home Office.

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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.*

Change of Address Information:

Full Name: _____

Certificate #: _____ Assembly #: _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Former Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Activities At A Glance

<p>REGION 2</p> <p>October 22 November 6</p>	<p>Assemblies L075, 0617</p> <p>Assembly L075, Meeting, Grandes Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly L075, Holiday Get Together, Woodlands Inn, Wilkes Barre, PA (TBA)</p>
<p>REGION 5</p> <p>September 1 September 10 September 11 September 12 September 18 September 24 October 2 October 9 October 22 October 23 November 5 November 6 November 7 November 26 December 4 December 4 December 11 December 17</p>	<p>Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0731, 0737, 0774</p> <p>Assembly 0731, All day Scavenger Hunt, Canfield Fair, Campsite A102 Assembly 0123, Miniature Golf, Neville Island at 12:00 Noon. Assembly 0039, Flight 93 Dinner and meeting, Bob Evans Restaurant at 6:00 pm Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA at 5:30 pm Assembly 0377, Meeting, Sesame Inn, McMurray, PA at 3:00 pm Septemberfest 2022, Home Office, McMurray, PA 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Region 5, Meeting, Home Office, McMurray, PA at 1:00 pm Slovak Radio Hour Dinner Dance, Westwood Golf Course, West Mifflin, PA at 4:30 pm Assembly 0123, Tour of St. Nicholas, Millvale, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly 0731, Halloween Hayride, Countryside Farm at 4:00 pm Assembly 0731, Making Christmas Ornaments, Burns residence, Poland, OH Annual Slovak Festival at Pitt University, Oakland, PA at 12:00 pm Assembly 0588, Meeting at Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA (TBA) Christmas Around the World at NSS Home Office, McMurray, PA (TBA) Assembly 0377, Christmas Party, Hugo's Restaurant, Brownsville, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Columbian Association Hall (K of C) at 4:00 pm Assembly 0123, Christmas Luncheon, Rockefeller's Grill, McKees Rocks, Pa at 1:30 pm Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Lariccia Center Rotary Room, Boardman Park, OH</p>
<p>REGION 8</p> <p>September 18 September 25 October 9</p>	<p>Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595</p> <p>Assembly 0070/C070, Meeting/Luncheon, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH following 11:00 am mass Assembly 0432, Jet Express Lake Erie Tour, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Region 8, Meeting, Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, OH at 7:00 pm</p>
<p>REGION 14</p> <p>October 23</p>	<p>Assemblies R059, L102</p> <p>Assembly L102, Halloween costume party, Wesnak residence, Whitehall, PA at 2:00 pm</p>
<p>AT LARGE</p> <p>September 4 October 15 October 16 October 23 December 24</p>	<p>Assemblies L002, R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813</p> <p>Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0813, Matching Funds project, Thirsty Pig, Dothan, AL (TBA) Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck's residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0705, Annual Christmas Eve celebration (Fraternal Fund Activity) at 6:00 pm</p>



Kids FunFest participants at the 38th Quadrennial Convention seen here exploring the local Hershey ZooAmerica wildlife park

The President's Page...

Joseph Stefka, Jr., FIC, President, CEO

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The month of September brings cooler temperatures, students heading back to school, the start of football season, and the Labor Day holiday weekend. This year the federal holiday falls on Monday, September 5th. The NSS Home Office will be closed September 5th in observance of the holiday.

Septemberfest, sponsored by the NSS Heritage Museum, will be held at the Home Office on Saturday, September 24th from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the event which draws large crowds to the Home Office every year. The event is free and open to the public. Plan to join us for an exciting day of entertainment, craft and cooking demonstrations, Slovak music, delicious Slovak food, and the largest animated woodcarving in the United States depicting the geography and culture of Slovakia. Local assemblies and individual members may serve as sponsors and/or volunteers for the event. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact NSS Heritage Museum Curator Sue Ondrejco at sue.ondrejco@gmail.com.

The National Slovak Society is a member of the American Fraternal Alliance, a trade association serving fraternal benefit societies across the United States and Canada. The AFA provides fraternal members with education and training through on-line seminars and in-person conferences, provides important regulatory information, and serves as an advocate for fraternal members. The AFA will hold its Executive Summit September 14-16th in Washington, D.C. This writer will serve as one of the Co-Chairs of the Summit along with Chris Pinkerton, CEO of the Sons of Norway. The

Summit provides an opportunity for executive officers of the member fraternal benefit societies to network, share common issues, attend presentations on topics relevant to fraternal members, and to interact with members of the House of Representatives and the Senate. This is one of the most important facets of the Summit and gives fraternal leaders an opportunity to share with Congress the great things fraternal benefit societies do for communities and charities across the country.

The NSS National Golf Tournament was held on July 15-17th at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Hermitage, Pennsylvania. Friday afternoon included a practice round by several groups of NSS golfers in preparation for the weekend tournament. Hospitality Night was held at the golf course on Friday evening and gave everyone a chance to fraternalize, enjoy delicious food and beverages, and to try and qualify for the Annual PVR Fundraiser Putting Contest. The evening was enjoyed by all in attendance. The three golfers whose tickets were pulled for the Putting Contest Final on Saturday were: Mike Czarney, Dan Cheberenchick, and Drew Wesnak. None of the three were able to sink the 50-foot putt to win the \$1000 prize but made great attempts! Thank you to all that participated in the contest to raise money for the PVR Scholarship Fund. The individual medal round was held on Saturday with golfers competing in six flights and included an hour of light rain during the round. The results of Saturday's round can be found elsewhere in this issue. Golfers and guests enjoyed a delicious dinner Saturday evening at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course. A big thank you goes out to the staff at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course for another great tournament weekend. The service at the course was outstanding! The winners of various skill prizes were announced as well as the winners of each of the flights at the Saturday Golf Dinner. The winner of the Joseph Stefka, Sr. Award was Floyd McKain with a net 60. The award has been presented annually since 1994 by the Stefka Family to the lowest men's net score in the NSS handicap division. This is the second time Floyd has won the award, winning his first in 2005 at Culbertson Hills Golf Course. Ken Rainey had the low gross score for the tournament an 83.

Michael Grega of Assembly 70 was a first-time entrant in the tournament. Sunday's scramble teams were announced at the dinner with six teams competing for the scramble prizes. Sunday's weather forecast included a chance of thundershowers, but the rain held off until the round was finished. The scramble results are also included elsewhere in this issue. Thank you to all that participated in the National Golf Tournament. Details regarding the location of next year's National Golf Tournament will be included in a future issue of the *National News*.

On Friday afternoon at the golf tournament, this writer had the opportunity to meet with Pastor Rob McFarland of the Chestnut Ridge Church of God located in Hubbard, Ohio. Pastor McFarland is an NSS member whose church annually conducts a community service project to provide free shoes to underprivileged children in the local area for the start of school. The Board of Directors of the NSS, at the Spring Board Meeting voted to donate to the project to help provide funding to purchase shoes for children this year. Pastor McFarland stopped by to personally thank the NSS for the donation to help local children. He was very appreciative of the support by NSS.

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour Annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2022, at the Westwood Golf Club in West Mifflin, PA. This is the main fundraiser for the WPSRH. Assemblies and individuals can support the program through an advertisement in the program book, a donation of a basket for the raffle, or by attending the event. Rudy and Sue Ondrejco do an outstanding job continuing to promote our Slovak Heritage every week on their radio program.

A reminder that the NSS Photography Contest deadline is October 31, 2022, and is open to all members. Please be sure to follow the rules that have been published in the *National News* and submit your entries by the deadline. This year the contest categories are scenic, animals, patriotic, and NSS Convention.

News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday wishes are sent to former National Slovak Society Secretary-Treasurer and Honorary Officer

Photos from 2022 Slovak Day at Kennywood Park

Paul M. Payerchin, Jr., former Director Gary Cepko, Sales Director Greg Felton, Controllor Donna Tenney, Chief Information Officer Alan Burns, Home Office staff members Tracey Bastaroli and Linda Buono. Also, to Chris Katricak, Mike Krynak, Carleen Lachman, Andy Burns, Millie Havir, John Palko, Susan Knoll, Charlotte Lavin, Edwin Woods and to all others celebrating a birthday in September.

Happy Wedding anniversary to Chairman of the Board Bob Katricak and wife Chris, to Honorary President Dave Blazek and wife Fran and to all others celebrating an anniversary during the month of September.



Judy Landa selling Mancini bread



Volunteer ladies selling Čeregi



L-R: Linda Strom, Rudy and Sue Ondrejco, Joseph Palko, Terri and Ron Cooper



L-R: Elaine Kucherawy, Keith Kucherawy, Annette Stefka, Joseph Stefka, Jr.



L-R: Pam Blum, Christine Davila, and Riley Partyka



L-R: Lori Crowley, Greg Felton, Linda Strom



L-R: Greg and Amanda Felton



The Bernardos



Joe and Annette Stefka with Grandkids



Thomas Town™ Kiddieland exhibit

2022 2nd Quarter Financial Statement Recap

Statement as of June 30, 2022

	June 2022	Dec 2021
Net Admitted Assets:		
Bonds	\$1,533,255,088	\$1,474,508,345
Preferred Stocks	4,866,680	5,300,000
Common Stocks	5,981,228	9,015,823
Mortgage Loans on Real Est.	118,241,941	108,777,412
Certificate Loans	957,777	965,173
Real Est Occupied by Society	606,221	616,899
Cash on Deposit	47,982,902	30,578,048
Other Invested Assets	1,795,734	1,866,369
Uncollected Premiums	232,662	418,064
Investment Income Due	16,983,366	16,398,188
TOTALS	\$1,730,903,599	\$1,648,444,321

Liabilities & Unassigned Funds

Aggregate Reserve	\$1,548,706,500	\$1,474,993,500
Deposit-type Contracts	72,497,021	70,447,522
Certificate Claims	550,000	675,000
Commissions Due	250,000	400,000
Refunds Due and Unpaid	920,000	840,000
General Exp Due	2,334,500	2,356,350
Retained by Society as Trustee	200,239	284,920
Borrowed Money & Interest	0	410,242
Asset Valuation Resv (AVR)	11,848,500	12,546,000
Interest Maintenance Resv (IMR)	4,872,525	4,548,975
Contingency Reserve	150,000	150,000
Unassigned Funds	88,574,314	80,791,812
TOTALS	\$1,730,903,599	\$1,648,444,321

Surplus Account:

Beginning Surplus	\$80,941,812	\$70,682,199
Net Income	10,419,456	11,649,196
Change in Net Unrealized		
Capital Gains or (Losses)	(1,969,618)	1,331,261
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	(1,364,836)	(533,344)
Change in Valuation Reserve	697,500	(2,187,500)
Aggregate Write-ins for Gains and Losses in Surplus		
Net Change in Surplus	7,782,502	10,259,613
Surplus At Statement Date	\$88,724,314	\$80,941,812

Summary of Operations:

INCOME:

Premium & Annuity Considerations	\$126,853,610	\$271,173,517
Net Investment Income	40,214,352	69,950,355
Amortization of Interest		
Maintenance Reserve	191,308	380,106
Aggregate Write-ins for Misc Inc	410,245	
Income Sub-Total	\$167,669,515	\$341,503,978

EXPENSES:

Death Benefits	\$5,368,796	\$7,676,447
Matured Endowments	3,913	19,026
Annuity Benefits	69,995,730	126,878,865
Disability Benefits	3,184	5,284
Surrender Benefits	356,923	968,110
Interest On Deposit Type Contr	6,303	11,837
Increase In Aggregate Reserve for Life Contracts	73,713,000	179,441,500
Commissions On Direct Business	3,702,619	7,559,823
General & Fraternal Expenses	3,862,357	6,360,845
Insur, Taxes, Licenses, Fees	127,974	202,108
Expense Sub-Total	\$157,140,799	\$329,123,845

SUMMARY:

Net Gain From Operations		
Before Refunds To Members	\$10,528,716	\$12,380,133
Refund To Members	(472,835)	(831,139)
Net Gain From Operations		
After Refunds To Members	10,055,881	11,548,994
Net Realized Capital Gains	363,575	100,202
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$10,419,456	\$11,649,196



A Page From
My Notebook...

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SEPTEMBERFEST 2022

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Presented by the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum

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

SEPTEMBERFEST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS ...

Ace Axe throwing 12 – 2 PM Janošik, the Slovak Robin Hood—Would you have the skill to be one of his loyal followers? An expert will give you tips and show you how to safely throw an axe at a target. Score points and perhaps win a prize. *(Must have closed-toe shoes and must be at least 16 yrs. of age with parent/guardian present to sign waiver to participate.)*

Giggles the Clown 1 – 3 PM Delighting young and old alike with wonderful balloon sculptures.

Polka Classics Polka Band 12 — 3 PM Playing all your favorite tunes LIVE!

Fiber Arts Demo by Martin Meyer A demonstration and hands-on opportunity for children and the young at heart to experience and participate in the process of turning fibers into fabric.

A great day out for the family!

International Marketplace where unique items will be presented. Take home an interesting hand-made Slovak folk craft, Ethnic Gift, or sweet confection as a souvenir.

Children's Area - where the kids can play the games **FREE**, and then redeem their tickets for prizes.

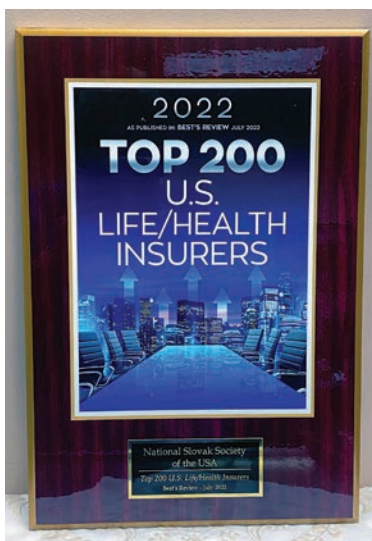
We invite you to visit our **Slovak Café** where you can choose from a variety of familiar dishes. Sure to satisfy your passion for that taste of home! Dobrú Chuť!

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

and much more....

Plenty of **FREE** parking At Jordan Tax Service

NSS Receives Top 200 Life/Health Insurers Award Two Years in a Row



For the second year in a row the NSS has achieved a Top 200 U.S. Ranking (137) in the 2022 Best's Review of Life/Health Insurers.

THANK YOU for your hard work and dedication to the members, directors and employees of the NSS.

39th Annual Western PA Slovak Radio Hour Dinner Dance

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour will proudly sponsor its 39th Annual Dinner Dance on Sunday, October 9, 2022. This annual celebration of friends is one of the major fundraising events for the Slovak Radio Hour, hosted by Rudy and Sue Ondrejco, and heard each Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on AM 73 WPIT, 96.5 FM and worldwide via wpitradio.com.



This year's festivities will take place at the Westwood Golf Club in West Mifflin, PA. The facility is handicapped accessible and there is plenty of free parking. Friends are invited to gather for a cash bar social at 4:30 p.m.; and a bountiful buffet dinner which will be served at 5:00 p.m. Entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure will be by *Gypsy George Batyi and the Gypsy Strings*. All seats are reserved, only advance reservations are accepted. Reservations are \$40.00 each, if purchased by September 30th. After September 30th the cost is \$45.00 each. Reservations will be accepted by mailing a check made payable to: **W. PA. Slovak Radio HR.** and mail them to: **234 Iliion Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207.** We hope to see you there on Sunday, October 9th.

Current Interest Rates

★ Effective January 1, 2020 ★

(Reaffirmed for the 3rd Quarter of 2022)

Optimum 3 2.00%

Preferred 5 3.00%

Preferred 8 3.50%

Preferred 7 and Flex earning 4%, these plans are no longer available.

Please contact your NSS Life financial service representative or
Joe Elliott in the Home Office at 1-800-488-1890.



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Annuity with NSS, just send us a check.
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.



2022 Annuity Contribution Coupon

Any time is a good time to invest, but investing earlier can maximize the compounding effect on your money. Consider making your 2022 contribution as early as possible.

Name _____

Certificate No. _____ Deposit Amount _____

Traditional IRA for 2022 _____ Roth IRA for 2022 _____

If you wish to make a deposit into an existing account with the National Slovak Society (NSS Life), simply complete this coupon and return it with check payment to our Home Office.

From the Sales Department...

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Systems Drive Success

Wonder how systems can relate to the life insurance and annuity business? Systems can be almost anything envisioned and planned. A flight attendant's safety review before the plane takes off is a great example of a system. The pilot's pre-flight checklist is a system. Your morning routine is your system. Your daily job, your workout, and so many other things are all part of a system. Systems are good, they create a routine that we are familiar with and that we can complete.

Like saving money, financial planning is a system that will help you be successful. One of the basic tenets of any financial plan is a solid base. This ground floor could be compared to the footer or foundation of building a house.

This base or first layer involves reviewing the current situation. Asking yourself some honest questions to gauge where you are. Some of the basic tenets for a solid foundation are:

- Adequate life insurance. Most people need some life insurance and it is really affordable.
- Have you taken full advantage of your company benefits?
- Do you have health insurance, home and auto coverage and other insurances?
- Are you contributing to your 401k at work? Do you have any IRA or a Roth IRA?
- Are you saving any money?
- The answers to these questions can put you on the road to your financial plan or system. Over time the plan will be fine-tuned. In the

long run, the system will help save money and set the stage for financial security. People that have a system and follow it are destined for success.

No one should go through this process without some help. Let us help you design a system for financial success that will serve you well. Call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information.

Children As Beneficiaries?

Many times people want to name their children or grandchildren as beneficiaries of their insurance or annuity contract. Usually this is a good idea and perfectly acceptable. However, sometimes these children are just that – children. This means that they are under the age of majority or age 18, in most cases.

We cannot legally pay a minor beneficiary the proceeds of any policy. We

should hold the funds until the child turns age 18 and can legally inherit the money. We could release the funds prior to age 18, if there was a court appointed guardian for the child. This results in greater expense in both time and money.

Some options to avoid this outcome are (1) the owner/insured creates a trust, names the trust as beneficiary and the minor is one of those beneficiaries. The other option is to use the Uniform Transfer to Minors statute. Every state has some version of this law. Both PA and OH allow such a transfer if some guidelines are followed. The beneficiary designation cannot name the minor, but rather, must name the custodian using the words: (name of custodian), as custodian for (name of minor) under the Pennsylvania Uniform Transfer to Minors Act. Or whatever the resident state of the custodian may be. Know your options and discuss this with your representative. As always NSS will honor any selection you want.

Thought For The Month:

When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be.

Lao Tzu (571 - ?) Chinese philosopher

Let's educate people about the importance of life insurance so they can make that easy decision for their family.

ROSELYN SÁNCHEZ

actress, producer, mother and spokesperson for Life Insurance Awareness Month

Life Happens™

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Most people aren't prepared financially for the death of a primary wage-earner.

Time until someone would feel the financial impact ...

10% One week

44% Within six months

17% Don't know



Source: 2022 Insurance Barometer Study, Life Happens and LIMRA

2022 Golf Tournament Results

GOLFER	Flight	Handicap	Front	Back	Gross	Net	Winners
Crowley, Kevin	A/B	31	54	46	100	69	1st Place
Froehlich, Dan	A/B	40	54	58	112	72	2nd Place
Blum, Alex	A/B	17	46	46	92	75	
DePersis, Nick	A/B	12	46	42	88	76	
Czarney, Mike	A/B	13	46	44	90	77	
Rainey, Ken	Sr-A	17	44	39	83	66	1st Place
Stefka, Joe	Sr-A	16	44	49	93	77	2nd Place (Tie)
Cooper, Ron	Sr-A	21	51	47	98	77	2nd Place (Tie)
Czarney, Jim	Sr-A	22	49	52	101	79	
Suess, Albert	Sr-A	13	47	46	93	80	
McKain, Floyd	Sr-B	27	41	46	87	60	1st Place ★
Froehlich, Chuck	Sr-B	25	45	45	90	65	2nd Place
Kapp, Bob	Sr-B	34	52	56	108	74	
Felton, Greg	Sr-B	24	49	50	99	75	
Czarney, Tom	Sr-B	26	48	53	101	75	
Morehart, Jim	Sr-B	24	54	50	104	80	
Burkhart, Joe	Cal	34	55	54	109	75	1st Place *
Wesnak, Drew	Cal	40	54	61	115	75	2nd Place
Cheberenchick, Dan	Cal	25	47	54	101	76	
Berner, Josh	Cal	30	59	47	106	76	
Lako, Ray	Cal-Sr	12	43	44	87	75	1st Place
Grega, Michael	Cal-Sr	24	49	51	100	76	2nd Place
Hannah, Melvin	Cal-Sr	29	53	52	105	76	
Beattie, Jeff	G-Cal	16	42	45	87	71	1st Place
Minto, Don	G-Cal	21	44	50	94	73	2nd Place
Albert, George	G-Cal	25	47	52	99	74	3rd Place
Martz, Brian	G-Cal	29	49	54	103	74	
Kasan, William	G-Cal	10	41	45	86	76	
Daugherty, Wyatt	G-Cal	27	50	53	103	76	
Sinagra, Dave	G-Cal	21	50	48	98	77	
Partyka, Mike	G-Cal	24	46	55	101	77	
Partyka, Zach	G-Cal	26	49	54	103	77	

* Tiebreaker by Handicap ★ Winner of 2022 Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial Golf Award

Sunday Scramble Results

1st Place (Tie) – William Kasan, Chuck Froehlich, Tom Czarney, Dan Froehlich
 – Alex Blum, Wyatt Daugherty, Michael Grega, Zach Partyka



Congratulations to **Floyd McKain**, winner of the
 2022 Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial Golf Award!

Scenes from the 2022 Golf Tournament



Fraternal night dinner and festivities



Members raising donations for the PVR Scholarship through the putting contest



Annette Stefka doing her best while donating funds "for the kids"

2022 Golf Tournament Teams / Scenes from the 2022 Golf Tournament



L-R: Drew Wesnak, Brian Martz, Mike Czarney, Kevin Crowley



L-R: Ron Cooper, Dan Cheberenchick, Floyd McKain, Joseph Stefka, Jr.



L-R: Alex Blum, Zach Partyka, Wyatt Daugherty, Mike Partyka



L-R: George Albert, Albert Suess, Greg Felton, Nick DePersis



L-R: Joe Burkhart, Ray Lako, Dave Sinagra, Jeff Beattie



L-R: William Kasan, Melvin Hannah, Don Minto, Ken Rainey



L-R: Jim Morehart, Josh Berner, Dan Froehlich, Chuck Froehlich



L-R: Bob Kapp, Mike Grega, Tom Czarney, Jim Czarney



Joseph Stefka, Jr. and Terri Cooper celebrate birthdays during the Golf banquet



L-R: Annette Stefka, Lori Crowley, Joseph Stefka Jr., Kevin Crowley, Linda Strom



L-R: Bob Kapp, Michelle and Dan Cheberenchick, Ron Cooper, Annette Stefka, Terri Cooper, Cathy Cilia, Floyd McKain

Scenes from the 2022 Golf Tournament



L-R: Emily and Chad Taylor and daughter Dakota, Drew and Sharon Wesnak, Rudy and Sue Ondrejco



L-R: Wyatt Daugherty, Alex and Pam Blum, Zach, Mike, Sharon and Riley Partyka and Brian Martz



L-R: Tom, Jim and Mike Czarney



L-R: Mike Grega and William Kasan



L-R: Ken and Linda Rainey and Don Minto



L-R: Jim Morehart, Josh and Jenny Berner, Bob and Chris Katricak and Chuck Froehlich

NSS 38th Quadrennial Convention Dining & Misc.



Carol Godor



Assembly 434 members



Kayleigh, Vivie, and Justyna Burns



Beth and Matt Mason



Katricak Grandkids at the 38th Convention



Katricak Grandkids at the Banquet

NSS 38th Quadrennial Convention Hershey AACA Museum 50's Night



Line dancing at the 50's night



Members of Assembly L075



Eric Riepole, Fran and David Blazek and Members of Assembly 434



John and Heather Payerchin



Members enjoying a slow dance



Ashley Bernardo & Heather Payerchin



Lori Crowley and John Urban



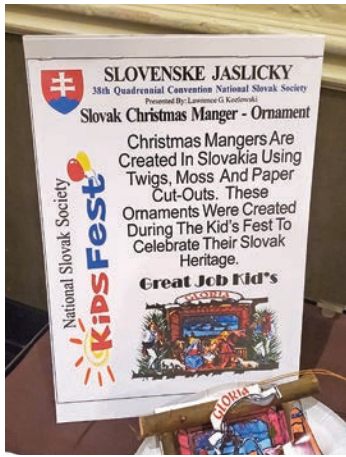
Members enjoying 50's night



Members of Assembly 434 surrounding Sandy

Scenes from the NSS 38th Quadrennial Convention Kids FunFest

Kids FunFest participants created among other projects, patriotic themed bird houses to be donated to a local American Legion



NSS Region 5 Pirates Night at PNC Park



L-R: Emily and Kevin Crowley, John, Karen, and Stephanie Orban and Carson Chatfield



L-R: Elaine Kucherawy, Annette Stefka, Keith Kucherawy, and Joseph Stefka, Jr.



L-R: Alex and Pam Blum, Brian, Karen, Emma and Rebecca Martz



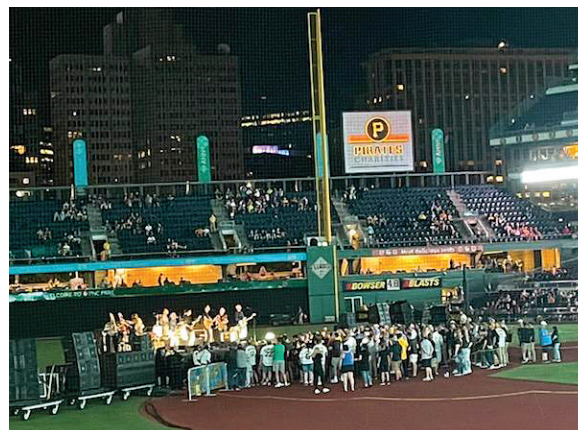
L-R: Emily Maloney, Joe, Gerry and Tracey Bastaroli
Bottom: Linda Strom



L-R: Robert Kotvas, Judy Landa, Larry Smith, and Bill Knoll



PNC Park skyline



"The Clarks" performed after the ending of the game



Steely McBeam

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 McMurray, PA 15317

PVR Scholarship Fund Donations July 2022

In Memory of **Nancy Walentik:**
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In Memory of **Margaret Leasure:**
 From George Leasure 75.00

In Memory of **Deceased Members from Assembly #731:**
 From Assembly 0731 100.00

In Memory of **Lauren & Ruth Burns & Lawrence Fox:**
 From Michael & Laurie Fox 100.00

In Memory of **My Mom, Ruth Burns:**
 From Linda Estes..... 20.00

In Memory of **Judith Callaghan:**
 From Assembly 123 20.00

In Memory of **Edward Eppinger:**
 From Assembly 123 20.00

In Memory of **James Gross:**
 From Assembly 123 20.00

In Memory of **Jerry L. Hudak:**
 From Assembly 123 20.00

In Memory of **Paula Irvin:**
 From Assembly 123 20.00

In Memory of **Jon W Lewis:**
 From Assembly 123 20.00

In Memory of our son and brother **Shaun Logan Crowley:**
 From Kevin, Lori, Kevin Jr., & John Crowley 20.00

Donations:

Start Hearing, Inc..... 300.00
 Andrew (Drew) & Sharon Wesnak 200.00
 James (Red) Wilson 100.00
 Assembly L102 100.00
 Region 14..... 100.00
 Laurie Fox..... 50.00
 Andrew (Drew) Wesnak 50.00
 Mike Czarney..... 50.00
 Robert Katricak 50.00
 Abigail Gross..... 50.00
 Joseph Stefka, Jr 50.00
 Karen Orban..... 50.00

DEPARTED MEMBERS JUNE, 2022

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Almendarez, Stephen	Aliquippa, PA	04/07/2022	0123
Baessler, Robert	Orwigsburg, PA	06/30/2022	L102
Bassano, James	Pittsburgh, PA	06/23/2022	0100
Baszak, Antoni	Feeding Hills, MA	07/04/2022	0774
Bayer, Charles A	Pittsburgh, PA	06/10/2022	L161
Bennett, Gilbert	Hinton, WV	06/26/2022	0774
Black, Frank R	Sligo, PA	06/13/2022	0554
Blangger, William	Monongahela, PA	06/11/2022	0588
Bowser, Edwin	Mahaffey, PA	05/25/2022	0554
Branch, Nancy	Mackinaw City, MI	06/17/2022	0381
Breeden, Helen	Greensboro, NC	06/23/2022	0774
Bretz, Joan	Indiana, PA	07/07/2022	L105
Brown, Thomas R	Valencia, PA	12/17/2021	L161
Brundula, Frank	Madison, OH	07/14/2022	0070
Cardarelli, Eleanor	Boardman, OH	06/24/2022	0731
Cavalier, Veronica	Finleyville, PA	06/08/2022	0100
Coon, Anne	Hollywood, FL	06/15/2022	0800
Crisp, Edgar	Centre Hall, PA	07/01/2022	L040
Cyktor, Susan M	West Newton, PA	07/02/2022	0737
D'Amico, Nancie	Pittsburgh, PA	06/23/2022	L161
Danks, Suzanne	Greensburg, PA	05/17/2022	0737
Davis, Allison	Media, PA	06/12/2022	R059
Denis, Mary	West Seneca, NY	07/03/2022	R019
DeVaughn, Beulah	Palestine, WV	05/02/2022	0774
Duffy, Frances	Pittsburgh, PA	02/11/2022	0100
Eckels, Robert G	Rostraver Twp, PA	07/07/2022	0377
Erjavec, Angeline	Cartersville, GA	07/09/2022	0774
Fowler, Ernest	Cecil, PA	07/09/2022	0588
Franke, Judith	Northfield, MN	08/08/2021	0774
Frascella, Joseph	Hummelstown, PA	07/09/2022	L102
Frazee, Martha	Marklesburg, PA	06/16/2022	0039
Fredericks, David	Shoemakersville, PA	07/13/2022	L102
Fulton Phillips, Evelyn	Pittsburgh, PA	01/31/2022	L161
Geishecker, Dorothy	Chicago, IL	01/21/2022	0586
Gherke, Dorris	Grantsville, WV	06/15/2022	0774
Goga, Dolores	Verona, PA	07/05/2022	L105
Haskell, George	Conway, PA	07/12/2022	0588
Hassan, James J	Hermitage, PA	07/05/2022	0731
Hendrickson, Eleanor	Avon, OH	02/26/2022	0432
Henke, John	Pittsburgh, PA	07/05/2022	0377
Herndon, Shirley	Garland, TX	05/19/2022	0774
Homulka, Helen	Blairsville, PA	12/23/2021	0737
Howard, Charlotte	Washington, PA	06/14/2022	0588
Hummel, Carol M	Johnstown, PA	07/11/2022	0737
Jacobson, Edwin R	Allentown, PA	04/23/2022	L102
Jarrell, Elma	Newton, NC	06/15/2022	0774
Kilgore, Donald	Sharpsville, PA	07/19/2022	0731
King, Violet	Standish, MI	12/09/2021	0381

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Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Kletsko, Lawrence	Springville, PA	11/15/2020	L075
Knizner, Joseph	Marianna, PA	07/04/2022	0774
Kopchick, Jr., George	Kempton, PA	07/15/2022	L102
Kozar, Elizabeth	Derry, PA	05/24/2022	0737
Kuhar, Helen	Springdale, PA	07/24/2022	L161
Kushner, Alice J	Cairo, NE	06/11/2022	0160
Licht, Carol	Venus, PA	07/11/2022	0731
Lunz, Joanne M	Ford City, PA	05/27/2022	0434
Maddy, Virginia	Nanticoke, PA	06/12/2022	0617
Malinich, Faith	Winter Springs, FL	07/02/2022	L075
Marazita, Monica	Spring Hill, FL	11/04/2019	0028
Marsek, Ann	Ardasley, NY	08/19/2021	0110
Martin, Bertha	Clairton, PA	06/30/2022	0108
Martin, Wayne	Cardale, PA	07/12/2022	0039
Masin, Eva	Sacramento, CA	03/23/2022	0568
Mazza, Lucy	Pittsburgh, PA	05/26/2022	0100
Mc Leod, Grace	Port Austin, MI	05/30/2022	0381
McConville, Dolores	Grindstone, PA	04/01/2022	0039
Metzger, Laverne	Pittsburgh, PA	04/06/2022	0100
Miele, Judith	Manor, PA	06/24/2022	0737
Minydzak, Margaret	Glassport, PA	05/05/2022	0108
Mock, Margaret	Harwick, PA	06/27/2022	L105
Nowicki, Nancy	Trenton, NJ	04/21/2022	0110
Passarelli, Josephine	Moon Twp, PA	06/30/2022	0123
Perona, Elizabeth	Hammonton, NJ	06/20/2022	0774
Perry, Ronald	Point Marion, PA	06/20/2022	0039
Petix, Joseph	Charleroi, PA	07/21/2022	0377
Pfeiffer, Rose	Beaver, PA	05/19/2022	0123
Piatt, Walter	Washington, PA	07/13/2022	0377
Pisani, Jr., Michael	Williamsville, NY	06/21/2022	0774
Pittsment, Anthony	Connellsville, PA	06/23/2022	0039
Ritchel, Thomas	Valrico, FL	04/18/2022	0813
Salafia, Joseph	Middletown, CT	06/02/2022	L002
Saley, Francis	West Palm Beach, FL	04/15/2022	0434
Sanders, Dolores	Pittsburgh, PA	06/01/2022	0434
Scharf, Earl	Baden, PA	07/04/2022	0123
Scott, Dorothy	Springdale, PA	07/16/2022	L105
Speer, Dolores	Export, PA	07/14/2022	0774
Strazer, Edith	Cedarburg, WI	05/12/2022	0586
Swanson, Bruce	Pittsburgh, PA	06/13/2022	L105
Thacker, Anna	McDermott, OH	07/12/2022	0595
Thomas, Charles D	Pittsburgh, PA	07/03/2022	0100
Tolino, Joanne	Verona, PA	06/07/2022	L105
Tompkins, Donna	Pittsburgh, PA	06/16/2022	L161
Vavrek, Cyril	Dunedin, FL	05/23/2022	0813
Yakubik, Andrea	Cambridge, OH	07/09/2022	0731
Zdarko, Kathleen	Warren, PA	07/01/2022	0774

PVR Thank You

I'd like to thank you for your continued support over the courses of my last two years of college. The NSS PVR Scholarship has greatly impacted my life and the affordability of higher education.

As I write this letter, I'm currently sitting in the mountains of Slovakia in my grandmother's home. Covid-19 delayed this trip for two years, and it is so good to be back in my family's home country. A lot has been on my mind over these few weeks, but one thought that I keep coming back to is how lucky I am to be part of an organization that celebrates the beauty of Slovak heritage and supports others in seeking a college degree.

As our entire family lives in Slovakia, my mother and I are essentially alone in the United States after my father's passing. This scholarship has monumentally helped in affording tuition and lifted a weight off our shoulders, so I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sonya Demacek
Scholarship Recipient



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LIFE HAPPENS

ASSEMBLY 0039 Uniontown, PA

Congratulations go out to the two new members of the NSS Board of Directors: Teresa Zemelman and Keith Kucherawy recently elected at the convention. We wish them well.

Our "Remember Flight 93" third quarter assembly meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 11th** at 6:00 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE:** we have changed the location for our meeting. We will now meet in the social room of the Bob Evans Restaurant on West Main Street. Delegates to the recent NSS Convention will give a report of their experience. Mark your calendars for the meeting!

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families of Jane Dandrea and Miriam Kline. May they rest in the blessed arms of the resurrected Christ.

It is not too early to mark your calendars to attend the "10th Annual Septemberfest" at the Home Office on Saturday, **September 24th**. Festivities start at 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Great Slovak food, crafts, auction baskets, Slovak dancers and much, much more. Come see the largest Slovak wood carving in the U.S.

Grab your cameras. Search your old photos. The "2022 NSS Photo Contest" is coming in October. Great prizes for youth and adults. Also, our assembly receives points for every member that enters. Deadline is October 31st.

Now is the time to start planning for your ornament for the upcoming coming NSS Ornament Contest. Deadline is December 1, 2022.

If you have any questions about what is going on in the NSS or our assembly, please call me at (724) 570-1301.

See you at Bob Evans on Sunday, **September 11th**.

Paul Payerchin
Secretary-Treasurer



ASSEMBLY 070/C070 Brooklyn, OH

This is our first time together since COVID regulations were imposed.

Assembly 0070 and C70 will have a meeting and luncheon on **September 18, 2022** at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Rd., Brooklyn, Ohio after church at 11:00 a.m. Call John Karkosiak at 216-741-6990 if you plan to attend. We will be having chicken and will need to plan accordingly. Side dishes and dessert would be appreciated.

John Karkosiak
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY L075 Duryea, PA

Nominations and election of officers will be held on **October 22, 2022** at Grandes Restaurant, 4200 Birney Avenue, Moosic at 1:00 p.m.

Our Fraternal Holiday Get together will be held at the Bone Appetite sponsored by the SPCA at the Woodlands Inn, Route 315, Wilkes-Barre, PA on **November 6th, 2022**.

For more information contact Lehrae Edwards at 570-569-2181.

Lehrae Ann Edwards
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY L102 Schnecksville, PA

Our annual Halloween costume party will be held at the Wesnak home, Whitehall, PA on **October 23rd** at 2:00 p.m. Any questions, please call me at 610-769-7006.

Sharon Wesnak
Financial Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

Members mark your calendars and clear these dates:

Saturday, September 10th - Miniature golf at the Neville Island course (by the Robert Morris Ice Complex) at 12 Noon. There will be Pizza and soft drinks after golf. If you are attending call Bill DelMonaco 412-264-7268 or myself at 724-242-5085. Nonmembers are welcome at a cost of \$5.

Also, on September 11th is Grandparents Day don't forget them, yes kids that's you. Best wishes to all our member grandparents.

Saturday, September 24th - Septemberfest at the home office, McMurray, PA from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is an event to benefit the NSS Heritage Museum. This is a very worthwhile and enjoyable event. If any of our members would like to volunteer some of their time to help with this event it would be greatly appreciated. Call Sue Ondrejco at 412-421-1204 to set up your time.

Saturday, October 22nd - Jill Grover has arranged a tour of *St. Nicholas Church* in Millvale PA at 1:00 p.m. It is on the list of National Historical Places. It is the first Croatian Catholic Church in America. It is also famous for containing very beautiful murals painted by Maxo Vanka (*see: <https://vankamurals.org/>*) We are limited to twenty-five people and a docent will be available to give us the history of the church and murals. Then we will then go to St. Anthony's chapel in Troy Hill which is nearby and is home to the world's second largest collection of relics. Only the Vatican has more. *https://pghshrines.org/about-st-anthony-chapel* A docent will be there to give the history of the chapel and the meaning of a relic and why they are of religious importance. Afterwards we will go to Penn's Brewery which borders Troy Hill for lunch and is another quite entertaining place. Transportation and lunch is on your own. Call me or Jill Grover at 412-638-7060 to let us know you want to be part of this tour. I can also be reached at **wbkns123@hotmail.com**.

Sunday, December 11th - Assembly Christmas luncheon at Rockefeller's Grill, 1833 McKees Rocks Road, McKees Rocks, PA at 1:30 p.m. I believe the actual location is Kennedy Twp. They have a large private banquet room with lots of parking. There will be more details in a future issue.

For any of our members who are in ill health know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and hopefully soon you will be able to enjoy all the full benefits of good health.

Also, don't forget your photos for the Photo Contest!

William Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 0377 Bentleyville, PA

A meeting will be held on **September 18, 2022** at 3:00 p.m. at Sesame Inn, McMurray, PA. Our annual Holiday party will be held on **December 4, 2022** at Hugo's Restaurant, Browns-ville, PA at 3:00 p.m.

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 0432 Fairview Park, OH

The Jet Express Lake Erie Island Tour will be held on **September 25th** at 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. The cost will be \$70.00 per person.

If interested please call Dave Pytel at 440-759-2148; Bill Shuttleworth at 440-465-6024; or Terri Hudak at 440-714-8902 for details.

Shawn Pytel
Publicity & Social Media

ASSEMBLY 0586 Chicago, IL

The turnout for our last meeting in August was excellent.

We mourn the passing of our dear friend Fred Olszowka. Fred joined in our get together's faithfully and with a smile that never wavered. His positive attitude was a gift to our group. Fred's personality added to our friendships. We honor his memory with our donation to the National Slovak Society scholarship program. We salute his service to our country. Our members will remember him as someone special. Blessings to Fred's family from his friends.

Irene Tomaskovic
Vice President

ASSEMBLY 0813 Englewood, FL

We will be working with the Catholic Social Services for a Matching Funds project on **Saturday, October 15th**. The project is called "Tailgate to Go" and will furnish meat and buns for four pork sandwiches, baked beans and coleslaw for four.

In football happy Alabama this will occur on an SEC Saturday when the Alabama teams are both playing away. It's a perfect day to stop by the Thirsty

Pig at St. Andrews and pick up soul satisfying food for four for only \$25.

Celeste Kelly heads up the Catholic Social Service crew and Kerry Farrell will provide the fixings. Call Kerry at 334-718-0559 to place an order, or contact Celeste at Catholic Socials Services at St. Columba Church.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary

REGION 5 Pittsburgh, PA

The fall meeting of Region #5 will be held on Sunday, **October 2, 2022**, at 1:00 p.m. at the Home Office, McMurray, PA. Our agenda includes discussing activities for the remainder of 2022 and 2023. 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

REGION 8 Cleveland, OH

Attention assemblies #4, #70, #160, and #432. Finally we will have our first meeting of Region #8 since our last meeting in October 2019 due to the Pandemic!

A meeting will be held on **October 9, 2022** at Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio at 7:00 p.m. **(please note time changed!)**

This meeting will be hosted by Assembly #70. Election of officers will be held along with plans for upcoming events for 2023.

Hope to see all assemblies from our region at this meeting.

Carole Koches
Secretary



Butwin Family Gathering

The 2022 Butwin Family Reunion was held on June 25, 2022 in Seelyville, IN. at the ancestral home of Butwin family founders John & Anna Butwin, who also were founding members of NSS Assembly 705. Many current members of Assembly 705 attended the reunion. With 96 family members in attendance, there were activities for all. A bounce house entertained the children as well as a sprinkler system to keep cool in the heat. Another activity was an egg hunt for the younger kids. A family history scavenger hunt was both fun and educational as the kids had to find answers to history questions by talking to family members. Adults were kept busy with a corn-hole tournament and a euchre tournament as well as taking time to visit and talk. BINGO was a favorite for all ages.

Two great meals were served with Subway for lunch and a local BBQ restaurant, Rick's Smokehouse, for dinner. The traditional family picture was taken as well as one of the first cousins. A family history video played all day for everyone's viewing pleasure. A book with special memories and reunion histories was given to those in attendance. Both the video & book were created by Mary Ellen Buck from Assembly 705. The day ended with a game show created by Jeanne & Brent Zhorne followed by clean up. Everyone said their good byes until it will be time to meet again.

Dorothy Buck
Secretary, Assembly 705



Butwin's first cousins

2022–2023 Scholarships – Perpetual Award Winners



Brooke Brinker

Assembly L102
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Construction Management
Dr. John Gulash Scholarship



Emma Cannata

Assembly L161
Thiel College
Communications, Media & Journalism
Grogan Family Scholarship



McKenna Coots

Assembly 0554
Liberty University
Exercise Science w/Conc. Therapeutic
Mary B. Burns Scholarship



Michael DiVencenzo

Assembly 0773
Ohio State University
Computer Engineering
Assembly 065 Scholarship



Samantha Donaldson

Assembly L161
Penn State University
Biomedical Engineering
Stephen J. Trusik Scholarship



Dominique Mahoner

Assembly 0774
Bucknell University
Chemical Engineering/Management
Assembly 065 Scholarship



Peter J. Merten

Assembly 0381
U.S. Military Academy at West Point
Defense and Strategic Studies
Mary Mravec Scholarship



Katherine Payerchin

Assembly 0123
Pennsylvania State University
Criminology
125th Anniversary Scholarship



Alexandra Samek

Assembly L105
Ohio State University
Business
NSS Board of Directors Scholarship



Peyton Shorthouse

Assembly 0731
John Carroll University
Biology/Pre-Med
Ann Marie Czarney Scholarship

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Brianna Appleman

Assembly 0774
Bloomsburg University
Biology, Pre-Med



Samantha Ashford

Assembly 0617
Wilkes University
Bachelor of Science in Nursing



Erin Barno

Assembly 0617
Seton Hall University
Biochemistry



Addaleia Beer

Assembly 0554
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Nursing



Kathryn Beyer

Assembly C123
St. Bonaventure University
Sports Management



Colin Blore

Assembly 0774
Miami University
Architecture or Business



Gavin Blore

Assembly 0774
Ohio University
Business and Finance



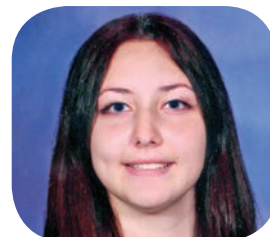
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Belmont University
Business



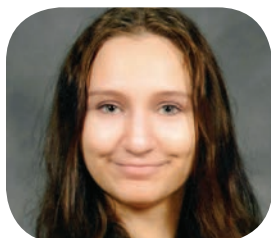
Kristin Catando

Assembly 0110
La Salle University
Bachelor's of Science in Nursing



Alyvia Cox

Assembly 0123
Bethany College
Pre-Medical



Bridget DiVencenzo

Assembly 0773
Kent State University
Psychology



Kaitlyn Fedorak

Assembly 0123
Duquesne University
Pre-Medical/Biology



Lauren Kirsch

Assembly 0123
Grove City College
Exercise Science/Physical Therapy



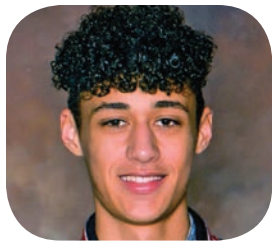
Noah Kue

Assembly 0774
Michigan State University, Lyman Briggs
Pre-Medical Biomedical Science



Dejanae Lowery

Assembly 0434
Miami University
Graphic Design



Eben McIntyre
 Assembly 0588
 University of Pittsburgh
 Undecided



Jacqueline Patterson
 Assembly 0554
 Allegheny College
 Environmental Science and Sustain.



Maggie Race
 Assembly 0737
 Penn State University
 Business Management



Julia Rayman
 Assembly 0039
 Indiana University of Pennsylvania
 Nutrition, Dietetics



Ty Rayman
 Assembly 0039
 West Virginia University
 Marketing



Joshua Salisbury
 Assembly 0774
 Allegheny College
 Neuroscience



Gabriel Sawarynski
 Assembly 0059
 Wilkes University
 Doctor of Pharmacy



Jonathan Sims
 Assembly 0110
 Arizona State University
 Electrical Engineering



Mike Sirianni
 Assembly 0123
 Pennsylvania State University
 Business/Finance



Will Sirianni
 Assembly 0123
 Pennsylvania State University
 Business/Economics



Bethany Smith
 Assembly 0554
 Saint Vincent College
 Undecided



Faith Smith
 Assembly 0554
 Robert Morris University
 Accounting



Joshua Syster
 Assembly 0267
 Geneva College
 Civil Engineering



Mercedes Volzer
 Assembly 0123
 West Virginia University
 Nursing



Ryan Waite
 Assembly 0554
 Emery-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Aeronautical Science



Ella Woods
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 Exploratory Studies for Freshman



Analise Younkin
 Assembly 0039
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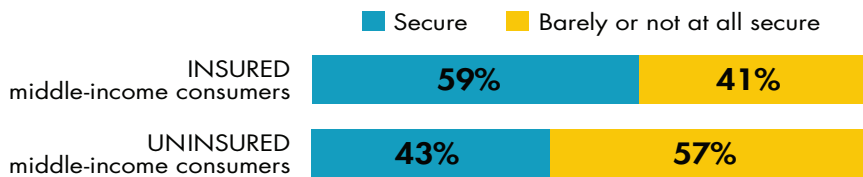
Abigail Yurick
 Assembly 0737
 University of Pittsburgh
 Neuroscience



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September

Pre mnohých z nás plynie život počas leta iným tempom ako po zvyšok roka. Počasie je teplé, dni sú dlhé a my sa snažíme spomaliť a vychutnať si o čosi viac čas v prírode a s našimi rodinami. A ak sa nám pošťastí, ideme načerpať nové sily na dovolenku. Teraz však opäť začíname byť pohltení povinnosťami v práci a doma, či rýchlo blížiacimi sa sviatkami.

Hoci sú letné dni stále na dohľad, pomaly nám začínajú vykúkať krásne scény jesene. Môžeme spozorovať veľa zjavných znakov tohto ročného obdobia. Jablká na stromoch sú červené, kvety predvádzajú svoju poslednú výstavu a večery prinášajú dotyk chladu. Stromy sa rozžiaria farbami, hneď niekoľkými naraz. Tam, kde len pred mesiacom bolo údolie odeté do smaragdu, je teraz odeté v horčicovom zlate, korenisto červenej a muškátovo hnedej, svedčiac tak o nekonečnej kráse prírody.

“Septemberfest”— Pozývame Vás na septembroví festival čo bude na 24 septembra tu v našu múzeu. Počas festivalu sa bude podávať i jedlo ako haluški, palačinky, atď. Tiež pre prítomných bude i zábava slovenským folklórom—tancom a spevom, a možno poniektorý si zakúpi i suveníri. Vstupné zdarma.

Stretnutie sa Slovákov v Pittsburghu

Oznamujeme Slovákom a Slovenkám a priateľom Slovákov, že výbor Rádio Clubu západnej PA pripravuje stretnutie sa Slovákov v Pittsburghu čo sa prevedie na 9-teho októbra vo Westwood Golf Klube, vo West Mifflin. Lísky sú k dostaniu od členov prípravného výboru alebo urobte si rezerváciu u Sue Ondrejco na čísle 412 421-1204. Vstupné zahŕňa večeru a celovečernú zábavu keď do tanca bude vyhrávať skupina “Kontakty”.

Pozývame, všetkých Vás a Vaše rodiny.

Slovenské vysielanie možno počuť každú nedeľu na rádio stanici WPIT 730 AM od 3-tej do 4-tej popoludni z mesta Pittsburghu. Keď žijete mimo Pittsburghu možno to počuť cestou internetu.



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

Humor...



Partia chlapcov nosí na stavbe dosky po tri, ale Dežo iba po jednej.

Majster na neho volá:

- Dežo, prečo aj ty nenosiš po tri dosky ako ostatní?
- Majster, môžem ja za to, že oni sú leniví chodiť trikrát?



Vo svojom bydlisku v Ríme v pondelok v skorých ranných hodinách v kruhu najbližších spolupracovníkov vo veku 98 rokov zomrel kardinál Jozef Tomko. Informovala o tom Konferencia biskupov Slovenska. Za pápeža Jána Pavla II. pôsobil ako prefekt Kongregácie pre evanjelizáciu národov. Bol tiež predsedom Pápežského komitátu pre medzinárodné eucharistické kongresy. Vo Vatikáne pôsobil od roku 1945 a po smrti Jána Korca bol posledným žijúcim slovenským kardinálom. Zároveň bol od 29. júla 2021 najstaršie žijúcim členom kolégia kardinálov.

Posledná rozlúčka so zosnulým kardinálom bola vo Vatikáne vo štvrtok 11. augusta vo Svätopeterskej bazilike pri Oltári katedry. Pohrebné obrady v Katedrále sv. Alžbety bol v utorok 16. augusta a hlavným celebrantom boli emeritný arcibiskup kardinál Dominik Duka.



Patronka 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.**



Youth Circle Page

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2022 NSS PHOTO CONTEST

Deadline: October 31, 2022

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.**

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. Email submissions are accepted but it is recommended that physical photo submissions are the preferred entry type as the judging will be done with physical prints of photos and we cannot guarantee quality prints of email submissions. (No touch-up or computer enhanced photos permitted)
- Name and address should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper or included in email submission, along with information where the photo was taken.

Do not write on your photo!

Four Categories

Scenic	Patriotic
Animals	NSS Convention

Prize List

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

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.

2022 Christmas Ornament Contest

Deadline: December 1st, 2022

Now is the time to start thinking and making your Christmas Ornament. Get out your glue guns and glitter and create a winning ornament today!

The rules are as follows:

1. The contest is open to all NSS members. In addition, we are inviting our Home Office Staff, and even our Board Members to participate.
2. Entries should be no larger than 5" High; 5" Wide and 5" Deep. The base can be in any shape so long as it stays within the above measurements. You can glue objects to make your ornament decorative (we encourage you to be creative!) Some examples are glitter, ribbon, stars, cotton balls, etc... Please submit original handmade ornaments only. Ornaments made from kits will be disqualified.
3. All entries must include your name, address, age, youth circle number or assembly number and phone number on a separate sheet of paper. **Youth members will receive a NSS t-shirt for entering and thus should also list their shirt size (Youth: YS, YM, YL or Adult: AS, AM, AL, AXL).**
4. All winners in each group will have their names appear in the "National News." In addition, a picture of your ornament will appear on the website. All entries will be distributed to a local nursing home to be placed on a Christmas Tree. You can send in more than one ornament for distribution purposes--the more we have the prettier the tree will be! In the event you send more than one, please note which ornament you would like to have judged.
5. The contest shall be judged under the following categories and prize awards:

Member Categories:

Frosty's Group (Ages 5-7)
 Rudolph's Group (Ages 8-10)
 Snowflake Group (Ages 11-13)
 Santa Group (Ages 14-16)
 Adult Group

Prize Awards:

First Place - \$25.00
 First Place - \$25.00
 First Place - \$25.00
 First Place - \$25.00
 First Place - \$50.00
 Second Place - \$30.00
 Third Place - \$20.00

6. Entries must be mailed, or hand-delivered to the NSS Home Office by the deadline of December 1st of each year. Please mail to: National Slovak Society ATT: Ornament Contest, 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA 15317-3337. **BE SURE THAT YOU FOLLOW THE RULES CAREFULLY SO YOU DO NOT LOSE POINTS IN THE JUDGING.**

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