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Former Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Activities At A Glance

REGION 2	Assemblies L075, 0617
September 23 October 14 May 18, 2024	Region 2, Matching Funds, Animal Care Assoc., Holiday Inn, Dunmore, PA at 7:00 pm Assembly L075, Meeting, Grandes Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm Region 2, Meeting, Grotto Pizza, Wilkes-Barre, PA at 1:00 pm
REGION 5	Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0731, 0737, 0774
September 1 September 9 September 10 September 17 September 18 September 22-24 September 30 October 7 October 14 October 29 November 13 December 2 December 3 December 16 December 17	Assembly L161, Matching Funds Hoagie sale, Deadline to order 10/02/2022 Assembly L161, Matching Funds, 2023 Walk to defeat ALS, Point State Park Assembly 0039, Remembering Flight 93, Bob Evans Restaurant, Uniontown, PA at 6:00 pm Assembly 0123, Miniature golf outing, Neville Island (next to the golf dome) at 1:00 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 0123, World Vision Warehouse, Sewickley, PA Volunteers at 9:00 pm Region 5, Irons Mill Farmstead, New Wilmington, PA from 10:00 am - 9:00 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 Assembly 0123, Christmas Luncheon, Rockefeller's Grill, Kennedy Twp., PA at 1:00 pm
REGION 8	Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595
September 24 December 6 February 18, 2024	Assembly 0070, Meeting/Pot Luck Luncheon, Dr. Martin Luther Church. Assembly 0432, Christmas Party/Meeting, Tony K's, Berea, OH at 6:00 pm Assembly 0432, Tobogganing, Strongsville Chalet, Strongsville, OH at 6:00 pm
REGION 14	Assemblies R059, L102
September 4 September 17 September 23 October 22 November 5 December 9	Assembly L102, Summer picnic, Gross residence, New Tripoli, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly R059, Meeting at Paula & John Lahutsky residence at 3:00 pm Assembly L102 Matching Funds, Pig Roast at the Kuhnsville Hotel all day Assembly L102, Halloween Party, Wesnak residence, Whitehall, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly L102, Christmas ornament making party, Wesnak residence at 2:00 pm Assembly L102, Matching Funds, Breakfast with Santa (TBA)
AT LARGE	Assemblies L002, R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813
October 22 December 17	Assembly 0705, Meeting at the Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0705, Christmas Party (Fraternal Fund Activity) TBA

Notice of Upcoming Changes to the Online Agent & Member Portals

Over the upcoming months, we will be launching new versions of the Agent and Member portals. These new portals are a temporary solution as we work towards the final completed portals that are planned for launch next year. Should you need help with accessing the new portals, account creation, or have inquiries regarding specific account information please contact the home office and we will try to aid you with your issues to the best of our abilities.

We will continue to update you with further information on the new portals in future newsletter issues. We humbly ask for your patience and understanding during this transition period as we work towards completion of this project. We're confident the final result will be worth the wait!

The President's Page...

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The Pittsburgh area, like much of the country, has been dealing with hot temperatures and high humidity for the past several weeks. A common occurrence during this period has been the onset of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. The most recent round of storms in the area brought some much-needed cooler temperatures and lower humidity. People are looking forward to the coming of fall and some cooler temperatures. Just as Memorial Day marks the unofficial beginning of summer, Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer. Labor Day is celebrated as a Federal Holiday and will be observed on Monday, September 4th. The NSS Home Office will be closed on Labor Day in observance of the holiday. September marks the beginning of the school year as students are back in the classroom. Please be extra careful while driving during the morning and afternoon hours when students are waiting for or exiting school buses. September also brings the start of the fall sports season as high schools, colleges, and professional teams begin their season in hopes of winning championships. Good luck to all NSS members who are part of their high school or college sports teams! Wishing you a successful, injury-free season.

The 57th Annual NSS National Golf Tournament held July 14th – 16th at Kennsington Golf Club in Canfield, Ohio was a tremendous success. The weather during the weekend was excellent and the golf competition was great. The weekend kicked off with Hospitality Night and the Putting Contest qualifying round on Friday evening. Everyone enjoyed the food, refreshments, and the opportunity to visit with other

NSS Golfers and guests from several states including Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia. Golfers and guests tried their luck at qualifying for the Putting Contest Finals which were held on Saturday afternoon following the individual golf competition. The entry fees for the Putting Contest benefit the PVR Scholarship Fund. The individual golf event was held on Saturday with some great scores on a very demanding Kennsington Golf Course. The lowest gross score of the tournament, a 73, was carded by Kevin Jones of Assembly 123. This writer had the opportunity to play in the foursome with Kevin and he played a very consistent round. Congratulations Kevin on a great round of golf! Mark Baranek of Assembly 381 shot another great round. Mark shot a 76! Outstanding golf Mark! Several NSS member golfers were first time participants in the tournament including Suzanne Adams, Brendon Baranek, Chad Cooper, William Hoche, Jacob Motrunecs, and William Walker. Hope to see you all at next year's tournament. Three lucky Putting Contest Qualifiers, Matt Pytel, Dan Cheberenchick, and Brian Martz were given the opportunity to make a fifty-foot putt in the Putting Contest Final. Although no one made the putt for the \$1000 prize, the last qualifier to putt, Brian Martz, rolled his putt over the edge of the hole! The Putting Contest was sponsored by our Independent Auditing Firm, H2R CPA. The Hole-in-One Contest was sponsored by AQS, our Investment Asset Manager. A special thank you to both firms for continuing to be a sponsor of these events at our annual tournament. The Golf Banquet was held at the Waypoint Banquet facility at the hotel on Saturday evening. The food was excellent, and the atmosphere was great. Unofficial winners of each flight were announced, skill prizes were distributed, and the Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial Golf Award Winner was announced. The Award goes to the lowest net score in the men's NSS handicap divisions. This year's winner Mike Czarney with a net 64, is a two-time winner of the award. Mike first won the award in 2013 at the NSS National Golf Tournament held at the Links at Firestone Farms. Congratulations Mike! During the banquet, several fundraising raffles were held to benefit the PVR Scholarship Fund

including a 50/50 raffle, basket raffle and a reverse club raffle. Thank you to Assembly 774 for donating the set of clubs for the reverse club raffle and using the raffle as a matching funds event to raise additional money for the PVR Scholarship! The winner of the reverse club raffle was Shawn Pytel of Assembly 432. After winning the clubs, Shawn presented them to his father, Dave Pytel, as a gift! A perfect ending to a great evening of fun and fraternalism!! What a special touching moment Shawn! Thank you to Assembly 441, Assembly 731, and Assembly 774 for donating the baskets for the basket raffle. Thank you to all assemblies and individuals that donated items for the door prize drawing and to all that sponsored a hole during the tournament! Thank you to everyone that helped make the tournament a success by assisting over the weekend. Also, a huge thank you to the staff at Kennsington Golf Club, the hotel staff at the Courtyard by Marriott, and the chef and banquet staff at Waypoint for their outstanding service and cooperation in making the weekend so successful! The location of next year's tournament will be announced in a future issue of the *National News*.

The 100th Anniversary of Slovak Day at Kennywood Park was a tremendous success. The number of attendees was the largest this writer has ever witnessed on Slovak Day. The Slovak Kitchen was extremely busy with lines waiting to enter stretching from the pavilion and nearly reaching the main walkway of the park. The day was highlighted by the presence of the Slovak Ambassador to the United States Radovan Javorčík, Bishop of the Pittsburgh Diocese David Zubik, and Bishop of the Greensburg Diocese Larry Kulick. A program was held celebrating the 100th Anniversary with Officers and Directors from the Slovak Fraternals being recognized. A Mass followed with Bishop Zubik as the Celebrant and Bishop Kulick providing the Homily. Outstanding performances by the Pittsburgh Slovaks and PAS followed the Mass. A special thank you to the Slovak Day Committee and the volunteers for a job well done. What a wonderful and memorable day!

Septemberfest will be held on Saturday, **September 30th** at the Home Office on Valley Brook Road from 11

a.m. – 4 p.m. The event will include a variety of activities, vendors, entertainment, and delicious Slovak food. Septemberfest is free and open to the public. The event requires many volunteers to be successful. Individuals and Assemblies may register to volunteer or be a sponsor by contacting the NSS Heritage Museum curator Sue Ondrejco at sue.ondrejco@gmail.com. Come and join us for an entertaining day at our 11th Septemberfest!

News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday wishes to National Slovak Society former Secretary-Treasurer and Honorary Director Paul M. Payerchin, Jr., former Director Gary Cepko, Sales Director Greg Felton, Controller Donna Tenney, Chief Information Officer Alan Burns, Home Office Staff members Tracey Bastaroli, and Linda Buono. Also, Chris Katricak, Andy Burns, Mike Krynak, Carleen Lachman, John Palko, Susan Knoll, Edwin Woods, Charlotte Lavin, and all others celebrating a birthday in September.

Happy Anniversary wishes 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.

NSS spotted in the News



Elaine Kucherawy of Cecil, Patty Kemion of Mt. Lebanon, and Annette and Joe Stefka, Jr. of Gibsonia serve up haluski, halupki and kielbasa during the 100th Slovak Day at Kennywood.

Sebastian Foltz/Post-Gazette



Trolley Ride at NSS Golf Tournament

Everyone enjoyed the 2-hour ride through Mill Creek Park with a stop at the Ford Nature Education Center and Riverside Fellows Garden. Thanks to NSS home office, the morning group met the afternoon group for lunch at Mill Park Golf Course restaurant, "Hole 55". Assembly 731 members, Kathy & Jim Cessna and Laurie & Mike Fox welcomed both groups to the Youngstown, Ohio area and provided bottled water inside a koozie to help keep everyone hydrated during the warm ride. For an added treat, Assembly 731 treated the trolley riders with delicious donuts from a local bakery at Whitehouse Fruit Farm.



NSS Trolley 1: Ready to head out for a two-hour tour of Mill Creek Park in Youngstown, Ohio



NSS Trolley AM: The morning tour group posed at the Ford Nature Center in Mill Creek Park includes: Sue & Mike Bilec, Sandra Jones, Annette Stefka, Linda Strom, Sharon Wesnak, Jo Holker, Sue Burns, and Kathy Cessna.



Caiden Graham was the only youth on the trolley ride so he got the honor of ringing the trolley bell during a stop.



NSS Trolley PM: Looking out the window of the trolley is the afternoon group that included Linda Kovacik, Mary Ann Walker, Carol Jonston Trax, Sasha Johnston Meiners, Linda Rainey, Susanne & Caiden Graham, Nancy & Steve Utiss, Melissa & Andrew Kortyna.



L-R: Kathy Cessna, Sharon Wesnak, Annette Stefka and Sandra Jones enjoy the view at the Riverside Fellows Gardens.



L-R: Carol Johnston Trax and Sasha Johnston Meiners, Assembly 123 members relax in a beautiful setting in Mill Creek Park's Fellows Riverside Gardens.



A Page From My Notebook...

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Fraternal Tracking Results (Reporting Year 2022)

At the August Summer Meeting of the Board of Directors, the 2022 Fraternal Tracking report was approved. There was much activity to report and that is a good thing. In fact, the report shows that the Assemblies and Regions were more active in 2022 than prior to COVID. Detailed results will be included in the October newsletter along with the list of Assemblies who achieved an "EXTRA EFFORT" award.



2023 Second Quarter Statement Recap

Statement as of June 30, 2023

	<u>June 2023</u>	<u>Dec 2022</u>		<u>June 2023</u>	<u>Dec 2022</u>
Net Admitted Assets:			Summary of Operations:		
Bonds	\$1,560,071,523	\$1,547,459,334	INCOME:		
Preferred Stocks	4,095,812	4,256,840	Premium & Annuity Considerations	\$131,632,611	\$218,833,341
Common Stocks	8,217,464	7,212,701	Net Investment Income	43,614,530	81,575,937
Mortgage Loans on Real Est.	130,366,705	120,892,952	Amortization of Interest		
Certificate Loans	946,503	972,228	Maintenance Reserve	292,176	392,944
Real Est Occupied by Society	3,328,551	595,544	Aggregate Write-ins	0	410,245
Cash on Deposit	54,788,510	60,312,219	Income Sub-Total	\$175,539,317	\$301,212,467
Other Invested Assets	1,576,261	1,646,896	EXPENSES:		
Deferred Premiums	162,602	234,171	Death Benefits	\$6,682,097	\$12,075,549
Investment Income Due	18,183,942	18,436,388	Matured Endowments	6,552	42,321
TOTALS	\$1,781,737,873	\$1,762,019,273	Annuity Benefits	138,905,913	155,488,617
Liabilities & Unassigned Funds			Disability Benefits	3,575	5,342
Aggregate Reserve	\$1,592,922,000	\$1,575,671,000	Surrender Benefits	214,027	645,831
Deposit-type Contracts	71,144,134	71,800,238	Interest On Deposit Type Contr	6,743	12,831
Certificate Claims	650,000	925,000	Increase In Aggregate Reserve		
Commissions Due	258,000	375,000	for Life Contracts	17,251,000	100,677,500
Refunds Due and Unpaid	1,120,000	1,000,000	Commissions On Direct Business	3,220,634	6,409,626
General Exp Due	1,978,500	1,990,000	General & Fraternal Expenses	4,518,274	7,519,923
Retained by Society as Trustee	58,285	139,849	Insur, Taxes, Licenses, Fees	150,964	218,768
Borrowed Money & Interest	0	0	Expense Sub-Total	\$170,959,779	\$283,096,308
Asset Valuation Resv (AVR)	15,213,750	13,542,800	SUMMARY:		
Interest Maintenance Resv (IMR)	4,385,185	4,681,099	Net Gain From Operations		
Contingency Reserve	150,000	150,000	Before Refunds To Members	\$4,579,538	\$18,116,159
Unassigned Funds	93,858,019	91,744,286	Refund To Members	(604,374)	(985,225)
TOTALS	\$1,781,737,873	\$1,762,019,273	Net Gain From Operations		
Surplus Account:			After Refunds To Members	3,975,164	17,130,934
Beginning Surplus	\$91,894,286	\$80,941,812	Net Realized Capital Gains	(20,246)	313,047
Net Income	3,954,916	17,443,981	TOTAL NET INCOME	\$3,954,918	\$17,443,981
Change in Net Unrealized					
Capital Gains or (Losses)	226,036	(2,217,550)			
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	(396,271)	(3,277,156)			
Change in Valuation Reserve	(1,670,950)	(996,801)			
Aggregate Write-ins for Gains and Losses in Surplus					
Net Change in Surplus	2,113,733	10,952,474			
Surplus At Statement Date	\$94,008,019	\$91,894,286			



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SEPTEMBERFEST 2023

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Presented by the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum

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

SEPTEMBERFEST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS ...

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. (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.

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....

A great day out for the family!

Help us raise money to find a cure for ALS!

Every 90 minutes a person in this country is diagnosed with ALS and every 90 minutes another person will lose their battle against this disease. ALS occurs throughout the world with no racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic boundaries.

That's why we're participating in the Walk to Defeat ALS. To bring hope. To raise awareness. To provide resources and services to families free of charge. To help unlock the mystery of ALS and find the key to treatments for a cure.

Will you Join Us? Saturday, September 9, 2023 – Point State Park

To register, go to the ALS Walk Pittsburgh website (easily found through Google), and navigate to the "Michael Hoover Lako" team page to register as a team member or make a donation.

For questions or more information contact: [Regina Montalbano@gmail.com](mailto:Regina.Montalbano@gmail.com).



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Current Interest Rates

★ Effective July 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.)

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Joe Elliott in the Home Office at 1-800-488-1890.



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2023 Annuity Contribution Coupon

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Name _____

Certificate No. _____ Deposit Amount _____

Traditional IRA for 2023 _____ Roth IRA for 2023 _____

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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Life Insurance and Annuities (2)

This month, in part 2 of our life insurance discussion we will focus on the heart and soul of the insurance industry - a whole life or ordinary life policy. This basic permanent plan of insurance is the least expensive way to buy a policy over time. Whole life has been around for almost 200 years and is marketed by 700+ companies. You probably know some of the biggest names in insurance, Pru and Met. But did you know that the July 2023 edition A.M. Best listed the top 200 insurers by asset size and NSS Life came in at #136. We are on an up and coming track thanks to our loyal members and producers.

A permanent plan of insurance features:

- Lifetime, level death benefit.
- Level payments that will not increase over time.
- A reserve fund that builds cash or loan values.
- Options are available should you decide to discontinue making your payments.
- Dividends that can enhance your policy values. (not guaranteed)

Ordinary/whole life means that the payments should be made over your lifetime. While this is not absolutely necessary, the longer you pay the better the policy will work for you. All other plans derive their payment schedule from whole life. For simplification, a twenty pay life compresses all the lifetime payments into a twenty-year

period so your payments are more each year but you pay for a shorter period of time. The same is true with a single premium plan of insurance where you make one payment.

Whole life insurance protects you whether you live, die, or quit making payments. We can build a plan for you and work within any budget. Call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the home office for more information and/or a free quote. Let us help you and your family with a product that has been proven to perform over many years.

Primer On Life Insurance And Annuities.

Annuities 101 –

What is an annuity? It is a contract between you and the insurance company (NSS Life) to provide you with income or interest now or in the future. Most people like these key features of annuities:

- Tax-deferral – taxes are not due until the interest is withdrawn.
- Competitive yield – our best rate is 6.0% interest on a new Preferred 8 account.
- Strong minimum guarantees – current contracts have a 3.0% min. interest rate.
- Avoids probate when paid to a named beneficiary.
- Safety and liquidity.

NSS currently offers four different annuities. Our Preferred 8 currently pays 6.0% interest guaranteed for the first year. The Preferred 5 currently pays 4.0% interest (rate may change quarterly). The Optimum3 is paying 4.25% guaranteed for the first three years. And our single premium immediate annuities (SPIAs) have all kinds of options for payouts.

Annuities are designed for savings towards retirement. A person can start accumulating money by making monthly or annual payments to an annuity. Many people open an account with a lump sum. Some withdraw their interest every month or so. Others are content to let their account grow.

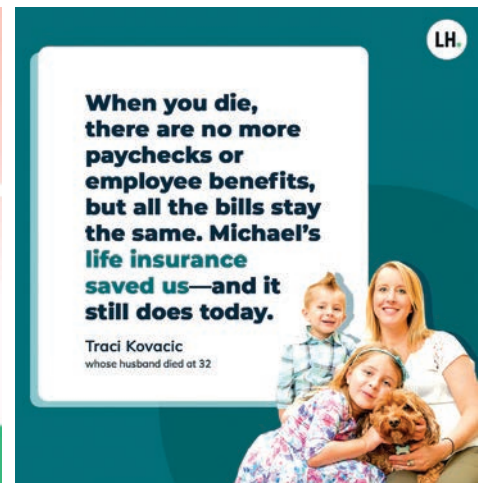
Our annuities work for almost everyone. They are a conservative way to save money for the future. If the goal is long term, then an annuity may be for you. To see how these favored programs can work for you and your family, please contact your local NSS representative or the Home Office for more information.

Tax notice - One foot note about annuities from the IRS. If you withdraw money and you are underage 59½ then a 10% early withdrawal penalty applies to any interest.

Thought For The Month:

You have power over your mind – not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength and purpose.

Marcus Aurelius – Roman emperor (121-180 A.D.)



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2023 NSS Life Golf Tournament Results

Thank you to all in attendance this year who contributed to a picture-perfect weekend of golf! Congratulations to **Mike Czarney**, now two-time winner of the **Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial Golf Award!**



Sunday Scramble Results

- 1st Place** – Mark Baranek, Brendon Baranek, Floyd McKain, Ron Sarrick
- 2nd Place** – Alan Burns, Sue Burns, Chuck Froehlich, Georgiann Kralik
- 3rd Place** – Alex Sir Louis, Kevin Crowley, Jo Holker, Shawn Pytel

GOLFER	Flight	Front	Back	Gross	Handicap	Net	Winners
Czarney, Mike	A/B	42	41	83	19	64	1st Place
DePersis, Nick	A/B	43	39	82	11	71	2nd Place
Blum, Alex	A/B	48	44	92	19	73	
Burns, Al	A/B	40	44	84	10	74	
Berner, Josh	A/B	58	55	113	37	76	
Froelich, Dan	A/B	62	58	120	40	80	
Kralik, Georgiann	WC	52	54	106	33	73	1st Place
Tenney, Donna	WC	57	51	108	31	77	
Adams, Suzanne	WC	60	62	122	40	82	
Stefka, Joe	SR A/B	44	41	85	18	67	1st Place
Felton, Greg	SR A/B	51	52	103	35	68	2nd Place
Morehart, Jim	SR A/B	48	48	96	27	69	3rd Place
Czarney, Jim	SR A/B	50	48	98	27	71	
Crowley, Kevin	SR A/B	50	48	98	27	71	
Hannah, Melvin	SR A/B	56	54	110	37	73	
McKain, Floyd	SR A/B	49	49	98	23	75	
Rainey, Ken	SR A/B	43	42	85	10	75	
Froelich, Chuck	SR A/B	55	43	98	22	76	
Czarney, Tom	SR A/B	54	48	102	23	79	
Cooper, Ron	SR A/B	55	45	100	21	79	
Sir Louis, Alex	C	45	35	80	10	70	1st Place
Burns, Dave	C	50	40	90	16	74	T 2nd Place
Walker, William	C	51	50	101	27	74	T 2nd Place
Cooper, Chad	C	57	46	103	28	75	4th Place
Hoche, William	C	52	47	99	23	76	
Pytel, Dave	C	43	47	90	14	76	
Pytel, Matt	C	56	59	115	38	77	
Cheberenchick, Dan	C	50	46	96	18	78	
Pytel, Shawn	C	54	52	106	27	79	
Hannah, Paul	C	55	53	108	28	80	
Motruncs, Art	C	69	51	120	40	80	
Baranek, Brendon	C	73	54	127	40	87	
Sir Louis, Bob	C	62	70	132	40	92	
Motruncs, Jacob	C	66	70	136	40	96	
Schaefer, Will	GC	44	40	84	13	71	1st Place
Albert, George	GC	47	40	87	14	73	T 2nd Place
Berkovitz, Steve	GC	46	43	89	16	73	T 2nd Place
Daugherty, Wyatt	GC	49	45	94	20	74	
Minto, Don	GC	46	43	89	15	74	
Sinagra, Dave	GC	49	49	98	24	74	
Graeser, Dave	GC	50	44	94	18	76	
Glova, Mike	GC	48	52	100	23	77	
Martz, Brian	GC	51	51	102	25	77	
Adams, Doug	GC	62	63	125	40	85	
Cannella, Alex	GC	71	55	126	40	86	
Jones, Kevin	SRC	38	35	73	2	71	1st Place
Baranek, Mark	SRC	40	36	76	4	72	2nd Place
Edixon, Greg	SRC	48	45	93	18	75	T 3rd Place
Kralik, Dan	SRC	46	44	90	15	75	T 3rd Place
Wesnak, Drew	SRC	62	49	111	35	76	
Barron, Joe	SRC	48	46	94	18	76	
Lako, Ray	SRC	48	43	91	15	76	
Sarrick, Ron	SRC	56	51	107	30	77	
Burkhart, Joe	SRC	56	62	118	40	78	
Grega, Mike	SRC	54	60	114	34	80	

2023 NSS Life Golf Tournament Team Photos

(More photos of the Hospitality Night, Golf Tournament and Banquet to come in the October newsletter)



Greg Felton and Floyd McKain at the morning sign-in for golfers attending the tournament



L-R: Dave Burns, Al Burns, Mike Glova, Brian Martz



L-R: Joseph Stefka Jr., Floyd McKain, Mike Czarney, Kevin Jones



L-R: Wyatt Daugherty, Alex Blum, Steve Berkovitz, Dave Graeser



L-R: Chad Cooper, Ron Cooper, Dan Cheberenchick, Greg Edixon



L-R: Nick DePersis, Will Schaffer, George Albert, Greg Felton



L-R: Don Minto, Ken Rainey, Tom Czarney, Jim Czarney



L-R: Dave Pytel, Matt Pytel, Alex Cannella, Shawn Pytel



L-R: Joe Burkhart, Ray Lako, Dave Sinagra, Joe Barron



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



L-R: Drew Wesnak, Kevin Crowley, Mark Baranack, Brendon Baranack



L-R: Art Motrunecs, Alex SirLouis, Bob SirLouis, Jacob Motrunecs



L-R: Dan Kralik, Georgiann Kralik, Donna Tenney, Ron Sarrick



L-R: Suzanne Adams, Mike Grega, Doug Adams



L-R: Melvin Hannah, Jacob Hanna, William Hoche, William Walker

NSS Life Participates in the 100th Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood Park

(More photos to come in the October newsletter)



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



L-R: Keith Kucherawy, Patrick Buono, and Linda Buono



L-R: Lori Crowley and Rick Toth



L-R: Alec Blazer, Riley Conner, Riley Partyka and Pam Blum



NSS Officers and Directors with the Slovak Ambassador, Radovan Javorčik



The Pittsburgh Slovaks performing at Kennywood Park on the 100th Slovak Day



The Rusynsky Bet'are (Rusyn Rascals) Band



L-R: Duane Hovanec, Christine Piccolo, and Terri Tuminello



Amelia Cue, Assembly 123 selling dinners



Helen Cipollone, Assembly 123 at the Paska table



L-R: Judy Landa and Terri Tuminello, members of Assembly 123



Assembly 123 members helping with the Ceregi

2023 NSS Life Art Contest Winners



Jacob Shank - Assembly C731
1st Place Picasso Level



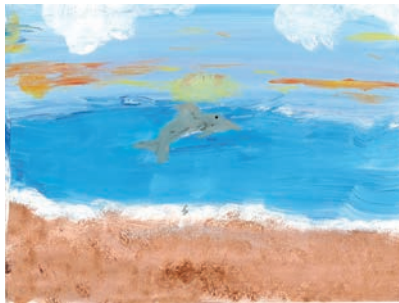
Emma Lassak - Assembly C737
2nd Place Picasso Level



James Cessna III - Assembly C731
3rd Place Picasso Level



Aubri Martini - Assembly C731
1st Place Rembrandt Level



Valerie Cessna - Assembly C731
2nd Place Rembrandt Level



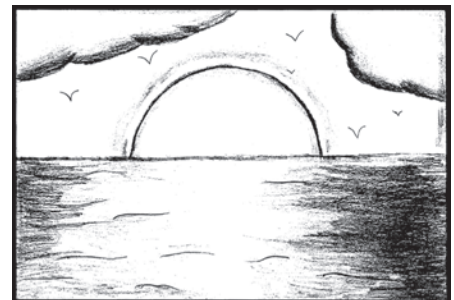
Christian Cole - Assembly C774
3rd Place Rembrandt Level



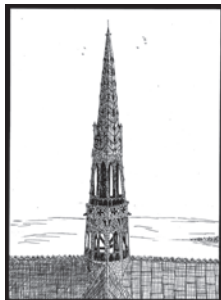
Zach Martini - Assembly C731
1st Place Michelangelo Level



Cameron Mason - Assembly C731
2nd Place Michelangelo Level



Leo Scheurn - Assembly C381
3rd Place Michelangelo Level



Jacob Ostrowski - Assembly C617
1st Place Van Gogh Level



Gweneth King - Assembly C731
2nd Place Van Gogh Level



Sarah Scheurn - Assembly C381
3rd Place Van Gogh Level



Mary Varhol - Assembly 731
1st Place Warhol Level



Samantha Wesnak - Assembly L075
2nd Place Warhol Level



Beth Mason - Assembly 731
3rd Place Warhol Level

2023-2024 Scholarship Recipients – Perpetual Award Winners



Benjamin Balbach
 Assembly L161
 Emory University
 Pre-Medical Biochemistry
Dr. John Gulash Scholarship



Andrew Beer
 Assembly 0554
 Indiana University of Pennsylvania
 Business Finance and Marketing
Assembly 065 Scholarship



Maxwell Burns
 Assembly 0774
 Baylor University
 Business
Assembly 065 Scholarship



Tyler Day
 Assembly 0588
 Penn State University
 Cybersecurity Analytics & Operations
The Grogan Family Scholarship



Giovanni Ferary
 Assembly 0774
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Biomedical Engineering
NSS Board of Directors Scholarship



Joseph Ferary
 Assembly 0774
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Biomedical Engineering
125th Anniversary Scholarship



Valentina Gulino
 Assembly 0039
 University of Pittsburgh
 Pre-Medical Nutrition Science
Stephen J. Trusik Scholarship



Ethan Opiela
 Assembly 0123
 Seton Hill
 Exercise Science
Mary B. Burns Scholarship



Ella Panzik
 Assembly 0617
 Michigan State University
 Biochemistry
Ann Marie Czarney Scholarship



Nicole Powell
 Assembly L161
 Florida International University
 Marketing and Business
Mary Mravec Scholarship

2023-2024 – 1st Year Scholarship Recipients



Wyatt Alexander
 Assembly 0774
 Salisbury University
 Business Economics



Jean Allison
 Assembly 0554
 University of Akron
 Criminal Justice



Charlotte Beno
 Assembly 0432
 Ohio State University
 Undecided



Lydia Bilitz
 Assembly 0774
 University of Wisconsin-White Water
 Communications Public Relations/Marketing



Aiden Bowman
 Assembly 0731
 Webb Institute
 Engineering Chemical Engineering



Mitchell Bradford
 Assembly 0L161
 North Carolina State University
 Engineering Economics



Dakota Brinker
 Assembly 0102
 York College of Pennsylvania
 Civil Engineering



Merin Buck
 Assembly 0705
 Indiana University Bloomington
 Elementary Education Special Education



Terri Bugay
 Assembly 0554
 Community College of Allegheny County
 Radiologic Technology



Brock Covell
 Assembly 0731
 Westminster College
 Business Sports Management



Ruthie Dalton
 Assembly 0774
 George Musol University
 Criminal Justice



Dante DeFelices
 Assembly 0377
 Slippery Rock University
 Human Resource Management



Morgan Dixon
 Assembly 0123
 Point Park University
 Forensic Psychology



Michelle Donaldson
 Assembly L161
 Duquesne University
 Pharmacy



Aleah Dudek
 Assembly 0123
 Robert Morris University
 Business



Kathleen Farabaugh
 Assembly 0267
 Slippery Rock University
 Criminology and Criminal Justice



Garrett Frantz
 Assembly 0554
 Penn State University
 Kinesiology



Julia Glowacki
 Assembly 0617
 Penn State University
 Sports Medicine and Nutrition

2023-2024 - 1st Year Scholarship Recipients



Abigail Goncher
Assembly 0554
University of Pittsburgh
Chemistry Pre-Med Track



Mackenzie Heddings
Assembly 0774
University of South Carolina-Columbia
Pre-Nursing



Meghan Herrold
Assembly 0617
Bucknell University
Chemical Engineering



Gregory Hillman
Assembly 0123
Point Park University
Journalism Broadcasting



Morgan Jones
Assembly 0381
Aquinas College
Math Business



Roderick Jones
Assembly 0381
Northern Michigan University
Computer Science Business



Jenna Knaffle
Assembly 0381
Michigan Technological University
Engineering



Mason Kraeer
Assembly 0377
Grove City College
Conservation Biology



Olivia Laufenburg
Assembly 0774
Eastern Kentucky University
General Studies



Emma Martz
Assembly 0774
Susquehanna University
History



Landon McGee
Assembly 0774
Guilford College
Business



Dylan Michael
Assembly RO19
Penn State Erie Behrend Campus
Engineering



Kalyn Moody
Assembly 0774
Elite Flight Academy
Private Pilot License Aviation



Alexander Noble
Assembly 0123
Penn State Behrend
Mechanical Engineering



Ben Ostrowski
Assembly 0617
Christendom College
History



John Payerchin
Assembly 0039
Westmoreland County Community College
Business Administration



Thea Petruzzi
Assembly L040
Robert Morris University
Biomedical Engineering



Thomas Phillips
Assembly 0377
St Vincents College
Bio-Chemistry



Ella Pilon
Assembly 0381
Michigan State University
Kinesiology



Barry Pitzer
Assembly 0731
Cleveland State University
Nursing



Ava Plunkard
Assembly 0731
Chatham University
Nursing



Theresa Ridings
Assembly 0381
University of Michigan
Communications and Media



Isabelle Sawarynski
Assembly RO59
Northampton Community College
Health Sciences



Ezmarelda Schaub
Assembly 0123
Slippery Rock University
Early Childhood Education



Dannika Susko
Assembly L105
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
Elementary Education



Landon Urcho
Assembly 0377
West Virginia University
Computer Science



Lucas West
Assembly 0617
Penn State University
Mechanical Engineering



Ghiatight Xiong
Assembly 0774
University of Washington Stout
Computer Networking



John Yanosick
Assembly 0100
Penn State University
Engineering



Ella Yurick
Assembly 0737
University of Pittsburgh
Finance



ASSEMBLY 0039 Uniontown, PA

Our National Heritage Museum will sponsor their "Annual Septemberfest" on Saturday, **September 30th** at the home office. Festivities start at 11:00 a.m. Great Slovak food, Slovak dancers, and ethnic vendors. Come see our Slovak Heritage Museum and the beautiful wood carving. Our assembly is helping to sponsor the event. If you live close, don't miss it!!

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families of Noreen Brady, Margaret Childs, Irene Vensko Deaton, Randy Halfhill, John Hospodavis, Harry F. Jr., John Hummer, Harold D. Kelley, John D. Moores, Jr., Francine Pavone, Andrew Simkovic and Timothy Willis. May they rest in the arms of the Resurrected Christ.

Do you have money laying in the bank earning 2% interest? The NSS currently has an annuity paying 6% in the first year. Call the home office for more information.

We need you to enter each of these fraternal contests so that we are credited with "fraternal tracking points". The *NSS Photo Contest*: Deadline October 31st and the Christmas Ornament Contest in December. Get your creative juices flowing and get us some points!

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

Please remember that our Annual 2023 Christmas Party has been moved from a Sunday to a Saturday, **December 2nd** at 2:00 pm. Mark your calendar! Watch out for those yellow school buses,

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY RO59 Bethlehem, PA

Our assembly is saddened to report that one of our dear members, Frank Michael Guydan, fell asleep in the Lord June 23, 2023. Our love and sympathy to his beloved wife Michele, secretary of RO59.

We are pleased to report that our fundraiser for the Miracle League of Northampton County (MLNC) raised \$1500 for this wonderful organization that provides opportunities for youth with disabilities to play baseball in a barrier free setting.



RO59 Treasurer John Lahutsky (on right), a member of the MLNC Board of Trustees, presenting the checks to MLNC President BJ Metz (on left)

Our next meeting will be held on **September 17th** at the home of Paula and John Lahutsky at 3:00 p.m.

Alexandra Keysock
President

ASSEMBLY 0070 Brooklyn, OH

A meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon will be held at Dr. Martin Luther Church on **September 24, 2023**.

Please call John Karkosiak at 216-741-6990 if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly. Side dishes or desserts would be appreciated.

John Karkosiak
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY L102 Schnecksville, PA

Our assembly will have their summer picnic on **September 4th** at the Gross's residence, New Tripoli, PA at 2:00 p.m. Bring your swim suits and join in the fun.

Mark your calendar for our future events so you don't miss them:

September 7th, 8th, & 9th:
Matching Funds at St. Ann's Fall Fest, Emmaus, Pa. Food, drinks, games, music and fun for all

Saturday, September 23rd:
Matching Funds, Pig Roast at the Kuhnsville Hotel all day for the benefit of ALS

Sunday, October 22nd:

Halloween Party at the Wesnak residence, Whitehall, PA at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 5th:

Christmas ornament making party at the Wesnak's residence at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 9th:

Matching Funds "Breakfast with Santa" for the Hokey AA football team.

Sharon Wesnak
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

Warning: This article is written by AI

Let me start by thanking all those members of our assembly who volunteered at Slovak Day at Kennywood; Amy Cue, Helen Cipollone, Chris Piccalo, Teri Tuminello, Joe & Vivki Kovac without your efforts there may still be people in line for food! Especially, I want to single out Judy Landa who helped with organizing, getting the volunteers, and spending hours and hours of her time making sure the 100th Anniversary of Slovak Day was a big success. Often there are people, like Judy, who are behind the scenes that make things happen but wind up with little or no recognition. Thank you, Judy.

Sunday, **September 17th** is our assembly mini golf outing at the course on Neville Island. Tee time is 1:00 p.m. After golf we will be enjoying pizza and a drink. We will also try to have a very short business meeting to bring those present up to date on upcoming events. If you plan on attending, please call Bill DelMonaco at 412-264-7268. If there is someone from another assembly who would like to join us just let Bill know and we will make arrangements with your assembly for reimbursement.

Saturday, **September 30th** is Septemberfest at the Home Office in McMurray. It is well advertised in this magazine. This event is sponsored by the Museum, and it highlights Slovak culture. So, it can be both entertaining and educational. Also, volunteers are needed and if any in our assembly would be interested call Sue Ondrejco at 412-421-1204.

Our semi-annual volunteer activity at World Vision Warehouse, 210 Over-

look Drive, Sewickley, PA. on Saturday, **October 7th** starting at 9:00 a.m. This is in the Route 79 Business Park near the Glenfield exit to Interstate North. We do sorting and packing of new clothes from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and then go to lunch at Eat 'n Park in Sewickley and have a brief assembly business meeting. If you can attend, please let me know at 724-242-5085 or Jill Grover at 412-638-7060. We welcome all our members. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Photo contest entries are due by the end of October, get clicking!

Our Christmas Luncheon is set for Sunday, **December 17th** 1:00 p.m. at Rockefeller's Grille in Kennedy Township. Mark your calendars.

Good-bye to summer and hello to fall! **Article written by AI (actual intelligence) be that as it may.**

Bill Knoll
President

do not receive any funding from the borough and rely solely on their fund-raising efforts for support.

Best wishes to all for a successful school year.

Sue Ondrejco
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0377 Bentleyville, PA

Below are the remaining meetings we have for this year. And as always, please RSVP to me at 724-207-3171.

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 L161 Pittsburgh, PA

The summer has gone by so fast; hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy some quality time relaxing. As we get back into the fall routine hopefully you will be able to participate in some NSS activities.

Members of L-161 will once again participate in the 2023 Walk to Defeat ALS which will be held on Saturday, **September 9th** at Point State Park (same place as last year). I hope you can join our team again! To register, go to the ALS Walk Pittsburgh website (easily found through Google), and navigate to the "Michael Hoover Lako" team page to register as a team member or make a donation. For questions or more information contact: **Regina.Montalbano@gmail.com**. This will be a matching funds activity for our Assembly.

In October our Assembly will join with the Whitaker Volunteer Fire Department for a Hoagie Sale. Orders will be due by Monday, **October 2nd**, and the Hoagies will be delivered Wednesday, October 10th. They are \$10.00 each. If interested please email me - **sue.ondrejco@gmail.com** with your order or any questions. This will also be a matching funds project. The firemen

ASSEMBLY 0432 Fairview Park, OH

Our Annual Christmas Meeting will be held on **December 6, 2023** at Tony K's , 841 W Bagley Road, Berea, Ohio 44017 at 6:00 p.m. RSVP by December 1st to Dave Pytel at (440) 759-4558, Bill Shuttleworth at (440) 465-6024, or Terri Hudak at (440) 714-8902.

Tobogganing will be held on **February 18, 2024** at Stongsville Chalet, 16200 Valley Parkway, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The price will be \$15/per person. Unlimited rides down the toboggan chutes, food, drinks, snack and deserts included! RSVP by February 1st to Dave Pytel at (440) 759-4558, Bill Shuttleworth at (440) 465-6024, or Terri Hudak at (440) 714-8902.

Shawn Pytel
Publicity & Social Media

Irene Tomaskovic
President

ASSEMBLY 0586 Chicago, IL

Our last meeting was enjoyable to see and talk to our member friends. The location was an old establishment on Route 66, the famous route which crosses the United States.

A group from my Church returned from a celebration of 25 years of growth of the Christian Center for Education in Martin, Slovakia. The school we have supported has 800 students now and growing and is one of the top rated schools in Slovakia and other countries.

The return of our Mega Garage Sale this year amounted to over \$50,000. One of the beneficiaries of this tremendous effort is the Slovakia Ukraine Ministry.

Our next meeting will be held in November, around Veterans Day and we will honor all who helped protect our country. We will collect items for Operation Support Our Troops, our ongoing project. We'll discuss and decide which charitable organization will benefit from 586 matching funds. God bless our troops and our great country.

Irene Tomaskovic
President

ASSEMBLY 0588 Avella, PA

A meeting will be held on **September 18th** at Joe & Annette Stefka's, 5007 Old Orchard Lane, Gibsonia, 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, Gibsonia, PA. If attending, please call Annette at 724-407-3591.

Annette Stefka
Secretary

DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

Please be advised that all articles, notices, etc., **MUST BE received by the Home Office no later than the 5th of the month.** Every effort will be made to publish the article and photos in a timely manner and space permitting.

Also, all articles should be **typewritten in regular type or emailed to the Home Office.**

ASSEMBLY 0813 Englewood, FL

Our assembly is busy with the following upcoming events. There will be a reprise of their successful "Wind cork Pull" for the **four Thursdays in October**. This was enjoyable and profitable for the Catholic Social Services. Stephanie Collin will be coordinating with Kerry Farrell for this event.

Also on the agenda will be the Brown Bag food drive for needy senior citizens through the Wiregrass Food Bank. Our assembly has been working with David Hanks, the executive director. The Brown Bag program provides two extra bags of food each month for a year.

We will, of course, be supporting Toys for Tots and the Lunch Room Angels. Plans for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and the Christmas party are being finalized.

Mary Jo Holker
President

REGION 2 Hazleton, PA

Region 2 will hold a meeting on Saturday, **May 18, 2024** at 1:00 at Grotto Pizza, Wilkes-Barre PA. 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) Congratulations to the newly reelected Officers.

Region 2 will be conducting a Matching Fundraiser for the Animal Care Associates of Scranton, PA. The event will be held on **September 23rd** at the Scranton Comedy Club in The Holiday Inn in Dunmore, PA at 7:00 p.m. They will have show tickets available and a basket raffle. Tickets can be purchased online at www.scranton-comedyclub.com and prices start at \$15.00. Any questions please contact me at marlinsamimadi@com Come out for a night of laughs and help the animals.

Marlin Petro Wesnak
President



45TH SLOVAK HERITAGE FESTIVAL
IN NEW JERSEY
24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

PROGRAM 2023

CATHOLIC MASS
10:30 AM

MAIN PROGRAM
1:30 PM

LIMBORÁČIK
2 PM | CHILDREN'S FOLKLORE ENSEMBLE | NEW YORK | NEW YORK

LIPKA
2:30 PM | CHILDREN'S FOLKLORE ENSEMBLE | LINDEN | NEW JERSEY

LITMANIVKY
3:40 PM | FEMALE FOLK SINGING GROUP | LITMANOVÁ | SLOVAKIA

ŠARIŠAN
4:30 PM | FOLK ENSEMBLE | PREŠOV | SLOVAKIA

M.VALIHORA | D.KOLLER | LASH&GREY
6 PM | BAND FROM SLOVAKIA & CZECH REPUBLIC

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Saturday, October 14, 2023
10:00AM - 9:00 PM

Irons Mill Farmstead is located in scenic Amish Country, it is a short drive from Pittsburgh & Youngstown, and is the region's premier Corn Maze, Pumpkin Patch, Sunflower Fields & Fall Fun Headquarters!

Spend the day exploring the many fun stops all over the farm! Zip down the Bat Glide, bury yourself in corn at CornCorn Beach, cheer on your favorite pig, catch candy raining from the sky and so much more. Don't worry parents, there's lots of seating!

Cost is \$5.00 for Adults and Youth Members (16 & Under FREE)
To reserve your tickets call: Pam Blum at (724) 731-0094 (Ext. 1010)
Email: pblum@nsslife.org for reservations.

Assembly 70 Programs



Secretary Katie Karkosiak and President Sarah Blaine presenting a check for matching funds for the chicken paprikash dinner to Church Council President Garth Moore.



John Karkosiak presenting NSS Assembly 70 donation and matching fund check to Diane Zellmer of Redeemer Crisis Center, in Cleveland Ohio, as part of the Blessings in a Backpack program.



NSS Assembly 70 hosted the after church social at Dr. Martin Luther Church in Brooklyn, Ohio. During the social, President Sarah Blaine presented a NSS polo to Tomasz Przeczek. Tomasz is interning with Dr. Martin Luther Church this summer as part of the Slovak Zion Synod student emersion program. Tomasz is studying at the Evangelical Lutheran Theological Faculty of Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Left to right are: Ron Shimek - VP of NSS 70; Tomasz Przeczek - intern; Sarah Blaine- President NSS 70; John Karkosiak - Treasurer NSS 70; Katherine Karkosiak - Secretary NSS 70; and Pastor Eric Markovich.

Assembly 731

Assembly 731 offered an opportunity for NSS members to attend a Pittsburgh Pirates - Cleveland Guardians game on July 19th at PNC Stadium in Pittsburgh. Our group of 44 baseball fans included members from assemblies 731 and 004 in Ohio, assemblies 441 and L161 in Pennsylvania, and Florida assembly 813. It was an exciting day as some of us were routing for the Pirates and some for the Guardians. The Pirates fans especially enjoyed the 7-5 win over the Guardians.



NSS at the "t" station - Cleveland fans Kathy & Jim Cessna, Linda Estes, Laurie & Mike Fox, Sue Burns, Jo Holker, Kathy Flickinger and youth members Jake Shank, Valerie and Jimmy Cessna waiting to ride the T-Rail to the stadium.



"NSS Valerie loves Carlos" Valerie Cessna proudly displayed her 'I Love You Carlos' sign every time Carlos Santana was up to bat. Valerie wore a Guardians shirt and Pirates hat and thoroughly enjoyed the game.

Assembly 377



Members attending a cruise on the Gateway Clipper, Pittsburgh, PA



"NSS at PNC stadium" - Four rows of seats were occupied by our group of Pirates and Guardians fans



"NSS Mike, Anne, Walter....." Anne and Mike Fox and their son, Walter, enjoyed routing for the Pirates

50th Anniversary

Congratulations to Inky and Don Kolecy, Sr., for celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary and Donald's birthday. They were blessed at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church by Father Edward Smith. Celebration festivities took place at the Aviator Restaurant by many. Donald and Inky are long time NSS members, and they are proud that their whole family belongs to the NSS.

Optimum Re Seminar



NSS Employees attending seminar: Back Row: Lori Korte, Cyndi Salat; Front Row: Greg Felton, NSS Sales Director; Rick Toth; and Terrence Weiser from Optimum Re.

Labor Day Safety Tips



Labor Day is the last major holiday Americans can celebrate before the summer ends. And you know what that means: flocks of families traveling to beaches, parks, and backyard barbecues. With all of the festivities going on, it's easy to gloss over general safety precautions. Below are labor day safety tips for adults and young children alike.

1. Drive Safely
2. Wear Sun Protection
3. Grill Responsibly
4. Take Caution in Water
5. Watch Out for Fireworks
6. Drink Alcohol in Moderation

**Happy Labor Day
To ALL Of You**



DEPARTED MEMBERS JULY, 2023

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Altman, Weston	New Castle , PA	07/12/2023	0731
Benninger, Ellen	Greenville, PA	06/17/2023	0731
Berberich, Nancy	Cabot, PA	06/27/2023	0123
Betty, Rodger	Butler, PA	06/22/2023	0123
Bickerton, June	Jefferson Hills, PA	07/13/2023	0108
Bickerton, Phyllis	Finleyville, PA	06/09/2023	0774
Bierce, Ethel	St Marys, WV	06/07/2023	0774
Bishop, Nancy	Amity, PA	12/15/2022	0377
Bobnar, Patricia	Madison, PA	07/20/2023	0737
Bolinski, Mildred	Milwaukee, WI	12/31/2021	0774
Bomberger, Richard	Middletown, PA	06/28/2023	R059
Brothers, Norma	Columbus, PA	07/01/2023	0731
Cale, E Bryan	Collegedale, TN	06/18/2023	0588
Caplan, Janet	Pittsburgh, PA	07/06/2023	0100
Adams, Martha	Harts, WV	05/14/2023	0774
Chura, Mary	Strongsville, OH	05/23/2023	0432
Cook, Delores	Wheeling, WV	05/23/2023	0774
Cupper, John	Rostraver Township, PA	05/27/2023	0377
De Luca, Margaret	Vandergrift, PA	06/16/2023	L105
Dickey Jr., Thomas	McKeesport, PA	05/29/2021	0108
Donahey, Ruth P	Titusville, PA	07/09/2023	0554
Dyzelski, Bessie	Franklin, WI	05/18/2023	0774
Earnest, Evelyn	Moundsville, WV	01/02/2023	0774
Feinberg, Rhoda	Yuma, AZ	04/16/2023	0800
Fink, Jon	Greensburg, PA	07/14/2023	0737
Flicker, Margaret	Youngstown, OH	07/19/2023	0731
Floyd, Cassidy	Davidsville, PA	06/26/2023	0039
Frey, Joan	Bloomsburg, PA	04/16/2023	0774
Godo, Mary	Rochester Mills, PA	06/10/2023	0554
Griffin, Ruth	Pittsburgh, PA	06/08/2023	L161
Gurick, Mitchell	Palos Heights, IL	11/16/2022	0586
Gutz, Mary	Corry, PA	07/09/2023	0554
Harpel, Robert	Hummelstown, PA	07/08/2023	L102
Harriss, Eden	Pittsburgh, PA	06/23/2023	0100
Harvey, Barbara	Marianna, PA	06/27/2023	0377
Hlebovy, Allan	Boardman, OH	04/12/2022	0731
Homer, Ronald G	Greenville, NC	06/22/2023	0731
Huffman, Anna	Charleston, WV	06/04/2023	0774
Humphrey, Elaine	Williamsport, PA	06/23/2023	0617
Hunter, John H	Pittsburgh, PA	06/08/2023	0123
Hura, Robert	Poland, OH	06/13/2023	0737
Jarrell, Anna Lee	Whitesville, WV	08/25/2021	0774
Jones, Frederick R	Newton, NC	05/28/2023	0774
Kandrck, Janet	North Charleroi, PA	06/07/2023	0377
Kardos, John	Meadville, PA	07/07/2023	0554
Kohle, Barabara E	West Mifflin, PA	05/16/2023	0100
Kopetsky, Margaret	Latrobe, PA	01/24/2023	0774
Korpusik, Henry	Mayfield, PA	06/14/2021	L075
Kristoff, John W	Johnstown, PA	06/28/2023	L105
Kurytnak, Isla	Navarre, FL	06/11/2023	0377
Lambert, Anita	Sebring, FL	05/27/2023	0813
Main, Ruth	Washington, PA	06/19/2023	0588

DEPARTED MEMBERS JULY 2023

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Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Majzler, Eleanor	Huntington Beach, CA	11/23/2019	0432
Marshall, Ruth Ellen	Numine PA	07/22/2023	L105
Maskrey, Dean	Hempfield Twp, PA	06/12/2023	0774
McAtamney, James	Allison Park, PA	04/07/2023	L105
McCloud, Janet	Logan, WV	03/29/2023	0774
McCluney, Joseph	Pembroke, GA	04/28/2023	0774
McCluskey, Thomas	McDonald, PA	06/04/2023	0588
McDowell, Maude	Pittsburgh, PA	05/07/2023	0100
McLaughlin, Durward	Asheboro, NC	06/02/2023	0774
McLaughlin, Shirley	Sebring, FL	01/23/2023	0813
McMahon, Joan	Pittsburgh, PA	07/13/2023	0100
Meltzer, Joel	Mt. Lebanon, PA	02/04/2023	0434
Mersky, Richard S	Claysville, PA	06/12/2023	0588
Meyers, John T	Johnstown, PA	07/07/2023	0737
Murray, Terry	Allison Park, PA	02/26/2023	0123
Peifer, La Rue	Allentown, PA	07/20/2023	R059
Pekar Sr., Richard J	Dilliner, PA	06/23/2023	0039
Perkovich, Audrey	Smiley, TX	05/06/2023	0588
Popiolkowski, Georgia	Canonsburg, PA	07/02/2023	0434
Popovich, Irene	Blairsville, PA	08/18/2022	0774
Preli, Barbara	Greensburg, PA	07/04/2023	0737
Rakowski, Naomi	Hebron, IN	05/25/2023	0705
Ramer, Isabel	Shelocta, PA	07/18/2023	L105
Ripp, Roger	Waunakee, WI	05/15/2023	0774
Ritsko, Mary	Greensburg, PA	06/28/2023	0737
Roush, Kathryn	Spring Church, PA	03/25/2023	L105
Rura Sr., Daniel V	McDonald, PA	06/29/2023	0588
Russell, James	Pittsburgh, PA	02/03/2022	L161
Rutkowski, Elizabeth	New Bethlehem, PA	01/11/2023	0554
Sabo, Frances	West Newton, PA	07/02/2023	0737
Saeler, Patricia	Butler, PA	06/29/2023	0731
Seruga, John	Greensburg, PA	07/01/2023	0737
Shaw, Kathryn	Canonsburg, PA	07/17/2023	0434
Shirey, Marjorie	Birdsboro, PA	06/23/2023	L102
Silverstein, Edward	New York, NY	05/30/2023	0110
Smith, Janice	Pittsburgh, PA	06/21/2023	0434
Stallsmith, Larry	Corpus Christi, TX	06/27/2023	0774
Sultzer, Dolores	Sharpsburg, PA	07/19/2023	L161
Taylor, Velma	Saltsburg, PA	07/05/2023	L105
Tenney, Lillie	Diana, WV	05/25/2023	0774
Tescheke, Elizabeth	Pittsburgh, PA	07/02/2023	L161
Toth, Dorothy	Gibsonia, PA	12/27/2022	0434
Verostek, Renee	Fenelton, PA	06/02/2023	0731
Wallace, Mable	Linden, NJ	03/06/2023	0774
Warren, Rose Marie	Cranberry Twp, PA	06/06/2023	0123
Welker, Carl	West Springfield, MA	10/31/2022	0774
Wrona, Joan	Carnegie, PA	06/10/2023	0100
Yacovone, Gregory	Ludlow, MA	03/30/2023	0774
Yakopin, William	Pittsburgh, PA	06/24/2023	0100
Zettlemoyer, Lucille	Jonestown, PA	03/26/2021	L102
Zimmerman, Mildred	New Florence, PA	06/25/2023	0737

PVR Scholarship Fund Donations July, 2023

In Memory of Jesse Bernardi:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Nancy Baseflug:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of William Biel:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Roberta Burns:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Patricia Scheuring:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Martha Direnzo:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Naomi Elsbury:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Donald Harvey:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Warren Hoburg:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Arthur Hughes:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Cynthia King:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Larry Mackrell:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Edward Manko:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Dennis Murray:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Mary Paff:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of George Shaytar:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Robert Sinclair:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Dorothy Work:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of our son and brother, Shaun Logan Crowley:	
From Kevin, Lori, Kevin Jr., & John Crowley	20.00
In Memory of pet Kingston Crowley:	
From Crowley Family	20.00
Donations:	
Assembly 0039.....	760.00
Assembly 0039 Matching	
Funds	500.00
Start Hearing	400.00
Director Drew Wesnak	50.00

September



Septembrové radosti...
Predstavte si dokonalý vidiek,
jesenné festivaly a pred-
stavenia, naleštené jablká,
školské autobusy, deti v úplne
nových šatách...



Chryzantémy a nechtíky dodajú septembru farbu a naplnia
naše srdcia na ďalšie mesiace krásou, na ktorú nezabudneme.

Sviatok práce 3. Septembra

Mnoho Slovákov patrilo medzi tých, ktorí sa snažili urobiť a vybudovať Ameriku na peknú krajinu a preto sa právom delíme o hrdosť, keď tento výkend oslavujeme v amerike deň pracujúcich.

Nespočetné množstvo emigrantov potrebovalo požehnanie Ameriky a Amerika potrebovala silných mužov a ženy ochotných pracovať so svojou fyzickou silou a schopnosťami, ktoré vedeli. Veľké pracovné sily zo Slovenska, ako aj z mnohých iných európskych krajín odpovedali na potrebu a pracovali v baniach, farmách, železničiach a priemyselných centrách nového sveta. Za odplátu Amerika ponúkla požehnanie, slobodu a domova, prostriedky na živobytie. V rokoch 1869 až 1890 stratil Šariš 34 % svojej mužskej populácie vo veku 20 – 25 rokov a 44 % mužov vo veku 26 až 30 rokov. (FURDEK '81 str.183) Bez ohľadu na to, čo museli Slováci znášať, osobné slobody, útrapy – nikdy sa nevzdali svojho ducha, pokorne sa rozvíjali modlitbou, piesňami, remeslami a poéziou. Všetkým čo usilovne pracujete želáme krásny výkend.



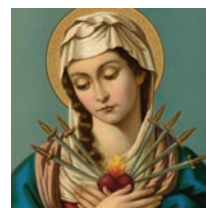
Na Slovensku v septembri slavia dve sviatky:

1. september, deň ústavy; 15 september sedembolestnej Panny Marie

“Septemberfest”— Pozývame Vás na septembroví festival čo bude na 30 septembra tu v našou 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 zakúpiť i suveníri. Vstupné zdarma. Veríme v peknú účasť.

Patrónka Slovenska - 15 september

V tento deň celé Slovensko oslávi a vzdá úctu Patrónke Slovenska— Sedembolestnej Matke Panny Marii. Vieme, že Slovenský národ pretrpel mnohé utrpenia a nadvládu či režim nad národom po mnohé storočia. Orodovanie—a modlitba k sedembolestnej upevňuje nás vo viere a oveľa ľahšie sa nám znašajú všetky naše ťažkosti. Ďakujeme ti Sedembolestná za tvoju materinskú lásku a vytrvanie s nami.



Sedembolestna Matka, oroduj za nás.

Pranostiky na mesiac september :

Ako na 1. septembra, tak bude celý mesiac.

Aký je september, taký bude i marec.

(9.08). Ako sa zachová počasie na deň

Narodenia Panny Márie, tak bude potom za štyri týždne.





Youth Circle Page

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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

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 Christmas Ornament Contest

Deadline: December 1st, 2023

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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