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2023 First Quarter Statement Recap

Statement as of March 31, 2023

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Bonds	\$1,565,418,356	\$1,547,459,334
Preferred Stocks	4,097,700	4,256,840
Common Stocks	7,603,475	7,212,701
Mortgage Loans on Real Est.	118,352,792	120,892,952
Certificate Loans	942,698	972,228
Real Est Occupied by Society	590,205	595,544
Cash on Deposit	42,789,364	60,312,219
Other Invested Assets	1,611,579	1,646,896
Uncollected Premiums	184,685	234,171
Investment Income Due	18,755,261	18,436,388
TOTALS	\$1,760,346,115	\$1,762,019,273

THE NSS HERITAGE MUSEUM PRESENTS

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September 30, 2023

2023 NSS Poetry Contest



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Could you use a little extra "Green?"

RECOMMENDER FORM

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 to whom we issue a policy. 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: _____

Please mail form to the NSS Life Home Office.

Do you need a Change of Address?

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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

REGION 2

Assemblies L075, 0617

July 19
August 5
August 6
August 17
August 19
October 14

Assembly 0617, Meeting, Angelo's Restaurant, Midway Shopping Center at 1:00 pm
Region 2, Meeting/Election of Officers, Grotto Pizza, Wilkes-Barre, PA at 1:00 pm
Assembly L075, Fraternal Summer Picnic, Mercateli-Segilia Park, Moosic, PA (TBA)
Assembly 0617, Fraternal Day, Knoebels Park at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0617, Meeting, Avenue Diner, Wyoming, PA at 1:00 pm
Assembly L075, Meeting, Grandes Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm

REGION 5

Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0731, 0737, 0774

July 14-16

July 19
July 20
August 6
August 20
September 10
September 18
September 22-24
September 30
October 29
November 13
December 2
December 3
December 16

57th Annual National Golf Tournament, Kennsington Golf Club, Canfield, OH

Assembly 0731, Pirates-Guardians baseball game, PNC Park at 12:30 pm
Slovak Day, Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA
Assembly 0377, Gateway Clipper Cruise, Pittsburgh, PA 6:30-8:30 pm (arrive by 6:00 pm)
Region 5 Family Picnic, Cedar Creek Park Pavilion #16, Belle Vernon, PA, 1-5:00 pm
Assembly 0039, Remembering Flight 93, Bob Evans Restaurant, Uniontown, PA at 6:00 pm
Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA at 5:30 pm
Assembly 0731, Family Camping Weekend, Rogers, OH
NSS Heritage Museum's Septemberfest, NSS Home Office, McMurray, PA, 11-4:00 pm
Assembly 0377, Meeting, Sesame Inn, McMurray, PA at 3:00 pm
Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA at 5:30 pm
Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Columbia Association Event Center at 2:00 pm
Assembly 0377, Meeting, Hugo's Restaurant, West Brownsville, PA at 3:00 pm
Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Lariccia Center Rotary Room, Boardman, OH

REGION 8

Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595

August 25

Assembly 0432, Night at the Ballpark, 7:05 pm

REGION 14

Assemblies R059, L102

No Activities

AT LARGE

Assemblies L002, R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813

August 17
August 20
October 22
December 17

Assembly 0586, Meeting, Time and place to be announced
Assembly 0705, Meeting at the Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0705, Meeting at the Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0705, Christmas Party (Fraternal Fund Activity) TBA



Happy Birthday President Joseph Stefka, Jr. on July 17th!
Wishing you good health and happiness
for many years to come!

The President's Page...

Joseph Stefka, Jr., FIC, President, CEO
Email: jstefka@nsslife.org



As we approach the month of July in the Pittsburgh area, the weather pattern has changed drastically. The area has experienced temperatures averaging eight to ten degrees above normal and rain has been not existent. Lawns that just three weeks ago were plush and green are currently dry and turning yellow and brown in color. The extended forecast for the area over the next ten days does not include rain. Over the past three and a half weeks we have had only two days with minimal rainfall. Looking at our cup half full, the lawns will not need to be mowed as often and the golf courses have firmed up and the ball is rolling farther!

The Home Office will be closed for business on Tuesday, July 4th allowing our staff to spend time with their families as we celebrate our country's independence while holding picnics, cookouts, and enjoying fireworks displays. Wishing all a safe Fourth of July Holiday! We are grateful for the many freedoms we have as citizens of this great Nation! God Bless America!

A total of fifty entries were received for the May Art Contest. The artwork is currently being judged by a retired art teacher. The results of the contest will be published in a future issue of this publication. Thank you to all the Youth Circle members that submitted an entry for the contest, and to their parents and grandparents for encouraging them to participate in this national fraternal activity. Also, thank you to the Adult members that submitted an entry. This year marked the first May Art Contest in which our Adult NSS members were able to participate. Looking forward to seeing some great artwork!

A reminder to all freshman, sophomore, and junior year PVR Scholarship recipients to submit your transcripts from the past academic year by July 15th to receive next year's scholarship. Congratulations to all NSS members who have graduated from either high school or college this year. Good luck in the future!

The NSS National Golf Tournament will take place July 14 – 16th at Kensington Golf Club in Canfield, Ohio. The first entry received for this year's tournament was submitted by Mike Grega of Assembly 70. Mike was a first-time participant in last year's NSS National Golf Tournament at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course. Welcome back Mike! The weekend of the NSS National Golf Tournament is always an enjoyable and fraternal time. It is centered around the golf competition on Saturday and Sunday but also involves opportunities to meet with fellow NSS member and guests throughout the weekend in a fraternal atmosphere. Good luck to all NSS golfers and guests competing this year! Have a safe trip to Canfield, Ohio. If you have never participated in one of the NSS National Golf Tournaments, plan to attend next year. The event is an individual handicapped competition on Saturday and a Sunday scramble. Golfers of all skill levels compete in the event.

Slovak Day at Kennywood Park will take place on Thursday, July 20, 2023. This year's Slovak Day is special since we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Slovak Day at Kennywood. Special events for the 100th Anniversary are planned along with the usual opportunities to see friends, enjoy the rides in the park, and enjoy the delicious Slovak foods at the Slovak Kitchen! Please make plans to attend the event. Discount tickets may be obtained through the NSS Home Office. Region #5 will once again offer free ride tickets to the youth members of Region #5. These tickets may also be obtained through the Home Office by contacting Pam Blum. Looking forward to seeing all of you at Kennywood Park on July 20th to celebrate a century of Slovak Days!

A reminder that entries for the Poetry Contest are due by August 15th. Please enter the contest and help your

Assembly earn points toward the Extra Effort Awards that are distributed to Assemblies. These awards are important because they provide additional funding that helps assemblies with activities and charitable donations throughout the year.

News of Narodniars

Happy Happy Birthday wishes to Honorary Director Ed Koches, NSS Field Development Manager Jeff DeSantes, former Home Office Staff Members Pat Glaser and LaVerne Orban, to Albert Seuss, Darryl Shingle, Michael Fox, John Orban, Terri Cooper, Chas Tabone, Jackie Reeves, Dale Blazek, and Ella Woods.

Happy Wedding Anniversary to my daughter Ashley and son-in-law Brett Bernardo, Cyndy and Bob Triebisch, Pam and Charlie Tabone, and to all others celebrating a special day during the month of July.

NSS at PA Fraternal Alliance Legislative Luncheon



**Front L-R: Abigail Gross, Linda Strom
Back L-R: John Payerchin; Joseph Stefka, Jr.; Greg Felton**

NSS Meets with Ambassador to Slovakia



President Joseph Stefka, Jr. with his wife Annette Stefka, and NSS Secretary/Treasurer Linda Strom meet with the Slovakian Ambassador Radovan Javorčík (R) and the Secretary of the Ministry of Education Michal Fedák (L) at the WPCSA Education Conference

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Liabilities & Unassigned Funds

Aggregate Reserve	\$1,575,092,000	\$1,575,671,000
Deposit-type Contracts	70,005,390	71,800,238
Certificate Claims	525,000	925,000
Commissions Due	330,000	375,000
Refunds Due and Unpaid	1,080,000	1,000,000
General Exp Due	1,872,200	1,990,000
Retained by Society as Trustee	222,860	139,849
Borrowed Money & Interest	0	0
Asset Valuation Resv (AVR)	14,160,000	13,542,800
Interest Maintenance Resv (IMR)	4,555,802	4,681,099
Contingency Reserve	150,000	150,000
Unassigned Funds	92,352,863	91,744,286
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Surplus Account:

Beginning Surplus	\$91,894,286	\$80,941,812
Net Income	1,550,059	17,443,981
Change in Net Unrealized		
Capital Gains or (Losses)	(147,407)	(2,217,550)
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	(176,875)	(3,277,156)
Change in Valuation Reserve	(617,200)	(996,801)
Aggregate Write-ins for Gains and Losses in Surplus		
Net Change in Surplus	608,577	10,952,474
Surplus At Statement Date	\$92,502,863	\$91,894,286

Summary of Operations:

INCOME:

Premium & Annuity Considerations	\$53,971,344	\$218,833,341
Net Investment Income	21,036,462	81,575,937
Amortization of Interest		
Maintenance Reserve	148,358	392,944
Aggregate Write-ins for Misc Inc	0	410,245
Income Sub-Total	\$75,156,164	\$301,212,467

EXPENSES:

Death Benefits	\$4,040,227	\$12,075,549
Matured Endowments	0	42,321
Annuity Benefits	66,347,010	155,488,617
Disability Benefits	986	5,342
Surrender Benefits	69,925	645,831
Interest On Deposit Type Contr	3,306	12,831
Increase In Aggregate Reserve for Life Contracts	(579,000)	100,677,500
Commissions On Direct Business	1,384,783	6,409,626
General & Fraternal Expenses	1,947,133	7,519,923
Insur, Taxes, Licenses, Fees	74,922	218,768
Expense Sub-Total	\$73,289,292	\$283,096,308

SUMMARY:

Net Gain From Operations		
Before Refunds To Members	\$1,866,872	\$18,116,159
Refund To Members	(307,040)	(985,225)
Net Gain From Operations		
After Refunds To Members	1,559,832	17,130,934
Net Realized Capital Gains	(9,773)	313,047
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$1,550,059	\$17,443,981



A Page From
My Notebook...

Linda M. Strom, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Email: lstrom@nsslife.org

Current Interest Rates

★ Effective April 1, 2023 ★

Optimum 3 – 4.25%

Preferred 5 – 4.00%

New Preferred 8 – 6.00%* (For First Year Only)

*Current projected renewal rate of 4.25% for Preferred 8
(Preferred 7 and Flex earning 4.25%, 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.



NSS Life
Family Matters...



HERE IS SOME FUTURE FINANCIAL PLANNING ADVICE TO HELP YOU!

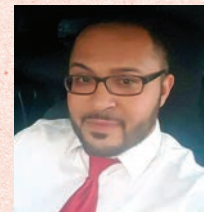
1. Create a **FINANCIAL PLAN** and a **BUDGET**.
2. Follow the **50/30/20 RULE FOR SUCCESS**. This method divides your funds into three categories. **50%** for **BILLS**, **30%** for **DISCRETIONARY SPENDING** and **20%** for **SAVINGS**. Follow this rule and you will always have money.
3. Pay bills **ON TIME** and **PROTECT** your **CREDIT**.
4. Build an **EMERGENCY FUND**.
5. Buy **LIFE INSURANCE** because **NOBODY KNOWS** the **FUTURE**.

Congratulations to our NSS 2nd Qtr. Leaders for the Year of 2023



Nicholas Carini is the **TOP PREMIUM/ANNUITIES PRODUCER** for the **Second Quarter of 2023**. "Nicholas Carini knew early on in his life he would pursue a career in the financial services industry just as his dad, Jack. He graduated from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Financial Planning. Nicholas is now the co-owner of Carini Financial, LLC where he manages individuals and small businesses with their financial planning needs. To further his commitment to his clientele, Nicholas went on to earn his Certified Financial Fiduciary® designation and is currently enrolled in The American College of Financial Services pursuing the CFP®, ChFC®, and the CLU® designations. When he is not working he enjoys spending time with his wife, Gabrielle, son, Brooks, and dog, Rosie, as well as working in his woodshop and garden."

Congratulations to **Joseph Hernandez** on being the **TOP LIFE INSURANCE/NEW MEMBER PRODUCER** for the **Second Quarter of 2023**. Joseph is from Lumberton, North Carolina. Joseph started selling life insurance at the early age of 18 and was employed with United Insurance for 20 years. He decided recently to go independent and is very excited about working with the NSS and the products they have to offer. Joe is the proud father of two precious little girls, Zoe and Skylar.



From the Sales Department...

Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC, Sales Director
Email: gfelton@nsslife.org



Over the next few months this page will feature a life insurance and annuity section. In August 2023, we will cover the benefits of life insurance. The annuity article will be all about their benefits. In September, life insurance will discuss whole life plans and annuities will feature traditional IRAs. October will feature term insurance for life and Roth IRAs for annuities. November will focus on single premium life and Coverdell education savings accounts. In the space we have this will not be a deep dive into each of these products but more of a good thorough overview.

Some Fun Facts About the 4th of July

- The Star-Spangled Banner while written by Francis Scott Key in 1814, did not become the national anthem until 1931.
- The Continental Congress voted for our independence on July 2, 1776.
- The Declaration of Independence for formally adopted on July 4, 1776.
- John Adams wanted the holiday to be celebrated on July 2nd and refused to participate in any July 4th parties/speeches.
- President Zachary Taylor died on July 4, 1850, after eating spoiled fruit following some 4th of July speeches.
- On July 4th of every year, the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped 13 times in honor of the first thirteen colonies.
- Two of the most famous signers of the Declaration of Independence, John

Adams, and Thomas Jefferson, both died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the signing.

- Calvin Coolidge is the only president so far that was born on July 4th.
- Edward Rutledge was the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence at age 26. There were 56 original signers to the declaration and Benjamin Franklin was the oldest at age 70.
- John Hancock was the first and most prominent signer. Hence, the phrase, "I need your John Hancock on that line."
- At the time, there were 2.5 million people in the U.S. Today there are 330 million Americans making us the third most populace country behind China and India.
- There have been 27 versions of the U.S. flag. The original one had 13 stars and 13 stripes representing the 13 colonies. The last revision of the flag was in 1960 when the 50th star was added for the state of Hawaii.
- One World Trade Center is 1,776 feet tall (not an accident, by design)
- On July 4th Americans consume about 150 million hot dogs.
- There are more than 15,000 fireworks displays across this great land. Average cost is between \$8,000 to \$15,000. The most expensive fireworks displays are in Boston and Washington, DC, and they both run about \$2 million dollars.

Dennis Biava Retires



Congratulations to Dennis Biava on his retirement. L-R: Rhonda & Greg Felton, Dennis Biava and his spouse, Susan.

Thought For The Month:

Always pray to have eyes that see the best, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith.

Slovak proverb



HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE
4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY!

Fraternal Matters...

Pam Blum, Fraternal Activities Coordinator
Email: pblum@nsslife.org



2023 National Golf Tournament

The National Golf Tournament will be held on **July 14-16, 2023** at Kennsington Golf Club in Canfield, OH. The deadline has passed for registration but if you would like to join us for Hospitality Night on Friday please email or call me at **pblum@nsslife.org** or 724-731-0094.



Attention: PVR Renewal

All 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students! Remember to send me your transcripts by **July 15th** to receive your next installment of the PVR Scholarship. Also, keep in mind that you must have maintained a 3.0 GPA to receive your next installment of the scholarship. Once we receive your transcript and your grades are in good standing your check will be mailed to your home address the first week of August. Deadline for transcripts is **July 15, 2023**.

Art Contest Update

The artwork submitted for the **May Art Contest** is currently at the judges. Results will be published in the August issue of the *National News*.

Upcoming Contests

The deadline for the upcoming Poetry Contest is **August 15th**, so get your entries in!

Later in the fall will be the Photo Contest, where entries are due by **October 31st**.

Region 5 Picnic

The annual picnic of Region 5 will be held on **Sunday, August 20th** at the Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion #16, Belle Vernon, PA at 1:00-5:00 pm.

The Centennial Celebration of Western PA Slovak Day

The 100th Annual Slovak Day celebration at Kennywood Amusement Park in West Mifflin, PA is **July 20, 2023**. NSS home office staff will be aiding with selling and distributing meals including Slovak favorites haluski, pirohy, ceregi and more. See **below** for further information on events, tickets, etc.

100th Annual Slovak Day in Kennywood

The Centennial Celebration of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day will take place **Thursday, July 20, 2023** at **Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA**. For 100 years the Slovaks of Western Pennsylvania have come together to celebrate Slovak Tradition, Family, and Faith at Kennywood Park. There will be displays, authentic costumes, a Slovak liturgy, spectacular Slovak Folk Dance performances, a sing along, scrumptious Slovak food, special children's activities as well as foot-tapping music for dancing. Special guests include the Slovak Ambassador to the United States, Ambassador Radovan Javorčík; His Excellency The Most Reverend Bishop David Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh, and His Excellency Bishop Larry Kulick, Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg.

A Centennial Party will be held at the **Main Stage** at 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Dancing, a birthday cake, and music by the Rusynsky Bet'are (Rusyn Rascals) will be there. Meet and Greet with Ambassador Javorčík will be a part of the party. The **Main Stage** program will begin at 3:00 pm with a parade of dignitaries from Slovakia, the Slovak Fraternal and dignitaries. Ambassador Javorčík will address the community..

A highlight of Slovak Day is the Slovak Liturgy in the **Main Pavilion** directly at 4:00 pm. The Main Celebrant of the Liturgy will be Bishop David A. Zubik, Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and Bishop Larry Kulick, Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, along with several Catholic priests from the Pittsburgh, Greensburg and Johnstown-Altoona Dioceses. Immediately following will be a sing along of Slovak music, songs and dances presented by the "Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble (PAS)" and the "Pittsburgh Slovaki-ans".

Food will be served from 12:30 p.m. till it sells out. In **Pavilion # 3** you will be able to see an exhibit on "Slovak Kroj" prepared by the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble. In the Main **Pavilion # 5** there will be Slovak Cultural Displays provided by the Slovak Fraternal. Also in Pavilion #5 there will be Slovak vendors selling goods from Slovakia.

A special youth area will feature activities just for children. The children's program will include games and treats beginning at 12:30 pm by the **Main Pavilion**. The Pittsburgh Pirate Pierogy will be on hand. Every child participating in these activities will receive a free treat.

From 1:00 to 3:00 pm, one can sit back and enjoy the music or kick up your heels dancing, to traditional Slovak music of the George Batyi Gypsy Stringz Ensemble at the Kitchen **Pavilion #4**.

Special Slovak Day price tickets are **\$25**. **Region 5 youth members (ages 16 & under) are eligible for a FREE ticket**. For Region 5 tickets, please contact Pam Blum at the Home office at **724-731-0094** or Sue Ondrejco at **412-421-1204**.

These special priced tickets are available from Committee members only. The discounted price is provided by FCSLA Life, NSS Life and NSS Life-Region 5. For tickets contact **Sue Ondrejco** at 234 Ilion Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207 or call **412-421-1204**.

Checks should be made out to: **WPSDA**. For general information about the 100th Slovak Day contact Chairwoman Mary Lou Wagner at **(412) 462-1957**.

Region 5

Sunday, August 20, 2023



Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion # 16

1 — 5 p.m.



- FREE!
- FOOD
- AUCTION BASKETS



By "Giggles the Clown"

Call, text or email Laurie Fox with # of Adults & Children attending:

330-717-4705 or LFox@NSSLife.org

Deadline for registration Monday, August 7, 2023



SEPTEMBERFEST 2023

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Presented by the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum

11 AM—4 PM

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



This year will mark our 11th annual event at the museum. We would like to have as many of our Assemblies and Regions be involved in helping to make this year's event another successful experience. As always we need many volunteers to help in various ways throughout the day. **If you know a vendor or crafter who would like to participate or demonstrate their craft for the day please contact: sue.ondrejco@gmail.com for more information. Space is limited. Early Vendor registration is encouraged. Deadline for Vendor registration is August 10, 2023.**

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

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

OR

Be a Sponsor Gold \$250 ... Silver \$100... Bronze \$50

Checks should be made payable and mailed to: NSSHM .. 234 ILION St. Pgh., PA 15207.

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

Scenes from Joint National Fraternal Bowling Tournament



L-R: Kevin Collins, Executive Secretary, FCSU; Michael Horvath, President, SCS; George Juba, President, GCU; and Joseph Stefka, Jr., President NSS Life.



Joseph Stefka, Jr. with wife Annette Stefka.



Joseph Stefka, Jr. and Fraternal Director Pam Blum

NSS Home Office Employee Birthdays



L-R: Lori Korte and John Payerchin celebrating in March.



Lisa Shriver celebrating her birthday in April.



Birthdays celebrated in May.

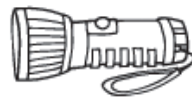
L-R: Pam Blum, Linda Strom, Eric Riepole, Ginny McMurdy and Maureen Schantz.



Youth Circle Magazine - Summer 2023



Camping



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| chipmunk | lantern | reservation | vacation |



20 Camping Safety Rules for Kids

1. Stay Together
2. Establish Boundaries
3. Stay Away from Water (Unless You're with an Adult)
4. Avoid Poison Ivy, Poison Oak & Poison Sumac
5. Shoes at All Times
6. Camp Tools Aren't Toys
7. Do Your Camp Chores
8. Don't Eat Anything You Find in the woods.
9. Drink Plenty of Water
10. Fuel Up with Healthy Foods
11. Keep It Clean
12. No Food in the Tent
13. Don't Leave the Marked Trail
14. Make Noise when you're walking through the woods or hiking a trail, in order to warn nearby animals to stay away.
15. Never Try to Touch Wild Animals
16. Keep Pets on a Leash
17. Always Bring a Whistle & Flashlight
18. Learn Fire Safety Rules & Practice Them
19. Don't Touch Lanterns, Stoves or Grills—They're Hot!
20. No Fire or Candles in the Tent



Egg Carton Frog

Supplies:

- 2 cups from a cardboard egg carton
- 1 foam coffee cup
- Green craft paint
- 2 green pipe cleaners
- 2 green buttons
- 2 googly eyes
- Scrap of red felt

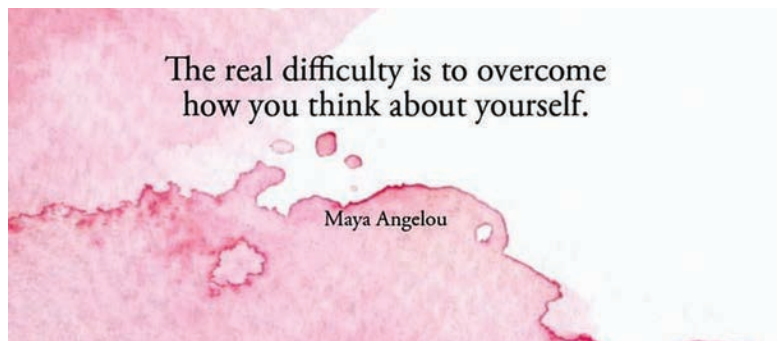
Tools:

- Hot glue gun
- Scissors



Instructions:

1. Paint the egg cups with green paint and set them side to dry.
2. Paint the coffee cup with green paint too, but you only need to paint the bottom half.
3. Cut one of the pipe cleaners in half. Bend the top of the pipe cleaner into a loop and twist. This forms the top of the back leg. Now bend the bottom half into a loop, forming a shape similar to a heart.
4. Leave a little excess pipe cleaner sticking out to poke into the side of the cup. Repeat with the other half of the pipe cleaner to make the second back leg. Poke the pipe cleaner leg into the side of the cup body.
5. For the front legs, cut the second pipe cleaner in half. Set one half aside for a future project. Take the remaining half and cut that in half. Bend one end of each pipe cleaner into a small loop for the front foot. Make a bend in the front leg and poke it into the front of the cup. Repeat for the other leg.
6. Cut a forked tongue from red felt and glue inside one of the egg cups. Glue the egg cups together, open end to open end. Glue the egg cup head to the body. Glue googly eyes to the buttons. Glue the eyes to the head.
7. Congratulations now you have made your happy frog.



Riddles you can try on your family and friends

Riddle: Which word is least like the others? Third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth?

Answer: Third, it is the only one not ending in "th".

Riddle: What is the last thing you take off before bed?

Answer: Your feet from the floor!

Riddle: What word in the English language has three consecutive double letters? (Clue: it's a compound word.)

Answer: Bookkeeper.

Riddle: How many letters are in the alphabet?

Answer: There are 11 letters in "the alphabet."

Riddle: What kind of room has no windows or doors?

Answer: A mushroom!

Riddle: What has to be broken before you can use it?

Answer: An egg.

Riddle: I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

Answer: A candle.

Riddle: Which month of the year has 28 days?

Answer: All of them.

Riddle: What question can you never answer yes to?

Answer: Are you asleep yet?

Riddle: What is always in front of you but can't be seen?

Answer: The future.

Riddle: There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What color are the stairs?

Answer: There aren't any because it's a one-story house.

Riddle: What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?

Answer: A promise.

Riddle: What can you keep after giving it to someone?

Answer: Your word.

Riddle: You see a boat full of people yet there is not a single person on board. How is this possible?

Answer: All of those onboard are married.

Riddle: A man calls his dog from the opposite side of a river. The dog crosses the river without a bridge or a boat and manages to not get wet. How is this possible?

Answer: The river was frozen.

Riddle: What fills a room without taking up any space?

Answer: Light.

Riddle: Different lights make me strange by changing me into different sizes. What am I?

Answer: I am the pupil of an eye

Riddle: My thunder comes before the lightning; my lightning comes before clouds; my rain dries all the land it touches. What am I?

Answer: A volcano.

Riddle: What can you hold in your right hand but never in your left hand?

Answer: Your left hand.

Riddle: With pointed fangs, I sit and wait. With piercing force, I crunch out fate. Over blood-less victims proclaiming my might, eternally joining in a single bite. What am I?

Answer: Stapler.

Summer Crossword Puzzle Solution

Stained Glass



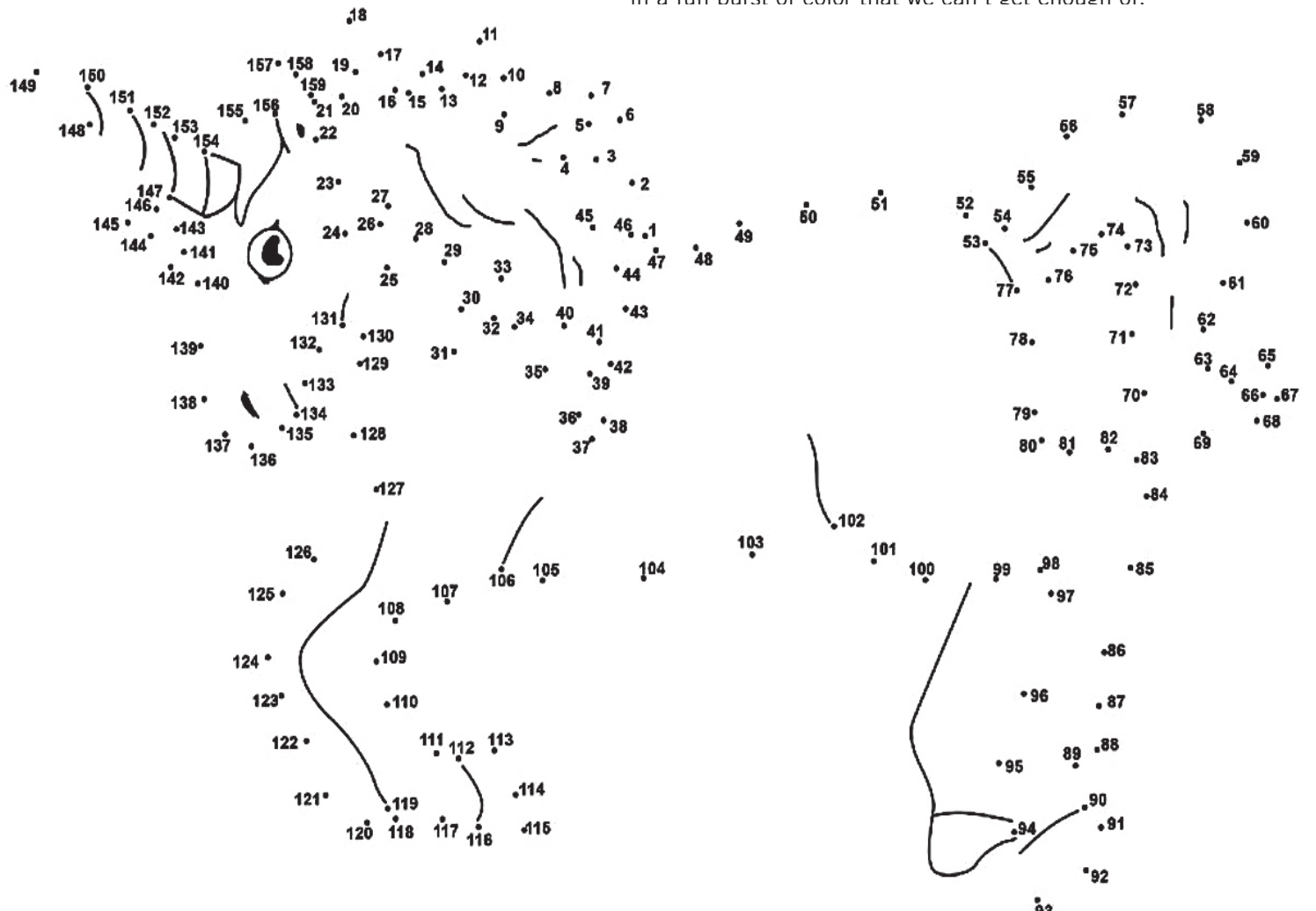
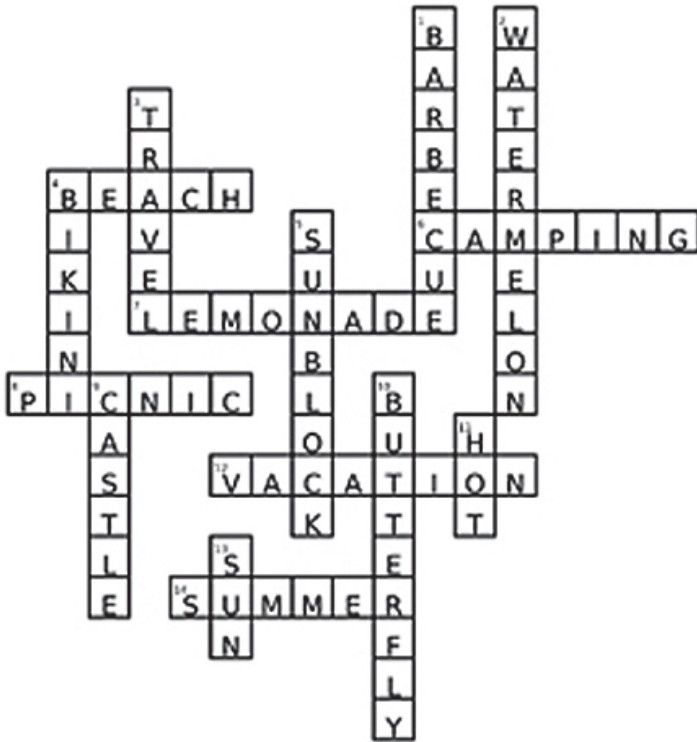
Supplies:

- Embroidery Hoops in Varying Sizes
- Clear Contact Paper
- Colorful Cellophane Sheets
- Scissors

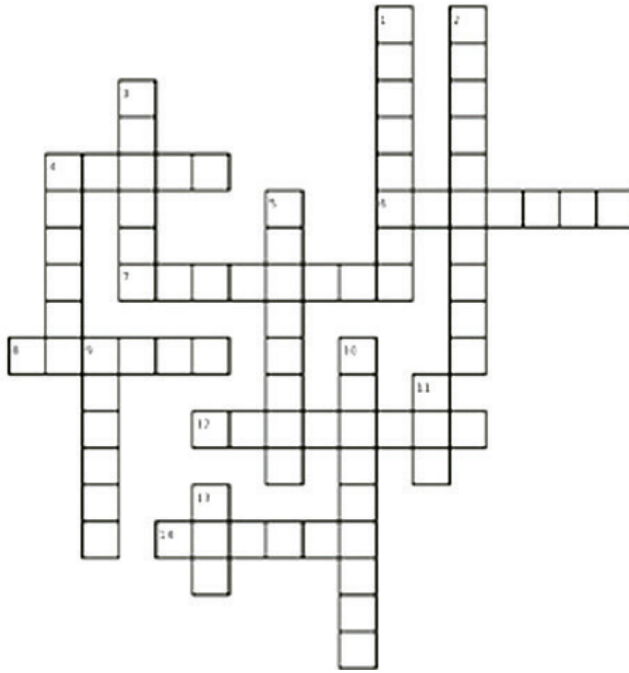
Instructions:

1. Cut your cellophane sheets into triangles (or any shape you desire). Set aside.
2. Remove the inner hoop of your embroidery hoop.
3. Roll out a sheet of contact paper that is as wide as the hoop, plus about an inch. Remove the backing from the contact paper and place sticky side up on a flat surface.
4. Place the inner hoop of your embroidery hoop on top of the contact paper.
5. Place the cellophane triangles on the contact paper inside the embroidery hoop (they should stick well to the contact paper).
6. Lift the hoop and the contact paper and carefully place inside the outer hoop of the embroidery hoop and tighten at the top to secure.
7. Cut any excess contact paper along the edge of the embroidery hoop, using scissors.
8. Hang and enjoy!

That's it! They look absolutely gorgeous in a window and bring in a fun burst of color that we can't get enough of.



SUMMER CROSSWORD PUZZLE



How to make Whipped Kool Aid



Ingredients:

- 1 packet Kool-Aid (use mixed berry)
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream

For serving:

- 1 packet Kool-Aid, prepared according to package instructions
- Ice

Note You will need a total of 2 packages 1 for the Kool-Aid Drink and one to make the whipped topping.

Instructions:

Whip together the Kool-Aid, sugar, and heavy whipping cream on high until the cream has thickened and stiff peaks begin to form.

Fill two glasses halfway full of prepared Kool-Aid and add ice until the cup is around 2/3 of the way full.

Top each glass with the Kool-Aid whipped cream.

Stir the cream into the Kool-Aid before drinking.

Across

- A pebbly or sandy shore specially by the sea
- The activity of spending a holiday living in a tent.
- Beverage made of lemon
- An occasion when a packed meal is eaten outdoors, especially during an outing to the countryside.
- Take a holiday
- The warmest season of the year.

Down

- Food cooked out of the door on a grill
- A big red and green fruit
- Go from one place to another, typically over a distance of some length.
- A two-piece swimming costume for women
- We put _____ on our skin to prevent sunburn.
- Let's build a _____ with sand.
- From caterpillar to _____.
- In summer the weather is _____.
- Let's have some fun in the _____.

Deadlines:
Poetry Contest
 August 15, 2023
Photo Contest
 October 31, 2023

Live life to the fullest, and focus on the positive.
 Matt Cameron

Watermelon Volcano Science Experiment

Ingredients:

- Watermelon
- 1 box of Baking Soda
- 1 bottle of White Vinegar
- Food Color (optional)

Directions:

- Cut out watermelon (save it for a snack)
- Pour about 1/2 cup baking soda into the bottom of the watermelon.
- Separate the vinegar into a few cups
- Add food coloring to cups of vinegar (optional)
- Now pour the vinegar into the watermelon and watch it erupt like a volcano.



"I continue to believe that if children are given the necessary tools to succeed, they will succeed beyond their wildest dreams."

— David Vitter



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- Access to a nationwide network of 3,000+ hearing professional locations



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Sincerely,

NSS Life & your Start Hearing Team



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ASSEMBLY 0039 Uniontown, PA

Many of us are close enough to Kennywood Amusement Park to take advantage of the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Slovak Day. The festivities are held on Thursday, **July 20th**. Tickets are normally \$40.00, but because of our Region 5 and other fraternal groups, the price has been reduced to \$25.00. Our assembly youth members (16 & under) are eligible for a FREE FLEX TICKET that can be used all year!! Call the home office (724-731-0094) for more information.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families of Eula Ferrell, Hazel Frey, and John Sargent. May they rest in the arms of the Resurrected Christ.

Assembly young people currently receiving an NSS scholarship are reminded that **July 15th** is the deadline to renew your scholarship for the fall semester.

Young members are reminded that the deadline for the NSS Poetry Contest is August 15th. T-shirts are awarded to all participants and monetary prizes for the best poem in each category. Send your entry in today!

I had the pleasure, along with our treasurer to be a part of the festivities honoring our National President, Joseph Stefka, Jr. as the FSGP Fraternalist of the Year for 2023. It was a grand evening and a worthy celebration for a deserving fraternalist.

Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 11th** in the community room of the Bob Evans Restaurant at 6:00 pm. We will be honoring those brave individuals that perished on Flight 93 on September 11th.

Have a safe July 4th with your family.

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY L075 Duryea, PA

The fraternal summer picnic will be held on **August 6th** at the Mercateli Segilia Park, Birney Avenue, Moosic, PA. A meeting will be held on **October 14, 2023** at the Grandes at 1:00 p.m.

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

Lehrae Edwards
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." This is an excerpt from the Declaration of Independence written by Thomas Jefferson adopted July 4, 1776.

I like trivia and here is one, the two ex-presidents who died on the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the declaration July 4, 1826 were John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

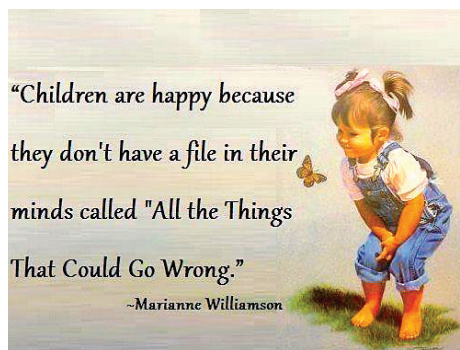
Thursday, July 20th is Slovak Day at Kennywood. It is extra special this year at it is the 100th anniversary of Slovak Day at Kennywood. If you plan to go call me at 724-242-5085 so you can get the discounted tickets. All members of Region 5 sixteen and under get a free ticket.

One of our members, Thomas Mack is having a Matching Fund event for Robinson Township Library on **August 16th** at the Black Dog Winery 7425 Steubenville Pike, Oakdale. Tickets are \$25 if bought in advance and \$30 at the door. You can get tickets at the Robinson Township Library or online at **RobinsonLibrary.org** if you have questions call Tom or Flo at 412-771-5097.

Do you know that NSS has an annuity with a 6% interest rate? If you are interested in more information call Bill Knoll 724-242-5085 or Bill Del Monaco at 412-264-7268.

We seem to have a large number of our members pass away. We offer our sincere condolences to their families and may they rest in peace. To any of our members who are ill may you be granted a speedy recovery and enjoy the blessing of good health.

William Knoll
President



ASSEMBLY 0377 Bentleyville, PA

As we welcome new seasons, we also welcome new members to our assembly. Please tell your friends about the wonderful opportunities of becoming a member of the NSS! And our assembly is always looking for new ideas to help our community so please bring your ideas to us! Below are the remaining meetings we have for this year. And as always, please RSVP to me at 724-207-3171.

Sunday, August 6th:

Gateway Clipper Cruise Pittsburgh, Pa at 6:30-8:30 p.m. Arrive by 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 29th:

Sesame Inn, 2975 Washington Road, McMurray, Pa at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 3rd:

Hugo's Restaurant, 687 National Pike, West Brownsville, Pa at 3:00 p.m.

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 0432 Fairview Park, OH

DATE CHANGE - Assembly 432's "Night at the Ballpark". We will be going to a Lake Erie Crushers game on **August 25th** at 7:05 p.m. (Gates Open at 6:00 p.m.) Food will be included. Contact Dave Pytel at (440)759-4558, Bill Shuttleworth at (440) 465-6024, or Terri Hudak at (440)714-8902 for tickets.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Shawn Pytel
Publicity & Social Media

ASSEMBLY 0586 Chicago, IL

A meeting will be held on Thursday, **August 17, 2023** with the location and time to be announced.

Please try to join us.

Irene Tomaskovic
President



ASSEMBLY 0588

Avella, PA

A meeting will be held on **September 18th** at Joe & Annette Stefka's, 5007 Old Orchard Lane, Gibsonsia, PA at 5:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for our next meeting: **November 13th**. All meetings will be held at the Stefka's residence, Gibsonsia, PA.

If attending, please call Annette at 724-407-3591.

Annette Stefka
Secretary

near the Pennsylvania and West Virginia borders making it easily accessible many members in other assemblies.

Assembly 731 has made arrangements to utilize the camp's lodge and nice cabins with twin-size bunk beds sleep 10. The adventure will begin on Friday, September 22 with registration 5:00-7:00 p.m. along with a pizza and ice cream social. All day Saturday will be dedicated to fun adventures geared for the family. Sunday will include half day activities with check-out at 3:00. The assembly will provide 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 evening meals plus snacks and beverages.



Activities during the weekend will include ball games, hiking, creeking, movie night, and crafts for all ages. We are asking some of our older youth to assist with the younger children. Parents are encouraged to stay with their children but some adults without children may choose to drive home to sleep and return for the next morning.

The cost of \$40 for non-members and \$20 for NSS members includes lodging, meals, and materials for crafts and activities. As an incentive to participate with National activities, we are offering our assembly 731 members a \$10 discount for each NSS contest they enter this year. There is an additional charge for anyone is an optional zipline ride for \$40.

A detailed flyer and registration form will be provided to any NSS member interested in registering for this fun-filled family weekend. Registration deadline is August 1st.

Please contact Laurie Fox through email: **LAMLFOX@ZOOMINTERNET.NET** or call 330-536-8850 or text 330-717-4705 to request additional information.

Laurie Fox
President

REGION 2

Hazleton, PA

A meeting will be held on **Saturday, August 5, 2023** at Grotto Pizza, Wilkes-Barre, PA at 1:00 p.m.

Election of officers will be held for the upcoming 2024 year. Those who would like to attend please contact Lucy Piccoletti at 570-479-4116 or RSVP on our Facebook page at (NSS Life Region 2).

Marlin Petro Wesnak
President

ASSEMBLY 0617

Ashley, PA

The next meeting of our assembly will be held on **July 19, 2023** at Angelo's Restaurant Midway Shopping Center Wyoming beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please contact John Kurilla with your reservation.

The assembly's annual Fraternal Day will be held on Thursday, **August 17, 2023** at Knoebels Park at 1:00 p.m. Reservations for the Fraternal Day will close on August 9, 2023.

Any member of our assembly that wishes to donate a basket, or make a reservation for the next assembly meeting, or Fraternal Day please contact John Kurilla at 570-287-4162, 570-239-5936 - **jjkurilla@aol.com**

John Kurilla
President

ASSEMBLY 0731

Lowellville, OH



A Family Fun Camping Weekend is planned for September 22-24, 2023 at Camp Frederick located at 6996 Millrock Rd., Rogers, Ohio. Rogers is located in Columbiana County, Ohio

ASSEMBLY 0813

Englewood, FL

"Backpacks for Kids" will be continued through **July 15th** and we hope to raise more than \$1000 through the Jubilee Center at St. David's Episcopal Church.

Mary Jo Holker, NSS and other long time volunteers Julie and Diane have promised to help this run smoothly. The backpacks are distributed to those children who are food insecure when school is not in session.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary/Treasurer



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 or emailed to the Home Office. No Exceptions!!**

NSS LIFE SPONSORS BASEBALL VENETIAN COMPLEX

Our NSS Life banner hangs in the outfield at the Venetia Complex. Below are photos of children in the Bronco Division playing with their NSS Life jerseys. This gives NSS Life visibility at the Peters Wood Park Field and with our banner at the Venetia Complex.



Be Safe this Summer



Assembly L102 & R059 Events



Assembly L102 and R059 helping hands day at Butztown post office unloading food donations from the carriers.



Assembly L102 had a great night at the Iron Pigs game. Beautiful weather and lots of fun!

Sharon Wesnak
Secretary

Assembly 774 Service Dogs Fundraiser



Assembly 774 had the privilege of attending and donating \$1,000 to Guardian Angel Medical Service Dogs through a successful fund raising event sponsored by VFW Post 764. The VFW well exceeded their goal of funding three service dogs. We salute them for an outstanding event with live music, food and an abundance of gift baskets. Thank you for all that you do.

Donna Tenney
Treasurer

Assembly 377 New Member



Jacqueline Skrypak is the daughter of Karl and Emily Skrypak and born on February 9, 2023. Jacqueline has a big brother, Karl the third. Proud grandparents are Suzanne Skrypak wife of Gino Opice of Southpointe in Canonsburg, PA and Karl Skrypak, Sr. of Washington, PA. Welcome to the NSS. We are so delighted to welcome her to our NSS family, Assembly 377.

Independence Day



The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2023 is on Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

Assembly 586 News

Greetings from Illinois Assembly 586!

Slovaks came to our church in Naperville and it was a pleasure to see the deans of the Martin Bible College. Many of our former trip-mates gathered at the Slovak BBQ on a beautiful May day in Naperville, Sister City to Nitra, Slovakia.

We were updated on the progress and success of the K-12 Christian school on the same extended block. The remodeled factory that became a high school is in need of a new roof.



We asked about the feelings in Slovakia about Putin and Ukraine. Dean Bohdan said they think about each day as it comes and hope for the best.

People are planning a mission trip to Nitra and Martin in June organized by our church in Naperville. Our continuing support is much appreciated by our Slovak friends.



“packed with 777 children”.

Our assembly will gather again with a tentative date of Thursday, **August 17, 2023** with the location to be announced. God bless us all and our fraternal National Slovak Society of America.

Irene Tomaskovic
President



Assembly 731 Future Painters

A few adult and youth members of our assembly got together for a Paint Party to test their artist skills. Some were even good enough to enter in the NSS Art Contest.



Laurie Fox
President

Assembly 813 Matching Funds Program



Kids Needs of Greater Englewood received a check from the NSS Matching Funds Program to continue their work helping kids to succeed.

The NSS check comes at just the right time according to Captain Rebecca deRosa because shelves need to be restocked with shoes, clothes and other supplies before the Back to School Bash the first week in August.

With the help of NSS, Rotary, YMCA and other like-minded groups shoes, clothes and other necessities are available in a boutique setting.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary/treasurer

NSS Assembly 70 Church Matching Funds

Hello John Karkosiak and to the National Slovak Society, Assembly 70,

Dr. Martin Luther church wants to thank you for all of the support you have blessed us with in the form of matching funds for our 2023 Kolbasi dinner and our Lenten fish fry's. These financial awards will allow us to move forward with our plan to purchase AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) and also for our roof/ window renovation projects.

Without the generous support of the NSS and Assembly 70, we would have to delay or possibly re-prioritize these projects. Although we hope that we never have to utilize these devices, having the AED's will be an added amount of security in the case of someone having a cardiac event. Likewise, just like in our homes, our 64 year old building requires many maintenance repairs and upgrades.

Again, our Pastor Eric Markovich, church council and the entire Dr. Martin Luther church congregation, want to express our thanks for these gifts. May God bless the National Slovak Society in the work that it does.

John Karkosiak
Treasurer

(The above letter was sent to John Karkosiak, Assembly 0070 from Dr. Martin Luther Church for all of their help).



DEPARTED MEMBERS MAY, 2023

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Anderson, Neva	Rockford, IL	01/10/2023	0586
Angert, E Jane	Chicora, PA	03/20/2023	0731
Arias, Ana	Kalamazoo, MI	03/18/2023	0381
Bartock Jr., Anthony E	New Salem, PA	04/17/2023	0039
Bartuski, Raymond	Dallas, PA	04/14/2023	0617
Baseflug, Nancy	Jackson Center, PA	04/11/2021	0123
Bernardi, Jesse	Midland, PA	10/24/2022	0123
Bernassoli, Sylvia	McMurray, PA	05/20/2023	0434
Biel, A William	Pittsburgh, PA	04/27/2023	0123
Bishop, Walter	Sunbury, OH	03/15/2023	0595
Bostic, Wilma	Lancaster, OH	03/18/2023	0595
Brooks, Helen C	Washington, PA	03/15/2023	0588
Burns, Roberta	Cabot, PA	05/17/2023	0123
Campbell, Roy	York, PA	03/25/2023	L102
Carlson, Dennis	Corry, PA	05/05/2023	0554
Carter, Katherine	Poland, OH	04/11/2023	0588
Scheuring, Patricia	Pittsburgh, PA	01/20/2023	0123
Chickering, Ellene	Edgewater, FL	02/14/2023	0800
Chisholm, Thomas	Conneaut Lake, PA	04/28/2023	0731
Cox, Allen	Bidwell, OH	05/09/2023	0595
Crow, Violet	Canonsburg, PA	04/30/2023	0774
Daniels, Charles L	Colorado Springs, CO	10/04/2021	0039
Dayoob, James	Scottsdale, PA	05/04/2023	0039
Deleandro, Raymond	Blairsville, PA	05/18/2023	L105
DiLelio, Nina	Bridgeville, PA	10/02/2022	0774
Dillon, Edna	Swansea, IL	01/20/2023	0705
Direnzo, Martha	Aliquippa, PA	05/14/2023	0123
Drews, Marjorie	Elk Grove Village, IL	04/05/2023	0381
Durst, Douglas	Warren, PA	04/29/2023	0731
Ebner, Regenia	Masontown, PA	05/13/2021	0774
Edwards, Ruth	Greensboro, NC	07/22/2022	0774
Elsbury, Naomi	Beaver, PA	01/15/2023	0123
Fisher, Robin	Leesport, PA	05/09/2023	L102
Galligan, David R	Williamsburg, MI	04/14/2023	0774
George, Kenneth E	Chillicothe, OH	03/17/2023	0595
Glunt, Gladys	Newry, PA	04/23/2023	0774
Greenway, Marilyn	McMurray, PA	04/27/2023	0434
Hartley, Ronnie	Summersville, WV	05/07/2023	0774
Harvey, Donald	Aliquippa, PA	05/13/2023	0123
Hawks, Ross	Warren, PA	05/22/2023	R019
Henderson, Lois	Youngsville, PA	04/25/2023	0554
Hensen, Arlene	Madison, WI	01/02/2023	0774
Heydt, Robert	Hamburg, PA	05/12/2023	L102
Hoburg, Warren	Sarver, PA	05/13/2023	0123
Hughes, Arthur	Aliquippa, PA	03/18/2023	0123
Hummer, Richard	Deltona, FL	12/29/2022	L040
Jenkins, Cecil	Bridgeport, WV	04/04/2023	0774
Johnston, Jean	Hammond, IN	02/25/2023	0586
Keener, Gale	Washington, PA	02/22/2023	0588
Kent, June	Pittsburgh, PA	05/05/2023	0774
Keretzman, Theresa	New Holland, PA	05/07/2023	L102
Keyser, Michael	Dawson, PA	04/22/2023	0737
King, Cynthia	Moon Township, PA	02/15/2023	0123
Koch, Georgine	Shoemakersville, PA	05/09/2023	L102
Kolacki, Barbara	Toledo, OH	10/04/2022	0160
Krull, Nancy	Hamburg, NY	09/06/2022	R019
Kutzatoski, Thomas	Altoona, PA	04/27/2023	0267
Lesko, Robert	Conyngham, PA	07/07/2023	L102
Leyda, Catherine	Charleroi, PA	04/29/2023	0377
Limrick, Dolores	Altoona, PA	05/02/2023	0267
Longo, Frank	Erie, PA	04/25/2023	0774
Lovrich, Rosemary	Bel Aire, MD	04/26/2023	0737
Mackrell, Larry	Chicora, PA	04/27/2023	0123
Magusin, Mary	Brownstown Township, MI	04/10/2023	0381
Maley, Jerome	Scenery Hill, PA	05/11/2023	0377
Manko, Edward	Pittsburgh, PA	04/23/2023	0123

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Markovich, Dean	Schererville, IN	03/27/2022	0705
McCormick, Barbara	Scott Depot, WV	05/09/2023	0774
McFadden, Blaine	Mt Pleasant, PA	04/23/2023	0737
Mellon, Samuel	Claysville, PA	05/18/2023	0588
Melvin, Dorothea	Shanks, WV	02/25/2023	0737
Meyer, Frank H	Lower Burrell, PA	05/13/2023	L105
Michelucci, James	Slovan, PA	12/08/2022	0588
Miller, Dean	Pittsburgh, PA	12/16/2022	0100
Miller, Willivene	Marion Center, PA	05/01/2023	0774
Mohler, Robin	Washington, PA	05/09/2023	0377
Mols, Cecelia	McKeesport, PA	12/25/2022	0108
Murray, Dennis	Emlenton, PA	05/11/2023	0123
Myers, Lois	Cross Lanes, WV	01/31/2022	0774
Nemecek, Olga	Brookside Road, OH	03/09/2023	0070
Paff, Mary A	Beaver Falls, PA	03/21/2023	0123
Palmer, Carolyn	Pittsburgh, PA	03/01/2023	0441
Palmer, Irene	Pittsburgh, PA	04/20/2023	0774
Palmer, Patricia	Pittsburgh, PA	05/11/2023	0774
Pheonix, Catherine	Woodstock, CT	01/22/2023	0110
Quay, Joseph	Washington, PA	04/03/2023	0588
Rapp, Rosemary	Kingston, OH	03/03/2023	0160
Regoli, John	Pittsburgh, PA	04/28/2023	0737
Rehm, Robert	DuBois, PA	02/08/2023	0554
Robinson, Kenneth O	Monroe, NC	04/18/2023	0774
Robson, George	Beach Park, IL	07/22/2022	0586
Rodriguez, Gloria	Highland, IN	06/16/2022	0589
Romano, Eileen	Glenshaw, PA	11/07/2022	L161
Ross, Frances	Stroudsburg, PA	03/22/2023	0774
Rusnock, Kathryn	Greensburg, PA	12/29/2022	0039
Salamon, Doris	Beaufort, SC	05/27/2016	0774
Saley, Francis	West Palm Beach, FL	04/15/2022	0434
Scandale, Mary	Canonsburg, PA	05/16/2023	0434
Seaman, Theresa	Mt Pleasant, PA	04/22/2023	0737
Sexauer, James	Erie, PA	05/01/2023	0731
Shaytar, George	Coraopolis, PA	04/20/2023	0123
Sinclair, Robert	Pittsburgh, PA	01/07/2023	0123
Slebonick, Andrew	Cecil, PA	04/23/2023	0434
Snyder, Veronica	Trafford, PA	12/26/2022	L105
Stanko, Greg	Fairview, PA	04/15/2023	0731
Stockey, John	Verona, PA	05/09/2023	L105
Stromick, Goldie	Hopwood, PA	04/22/2023	0039
Stuart, Robert Lee	Indiana, PA	04/20/2023	L105
Szeles, Delores	Harrisburg, PA	04/15/2023	L102
Taylor, Mary	Clendenin, WV	01/03/2023	0774
Tokar, Frank	St. John, IN	04/06/2023	0586
Valentine, Jessica	Pasadena, CA	03/28/2023	0568
Vance, Emma Jean	Logan, WV	04/21/2023	0774
Villforth, Betty	Wyomissing, PA	05/14/2023	L102
Volansky, Joseph	Dubois, PA	01/05/2023	0774
Walker, Normalee	Mingo Junction, OH	04/12/2023	0595
Watkins, Veronica	Monongahela, PA	05/08/2023	0774
Watson, Hope	Tyrone, PA	05/02/2023	0267
Wetzel, Dolores	Munhall, PA	04/20/2023	0108
Wiatrak, Rose	Latrobe, PA	04/24/2023	0434
Willis, James	Corry, PA	04/25/2023	0554
Work, Dorothy	Coraopolis, PA	05/02/2023	0123
Wright, Gerald	Birdsboro, PA	03/31/2023	L102
Yanckello, Roberta	Ovieda, FL	04/11/2023	0774
Yenser, Wayne	Yenhartsville, PA	04/21/2023	L102
Zalac, Joe	Cheboygan, MI	05/03/2023	0381
Zdarko Jr., Michael	Erie, PA	04/13/2023	0432
Ziobert, Margaret	Struthers, OH	05/03/2023	0731

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Júl-Leto

Mesiac Júl je teplým až horúcim mesiacom roka ideálnym na využitie pre oddych a relax či už pri bazene, v záhrade alebo dovolenke.

Na 4 Júla oslavíme sviatok vzniku Spojených Štátov Ameriky keď budeme piknikovať a sledovať krásne ohňostroje.

Prajeme Vám príjemné prežitie letných prázdnin, plných oddychu, radosti a krásnych zážitkov.



100 Slovenský deň Západnej Pennsylvanie



Ľudia Slovenského pôvodu oslavíme na 20 júla 100 rokov Slovenského dňa v Pittsburghu v známom Kenywood Parku. Láska požívame celu Slovensku verejnosť na túto významnu udalosť.

Ako Slovaci sme vďační že sa môžeme stretnúť ako priatelia, porozprávať sa, brať účasť na krásnom folklóre, tradiciách na speve krásnych, materských piesni a byť hrdý že sme "Slovaci."

Každý z Vás je pozvaný na tento Slovenský Deň. Vstupenky sú k dostaniu od členov prípravného výboru alebo si ich zaobstarajte u Sue Ondrejco na adrese 234 Ilion St. Pgh., PA 15207. Šek vystavte na W. PA Slovak Day. Pripravujeme bohatý program za účasti Slovenských Dignitarov, predstavených zo slovenských organizácií a lídrov v slovenskej komunite. Nebude chýbať ani sladká "Torta" ku 100 výročiu slávnosti.

Program bude nasledovný: 12:30 Detský program a otvorenie kuchyne kde sa budú podávať chutné jedlá na slovenský spôsob - 3:00 program výboru - 4:00 bude sa sláviť svätá omša, pričom hlavnými spolucelebrantmi budú biskup David A. Zubik, biskup diecézy Pittsburgh a biskup Larry Kulick, biskup diecézy Greensburg. Po omši vystúpia slovenské subory "PAS" a "Pgh. Slovaks." Veríme že nás pozvubudite vašou prítomnosťou na 20 Júla v Kenywood Parku.

Sviatočný kroj vydatej ženy v letnom období.



ZÁHORIE
Jablonica



Zaujímavosti

Vedeli ste že kakaové bôby priniesol z Ameriky do Európy Krištof Kolombus v roku 1503? Európania však túto indiánsku plodinu nevedeli pripraviť, takže im nechutila. Až takmer o 20 rokov ďalší moreplavec Hernando Cortéz priniesol recept na prípravu čokolády, ktorú indiáni nazývali xocolatlí, čo znamenalo ovocie a voda. Čokoláda sa veľmi rýchlo stala obľúbenou pochúťkou, no dovoliť si ju mohli iba králi a šľachtici.

NSS Golf Pozývame našich členov NSS na golfový turnaj ktorý tohto roku bude od 14 –16 júla v Kensington Golf Club, Canfield, Ohio. Podrobnejšie informácie najdete na našej webovej stránke

Mariánska hora v Levoči

Bazilika Navštívenia Panny Márie na Mariánskej hore v Levoči patrí medzi najstaršie pútnické miesta východného Slovenska. Púť sa tu koná každoročne 2. júla.

Vo štvrtok 29. júna skupina všetkých vekových kategórií začala kráčať 100 km z obce Polov (pri Košiciach) do Levoče na každoročnú púť. Z Poľova do Levoče kráčajú členovia obce už 26. rok.





Youth Circle Page

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2023 NSS POETRY CONTEST

Deadline: August 15, 2023

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

1. Contest is open to all NSS Youth members ages 5 to 16, as well as Adult members.
2. Poem may be any length up to two pages double spaced.
3. Topic is chosen by individual.
4. Each poem submitted **MUST** be an original work created by the member and should be typed or hand written clearly.
5. All entries must include: name, address, phone number, age, assembly/circle number, along with your t-shirt size chosen by the following sizes available:
Youth Sizes - YS and YM
Adult Sizes - AS, AM, AL and AXL
6. Winners in each category will have their poetry printed in the *National News*, Youth Circle Magazine and on the NSS Website.
7. Contest shall be judged under the following ages:
Keats - Ages 5, 6, 7
Angelou - Ages 8, 9, 10
Frost - Ages 11, 12, 13
Shakespeare - Ages 14, 15, 16
Poe - Adult
8. Prizes awarded in each level shall be as follows:
First Place - \$50.00 & Certificate of Achievement
Second Place - \$25.00 & Certificate of Achievement
Third Place - \$15.00 & Certificate of Achievement
9. Deadline for entries to the Home Office is **August 15th**. Entries must be mailed or delivered to:
National Slovak Society
ATT: Pam Blum, Fraternal Activities Coordinator
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317
10. Entries will be judged by an outside professional. Decisions made by the judge will be final in all cases.
11. The National Slovak Society reserves the right to keep all the poems.

Please contact Fraternal Activities Coordinator, Pam Blum at pblum@nsslife.org or call the Home Office at 724-731-0094 if you have any questions.

2023 NSS PHOTO CONTEST

Deadline: October 31, 2023

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!**

Four Categories

Scenic Babies Animals
Architecture (Bridges, Buildings, and Interiors)

Prize List

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

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