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PNC PARK
HOME OF THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES

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Could you use a little extra "Green?"

RECOMMENDER FORM

As a proud member of NSS Life, now is the best time to share your experience with family and friends. Best of all, you will receive a cash reward (\$25 or \$10 for a youth term product) for recommending each person we issue a policy.

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Please use this form to register your change of address for the *National News* and mail to the Home Office. Upon receipt of this form completed in its entirety, the staff will immediately implement the change. *Thank you.*

Change of Address Information:

Full Name: _____

Certificate #: _____ Assembly #: _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Former Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Activities At A Glance

REGION 2

Assemblies L075, 0617

July 10
August 4
August 11
August 22
October 12
November TBA

Assembly 0617, Meeting, Pierce St. Deli at 1:00 pm
Assembly L075, Fraternal Summer Picnic, Mercateli Segilia Park, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm
Region 2, Meeting, Grotto Pizza, Wilkes-Barre, PA at 2:00 pm
Assembly 0617, Annual Fraternal Day, Knoebels Park (Pavilion D)
Assembly L075, Meeting, Grandes Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm
Assembly L075, Veterans Day Bingo (TBA)

REGION 5

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

June 3
June 7
June 9
June 21
July 12-14
July 13
July 14
July 18
August 18
September 8
September 15
September 23
September 28
November 3
December 1
December 7
December 7
December 8

Assembly L-161, Meeting, Waterfront Eat'n Park, Homestead, PA at 6:00 pm
Assembly 0731, Mahoning Valley Scrappers Game, Eastwood Field, Niles, OH at 7:30 pm
Assembly 0039, Summer Bar-B-Q/Flag Day, Columbia Assoc. Pavilion at 1:00 pm
Region 5, Night at PNC Park, Tampa Bay Rays at Pirates, PNC Park, Pittsburgh, PA at 6:40 pm
National Golf Tournament, Treasure Lake, DuBois, PA
Assembly 123, Volunteer at Global Links, Greentree, PA at 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Assembly 0377, Annual Picnic, Richardson's Park, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm
Slovak Day, Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA
Region 5, Family Picnic, Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion 16, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Assembly 0039, Fall Dinner/Flight 93 Memorial Service, Bob Evans at 6:00 pm
Assembly 0377, Meeting, Sesame Gourmet Restaurant, McMurray, PA at 3:00 pm
Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka's residence, Gibsonia, PA at 5:00 pm
NSS Heritage Museum 12th Annual Septemberfest, McMurray, PA at 11:00 - 4:00 pm
Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka's residence, Gibsonia, PA at 2:00 pm
Assembly 0377, Meeting, Hugo's Restaurant, Brownsville, PA at 3:00 pm
Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Boardman Park's Lariccia Center Rotary Room (TBA)
Assembly 0039, Annual Christmas Party, Columbia Assoc. Social Hall at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0123, Christmas Party, Rockefeller's Grille in Kennedy Twp 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm

REGION 8

Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595

June 11
June 23
June TBA
July 7

Assembly 0432, Meeting, Pytel's residence, North Olmsted, OH at 6:30 pm
Assembly 0070, Meeting/Picnic, Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, OH at 11 am
Assembly 0004, Minature Golf Tournament (date, time & place to be announced)
Assembly 0160, Picnic, Vermilion River Reservation, Lorain County at 11:00-1:00pm

REGION 14

Assemblies R059, L102

August 14

Region 14, Meeting/Picnic, Wesnak residence, Schnecksville, PA at 3:00 pm

AT LARGE

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

July 21
August TBA
August 10
September 29
November 10

Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home Seelyville, IN, at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0586, Meeting (date, time & place to be announced)
Assembly 0705, Reunion in Seelyville, IN (Fraternal Fund Activity)
Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home Seelyville, IN, at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home Seelyville, IN, at 1:00 pm



The President's Page...

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On June 14th we celebrate Flag Day across the United States. The United States Flag was adopted on this date in 1777. Please be sure to display your flag to honor the United States of America on Flag Day! Father's Day is celebrated on Sunday, June 16th. Father's Day is observed to honor all fathers. It gives us an opportunity to say thank you for all the special things that Dad has done for us. Please be sure to share time with your father on this special day. For those whose fathers have passed, please pause to remember the cherished times that you shared with your Dad!

The NSS 58th National Golf Tournament is quickly approaching! The deadline for submitting tournament entries is Friday, **June 21, 2024**. The deadline for reserving a room at the Dubois Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott under the NSS Room Block is Wednesday, **June 12, 2024**. Please be sure to submit your entry and make your room reservations by the deadlines. The Tournament Entry Form containing hotel information is located elsewhere in this issue. The NSS National Golf Tournament is the largest fundraising event for the PVR Scholarship. The tournament provides an opportunity for hole sponsorships for assemblies, regions, and individuals at \$100 per hole. Signs displaying the hole sponsorships will appear on the Treasure Lake Golf Club Silver Course on both days of the tournament. Not only does this help the PVR Scholarship Fund but it also helps each assembly with points toward the Extra Effort Awards! Please consider sponsoring a hole during the tournament by the June 21st deadline.

The NSS National Golf Tournament is a weekend of golf, fun, and fraternalism. Please plan to join us in Dubois, Pennsylvania July 12 – 14, 2024.

On Wednesday, April 17th, this writer had the opportunity to attend and provide a presentation at the Spring Meeting of Region #8 held at Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, Ohio. The meeting was well attended, and all Assemblies in Region #8 were represented. In addition to the presentation the Region held its regular business meeting. Refreshments were provided for those in attendance. The Officers and Members of Region #8 presented a check to the PVR Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$5000. Thank you to everyone from Region #8 involved in making the generous donation to the PVR Fund. The goal of the PVR fund is to reach a fund balance of \$2,000,000 by the 2026 Quadrennial Convention to make the fund self-sustaining through interest earned. The PVR Fund welcomes donations from Regions, Assemblies, and individual donors to help reach our goal.

The month of June is a busy month for NSS Assemblies and Regions. Assemblies holding meetings include Assembly L-161 on June 3rd and Assembly 432 on June 11th. On June 7th, Assembly 731 will attend the Mahoning Valley Scrappers baseball game, on June 9th Assembly 039 will hold their annual Summer Bar-B-Q and Flag Day Celebration, and on June 21st Region #5 will hold their annual Night at PNC Park as the Pirates take on the Tampa Bay Rays.

News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday wishes to Honorary Officer Justine Wesnak, Honorary Director Mary Jo Holker, Chairman of the Board Bob Katricak, Director Michael Czarney, Home Office Staff Members Jill Grover and Jennifer Inaba, George Jones, Logan Triebisch, David Jancisin, Beverly Arbore, Rich Somplatsky, Joe Palko, Blaze Farrell, Keith Chojnicki, and all others celebrating a birthday in June.

Happy Wedding Anniversary Wishes to Director Mike and Randi Czarney and to Shannon and Edwin Woods and all others celebrating anniversaries during the month of June.

2023 Joseph Stefka Memorial Award Winner



The 2023 winner of the Joseph Stefka Memorial Golf Award, Mike Czarney, is pictured above receiving the award from NSS President Joseph Stefka, Jr. Mike won the 2023 award with a net score of 64 for the 18-hole tournament and became a two-time winner of the award. Mike won his first Joseph Stefka Memorial Award in 2013 at the tournament held at the Links at Firestone Farms Golf Course.

The 2023 National Golf Tournament at Kensington Golf Club marked the 29th year the Joseph Stefka Memorial Award was presented by the Stefka family. Since its inception in 1994, a total of 23 different golfers have won the award. Six golfers, Mike Czarney, Floyd McKain, Dave Blazek, Jim Morehart, Albert Suess, and Rick Zbin have won the award twice. There was no winner of the award in 2020 due to the cancellation of the tournament due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Competition for the 30th Anniversary Joseph Stefka Memorial Award will take place at the 2024 NSS National Golf Tournament held the weekend of **July 12-14, 2024**, at Treasure Lake Golf Club Silver Course in Dubois, Pennsylvania.

In the history of the Joseph Stefka Memorial Award there has never been a back-to-back winner. Please join us in Dubois, Pennsylvania for a great weekend of fun, fraternalism, and golf.



June 16th

A Page From My Notebook...

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You Never Know...

I'm sure you all know that Bruce Wayne became the Batman when someone was in trouble and needed his help. Well we don't have a Batman at NSS, but we do have an employee who does the unusual and in fact is also a champion.

Michelle Walton has only been with NSS a short time and has transitioned to several critical areas within NSS such as New Business/Customer Service; has taken on the position of Accounting Associate and has jumped right in to help in the implementation of our new OIPA environment. Outside of NSS Michelle performs the unusual. She and her husband love the game of darts and in fact they have traveled to world championship events. And YOU WOULD NEVER KNOW that Michelle has played the game competitively against players from other countries as well as events held across the United States. Michelle is so good that she qualified to be on the East/West All Star Team and is a member of the Pennsylvania State Dart Team traveling cross-country and competing against other women. And finally you will find her name on her own soft tip and steel tip Signature Darts, produced by her sponsor VIPER, that she designed herself. But the most important thing that Michelle does is give of herself. The darting community is very involved in helping others and holds charity events that benefit cancer patients, woman veterans, suicide prevention, Toy's for Tots, the homeless and many more

causes. Michelle never thought she would need this type of help herself however in December of 2020, Michelle lost her 27 year old son to Type 1 Diabetes during COVID. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation helped Michelle when she needed it the most. And in return, Michelle raises funds for JDRF in her son's memory to help other families like her get the help they need. With the help of many, many volunteers, Michelle, and the Dart community have raised almost \$20,000 in just 3 years. Let's help when we can. **YOU NEVER KNOW...**

2023 Fraternal Tracking

The Fraternal Tracking Report is finally complete. I will be presenting it to the new Member and Fraternal Engagement Committee for approval, then to the Board for adoption at the upcoming May/June Spring Board meeting. The report shows that we had an overwhelming number of award winners this year. A new Titanium Level Extra Effort Award was created by the Board and existing awards were increased in their value. More information to come next month.

The Office

The office is buzzing like a beehive these days. If you spent one day at the office and just sat there and observed like they did in schools years ago when an observer teacher sat in the back of the classroom and observed the class, you'd be amazed at what goes on. There is not a spare moment to be had and if you take a short 3 minute break, someone, somehow knows that you are free and jumps right in. From New Business to Claims, from the processing of Annuities to Life, trying to fit lunch in the middle of all of this, and don't even think about bathroom breaks! AND THEN you realize it's only Monday.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to my brother, Joey Palko, may he also have a wonderful Father's Day.



The Top 10 Things You'll never Hear a Dad Say:

10. "Well, how 'bout that? I'm lost! Looks like we'll have to stop and ask for directions."
9. "You know Pumpkin, now that you're thirteen, you'll be ready for un-chaperoned car dates. Won't that be fun?"
8. "I noticed that all your friends have a certain hostile attitude. I like that."
7. "Here's a credit card and the keys to my new car. Go crazy!!!"
6. "What do you mean you wanna play football? Figure skating is not good enough for you, son?"
5. "Your Mother and I are going away for the weekend. You might want to consider throwing a party."
4. "Well, I don't know what's wrong with your car. Probably one of those doo-hickey things—ya know—that makes it run or something. Just have it towed to a mechanic and pay whatever he asks."
3. "No son of mine is going to live under this roof without an earring. Now quit your belly-aching and let's go to the mall."
2. "Whaddya wanna go and get a job for? I make plenty of money for you to spend."
1. And the number one thing you'll never hear a dad say: "What do I want for Father's Day? Aahh—don't worry about that. It's no big deal." (actually they might say this, but they don't mean it).

Current Interest Rates

★ Effective January 1, 2024 ★

Optimum 3 - 5.00%

Preferred 5 - 4.00%

New Preferred 8 - 6.50%* (For First Year Only)

Existing Preferred 8 - 4.25%

(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.



Future of the NSS Life Online Portals

Like a road under construction, a person can expect some delays and inconvenience. As we make the change from one policy administration system to another, we have encountered some member issues when trying to access their account information through the portal. A new log in is required. A separate log in is required for life insurance policies. The view once you are logged in is different than before. We do anticipate fixing this very soon. We are also looking forward to a new, more robust, view through ManageMy (a third-party vendor) by the end of this year. Our apologies for this technical delay but rest assured we will be doing better over the remaining months of 2024.

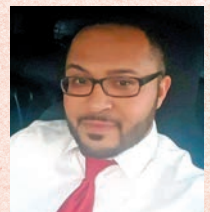


Congratulations to our 1st Quarter Leaders for the Year of 2024



Richard (Rick) Miller of California is the **TOP PREMIUM/ANNUITIES PRODUCER** for the **First Quarter of 2024**. Rick Miller is the president and founder of CSI, a firm in Southern California dedicated to retirement, financial, and estate planning for pre-retirees, retirees, and seniors. With a team of compassionate and skilled administrators and agents, he ensures clients receive attentive care. Outside work, Rick cherishes moments with his wife, Laura, engaging in dinners, workouts, movie nights, weekend coffees, and travels. Their sons, Greyson and Ethan, are Cal Poly San Luis graduates pursuing their aspirations. www.csiwealth.org. Phone: (626) 294-0414. miller@csiwealth.org.

Congratulations to **Joseph Hernandez** on being the **TOP LIFE INSURANCE/NEW MEMBER PRODUCER** for the **First Quarter of 2024**. 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
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Another useful bit of information is the taxes on any immediate annuity are spread out over the longevity of the contract. Using the life option of \$633, \$525 of every monthly payment would be considered a return of principal and the difference of \$128 would be taxable as long as this is a non-qualified annuity. If it were an IRA, everything would be taxable. If it was a Roth IRA then it could be completely tax-free.

The numbers vary depending on the deposit, age and sex of the annuitant but the peace of mind this option gives is priceless. We would be happy to run an illustration for you. Call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information.

Women and Life Insurance

The Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association (LIMRA) has compiled some facts and insights into the female marketplace as it pertains to life insurance. There are 131 million adult women in the U.S. 47% of them own life insurance and that figure has been declining for the past ten years. Forty percent of those without life insurance say they need to buy some or more. Probably some of our readers fall into this category.

Here are a few points to consider. Keep in mind the life insurance you may have at work is temporary, someday it will reduce or expire. Life insurance costs less for women because they live longer than men. Life insurance is easy to get and regardless of health, many women will qualify for life insurance.

Women buy life insurance to protect their families from financial ruin. They need insurance to cover funeral expenses, pay bills, loans, to save for retirement and more. Two reasons women do not buy life insurance is because they think it is too expensive and the other is they do not know what kind of insurance to buy.

The answer to both concerns is simple. Life insurance has never been more affordable. Only buy what you can afford. A \$100,000 twenty-year term plan for any woman under the age of forty-five runs less than \$20 per month. This is a cost-effective way to provide coverage. Those interested in retirement planning and accumulating money should then buy a good, solid permanent plan of insurance. Allocate a little more money and see what happens. In this case, for less than \$100 a month, the whole life plan buys the same amount of protection but after twenty years would return most of the payments. This plan makes saving for the future or for retirement a little easier.

To take control of your situation and make good financial decisions, call your NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office. Let us get you started with a free quote and some information.

June is Annuity Awareness Month

June is designated as Annuity Awareness Month, a campaign that serves to educate consumers on the many benefits of annuities. Many times in this space we have discussed the annuity advantages. This includes; competitive current interest rates, strong guarantees, safety of principal, tax-deferred earnings, liquidity, and probate-free passing of assets.

One of the biggest advantages of an annuity is one that we talk about the least. That is the ability to create a monthly income stream for life. This is called annuitization. Here is a simple look at what a male, age 70, would receive for a \$100,000 deposit into an immediate annuity with different payout options.

Immediate annuity option	Monthly income
Life option	\$633
Life and 10 years	\$612
Life and 20 year	\$586
Fixed period for (10/20 years)	\$1,012/\$606
Joint life and survivor	\$532

The beauty of these options is a person could turn a lump sum of money into a regular, systematic monthly income that can not be outlived. All of the above pay for your lifetime with a fixed period (ten or twenty years.) This option only pays the funds for exactly a ten or twenty-year period and then stops.

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CLASS OF 2024
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

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**.

Thought For The Month:

Your future self is more important than your present self which is different from your past self.

Dr. Benjamin Hardy (author and psychologist)

The Community Corner

Bethany Bonnar,
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The spirit of community and camaraderie is something that I have felt since the moment I walked through the doors here at NSS Life. However, I felt it even more last month when I had the opportunity to attend the American Fraternal Alliance's Spring Symposium! It was a great chance to connect with other Fraternalists from across the country and truly see the impact that organizations like ours have on local communities! From organizing local fundraisers, to your generous donations to the PVR Scholarship fund, I am very proud of the efforts of our members. You truly are what sets us apart!

Recent Events

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2024 Joint Bowling Tournament! We had a fantastic time coming together with the members of GCU and SCS for a weekend of bowling fun! We helped to raise funds to benefit Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, an organization that we are proud to support!

NSS Life has the pleasure of recognizing two of our outstanding members! Congratulations to Mr. George Leasure from Assembly 0588 for being named as the 2024 Fraternalist of the Year. Congratulations also to Ashlynn Mason from Assembly 0731 for being named as the 2024 Youth Achievement Award Recipient! We are extremely proud to have such dedicated individuals be part of our community!

Recently we had the first NSS member complete our Fitness Matters Program! Congratulations to Joanne

from Assembly 0434 for achieving your fitness goals and completing the program! It's not too late to catch up to her! Sign up today to receive your exclusive fitness logs and achieve prizes in either "Cardio Matters" or "Working Out Matters."

Finally, thank you to everyone who participated in the art contest! I'm sure you will all be just as impressed as I was when you see the winners in an upcoming edition!

Reading Matters

Thank you to all of our NSS youth members who have already signed up for our "Reading Matters" Program! I cannot wait to see all the books you have read and learn about the charities you have selected to receive a donation from NSS Life! For any adults who may not have heard, you can sign your little ones up to receive a free book log from us here at NSS. Once they have completed the log and read all 15 books, NSS Life will make a \$50.00 donation to the charity of their choice! Sign up at any time by emailing bbonnar@nsslife.org.



2024 Kennywood Slovak Day

If you're from the Pittsburgh area, then you know the warmer weather means that it's Kennywood season! Join us in celebrating Slovak culture at the 101st Slovak Day at Kennywood Park on **July 18th**. Tickets are \$33.00 for NSS Members. All youth members of Region 5 under the age of 16 can receive free tickets thanks to Region 5! Ticket reservations must be accompanied by payment via check. Include the names of the members of your party and the number of youth and adult tickets you would like to receive. Please make checks payable to "Western PA Slovak Day," and mail to **1301 Ashwood Drive, Canonsburg, PA, 15317**.



Golf Tournament

There is still time to clear your schedules and join us at Treasure Lake for this year's National Golf Tournament! Golfing entry forms can be found on our website (www.nsslife.org). Call 412-770-2093 or email bbonnar@nsslife.org with any questions. Completed golf entry forms are due by **June 21st**.

If you're like me and golf isn't your strongest suit, then join us for an artistic outing on Saturday, golfers go at it, and we will relax at the Winkler Art Gallery in Dubois, PA for an afternoon of art demonstrations and workshops! Choose from either acrylic painting, watercolor painting, or mosaic art!

Learn from local professionals, explore the gallery, and take home your creation as a souvenir! The entry form for this activity can be found on page 10 in this newsletter. Please return it via mail with payment included to reserve your spot for this activity. There are a limited number of spots which will be given out on a first come, first served basis – so act fast! If you have any questions regarding this activity or any of the other fun things we have planned for the golf tournament, please do not hesitate to reach out!

PVR Scholarship

Current PVR Scholarship recipients MUST submit a copy of their most recent transcripts to receive their next scholarship installment for the upcoming school year. Transcripts can be unofficial, but make sure you get them sent to our new address at **1301 Ashwood Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317**. Transcripts must be received by **July 15th**.

Social Media

Whew! That sure was a lot of information! Want an easier way to stay up to date with all NSS activities and benefits? Follow us on Instagram ([@NationalSlovakSociety](https://www.instagram.com/NationalSlovakSociety)), Facebook ([@NSS Life](https://www.facebook.com/NSSLife)) and LinkedIn ([@NSS Life](https://www.linkedin.com/company/NSSLife)) to see updates and reminders on everything NSS Life related!

Join us!

For a Tee-Riffic time!

July 12-14, 2024

58th Annual
NSS Golf Tournament

Treasure Lake Silver Course
Dubois, PA

- Larger Prize Payouts
- \$25 Discount each day you golf!
- Putting contest, Skill prizes, & Skins (Optional)
- 1st day Tournament play – 2nd day Scramble
- Guests welcome
- All proceeds benefit the PVR Scholarship Fund
- Don't Golf? Join us as we attend a local Art workshop (See info below)

National Slovak Society

58th Annual Golf Tournament - Non-Golfer Activity

Saturday, July 13th ~ 1:00-3:00pm

Winkler Gallery of Fine Art, Dubois, PA 15801



There are a limited number of spots for each art activity. Please rank the options below from 1 (most interested) to 3 (least interested). We will do our best to accommodate your choice.

- ___ Acrylic Painting
- ___ Watercolor Painting
- ___ Mosaic Art

For those attending the 2024 Golf Tournament, (and prefer to leave the clubs at home), join us for an artistic afternoon! Select an art workshop to learn either acrylic painting, watercolor painting, or mosaic art! Local artists will provide step by step instructions to help you create your own masterpiece!

Explore the gallery, show off your art skills, and take home your creation!

Spots are **\$15.00** per person. Please make checks payable to: **NSS Life**. There are a limited number of spots available.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please complete and return this registration form to Bethany Bonnar at the Home Office at **1301 Ashwood Dr, Canonsburg, PA 15317**.

Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. Registration forms must be accompanied by payment.

Annual NSS National Golf Tournament

Men's and Women's Official Rules and Regulations

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

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

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

*Flights will be determined by number of entries and their handicaps.
Champion's for each flight will receive an NSS Jacket, and Prize money. Prize money will depend on the number of participants in each flight.
5. In case of a tie for first place in any flight, a match of cards will be used starting with the number 1 handicap hole and proceeding with number 2, 3, 4, etc. until the tie is broken.
6. All other ties will split the applicable prize money (e.g., two people tied for second will split second and third prize money; three people tied for second would split second, third and fourth place prize money.)
7. The prize list will be determined by the tournament manager using the money contributed by the contestants and matching money contributed by the NSS for all golfers. As nearly as possible, there will be one prize for each four entries.
8. The tournament manager will schedule tee times and pairings.
9. The Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial plaque will be awarded to the men's low net winner of the 18 hole tournament. In case of a tie, the lower handicap will be the winner.
10. Golfers with long distances to travel will be given some preferential treatment for Sunday tee times, providing that the scheduling will not disrupt the efficiency of the tournament.
11. ENTRIES WILL CLOSE – **JUNE 21, 2024**

Please return the entry form on the following page to Bethany Bonnar in the Fraternal Department at the Home Office.

National Slovak Society

58th Annual Golf Tournament

July 12 – 14, 2024

Hospitality Night Friday 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Treasure Lake Silver Course Pavilion

Treasure Lake Silver Course
231 Palmetto Rd
Dubois, PA 15801
814-913-1480

Room accommodations provided by
Fairfield Inn and Suites Dubois
2219 Bee Line Highway
Dubois, PA 15801
814-371-2260

Please mention **NSS Life** to receive the **discounted rate**
Room Rates: \$134.00 + tax per night
Deadline for Hotel Reservations is June 12, 2024

Name	Address	Phone	E-mail	Assembly
1				
2				
3				
4				

GOLFERS: Please choose ALL that apply & indicate number participating

___ Saturday only Competition - \$25.00 (Includes \$25 discount)

___ Saturday and Sunday Competition - \$50.00 (Includes \$25 discount Sat/Sun)
(Sunday will be a scramble)

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

___ Par 3 Challenge \$10.00 (Optional)

___ Senior Flight Men 65+ (Optional)

___ Will attend Friday Hospitality Night (Silver Course Pavilion)

___ Will attend Saturday Dinner (list dinner attendees)

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

Deadline is **June 21, 2024**

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

NSS Life
Attn: Bethany Bonnar
1301 Ashwood Drive
Canonsburg, PA 15317

NON-GOLFERS:

Please Choose ALL that apply & indicate number attending

___ Adult Guest Dinners

___ Youth (13-17) Guest Dinners

___ Child (12 & under)

___ Will attend Friday Hospitality Night

___ Hole Sponsor @ \$100 per hole

Name for sign: _____

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

Friday Practice Tee Times Available at 12:00 p.m.
Call the Pro Shop at 814-913-1480

2024 Fraternalist of the Year George K. Leasure



George K. Leasure has been a member of the National Slovak Society for fifteen years. He is an active member of Assembly 588 and regularly attends assembly meetings and events. George has also served as a delegate to the NSS Quadrennial Convention in 2022. He has attended events sponsored by Region #5 including Fraternal Night at PNC Park and Region #5 Picnics. In addition, George has also attended Septemberfest and Christmas Around the World sponsored

by the NSS Heritage Museum. George volunteered to bake cookies for Septemberfest in 2023. He has volunteered and been an active participant in Assembly 588 fundraisers for the Avella Food Pantry, the Avella Public Library, Blessings in a Backpack for the Avella Area School District, the City Mission of Washington, Pennsylvania, and the Washington County Food Bank.

George is also active as a volunteer in the community and has served for three years as a member of the Washington Senior Citizen's Board of Directors. He has also served as the Treasurer of the Washington Area Church Dart Ball League for forty-two years. George also volunteered to be the League's Historian and compiled a Fifty-Year History of the League and updated the record for the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the League. He has also volunteered to construct dart ball boards for various churches for the past forty years. For the past ten years during the Christmas season, George has purchased seventy-five free Frosty tags and distributed them to children at his Church and in the community of Washington, Pennsylvania. George has organized trips to the Amish Country in Ohio for members of his church and the community.

George has been highly active as a volunteer at his church, the Washington Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. He has served as the Missionary Treasurer for four years, a member of the Board of Directors for eight years, Secretary of the Board of Directors for two years, a member of the Building Committee, and the Finance Team Chair. For the past twenty-three years, George has volunteered and served as a Door Greeter at his church. He also volunteers to assist with landscaping at the church each year. George participated in a Toys for Tots Campaign at his church and helped to distribute toys for seven years.

George is an individual that embodies the spirit of fraternalism. He is never too busy to assist in efforts to make his assembly, church, or community a better place! He is always willing to go the extra mile. The officers and members of Assembly 588 of Avella, Pennsylvania are proud to nominate George K. Leasure for the National Slovak Society Fraternalist of the Year for 2024.

2024 Youth Achievement Award Winner Ashlynn Mason



Ashlynn is a 16-year old sophomore at West Branch High School in Mahoning County, Ohio. She is an excellent student academically and is planning to continue her education beyond high school for a career in the medical field. She is a member of the school's FFA club where she enjoys learning about agriculture.

She breeds and raises rabbits she shows during Mahoning County's Canfield Fair. She completed Quality Assurance training this year to be eligible to raise meat pen rabbits. She

also completed 4-H projects that qualified her for competition at the Ohio State Fair for three consecutive years. She served as Secretary for her 4-H Club before being elected as its President. This year she was elected President of a newly formed club, The Rowdy Roosters. Her leadership skills will certainly be a benefit to the new club as she strives to make meetings fun and beneficial for all the youth members.

She attended the 2024 Ohio 4-H Conference designed to bring together 4-H volunteers and teens from across Ohio to learn from one another and to improve their 4-H abilities. She attended 4-H camp for the past several years. She's looking forward to becoming a counselor at Camp White-wood and share her camping experience with the younger campers. FFA and 4-H have led the way for Ashlynn to be chosen to serve on the County's Junior Fair Board where she helps to ensure projects and events are coordinated and everything runs smoothly for the Junior Fair participants.

Recently, Ashlynn joined the workforce with a part-time job at the Salem Dairy Queen. This working experience will certainly help her continue her future journey on the right road to become a responsible adult.

She has been a member of NSS since birth and attended her first NSS convention in 2010 when she was 3 years old. Since that time, she has participated in the Youth program at the 2014, 2018, and 2022 Conventions. She has grown up attending all the Assembly 731 events and is now serving the assembly as a Youth Fraternal Coordinator, assisting the adults with planning activities that today's youth will enjoy. She has volunteered many hours working alongside adult members at various community work projects. For several years she participated in the NSS Bowling Tournament for youth and entered NSS contests. She has attended activities sponsored by NSS Region 5. Not only are her immediate family NSS members, Ashlynn comes from a large family including grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who are active members of NSS.

In February of this year, Ashlynn attended the Young Christian Leaders Retreat at Malone University. The retreat was an opportunity for high school students to engage in spiritual formation and fellowship, and to focus on leadership through caring for one another with efficiency and energy.

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AFA Spring Symposium

The American Fraternal Alliance (AFA) Spring Symposium brought fraternal colleagues together in Oak Brook, IL for key issues facing Alliance members, Fraternal & Communications and Governance. Director Mike Czarney and Risk and Compliance Manager John Payerchin attended the Governance sessions that covered topics about succession planning, leadership excellence, life insurance financials for profitability, strategic planning and challenges we face. Director Laurie Fox and Bethany Bonnar, Member & Community Engagement Coordinator, attended the Fraternal & Communications sessions that included strategies for successful member engagement, volunteer trends, connecting with younger members, membership growth, liability, and digital transformation. All agreed the information provided by various speakers was helpful to NSS as we embrace the future.

Wrapping up the Symposium, the sixteen common bonds and societies in attendance competed in a remote-controlled car race to raise money for the "Gift of Adoption," an organization that helps families who are adopting children with financial support. Attendees watched and cheered their sponsored car to victory. The winning race car was controlled by NSS Director Mike Czarney receiving a prize trophy from the race announcer, John Payerchin. The fundraising race raised \$16,000 for the Gift of Adoption.

Fraternal donors donated items with their society's logo for an exciting Swap Shop adventure. Everyone had an opportunity to choose items that included blankets, backpacks, coolers, shirts and much more. Everyone went home with a fraternal souvenir.



NSS Night at PNC Park

Join the members from NSS Region 5 on Friday, **June 21st** at 6:40 p.m. to catch the Pirates take on the Tampa Bay Rays at NSS Night at PNC Park! Tickets are only \$20.00 per ticket, thanks to Region 5 and Assembly 774 helping to subsidize the cost!

Members from all Assemblies in Region 5 are eligible to attend (0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0731, 0737, and 0774). Tickets also include a \$10.00 food/merchandise concession credit (per ticket).

To reserve tickets or receive more information contact Member and Community Engagement Coordinator, Bethany Bonnar, at bbonnar@nsslife.org or at 412-770-2093. A limited number of tickets are available and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Requests for tickets must be accompanied by payment. Please make checks payable to: **NSS Life** and mail to **1301 Ashwood Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317 (Attention: Pirates Night)**.

Bethany Bonnar

Member and Community Engagement Coordinator



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Assembly 0004 Parma, OH

On April 7th, Assembly 4 had a Scotch Doubles Tournament at Yorktown Lanes. Cindy & Mike Ferrell had the top score among the 13 pairs that participated with a score of 646. After a pizza social we did a bit of socializing and then called it a night.

On April 14th, the N.S.S. Sunday Mixed League concluded another season at Yorktown Lanes that day with the Singles Tournament and Banquet. After bowling everybody enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Mike Cottrell and the Yorktown catering staff. Thanks to Julie and Bud Sir Louis for making the banquet arrangements.

After dinner, trophies were awarded and prize money was passed out. The Pin Busters, Stephanie Sir Louis, Pam Burtonshaw, Jan and Tony Lecznar were league champs winning both halves. In the Singles Tournament, Sandy Walker and Dan Redmond were top bowlers that day.

Our next event will be our Miniature Golf Tournament to be held in June at a place to be decided. If you are interested contact Bob or Bud Sir Louis at (440) 845 2616 for where, when, and directions.

Hope everyone has a great summer and most of all STAY SAFE.

Robert Sir Louis
League Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0039 Uniontown, PA

Those of our young people that are currently receiving an NSS Scholarship, you are reminded that July 15th is the DEADLINE for you to submit your most recent transcripts to get your next scholarship installment.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the families of Dennis Ballas, Michael DiFrancesco, Elizabeth Montgomery and Leo P. Smith. May they rest in the resurrection arms of their Lord and Savior.

Our Member and Community Engagement Coordinator has instituted a new "Reading Matters" program where youth between the ages of 5-18 can complete reading logs to raise money

for the charity of their choice! All program information is in the latest issue of the "National News." A win-win fraternal benefit!

For 101 years Slovaks have been gathering at Kennywood Park to celebrate Slovak Day. This year's festivities are scheduled on Thursday, **July 18th**. Discounted tickets are available from our Region 5 at \$33.00. It includes admission and all rides. Delicious Slovak food is available at the Slovak Kitchen Pavilion. Details are in the *National News*.

Don't forget NSS Pirate Baseball Nite at PNC Park on Friday, **June 21st**. We had a blast last year with the Pirates winning in the ninth inning! Tickets are only \$20.00 and limited. Call the home office TODAY! It is "first come, first served."

Our "Summer BBQ" is scheduled for Sunday, **June 9th** starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbia Association Picnic Pavilion. We will celebrate "Old Glory" as we recognize Flag Day. Everyone goes home with a flag! Bring the whole family. We broke an attendance record last year!

Remember to fly "Old Glory" proudly!

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY 0070 Brooklyn, OH

A meeting and picnic will be held on **June 23, 2024**, at Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, OH at 11:00 a.m.

Please RSVP to John Karkosiak at 216-741-6990 by June 17th if attending so we can plan accordingly. Side dishes and desserts are appreciated.

John Karkosiak
Secretary/Treasurer

Assembly L102 Schnecksville, PA

A Matching Funds will be held on **June 17th** with Fellowship Community for their 20th Annual Golf Tournament at Old Homestead Golf Club, New Tripoli, PA.

For further information, please call Sharon at 610-769-7006.

Sharon Wesnak
Secretary

ASSEMBLY L075 Duryea, PA

Any graduating senior from Assembly L075 is eligible to receive the Margaret Pilosi Scholarship for \$500.

Please contact Lehrae Edwards at 570-569-2181 for more details and an application which needs to be returned by July 30th.

Mark your calendars for our future meetings and events:

August 4th - Fraternal summer picnic, Mercateli Segilia Park, Moosic, PA at 1:00 p.m.

October 12th - Meeting at Grandes Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 1:00 p.m. for nominations and election of officers

November 24th- Annual Veterans Day Bingo pizza party (2nd floor rec room) at 1:00 p.m.

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

Lehrae Edwards
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

Let us start with some good news. Our volunteering at Global Links has been rescheduled. It is now Saturday **July 13th** from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Afterwards we will have a late luncheon/early dinner depending on your own personal eating schedule. There will be a short assembly business meeting as well. Global Links is located at 700 Trumbull Dr., Green Tree, PA. Let us have a nice turnout. This is our first visit to this charity. If you are going to volunteer, please call Jill Grover at 412-638-7060 or at the NSS home office. She must give a list of attendees to Global Links.

Slovak Day at Kennywood will be Thursday, **July 18th**. The assembly will pay \$10 toward the cost of our members' tickets. As of this writing the exact cost of the ticket is not determined but it will be much less than tickets at the gate. Also, Region 5 members sixteen and under are free compliments of Region 5. Call me if you need Kennywood tickets.

Any members attending the NSS golf outing please call me. The assembly will help you with the golf fees this year.

The Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, **December 8th** at Rockefeller's from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We'd like to congratulate three of our youth members. My grandson Enzo Scalise won a photo contest with his hometown newspaper, Viera Voice. He was a winner last year with NSS. Enzo, I want another winning photo with us this year. Grant Darby recently won a big chess tournament in Westmoreland County. Way to go Grant! And finally, congratulations to Ava Kosta, granddaughter of our Secretary/Treasurer, Jill Grover on being elected as Honorary Junior President of the American Legion Auxiliary for the state of Pennsylvania.

Now that summer is here on June 20th, everyone should be able to snap a few fine photos for our contest which runs until the end of September.

Enjoy your summer and do not overdo the sun!

Bill Knoll
President



ASSEMBLY 0160 Lorain, OH

Our assembly will host a picnic for its members on Sunday, **July 7, 2024** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Vermilion River Reservation - Mill Hollow Reservation Shelter #1 of the Lorain County Metropolitan Park District, 51211 North Ridge Road, Vermilion, Ohio. Assembly 160 will provide the food and drinks for this event. We ask that you bring games to play.

Please RSVP by June 23, 2024, to Bob Katricak at 440-320-6916 or rkatricak@nsslife.org, or Jenny Berner at 440-320-6917.

We hope to see some new faces in addition to our long-time attendees.

Jenny Berner
Recording Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0377 Bentleyville, PA

Mark your calendar and join us for these events!

July 14, 2024 - Annual picnic at Richardson's Park, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 p.m.

September 15, 2024 - Meeting at Sesame Gourmet, 2975 Washington Road McMurray, PA at 3:00 p.m.

December 1, 2024 - Meeting at Hugo's Restaurant, 687 National Pike Road, Brownsville, PA at 3:00 p.m.

At each meeting we discuss assembly business and ways to help the community and stay involved with the NSS. As always, please RSVP me at 724-207-3171. We hope to see you!

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 0432 Fairview Park, OH

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, **June 11th** at the Pytel's, 25680 Timber Cove, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your bathing suit and towel.

Shawn Pytel
Publicity

ASSEMBLY 0586 Chicago, IL

Spring is so welcome—my apple tree is covered with flowers and lawn mowers are heard everywhere.

This month in Naperville a few of us members ate halušky with bryndza and Slovak cucumber salad prepared by Bohdan and Adrian, deans from the Martin, Slovakia Christian Education Center. Most of us there had been volunteers each year helping Nitra and Martin Slovaks achieve their dreams of a church and Christian school.

Some of our board members of the Slovak American Charitable Association joined our table for this year's fundraiser.

Our next meeting will be held on a Friday in August. Members will be notified of date and place. Collection for our troops overseas is growing, not as

quickly as it might, but food prices are high. Please bring socks and soap! We should honor our military and do what we can to let them know we remember them.

See all of you soon. God bless.

Irene Tomaskovic
President

ASSEMBLY 0588 Avella, PA

All of our meetings will be held at the Stefka residence, 5007 Old Orchard Lane, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania on the following dates and times:

Monday, September 23rd - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 3rd - 2:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend the meetings and become active Assembly 588 members. Please contact Annette at 724-407-3591 if you are planning on attending a meeting so she can plan accordingly.

Annette Stefka
Recording Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0617 Ashley, PA

Our assembly held a business meeting followed by lunch at Theo's Metro in Kingston, PA to discuss assembly activities. Among the projects reviewed were: Matching Funds, Food Pantry, Join Hands, and PVR Scholarships along with other possible activities. Our annual Fraternal Day will be held on **August 22nd** at Knoebels Park in Pavilion D.

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, **July 10, 2024**, at the Pierce St. Deli, 517 Pierce Street, Kingston, PA at 1:00 p.m. Assembly members planning to attend these events please contact John Kurilla at 570-287-4163, 570 239-5936 or jjkurilla@aol.com

John Kurilla
President



ASSEMBLY 0705 Seelyville, IN

Mark your calendars for the following meetings:

July 21st - 1:00 p.m. at Buck Home, Seelyville, IN

August 10th - Reunion in Seelyville (Fraternal Fund Activity)

September 29th - 1:00 p.m. at Buck Home, Seelyville, IN

November 10th - 1:00 p.m. at Buck Home, Seelyville, IN

Dorothy Buck
Recording Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0731 Lowellville, OH

Our assembly will attend the Mahoning Valley Scrappers game on **June 7th** at Eastwood Field in Niles, Ohio. Our group will have a picnic dinner at the field starting at 5:30 p.m. until game time at 7:30 p.m. This is the first home game of the season with a bobble-head giveaway and fireworks after the game.

Details will be shared on our NSS Family and Friends Facebook page.

Laurie Fox
President

REGION 2 Hazleton, PA

A meeting will also be held on Sunday, **August 11th** at The Grotto Pizzeria, Wilkes Barre, PA at 2:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be President Joseph Stefka, Jr.

Anyone wishing to attend please contact Lucy Piccoletti at 570-479-4116 by phone or text so we can plan accordingly.

Lucy Piccoletti
Secretary

Region 14 Whitehall, PA

A meeting and picnic will be held on **August 14th** at the Wesnak residence, 1727 Elmhurst Drive, Whitehall, PA at 3:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be President Joseph Stefka, Jr.

Sharon Wesnak
Secretary

Assembly Activities

Assembly 0731

Assembly 731 members enjoyed a very successful event on April 6 after months of planning. Our goal was to provide residents of a local nursing home a trip back to a 1950's Sock Hop at a Soda Fountain Shoppe. This goal was met because members of Assembly 731 recruited the help of Mahoning County 4-H club, the "Rowdy Roosters." The afternoon was filled with excitement from the residents of the Christian House Health Care & Assisted Living as they were treated to an afternoon of 50's music at the Soda Fountain Shoppe. Our youth dressed as "Soda Jerks," paired up with a resident to take their order for a milkshake, sundae or root beer float and deliver their ice cream treat prepared by our adult members. Live entertainment included two singers playing 50's music with the youth joining the stage with some dance moves and playing inflatable musical instruments.

After their performance, they distributed the instruments to the residents giving them an opportunity to play along. It was a great experience watching seven generations interact and enjoy their time together. The afternoon was complete when the staff at the Christian House provided hot dogs, hamburgers, and fries for everyone. We have been asked to make this an annual event and look forward to doing it again in 2025.

Laurie Fox
President



Women wearing their poodle skirts enjoying the 50's music and entertainment



Youth from Assembly C731 and 4-H Club, "Rowdy Roosters" teamed up to entertain the residents of the Christian House with 50's music and dance to go along with the Soda Fountain theme.



Entertainers use their instruments for songs.



Assembly adults prepared sundaes, root beer floats and milkshakes enjoyed by all. Randy Estes and Jim Cessna at the root beer float and sundaes counter.



Assembly Activities

Assembly L075 News



Our assembly presented the matching funds check to the Wilkes-Barre VAVS Committee from the Buff City Soap fund raiser. Shown are Louis Smith VA CDCE Officer, Lehrae Ann Edwards Secretary/Treasurer Assembly 0075, and Dorothy Collins R2 Eldress.

Region 8 Matching Funds



L-R: Edward Koches, Carole Koches, John Karkosiak, Joseph Stefka, Jr. and John Katricak presenting a Matching Funds check from Region 8 to the PVR Scholarship Fund.

We attended the matching funds Old Forge Softball fund raiser. Pictured sitting are: Franchesca Pintha, Karen Richardson and Circle 0075 youth member Dominic Piccoletti. Standing Secretary/Treasurer Lehrae Ann Edwards, Bella Taroli softball member, and Vice-President Lucy Piccoletti.



Assembly L102



Members of Assembly L102 did a Matching Funds bingo for Hocky AA football team. Over 200 people attended and had a great time.



On April 11th, Lehrae Ann Edwards presented the matching funds check to Avoca Boy Scout Troop 316 for the Craft Fair at Ladore Lodge at the Blue Gold dinner along with Scoutmaster Matt Fino, and Assistant Scoutmaster Brandon Collins.

Secretary/Treasurer Lehrae Ann Edwards, and Marlin Petro Region 2 President, attended the St Frances Assisi Host for a day reception on April 10th in Scranton, PA.



Assembly 0377



Our loyal members attending our meeting at Foster House in Belle Vernon on May 5th.



Chairmen Guy and Linda Pilosi represented Assembly L075 at the fund raiser by the Scranton FOP Wellness Committee on April 12th to present our lottery basket for matching funds for Detective Kyle Gilmartin who was wounded in action in January to help with his recovery expenses.

Lehrae Edwards
Secretary

Region 5

Sunday, August 18, 2024



Family Picnic

Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion # 16

1 — 5 p.m.



- FREE!
- FOOD
- AUCTION BASKETS



Call or email Bethany Bonnar with # of Adults & Children attending:

1-800-488-1890 or bbonnar@NSSLife.org

Deadline for registration Monday, August 4, 2024



Save the Date

12th Annual Septemberfest
Saturday, September 28, 2024

11 AM—4 PM

Presented by the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum

351 Valley Brook Rd. McMurray, PA 15317

Once again we are inviting our Assemblies and Regions to be involved in helping to make this year's event another successful experience.

Become a Sponsor: Gold...\$ 250.00

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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, 2024

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

Here are some other ways you and/or your Assembly can help:
Donate homemade baked goods
Publicize the event at your meetings &/or local papers

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

2024 Aruba Trip Attendees



	Last Name	First Name	Guest Name
1	Badger	Berkley	Annette Badger
2	Barber	William	Deborah Barber
3	Biava	Dennis	Susan Biava
4	Briggs	Eugene	Patricia Briggs
5	Carini	Jack	Kathleen Carini
6	Carini	Nicholas	Gabrielle Carini
7	Dallatore	Raymond	Donna Dallatore
8	Day	Scott	Marna Day
9	DelMonaco	William	Valerie DelMonaco
10	DeSantes	Jeffrey	Julia DeSantes
11	DiSanti	Gene	Cheryl DiSanti
12	Fawcett	Tara	Scott Fawcett
13	Felton	Gregory	Rhonda Felton
14	Gullborg	William	Sandra Gullborg
15	Hanley	Lisa	Mark Hanley
16	Hesselink	Darwin	Christine Hesselink
17	Hesselink	Daryl	Natalie Hesselink
18	Hesselink	Dennis	Tamela Hesselink
19	Hughes	Kimberly A	David Dietrich
20	Hunt-Fujioka	Jeanne	Carolyn La Beau
21	Katricak	Robert	Christine Katricak
22	Kinney	John	Judy Zoller
23	Lubecki	Richard	Jennifer Lubecki
24	Lubecki	Nicholas	Lauryn Lubecki-(kids)
25	McGrath	Michael	Tamela Brant
26	Morrissey	Edward	Suzette Mathlage
27	Musuneggi	Christopher	ChristineMusuneggi
28	Nulph	Richard	Linda Nulph
29	Porter	Eric	Andrea Porter
30	Rainier	Richard	Cristin Rainier
31	Rose	John	Linda Rose
32	Rovnan	George	Kimberly Rovnan
33	Saracino	Michael	Amy Saracino
34	Small	Rebecca	Bryan Small
35	Steffy	Thomas	Martha Steffy
36	Stefka	Joseph	Annette Stefka
37	Sweeny	Kaitlin	Christopher Stankay
38	Uram	Thomas	-----
39	Vukelich	Bernerd	Cathie Vukelich

Bring Your Child To Work Day

It was fantastic to see our workplace buzzing on April 25th, with the energy and enthusiasm of our young visitors. Let's continue to inspire the next generation and foster a sense of curiosity and excitement about the world of work!



Jennifer Inaba, New Business Life Solutions Associate and son Takafumi.



Dave Hertz, I.T. Director and son Hank.



Joe Elliott, Home Office Sales and granddaughter Aubree Elliott.



Takafumi Inaba and Aubree Elliott posing under the NSS Life Family Matters sign.

Thank you once again for your participation and commitment to making Bring Your Child to Work Day a special event for everyone involved.



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Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Abels, Sara J	Clermont, FL	01/09/2024	0813
Anaya, Maria	Calumet City, IL	04/04/2023	0586
Antonucci, William A	Greensburg, PA	04/06/2024	0737
Anzenberger, Mildred J	Pittsburgh, PA	12/23/2023	0731
Artnak, George	Canonsburg, PA	04/18/2024	0434
August, Janet S	Baden, PA	03/07/2024	0123
Barnes, Elaine M	Saegertown, PA	04/16/2024	0731
Barrett, Ruth D	Pittsburgh, PA	04/14/2024	0123
Battaglio Sr., Joseph	Point Pleasant, NJ	03/01/2024	0774
Beckley, Judy R	Moundsville, WV	04/05/2024	0774
Behanna, Gladys	Eighty Four, PA	04/19/2024	0377
Benton, Robbie J	Waxhaw, NC	03/06/2024	0774
Bert, Paula Leona	Apollo, PA	04/19/2024	L105
Beveridge, Helen T	Richeyville, PA	04/09/2024	0774
Bielecki, Clara	Pittsburgh, PA	11/23/2023	0123
Boehm, Franklin E	Cheboygan, MI	02/15/2024	0381
Boffardi, Patricia A	Wesley Chapel, FL	10/24/2023	0434
Bottorf, Jean A	Murrysville, PA	04/22/2024	L105
Bovalina, Ruth	Pittsburgh, PA	01/19/2024	0588
Boyde, Enice M	Steubenville, OH	12/10/2023	0774
Boyer, James A	Littleton, CO	09/20/2023	0236
Britner, Anna Jean	N Versailles, PA	01/02/2024	0737
Bruce, Audrey G	Bethel Park, PA	02/25/2024	0110
Campbell, Glenn	Lower Burrell, PA	03/06/2024	L105
Carey, Russell C	Feasterville, PA	10/01/2023	R059
Chlystek, Frank W	Beverly Hills, FL	02/09/2024	0434
Ciccone, Michael	Bethel Park, PA	04/10/2024	0434
Cintia, Robert D	Safety Harbor, FL	12/28/2023	0813
Cioni, Margie L	Clearwater, FL	02/07/2024	0813
Cochran, Bonnie J	Punxsutawney, PA	11/29/2023	0554
Colavita, Frances	Point Pleasant Beach, NJ	01/28/2024	0110
Crumm, David	Crawfordsville, IN	03/20/2024	0705
Curry, Vicky L	Greensburg, PA	12/19/2023	0737
Cwik, Ruth	Parma, OH	06/28/2023	0070
Danko, Joseph	Levittown, PA	01/08/2024	R059
Daugert, Ann M	Warminster, PA	03/02/2024	R059
Davis, Doris	Crawfordsville, IN	03/29/2024	0705
Dean, Howard R	Bethlehem, PA	03/28/2024	L102
Delmastro, Alan C	Jefferson Hills, PA	08/11/2023	0441
Dill, Clarissa	Erie, PA	03/19/2024	0731
Dombrosky, Elizabeth M	Turtle Creek, PA	03/03/2024	L105
Dudek, Blanche E	Greensburg, PA	05/31/2023	0737
Edmunds, Marion S	Evans City, PA	02/09/2024	0434
Edwards, Robert G	Chester, WV	10/26/2024	0774
Edwards, William H	Afton, TN	01/21/2024	0381
Ellin, Camden	Rostraver Twp, PA	04/08/2024	0377
Englebrecht, Doris L	St Ignace, MI	02/17/2024	0381
Fales, Gene E	Lehigh Acres, FL	01/12/2024	0800
Fedornak, Karen	Latrobe, PA	04/14/2024	0737
Ferrando, Arnold J	Mason, OH	02/27/2024	L105
Ferrante, Thomas J	Jeanette, PA	03/13/2024	L161
Fimlinger, Kenneth L	Cheboygan, MI	01/22/2024	0381
Fitzgerald, Margaret M	Drums, PA	01/26/2024	0617
Florence, Patsy B	Haw River, NC	01/12/2023	0774
Fontanese, Robert G	North Huntingdon, PA	11/25/2023	0737
Forbidussi, Virginia C	Pittsburgh, PA	04/13/2024	0441
Fry, Sylvia J	Mechanicsburg, PA	01/12/2024	L102
Galbraith, Nancy A	Sewickley, PA	03/21/2024	L161
Ganim, Victor K	Greensboro, NC	04/22/2023	0774
Gaydos, Elizabeth J	Glassport, PA	03/20/2024	0441
George, Maureen M	Leechburg, PA	03/14/2024	0737
Graham, Linda	Butler, PA	04/02/2024	0731
Grbach, David	Scenery Hill, PA	04/16/2024	0377
Green, Lauretta	Washington, PA	03/30/2024	0588
Grieff, Robert L	Reading, PA	04/22/2024	L102
Guman, Genevieve A	New Salem, PA	03/22/2024	0039
Guzzo, Lucretia L	Hoffman Estates, IL	01/20/2024	0586
Hammond, Nancy L	Gibsonia, PA	12/11/2023	0123
Haney, Harold A	Meadville, PA	04/17/2024	0731
Harbison, Mary E	Avonmore, PA	04/06/2024	L105
Hart, Virginia D	Darlington, PA	04/13/2024	0377
Heer, Henry F	North Huntingdon, PA	12/04/2023	0737
Henry, Carl D	Sligo, PA	02/22/2024	0554
Hernandez, Romelia	S Holland, IL	02/23/2024	0586
Hittie, Margaret L	Somersets, PA	03/31/2024	0039
Holmes, Bernice J	Bethlehem, PA	03/15/2024	R059
Intrieri, Albert L	Gibsonia, PA	02/25/2024	L161
Isquick, B Scott	Chagrin Falls, OH	03/20/2024	0004
Johanning, Kathleen A	St Nazianz, WI	03/19/2024	0774
Jones, Elizabeth M	Uniontown, PA	02/22/2024	0039
Jones, Robert	Toledo, OH	02/24/2024	0160
Jupinko, Elizabeth	Culpepper, VA	03/19/2024	0774
Kasavage, Barbara	Arnold, PA	04/20/2024	L105
Kaufman, Dorothy M	Mc Donald, PA	01/06/2024	0588
Kefover, June K	Perryopolis, PA	03/04/2024	0377
Knapo, Phyllis	Tarentum, PA	03/06/2024	L161
Kosak, George T	Pittsburgh, PA	03/01/2024	0123
Kreger, Judith A	Pittsburgh, PA	11/22/2023	0108
Krick, Carol	West Covina, CA	08/30/2023	0568
Kulas, Richard	Bay City, MI	03/07/2024	0381
La Londe, Julia	Alma, MI	02/24/2024	0774
Lee, Henrietta	Roseland, NJ	02/28/2024	0110
Leiper, Joyce B	Boulder, CO	04/08/2024	0774
Lewis Tucker, Clementina	Quakertown, PA	03/25/2024	R059

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Long, Vaughn R	Mercer, PA	12/15/2023	0123
Mangini, Joyce Marie	Warren, PA	03/19/2024	0554
Martincheck, John A	Westmoreland City, PA	03/26/2024	0737
Mateosky, Alvera	Lemont Furnace, PA	04/04/2024	039
McCroskey, Robert Gene	Homer City, PA	04/05/2024	0737
McDonagh, Elizabeth B	Pittsburgh, PA	02/01/2024	0100
McKenna, Francis B	Creighton, PA	02/27/2024	L105
Meade, Luther	Claysburg, PA	03/24/2024	0267
Mediate, Anthony J	Murrysville, PA	03/31/2024	0737
Miller, Susan L	Jamestown, NC	11/23/2023	0774
Mineweaser, Albert A	Canonsburg, PA	09/03/2023	0100
Mizgorski, Thomas N	Allison Park, PA	11/08/2023	0123
Monteparte, Anna E	Delmont, PA	04/15/2024	L105
Montgomery, Nancy J	Irwin, PA	04/01/2024	0434
Morrow, John A	Herminie, PA	10/22/2023	0737
Mowry, La Verne	Stoystown, PA	04/03/2024	0774
Munoz, Manuel	Walnut, CA	12/24/2023	0568
Musich, Patricia A	Erie, PA	03/15/2024	0554
Nagy, Laura V	Durham, NC	10/25/2023	0774
Nath, Nancy A	Lansdale, PA	04/14/2024	L102
Neilson, Rose M	Greensburg, PA	03/30/2024	0737
Neumeyer, Donald W	Akron, OH	12/19/2023	0070
O'Donnell, Daniel F	Rootstown, OH	12/29/2023	L161
Orlich, Janet W	Washington, PA	04/11/2024	0377
Pahl, Barbara	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	12/12/2023	0800
Parkhurst, Janet	Clyde, OH	02/27/2024	0432
Pascarella, Patty	Tidioute, PA	12/20/2023	0554
Paunovic, Gertrude	Beaver Falls, PA	02/09/2024	0813
Pearson, Betty S	Swansea, IL	09/03/2023	0705
Petrosky, Mary V	Apollo, PA	04/03/2024	L105
Pierce, Harry H	Sarver, PA	10/23/2023	L105
Porter, Carroll C	Hummelstown, PA	02/26/2024	L040
Ranck, Dale E	Milton, PA	01/16/2024	0267
Reagle, Joan L	Stump Creek, PA	01/05/2024	0554
Resetar, Irene M	Monessen, PA	03/16/2024	0377
Rettig, Larry G	Fenelton, PA	04/09/2024	0123
Rice, June B	Quincy, FL	02/26/2024	0774
Riddle, Peggy A	Jeannette, PA	03/13/2024	0737
Riley, Barbara H	Greenville, PA	04/08/2024	0731
Rinchiuso, James C	New Kensington, PA	04/20/2024	L105
Risinger, Thomas E	Blairsville, PA	12/15/2023	0774
Ritter, Ralph W	Pittsburgh, PA	02/15/2024	0774
Ritzert, Vincent D	Butler, PA	03/17/2024	L161
Robb, Clara M	Jeannette, PA	03/27/2024	0737
Rowan, Ruth Ann	Bingham Farms, MI	07/11/2023	0381
Rowley, Lowell	Murrysville, PA	03/14/2024	L105
Roy, Alex N	Rossiter, PA	03/11/2024	0554
Schrock, Donna P	Connellsville, PA	04/23/2024	0039
Scott, Kevin	Erie, PA	03/28/2024	0731
Scungio, James	North Port, FL	03/11/2024	0813
Sember, Eugene	Greensburg, PA	03/08/2024	0737
Sherwood, Genevieve M	Connellsville, PA	04/19/2024	0039
Shirey, Phyllis	Pittsburgh, PA	01/31/2024	0123
Sichi Jr., Armand	Belle Vernon, PA	04/09/2024	0377
Simoni, Gladys P	Pittsburgh, PA	01/05/2024	0100
Simpson, Larry J	Washington, PA	07/15/2023	0377
Slavick, Robert A	Monongahela, PA	10/15/2023	0434
Smith, Gerald D	Meadville, PA	04/12/2024	0731
Smith, Geraldine	Logan, WV	11/04/2022	0774
Snedeker, Donald L	Eighty-Four, PA	03/24/2024	0377
Sokol, Helen E	Kingston, PA	03/24/2024	L102
Stewart, Mae Jean	St Clairsville, OH	02/22/2024	0774
Strish, George A	Ashley, PA	06/22/2023	0617
Suda, Pauline V	Glassport, PA	03/20/2024	0774
Tabory, Margaret J	Monongahela, PA	09/02/2023	0377
Taylor, Edwin C	North Huntingdon, PA	03/19/2024	0737
Tosi, Elmer L	Cathedral City, CA	11/20/2022	0774
Trant, Mary E	Pittsburgh, PA	02/27/2024	0123
Treece, Mary	Vale, NC	07/14/2023	0774
Valdiserri, Edwina E	Washington, PA	04/20/2024	0588
Van Cavage, George H	Indiana, PA	03/10/2024	L105
Vanyo, Ann M	Mineral Ridge, OH	07/15/2023	0731
Vlasak, Esther M	Green Bay, WI	11/28/2023	0774
Vogel, John J	Zelienople, PA	12/08/2023	0123
Von Wald, Merton L	Prairie Du Sac, WI	05/20/2023	0774
Vurgich, Leona C	Pittsburgh, PA	04/08/2024	L105
Wacker, Glenn W	Pittsburgh, PA	03/22/2024	0123
Walters Whitney, Shirlene	Casa Grande, AZ	12/17/2023	0554
Wanish, Marilyn V	Kiel, WI	10/01/2023	0774
Warrens, Oswald	Chillicothe, OH	01/16/2024	0595
Washabaugh, Mary Lou	Rew, PA	01/03/2024	L040
Weaver, Edward F	Ellenton, FL	01/23/2024	0813
Webster, Delores H	Norton Shores, MI	12/14/2023	0381
Williams, Charles H	Munhall, PA	02/26/2024	0108
Worry, Sara M	Belle Vernon, PA	01/13/2024	0377
Wunderlin, Robert A	Pittsburgh, PA	01/09/2024	0123
Young, Albert L	Spring Mills, PA	02/23/2024	L040
Young, James H	Warren, PA	03/31/2024	0731
Young, Lawrence	Pittsburgh, PA	04/21/2024	0100
Yurkovich, Matthew	West Newton, PA	09/09/2023	0377
Zinn, Doris L	Spring Grove, PA	01/20/2024	L102



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Jún brána do leta

Je to výnimočný mesiac z mnohých dôvodov! Je začiatok leta, ešte nie je príliš horúco, ale dostatočne teplo na to, aby ste si ešte mohli vychutnať vonkajšie grilovačky a párty pri bazéne, na ktoré ste čakali! A v júni je skutočne viac denných hodín, takže každý deň je oveľa jasnejší. Je čas ísť von a užiť si všetky tie letné aktivity. Zostaňte v teple – alebo v pohode!



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potom Boh spojil tieto
vlastnosti,
keď už nebolo čo pridať;
Vedel, že Jeho
majstrovské dielo je úplné,
a tak ho nazval... **OTEC**.

Boh nemôže byť všade ...a preto stvoril otcov.

Pripomenme si aspoň niekoľko pranostík, ktoré sa spájajú s týmto mesiacom. Tu sú:

- 6.7 Na Božie telo skoč do vody smelo.
- 6.8 Medardova kvapka štyridsať dní kvapká.
- 6.24 Na Jána dost' dlhý deň, a predsa mu je koniec.
- 6.27 Ladislav huby sial, (6.29)Peter, Pavol ich pozbieral.

Jún mokrý a studený robí rok hubený.

Jún

*mesiac Božského srdca
Ježišovho*



Slováci zo západnej PA oslavia v Kennywood Parku 101. výročie

Na začiatku minulého storočia mnohí prisťahovalci opustili svoju milovanú vlasť a hľadali lepšie príležitosti v novej krajine za oceánom. Mnoho Slovákov vybudovalo tento nový život v uhoľných baniach, mlynoch a železniciach v Pittsburghu a juhozápadnej Pensylvánii. Napriek nebezpečným pracovným podmienkam a dlhému pracovnému času sa raz za rok stretli na verejnom mieste, aby si zaspomínali a podelili sa o svoje skúsenosti. „Kenny's Grove“, ako bol vtedy známy, poskytol perfektnú príležitosť.

Nové storočie osláv sa začne vo štvrtok 18. júla 2024, keď Slováci z oblasti Tri-State a mimo nej opäť predstavia svoje bohaté slovenské dedičstvo celodennou oslavou v Kennywood Parku. Bude znieť slovenská hudba, ponúkať slovenské jedlá, predávať suveníry. Pre deti budú pripravené hry a ceny! Po krátkom programe popoludní sa o 4:00 p.m. bude slúžiť sv. omša sa uskutoční v hlavnom pavilóne.

Pripojte sa k oslave 18. júla, keď sa naše dedičstvo predstaví na 101. ročníku Slovenského dňa v Kennywoode.

Vstupenky na Slovenský deň dobré LEN na 18. júla stoja 33 dolárov za kus; Flex vstupenky sú za 40 dolárov a sú dobré každý deň počas sezóny.

Pre viac informácií alebo zľavnené vstupenky kontaktujte na: Sue (412) 421-1204.

Gratulujeme...

V tomto mesiaci sa končí školský rok, deti postupujú o triedu vyššie, a ti dospeljší maturujú z vysokých škôl. Všetkým študentom gratulujeme k úspešnému ukončeniu štúdia a k výborným výsledkom. Naša organizácia je zvlášť hrdá na našich členov študentov ktorým prispievame finančne na vysokoškolské štúdia. Veríme, že z nich budú príkladný Americký občania a aktívni členovia v našej organizácii NSS.



NSS Golf

Pozývame našich členov NSS na golfový turnaj ktorý tohto roku bude od 12 –14 júla v Treasure Lake, Dubois, PA. Podrobnejšie informácie najdete na našej webovej stránke nsslife.org.





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Thank You's



Dear PVR Scholarship Committee:

Thank you for your support over the last 4 years. On May 4th I graduated with a BS degree in Geography with a double major.

I appreciate the NSS and look back fondly of my memories of past conventions. Thank you again.

Jack Merten
Assembly 381

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In 2023 and 2024, Ashlynn traveled to St Christine School in Youngstown to celebrate Right to Read Week with elementary school children. In 2023, Ashlynn was part of a group that visited Clothed in Righteousness, to help with shelter, clothes, food and made hygiene kits that were handed out to those in need. The group made cards for those coming in and out of the facility and Ashlynn was thoughtful and creative in making her cards meaningful. Ashlynn was one of the first to help assemble warming bags for the facility. Her desire to serve others is always done with efficiency and energy.

In the summer of 2023, Ashlynn traveled to Chicago Gate Student Ministry to assist a Spanish-speaking sister church where she helped coordinate and run a Vacation Bible School. Ashlynn could be counted on to lead a small group of kids through learning, game, and craft time. This summer she will join others on a trip to Rough Rock, AZ. They will be doing many projects leading a sports camp as well as working on projects assist families and groups within the community.

Ashlynn is a kind, responsible and flourishing young lady. She asks great questions, provides helpful insights and seeks to grow her faith so that it impacts her life and the lives around her.

Ashlynn is the daughter of Beth and Matt Mason of Salem, Ohio. She has two younger brothers, Cameron and Logan, who adore her. She has responsibilities at home that includes helping with the care of her brothers.

Laurie Fox
President-Assembly 731

Reading Matters Program

NSS Life is proud to announce the newest benefit for our Youth Members, Reading Matters, where you can complete reading logs for charity! All members aged 5-18 are eligible to receive official NSS Life Reading Matters Book Logs, where each completed book log will equal a \$50.00 donation from NSS to the charity of the reader's choice! Whether it be a local animal shelter or a national environmental charity, you can now read your way towards helping a cause that means something to you!

Once a youth member is registered, they will receive their official Reading Matters Book Log in the mail. Then, all they have to do is read! Once the log is completed, simply fill out the Charity Selection Form included with the log with the charity you wish to receive the donation. Once submitted, NSS Life will make a \$50.00 donation to the selected charity in honor of your *Super Reader!* Readers will receive a complimentary prize and certificate from NSS Life thanking them for reading for a good cause! Youth members can sign up to participate at any time during the calendar year and may complete two book logs per year.

Our teenage members can use this as a way to begin or continue their journey into community service and support causes that they feel passionate about! Parents, this is a great opportunity to not only encourage and reward reading, but also to introduce your children to charity and what it means to give back! Fill out the registration form below to start your little ones down the path towards making a difference and becoming a *Reading Matters "Super-Reader!"*

Rules

- Must be a NSS Life member aged 5-18 to participate.
- For children under the age of 14, parents must sign the form to act as confirmation that all books listed were read.
- Participants may submit up to 2 completed Reading Matters Book Logs per calendar year (charities can be the same or differ per log).
- Charities chosen as donation recipients must be designated as a 501(c)(3).
- Complete the registration form included in this edition and mail to 1301 Ashwood Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317 or email bbonnar@nsslife.org to receive your complimentary reading logs and charity selection form.

Contact Member and Community Engagement Coordinator, Bethany Bonnar, with any questions at 412-770-2093 or bbonnar@nsslife.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

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